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"Lead the Way"

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

OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION



Mitzi Ellis

As most of you know, November is Foundation month for Rotarians. It's a great opportunity to focus on Rotary programs such as the Group Study Exchange program, Ambassadorial and cultural scholars, and the prestigious World Peace Scholars. There are so many success stories to share.

Perhaps the largest humanitarian program ever is our public health program with a goal to immunize every child against polio. We have immunized over 2 billion children since the program started 20 years ago. Today, we can be proud that we are on the doorstep of a polio-free world with only 4 endemic countries remaining to date.

Rotarians are very generous people with a choice of charities to support. I respect that fact, but want to remind you how Our Rotary Foundation is different than the others. We Rotarians, who have raised and donated the funds, have a say in how every cent is spent. Half of what we donate to the Annual Programs Fund we spend through the District Designated Fund. The other half we spend through the World Fund. Every Annual Programs Fund donation is spent on programs that Rotarians carry out.

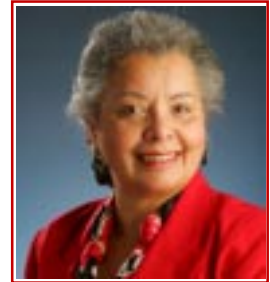
The Foundation Trustees don't spend the money. They establish the policies and invest, manage, and audit the money to ensure the charitable status of the programs. They lay down the criteria after we as Rotarians decide what types of projects we wish to support. Never ask a Trustee the status of a particular program or project or how many scholars our district has sponsored. They won't know - that's up to us, as Rotarians in District 7690.

Let us *Lead The Way* together with our Rotary Foundation!



Carolyn E. Jones

Keynote Speaker for Foundation Dinner



A small town girl from Tarrytown, New York, Carolyn Jones graduated from Stanford University with distinction and received her LL.B. from Yale Law School. She practiced law for 31 years; was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alaska Attorney General's Office for 23 years, and a supervising attorney in the office during the last seven years before her retirement in 1998.

Carolyn joined the Rotary Club of Anchorage East in 1987. From 1997-1998, she was the governor of R.I. District 5010. Her past Rotary activities include: President's Representative to Districts in Italy, Canada, Slovakia and the USA; International Training Leader; delegate to the Council on Legislation; service on a variety of RI committees; membership on the Northwest PETS Operations Committee; and Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator. She was the chairperson of the 2004 Zone 22 Rotary Institute. On 1 July 2005, Carolyn began a four-year term as a Trustee on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Foundation.

In 1999 and 2000 she headed the Rotary "Open World" committee that coordinated the U.S. Library of Congress-sponsored visits to the United States of emerging young Russian leaders. She was a member of the Khabarovsk-Alaska Rule of Law Steering Committee. She is the perpetual Yale Law School Class of 1966 Class Secretary and Reunion Chairperson.

Carolyn has received the Rotary "Service Above Self Award" and the Rotary Foundation "Citation For Meritorious Service," as well as the Alaska Bar Association's "Distinguished Service Award" and the "Making a Difference for Women Award" from Soroptimists International of Anchorage. In 2002, she was named over 149 other nominees as the "Volunteer of the Year" by the Russian Children's Foundation - a nonprofit organization based in Moscow, Russia. Most recently the Alaska State Legislature recognized her for her accomplishments and the Tomsk, Russia Duma (Legislature) gave her the "Mercy & Charity Award" for her humanitarian work on behalf of the children in the Tomsk region.

Carolyn has traveled to Russia 29 times in her service to Rotary - five of those visits as a Rotary Volunteer. Her story "The Children of Russia" was published in the July 2002 issue of the Rotarian and in "Chicken Soup For The Volunteers' Soul."

Carolyn has two married, adult daughters but no grandchildren. She loves to fish for salmon; hike Alaska's many trails; see the world; work in her flower garden, and count the stars in the bottom of her champagne glass.



Do You Know?

What was the first contribution to the "Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund" which later became known as the Rotary Foundation?

The contribution of \$26.50 was made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri. The money was the balance from the Kansas City Convention following the 1918 annual meeting.

In 1928 the Rotary Foundation was formally established.

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District Simplified Grants Committee

2nd Round Applications Grants Awarded

In the second grant making cycle, fourteen (14) projects were approved, representing the involvement of eighteen (18) Clubs in District 7690. The grantees join six clubs who received grants during the first cycle of the DSG process. Congratulations to all of the clubs involved in service above self through a variety of innovative projects.

The Thomasville Club was awarded \$1,200 for a food pantry project to reach approximately 50 new households per month.

The Jamestown Club was awarded \$1,200 to help create a teaching/learning site – a reproduction of a Siouan tribe site, preserving local history dating prior to the 1750s.

The Kernersville Club was awarded \$1,200 to enhance study conditions for a public girls' school in Pakistan serving 350 students.

The Gate City Club was awarded \$1,200 to replace a lakefront shelter and fishing pier at Camp Carefree, serving hundreds of children with disabilities or life-threatening conditions.

The Reidsville Club was awarded \$600 for a Camp Carefree improvement project.

The Eden Club was awarded \$1,200 to install a twelve station exercise and fitness program to an existing walking track in its community.

The Asheboro and Randolph Clubs was awarded \$1,200 each for a joint city arts project.

The Lexington Club was awarded \$1,200 to provide programs for youth "at risk" for drop-out in school and life.

