

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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

*"Lead the Way"*

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

## TWO ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES AT ONCE



Mitzi Ellis

Friendships are the foundation on which Rotary service was built. District 7690 understands this connection and will be hosting for the first time ever two international groups in October and November. WOW, what an opportunity to promote global goodwill and understanding!

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary's international exchange program for Rotarians and their families. Friendship Exchange provides participants the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries.

PDG Phil Morris and his wife, Karen are organizing a Friendship Exchange with 3 Rotarian couples from District 3460 in Taiwan. They will arrive in North Carolina on October 25<sup>th</sup> and depart on November 4<sup>th</sup>. As many of you will remember, last year we did a Group Study Exchange with Taiwan which led to an unprecedented opportunity for our district to send an ambassadorial scholar to Taiwan, at no cost to us, for the 2007-08 Rotary year.

Larry Aiken, our matching grants "chair extraordinaire" from the Jonesboro Rotary club and Deborah Wilkes, a former cultural scholar to Mexico, have arranged a visit for 4-6 Las Torres Satellite Rotarians and wives from Mexico's District 4170 to come to North Carolina on October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Both groups will be here for the District Foundation dinner on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at High Point Country Club. Please share some of that famous southern hospitality with them as we gather that night to listen to our keynote speaker, PDG Carolyn Jones, first female member of the RI Board of Trustees.

This is an incredible opportunity for all of us to develop friendships that will last a lifetime. It's also a chance for fellowship and interclub service opportunities. If you are interested in spending some time and/or hosting one of the couples from Taiwan, please contact PDG Phil. Larry will be coordinating the schedule for our friends from Mexico.

Thanks to Larry, Deborah, Phil and Karen, for "Leading the Way" with these international friendships!

## Rotary Leadership Institute

I am delighted to invite you to the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in District 7690! The Rotary Leadership Institute was founded in 1994 by a small group of Rotarians in the northeast United States, who recognized that the future of each club is dependent on effective, motivated leaders and a strong succession planning process. RLI was created to fill that need.

RLI begins with a one-day educational opportunity for Rotarians who are nominated by their club presidents to participate in this event. The full RLI curriculum includes two additional one-day advanced sessions that are available to you as well.

The objective of RLI is to foster Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. We also know that through participation in the development process, participants also increase their commitment to Rotary and are motivated to bring back new ideas and new skills to their club. This increases the overall energy and vitality of each club. The training is fast-paced, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional leaders who want to be a more active leader in Rotary.

If you are a club president, consider nominating two Rotarians who have demonstrated leadership potential to attend this event. If you are a club member and you are interested in attending, please talk to your club president about nominating you for this special opportunity.

**Our District RLI is scheduled for Friday, November 17 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Empire Room in Greensboro.** The cost to each club is \$85 per participant and this includes breakfast, lunch, and materials.

For more information and a link to the application for RLI, please visit: [http://www.rli33.org/downloads/pdf%20forms/rli\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.rli33.org/downloads/pdf%20forms/rli_brochure.pdf). You can also call or email Abby Donnelly, RLI District Chair at (336) 884-1348 or [Abby@DrivenForResults.com](mailto:Abby@DrivenForResults.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

Abby Donnelly  
RLI District Chair, District 7690  
(336) 884-1348

## Attention Club Presidents

The deadline for nominating a candidate for district governor is October 31. The forms have been mailed to each club. The completed application must be received by the district office **NO later than October 31.**

The Rotary Foundation Banquet will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2 at High Point Country Club. Clubs will receive registration material in October.

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# Focus of Rotary

## District 7690 Photography Contest

### *Calling all shutterbugs!*

It's time to send us your best photograph from your Rotary club. How do you picture Lead the Way or Service Above Self? We want to see Rotary through your lens. Possibly, it's a shot of your club's latest project, youth activity, or favorite Rotarian. Maybe you haven't taken that great shot yet and have an idea. Your photograph does not have to be from this year only. Dig through your archives to find that perfect picture!

Photographs will be judged by the respected Photography Department at Randolph Community College. All photographs will be on display at the House of Friendship during the district conference at The Homestead April 13-15, 2007. The winning photograph will be announced on Saturday, April 14th during the dinner program.

The winning photograph will receive a \$1,000 donation to our Rotary Foundation in the name of the home club. This contribution will be made by Biscuitville, our corporate sponsor for the contest.

**Thank you Biscuitville!**

### **Contest Rules:**

- \*All photos must be mounted to a minimum 8x10 inches and must also include a CD in tiff or jpeg format of the photo.
- \*Limit of one entry per individual - no limit on club entries.
- \*Photos will be posted on district website: [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org)
- \*For photos with a person recognizable, you must provide a model release form from the subject. In the case of a minor, this means the subject's parents or guardians.
- \*By entering the contest, entrants grant District 7690 the right to publish and use submitted photographs in print or electronic form for district material.
- \*Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit.

