

# The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • July 2006 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

*"Lead the Way"*

Mitzi Ellis, District Governor, 2 Sturbridge Lane, Greensboro, NC 27408

## TOGETHER, ALL OF US WILL LEAD THE WAY



Mitzi Ellis

Congratulation to Phil Morris and his leadership team for a successful year! Once again, District 7690 accomplished so many goals through international and community projects and Rotary foundation programs. District Conference was so much fun and still being talked about throughout the district.

I know all of you join me in thanking Phil and Karen for being such great ambassadors for our district and giving so much of their time and talent to all of our clubs!

RI President Bill Boyd has asked all of us to *"Lead the Way"* this year. In his speech to the district governors in San Diego in February, he reminded us that being a Rotary leader means putting the clubs and the Rotarians first. It means recognizing that, in Rotary, no member is ever any more important than any other member. Some of us have greater responsibility, but no one has greater value. Each club member, club president, district governor, and director is equally a part of Rotary and equally a part of Rotary's future.

He concluded his speech by saying that we must remember what is truly important to the future of Rotary is not what happens in district governor training or what happens in the boardroom in Evanston. It's what happens every week, all year long, in the 32,000 clubs around the world. With this in mind, it is my job to strengthen the district by knowing our clubs, knowing our club presidents, and helping all of you to succeed.

I pledge to you that I will bring energy and excitement to everything I do. I hope all of you will be active in the many opportunities that will be available on the club and district level. We have a full agenda for the year but I am confident we have the talent in place with our DREAM TEAM of assistant governors, club presidents, and committee chairs to make it happen. It is important to our leadership team that you feel our support behind you and know that we are here to serve you.

I thank you from the bottom of my West Virginia heart for the honor and privilege of serving as your District Governor for 2006-07.



W. B. (Bill) Boyd  
RI President, 2006-2007

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2006-2007

Bill Retired in 1995 as general manager of Gordon and Gotch Magazines, Ltd., New Zealand's largest magazine distributor. He is trustee of New Zealand's Trees for Survival Trust and has represented Rotary on the National Kidney Foundation and the Hutt Valley Intellectually Handicapped Society. He was chair of the Rotary Down Under Management Committee.

A Rotarian since 1971, Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga. He has served RI as district governor, RI training leader, International Assembly assistant moderator and moderator, committee member and chair, task force assistant general coordinator, Rotary information counselor, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, treasurer, and director.

He is recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award. He also received a Distinguished Service Award from Rotary Down Under.

## Attention All Club Secretaries

Please complete the semi-annual report and return it to RI as soon as possible. The membership number that you report to RI as of 6/30/06 should be the same number you report for you attendance for June. The district strongly urges all club secretaries to use the district database found on the district website to report monthly attendance. If you need assistance with this, please contact Margaret Padgett at 336-885-7690.

## UPCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITS IN JULY

7/11	Tuesday	Madison/Mayodan
7/12	Wednesday	Yadkin Valley
7/13	Thursday	Graham
7/17	Monday	Alamance Breakfast
7/17	Monday	Reidsville
7/18	Tuesday	Mocksville
7/20	Thursday	King
7/20	Thursday	Walnut Cove
7/21	Friday	Oak Hollow
7/24	Monday	San-Lee
7/24	Monday	Siler City
7/25	Tuesday	Eden
7/26	Wednesday	Randolph
7/27	Thursday	Jonesboro
7/31	Monday	Furnitureland



**JULY IS  
LITERACY MONTH:  
DEDICATE ONE  
PROGRAM THIS  
MONTH TO LEARN  
ABOUT LITERACY.**

## District Governor Nominee

Charles Allen of the Randolph Rotary Club has officially been elected as the District Governor of Rotary District 7690 for 2008-2009. Charles has served the district as an assistant governor.

