

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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

*"Lead the Way"*

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

## "THE STORY OF 'ROTARY LIFER'

### RUBY POWERS SHARED

### AT RYLC"



Mitzi Ellis

Rotarians Dr. Stuart Fountain and Victoria Guthrie. It is sponsored by the Greensboro Rotary Club in cooperation with the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, and is in its twenty-fourth year. The program provides 54 selected high school juniors and seniors throughout Rotary District 7690 an opportunity to develop effective and responsible leadership skills.

DGE David McCoy and I had the pleasure of spending some time with these students one evening during the program this summer and enjoyed the opportunity to motivate them to stay interested in Rotary opportunities. We shared the story of Ruby Powers, who calls herself a "Rotary lifer" even though she has yet to join a Rotary club. Ruby, a native of San Antonio, Texas, first became involved with Interact in high school and then spent two summers doing Rotary Youth Leadership camp. In her senior year, she attended a Rotary youth exchange meeting and was impressed by all of the participants who said "it was the best year of my life". Soon, Ruby left for a youth exchange in Belgium.

Ruby attended the University of Texas and became President of her Rotaract club. In the summer of 2004, she left for Barcelona, Spain as an Ambassadorial Scholar. While in Spain she got an e-mail from a woman whose son had a rare metabolic disease that could only be treated by a doctor in Barcelona. The family needed a place to stay and Ruby contacted her sponsoring Rotary club in Barcelona who agreed to host them. This experience led to her involvement later with a fundraising dinner for the organization which works to treat the disease and it has now become a personal project for her.

She is now back in the United States and attending law school. Ruby is grateful to Rotary for her Ambassadorial Scholarship. She says, "the message isn't to get a 4.0 and hold up in your room studying. It's to go out there, build bridges, learn, and connect the world". (...cont. pg. 2)

## District Focus On Youth

In recent months, increased emphasis on youth has begun to bear fruit as efforts to revive youth exchange and focus attention on Interact opportunities have taken hold. Bob Newton continues to build a District Youth Activities Committee – opportunities for service in this regard still exist. Contact Bob for further information or to offer your involvement.

In July the District joined Eastern States Student Exchange, Inc., a multi-district organization promoting and coordinating youth exchanges for about 20 Rotary districts from North Carolina to Quebec, Canada. Two inbound students are expected this month, and one will be outbound to France. Additional information on Youth Exchange will be posted to the district web site in September, but for now there are two things every club can do. First, recruit youth who are juniors or seniors in 2006-2007 as youth exchange participants for either the short term exchanges in the summer of 2007 or for long term exchanges during the school year 2007-2008. This is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to grow and develop personally, and to advance the Object of Rotary at the same time, especially with regard to world peace and understanding. Second, recruit host families in your community to provide for inbound students beginning next summer and/or for the school year 2007-2008. Host families need not be Rotarian families, although that would be nice. The important thing is for the district to meet its obligation as a member of ESSEX to host inbound students.

At least two new Interact clubs are in the works. More on this as school begins and we take stock of existing clubs and the opportunities for new clubs. Also look on the web site for a calendar of events for next spring-summer, including the Drug Abuse Prevention Speech Contest, the Rotary Youth Leadership program, and the Whitewater World Affairs seminar.

PDG Bob Newton, Chm Youth Activities

# ROTARY FACTS

When & where  
was the first  
Interact Club?

Interact became a  
Rotary-sponsored  
club for youth in  
1962. The first  
Interact club was  
formed by the  
Rotary Club of  
Melbourne, Florida.  
Now there are over  
6,000 clubs in 96  
countries.

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114 Willoughby Park Dr.,  
High Point, NC 27265  
[www.Rotary7690.org](http://www.Rotary7690.org)  
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(cont. from pg.1 "Rotary Lifer")

I love Ruby's story and it has inspired me to appreciate our youth programs like Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange as key members of our Rotary family. These young men and women are the future of Rotary who will Lead The Way in building bridges across cultures and adversity.

Thanks to all of the clubs in District 7690 who sponsored our students this summer and I hope you will keep them involved in our Rotary youth programs!

## ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Yes, it is time to begin thinking and planning for the 2007 Rotary District Conference. The conference will be held at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia on April 13-15, 2007. The committee is hard at work making plans for fun and fellowship. All clubs are encouraged to have at least one representative at the conference. Registration materials will not be available until after January 1.

