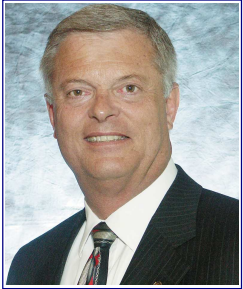


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"Rotary Shares"

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The **POWER** and **MAGIC** of Rotary is something I have experienced first hand as your District Governor during the first six months of our Rotary year. As we head toward the close of the calendar year 2007, I can't help but reflect on the dedication of the Rotarians in our District, both individually and as a group. We, clearly, make a difference.

Thanks everyone who attended OUR Foundation Banquet in November. It really had a feel of celebration! We had the largest attendance in a number of years to recognize the accomplishments of individual clubs and to hear former RI President, Frank Devlyn. His talk was both inspiring and uplifting. Prior to the banquet, I had a chance to talk at great length with Frank and was truly amazed how much he knew about the accomplishments of our District. We have quite a reputation! Through the efforts of many, we now have 46 of our 50 clubs that are 100% Paul Harris Clubs. Early contribution levels to OUR Foundation are at an all time high. Please see the accompanying article by Peter Lindsay from the Crescent Club. He captures the essence of Frank's speech and the importance of OUR Foundation extremely well. I am grateful to Pete for writing such a wonderful editorial.

All of our clubs have been busy with many different projects. I am excited about the creativity and enthusiasm our clubs have in accomplishing each project undertaken. The Rotarians in District 7690 are remarkable and, as we enter this holiday season, I want to express my gratitude to the club leadership and all the Rotarians of this great district. It is through the power of Rotary that we can accomplish so much. I remind you of the quote from Edward Hale I used during my visits, "I cannot do everything. But still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do." We do need to make individual commitments to each project, but, as a group of Rotarians, we **SHARE** our talents, resources, and time to accomplish so very much. The **POWER** of many becomes our **MAGIC**!

As we head into the New Year of 2008, remember . . . we're just getting started! Our outbound GSE team will be leaving for Taiwan at the end of March. The inbound GSE team from D-3500 will be here in April. Rotary Against Drugs speech contest is on the horizon. Our conference committee is working diligently in preparations for a special Rotary experience at Chateau Élan near Atlanta on April 23—27. The **POWER** and **MAGIC** of Rotary continues.

Linda and I wish you and yours a holiday season filled with all that makes it special and memorable for you!

Sharing Rotary is
PEACHY
at Chateau Elan 

"Rotary Shares" is our Rotary theme this year that resounds with every club across the district because that is what we Rotarians do best. We share our time, our energies, our gifts and our resources to make life better for others in our communities and around the world. What better opportunity to share Rotary than at Rotary District 7690 Annual Conference where the brightest Rotarians from our 50 clubs gather to fellowship, celebrate, learn and share ideas on how to improve our world.

The theme of this year's district conference appropriately is: **Sharing Rotary is Peachy at Chateau Elan!** Mark your calendars for April 24-27, 2008 as we travel to the beautiful Chateau Elan Luxury Resort, Winery and Spa north of Atlanta, Georgia. Voted the most romantic hotel in Georgia, this is a resort filled with amenities. Three 18 hole championship golf courses, a full service spa, vineyards and a first class winery right on the property, and a genuine Irish Pub that was shipped to America in containers and rebuilt at Chateau Elan for enjoyment of its guests.

In addition to the wonderful programs, there are numerous fun activities at Chateau Elan and the surrounding area including: Winery tours, Rotary's District Golf Tournament, the famous Clemmons Beach Party, Spa treatments, Night Glow Golf, shopping at nearby outlets and also shopping at one of Georgia's finest malls, and outings to the Atlanta Aquarium and Coke Museum. If this isn't enough to get your heart pumping, the crowd pleasing "Dueling Pianos" will be our featured entertainment on Saturday night.

French provincial and Southern hospitality combine to produce a superb leisure resort that make for an outstanding venue for our district conference in 2008. Please visit www.rotary7690.org for more information on registering for this fabulous event. Sharing Rotary at Chateau Elan just might be the best event of your year!

