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ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • FEBRUARY 2010 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"The future of Rotary is in your hands."

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



Mike Conrad

February is WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH, the month of LOVE and the 105th ROTARY ANNIVERSARY. Paul Harris once said "Fear and hate must go! And they will go when nations have goodwill based on understanding."

Rotary is the preeminent organization that focuses on World Understanding and Peace through its cultural, educational and humanitarian programs. The track record of the compassionate Rotarians of District 7690 in support of world understanding and peace is stellar. Your generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation support the Ambassadorial Scholarship, Peace Fellow, Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange programs as well as Matching Grants.

Our district's support of the **Ambassadorial Scholarship** program is evidenced by the three Ambassadorial and two Cultural scholars who will travel to other parts of the world to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace during the 2010 – 11 Rotary year. These scholars will increase their awareness of and respect for cultural differences while participating in Rotary service projects. This outstanding program encourages scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of not only their home communities but those in other countries.

The **Rotary World Peace Fellows** program enables Rotarians around the world to help foster world understanding and peace through education. Our district support is evidenced by the fact that we are a Peacebuilder District contributing \$25,000 each year to this outstanding program and have done so since the program's inception. Our most recent recipient of this prestigious fellowship is **Justin Peele** sponsored by the Siler City club. As an outstanding young leader, Justin will promote national and international cooperation, peace and conflict resolution while studying in Argentina.

Although not an official Rotary Foundation program, **Youth Exchange** achieves many of the same goals as the Rotary Scholarship Program. The program allows young students to learn a new way of living, a great deal about themselves and possibly a new language. They help bring the world closer by becoming an ambassador and teaching people about their country, culture and ideas. This year we have five Youth Exchange students studying here in our district. (cont. pg.2)



Attention District Conference Goers!

Frommer's Names Asheville a Must-See in Destination!

Asheville Among 12 Top Global Destinations

ASHEVILLE, N.C. :Asheville has joined the likes of Tokyo and Zurich as a must-see destination for world travelers, at least according to Frommer's, publisher of a series of highly acclaimed travel guides.

The company recently announced its [top 12 world travel destinations for 2007](#). As the only destination in the Southeast, Asheville is recognized for its thriving arts, culture and beautiful scenery.

"This year, editors at Frommer's Travel Guides and Frommers.com scoured the globe and polled our stable of authors and experts to identify a mix of surprising, thriving, or emerging travel destinations," said Kelly Regan, editorial director of Frommer's.

On the coveted "must-see" list, Asheville's art-filled culture and music scene shares billing with the Carribean gateway of Virgin Gorda, in the British Virgin Islands, and with the ancient city of Krakow, Poland. Closer to home there's the Portland, Ore. and Glen Canyon, Utah, recognized for, like Asheville, excellent outdoor adventure opportunities.

"Asheville has been drawing literati and celebrities who had gravitated to New Orleans as a hub of culture," according to the statement released by the guidebooks company. The statement also praised the area as being "great for driving tours and shopping trips to numerous crafts and pottery shops," citing the Blue Ridge Parkway being nearby.

Asheville has been recognized for its splendors by dozens of reputable outlets in recent years, ranging from the recent designation by *Outside Magazine* as the number one whitewater town in the country in Aug. 2006 to ranking second in the small cities and towns category in *AmericanStyle Magazine's* ninth annual "[Top 25 Arts Destinations](#)" reader's poll in June 2006. View a list of [all of Asheville's accolades](#).

Walnut Cove Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Walnut Cove is returning to Dukes Restaurant at 1075 N. Main Street for the club meetings.

The time is 12 noon on Thursdays. The change is effective on February 18th.

Register Now for District Conference

All Rotarians in the district have now received the district conference brochure. A registration form can be found in the brochure. You have two options for registering. You can register online with a credit card by going to the district's website at: www.rotary7690.org or by completing the paper registration. If you use the paper registration, it must be sent with payment to the district office. If you have questions, please contact Margaret Padgett at 336-885-7690

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Another outstanding program is **Group Study Exchange (GSE)**. Here again your generous support allows five professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 to experience a host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Under the leadership of **Leslie Cox**, our team will be leaving for District 9640 in Australia in March for four weeks while the team from Australia will be in our district. You will learn of both teams experience at our District Conference at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, April 23-25.

