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ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • FEBRUARY 2009 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Make Dreams Real"

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



Charles Allen

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

We've completed seven months of our Rotary Year and we only have five months left to finish the many great projects and events planned as we "Make Dreams Real".

February is "World Understanding Month" and District 7690 is working hard to improve "World Understanding" through "Service Above Self" by our support of The Rotary Foundation. Our support of The Rotary Foundation allows us to provide funds for Matching Grants and Ambassadorial Scholars. We are changing the world one community and one individual at a time as we support the PolioPlus effort.

I have just learned that Bill Gates, Jr. announced on January 21, 2009 at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, CA that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will provide an additional 255 million dollars to Rotary to support our effort to END POLIO NOW if we will match another 100 million dollars by 2012. It is a very exciting time to be a Rotarian.

I challenge you to remember Rotary's 104th Anniversary on February 23, 2009. Plan a special club program this month to honor this special occasion.

Coming Events:

Our GSE Team is scheduled to return February 5, 2009. Please keep GSE Team Leader Joe Kelly (Summit Rotary) and GSE Team members Carrie Myers, Amanda Martin, Jenna Fariss, Shanthony Exum in your thoughts and prayers as they return home from a trip that has changed their lives. If you've followed their adventures on their blog you know they've had the "Trip of a Lifetime". Go to www.Rotary7690.org for the link to their blog.

The 2009 District Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest will be held February 21, 2009 at GTCC Jamestown Campus. If you have questions please check out the information on the District Website at www.Rotary7690.org.

The 2009 Carolinas' PETS will be March 19 -21 at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro, NC. This Presidents-Elect Training Seminar is required for each incoming President-Elect and each President-Nominee is encouraged to attend. Register at: <http://www.carolinaspets.org/registration/register.htm>

Saturday, April 4, 2009 will be Rotary District 7690 "FAMILY OF ROTARY DAY" at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, NC. See details included in this District Newsletter.

The "Rotary Youth Leadership Program" at Guilford College will be in July 19 - 25, 2009. Details are on the District Website (www.rotarydistrict7690.org). If you have further questions the RYLP Leadership team, Sam Troy [336-327-2152] & Steve Stoner [336-544-1074] from the Rotary Club of Greensboro will be glad to assist you.

The Rotary District 7690 52nd District Conference will be April 23 - 26, 2009 at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort and Conference Center. Registration materials will be sent out in January. You can check out the early details at our District 7690 website: www.rotarydistrict7690.org or <http://rotary7690conference.com/>

Mike and Mary Ann Conrad have just returned from very exciting days filled with Rotary activities while at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, CA. (continued on page 2)

Conference Registration in Full Swing...

By now, you should have received your registration packet for this year's District Conference to be held Thursday, April 23 through Sunday, April 26. This year, we will be at the beautiful Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort in South Carolina. Make your plans now to be part of this special time of fellowship for our Rotary District. This is the time of the year when your Club is honored for their devotion and accomplishments through Rotary!

Of course with us being at Myrtle Beach, who better to have lined up for our featured entertainment but, The Catalinas! With such hits as "Summertime's Call Me", "Miss Grace", "Rainy Day Bells" and "Sixty Minute Man", this is sure to be a concert for all to enjoy.

Yes... in this new year ahead, we are all dealing with the challenges of our economy. That is why our Conference Leadership Team has worked hard to try to make this an affordable event for all Rotarians. We also have sponsorship opportunities available for those of you who may wish to get your business or company name out there in front of our leading business and community leaders of Central NC. Please feel free to contact me for additional sponsor information.

Location....location.....location...With the Atlantic Ocean in our backyard, and all the best golfing and shopping in your front while enjoying inspirational speakers, programs and entertainment....we extend an invitation to you to come and fellowship with us during this conference weekend of dreams! As usual, we also plan to have special Door Prizes donated by all of our Rotary Clubs representing their communities.

Remember.....save money by registering early by February 25. You may do so by sending in your registration form or downloading a form from our conference website at: www.rotary7690conference.com

You will also need to make your hotel reservations directly with the Hilton to receive the special conference rate. A link is provided to do this online through the conference website.

So make plans to join District Governor Charles Allen, for an exciting and fulfilled conference as we "Make Dreams Real" in Myrtle Beach!

Sincerely,
David Caughron
2009 Conference Chairman

**INTERACT FUND RAISER
District 7690's newest
Interact Club at the Early
College at Guilford is
holding its first fundraiser,
"ECG's Got Talent!!!."**

**Proceeds from the show will
benefit Pwoje Espwa,
a school and orphanage in
Southern Haiti.**

**Pwoje Espwa (Creole for
"Project Hope") brings food
shelter, education, and hope
to hundreds of
homeless and impoverished
children daily. Come enjoy
the talent and benefit a worthy
cause by attending at 7 pm,
on Friday**

**February 27, in
Dana Auditorium at
Guilford College.**

**Tickets are \$4 in advance and
\$5 at the door.**

Contact Kari Vaughn at

vaughnke@guilford.edu

for tickets, or visit

www.ecginteract.org

for more details.

