

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Rotary Shares"

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Rotary International highlights November as Rotary Foundation Month.

When I hear the words The Rotary Foundation, or its acronym TRF, I think this is a misnomer. I prefer to refer to The Foundation as OUR Foundation, ORF, because that is what it truly is. District 7690 has a long and impressive record

of achievement with the Our Rotary Foundation. Currently 90% of the 50 clubs in the District are 100% Paul Harris clubs; we currently have 20 clubs that are 100% Sustaining Member clubs. Among our district members, we have 75 Major Donors, 88 Paul Harris Society members and 135 Bequest Society members. These achievements place us number one in these categories in the Rotary world.

The Rotary International goal is \$100 per member to OUR annual Foundation Fund. There are so many requests for our charitable dollars; our budgets may be stretched. But when we consider the power of those Rotary dollars in our communities, our nation and the world, it is a great investment. Communities in our own district benefit through District Simplified Grants. With leveraging of matching dollars from OUR Foundation, we are able to give hope to those in the world who have given up hope. Rotarians in our district recognize this and dig deeply into their pockets to show they care. It is about Rotary Clubs in our district caring and sharing with Rotary Clubs all over the world. In addition to the money, OUR Foundation gives us an opportunity to SHARE talents by sending some of our members, as our representatives, around the world to offer "feet on the ground" help.

Rotary Foundation contributions go well beyond helping those in need. It also fosters world understanding through programs such as Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial and Cultural Scholarships, and Youth Exchange programs. Our Foundation has a wonderful history and with our help it will also have a great future.

On Thursday, November 8, Rotarians in District 7690 have the opportunity of fellowship, a wonderful dinner and hearing from a man who, not only was a leader of distinction as Rotary International President in 2000-2001, but who served

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Rotary District 7690 Welcomes Past RI President

Frank Devlyn

Guest Speaker

Rotary Foundation Banquet

November 8, 2007

Frank Devlyn is a native of Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico and El Paso, Texas. He completed his studies at the University of Texas, El Paso and the Panamerican Institute of Business in Mexico City. Frank and his wife, Gloria Rita, have three daughters and three grandchildren. Frank joined Rotary in 1970, and served as Governor of District 4170 in 1977-1978. He served as RI Director in 1986-1988 and since that time has served twice on the Nominating Committee for RI President, and as personal representative of sixteen RI presidents.

At present, he is Past Chair of The Rotary Foundation and Chair of the Vocational & Recreational Committee and the RI Hunger Pilot program. Frank is President of the Devlyn Group which has over 240 retail optical stores in 86 of the major cities of Mexico. In 1993, he was named "Optometrist of the Year" for Mexico. In addition to his Rotary activities, he serves as board member of the Mexican Red Cross, Treasurer of the Tuberculosis Association of Mexico, board member of Goodwill Industries of Mexico, and board member of two Mexican banks.

District 7690

Rotary Foundation Report

Our Rotary Foundation committees are hard at work, and their activities are summarized below.

Fundraising

For 2006-07, our district's per capita giving to the Annual Fund was \$141.57, just shy of our record \$145.57 in 2005-06. We had (120) new Benefactors and (20) 100% Sustaining clubs, which led the zone and world, respectively.

Madison-Mayodan, Jamestown, Deep River, Southern Guilford NG, Reidsville, Carthage, and Walnut Cove have all recently been certified as a 100% PHF clubs. That brings our total to (43) of our (50) clubs who are 100% PHF.

Archdale-Trinity is submitting the necessary donations and point transfers to become a 100% PHF club, and Burlington needs only one more PHF to qualify. That leaves only five clubs to finish the district. They are Reynolda, Surry Sunrise, Winston-Salem, Yadkin Valley, and Yanceyville.

Sanford Rotary Club was presented its Triple Crown banner as our sixth such club, and Guilford Rotary Club is gearing up a drive toward Triple Crown status.

We have sold (88) raffle tickets for the Michael Campbell shirt and Pinehurst golf package. We will easily reach our initial goal of raising \$5,000 for PolioPlus (in addition to \$5,000 of committed DDF), but we hope to push the net proceeds from the raffle closer to \$10,000. PDG Mitzi Ellis is heading this project.

Scholarships

Chair John Womack conducted a successful Scholars dinner in August. Scholars-nominee (2008-09) mingled with returning scholars (2006-07) and learned about their experiences abroad.

Our 2007-08 scholars are off to their respective schools and countries. The limited news I have received from them has been positive, and Ryan Finch is blogging her experiences in Ecuador.

Peace Fellow Will Mendoza arrived and enrolled at UNC-Chapel Hill. His host counselors are PDG Phil Morris and PDG Mitzi Ellis, and this is the first time D-7690 has been the official host for a Peace Fellow.