Andy Bills Co-Chair, 2008 Rotary Conference

DISTRICT 7690 NOMINATES 2008-09 GOVERNOR

The Rotary District 7690 Nominating Committee, chaired by Past District Governor Don Allred, has nominated Wes Patterson of the Thomasville Rotary Club to serve as District Governor of Rotary District 7690 in 2010-2011. The Committee would like to thank all of the candidates, Van Sherrill of the Kernersville Rotary Club, Michael Sigmon of the Summit Rotary Club and Wes Paterson of the Thomasville Rotary Club for their dedication to District 7690 and their willingness to serve.

The Rotary District 7690 Manual of Procedure and Policy states that:

Following the announcement no later than December 1 by the District Governor of the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to the clubs, any club in District 7690 may propose by way of resolution naming the candidate (whose name shall have been previously submitted to the Nominating Committee prior to the October 31st deadline) and certifying that the candidate meets the qualifications established by RI. If challenge candidates are received, the procedures for a mail ballot are determined by the Nominating Committee and ballots are mailed to the clubs. Any challenge must be received by January 1 and should be sent to the office of the District Governor. If no challenges are received by February 1, the candidate of the Nominating Committee shall be declared the DGND. If a mail ballot is necessary, the DG announces the results of the mail ballot by March 1, and the winner shall be declared the DGND.

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Editorial by Pete Lindsay Crescent Rotary Club

One Spartan princess, one cause, and one legendary aphorism: *a face can launch a thousand ships.* According to Greek mythology Helen was so beautiful that more than one thousand suitors set sail to rescue the godly princess from her captor, Paris of Troy. She was the face that launched a thousand ships.

Fast forward to November 8, 2007... One philanthropic optometrist and lifelong Rotarian, one cause, and one legendary message that has launched millions, not thousands, to come to the rescue of not one but thousands of people worldwide. Frank Devlyn is the face of Rotary International, and his inspiring message at the District Rotary Foundation Banquet united more than 375 Rotarians around the message that the Rotary Foundation is proudly the reason that freedom has come to so many—freedom through aid, education, life-giving water, restoration of sight and health, and freedom from disability and disease. “Frank Talk,” as he called it, reminded each person in the packed ballroom that “It’s our Foundation.”

The Rotary cycle, he explained, often starts with new members joining and enjoying friendship with other Rotarians. Friendship leads to networking, to good will and better friendships. The Four-Way test expresses in words values that individual Rotarians apply within their circle of family, friends, and community relations, and the vision of the Four-Way Test and the expanding opportunities of participation in Rotary broaden individual understanding of the importance of internationality. It is the Rotary Foundation that brings out the real purpose and the impact of this cycle of growth. “We have credibility and transparency,” he added pointing to the growing number of international government leaders and wealthy philanthropists who prefer to work through Rotary International to facilitate large-scale international relief efforts because of trust.

The strength of the Rotary Foundation is its membership at the club level. Evolution starts at the bottom up, he explained. The evolution he described takes the shape of ideas and of raising the bar to grow the level of participation and giving. “We show our love for the Foundation by what we give,” he added. Love for the Foundation, however, doesn’t come immediately to members as he suggested when he described the cycle that begins with friendship with new members and culminates with deeper, abiding appreciation for the impact of the Foundation worldwide. To reach this level, Rotarians need to “put the four T’s together.” Frank’s formula for fostering heartfelt philanthropy through the Foundation is succinctly stated: *Thinking, Talent, Time, and Treasure.* We can think bigger. We can dedicate the time and talent. And, we can give financially. The real treasure, after all, is in the changing of individual lives.

“How do you calculate the value?” He asked. The Rotary Foundation, through its enormous leverage to match even small gifts, has nearly eradicated the world from the crippling disease of Polio. Thousands of wheel chairs distributed through Rotary have renewed life for many who without our collective giving might have remained unable to move. More than a half million sight-restoring surgeries have been performed because of our vision. Devlyn paused after saying that pacemaker surgeries have saved thousands of lives and rhetorically asked, “What is the price on a human life?” He continued that those who have embraced the Foundation can be proud to say that their giving has also been the catalyst for helping individuals develop self reliance, working their way up from poverty, earning an education, coming together as communities to reap the healthful and humbling blessings of clean and abundant water, preventing the spread of malaria, and teaching lifesaving skills like food preservation. What is the price on a human life?

