

The Piedmont Rotarian

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

"Make Dreams Real"

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What a Great Time to be a Rotarian and to be Your District Governor!

We've completed nine months of our Rotary Year and we only have three months left to complete the many great projects and events planned. April is "Magazine Month" and is a reminder of the wealth of information

about all of the diverse activities of Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts, and Rotary leaders around the world. This gold mine comes into our homes each month and is full of nuggets of "Service Above Self" ideas from Rotarians as they attempt to "Make Dreams Real" in the lives of others. STOP! TAKE TIME to read "The Rotarian" Rotary's Magazine. You will be glad you did!

The Carolina's PETS involving 7 Districts, 6 in NC and 1 in SC was just completed March 19-21, 2009. There were 592 Rotarians registered for this outstanding training seminar. We had breakout session for each District, training sessions for president-elects, president-nominees and excellent presentations from Rotary International officers and presenters. RI President-Elect John Kenny from Scotland shared his goals for RI for 2009-2010. Rotarian Glen Ward, Speaker and Humorist, entertained us with down home stories and life lessons that encouraged us to enjoy life and laugh often. Duane Sterling, The Rotary Foundation General Manager 1997-2003 and currently Aide to RI President Nominee Ray Klingensmith (2010-2011) shared the goals of The Rotary Foundation for 2009-2010. Winnie Morgan, speaker and trainer, encouraged us to not "Should" on each other, but to "Honk" words of encouragement as we face life's challenges and trials. She challenged each leader and Rotarian to work together like geese flying in a "V" and experience how team work can increase our effectiveness by 70 % or more. There were at least 18 District 7690 Rotarians involved in District 7690 Break-out and Small Group Sessions at the Carolinas' PETS this year.

District 7690 District Conference at The Hilton Resort and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC will be

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Rotary 7690 Welcomes Abraham Gordon to 2009 Rotary District Conference



Abe was born and grew up in Bridgeport, CT. He and his late wife Marilyn were married in 1954 and they have two children and three grandchildren. They were married for 46 years at the time of her death 8 years ago.

Abe earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Bridgeport (CT) and a Juris Doctor degree from Duke University School of Law.

He is Partner in the law firm of Gordon & Scalo, Esqs. In Bridgeport, CT and is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of Connecticut, the federal courts and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Abe has been a member of the Rotary Club of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT since 1973 and was club president in 1980-81.

He was GSE Team Leader to Australia District 9800 in 1986, District Governor of District 7980 in 1989-90, RI Vice-President 1999-00 and RI Director 1998-00.

He and Marilyn are Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation and they and their children and grandchildren are all Paul Harris Fellows. He has been honored by RI with the "Service Above Self" award and by The Rotary Foundation by the "Distinguished Service Award" and the "Citation for Meritorious Service". In 2000 he led the PolioPlus National Immunization Day program in Ghana & Togo that immunized over 5,000,000 children.

Abe is an instrument rated aircraft pilot and a licensed Amateur Radio Operator. He is a member of the RI Fellowship of Flying Rotarians and of the Rotarians of Amateur Radio. For over 30 years, he has served as a volunteer civilian search-and-rescue boat crew and pilot for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

CLUBS MERGE

**The Rotary Club
of Willow Creek
and the**

**Rotary Club
of Deep River
officially merged
into one club
as of March 12.**

**The Willow Creek
Rotary Club
meets on
Thursday, 7:15 a.m.
at High Point
Country Club.**

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attended by 355+ District Rotarians, spouses, friends and guests. Don't miss the opportunity to gain more knowledge about the diverse Rotary activities in District 7690. Sandra & I look forward to seeing you April 23 - 25, 2009 at the DC.

Coming Events:

The GSE Team from District 3250 in India arrived on March 26, 2009 and will be coming to a club in your Area. Don't miss the opportunity to meet and greet these young professionals as they travel around the District March 26 - April 22 and at the District Conference.

Saturday, April 4, 2009 will be Rotary District 7690 "FAMILY OF ROTARY DAY" at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, NC. Check the website for details.

The "Rotary Youth Leadership Program" at Guilford College will be in July 19 - 25, 2009. The leadership team from the Rotary Club of Greensboro has organized a great leadership training event at Guilford College for High School students.

2009 has presented us with great challenges and opportunities. Membership challenges will allow us the opportunity to stretch as we reach out to others to retain and recruit members for our clubs. Share the joy of Rotary "Service Above Self" through our efforts to "Make Dreams Real".

Remember, Rotary Teamwork Will "Make Dreams Real".
Yours In Rotary Service,

Charles

FOURTH ANNUAL OLD DOMINION-ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

"Teaming Up for Kids" is the theme for the upcoming golf tournament at the Mid-Pines Golf Club in Southern Pines. It will be held on Monday, June 1. The proceeds from the tournament will help support the children in the Rotary cottage at the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. The Rotary cottage is currently being renovated. Contact Sanders Dallas at 336-883-0738 for entry forms.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The new Rotary year, 2009-2010, is fast approaching. Club officers and directors should plan to attend the District Assembly. It will be held on Friday, May 15th at GTCC, Jamestown Campus. The meeting will begin with a light breakfast and conclude by noon.

Registration materials will be sent to the club's president-elect this month.

DISTRICT-SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

Applications for district-simplified grants will be accepted beginning May 1.

Grants for the 2009-2010 Rotary year will be \$2,000. Money will be awarded on a first-come basis.

ROTARY FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Clubs are strongly encouraged to send any donations to the Annual Fund as soon as possible before the end of this Rotary year. If possible, club donations need to be made by May 31.



