

# The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • JANUARY 2008 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

## "Rotary Shares"

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**Happy New Year!** 2007 was an exciting year for Rotary, our Rotary District, our individual Rotary Clubs and for me, personally. But wait—our expectations are that 2008 will be even better! We have six months to accomplish the goals set forth by our Rotary Clubs and from what I have seen, this will be accomplished in fine style.

Details on an exciting upcoming District Valentine event will be coming soon. Your sweetheart and the Greensboro Pops Orchestra . . . what could be better?! The Rotary Against Drugs speech contest which will be held on March 15, 2008, at GTCC. This is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to encourage high schools to get involved in this great program. Donna Neal has sent information to our clubs and she can be reached at [dona.neal@smallenoughtocare.com](mailto:dona.neal@smallenoughtocare.com) to answer any additional questions about this program.

Our GSE team is working diligently to prepare for their departure on March 22. Destination: D-3500 in Taipei, Taiwan. The Taiwan team will be coming here on March 31. A very special thanks goes out to Tim Albertson, Anne Hanks and our wonderful AGs for helping to organize a great experience for our inbound team.

We are approaching, quite quickly, one of the highlights of the year for any District Governor and that is the District Conference. It is a time to share our accomplishments, enjoy great fellowship, and just plain have fun at Château Élan Resort & Spa in Braselton, Georgia.

We are fortunate to have as our key-note speaker, Dr. Nido Qubein, internationally known speaker, communicator and business consultant who has written 15 books on communication, positioning, marketing, branding and productivity that have been translated into 20 languages. Nido was named one of the Top 10 Best Communicators by Decker Communications of

San Francisco in 2005 and was the only repeat honoree on the 2006 list. Nido was also inducted into the prestigious Horatio Alger Society of Distinguished Americans and was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor along with four U.S. Presidents.

Also attending as a special guest and speaker will be our Zone Director, Barry Rassin, from Nassau, Bahamas. A Rotarian since 1980, Barry has held many positions in Rotary. He has received the Service Above Self Award from the Board of Directors of Rotary International and was given the Charlie Braham Achievement Award in Jamaica for his Rotary involvement.

Dueling Pianos, an exciting and top entertainment group, will be returning to our District Conference as part of an exciting schedule. Included in the schedule will be an opportunity to visit the world famous Atlanta Aquarium and the Coca Cola Museum. Dick Thomas will be back with his great canoe excursion and hiking. Two events are planned for the golfers on one of the wonderful courses right there at Château Élan. There will be some wonderful additional surprises for those attending.

Our District Conference Chairs, Andy Bills and Michael Amos are well-seasoned at organizing and running conferences and I know those in attendance will come away with renewed energy for Rotary.

Linda and I send our best wishes for a wonderful and productive 2008 as we SHARE our time, talents and resources for this great organization we are a part of—

**ROTARY.**



## MEETING LOCATION

### CHANGED

**Jamestown Rotary  
Club is moving to  
Jamestown Town Hall  
as of January 8, 2008.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Wes Patterson of the  
Thomasville Rotary  
Club will serve Rotary  
District 7690 as the  
District Governor in  
2010-2011.**

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## PETS REGISTRATION

The annual PETS Training for incoming presidents-elect is scheduled for March 14-15 at the Sheraton in Greensboro. This is required for all incoming club presidents. If you need a form to register, go to the district's website. At the district's website, scroll down to "Rotary Links" and click on PETS registration form. Deadline for registration is January 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration for this event is not handled through the district office. You must register through the information provided on the form.

## ROTARY AGAINST DRUGS SPEECH CONTEST

This is an opportunity for clubs to sponsor a student to compete in a speech contest about efforts to reduce and prevent drug abuse. The competition for the district will be held on Saturday, March 15 at Guilford Technical Community College. For further information please contact Dona Neal at (336) 774-2350 or [dona.neal@smallenoughtocare.com](mailto:dona.neal@smallenoughtocare.com)

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at Chateau Elan

Preparation for the 2008 Rotary District Conference is well underway. You can now visit the conference website at: [www.rotary7690conference.com](http://www.rotary7690conference.com)

for updated information, a registration form and hotel information. You can download the registration form, complete it and send it to the district office.