## 2006-07 District Directory

The District Directory is now available on the District's website: [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org) It is password protected. The password is the current RI theme for 2006-07. Type it in with lower cases and no spaces. Updates and changes to the directory will be done regularly. If you have a change, please send it to Margaret Padgett by fax at 336-841-7690 or e-mail to: [Rotary7690@northstate.net](mailto:Rotary7690@northstate.net)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB

For their achievement of the 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Rotary District 7690 continues to soar with the number of clubs achieving this distinction.

## ROTARY FACT

Do you know that Rotary has two mottos?

All Rotarians recognize the motto "Service Above Self," but there is another popular Rotary motto "He Profits Most Who Serves Best." Both of these mottos were officially adopted at the 1950 convention in Detroit.

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### *In Memoriam*

*Edward H. Poyser  
Past District Governor  
1992-1993  
(District 7570)  
Pinehurst Rotary Club*

*November 18, 1929-  
June 3, 2006*

# East Greensboro Recognizes "Women In Rotary"

The East Greensboro Rotary Club are pioneers in designating the month of May recognizing "Women in Rotary." The club recognized the following women for their accomplishments in Rotary and community involvement: Cookie Billings, Margaret Padgett, Carol Summerlin and Mitzi Ellis.

Cookie Billings, 2006 GSE Chairman, was the first speaker of the month. She has a great interest in Rotary and believes strongly in community service. She referenced a letter from the 2005 National Rotary President that recognized there were a total of 1.2 million Rotarians of which 144,000 are women and the direction from upper leadership is to implement women in leadership roles. Cookie feels that a club president should make sure you engage your club members. She became involved in Group Study Exchange by serving as a host. She was then asked to be on the committee, then Co-Chair, then Chairman. Along the way Cookie has fostered many friendships and relationships with fellow Rotarians.

Margaret Padgett, 7690 District Secretary, was next in the lineup. She was introduced to Rotary through her husband, Everett Padgett who joined Rotary in 1982 and became district governor in 1991-1992. In 1982, women were not allowed in Rotary, and Margaret was referred to as a "Rotary Ann" (spouse of a Rotarian). When women were accepted into Rotary then the spouse became known as the "Rotary partner." Margaret provided a general support system and administrative expertise during Everett Padgett's term as district governor. The two district governors that followed had no assistance; and in July 1993, it was decided to officially add a District Secretary, Margaret Padgett, and a Communication Center. Margaret maintains continuity and consistency of Rotary, its administrative records and communication network. She has held this position for 14 years. Margaret became an official Rotarian in 2002 as the Charter President of the Willow Creek Club.

Our next guest, Carol Summerlin became the 1<sup>st</sup> female district governor of Rotary District 7690 in 1997. She brags on her introduction to Rotary and how hard it was for women to be accepted into Rotary. She commented that you should always remember the person who introduced you to Rotary. She is proud to be a Rotarian and a woman pioneer in Rotary. Carol is often asked to speak on her early experiences in Rotary and enjoys telling her story.

Our final guest, Mitzi Ellis, the incoming 7690 District Governor, has been a Rotarian for 13 years. Mitzi talked about the history of women in Rotary. In 1987, the Supreme Court decided to rule to allow women in Rotary. Sylvia Whitlock was the first female club president of Rotary in the world. There were many groundbreaking moments. In 1977 the Duarte' Club located on Duarte' California, had two women principals and one woman psychologist join their club. The Duarte' Club is known as the Mouse that Roars. First Class of female District Governors was 1995-1996.

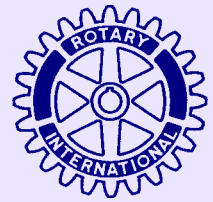
These noteworthy female Rotarians are to be commended on their strong beliefs in and commitment to Rotary and community involvement. Female Rotarians are strong, mothers, businesswomen and leaders in their Rotary clubs.

*Marvette Artis, Secretary East Greensboro*

**\*\*Note:** Approximately eighteen percent of the membership in Rotary District 7690 is female. Every club in the district has had a female president.