## District Football Fellowship

**The date is October 7  
at Groves Stadium  
in Winston-Salem.**

**The game is Wake vs Clemson  
and the cost is \$30**

**which includes a game ticket  
and a tailgating party.**

**Tickets must be purchased  
through the Wake Forest  
Ticket Office.**

**Brochures have been  
mailed to every club president.**

## New Members Accompany DG on Club Visits

District 7690 is fortunate to have a great group of new members who are interested in learning more about Rotary and the other clubs in their area. Each of the members listed below have visited another Rotary club with DG Mitzi Ellis over the last two months. Thanks to all of you for your inspiration and commitment to Rotary! A special thanks to DGN Charles Allen for his help in organizing these visits.

David Heller (Crescent) – visited Madison-Mayodan  
Tom Langan (King) – visited Yadkin Valley  
Doug Wilson (Burlington) – visited Graham  
Carlisa Wall (Eden) – visited Reidsville  
Beebee Mitchell (Burlington) – visited Alamance Breakfast  
Traci Hennessee (Lexington) – visited Mocksville  
Brenda Delauro (Oak Hollow) – visited Walnut Cove  
Roland Bmoubien (Jamestown) – visited Oak Hollow  
Dina Reynolds (Siler City) – visited San-Lee Sunrise  
Susan Reece (Thomasville) – visited Siler City  
Duane Dahlheimer (Reidsville) – visited Eden  
April Thornton (Asheboro) – visited Randolph  
Dottie Merriman (San-Lee Sunrise) – visited Jonesboro  
Al Ferguson (Triad) – visited Furnitureland  
Tom Clingman (Reynolda) – visited Winston-Salem  
Brian Castle (Kernersville) – visited Clemmons  
Kirk Sanders (Winston-Salem) – visited Stratford  
Mick Gunter (Clemmons) – visited Reynolda  
Leigh Anne Kasias (High Point) – visited Jamestown  
TJ Jones (Pinehurst) – visited Carthage  
Gail Moore (Randolph) – visited Burlington  
Don Clark (Yadkin Valley) – visited Mt. Airy  
Tim Marion (Mt. Airy) – visited Surry Sunrise  
Regan Jones (Mocksville) – visited Lexington  
Joe Nazario (Greensboro Airport) – visited East Gso  
Ivan Mosley (Summit) – visited Gate City

September/October visits:

Canan Selfors (Alamance Breakfast) – visiting Yanceyville  
Kathy Messer (Walnut Cove) – visiting Kernersville  
Paul Kremer (Willow Creek) – visiting High Point  
Lois Bohnsack (Archdale-Trinity) – visiting Willow Creek  
Nancy Johnston (Stratford) – visiting Asheboro  
Ursula Mannix (Southern Pines) – visiting Pinehurst  
John O'Halloran (Gate City) – visiting Summit  
David Cheek (Graham) – visiting Alamance  
Deanne Ebel (Furnitureland) – visiting Archdale-Trinity  
Linda Golden (Jonesboro) – visiting Sanford  
Bob Krebs (Madison-Mayodan) – visiting Stoneville  
Anita Alpenphels (Sandhills) – visiting Southern Pines

## District Governor's Visits for September & October

9/5/2006	Tuesday	Yanceyville
9/6/2006	Wednesday	Kernersville
9/7/2006	Thursday	Willow Creek
9/7/2006	Thursday	High Point
9/8/2006	Friday	Asheboro
9/12/2006	Tuesday	Pinehurst
9/13/2006	Wednesday	Sandhills
9/15/2006	Friday	Summit
9/19/2006	Tuesday	Greensboro Arprt.
9/19/2006	Tuesday	Alamance
9/20/2006	Wednesday	Archdale Trinity
9/21/2006	Thursday	Liberty
9/26/2006	Tuesday	Sanford
9/26/2006	Tuesday	S. G. New Gen.
9/27/2006	Wednesday	Greensboro
9/28/2006	Thursday	Stoneville
9/29/2006	Friday	Southern Pines
10/2/2006	Monday	Crescent
10/3/2006	Tuesday	Guilford

## Rotary Foundation Receives A "4-Star" Rating

"On June 28, Charity Navigator, the premier charity evaluation service in the United States awarded The Rotary Foundation its highest rating of 4 Stars for sound fiscal management....The Rotary Foundation is one of 1,085 charities to receive this coveted designation, out of the more than 1.4 million U.S. charitable organizations eligible for this honor.