**Correction to January
newsletter:**

**Incoming district governor
for 2011-2012 is**

Terry Titus.

**Terry's home club is
Yadkinville, not
Yanceyville**

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Mike has received information on many opportunities and goals for 2009-2010 that he will be sharing in the near future. I look forward to working with Mike and our District Leadership Team to reach new heights of "Service Above Self" for the Rotarians and clubs in Rotary District 7690.

Thank you for all you do to make Rotary known in you community and in our world.

Remember, Rotary Teamwork Will "Make Dreams Real".

Yours In Rotary Service, *Charles*

**THE GREENSBORO ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES
THE 2009 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

The 2009 Rotary Youth Leadership Program (RYLP) will be held July 19-25, 2009, at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. RYLP is sponsored by the Greensboro Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Greensboro based Center for Creative Leadership (CCL), an internationally-known center for instruction in leadership skills. While Greensboro Rotary sponsors and organizes the RYLP, the program is conducted on behalf of Rotary District 7690. All member clubs are encouraged to sponsor participants.

Established in 1983, RYLP is designed to provide the most outstanding rising juniors and seniors, attending schools within the area covered by District 7690 of Rotary International, the opportunity to develop effective and responsible leadership skills. The program utilizes Guilford College's dormitories, cafeteria, and recreational facilities. Program staff includes professionals from the Center for Creative Leadership and representatives of the business and professional community. Prominent state and local leaders visit, speak to the participants, and assist the students in assessing their career goals. Outstanding North Carolina college students who are alumni of the program serve as staff Leadership Advisors. Sam Troy and Steve Stoner of the Greensboro Rotary Club are the Program Directors.

Selection for participation in the program is considered a distinct honor. Participation is limited to 54 carefully selected students. The selection process begins with a nomination by the local high school teacher, counselor or principal. Each nominee must demonstrate leadership experience, must maintain a "B" average in school, and must be a rising junior or senior in high school. The application of the nominee is forwarded to a local District 7690 Rotary Club Selection Committee. Each Rotary Club is allotted a set number of nominations based on the size of the Rotary Club. The nominating Rotary Club is responsible for the entire cost of the program, including room and board.

For more information visit the Rotary District 7690 website www.rotary7690.org or contact Sam Troy at sptroy@uncg.edu.



The GSE outbound team from
Rotary District 7690
departed for their experience in
India on January 1, 2009



Ambassadorial scholars from Rotary District 7690, along with trainers and governors from our district, attend a training session to help prepare them for their experience of studying abroad.

Outbound Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange Members Receive Training

On January 2, 2009, over 40 outbound Ambassadorial Scholars, seven Group Study Exchange (GSE) Teams, and 60 Rotarian coaches, mentors and trainers from the Mid-Atlantic states convened in High Point for two days of intensive orientation.

Organized by PDG Carolyn Allen, District 7710, the program helped prepare Foundation scholars and GSE team members as they set off for destinations around the globe, to serve as goodwill ambassadors, promote and partake of Rotary in far-flung places, and foster international goodwill and understanding.

District 7690 has long been a world leader in placing a number of exceptional scholars into the Ambassadorial Scholars program, typically identifying and placing four to six students annually. Our district is proud to be represented by the following scholars who will depart in 2009:

Nora Brickhouse, of Winston-Salem, is a recent graduate of Wake Forest University. She will be traveling to the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, for a year of graduate work as an Ambassadorial Scholar. She is sponsored by the **Reynolda Rotary Club** in Winston Salem, and her local advisor is **John Lewandowski**.

Donna Danzy, of Greensboro, is an elementary school educator, and a graduate of UNCG. She will be attending the Academia de Espanol in Quito, Ecuador, studying language on a 3-month Cultural Scholarship. She is sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Thomasville**, and her local advisor is **Wes Patterson**.

David Myers, of Greensboro, is currently a student at UNCG. He is the recipient of an Ambassadorial Scholarship for a year of study at the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bangalore, India. David is sponsored by the **Airport Rotary Club** in Greensboro, and his advisor is **Brian Coghill**.

Lark Walters of Winston-Salem, is currently a student at Salem College. She is the recipient of a 3-month Cultural Scholarship to study language at the Goethe-Institut Munchen in Munich, Germany. Lark is sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Winston-Salem**, and her advisor is **Gordon Bingham**.

Your district scholarship committee is currently seeking applicants for the next round of scholarships, which will be awarded for study in the 2010-2011 academic year. Participating clubs should identify and interview candidates now in order to submit the applications of those who are successful at the club interviews to the district committee by March 9 for the Ambassadorial candidates and March 23 for Cultural scholarship candidates.