## Group Study Exchange? Here Comes Another One!



Just a little more than a year ago, we were saying goodbye to our new friends from Germany, as Jochin Merkel and his group study exchange team from District 1810, were at the District Conference in Charleston charming everyone who met them. The very next week, we bid bon voyage to Tim Albertson ( Gate City) and his team on their way to Frankfurt and up the Rhine River. In March of this year, Owen George (Asheboro) was the leader of a GSE team visiting District 3460 in Taiwan for a month. At the end of April, we greeted and then waved farewell to our new friends from Taiwan at the District Conference in Myrtle Beach.



**Not a district to stand still, we are now deep into the preparations for the Group Study Exchange for 2006-2007, with a team going to Scotland's District 1230 in September.**

**Thorns Craven** (Reynolda) was chosen to be the team leader in late March. Thorns was the alternate leader for the German exchange, and has also represented Reynolda in their international partnership with the Poznan, Poland club. **Donna Thompson** (Yadkin Valley), Assistant Governor for 2006-07, is the alternate team leader.

Congratulations to the non-Rotarian team members selected from 16 candidates: **Melissa Burroughs, Adrienne Byrd** and **Jason Pierce** from Greensboro, **Bill Stone** from Sanford and the alternate team member, **Jerri Adkins** who lives in High Point. Melissa is a project manager in the Guilford County Tax Department, Adrienne is the manager of Tannenbaum Historic Park and Jason is involved in the computer business by day and is a musician and filmmaker in his other life. Bill is a county extension agent in Lee County, working in youth development programs through the 4-H clubs. Jerri is the executive in charge of cookie sales for the Girl Scouts in the Triad.

District 1230 is comprised of the clubs in and around Glasgow, site of the Rotary International Convention in 1997, and extends westward through all of the coastal islands of Scotland and northward into the Highlands as far as Fort William.

Thorns will be joining each team member on a visit to the club which endorsed them during the summer, and the entire team is available on their return for presentations and club programs. There will be a visit to our district from the District 1230 GSE team next spring, culminating in their presentation at the District Conference at the Homestead.

# Attendance for May 2006

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	57	5	66	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	30	4	83	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	34	5	55	29135
*Asheboro	109	118	4	60	6052
Burlington	24	28	4	67	6092
Carthage	16	19	4	75	6053
*Clemmons	126	136	5	79	29530
*Crescent	122	122	3	71	6056
East Greensboro	22	18	5	60	55569
*Eden	47	40	4	67	6058
*Furnitureland	54	55	3	78	6059
*Gate City	59	60	4	86	27995
*Graham	37	39	4	64	6107
*Greensboro	323	315	5	54	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	42	4	73	31667
*Guilford	50	56	5	81	22059
*High Point	174	173	4	57	6062
Jamestown	34	26	5	70	6063
*Jonesboro	61	68	4	71	22882
*Kernersville	59	68	5	86	25027
King	22	21	4	61	51294
*Lexington	44	46	5	45	6065
*Liberty	18	19	4	82	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	54	6	67	6067
*Mocksville	63	63	5	67	6069
*Mount Airy	101	104	5	98	6070
Oak Hollow	16	18	4	57	51358
*Pinehurst	29	32	5	75	6072
*Randolph	79	79	5	77	6074
Reidsville	71	84	3	65	6075
Reynolda	110	111	4	64	21534
Sandhills	43	36	5	81	25530
*Sanford	75	66	5	67	6078
San-Lee	26	26	3	100	30735
*Siler City	68	69	4	73	6079
Southern Guilford	14	12	4	90	61795
*Southern Pines	68	67	4	77	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	4	80	6081
Stratford	146	128	3	61	6082
*Summit	130	129	4	67	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	35	5	72	57326
*Thomasville	75	74	5	71	6084
*Triad	39	42	5	64	6071
*Troy	34	33	4	54	6085
Walnut Cove	30	26	4	62	6087
*Willow Creek	18	19	3	87	60367
Winston-Salem	253	249	5	44	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	41	5	66	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	5	72	51333
Yanceyville	24	23	5	64	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3223</b>	<b>3241</b>		<b>70%</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**District 7690 Calendar**

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