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ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • **AUGUST 2007** • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Rotary Shares"

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Here we are in the Dog Days of Summer. This may be a period of inactivity for some, but we Rotarians are heating up!

Linda and I began my official club visits last month. I have been so pleased with the enthusiasm that so many of you have shown as we start the new Rotary year. This kind of attitude is definitely contagious.

One of the highlights of our Rotary year is the Rotary Foundation program, Group Study Exchange. This Rotary year we will be SHARING this wonderful opportunity with D-3500 in Taipei, Taiwan. District 3500 is a relatively young district formed in 1998, by combing parts of two other districts. There are currently 62 clubs with a membership of 2200.

I had the opportunity to spend time with District Governor Shih-Ting Lee, known as Stan, and his wife Amy at International Assembly in San Diego and again in Salt Lake City. I believe he will be a wonderful host for our GSE team and our district is always known for its warm and energetic welcome to visiting GSE teams. Applications for the team leader and the four team members must be submitted to Tim Albertson by mid-August. If you have ever had a chance to talk with a participant in the GSE program, you come away knowing it was a life changing experience. More details are covered in this newsletter.



Recently I received some great news about OUR Rotary Foundation. Rotary has surpassed the US\$100 million mark in annual giving for 2006-07. This is the first time The Rotary Foundation has ever reached this level of unrestricted support; it is something for which we all should feel very proud. Just think of the POWER of Rotary through the achievement of this milestone. Think of what we are able to accomplish in our District through the District Simplified Grants; think about what we are able to accomplish with the matching grant program. Think about what we are able to (...continued on page 2)

GSE TEAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

"The Group Study Exchange (GSE) Outbound Committee is now accepting applications for team leader and team members. Time is quickly running out.

Sponsored by the Rotary Foundation, the GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange of young business and professional men and women. One Rotarian team leader and four Non-Rotarian team members will be selected from our District to represent District 7690 in an exchange with District 3500 of Taiwan. The exchange will take place from March 22nd to April 18th of 2008. Although this exchange date is some months from now, the team must be selected by the end of summer to give them sufficient time to properly prepare for their exchange. We must act now to find outstanding candidates to represent our district.

This exchange presents a particularly good opportunity for a local business that has or wishes to have dealings with China or Taiwan, to send one of their rising young executives to Taiwan to study Taiwanese culture and business practices. There is nothing else like this exchange. The members of the exchange will live with 6 or 7 different Taiwanese/Rotarian families during their 30 day stay in Taiwan. They will travel to 6 or 7 different communities and be exposed to Taiwanese culture, art, history and business in a much deeper way than would be possible as a tourist. Their exchange will include spending several days of the exchange with other professionals in their same vocation. They will have an opportunity to speak about our district and their vocation to several Rotary clubs within District 3500. In addition to business vocations of various types, other vocations that have been represented by team members in the past include law enforcement, education and public service.

Think of individuals, businesses and institutions that might benefit from such a special opportunity and contact them today! We want candidates who are eager, enthusiastic, energetic, articulate, informed, flexible, diplomatic and who will represent themselves, their vocation and our district well. There are several great GSE handouts and applications at the Rotary International website - www.Rotary.org. A Non-Rotarian team member application and brochure is attached to this email. (cont. pg. 2)

Rotary Foundation, Membership and Youth Seminars

These three seminars will take place on September 13 in Clemmons and on September 26 in Asheboro.

A club may attend the seminars at either location.

Further information will be mailed to each club president.

The seminars will be held at the same time; therefore, each club should plan to have at least three club members attending.

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accomplish in world understanding through the Scholarship, Peace Scholar, GSE and Youth Exchange programs. These and many other programs are what makes Rotary the premier service organization in the world.

Remember August is Membership and Retention month. Membership and retention are a major focus of RI President, Wilf Wilkinson. Rotary International has a number of awards for those clubs who have worked diligently in various areas of membership and retention. These include an award for overall growth—the club with the highest percentage growth rate, recruitment—the club with the most new members inducted, retention—the club with the highest percentage retention rate, and an award for clubs that sponsored new clubs. In order to be considered, the club's membership roster must be up to date with RI by May 15, 2008.

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Please contact Tim Albertson, Chairman of the GSE Outbound Committee, for additional information. He can be reached at jtalbertson@earthlink.net.

The deadline for applications submission is August 31st. Although that date is several weeks away, we must start now to promote the program and encourage qualified candidates to apply. Forward this email on to people you know who would make a great candidate or who may know someone who would make a great candidate. Take a moment and do it now. Better yet, pick up a phone and call them.

Interviews for the Rotarian team leader will be conducted on Friday September 14th and for Non-Rotarian team members - Saturday, September 15th.

Time is running out. We really need you to take a moment to reach out to individuals who would make great ambassadors for District 7690."