Finally, all of us know the power of **Matching Grants** and their impact for building goodwill and peace throughout the world. Out district gurus, **Larry Aiken** and **Pam Ray** have provided the leadership and resources to find out about, coordinate and participate in many worthy projects throughout the world.

As we celebrate Rotary's 105th birthday this month know that you have had a profound impact on thousands of lives by your wonderful support of the outstanding Rotary Foundation programs.



Haiti Disaster Relief

(Reprint from the Rotary Club of Randolph's bulletin)

"We have all witnessed the devastation of the earthquake in Haiti. There are many needs of those who have survived this disaster. The Rotary District Governor for Haiti expressed the most immediate need is shelter for the thousands displaced by the disaster. To help satisfy this need, the district is coordinating an effort to collect funds to send ShelterBoxes to our neighbors in Haiti. The cost for each ShelterBox is \$1,000. The ShelterBox is a ten-person tent designed to withstand extreme temperatures, high winds and heavy rainfall. The box includes a range of survival equipment, tools and a children's pack. Checks in any amount can be made payable to 'Rotary District 7690'. Please indicate on the check for the 'Haiti Disaster Relief Fund.' Your donations coupled with that of the district will certainly be welcomed relief for our neighbors."

Currently, the district has raised over \$40,000.

Note to all Rotarians: Taxpayers can claim a tax deduction on their 2009 tax returns for contributions to the relief efforts until March 1, 2010.

ZONE 33 DECLARES FEBRUARY 21-28, 2010 AS POLIO AWARENESS WEEK

Zone 33 Districts are committed to providing public awareness about the devastation of Polio. Help celebrate Rotary's Birthday (February 23) with a week long event focusing on Polio awareness.

Take your District fund raising to the next level and ask your community to support Rotary's #1 priority. Bill Gates believes eradication is possible and we do too. Build partnerships and solicit help from local businesses, organizations, non-profits, community leaders and governments to ensure our success.



Educate everyone you meet about Rotary's role in the eradication of Polio. Involve Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotary Volunteers, RYLA, GSE Teams, Peace Scholars and Ambassadorial Scholars in your efforts.

Help end this disease and make the world Polio Free.

**AS LONG AS POLIO THREATENS EVEN ONE CHILD
ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, ALL CHILDREN -
WHEREVER THEY LIVE - REMAIN "AT RISK".**

CHATHAM COUNTY HUMANITARIAN TAPPED FOR ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Justin Peele, son of Dr. Michael Peele and Judy Peele from Pittsboro was recently awarded the prestigious Rotary World Peace Fellowship valued at \$50,000.00. After going through a highly competitive application process at the local, national, and international level, involving hundreds of applicants from around the world, Justin was chosen to pursue a master's degree in International Relations focusing on Peace and Conflict Resolution at the Rotary World Peace Center at Salvador University in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Rotary Foundation sponsors up to fifty Fellows world-wide each year for graduate studies at one of five World Peace Centers located in Argentina, Australia, Japan, England, and the United States. "Fellows are chosen from countries and cultures around the globe based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their careers." In the words of John Kenny, the current Rotary International president, "They will be indelibly marked by their experiences, and throughout their lives- both now and in their later careers- they will not keep the benefits of those experiences to themselves. These are the people who will help build the future that we as Rotarians strive to create through our every action."

Justin's global perspective began to develop during his high school years. Before graduating from Northwood High School in Pittsboro in 2000 he had the opportunity to study abroad in New Zealand for a semester, where he met other international students from throughout the world. This experience had a profound effect on Justin and upon his return to the U.S. he decided to defer entry at Appalachian State University to travel to South America to see old friends and experience the culture first hand.

