

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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

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*Mike Conrad, Governor, 212 Staunton Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410*

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Mike Conrad

As we embark on a new Rotary year, I can't think of a more appropriate theme announced by our Rotary International President, John Kenny – "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands." It is incumbent on us as Rotarians to determine the future of Rotary and assure Rotary is more relevant tomorrow than it is today.

Who better to chart Rotary's future than the Rotarians in District 7690 – one of the most accomplished districts in the Rotary world!

Rotary was founded 104 years ago on the clear idea that people of good character, intelligence, and morals, joined together, could achieve much more than they could do alone. We should be proud of our accomplishments thus far, but we can't begin to "rest on our laurels." It is clearly our responsibility to determine Rotary's future that will address the needs of those less fortunate whether they be in our own community or around the world.

That is why I ask you to join with me this year by exerting your great collective talents in the following areas:

**Membership recruitment and retention** - We continue to lose members in the United States and our district has been no exception to this trend. I am certain we will reverse the trend this year by recruiting new members with the capacity to do great deeds, to do them wisely, and with the strength and character to do these great deeds honestly and well. We often forget what truly life changing good works we do to make a simple "ask" of a neighbor, parishioner, or business acquaintance. No better way to fill a potential void in a person's life than to join a wonderful group of Rotarians who truly believe in "Service Above Self." I know my life was changed by a simple "ask" to join Rotary back in 1991. (cont. on pg.2)

## JOHN KENNY

*Grangemouth, Scotland*

**President**, Rotary International, 2009-10

**Vice Chair**, 2008 (Los Angeles) Convention Committee, 2007-08

**Trustee**, The Rotary Foundation, 2000-04

**Executive Committee Chair**, Rotary International, 1996-97

**Director**, Rotary International, 1995-97

**President**, RIBI, 1992-93

**Vice President**, RIBI, 1991-92

**District Governor**, 1984-85



John Kenny, of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland, is a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge, and a notary. He is active in scouting and earned the Medal of Merit for helping to form new scout groups in Eastern Europe. An elder of the Church of Scotland, he's served as session clerk and presbytery elder. Kenny was also appointed deputy lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. He is a past president of both the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chambers of Commerce. He is also past general legal counsel of Jaycees International.

A Rotarian since 1970, Kenny served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland as president and vice president. He has served RI as director, executive committee chair, Rotary Foundation trustee, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative, and committee member and chair. He's been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Councils on Legislation.

Kenny is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Bequest Society member and has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

He has been married to June since 1965.

## District Governor Club Visits For July

7/14/2009	Madison/Mayodan
7/15/2009	Yadkin Valley
7/16/2009	Graham
7/20/2009	Alamance Breakfast
7/20/2009	Reidsville
7/21/2009	Eden
7/22/2009	Mid-State
7/22/2009	Randolph
7/23/2009	King
7/23/2009	Walnut Cove
7/24/2009	Reynolda
7/27/2009	San-Lee
7/27/2009	Siler City
7/28/2009	Mocksville
7/29/2009	Clemmons
7/29/2009	Thomasville
7/30/2009	Jonesboro

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Also, we must remember that once we recruit these new Rotarians, it is imperative to mentor them as retention is just as important as recruitment.

**Water, health and hunger, and literacy** – I ask you to continue your good works in these areas where there is the greatest need and we can make the greatest impact on the lives of others. We must continue to learn from our experiences and to build on our successes. I ask you to continue to work for health and well-being of not only children but families of people everywhere.

As many of you have heard me say, the club is the most important part of Rotary. Everything we accomplish begins and ends with our clubs. The clubs in our district have done stellar work in tackling worthy projects impacting those with lesser means. Your efforts are forever changing the lives of others.

**Polio Eradication** – We must finish the job! All of us are key to finally eradicating polio from the face of the earth. I am certain we as Rotarians are up to the challenge put before us by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to raise \$200 million. Our district has a goal to raise \$350,000 by June 30, 2012. At this juncture we have raised approximately \$90,000. It is evident we have a ways to go. I ask you to establish a challenging but reachable goal and in doing so “widen the net” to secure these vital dollars from the citizens from your community. Will it not be a glorious day when it is announced that polio has been finally eradicated and we as Rotarians led the charge to make this happen?

In closing, I want you to know what an honor it is for me to serve as your District Governor this year. I know we have many opportunities and challenges before us. I also know we have the passionate Rotarians in District 7690 committed to changing the lives of others making this a better, healthier, and more peaceful world.

The future of Rotary COULD NOT BE IN BETTER HANDS!

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND OFFICER INSTALLATION JUNE 11, 2009



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## DISTRICT LAUNCH OF FLIGHT OF HONOR WILL SEND VETERANS TO VISIT WWII MEMORIAL

DG Mike Conrad announced at District Assembly in May the first of hopefully many Rotary sponsored flights to Washington, DC to honor our WW II veterans living in Piedmont North Carolina.

