

The Piedmont Rotarian

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

"Make Dreams Real"

Charles Allen, Governor, PO Box 623, Randleman, NC 27317

Greetings Rotarians of District 7690!



Charles Allen

WOW, What a great time to be a Rotarian and to be Your District Governor!

I began writing this newsletter as Sandra and I were flying at 35,000 feet elevation on our return from the 99th Annual Convention of Rotary International in Los Angeles, CA.

This event is the culmination of two years of preparation to serve you as District Governor of District 7690, one of the best districts in Rotary and the ONLY Rotary District to be a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club District.

We've been to District Governor Training sessions at the Zone 33-34 Institute in October 2006 and 2007 and the Rotary International Assembly in January 2008 in preparation to serve you as District Governor.

We've been encouraged and amazed at the friendships we have made with Rotarians from around the world. Rotary is truly an international organization with the common focus of **"Service Above Self"** as evidenced by the many and varied projects that change the lives and futures of individuals.

From the opening plenary session of the 99th Annual Convention to the last, we've been challenged to reach high as we "Make Dreams Real" for the world's children, because the world's children are our children.

Our commitments for 2008-2009 are:

1. Increase membership in each club and the number of clubs in the district through "Member Get Member".
2. Keep our promise to Eradicate Polio through our gifts to PolioPlus Campaign to succeed in the \$100 million challenge.
3. Embrace the twin pillars of support for The Rotary Foundation: Annual Programs Fund through Every Rotarian Ever Year and the Permanent Fund.
4. Enhance Rotary's Public Image by sharing your club's story through the media.
5. Support the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation by applying to become a Pilot District for the Future Vision Plan.

Our challenge for 2008-2009 is:

1. Understand the power of Teamwork through Rotary – Together Everyone Accomplishes More
2. Develop strong Leadership Teams in the District and in our Clubs.
3. Encourage Leadership Development in our clubs through attendance to Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Programs.

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DONG-KURN LEE, Seoul, Korea

President-elect, Rotary International 2007-08

Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 2003-07

Treasurer, Rotary International 2002-03

Director, Rotary International 2001-03

Chairman, Presidential Celebration

Committee – Community Concerns 2004-05

District Governor 1995-96



Dong-Kurn Lee is Chairman of Bu-Bang Co., Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co., Ltd., manufacturing companies in Seoul. A graduate of Yonsei University with a degree in political science and diplomacy, Lee currently serves as Trustee to the Busan College of Information Technology and has served as past president of both his high school and college alumni associations. He has served as a Trustee to the bank of Seoul and honorary consul of Italy in Korea. In 2005, he was appointed as International Goodwill Ambassador by the President of the Republic of Korea.

Rotarian Lee joined the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hangang in 1971 and has served RI as director, treasurer, trustee, district governor and International Assembly training leader. He also has served as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and zone and regional coordinator for membership development. He is chairman of the Polio Eradication Private Sector Initiative in Korea. He is a recipient of the foundation's citation for meritorious service. In 1996, as district governor, Lee was recognized at the 87th RI Convention as the winner of the 'Calgary Challenge' for the most successful membership development efforts, chartering 32 new clubs and adding nearly 1,800 new members, making his district the leader across the Rotary world that year.

Lee lives in Seoul, Korea with his wife Young Ja and has four adult children and four grandchildren.

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

Please complete the semi-annual report and return it to RI as soon as possible. The membership number that you report to RI as of 6/30/08 should be the same number you report for your attendance for June.

The district strongly urges all club secretaries to use the district database found on the district website to report monthly attendance. If you need assistance with this, please contact Margaret Padgett at 336-885-7690.

2008-2009 District Directory

The District Directory is now available on the District's website: www.rotary7690.org.

It is password protected. The password is the current RI theme for 2008-2009. Type it in with lower case with no spaces. Updates and changes to the directory will be done regularly. If you have a change, please send it to Margaret Padgett by fax at 336-841-7690 or e-mail to: Rotary7690@northstate.net

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- Partner with other Clubs to maximize community and international project efforts through District Simplified Grants and Rotary International Matching Grants.
- Increase the number of applicants from our clubs for Ambassadorial and Cultural Scholars, Youth Exchange Students and Group Study Exchange participants.