After returning from this three month sabbatical, he had decided on double majoring in Spanish and Latin American Studies. These majors afforded him many opportunities to study abroad and he spent a summer abroad in both Spain and Cuba,



Justin Peele, 2010 Rotary World Peace Fellow (left) and his local advisor, Lynn Glasser of the Siler City Rotary Club.

and his entire senior year abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina. When not abroad, he lived on campus at Appalachian State University in an international dormitory, rooming with incoming exchange students. After graduating from Appalachian State University in 2004, he enjoyed a brief stint with Witness for Peace in Cuba and later served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, South America for over three years.

Justin is excited about this next challenge in his life and looks forward to living and studying in Buenos Aires again. He's very grateful to the Siler City Rotary Club for their support and sponsorship in his pursuit of the Fellowship. "Without them none of this would have been possible." After completing the program Justin aspires to work for the State Department in posts throughout the world.

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization with today's membership totaling more than 1.2 million individuals and over 30,000 clubs throughout the world. All members are volunteers who work on the local, regional, and international level "to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto *Service Above Self.*" ."

Outbound Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, and Group Study Exchange Members Receive Training in Winston-Salem

More Scholars Are Sought

On January 8-9, 2010, over 30 outbound Ambassadorial Scholars, eleven Group Study Exchange (GSE) Teams, and 67 Rotarian coaches, mentors and trainers from the Mid-Atlantic states convened in Winston-Salem for two days of intensive orientation.



Ambassadorial scholars and GSE Outbound Team meet for training

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. Our district is proud to be represented by the following scholars who will deploy in the near future:

Addis Hampton is a student at Wake Forest University. She will be traveling to Barcelona Spain to study Spanish on a 3-month Cultural Scholarship. She is sponsored by the **Reynolda Rotary Club** in Winston Salem, and her local advisor is **John Lewandowski**.

Katy Gilbert, of Winston-Salem, is an elementary school educator, and a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Dallas Theological Seminary. She will be in Cairo Egypt, studying Arabic on a 3-month Cultural Scholarship. She is sponsored by the **Stratford Rotary Club** of Winston-Salem, and her local advisor is **Walker Douglas**.

Chrissy Orangio is a recent graduate of Elon University. She is the recipient of an Ambassadorial Scholarship for a year of study and plans to enroll at The University of Capetown in Capetown South Africa. Chrissy is sponsored by the **Summit Rotary Club** in Greensboro, and her advisor is **Chi Archibong**.

Emily Robinson of Greensboro is a graduate of Furman University. She is the recipient of an Ambassadorial Scholarship, and plans to enroll at Universidad Centroamericana El Salvador. Emily is sponsored by the **Gate City Rotary Club** of Greensboro, and her advisor is **Ralph Jones**.

Becca Watts is a recent graduate of Elon University. She is the recipient of an Ambassadorial Scholarship for a year of study and plans to enroll at Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica in Heredia, Costa Rica. Becca is sponsored by **Crescent Rotary Club** in Greensboro, and her advisor is **Patrick Eakes**.

Justin Peele, from Pittsboro, NC, is a recipient of a Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Justin is a 2003 graduate of Appalachian State University. His most recent experience abroad is a three-year period of service with the Peace Corps in Paraguay. Justin will pursue a graduate degree in peace and conflict resolution at the Rotary Center of International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution at Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Ares, Argentina. Justin is sponsored by the **Siler City Rotary Club**, and his advisor is **Lynn Glasser**.

Your district scholarship committee is currently seeking applicants for the next round of scholarships, which will be awarded for study in the 2011-2012 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 for further consideration.

After club interviews are complete, to nominate the selected candidate to the district committee, the club president must send the completed application with club endorsements **on or before March 15, 2010** for the Ambassadorial candidates and **on or before June 1, 2010** for World Peace Fellowships to the following:

**Eddie Vaughn, Chairman, District 7690 Ambassadorial and Peace Scholarship Committee
c/o Findley Davies, Inc.**

800 Green Valley Road, Suite 102, Greensboro, NC 27408

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/090806-TRF-FoundationScholarships.pdf>.