There are several great activities planned for both Friday and Saturday afternoons. Register early in order not to be left out.

Registration material will be mailed to every Rotarian in the district by late January. Early registration deadline is February 22. Remember to make your hotel reservations early. You don't want to miss this event!

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Padgett at the district office (336-885-7690) or by email at [rotary7690@northstate.net](mailto:rotary7690@northstate.net)

## Attention Club Secretaries

There are two forms that have or will be coming from Rotary International that are very important. One form is for listing the incoming president and secretary for your club for 2008-2009 Rotary year. It is very important that you complete this and return it to RI immediately. You can also update the club's information online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) by clicking on "Member Access". The other is the semi-annual report. As a club secretary, you need to reconcile this form with your club membership list. Keep a copy of the report for your records, and send the required information back to RI with a club check for the semi-annual dues. Both of these forms need to be processed in a timely manner and returned to Rotary International. If your club does not get either of these forms, please let Margaret Padgett know (336-885-7690).

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### District Conference Highlight

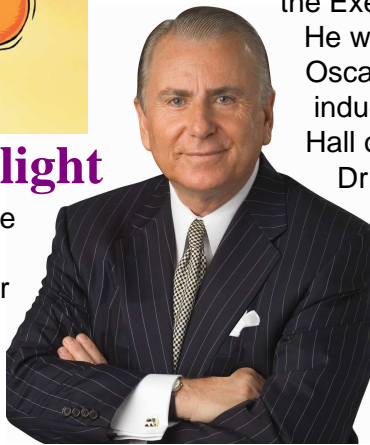
If you have never been to District Conference because you couldn't get excited about another Rotary meeting, then hold on to your seat because the 2008 Rotary 7690 District Conference at Chateau Elan Resort and Spa is sure to get your blood pumping!

We fully expect this year's conference to be a complete sellout with the incredible lineup of events, speakers and entertainment that are scheduled. Mark your calendars now for April 24-27, 2008 and let me share with you in this column over the coming months some of the details of this very exciting annual gathering of leading Rotarians in the 50 clubs of 7690.

"Sharing Rotary is Peachy at Château Elan" is our conference theme this year and this fits right into Rotary International's theme of Sharing Rotary.....and with Chateau Elan in North Georgia, you now understand the origination of "Peachy". We will have fun with this theme in a number of ways that all are sure to enjoy.

Our keynote speaker and fellow Rotarian, Dr. Nido Qubein, is a true headliner the quality of which we have never experienced at a district conference. Dr. Qubein's personal story of success is truly inspirational. He came to America at 17 years of age 7000 miles from his home, didn't speak our language, had no connections and only \$50.00 in his pocket. He learned the English language by writing 10 English words a night on a 3" x 5" card memorizing their spelling, meaning and pronunciation. He did this 6 nights a week, taking Sunday off, for 52 weeks, learning 3120 words in a year. With basically 2/3rds the vocabulary of the average American, he has gone on to write 15 books that have been converted into over 20 languages around the world.

Dr. Qubein is currently the president of High Point University, his alma mater where he served on the Board of Trustees for 8 years before being recruited by HPU's board to lead HPU's extraordinary transformation, but has built his career as one of the nation's top speakers and business consultants.



He owns several businesses, is Chairman of the Board of Great Harvest Franchising Inc. and sits on the Executive Board of BB&T Corporation. He was awarded the Cavet Award, the Oscar of public speaking and was inducted into the International Speakers Hall of Fame.

