

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Lead the Way"

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

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give"
Winston Churchill



Mitzi Ellis

I want to thank all of you for giving so much of your time and talent this year to make a difference in our District.

It has been an honor to serve as your Governor for 2006-07. I have had the privilege of meeting hundreds of Rotarians who are "leading the way" in D-7690. I have seen projects that are creative and inspiring and projects that

would never have happened without the combined resources of several clubs working together.

I couldn't have asked for a better DREAM TEAM and I will always be grateful for the warm welcome you gave me during club visits. All of you have worked hard to lead your club to new levels and I know you will continue to share your knowledge and passion for Rotary.

I really enjoyed myself this year and I know it wouldn't have been as much FUN without the incredible support from my wonderful ASSISTANT GOVERNORS and DISTRICT CHAIRS. I knew I could count on you to get your job done in a professional and timely manner. We accomplished so much this year and none of it would have been possible without YOU!

Obviously, one of the highlights for me was Almost Heaven – Rotary at the Homestead. Sharing our love of Rotary and our many accomplishments together at district conference was an unforgettable experience. My hat is off to Conference Chair Cookie Billings and her entire team for an amazing event.

Moving forward, I think our best days are ahead of us. We have so much to look forward to with new goals and activities for 2007-08. I'm excited to connect with my home club of Crescent as I have signed on to lead the fundraiser for President Abby Donnelly this year. Obviously, Rotary will remain an obsession for me. I also look forward to supporting my great friend David McCoy and his team beginning July 1st.

I have never been on a journey like this in my life. And in some pretty significant ways, I don't think I'll ever be the same. I thank all of you for inspiring me every day to live my life with integrity and purpose. I love all of you and thank you again from the bottom of my West Virginia heart for an unforgettable year!

--MitziEllis

DGE David McCoy and DG Mitzi Ellis share the stage at the 2007 District Conference. DGE David McCoy will become the District Governor of Rotary District 7690 on July 1, 2007.



David grew up ice skating in suburban Philadelphia and sailing at the south Jersey shore but when he came south to college, he was hooked on North Carolina immediately.

At Catawba College he graduated with a degree in Business Administration and met the love of his life, Linda. They were married the week following graduation and have been married over 40 years. Dave returned to Philadelphia to be part of the family business, but the song of the south was too strong. They moved to High Point in 1976. Dave is an independent textile sales agent, primarily to the furniture industry.

The McCoys have two adult daughters: Shannon, a teacher in Guilford County, and Kristen, wife of Robbie Hoskins and mother to their incredible granddaughters, Katharine and Sarah. They're blessed to have all of them living in the area.

In additions to his church, Wesley Memorial United Methodist, Dave has been very active and had leadership roles in many of the civic and cultural organizations of the High Point area . . . the High Point University Panther Club, Urban Ministry, Guilford Technical Community College Foundation Board, High Point Drug Action Council, the GreenPoint Chemical Dependency Centers of Guilford and Mary's House. He has also served on the boards of the Eastern Music Festival, High Point Community Theatre, High Point Museum and the High Point Area Arts Council. He was a recipient of both the Arts Council and Mayor's Awards for Volunteer Support of the Arts. Outside the community, Dave chairs the Charles and Annetta Masland Foundation, a charitable trust, located in Philadelphia.

In recent years Dave's main focus has been Rotary. He joined the Rotary Club of High Point in 1986, and has 21 years of perfect attendance. He served the High Point club as president in 2000-2001, and has served his club and district in many other capacities. Dave is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Sustaining Member, a Benefactor, a charter member of the Bequest Society and has served two terms as Assistant Governor for District 7690.

Attention All Club Secretaries

You will receive a semi-annual report in late June from Rotary International. This report must be completed and returned with a check from your club for the semi-annual dues to Rotary International. Please make sure that the number of members that you report to RI as of 6/30/07 is the same membership number you report to the district for your June attendance report. It is important that the membership number at RI agrees with the district's membership number, which is used to calculate your club's district dues.

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Council on Legislation Meets in Chicago



The Council on Legislation convened on Sunday, April 22 for its tri annual weeklong series of meetings. The Council was expertly chaired by past RI Director John Germ.

Items for consideration by the Council fall into two categories: enactments and resolutions. Enactments seek to change the constitutional documents of Rotary, i.e. the constitution itself or the bylaws. Resolutions are recommendations to the Board of Directors, for specific action on the one hand or perhaps only requesting the board consider an issue or an action on the other. Resolutions outnumber enactments by a wide margin.

Among the most significant issues addressed were the following:

1. Attendance and make-ups, in particular make ups using e-clubs (on-line clubs).
2. Meeting requirements: weekly as presently required or less often; in person vs. via Internet; home club attendance vs. make up at other clubs.
3. Dues. The Council heard a very well prepared report on the financial status of Rotary and the five-year forecast. In response, the Council approved an increase in dues of \$1 per year for each of the three years beginning in 2008, along with a reduction in the mandatory financial reserve requirement from 100% of annual expenditures to 85%.
4. Much discussion centered on the process by which the international president is nominated and selected, and how the nominating committee itself is formed. The basic issue is transparency of the process vs. safeguards against electioneering. The exact changes to be made were not clear since some work was required post Council by the Constitution and Bylaws committee, but specific information will be forthcoming, at the latest with the publication of the updated Manual of Procedure.