On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> one hundred (100) World War II veterans will board a US Airways chartered flight from Greensboro to Washington, DC for a one-day trip to visit the WW II Memorial and other interesting sites. Regretfully, our country is losing nearly 1,500 WW II veterans each day and this is a tremendous way to show tribute and thanks for their service and sacrifice. Priority will be given to veterans who have never seen the WW II Memorial and who otherwise would not be able to go due to financial and/or physical limitations.

Rotary clubs in District 7690 are being asked to help recruit and sponsor veterans who live in our district for the flight. Clubs are encouraged to partner with veterans' organizations, civic groups and churches in their fundraising efforts and search for veterans. The cost to sponsor a veteran is \$500. We will also need 33 volunteers to go as guardians on the flight to assist the veterans throughout the day. The cost to fly as a guardian is \$200. Any club that sponsors 3 veterans will be allowed a guardian spot.

A new website [www.triadflightofhonor.org](http://www.triadflightofhonor.org) will be available soon with additional information on this flight, applications for veterans and guardians, and sponsor/contribution information. Once the website is launched, our district website will provide a link to it.

The week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a local media blitz including TV, radio, and print media to kickoff this event, solicit fundraising support and attract veteran applicants from our communities. Rotary is the lead organization in the planning and execution of this flight.

Our Rotary neighbors in District 7680 supported a similar flight from Charlotte in April 2009, which was a huge success. Please visit their website at [www.flightofhonor.org](http://www.flightofhonor.org) and see the short videos on the history and impact of these flights.

For more information, please contact PDG Mitzi Ellis (336-601-7501) ([mitziewva@triad.rr.com](mailto:mitziewva@triad.rr.com)) or Jeff Sims (336-706-0194) ([jsims@bankofgranite.com](mailto:jsims@bankofgranite.com)).

## PINEHURST ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES RAFFLE WINNER

**“Thanks to all the District 7690 Rotarians who participated in the Pinehurst Rotary Clubs recent raffle to benefit St. Ann’s Hospital in Jamaica. Through your generosity many lives in Jamaica will be touched.”** The photo is of Rotarian Doug Moore calling the lucky number. Doug, a past President of the Pinehurst Rotary, developed the drawing as a fund raiser to raise funds to meet the matching grant requirements for a District Simplified Grant.

**“The winner of the all inclusive 7 day vacation for two at the five star Gran Bahia Principe resort in Runaway Bay Jamaica is R.Q. Simmons of Southern Pines NC.”**



# Attendance for May 2009

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/08	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	42	52	4	59	6090
*Alamance Bkft	28	26	3	76	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	24	260	4	60	29135
*Asheboro	104	97	4	45	6052
*Burlington	20	20	3	85	6092
*Carthage	17	20	4	73	6053
*Clemmons	133	113	4	70	29530
**Crescent	106	107	3	72	6056
*East Greensboro	14	17	4	54	55569
*Eden	30	27	0	72	6058
*Furnitureland	58	62	3	63	6059
**Gate City	62	64	4	95	27995
*Graham	36	35	4	69	6107
*Greensboro	315	311	4	62	6060
*Gboro Arpt	42	38	2	82	31667
*Guilford	58	56	4	66	22059
*High Point	157	152	4	72	6062
*Jamestown	22	24	4	80	6063
**Jonesboro	49	47	3	78	22882
**Kernersville	72	77	4	85	25027
*King	22	21	4	70	51294
*Lexington	38	24	4	51	6065
*Liberty	21	22	4	75	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	37	30	4	68	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	(missing)	20	6	90	81879
*Mocksville	49	52	4	67	6069
*Mount Airy	104	99	4	71	6070
*Pinehurst	39	39	4	78	6072
*Randolph	83	79	4	84	6074
*Reidsville	64	61	3	73	6075
*Reynolda	107	108	5	56	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	34	30	4	88	30735
**Sandhills	36	41	4	73	25530
**Sanford	38	36	4	57	6078
*Siler City	56	54	3	70	6079
*Southern Guilford	11	8	3	70	61795
*Southern Pines	78	88	6	85	6080
*Stoneville	16	17	4	80	6081
*Stratford	113	104	3	51	6082
*Summit	111	107	4	74	6083
*Surry Sunrise	35	31	4	68	57326
*Thomasville	77	73	4	90	6084
*Triad	37	35	4	75	6071
*Troy	30	29	4	66	6085
*Walnut Cove	21	17	4	66	6087
*Western Forsyth	(missing)	26	4	85	79812
**Willow Creek	15	20	4	95	60367
*Winston-Salem	253	254	4	45	6088
*Yadkin Valley	41	33	4	64.38	30000
*Yadkinville	20	20	4	82	51333
*Yanceyville	16	12	4	75	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>2991</b>	<b>3195</b>		<b>72%</b>	