Many Americans look to Charity Navigator as their guide to choosing quality organizations deserving of their philanthropic support. They know that the 4-Star charities will be wise stewards of their contributions."

*John Osterlund, General Manager  
The Rotary Foundation*

## SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

If your club is looking for new ways to get involved with youth in your community or district-wide or to find out about Rotary programs for youth, contact one of the following:

**Rotaract Co-Chair: Michael Sorenson**  
**336-659-6880**

**Rotaract Co-Chair: Owen George, III**  
**336-629-2128**

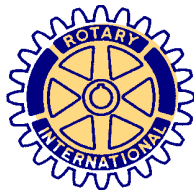
**Youth Services Co-Chair: PDG Robert Newton**  
**336-832-9555**

**Youth Services Co-Chair: Cory Newton**  
**336-346-1380**



*Charlie Hatch, Past District Governor from Rotary District 7710, presented the proceeds from the 2006 Rotary Statewide Charity Golf Tournament to the Boys and Girls Homes President Bill Thompson. The tournament was held on May 22 at Mid Pines Golf and Country Club in Pinehurst; and it was a joint venture of the multiple North Carolina Rotary Districts. Tournament details were chaired by Bill Kester, past president of the High Point Rotary Club. The tournament netted \$20,290 for the Boys and Girls Homes with the proceeds going for general operating costs for caring for the children supported by the Homes and the Endowment Fund for the Rotary Cottage. The 2007 Rotary Statewide Charity Boys and Girls Homes Golf Day will be June 4 at Mid-Pines. Mark your calendars now!*





## CALL FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

Any club wishing to submit a candidate for District Governor for 2009-2010 Rotary year must submit his or her name with complete qualifications NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2006.

Forms have been mailed to club presidents. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee is PDG Robert Newton. The candidate must be available for an interview on Thursday, November 9. The completed forms should be mailed to the Rotary District Office, 114 Willoughby Park, High Point, NC 27265 and must be received by October 31, 2006.



Jamestown Rotary (above) and the Reidsville Rotary (right) are fulfilling their Gold club requirement in singing the favorite song "Country Roads" for the official visit from DG Mitzi Ellis.

## Rotary Foundation and Membership Seminars

September 14 (Clemmons) & September 27 (Asheboro) are the dates for the Rotary Foundation and Membership Seminars.

The Rotary Foundation Seminar and the Membership Seminar will both be held from 3:00 - 5:30pm. Your club should send at least **TWO** representatives so that the club will be represented at both.

Registration materials have been mailed to each club.

## GSE LEAVES FOR SCOTLAND

The outbound GSE Team will leave September 9 for their visit to Scotland.

The district wishes them well.

When they return, clubs should plan to invite one of the members for a club program.



# Attendance for July 2006

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/06	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	54	54	3	62	6090
*Alamance Bkft	30	31	4	57	23238
Archdale/Trinity	34	33	3	60	29135
*Asheboro	119	119	3	67	6052
Burlington	24	24	4	71	6092
Carthage	20	18	4	74	6053
*Clemmons	133	136	3	65	29530
*Crescent	120	124	5	73	6056
East Greensboro	18	18	4	61	55569
*Eden	40	40	3	85	6058
*Furnitureland	56	59	4	77	6059
*Gate City	57	59	3	94	27995
*Graham	39	39	3	48	6107
*Greensboro	310	314	4	66	6060
*Gboro Arpt	41	41	3	78	31667
*Guilford	55	56	3	74	22059
*High Point	172	172	3	68	6062
Jamestown	23	24	3	85	6063
*Jonesboro	63	63	6	83	22882
*Kernersville	67	68	4	79	25027
King	22	22	4	71	51294
*Lexington	45	44	3	68	6065
*Liberty	19	20	3	61	6066
Madison/Mayodan	53	51	3	59	6067
*Mocksville	66	65	4	67	6069
*Mount Airy	106	105	3	87	6070
Oak Hollow	15	14	3	74	51358
*Pinehurst	31	32	3	67	6072
*Randolph	79	75	3	65	6074
Reidsville	74	74	4	72	6075
Reynolda	110	109	4	62	21534
Sandhills	36	33	3	77	25530
*Sanford	67	67	3	61	6078
San-Lee	26	26	4	75	30735
*Siler City	64	65	4	74	6079
Southern Guilford	11	11	3	80	61795
*Southern Pines	67	70	4	75	6080
*Stoneville	14	18	4	79	6081
Stratford	127	125	4	66	6082
*Summit	125	128	3	72	6083
Surry Sunrise	34	34	4	74	57326
*Thomasville	72	73	3	66	6084
*Triad	42	42	3	60	6071
*Troy	36	35	4	86	6085
Walnut Cove	21	21	4	62	6087
*Willow Creek	19	20	3	77	60367
Winston-Salem	255	248	3	45	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	39	4	70	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	4	77	51333
Yanceyville	23	21	3	73	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3190</b>	<b>3196</b>		<b>71%</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**District 7690 Calendar**