Rotarians, Volunteers Gather to Assemble 26,000 Meals for Poor

Rotarians and Christian volunteers gathered this month in Sanford to package 26,000 meals for the hungry.

The meals, paid for by donations from Sanford's three Rotary clubs, will be shipped by members of Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization, to Korea and Zambia. Approximately 50 volunteers were packaging meals on a Saturday at the Christians United Outreach Center on Industrial Drive. The atmosphere was festive, with volunteers dancing to music and ringing a large gong each time 1,000 meals had been packaged.

"It's great fellowship," said Rotarian Sam Sillaman, one of the event's organizers. "It's great to see everyone all working together and having fun. Sometimes different clubs, even if we all have the same goals, run counter to each other because we have different characteristics."

Volunteers included members of the Jonesboro Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Sanford and the San-Lee Sunrise Rotary Club, as well as members of various area churches and CUOC.

Terry Brown of the Raleigh-based Operation: Sharehouse branch of Stop Hunger Now, said Rotarians accounted for a large portion of the operations the group does. "Probably about half of the events we do are supported in some way by Rotarians," Brown said. "They're just a big part of our organization."

The food packets contain rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and chicken. Once finished, the packages will keep for three to five years. Brown said Stop Hunger Now tries to provide countries with three-year supplies of food.

"We send most of our school lunch programs around the world," Brown said. "960 million people go hungry every day."

At 25 cents per meal, the 26,000 meals cost \$6,400 to prepare. Those funds came from area Rotary clubs, Sillaman said.

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Attendance for February 2009

| CLUBS | MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/08 | CURRENT MEMBERS | MONTHLY MEETINGS | MONTHLY % ATTEND NO. | CLUB ID |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| *Alamance | 42 | 51 | 4 | 61 | 6090 |
| *Alamance Bkft | 28 | 28 | 3 | 75 | 23238 |
| *Archdale/Trinity | 24 | 27 | 4 | 82 | 29135 |
| *Asheboro | 104 | 103 | 4 | 65 | 6052 |
| *Burlington | 20 | 22 | 4 | 75 | 6092 |
| *Carthage | 17 | 20 | 4 | 84 | 6053 |
| *Clemmons | 133 | 117 | 4 | 73 | 29530 |
| **Crescent | 106 | 102 | 4 | 76 | 6056 |
| *East Greensboro | 14 | 17 | 3 | 70 | 55569 |
| *Eden | 30 | 27 | 4 | 64 | 6058 |
| *Furnitureland | 58 | 60 | 4 | 77 | 6059 |
| **Gate City | 62 | 66 | 4 | 93 | 27995 |
| *Graham | 36 | 36 | 4 | 65 | 6107 |
| *Greensboro | 315 | 312 | 4 | 62 | 6060 |
| *Gboro Arpt | 42 | 42 | 3 | 75 | 31667 |
| *Guilford | 58 | 61 | 4 | 73 | 22059 |
| *High Point | 157 | 158 | 4 | 74 | 6062 |
| *Jamestown | 22 | 26 | 4 | 78 | 6063 |
| **Jonesboro | 49 | 46 | 4 | 76 | 22882 |
| **Kernersville | 72 | 65 | 3 | 89 | 25027 |
| *King | 22 | 22 | 4 | 80 | 51294 |
| *Lexington | 38 | 30 | 4 | 76 | 6065 |
| *Liberty | 21 | 18 | 4 | 72 | 6066 |
| *Madison/Mayodan | 37 | 32 | 4 | 70 | 6067 |
| *Mocksville | 49 | 55 | 4 | 71 | 6069 |
| *Mount Airy | 104 | 103 | 4 | 76 | 6070 |
| *Pinehurst | 39 | 42 | 3 | 77 | 6072 |
| *Randolph | 83 | 83 | 3 | 82 | 6074 |
| *Reidsville | 64 | 61 | 3 | 79 | 6075 |
| *Reynolda | 107 | 114 | 4 | 56 | 21534 |
| **San Lee Sunrise | 34 | 30 | 4 | 88 | 30735 |
| **Sandhills | 36 | 41 | 4 | 71 | 25530 |
| **Sanford | 38 | 33 | 4 | 76 | 6078 |
| *Siler City | 56 | 54 | 3 | 73 | 6079 |
| *Southern Guilford | 11 | 11 | 4 | 70 | 61795 |
| *Southern Pines | 78 | 85 | 4 | 74 | 6080 |
| *Stoneville | 16 | 17 | 4 | 79 | 6081 |
| *Stratford | 113 | 107 | 4 | 52 | 6082 |
| *Summit | 111 | 111 | 4 | 79 | 6083 |
| *Surry Sunrise | 35 | 35 | 4 | 71 | 57326 |
| *Thomasville | 77 | 79 | 4 | 98 | 6084 |
| *Triad | 37 | 35 | 4 | 73 | 6071 |
| *Troy | 30 | 32 | 4 | 70 | 6085 |
| *Walnut Cove | 21 | 16 | 4 | 60 | 6087 |
| *Western Forsyth | (missing) | 31 | 4 | 95 | 79812 |
| **Willow Creek | 15 | 19 | 4 | 88 | 60367 |
| *Winston-Salem | 253 | 249 | 4 | 48 | 6088 |
| *Yadkin Valley | 41 | 35 | 4 | 62 | 30000 |
| *Yadkinville | 20 | 18 | 3 | 84 | 51333 |
| *Yanceyville | 16 | 10 | 4 | 83 | 6134 |

DISTRICT

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District 7690 Calendar

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*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club **Triple Crown Club