DISTRICT 7690 Future Vision Pilot News

*What a great time to be a Rotarian in
District 7690!*

We've just returned from San Diego, CA and the **2010 Future Vision Pilot Training** where Governor-Elect's and the District Rotary Foundation Chairs of the 100 Rotary Districts selected for the FVP spent two days of intensive training to prepare us to serve our districts in 2010-11, the initial year of the pilot. During this training we participated in Plenary Sessions, Breakout Sessions, Question & Answer Panels and a Project Networking Session that covered the following topics:

1. **Rotary Foundation Grants**
2. **District Leadership**
3. **District Qualification**
4. **Project Networking**
5. **Club Qualification**
6. **District Designated Fund Policy**
7. **Planning/Next Steps**

Since our selection as a **Future Vision Pilot District** in June of 2009, the District Leadership Team has been sharing information received from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and making plans for implementing the requirement of the **FV Pilot Program in District 7690**. Our participation in this pilot phase of the Future Vision Plan will allow us to have the opportunity to shape the future of The Rotary Foundation's efforts of "**Doing Good in the World**". Paul Harris said, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it!"

The encouragement to give to The Rotary Foundation and how we give will not change, but the Rotary Foundation Grants structure will change in the Future Vision Plan. **There will be two types of Grants:**

1. **District Grants** (Think District Simplified Grants with modifications)
2. **Global Grants** (Think Matching Grants & Scholarships with modifications)

District Grants will give us greater flexibility and choices of our Rotary clubs efforts to support local and international humanitarian and service projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams that focus on the mission of The Rotary Foundation.

Global Grants will relate to one or more of the six areas of focus that support international projects, scholarships and vocational training teams that provide sustainable, measurable outcomes that take place in Rotary countries and geographic areas. These projects will develop stronger Rotary networks of clubs and districts in the host country and those of the primary sponsor club or district. The six areas of focus are:

- Peace and conflict Prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

District Grants will be funded by up to 50% of the District Designated Funds (DDF) each year and have a maximum grant amount of \$ 15,000.

Global Grants offer a minimum World Fund award of \$ 15,000 for minimum project budget of \$ 30,000. The World Fund award is based on a 100% match of DDF allocations or a 50% match of cash contributions. These grants must be sponsored by two clubs/districts that are members of the **Future Vision Pilot**: a host partner where the project takes place and the international partner outside the country.

The new District and Club Qualification process that helps districts and clubs establish good stewardship practices related to Global grants is required of both Districts and Clubs that are involved in **Global Grants**. The Rotary Foundation also recommends that both Districts and Clubs involved in **District Grants** go through this same qualification process.

District Grants and Global Grants allow the Districts and Clubs more flexibility, but require more accountability which requires more District support of these Foundation activities. Therefore the District Leadership Team will need greater support from an enlarged committee structure that must come from the clubs of the district. We will post for your review on the District Website (www.Rotary7690.org) an organizational structure we feel will be required to support the **Future Vision Pilot**. Also posted will be a brief description of the responsibilities of each committee listed.

The District Leadership Team is looking for Rotarians from across District 7690 that may be interested in District Leadership positions that will support this **Future Vision Pilot**. Many Rotarians have already expressed an interest in serving on the **Future Vision Pilot Leadership Team**, but we still need more Rotarians to help us make this FVP a success. We would like you to confirm or indicate your interest in serving on the FVP Team by sending an email to FutureVision@Rotary7690.org indicating your area of interest by February 5, 2010. Our goal is to have all FVP Committees completed by the end of February.

