

# The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • OCTOBER 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! During the month of July, August, and September I've been privileged to visit 46 of our 52 Rotary clubs in District 7690. I continue to be encouraged by the dedication to "Service Above Self" and the vision to "Make Dreams Real" of the Rotarians in our clubs.

The RI focus for the month of October is Vocational Service Month. Let's think about ways our clubs can:

- Adhere to, and promote the highest ethical standards in all occupations. This effort should include fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- Recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Honor the contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of our community.
- Model in our business practice "The 4-Way Test".
- Apply to our vocation "The Object of Rotary".
- Plan to present a vocational award to someone in the community who exemplifies high ethical standards in their business and community life.

Thanks to Sue Jarvis, Vocational Service Chair for an excellent article on Vocational Service and ways to promote club involvement also included in the October newsletter.

Thanks to Don Allred for organizing "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ray Taylor District 7690 Golf Tournament" that was played at Pinewood Country Club in Asheboro, NC on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was a sellout and thanks to the efforts of refreshment cart drivers PDG Mitzi Ellis, Pat Allred, PDG Dave McCoy, Ashley Titus, and LeeSa Cornelius the golfers raised over \$1,000 for our District 7690 PolioPlus effort.

### Coming Events:

**November 1, 2008** – Rotary District 7690 Football Fellowship at Wake Forest University – Wake vs. Duke

**November 6, 2008** – The Rotary Foundation Banquet at High Point Country Club.

**November 21, 2008** – The Rotary Leadership Institute at High Point Chamber of Commerce.

Rotary Club Leadership Teams! Let's lead the clubs of District 7690 in their efforts to promote the vocations of Rotarians and emphasize Vocational Service in club activities and service projects this year.

Remember, Rotary Teamwork Will "Make Dreams Real".

Yours In Rotary Service,  
Charles

## Vocational Service

October is the month during which Rotary clubs focus on RI's emphasis of Vocational Service. Vocational Service provides opportunities for Rotarians to inspire citizens of our communities toward productive careers, to stimulate positive changes in the workforce and community, and to promote the value of the highest ethical standards in all occupations. During the month of October, "Vocational Service Month," and throughout the year, Rotarians are encouraged to utilize some of the following ideas for club meetings, projects, and outreach efforts:

**Literacy** – Communication is a fundamental skill which is vital to personal and professional success throughout life. Helping a child, adolescent, or adult learn to read, write, and speak effectively is truly a lifelong gift. It promotes individual career successes, and lifelong learning which contribute to a better educated workforce and stronger communities. Rotarians can organize new literacy initiatives, collaborate with existing programs, provide reading materials, and serve as tutors.

**High Ethical Standards** – Promote the 4-Way Test in club meetings; apply it in daily living. Organize an ethics conference during which business leaders discuss the importance of high ethical standards on productivity, employee morale, and the "bottom line." Conduct professional ethics seminars in high school and college social studies classes. Promote the "Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions."

**Vocational Awareness** – Increase the club's awareness of the scope of the Vocational Service and of the occupations represented among club. Stress the importance of high ethical standards in all occupations and in daily living. Recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.

**Vocational Awards** – Encourage vocational excellence and the practice of high ethical standards by recognizing deserving individuals and organizations. (Example: The Piedmont Business Ethics Award sponsored by the Society of Financial Service Professionals and Rotary District 7690)

**Career Development** – Work with local schools and colleges to sponsor career conferences/fairs. Serve as a host site for job shadowing or internships. Serve as a mentor. Sponsor students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Program. Provide scholarships to recent high school graduates. Support adult education and retraining programs for displaced workers; provide scholarships for adult learners; and assist the disabled in their quest for meaningful, productive employment. (...continued on page 2)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for submission of applications for district governor for 2011-2012. Applications must be mailed to the Rotary District Office, 114 Willoughby Park, High Point, NC 27265. Any questions should be directed to the District Office at 336-885-7690.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** is the football fellowship game at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. The game will be Duke vs. Wake Forest. Tickets are \$40 which includes the game and a meal voucher. The seating for the group will be in the newly designed North End Zone seating which will give the ticket holder access to the Bridger Field House. Ticket requests should be directed to Wake Forest Sports Marketing Department at 888-758-3647.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** is the annual Rotary Foundation Banquet. The banquet will be held at High Point Country Club. More information will be mailed to each club president later this month.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** is the Rotary Leadership Institute.

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**Employee Assistance** – Provide information and services to help employees improve their health and well-being and commitment to their chosen occupations. Provide programs on professional development, diet and exercise, stress management, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment.

**Rotary Volunteers** – Create awareness among club members of the volunteer opportunities available within their own and other communities. Investigate organizations, projects, and programs which need volunteers; develop programs to match Rotarians, retirees, and other volunteers to needs within the community.

Vocational Service is an interesting, exciting area in which Rotarians can make dreams real!