Our responsibility as Rotarians in 2008-2009 is the simple challenge to look for new and innovative ways to "Make Dreams Real" by giving children hope and a chance for the future. Remember, **Rotary Teamwork Will "Make Dreams Real"**.

I look forward to the honor and privilege of serving you as your District Governor in 2008-2009.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Charles

DISTRICT EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 11 – Rotary Foundation Membership & Youth Services Seminar at Village Inn, Clemmons

September 24 – Rotary Foundation, Membership & Youth Services Seminar at AVS Banquet Centre, Asheboro

September 18 – District Golf Fellowship, Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro

November 6 – Rotary Foundation Banquet, High Point Country Club, High Point

For over 45 years, the Eastern Music Festival has attracted talented students from around the world to the Piedmont Triad for five weeks of intensive study and performance. Again this year, Rotary District 7690 and Rotary International are proud to be a sponsor of this internationally-acclaimed summer music festival. Rotarians and guests are invited to celebrate by attending Rotary Night at EMF on Friday August 1, at Guilford College's Dana Auditorium. The evening begins with a wine and cheese reception on the lawn at 6:30, followed by the Concerto Competition Winner's performance at 8:00 pm. PDG Dave McCoy will be a special guest conductor for one of the evening's selections. For complementary tickets, contact Jim Weissman at jweissman@triad.rr.com

Upcoming District Governor's Visits for July

7/21/2008	Crescent	7/28/2008	Siler City
7/22/2008	Guilford	7/29/2008	Madison/Mayodan
7/24/2008	Gate City	7/30/2008	Surry Sunrise
7/24/2008	Graham	7/31/2008	Jonesboro
7/28/2008	San-Lee Sunrise	7/31/2008	Liberty

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What follows is not tax advice, but general information, which may be useful. Questions regarding any tax matters need to be referred to local counsel, your tax adviser or to the IRS. (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov> or 1-800-829-1040)

On 13 May 1958, the Internal Revenue Service declared that Rotary International (RI) and its clubs and districts are entitled to exemption from federal income tax under **Section 501(c)(4)** of the Internal Revenue Code. While Rotary districts and clubs are exempt from paying *federal income tax*, the law does require Rotary clubs and districts to file an annual information return on **IRS Form 990**, on or before the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the annual accounting period (15 November). – Certain organizations, other than private foundations, that do not normally receive more than \$25,000 in gross receipts in each taxable year are not required to file Form 990.

NEW! Starting in 2008, clubs or districts with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less will be required to file Form 990-N, which is an electronic e-Postcard report. This report is required annually starting 15 November 2008. Failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three consecutive years will result in **revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district** in question. To learn more about this requirement, and to obtain the necessary e-Postcard report form, visit the US Treasury website at: www.irs.gov/eo, or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

Numbers: RI's *Group Exemption Number* (referred to as "GEN" on Form 990), is **0573**, which applies to RI as well as all USA and Puerto Rico clubs and districts. At the same time, every club and district in the US and Puerto Rico is required to have its own **Employer Identification Number (EIN)**. This 9-digit number is essentially a tax ID number, and has nothing to do with whether the club or district has any employees. As RI must report annually the EINs of all districts and clubs in the USA and Puerto Rico, the RI secretariat maintains a list of those EIN tax numbers for reference. New Rotary Clubs, however, must apply directly to the IRS for an EIN number to be assigned to the new Rotary club. Please contact your Club and District Support (CDS) representative at Rotary International headquarters if you have any questions about the EIN number for your club or district.

Tax Deductible Status: Though clubs and districts do not have to pay *federal* income tax, donations to clubs and districts are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. However, such deductible status is possible for a contribution to any club or district charitable fund that has been *independently* classified by the IRS as qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership dues may be deductible for some Rotarians as a business expense. Please contact the IRS or your tax consultant or attorney for guidance on this issue.

Other Taxes: Clubs or districts may be required to file **IRS Form 990-T** if they have "*unrelated business income*." An unrelated trade or business is defined as any trade or business that is regularly carried on, and that is not substantially related to the organization's exempt purpose or function. (IRC Sec. 513)

Federal Social Security and withholding taxes, and local state income taxes may be required from a club or district that has one or more paid employees. Please contact the IRS or your tax consultant or attorney for guidance on this issue.