Dr. Qubein was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor along with four U.S. Presidents and in April of 2005 was inducted into the Horatio Alger Society of Distinguished Americans. There are only about 270 living Horatio Alger members and this group includes such accomplished people as Howard Schultz, founder of Starbucks, Truet Caffey, founder of Chick-Fil-A, Oprah Winfrey and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Dr. Qubein will share his wit and wisdom with those fortunate enough to attend District Conference as he weaves the theme, Rotary Shares in his inspirational message.

Look for materials on registering for the 2008 District Conference in the mail later in January but why wait for these? Visit our conference Web site, <http://www.rotary7690conference.com/> and go ahead and register today!

**Start thinking NOW** about plans for your special sweetheart on Valentine's Day. "What?," you say. "Gimme' a break; I just finished with the holidays!"

The Family of Rotary is going to make Valentine's Day easy for you this year. Just plan to attend our next District 7690 event with that someone special in your life and you will be set for the day. For your convenience we have even scheduled it for Thursday, February 14. How about that! Enjoy a wonderful evening in Greensboro with great music and friends.

The Greensboro Symphony is inviting the members of the Rotary Clubs from District 7690 to attend one of their very special Carolina Pops programs. The tickets have been made available to us for a very reasonable price of \$15 per person. This cost is significantly below the normal pricing for one of their concerts. This special Valentine's Day program will feature Broadway actress and singer Liz Callaway. You can expect an outstanding production from these professional musicians.

**Mark your calendars now—Thursday, February 14 at 8:00 pm** with cocktails and buffet at 7:00 pm. Duane Long, District Family of Rotary Chair, will be sending out additional information shortly regarding the price for the reception prior to the concert.

# Attendance for November 2007

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/07	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	53	53	4	58	6090
*Alamance Bkft	27	28	3	79	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	29	28	3	68	29135
*Asheboro	115	114	4	62	6052
*Burlington	22	22	3	85	6092
*Carthage	21	17	4	72	6053
*Clemmons	134	142	4	72	29530
**Crescent	114	113	4	82	6056
*Deep River	8	9	4	89	51358
*East Greensboro	17	18	3	61	55569
*Eden	34	36	3	73	6058
*Furnitureland	51	59	4	72	6059
**Gate City	59	62	4	99	27995
*Graham	37	37	4	69	6107
*Greensboro	314	323	3	65	6060
*Gboro Arpt	39	39	4	69	31667
*Guilford	59	65	4	69	22059
*High Point	167	169	5	67	6062
*Jamestown	21	24	4	84	6063
**Jonesboro	56	57	4	57	22882
*Kernersville	71	73	3	86	25027
*King	20	22	4	69	51294
*Lexington	49	51	4	64	6065
*Liberty	21	21	3	64	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	40	40	4	74	6067
*Mocksville	47	51	4	70	6069
*Mount Airy	106	107	4	66	6070
*Pinehurst	35	38	4	83	6072
*Randolph	81	82	3	75	6074
*Reidsville	67	63	3	71	6075
Reynolda	109	110	4	60	21534
*San Lee	26	31	4	70	30735
**Sandhills	40	41	4	79	25530
**Sanford	51	50	4	52	6078
*Siler City	57	58	2	61	6079
*Southern Guilford	12	12	4	70	61795
*Southern Pines	68	72	4	80	6080
*Stoneville	18	18	4	77	6081
*Stratford	122	122	4	61	6082
*Summit	120	116	4	75	6083
Surry Sunrise	37	36	4	74	57326
*Thomasville	76	75	3	90	6084
*Triad	40	39	3	78	6071
*Troy	33	30	4	64	6085
*Walnut Cove	19	21	4	80	6087
**Willow Creek	17	13	3	89	60367
Winston-Salem	251	254	4	44	6088
Yadkin Valley	39	38	4	66	30000
*Yadkinville	20	20	4	74	51333
*Yanceyville	18	17	3	66	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3087</b>	<b>3136</b>		<b>72%</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

\*\*Triple Crown Club

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