

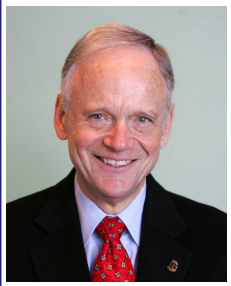
# The Piedmont Rotarian

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

*"The future of Rotary is in your hands."*

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

## Actions Speak Louder than Words!



Mike Conrad

Can you believe we are quickly approaching the end of 2009? What an ideal time to reflect on our Rotary year that is already five months old. It is incredible what 2900 dedicated Rotarians can accomplish in such a short time. You have certainly exceeded what is expected of you! If asked to describe attributes of the Rotarians in our district,

I would list first-involved. Not only are you involved in your club's projects, programs and fundraisers, but you have supported and become extremely involved in the district initiatives as well as the Rotary Foundation initiatives.

You have also embraced and become unbelievably involved in the "Triad Flight of Honor." Over 200 World War II veterans have had the opportunity to visit their memorial and other historic sites in Washington, DC. The outpouring of support and involvement has come in many ways. Past District Governor Mitzi Ellis planted the seed that unleashed your passion to act now to honor our true heroes. You did so by volunteering your precious time to participate as a member of the Steering Committee, a guardian, support team or by simply being present at a sendoff and/or return home reception. Your monetary contributions (along with some public contributions) not only funded the first two flights, but have already provided funding for our next two flights on April 17, 2010 and May 22, 2010.

Secondly, you strive for excellence in everything you do. Excellence results in doing more than is expected of you. Your generous contributions to our Rotary Foundation, shows you far exceed the norm. In November, 2009, 350 Rotarians, spouses and guests gathered at our Foundation Banquet to celebrate your accomplishments during the past Rotary year. Not only are we a 100% Paul Harris Fellow District with 8 Triple Crown clubs, but we have the largest percentage of clubs in the Rotary world as 100% Sustaining clubs—meaning every member in each club has donated a minimum of \$100 to Annual Fund of our Foundation during the 2008–09 year. Your contributions support our outstanding GSE Team who will be traveling to Australia in mid-March, our Ambassadorial Scholars, our District Simplified Grants, and our Matching Grants. As a result your support of the World Peace Fellow Program, we have been designated as a "Peace Builder District." Justin Peele sponsored by the Siler City club is our most recent World Peace Fellow. John Osterlund, the General Manager of the Rotary Foundation and (...continued on page 3)



## Rotary District Conference will be a "DO NOT MISS"!

Register Early, it WILL sell out!!

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will climb the mountain to the beautiful, historic **Grove Park Inn** and begin what is guaranteed to be one of the best District Conferences in recent years. There are few other settings in North Carolina that could offer this incredible Rotary District of ours a place to celebrate a years worth of people that put Service above Self. Drive up Friday morning and be prepared to be Uplifted, Inspired and Motivated to go back to your club with infectious Rotary energy. We will laugh, sing, dance and shed a tear or two as we embrace the spirit of Rotary that this District is known for. We challenge each club to bring all new members and ones who have never been before. If you get them there, we will send them back with a new energy for Rotary that only attending a Conference can achieve. Registration mails out in January, but you can book your Mountain View rooms now by calling the Grove Park Inn at 1-800-438-5800 and beat the rush!

See you on the Mountain!

Kelly Harrill & Marlee Foster  
DC Co-Chairs



## Rotary Foundation Banquet

Over 350 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the Rotary Foundation Banquet which was held at High Point Country Club on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Midstate was recognized for becoming a 100% Paul Harris Club. The top three clubs for per capita giving for the 2007-2008 Rotary year were: Yadkinville #1, Furnitureland #2 and Kernersville #3.

## Attention Club Secretaries

Registration materials for the 2010 Rotary District Conference will be mailed out in January. The address for each Rotarian in District 7690 will be taken from the district database. Please make sure that you have deleted all that are no longer a member of the club and added all new members. Also please make sure the current address for each member is correct. This will ensure that the Rotarians in your club will receive the registration materials.

*In Memoriam*  
**Johnsie H. Hudspeth**  
President, Yadkin Valley  
Rotary Club  
November 13, 2009

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## Interactors Fight Polio with "Beauty Contest"

The Pinecrest High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Southern Pines Rotary Club, organized a salute to Rotary night on October 23. The event was a football game between Pinecrest and Purnel-Swet. To remind the public of Rotary's polio eradication program, PHS Interact members distributed the new Rotary polio quad-fold pamphlet "Our Gift to the World: Polio Eradication" and sold the "Goodbye Polio" bumper stickers. At half-time, Area 9 Rotarians and Polio survivors were recognized.