The Greensboro Airport Club was awarded \$1,200 for its joint project with the Summit Club to construct a gazebo for disabled residents of Bell House.

The Burlington Club was awarded \$250 to purchase and plant shade trees for a local elementary school.

The Troy Club was awarded \$1,200 for an orphan clothing project in Kiev, Ukraine.

The Triad Club was awarded \$547.34 for a local museum project.

The Joint Project of San-Lee Sunrise Club, Sanford Club and Siler City Club - Three clubs collaborated to initiate a Hispanic drug education program. They each will be awarded \$1,200.

The Southern Guilford New Generation Club was awarded \$600 to install a library in a local Pre-K classroom. The Summit Club is a partner with this project.

All of the DSG projects represent direct Rotary involvement and initiative. A total of \$25,000 has been awarded this Rotary year through the District Simplified Grant Process, which leveraged local club resources for their humanitarian projects. The DSG Committee wishes to acknowledge the Summit Club for its excellent collaboration with several clubs in the district to help advance joint projects. Congratulations to all who participated!

Pam Barrett,

District Simplified Grant Chair



Congratulations to Lily Quo who was recently selected as the Ambassadorial Scholar to Taiwan! She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Asheboro.



DG Mitzi greets Adrienne Byrd, a member of the Scotland GSE team, as she returned to Greensboro.

Rotarians Support Our Rotary Foundation

In 2005-06, our district led the 13 districts in Zone 33 (NC, SC, VA, and WV) with an average member contribution of \$145 to the Annual Programs Fund. This is a tremendous accomplishment and continues our long history of support for Our Rotary Foundation!

As Governor Mitzi notes in her article, the best part is Rotarians determine how every penny of those donations is spent. Half of that money returns to our district, and we apply it to programs such as District Simplified Grants (\$25,000 in grant money awarded to 25 clubs in our District this year) and Scholarships (six Ambassadorial Scholars, six Cultural Scholars, and two Peace Fellows are studying abroad in 2006-07). The other half goes to the World Fund, which supports Group Study Exchange and Matching Grants.

Our Rotary Foundation is successful because of the efforts and support of individual Rotarians, their clubs, and districts. Our mission to achieve world understanding and peace is a lofty goal that can only be achieved through the sustained action and commitment of all Rotarians.

Every club in our district can average at least \$100 per member in Annual Programs Fund support this year. We are already four months into the 2006-07 Rotary year, so I hope you will Lead The Way for your club by making your contribution today!

Patrick Eakes, District Gen. Chm. Rotary Foundation



Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Greensboro for winning the Terry Alexander Memorial Golf Award as District Champions.

Pictured above are Greensboro Rotarians Reggie Chapman and Jim Leggette receiving their award. Shown below are Gary Everhart and Susan Connors who along with team member Brian Hall won the Captain's Choice event in the net division for the Guilford Rotary Club.



DG Mitzi Ellis completes her official visits with a celebration at her home club, Crescent Rotary.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Have you made your contribution to the RF?



Rotaract Club Leaders at Sandhills Community College
Off to a Great Year!

I to r: Carrie Bays; Rotarian and Advisor Buddy Spong; Marcella Dowdy; DG Mitzi Ellis; DGE David McCoy; Kary Clark.

Attendance for September 2006

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/06	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	54	54	4	58	6090
*Alamance Bkft	30	31	3	73	23238
Archdale/Trinity	34	33	4	66	29135
*Asheboro	119	119	5	64	6052
Burlington	24	29	3	69	6092
Carthage	20	18	4	80	6053
*Clemmons	133	138	4	65	29530
**Crescent	120	121	3	76	6056
East Greensboro	18	16	4	68	55569
*Eden	40	39	3	74	6058
*Furnitureland	56	62	3	84	6059
**Gate City	57	60	4	96	27995
*Graham	39	38	6	53	6107
*Greensboro	310	311	4	48	6060
*Gboro Arpt	41	39	4	72	31667
*Guilford	55	56	3	80	22059
*High Point	172	171	4	71	6062
Jamestown	23	24	4	67	6063
*Jonesboro	63	64	4	87	22882
*Kernersville	67	70	4	77	25027
King	22	21	4	80	51294
*Lexington	45	44	4	65	6065
*Liberty	19	20	4	58	6066
Madison/Mayodan	53	47	4	59	6067
*Mocksville	66	47	3	67	6069
*Mount Airy	106	105	4	87	6070
Oak Hollow	15	12	4	79	51358
*Pinehurst	31	33	4	77	6072
*Randolph	79	75	4	79	6074
Reidsville	74	72	3	67	6075
Reynolda	110	109	5	60	21534
**Sandhills	36	33	4	78	25530
*Sanford	67	67	4	56	6078
San-Lee	26	26	4	100	30735
*Siler City	64	64	3	71	6079
Southern Guilford	11	11	4	58	61795
*Southern Pines	67	70	5	81	6080
*Stoneville	14	20	4	81	6081
*Stratford	127	123	4	60	6082
*Summit	125	129	6	61	6083
Surry Sunrise	34	36	4	83	57326
*Thomasville	72	73	4	68	6084
*Triad	42	42	4	73	6071
*Troy	36	35	4	91	6085
Walnut Cove	21	21	4	56	6087
**Willow Creek	19	20	4	75	60367
Winston-Salem	255	252	5	44	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	40	4	83	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	4	76	51333
Yanceyville	23	21	4	80	6134
DISTRICT	3189	3178		72%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

District 7690 Calendar

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