Humanitarian Grants

Chair Susan Gmeiner reports strong activity from our clubs in the District Simplified Grant program. If the last few applications she received are approved, almost the entire \$25,000 allotment will be committed for 2007-08.

Chair Larry Aiken met with his committee in person in September and will convene his committee monthly by conference call until January or February. The committee is actively pairing clubs and projects with the goal of finding projects of appropriate budget and emphasis for every interested club. Of particular note is a matching-grant application submitted within the last week by seven clubs from five areas, just the kind of collaboration the committee wants.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The district strongly encourages all clubs to become 100% Paul Harris Sustaining. To become this, every club member must give \$100 a year. It is a great goal for all clubs to achieve.

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

The RI form for reporting club officers for 2008-09 has been mailed to all club secretaries. Clubs may use the form to report club officers, or the club may make changes at the RI website. Club officers should be reported to RI by December 31, 2007.

Upcoming District Events

November 8 -
RF Banquet at High
Point CC
April 24-27, 2008 -
District Conference

*Happy Thanksgiving
to all Rotarians in
Rotary District 7690!*

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Group Study Exchange

Co-chair Tim Albertson and his committee have selected our outbound team to visit D-3500 next spring. The team is comprised of:

Pam Ray (leader)

Kernersville

Denise Bellamy

Greensboro-Airport

Abby Eaton

High Point

Kim Herzing

Gate City

Sam Seifert

Reynolda

Lloyd Navarro (alternate leader)

Lacey MacLeod (alternate member)

Jonesboro

While the committee is pleased with the team it selected, it would have liked to have had a larger pool of candidates. We will want to consider innovative marketing methods as we prepare for our 2008-09 GSE with D-3240 from India. In-bound GSE Chair, Ann Hanks, is working with clubs to arrange the visits within the district.

District Events

We split the Foundation seminars into two groups. One group focused on programs, and the other focused on fund raising and administrative issues.

The district will have the annual Rotary Foundation Banquet on November 8 at High Point

Country Club. PRIP Frank Devlyn will be the guest speaker. The banquet will be a night of great celebration of achievement by many clubs and individuals.

Summary

The four primary program committees are at full speed, and our fund raising emphasis is on completion of our goal to become a 100% PHF district and establish a steady base of giving through 100% Sustaining clubs and Paul Harris Society members. Everything is in place for D-7690 to have another banner year in support of Our Rotary Foundation and its programs.

Patrick Eakes,
General Chairman
Rotary Foundation

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very successfully as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of OUR Foundation. Frank Devlyn has traveled the world seeing first hand the great work of OUR Foundation. You will not want to miss his very inspiring message. You are in for a treat!

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**



Attendance for September 2007

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/07	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	53	56	4	53	6090
*Alamance Bkft	27	27	3	74	23238
Archdale/Trinity	29	29	4	65	29135
*Asheboro	115	107	4	66	6052
Burlington	22	22	3	74	6092
*Carthage	21	17	4	72	6053
*Clemmons	134	137	4	73	29530
**Crescent	114	117	3	72	6056
*Deep River	8	8	4	84	51358
*East Greensboro	17	18	4	70	55569
*Eden	34	37	3	77	6058
*Furnitureland	51	57	3	78	6059
**Gate City	59	61	4	95	27995
*Graham	40	37	4	68	6107
*Greensboro	314	322	4	47	6060
*Gboro Arpt	39	40	4	68	31667
*Guilford	59	63	4	76	22059
*High Point	167	169	4	66	6062
*Jamestown	21	23	4	88	6063
**Jonesboro	56	58	4	61	22882
*Kernersville	71	71	4	78	25027
*King	20	21	4	78	51294
*Lexington	49	49	4	66	6065
*Liberty	21	21	3	71	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	40	40	4	60	6067
*Mocksville	47	47	4	65	6069
*Mount Airy	106	105	4	65	6070
*Pinehurst	35	37	3	83	6072
*Randolph	81	81	4	79	6074
Reidsville	67	65	2	83	6075
Reynolda	109	111	4	59	21534
**Sandhills	26	32	3	94	25530
**Sanford	40	40	4	78	6078
*San-Lee	51	51	3	53	30735
*Siler City	56	59	3	73	6079
*Southern Guilford	12	12	3	70	61795
*Southern Pines	68	69	4	76	6080
*Stoneville	18	18	4	78	6081
*Stratford	122	126	4	50	6082
*Summit	121	117	4	68	6083
Surry Sunrise	37	37	4	72	57326
*Thomasville	76	76	4	86	6084
*Triad	40	40	4	74	6071
*Troy	33	32	4	56	6085
*Walnut Cove	19	19	4	72	6087
**Willow Creek	17	16	4	87	60367
Winston-Salem	251	253	4	41	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	39	3	76	30000
*Yadkinville	20	19	4	75	51333
Yanceyville	18	18	4	65	6134
DISTRICT	3088	3126		71%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

District 7690 Calendar

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