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## SHARE YOURSELF WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM TAIWAN Friendship Exchange – an invitation

Our district has been invited to participate in a Friendship Exchange with District 3460 Taichung, Taiwan.

### Friendship Exchange – what's that?

A Friendship Exchange is just like a Group Study Exchange except it is for Rotarians and their families. And where the Group Study Exchange is funded by the Rotary Foundation, Friendship Exchange is funded by the participants. Learn more about Friendship Exchange: visit Rotary International's website:

<http://www.rotary.org/programs/rfe/index.html>

### Tell me more about District 3460:

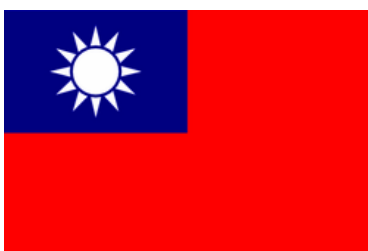
In March 2006 our district sent a Group Study Exchange team to District 3460. If you are lucky you have heard their report on how hospitable our Rotary friends in 3460 are. In April I hope you met the wonderful team from District 3460: Jim, Emmy, Alan, Peggy and Joann. You may want to talk with [Owen George](#), our GSE Team Leader or one of the members of his team to learn more about what you might expect.

### You (and your spouse) are invited to participate in a Friendship Exchange:

- We hope that we will receive three or four couples from Taichung in late October / early November. among these we are told will be the immediate past district governor, Tiger Ku, and John C.K. Wu, the District 3460 Rotary Foundation Chairman. Their visit will be for 10 – 14 days. We will need to find host families who will be able to take some time to help us share our district with our visitors.
- We will be assembling a team to visit Taichung in late March or early April. This is your opportunity to visit a very different culture and at the same time make new friends and renew old friendships . . . travel with Rotary value added.

If you want to participate in this first District 7690 Friendship Exchange or learn more about the program, please contact Karen and Phil Morris ([KMorris@triad.rr.com](mailto:KMorris@triad.rr.com)) now. Please indicate if you want to host or travel or both.

**As this is the first Friendship Exchange our District 7690 has participated in, we invite you to volunteer to become a part of the planning committee.**



# Rotary Golf

Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro

October 12, 2006



2005 Net Winners Swell With Belt Busting Pride

**District Golf Tournament**  
Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro. October 12

Lunch will begin at noon.  
Shotgun start begins at 1 pm.

\$70 per person. \$280 per team.

Make out check to District 7690 Golf

Mail to

PDG Don Allred  
1426 West Lake Drive  
Asheboro, NC 27205



District Designated Beverage Provider  
With Yadkinville Team



Crescent Team Wins Again.  
Looks for competition in 2006



**District Governor Mitzi Ellis invites you to Pinewood Country Club in Asheboro for a day of food, fun and Rotary fellowship. Join Mitzi on October 12 as she provides beverages, snacks and sage West Virginia golf advice**



\* Who won the best golf bag competition?



\* Cell Phones sorta welcome, too.

\* And what is the DAL Award?

\*Questions from a non-golfer.



*District 7690 Golf Tournament  
Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro, NC  
Oct. 12, 2006  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 pm shotgun start*

Please send a check for \$70 per person, \$280 per team to:

District 7690 Golf

Mail to:  
PDG Don Allred  
1426 West Lake Dr.  
Asheboro, NC 27205-2549

Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Teams shall consist of Rotarians from one club.  
If you cannot arrange a foursome from your club, sign up anyway and you will be assigned to a non-competing team for a fun day of golf and fellowship.

Our team would like to participate in the:

Gross Division: Two of four best ball \_\_\_\_\_ (blue tees)

Net Division: Captain's Choice with handicap \_\_\_\_\_ (white tees)

Deadline for Entries: September 9

**For more information contact:**

Don Allred: 336.629.1021  
Margaret Padgett: 336.885.7690  
Pinewood is location six miles south of Asheboro on 220 at the Ulah exit.