The laws of individual states vary in regard to state income tax, sales tax, other taxes and special licenses. The 501(c)(4) status applies only to federal income tax and does not necessarily have any bearing on state or local taxes. IRS interpretation of its Code also can vary slightly in different US Treasury districts.
January 2008

Attendance for May 2008

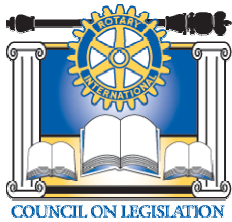
CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/07	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	53	0	4	53	6090
*Alamance Bkft	27	28	3	74	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	29	23	4	88	29135
*Asheboro	115	114	5	66	6052
*Burlington	22	21	3	71	6092
*Carthage	21	18	4	69	6053
*Clemmons	134	133	4	71	29530
**Crescent	114	110	3	74	6056
*Deep River	8	9	5	91	51358
*East Greensboro	17	15	4	57	55569
*Eden	34	32	4	73	6058
*Furnitureland	51	60	3	69	6059
**Gate City	59	62	5	94	27995
*Graham	37	39	4	55	6107
*Greensboro	314	317	4	51	6060
*Gboro Arpt	39	41	2	74	31667
*Guilford	59	61	4	65	22059
*High Point	167	163	5	64	6062
*Jamestown	21	22	4	77	6063
**Jonesboro	56	52	5	49	22882
*Kernersville	71	72	4	85	25027
*King	20	23	5	73	51294
*Lexington	49	38	4	57	6065
*Liberty	21	21	4	69	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	40	39	4	64	6067
*Mocksville	47	50	4	71	6069
*Mount Airy	106	106	4	73	6070
*Pinehurst	35	39	4	83	6072
*Randolph	81	82	4	72	6074
*Reidsville	67	66	3	84	6075
*Reynolda	109	109	5	56	21534
*San Lee Sunrise	26	34	4	87	30735
**Sandhills	40	36	4	78	25530
**Sanford	51	39	4	55	6078
*Siler City	57	57	3	62	6079
*Southern Guilford	12	10	4	70	61795
*Southern Pines	68	79	5	75	6080
*Stoneville	18	16	5	87	6081
*Stratford	122	113	4	55	6082
*Summit	120	113	4	80	6083
*Surry Sunrise	37	37	4	70	57326
*Thomasville	76	77	4	88	6084
*Triad	40	38	4	82	6071
*Troy	33	30	5	59	6085
*Walnut Cove	19	22	5	69	6087
**Willow Creek	17	17	4	88	60367
*Winston-Salem	251	254	4	41	6088
*Yadkin Valley	39	41	4	57	30000
*Yadkinville	20	20	4	69	51333
*Yanceyville	18	16	3	52	6134
DISTRICT	3087	3014		70%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

District 7690 Calendar [Click Here](#)





2010 Council on Legislation

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June 2, 2008

To: District 7690 Rotarians

As your representative to the 2010 Council on Legislation I have received information that I would like to share with you.

From the cover letter I received:

"...The enclosed [Representatives' Handbook](#) provides information about the various responsibilities of representatives, as well as other useful information about the Council. Also included are other documents about the Council that you may find useful. In addition, you may wish to read Chapters 10 and 18 of the *2007 Manual of Procedure* and RI Bylaws Articles 7 and 8, which are also in the *Manual*.

"Please keep in mind that all legislation must be proposed or endorsed by the district before it is submitted to RI. RI must *receive* legislation, including the appropriate certification form, no later than **31 December 2008**. You may find the enclosed document [How to Propose Legislation](#) useful if a club in your district or your district decides to propose legislation.

"The [2007 Manual of Procedure](#) and [Council-related information](#) is available in rotary.org..."

I will post the information I receive for you to examine ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Thank you for the honor of being selected to serve you as the District 7690 representative to the 2010 Council on Legislation. In this capacity I will do my best to serve your interests. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concern about this process.

To help both of us understand the process and procedures I have provided link to Council on Legislation information in the Rotary International website. I hope you find them useful.

Let me know how I may proceed to help clarify the process.

Again, thank you for your expression of trust.