The PHS Interactors combined the football game fundraiser with a "Mr. Pinecrest High School" contest the following night. Male contestants were judged on Individuality, Fundraising, Talent, Formal Wear, and Personal Interview. The interview consisted of questions such as, "What progress has been made in the fight to eradicate polio?" and "The polio virus can spread from an endemic country into polio free areas, so what is our greatest challenge to the goal of a polio free world?" Guest performers included: Miss Pinecrest, Miss Greater Sandhills Outstanding Teen 2009, and Miss Greater Sandhills 2010, Emily McLean. The following week, Adam Cheatham, the winner of the "Mr. Pinecrest" Contest, presented Mrs. Cathy Harpster with a check for \$1238.



Adam Cheatham, Mr. Pinecrest;  
Emily McLean, Miss Greater Sandhills 2010  
and her Carolina Princess, Madison Hadaway

Cheatham stated, "The contest was so successful and so much fun that we plan to complete it again next year and raise even more money to help fight polio."

For more information about the football/"beauty" contest, please contact Cathy Coats Harpster, District Interact chair, [ccharpster@nc.rr.com](mailto:ccharpster@nc.rr.com). The free polio pamphlets may be ordered from RI. The "Goodbye Polio" bumper stickers are available from the Del Mar CA Rotary Club: \$62.50 for a roll of 250 plus mailing charge. To order contact Marty Peters: [marty.financialplandesign@jpl.com](mailto:marty.financialplandesign@jpl.com).

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 NOMINATES 2012-2013 GOVERNOR

The Rotary District 7690 Nominating Committee, chaired by Past District Governor Mitzi Ellis, has nominated Rick Snider of the Lexington Rotary Club to serve as District Governor of Rotary District 7690 in 2012-2013. The Committee would like to thank the candidates, Joe Kelly of the Summit Rotary Club and Rick Snider of the Lexington Rotary Club for their dedication to District 7690 and their willingness to serve.

### **The Rotary District 7690 Manual of Procedure and Policy states that:**

Following the announcement no later than December 1 by the District Governor of the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to the clubs, any club in District 7690 may propose by way of resolution naming the candidate (whose name shall have been previously submitted to the Nominating Committee prior to the October 23rd deadline) and certifying that the candidate meets the qualifications established by RI. If challenge candidates are received, the procedures for a mail ballot are determined by the Nominating Committee and ballots are mailed to the clubs. Any challenge must be received by January 1 and should be sent to the office of the District Governor. If no challenges are received by February 1, the candidate of the Nominating Committee shall be declared the DGND. If a mail ballot is necessary, the DG announces the results of the mail ballot by March 1, and the winner shall be declared the DGND.

# Rotary Foundation Banquet

Nov. 12, 2009



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our guest speaker at our banquet, was extremely impressed with ALL you do to support our Foundation. You truly abide by our motto of "to do good in the world."

Thirdly, you cherish the family of Rotary by involving your family in district activities. Family members are Rotary's greatest asset when it comes to doing good. A wonderful opportunity to involve your family is our District Conference to be held at the fabulous Grove Park Inn and Spa in Asheville, April 23 – 25, 2010. We promise to refresh, uplift, and inspire you and your family. I hope you will make your plans NOW to celebrate your impressive accomplishments for our Rotary year.

Fourth and finally, you are motivated in such a way that your attitude, convictions, and beliefs are clear, strong and contagious. You are motivated to provide the necessary resources to finally eradicate polio from the face of the earth. When Rotarians are motivated, we achieve extraordinary results. Your motivation WILL finish the job!

In this holiday season, let us take time to reflect, gather with our family and friends, be thankful for the blessings of each day, and celebrate our spiritual traditions. Mary Ann and I wish each of you and your family the happiest of holiday seasons.

# Second *Flight of Honor*

*Dear Mike, Mitzie and Jeff,*

I have delayed expressing my thanks to each of you, to the guardians and to the many volunteers who worked to make this Flight of Honor a very memorable experience. This time has provided me with the opportunities to share my experience with a number of folks and each time they were aware of my enthusiasm for the trip. In reflection, it is very obvious that many hours went into the planning, organizing and conducting this special flight to honor the 102 World War II veterans and each one should be grateful for this effort.

