

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Rotary Shares"

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Rotary International has a great tradition of preparation for the transition of officers at the Club level, but also at the District, Zone and International levels. Charles and Sandra Allen recently returned from San Diego, California where they attended the Rotary International Assembly. All 532 District Governor-Elects come together in one place for a week of intensive

training before they assume the position of District Governor. This event is the grand finale of two years of training. The theme for our upcoming 2008-09 year is **Make Dreams Real**. I know everyone in our District will embrace that theme and its broad implications.

President-Elect Training (PETs) for next year's incoming Club Presidents will be coming up in March. It is here that more details will be revealed about the focus of next year's Rotary International President, D.K. Lee.

March continues to be a busy time for Rotary Clubs in our District. Our Outbound Group Study Exchange Team, led by Kernersville Rotarian Pam Ray, will be heading off to D-3500 in Taipei on March 22. They will return home on April 18 just in time for District Conference. This group has been extremely busy getting ready for an experience of a lifetime. The inbound team will be arriving on March 31. Ann Hanks of the High Point Club, the Assistant Governors and many of the clubs have been hard at work to make sure their visit to us will also be a memorable one.

A reminder—it is still not too late to register for District Conference. March 7 is the deadline. Linda and I are extremely pleased with the registrations that have come in by the early registration deadline. We are thrilled that so many have decided to join us for this wonderful celebration. Andy Bills, Michael Amos and the entire Conference Committee promise to make this an exciting and memorable conference. This is a wonderful time of SHARING the accomplishment of our District as well as experiencing wonderful fellowship and great times together. We hope to have some exciting news to announce about our District, so for those who have not registered yet, now is the time to do it.

T-Shirt Logo Starts Relationship

District 7690's Group Study Exchange (GSE) heads to Taiwan on March 22. Team members Denise Bellamy, Abby Eaton, Kim Herzing, Sam Seifert and Rotarian Pam Ray initially planned to take Mandarin classes through UNCG, in an attempt to learn the challenging



UNC-G students assisted the Outbound GSE team with language skills

language of Taiwan, which consists of hundreds of characters and voice inflections to form words. The Taiwanese Student Association (TSA) stepped up to the task of training when the class was canceled due to low enrollment.

The unplanned relationship with the TSA group began when Rotarian Owen George spotted a gentleman wearing an "I love Taiwan" T-shirt at a local concert, where George was hosting former GSE inbound member Li-Ching Chiu. The guy in the T-shirt was Tony Lin, president of the TSA. Tony is a graduate student at UNC Greensboro, where more than 40 Taiwanese students are enrolled.

Rotary pursued this connection to Taiwan and 12 of the students began volunteering their time to meet individually with team members on a weekly basis. In addition, to teaching language and assisting with translations (biographies, team presentation, and business cards), the TSA members have given the GSE team the gift of experiencing and understanding Taiwanese culture first-hand, by cooking native foods and sharing traditional customs. The most recent opportunity occurred February 2nd with an invitation to a celebrate Chinese New Year including students from UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte and NC State.

Soon after the outbound team departs NC, the inbound GSE Team will arrive from Taiwan and the Taiwanese Student Association has again agreed to step up in helping District 7690 in welcoming the team to NC. These students are enthusiastic and eager to develop their business skills. Any Rotarians interested in providing internship opportunities should contact the District office.

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

Semi-annual reports were mailed to clubs in early January. All clubs should have now returned these reports to Rotary International with the payment for the RI dues. If your club never received this report, it is essential that you call the RI Data Services and request another report for your club. The telephone number is 847-866-3171.

2008-2009 CLUB OFFICERS

As your club elects officers for the upcoming Rotary year, please make sure that each officer's position is designated in the district's database and that the address for each officer is correct. If your club has a post office box, use this address for your club secretary. Your club may also use the post office address for other club officers, but it must be listed that way in the district database. Rotary International must have correct addresses for the club president and secretary.

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District Assembly

May 9, 2008

**GTCC, Jamestown Campus
Rotary Teamwork Will "Make Dreams Real"**

*Attention 2008-2009 Club Leadership Teams
(President, President-Elect, Vice-Pres.,
Secretary, Treasurer, & Committee Chairs)*

Mark your calendars for District Assembly on May 9, 2008 at GTCC Jamestown Campus. This is the opportunity for your club leadership team to learn about Rotary International & District Goals and for your Leadership Team to initiate plans for your clubs' Rotary service for 2008-2009.

Registration will begin at 8:00 am in the Sears Technology Center followed by a Continental Breakfast. Our keynote speaker will challenge you and inspire you to "Make Dreams Real" in 2008-2009. The Plenary Session will begin at 9:30 am and cover areas of general importance to all attendees.

Breakout sessions that begin at 11:00am will cover New RI initiatives, Membership, Service Project Opportunities, The Rotary Foundation, and District Database (DaCdb)/Secretary Training. Registration materials will be mailed to the presidents-elect soon.

Gold Club Award and Presidential Citation

Submission of the Presidential Citation and Gold Club Award should be sent to your club's assistant governor NO LATER than April 1. In order to be eligible for the Gold Club, your club must first qualify for the Presidential Citation. The Presidential Citation is awarded by the president of Rotary International to clubs that meet specified criteria. The Presidential Citation criteria and form can be found on the district's web site www.rotary7690.org under the section "Club Administration and Member Support."