Your involvement on the **District 7690 FVP Leadership Team** will help The Rotary Foundation prepare for the Second Century of "Service Above Self" as we strive to fulfill the Rotary Moto and Mission:

Doing Good in the World

...to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

PDG Charles Allen, TRF Chair
2010-2013

District Governor-Elect Wes Patterson
for 2010 -2011

Attendance for December 2009

| CLUBS | MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/09 | CURRENT MEMBERS | MONTHLY MEETINGS | MONTHLY % ATTEND NO. | CLUB ID |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| *Alamance | 50 | 53 | 5 | 59 | 6090 |
| *Alamance Bkft | 25 | 23 | 3 | 77 | 23238 |
| *Archdale/Trinity | 26 | 22 | 3 | 59 | 29135 |
| *Asheboro | 96 | 90 | 2 | 48 | 6052 |
| *Burlington | 19 | 20 | 2 | 90 | 6092 |
| *Carthage | 20 | 22 | 3 | 68 | 6053 |
| *Clemmons | 105 | 111 | 5 | 70 | 29530 |
| **Crescent | 99 | 104 | 3 | 67 | 6056 |
| *East Greensboro | 17 | 18 | 3 | 41 | 55569 |
| *Eden | 27 | 27 | 3 | 67 | 6058 |
| *Furnitureland | 54 | 54 | 3 | 64 | 6059 |
| **Gate City | 64 | 63 | 2 | 94 | 27995 |
| *Graham | 35 | 38 | 3 | 66 | 6107 |
| *Greensboro | 306 | 302 | 3 | 67 | 6060 |
| *Gboro Arpt | 37 | 38 | 3 | 84 | 31667 |
| *Guilford | 55 | 55 | 3 | 73 | 22059 |
| *High Point | 149 | 142 | 3 | 76 | 6062 |
| Hillsdale Sunrise | (missing) | (missing) | 0 | 0 | |
| *Jamestown | 24 | 26 | 3 | 85 | 6063 |
| **Jonesboro | 39 | 41 | 2 | 71 | 22882 |
| **Kernersville | 76 | 82 | 5 | 79 | 25027 |
| *King | 21 | 22 | 4 | 58 | 51294 |
| *Lexington | 25 | 22 | 2 | 57 | 6065 |
| *Liberty | 22 | 22 | 1 | 54 | 6066 |
| *Madison/Mayodan | 30 | 32 | 3 | 73 | 6067 |
| Midstate(Asheboro) | 24 | 26 | 3 | 95 | 81879 |
| *Mocksville | 49 | 55 | 4 | 71 | 6069 |
| *Mount Airy | 95 | 97 | 5 | 69 | 6070 |
| *Pinehurst | 38 | 37 | 3 | 89 | 6072 |
| *Randolph | 76 | 79 | 3 | 92 | 6074 |
| *Reidsville | 61 | 61 | 2 | 69 | 6075 |
| *Reynolda | 106 | 96 | 2 | 63 | 21534 |
| **San Lee Sunrise | 30 | 27 | 4 | 88 | 30735 |
| **Sandhills | 40 | 40 | 2 | 70 | 25530 |
| **Sanford | 34 | 33 | 4 | 77 | 6078 |
| *Siler City | 53 | 49 | 3 | 63 | 6079 |
| *Southern Guilford | 8 | 11 | 3 | 85 | 61795 |
| *Southern Pines | 88 | 88 | 3 | 83 | 6080 |
| *Stoneville | 17 | 18 | 2 | 52 | 6081 |
| *Stratford | 102 | 103 | 3 | 43 | 6082 |
| *Summit | 105 | 105 | 3 | 82 | 6083 |
| *Surry Sunrise | 30 | 28 | 5 | 73 | 57326 |
| *Thomasville | 69 | 71 | 3 | 90 | 6084 |
| *Triad | 34 | 33 | 3 | 66 | 6071 |
| *Troy | 29 | 31 | 3 | 66 | 6085 |
| *Walnut Cove | 17 | 18 | 4 | 57 | 6087 |
| *Western Forsyth | 23 | 25 | 4 | 64 | 79812 |
| **Willow Creek | 18 | 17 | 3 | 73 | 60367 |
| *Winston-Salem | 255 | 260 | 3 | 47 | 6088 |
| *Yadkin Valley | 33 | 38 | 4 | 70 | 30000 |
| *Yadkinville | 20 | 21 | 4 | 78 | 51333 |
| *Yanceyville | 10 | 10 | 3 | 73 | 6134 |
| DISTRICT | 2885 | 2906 | | 70 | |

The District 7690 Calendar is available at www.Rotary7690.org/calendar.htm