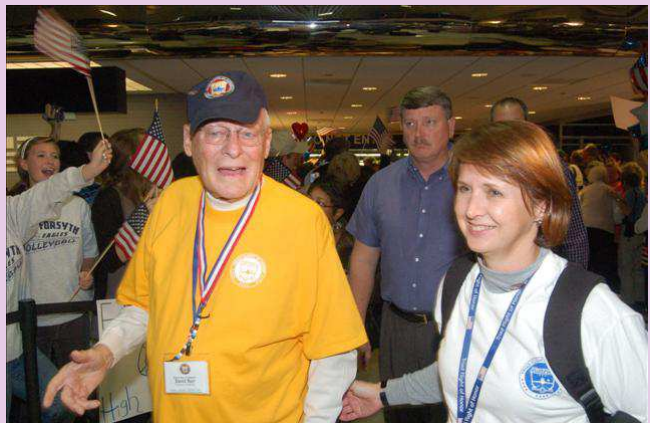
You may be interested in the following information. Yesterday, being Veterans Day, the Methodist Men in my church sponsored a dinner and program honoring our veterans. Even with the hard rain, we had almost 150 people present. There were two long tables in the Fellowship Hall where veterans displayed their pictures and other mementoes. One veteran displayed his purple heart medal with two stars and his Bronze star. I used the large Flight of Honor picture and the pictures that I took plus my cap, name tag, yellow shirt and the letters from the children. All of these items received a lot of attention. The sanctuary was decorated with flags on each pew and across the front. I lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. I was one of the main speakers and I told them about my “awesome” trip on the Flight of Honor. I covered most of the highlights. I mentioned the water cannon salutes. Then I covered the reception in the Reagan Airport and the greetings by the Congressional members. I did my best to describe the beautiful World War II Memorial from the pool and fountains, to the State columns and the Wall with the 4000 Gold Stars and what they represent. I told them that we also had an opportunity to see the Korean, Vietnam, Lincoln, the FDR, the Marine and Air Force Memorials. I had a difficult time trying to describe the highlight of the trip and the tremendous, heart warming reception that we received from the 1200 who were present at the Piedmont Triad Airport when we returned home. I paused in my description and almost had tears like I had at the airport. At the end of my talk, the congregation stood and applauded me as I walked from the pulpit being honored like we all were at the airport reception.

In my talk I gave the District Rotary clubs the credit for sponsoring the trips with support from WXII and from the corporate sponsors and the general public.

I thank you again for all of the hard work that was required to make this Flight of Honor an unforgettable experience that will long be remembered by the veterans and their families.

May God continue to bless each of you and the wonderful volunteers.

*Harley P. Affeldt*



# Attendance for September 2009

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/09	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	50	54	4	64	6090
*Alamance Bkft	25	25	4	79	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	26	22	4	58	29135
*Asheboro	96	91	5	64	6052
*Burlington	19	20	4	84	6092
*Carthage	20	22	5	69	6053
*Clemmons	105	117	4	82	29530
**Crescent	99	102	4	70	6056
*East Greensboro	17	18	4	49	55569
*Eden	27	28	0	57	6058
*Furnitureland	54	54	4	58	6059
**Gate City	65	66	5	95	27995
*Graham	35	39	5	71	6107
*Greensboro	306	304	4	63	6060
*Gboro Arpt	37	38	3	80	31667
*Guilford	56	56	4	75	22059
*High Point	149	142	5	75	6062
*Jamestown	24	26	4	85	6063
**Jonesboro	39	41	5	77	22882
**Kernersville	76	82	4	91	25027
*King	21	23	0	70	51294
*Lexington	25	22	4	60	6065
*Liberty	22	22	5	53	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	30	32	4	77	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	24	26	4	78	81879
*Mocksville	49	55	3	71	6069
*Mount Airy	95	97	4	74	6070
*Pinehurst	38	37	3	83	6072
*Randolph	76	78	4	94	6074
*Reidsville	61	61	3	79	6075
*Reynolda	106	98	5	58	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	30	28	5	100	30735
**Sandhills	40	40	4	78	25530
**Sanford	34	33	4	79	6078
*Siler City	53	53	4	71	6079
*Southern Guilford	8	11	4	90	61795
*Southern Pines	88	86	5	76	6080
*Stoneville	17	18	5	79	6081
*Stratford	102	104	5	38	6082
*Summit	105	106	5	65	6083
*Surry Sunrise	30	28	4	69	57326
*Thomasville	69	70	4	88	6084
*Triad	34	34	3	76	6071
*Troy	29	28	5	67	6085
*Walnut Cove	17	18	5	69	6087
*Western Forsyth	23	25	4	83	79812
**Willow Creek	18	19	4	78	60367
*Winston-Salem	255	261	4	40	6088
*Yadkin Valley	33	39	4	75	30000
*Yadkinville	20	21	4	65	51333
*Yanceyville	10	10	4	65	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>2887</b>	<b>2930</b>		<b>72%</b>	

The District 7690 Calendar is available at [www.Rotary7690.org/calendar.htm](http://www.Rotary7690.org/calendar.htm)