The 2007 District 7690 Rotary Foundation dinner that featured the keynote address by Frank Devlyn started with an invocation by Rotarian Roger Sims. In his prayer, Sims reminded members of the bountiful blessings in life that we might easily take for granted. His suggestion that we think of those in this world who have so little was buoyed up by the solution that Frank Devlyn eloquently inspired—Give to the Rotary Foundation. Give your thinking, talent, time, and treasure.

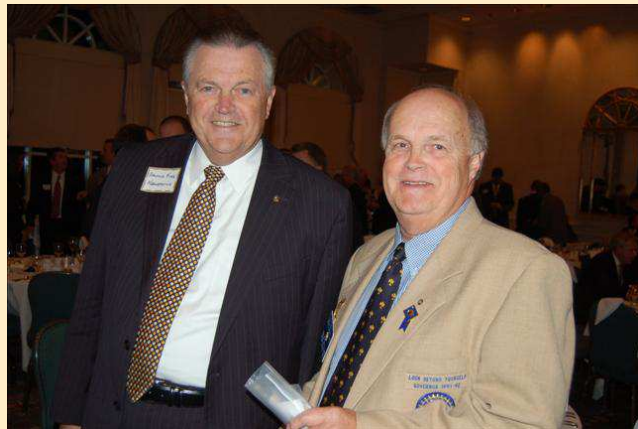
It was beauty that launched a thousand ships from Sparta. It is beauty again that launches willing givers, only now, the beauty is in the grandeur of Rotarians in the Rotary Foundation worldwide who have joined together to rescue not one but countless thousands.



PDG Phil Morris presents PDG Cliff Peake from the Jonesboro Rotary Club the Citation for Meritorious Service for his work for the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Foundation Banquet

November 8, 2007



Attendance for October 2007

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/07	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	53	53	5	57	6090
*Alamance Bkft	27	28	5	70	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	29	29	4	65	29135
*Asheboro	115	114	4	60	6052
*Burlington	22	22	5	72	6092
*Carthage	21	17	4	68	6053
*Clemmons	134	135	4	71	29530
**Crescent	114	113	5	76	6056
*Deep River	8	8	4	81	51358
*East Greensboro	17	18	4	61	55569
*Eden	34	37	5	71	6058
*Furnitureland	51	58	4	70	6059
**Gate City	59	62	4	96	27995
*Graham	40	37	4	73	6107
*Greensboro	314	323	5	57	6060
*Gboro Arpt	39	40	5	75	31667
*Guilford	59	63	5	69	22059
*High Point	167	168	4	63	6062
*Jamestown	21	24	5	76	6063
**Jonesboro	56	60	4	66	22882
*Kernersville	71	71	5	82	25027
*King	20	22	4	73	51294
*Lexington	49	51	5	66	6065
*Liberty	21	21	4	49	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	40	40	5	69	6067
*Mocksville	47	51	5	65	6069
*Mount Airy	106	106	5	67	6070
*Pinehurst	35	37	5	79	6072
*Randolph	81	81	5	78	6074
*Reidsville	67	63	5	72	6075
Reynolda	109	111	4	61	21534
**Sandhills	26	31	3	87	25530
**Sanford	40	42	5	78	6078
*San-Lee	31	30	5	52	30735
*Siler City	56	59	4	76	6079
*Southern Guilford	12	12	5	70	61795
*Southern Pines	68	70	4	80	6080
*Stoneville	18	18	4	56	6081
*Stratford	122	124	4	54	6082
*Summit	121	116	4	72	6083
Surry Sunrise	37	37	5	66	57326
*Thomasville	76	75	5	85	6084
*Triad	40	40	5	69	6071
*Troy	33	30	6	55	6085
*Walnut Cove	19	19	4	74	6087
**Willow Creek	17	16	2	90	60367
Winston-Salem	251	254	5	44	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	38	5	67	30000
*Yadkinville	20	19	5	80	51333
Yanceyville	18	18	4	65	6134
DISTRICT	3088	3131		70%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

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*Happy Holidays
to all Rotarians
in District 7690*