District Fellowship Events

District Football Fellowship will be held on September 22 at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem. The game will be **Wake Forest vs. Maryland**. Time is yet to be determined. Wake Forest Sports Marketing Department will send information to each club. Ticket prices will include the game ticket and a pre-game tailgate. Rotarians will need to purchase tickets through Wake Forest. If you have questions, contact Joel Gentry at deac84@northstate.net

District Golf Tournament will be held on October 11 at Willow Creek Country Club in Davidson County. Information concerning the tournament will be mailed to each club. If you have questions, please contact Don Allred at 336-619-1021 or at dallred1@triad.rr.com

District Governor August Visits

8/1/2007	Randolph
8/2/2007	Jonesboro
8/7/2007	Mt. Airy
8/8/2007	Clemmons
8/8/2007	Thomasville
8/9/2007	Carthage
8/14/2007	Triad
8/14/2007	Jamestown
8/20/2007	Furnitureland
8/20/2007	Burlington
8/21/2007	Yadkinville
8/22/2007	Surry Sunrise
8/23/2007	Gate City
8/24/2007	Reynolda
8/28/2007	Lexington
8/29/2007	East Greensboro
8/29/2007	Archdale Trinity
8/30/2007	Liberty
8/31/2007	Asheboro

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

As of May 30, 2007 Rotary membership worldwide totaled 1,221,298 a 2.3% increase from 1,193,137 on July 1, 2006. Membership in Rotary District 7690 as of May 30, 2007 had remained constant. In recent years, membership in the district has declined. This year's decline is marked by a drop of 96 in the total membership from June 30, 2006.

Membership is a crucial issue with each club. If your club would like assistance in membership, contact one of the district chairs:

Kelly Harrill at 336-323-4842 or
CKH@sheratongreensboro.com
Jay Harris at 336-433-5205 or
jharris@bankofnc.com

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the upcoming Rotary District Conference. The conference will be held at Chateau Elan in Georgia. The dates are April 24-27, 2008. All clubs should have at least one member attending. If you would like to have a program for your club on the upcoming conference, contact Andy Bills at 336-841-4538 or abills@highpoint.edu or Michael Amos at 336-869-1771 or michaelab@northstate.net

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The district no longer prints a District Directory. If you will direct your club members to visit the district's web page at www.rotary7690.org and click on District Directory. It will ask for a password. The password is this year's theme typed in all small letters with no spaces. The District Directory provides information on district officers, committees and club officers

WOULD YOUR CLUB BE INTERESTED?

The Rotary Club of Kernersville is partnering with the Rotary Club of Faisalabad, Pakistan to improve the study conditions for the female students of Al-Faisal Blind Centre in Faisalabad. We are inviting other clubs in our district to join in this international project. We hope to submit the application by August 1. My contact information is noted below if any one has questions or would like to hear more about the project:

Pam Ray
(Rotary Club of Kernersville)
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The East Greensboro Rotary Club is seeking a collaborative partnership with District 7690 Rotary Clubs to convert a free standing building into a Drop-in Resource Center for Joseph's House, Inc., located 908 East Bessemer Avenue in Greensboro, NC. Joseph's House, Incorporated is a faith-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in June 2004 to serve homeless young men ages 18-21 in Guilford County.

The Drop-in Resource Center will provide a wide range of support services to help homeless young adults ages 18-21 achieve their short and long-term goals. Services will include education, life skills, educational assistance, skills training, employment training, job placement, substance abuse education, healthcare referrals and other supportive services.

We are inviting Rotary clubs in District 7690 to join in this project by contributing \$350 (with \$350 District Matching based on your clubs' availability) We hope to submit the application on or before August 15. If your club has an interest in this project, please contact President Marvette Artis at marvette@mindspring.com or 336-339-4247.

Attendance for June 2007

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/06	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	54	54	4	52	6090
*Alamance Bkft	30	27	4	73	23238
Archdale/Trinity	34	29	4	57	29135
*Asheboro	119	115	5	33	6052
Burlington	24	22	4	67	6092
Carthage	20	21	4	83	6053
*Clemmons	133	134	4	71	29530
**Crescent	120	114	4	68	6056
* East Greensboro	18	17	4	74	55569
*Eden	40	34	4	71	6058
*Furnitureland	56	51	4	65	6059
**Gate City	57	59	3	94	27995
*Graham	39	40	6	59	6107
*Greensboro	310	314	4	59	6060
*Gboro Arpt	41	39	4	56	31667
*Guilford	55	59	3	76	22059
*High Point	172	167	5	66	6062
Jamestown	23	21	4	60	6063
**Jonesboro	63	56	4	77	22882
*Kernersville	67	72	4	83	25027
*King	22	20	4	88	51294
*Lexington	45	49	4	51	6065
*Liberty	19	21	4	59	6066
Madison/Mayodan	53	40	4	70	6067
*Mocksville	66	47	4	65	6069
*Mount Airy	106	106	4	69	6070
Oak Hollow	15	8	4	88	51358
*Pinehurst	31	35	2	74	6072
*Randolph	79	81	4	72	6074
Reidsville	74	67	4	74	6075
Reynolda	110	109	4	50	21534
**Sandhills	36	26	4	97	25530
*Sanford	67	40	4	80	6078
San-Lee	26	51	4	51	30735
*Siler City	64	58	4	67	6079
Southern Guilford	11	12	4	71	61795
*Southern Pines	67	68	5	75	6080
*Stoneville	14	18	4	80	6081
*Stratford	127	122	3	47	6082
*Summit	125	121	5	73	6083
Surry Sunrise	34	37	4	71	57326
*Thomasville	72	76	4	73	6084
*Triad	42	40	4	62	6071
*Troy	36	33	3	70	6085
Walnut Cove	21	19	4	70	6087
**Willow Creek	19	17	4	72	60367
Winston-Salem	255	251	4	51	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	39	4	66	30000
*Yadkinville	17	19	4	66	51333
Yanceyville	23	18	4	65	6134
DISTRICT	3189	3093		68%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

District 7690 Calendar

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