If your club qualifies for the Presidential Citation, then you can submit the information for the Gold Club Award. The Gold Club Award is presented to each club by the district governor at the upcoming Rotary District Conference. This year the awards will be done on Friday night. When your club submits the form for the Gold Club, please document what your club has done in each category. Make a brief statement explaining how your club has met the particular requirement or elective. The criteria for the Gold Club Award and an excel spreadsheet can be found in the same location as the Presidential Citation.

Don't overlook the possibility that your club may qualify!

OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

The district Rotary Foundation committee encourages all clubs and Rotarians to beat the rush and submit their contributions to Our Rotary Foundation by April 30, 2008. Our Rotary Foundation receives almost half of its annual contributions in May and June, so donations received before then are less likely to experience delays or administrative errors.

Remember that our contributions allow Our Rotary Foundation to conduct its many programs. These programs include Group Study Exchange, Matching Grants (40 of our 50 clubs participating this year), and Polio Eradication, the world's largest humanitarian project.

We enrich our own lives through the fellowship we all enjoy at our weekly meetings and district events, but we enrich the lives of people across the world with our contributions to Our Rotary Foundation. Please give generously to Our Rotary Foundation, so we can continue to improve our world through educational and humanitarian programs.

Contributions should be mailed with a contribution form to:

The Rotary Foundation
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

Sharing Rotary is
PEACHY
at Chateau Elan 

We are just weeks away from Rotary District Conference 2008 and I am really getting excited about this event at Chateau Elan Resort & Winery. We have more Rotarians and guests signed up to attend this conference after the early registration period than ever before. In fact today, we only have a few more rooms still available and if you are reading this after March 8th, I hope you have already submitted your registration to Margaret. For all of you signed up, congratulations, bring your favorite hat and hold on tight as this is going to be a fun and exciting event.

As you know the speakers and entertainment this year are some of the best you will ever hear or experience and this could not be possible without the help of our generous sponsors. Special thanks to our two **major** sponsors:

- Bank of North Carolina -Saturday Formal Dinner Sponsor
 - Old Dominion Freight Lines -Entertainment Sponsor
- Also many thanks to sponsors:
- Edward Jones and Deep River Drug Store- House of Friendship Sponsors
 - Wachovia Bank -Thursday Night Glo-Ball Golf Sponsor

We also want to thank many of our clubs that have secured their \$500 corporate sponsors. As you recall, our District Governor and the District Conference Planning Committee asked each club to secure one or two corporate sponsorships in the amount of \$500. If your club has not turned in your \$500 corporate sponsorship information, please do this right away by contacting Michael Amos via email at michaelab@northstate.net. And if your club has still not gotten even one corporate sponsor for District Conference, come on... get moving, don't let your club be the only one and help us Share Rotary with more leading Rotarians this year than ever!

Rotary Club International to which we all belong is one of the finest civic organizations in the world. I am proud to be a member of such a fine group of leaders whose mission is simple.."Do good in the world." When each of us in Rotary do a little good each day, each week and each year, this has a very big impact around the world. We appreciate your support of Rotary and of our Rotary 7690 District Conference.

"Sharing Rotary is Peachy at Chateau Elan" is our theme for 2008 and we can't wait to share this special event with each of you in a few short weeks!

See you at the Chateau!

Andy Bills

Attendance for January 2008

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/07	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	53	49	3	54	6090
*Alamance Bkft	27	29	3	73	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	29	28	4	61	29135
*Asheboro	115	112	4	74	6052
*Burlington	22	21	4	76	6092
*Carthage	21	17	5	59	6053
*Clemmons	134	137	5	71	29530
**Crescent	114	113	3	82	6056
*Deep River	8	9	4	89	51358
*East Greensboro	17	18	4	67	55569
*Eden	34	35	4	68	6058
*Furnitureland	51	60	4	75	6059
**Gate City	59	62	4	94	27995
*Graham	37	36	4	68	6107
*Greensboro	314	323	4	59	6060
*Gboro Arpt	39	41	4	73	31667
*Guilford	59	64	4	74	22059
*High Point	167	168	5	68	6062
*Jamestown	21	24	4	83	6063
**Jonesboro	56	59	3	62	22882
*Kernersville	71	72	4	81	25027
*King	20	22	5	82	51294
*Lexington	49	46	4	60	6065
*Liberty	21	21	3	64	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	40	40	4	73	6067
*Mocksville	47	51	4	68	6069
*Mount Airy	106	108	4	65	6070
*Pinehurst	35	38	4	80	6072
*Randolph	81	85	4	78	6074
*Reidsville	67	65	3	80	6075
*Reynolda	109	108	4	63	21534
*San Lee Sunrise	26	33	3	71	30735
**Sandhills	40	42	4	80	25530
**Sanford	51	49	4	53	6078
*Siler City	57	59	3	76	6079
*Southern Guilford	12	13	4	70	61795
*Southern Pines	68	75	4	77	6080
*Stoneville	18	17	5	78	6081
*Stratford	122	119	4	60	6082
*Summit	120	118	4	73	6083
Surry Sunrise	37	35	5	70	57326
*Thomasville	76	78	5	88	6084
*Triad	40	39	4	70	6071
*Troy	33	30	4	64	6085
*Walnut Cove	19	21	4	82	6087
**Willow Creek	17	13	3	75	60367
Winston-Salem	251	253	4	48	6088
*Yadkin Valley	39	35	5	73	30000
*Yadkinville	20	21	4	70	51333
*Yanceyville	18	17	4	76	6134
DISTRICT	3087	3128		72%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

District 7690 Calendar [Click Here](#)