For more information, please contact Eddie Vaughn, District Scholarship Chairman, at ELVaughn@triad.rr.com, or at 336.271.2009 (daytime), or visit the District website for a copy of "What Every Rotarian Should Know about Rotary Scholarships" at <http://www.rotary7690.org/TRF/7690TRFBook/TRF-FoundationScholarships-081009.pdf>



FAMILY OF ROTARY DAY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO

Join in the fun of the fourth annual District 7690 Family of Rotary Day at the North Carolina Zoo April 4th from 9 until 5. Bring the entire family for an adventure as big as all outdoors.

Registration begins at 8:30 am at the Africa Entrance where you will pick up two tickets, one for the Zoo and one for your picnic lunch at the beautiful, green Solar Pointe Pavilion. Please note that all participants must pre-register so your tickets will be ready for you at the registration table.

Once you have your tickets, enjoy the Feast of the Beast celebration! Meet keepers and learn about animal appetites while strolling our pathways. Marvel at our elephants and rhinos up close in our new Watani Grasslands exhibit as well as our other African animals in their natural habitats and the tropical aviary filled with birds.

Make your way to our brand new Sim-Ex theatre and thrill to the film "Wild Earth: Africa" and enjoy an enchanted ride on our custom-made carousel featuring endangered animals.

You will lunch in the Green section of our Solar Pointe Pavilion, located outside the North America entrance, between 11:30 and 1.

After lunch tour North America with polar, black and grizzly bears, red wolves, alligators, cougars, sea birds, Arctic foxes and many many more animals from our continent.

SEND YOUR \$20 REGISTRATION PER-PERSON TODAY. NOTE: Children MUST be accompanied by an adult, preferably a Rotarian at all times. (Form on page 4.)



North Carolina Zoo

JOIN THE FUN DISTRICT 7690 FAMILY OF ROTARY ZOO DAY

Hosted by the Asheboro Club

**DATE: April 4, 2009
TIME: 9 AM to 5 PM**

**REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM – 11 AM
AFRICA ENTRANCE**

**PRICE: \$20 ADULTS and CHILDREN (under 12)
INCLUDES PICNIC LUNCH 11:30 – 1:00
AT SOLAR POINTE IN NORTH AMERICA**

**PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
DUE MARCH 27**

REGISTRATION FORM

Rotarian Name _____ Club _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Family Member Names

ADULTS

CHILDREN



NOTE: Children MUST be accompanied by an adult, preferably a Rotarian.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FORM AND MONEY DUE MARCH 27

**Make check payable to Asheboro Rotary
Pick up Tickets at the Registration Table.**

SEND FORM AND CHECK TO:

**Rebecca Briles
1079 Arrowstone Dr.
Asheboro, NC 27205
336-626-3060
rebecca.briles@mail.house.gov**

Attendance for December 2008

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/08	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	42	48	3	65	6090
*Alamance Bkft	28	28	3	71	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	24	26	3	67	29135
*Asheboro	104	99	3	68	6052
*Burlington	20	20	3	92	6092
*Carthage	17	0	3	68	6053
*Clemmons	133	117	4	78	29530
**Crescent	109	102	3	76	6056
*Deep River	9	8	3	83	51358
*East Greensboro	14	17	3	51	55569
*Eden	30	29	4	72	6058
*Furnitureland	58	60	3	73	6059
**Gate City	62	66	2	95	27995
*Graham	36	33	3	56	6107
*Greensboro	315	316	3	64	6060
*Gboro Arpt	42	42	3	74	31667
*Guilford	58	59	3	63	22059
*High Point	157	158	3	74	6062
*Jamestown	22	25	3	89	6063
**Jonesboro	49	46	3	71	22882
*Kernersville	72	65	4	79	25027
*King	22	20	3	74	51294
*Lexington	38	36	2	86	6065
*Liberty	21	19	2	71	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	37	32	2	70	6067
*Mocksville	49	57	3	71	6069
*Mount Airy	104	102	4	78	6070
*Pinehurst	39	43	3	70	6072
*Randolph	83	83	3	74	6074
*Reidsville	64	61	3	69	6075
*Reynolda	107	111	3	51	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	34	33	4	93	30735
**Sandhills	36	41	3	78	25530
**Sanford	38	35	3	68	6078
*Siler City	56	53	3	76	6079
*Southern Guilford	11	11	3	70	61795
*Southern Pines	78	85	3	82	6080
*Stoneville	16	17	3	75	6081
*Stratford	113	105	2	55	6082
*Summit	111	109	3	80	6083
*Surry Sunrise	35	37	4	65	57326
*Thomasville	77	79	3	88	6084
*Triad	37	35	3	87	6071
*Troy	30	32	3	68	6085
*Walnut Cove	21	21	3	62	6087
*Western Forsyth	(missing)	30	4	78	79812
**Willow Creek	15	13	3	83	60367
*Winston-Salem	253	251	3	46	6088
*Yadkin Valley	41	36	3	61	30000
*Yadkinville	20	21	4	67	51333
*Yanceyville	16	12	3	69	6134
DISTRICT	3003	2984		72%	