5. Perhaps the most difficult issue involved potential re districting of the Rotary world. The current requirement is that the Rotary world be divided into districts of approximately equal size, and that these districts then form 34 zones. Zones are then paired into regions, and each region then elects one of the 17 RI directors. In each region, the director comes first from one zone and then the other.

Overall, Rotary has grown slightly in recent years, but much more in some areas than in others. Thus, the relationship between the Rotarian population and the representation of that population by RI directors is out of synch. The logical resolution is to re draw the Zone boundaries, but this begins to disrupt the status quo in terms of what districts are in what Zones, not to mention natural groupings based on language, culture, national identity, etc. Three efforts to resolve this issue by past RI presidents have failed, and a compromise proposal to create an 18th "at large" director to be elected from on or another of the "under represented" zones was proposed. The proposal was admittedly imperfect, but attempted to avoid the status quo (which is unacceptable to many) in a way that avoided outright redistricting (which is also unacceptable to many). It was rejected, and the redistricting issue was referred back to the Board. Stay tuned.

Many other items were considered. The Rotary International web site has a complete listing of items addressed along with disposition, as well as other information and stories about the Council meeting. Rotarians are urged to use this valuable resource.

Your delegate to the Council, PDG Bob Newton, once again expresses his thanks for this unique opportunity to serve, and for the honor of representing District 7690 in this worldwide forum.



FOR ALL INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES



Is your club ready to start the new Rotary year? Please visit the district's website www.rotary7690.org and click on the pocketknife in the upper right-hand corner. It is very important that your club's information and membership data be correct. Check the following:

1. Club information – meeting place, time, etc
2. Delete anyone who is no longer a member.
3. Add new members.
4. Check addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses for all members (or ask each club member to check his or her data).
5. Are all officers for the 2007-2008 Rotary year listed as an officer?
6. If your club has a post office box, please use that address for the club secretary and club treasurer.

DISTRICT OFFICER INSTALLATION

The district officer installation will be held on Monday, June 25, at High Point Country Club. Invitations have been mailed to all incoming club presidents. You can register through your club. The cost is \$30 per person.

Congratulations to the Selected Ambassadorial & Cultural Scholars:

2008 – 2009 Academic-year

Sandy Hartwiger	Southern Guilford
Curry Williams	Willow Creek
Brittany Yelverton	Summit

2008-2009 Cultural

Patricia Crawely	Reynolda
Brika Eklund	Crescent
Cinnamon Hunter	Jamestown
Neal Kumar	Gate City

Applications Needed for Outbound GSE Team

Incoming District Governor David McCoy explains:

"Our exchange will take place with District 3500 in Taiwan. Given that so much manufacturing business has moved from our area to China and Taiwan, an exchange with Taiwan offers our local businesses doing business in China and Taiwan a very unique opportunity to send one of their younger rising executives on a deep cultural and economic exchange to an area we all need to understand better. Surely if the business owners of large local companies doing business in China and Taiwan were aware of the unique opportunity offered through the Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange program, they would want to have one of their best and brightest young executives considered for the exchange. We just need to get the word out!"

For more information, click on the district's web page at www.rotary7690.org

GRASSHOPPER MEMORIES



Over 150 Rotarians and family members enjoyed a day at a Grasshoppers game in Greensboro. Though it was a cold day, everyone had a good time!

Attendance for April 2007

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/06	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	54	57	4	55	6090
*Alamance Bkft	30	27	4	74	23238
Archdale/Trinity	34	29	4	60	29135
*Asheboro	119	113	3	51	6052
Burlington	24	24	4	70	6092
Carthage	20	22	4	73	6053
*Clemmons	133	141	4	72	29530
**Crescent	120	122	5	72	6056
*East Greensboro	18	19	4	71	55569
*Eden	40	34	4	69	6058
*Furnitureland	56	60	3	70	6059
**Gate City	57	58	3	93	27995
*Graham	39	42	3	49	6107
*Greensboro	310	316	4	53	6060
*Gboro Arpt	41	42	4	65	31667
*Guilford	55	62	4	73	22059
*High Point	172	171	4	60	6062
Jamestown	23	22	4	85	6063
**Jonesboro	63	58	4	73	22882
*Kernersville	67	69	4	85	25027
King	22	21	4	81	51294
*Lexington	45	46	4	62	6065
*Liberty	19	21	3	63	6066
Madison/Mayodan	53	40	4	72	6067
*Mocksville	66	48	4	76	6069
*Mount Airy	106	107	4	76	6070
Oak Hollow	15	12	2	54	51358
*Pinehurst	31	35	3	75	6072
*Randolph	79	82	4	66	6074
Reidsville	74	71	4	72	6075
Reynolda	110	110	4	62	21534
**Sandhills	36	40	4	74	25530
*Sanford	67	56	4	59	6078
San-Lee	26	28	4	75	30735
*Siler City	64	61	5	71	6079
Southern Guilford	11	12	4	71	61795
*Southern Pines	67	74	4	72	6080
*Stoneville	14	18	4	79	6081
*Stratford	127	123	4	61	6082
*Summit	125	126	3	78	6083
Surry Sunrise	34	38	4	68	57326
*Thomasville	72	80	4	99	6084
*Triad	42	43	4	65	6071
*Troy	36	32	4	88	6085
Walnut Cove	21	23	4	63	6087
**Willow Creek	19	19	4	67	60367
Winston-Salem	255	258	4	46	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	41	4	65	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	4	70	51333
Yanceyville	23	22	4	68	6134
DISTRICT	3189	3192		69%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

District 7690 Calendar

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