**Photographs must be submitted by March 1, 2007 to:**

**PDG Phil Morris, 2207 Porsha Lane,  
High Point, NC 27265**

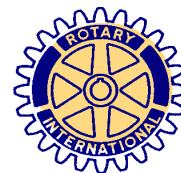
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**Congratulations to the Sandhills  
Rotary Club for becoming our  
4th Triple Crown Club!  
Florrie Southerland, President and  
Guy Veni, Past President receive  
the banner for their club.**



**LAST CHANCE TO  
HEAR MITZI-  
DG VISITS**

**October 2 - Crescent  
October 3 - Guilford**

## Letter to Zone Rotary Leaders, September 7, 2006

Serving as a Director for Rotary International is a significant and immensely rewarding opportunity in my life and I am very grateful. Rotarians in our two Zones are doing wonderful work providing funds and volunteering to help those in need around the world. The Zone Executive Committee is planning an interesting, informative and highly interactive Institute in Orlando, October 5-8, 2006 and you are cordially invited to participate.

My purpose for this note is to inform you that about three weeks ago a major medical challenge occurred in my life. Double vision, disorientation, headaches, and some nausea began to occur regularly. I have undergone several intensive procedures at the Watson Medical Center in Lakeland. The medical team has found a limited blood flow to the backside of my brain and recommended that I curtail my daily activities and any extensive travel. This may make it impossible to provide expected leadership and guidance as a Rotary International Director. It is with profound regret and personal disappointment that I offered my resignation as a Director effective October 15, 2006. A successor will be announced soon, and I pledge my support and assistance to next year's team as they begin planning for the 2007 Institute. This has been one of the most difficult decisions of my life, and Alice and I want to express our appreciation for your great work and support during this year. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Most sincerely,  
*Milt and Alice Jones*  
Director, 2006

## Congratulations

The Rotary Club of Lexington marked their accomplishment of becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club with a big celebration. This makes 32 clubs in Rotary District 7690 that have achieved this recognition.



### GSE Team Arrives in Scotland

Visit the district website

[www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org)

and click on the Scotland flag to read the blog from our team members.

I to r: Geraldine O'Donnell, Foundation Chair for District 1230; Thorns Craven; Melissa Burroughs; Adrienne Byrd; Bill Stone; Jason Pierce; DG Neil Frasier, District 1230

## Celebration of District Scholars

On Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Rotarians gathered in High Point with Ambassadorial and Cultural Scholars and their families to celebrate a long standing successful partnership. Many thanks to Buster Lewis, John Womack and the Scholarship committee (Dr. Tom Taylor, Denis O'Brien, Sally Thomas, and Ernest Mannella) for a great evening. The Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the largest privately funded scholarship program in the world. Since 1947, more than 30,000 scholars have been sent out by Rotary to be ambassadors of goodwill and friendship.

# Attendance for August 2006

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/06	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	54	54	5	62	6090
*Alamance Bkft	30	30	4	76	23238
Archdale/Trinity	34	32	5	63	29135
*Asheboro	119	118	4	57	6052
Burlington	24	25	6	62	6092
Carthage	20	18	4	80	6053
*Clemmons	133	137	6	72	29530
**Crescent	120	124	4	73	6056
East Greensboro	18	16	5	55	55569
*Eden	40	40	5	76	6058
*Furnitureland	55	62	4	75	6059
**Gate City	57	61	5	94	27995
*Graham	39	39	5	55	6107
*Greensboro	310	312	5	49	6060
*Gboro Arpt	41	40	5	61	31667
*Guilford	55	56	5	72	22059
*High Point	172	172	5	68	6062
Jamestown	23	24	5	76	6063
*Jonesboro	63	64	5	82	22882
*Kernersville	67	69	5	79	25027
King	22	20	5	71	51294
*Lexington	45	44	5	67	6065
*Liberty	19	20	5	67	6066
Madison/Mayodan	53	49	5	67	6067
*Mocksville	66	47	5	62	6069
*Mount Airy	106	105	5	83	6070
Oak Hollow	15	15	4	67	51358
*Pinehurst	31	32	5	69	6072
*Randolph	79	74	5	95	6074
Reidsville	74	72	4	85	6075
Reynolda	110	109	4	61	21534
**Sandhills	36	33	5	75	25530
*Sanford	67	67	5	59	6078
San-Lee	26	26	6	79	30735
*Siler City	64	65	4	73	6079
Southern Guilford	11	11	5	75	61795
*Southern Pines	67	70	4	77	6080
*Stoneville	14	19	5	82	6081
Stratford	127	124	5	63	6082
*Summit	125	128	4	67	6083
Surry Sunrise	34	34	5	73	57326
*Thomasville	72	73	5	71	6084
*Triad	42	43	5	60	6071
*Troy	36	35	4	97	6085
Walnut Cove	21	21	5	55	6087
**Willow Creek	19	20	4	76	60367
Winston-Salem	255	253	5	45	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	39	5	72	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	5	80	51333
Yanceyville	23	21	5	76	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3189</b>	<b>3179</b>		<b>71%</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

\*\*Triple Crown Club

**District 7690 Calendar**

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