### *Rotarians gather for informational seminars in Clemmons, September 11, 2008.*



## Rule 85 – Attendance

Clubs often have a question concerning the Rule 85. This applies to the attendance requirement for a Rotarian. The explanation of this can be found in the 2007 Manual of Procedure, p. 255 under Article 9, Section 3. It states:

**Excused absences.** A member's absence shall be excused if the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

Please note that the Rule 85 does not exempt the member from paying dues to the club, to the district or to Rotary International. The club's board can vote not to charge dues to a member; but the member is still obligated for district and Rotary International dues.



# USA, PUERTO RICO and US VIRGIN ISLANDS ROTARY CLUBS and DISTRICTS AND THE IRS

*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](http://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.

## Please join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Leadership Institute in District 7690!

The objective of RLI is to foster Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for leaders at the club level. Through this training program, in addition to learning more about leadership and Rotary, participants also come away with new ideas and new friendships. This creates an increased commitment to Rotary and an increased level of participation in their club, resulting in an increase in energy and vitality of each club. It's all good!

The training is fast-paced, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional leaders who want to be a more active leader in Rotary.

Save the date! We are offering Parts 1, 2, and 3 at the High Point Chamber of Commerce on Friday, November 21, 2008. Registration begins at 8:30 am, the program begins at 9:00 am and runs until about 4:00 pm. Act now! Seating is limited. Parts 1, 2, 3 must be attended sequentially.

If you are a club president, this is an excellent opportunity to nominate two or three Rotarians from your club who have demonstrated leadership potential to attend this event. Consider both new (1-3 years) and experienced (3 – 40 years) Rotarians.

If you are a club member and you are interested in attending, please talk to your club president about nominating you for this special opportunity. The cost is \$95 per participant and this includes a continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch, and materials. The club usually picks up the cost of this training event.

For more information and a link to the registration form for this RLI, please visit [www.Rotary7690.org](http://www.Rotary7690.org) and scroll down to the link 'RLI in Zone 33'. (Thanks Phil!) If you have any questions about the Rotary Leadership Institute, you can call or email Abby Donnelly, RLI District Chair at (336) 884-1348 or [AbbyD@Sandler.com](mailto:AbbyD@Sandler.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

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## District Golf Fellowship September 18, 2008



## Upcoming District Governor Visits

**October 1**  
Archdale Trinity

**October 2**  
Willow Creek

**October 7**  
Winston-Salem

**October 8**  
Randolph

**October 21**  
Western Forsyth

# Attendance for August 2008

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/08	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	46	4	55	6090
*Alamance Bkft	28	28	4	78	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	24	240	4	73	29135
*Asheboro	104	101	5	61	6052
*Burlington	20	19	4	71	6092
*Carthage	17	0	4	86	6053
*Clemmons	133	127	4	72	29530
**Crescent	109	108	4	70	6056
*Deep River	9	9	5	96	51358
*East Greensboro	14	15	4	57	55569
*Eden	30	29	4	72	6058
*Furnitureland	58	59	4	78	6059
**Gate City	62	63	4	91	27995
*Graham	36	32	4	67	6107
*Greensboro	315	315	4	53	6060
*Gboro Arpt	42	42	4	71	31667
*Guilford	58	60	4	80	22059
*High Point	157	157	4	77	6062
*Jamestown	22	23	4	85	6063
**Jonesboro	51	40	4	73	22882
*Kernersville	72	74	4	77	25027
*King	22	21	4	71	51294
*Lexington	38	38	4	54	6065
*Liberty	21	21	3	60	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	37	37	4	73	6067
*Mocksville	49	54	4	71	6069
*Mount Airy	104	105	4	76	6070
*Pinehurst	39	40	4	81	6072
*Randolph	83	75	0	75	6074
*Reidsville	64	64	4	75	6075
*Reynolda	107	112	5	53	21534
*San Lee Sunrise	34	36	4	95	30735
**Sandhills	36	41	4	77	25530
**Sanford	38	38	4	57	6078
*Siler City	56	56	4	65	6079
*Southern Guilford	11	11	4	70	61795
*Southern Pines	78	85	5	75	6080
*Stoneville	16	17	4	82	6081
*Stratford	113	114	4	50	6082
*Summit	111	112	4	70	6083
*Surry Sunrise	35	35	4	69	57326
*Thomasville	77	76	4	93	6084
*Triad	37	38	4	77	6071
*Troy	30	30	3	70	6085
*Walnut Cove	21	22	4	72	6087
Western Forsyth	0	25	4	70	79812
**Willow Creek	15	15	4	62	60367
*Winston-Salem	253	251	4	43	6088
*Yadkin Valley	41	39	4	68	30000
*Yadkinville	20	21	4	75	51333
*Yanceyville	16	16	4	45	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3012</b>	<b>3232</b>		<b>71%</b>	