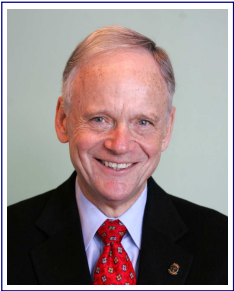


The Piedmont Rotarian

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

"The future of Rotary is in your hands."

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



“Spring is in the air”

I am sure all of us have our favorite time of the year. Springtime is mine! The wintry earth awakes bringing forth beautiful green grass, flowers and trees.

Mike Conrad

Spring is a time when we begin to plan in earnest for the new Rotary year. About 600 Rotarians from the six districts in North Carolina and one in South Carolina gathered on March 18 – 20 in Greensboro for the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to share ideas, experiences, and best practices to insure a smooth transition in leadership from this Rotary year to the next. The beauty of Rotary is there is no such thing as a “dress rehearsal” as the leadership changes each year. **DGE Wes Patterson** and his leadership team enthusiastically rolled out the agenda for 2010 – 11 to a stellar class of incoming Presidents. There is no doubt that with their leadership, District 7690 will continue to be in “good hands.” Our district can be proud of our past leadership who played a large part in PETS. **Past District Governors Carol Summerlin, Charles Allen, Tony Baker and Dave McCoy** shared their knowledge and expertise as discussion leaders. Our district photographer extraordinaire, **Past District Governor Phil Morris**, documented the event with his fine photography.

Spring puts a spirit of youth in everyone! Speaking of youth, I recently had the honor and privilege to be a judge at the multi-district Rotary Against Drugs (RAD) Speech Contest in Chapel Hill. This program was started in 1993 as Rotary’s efforts to reduce drug and alcohol abuse. The top high school age young men and women from five districts gave a six minute speech directed to their peers on what must be done to prevent drug and alcohol abuse in the US. Our district had three entrants in this competition. I am extremely proud to tell you that **Dylan Westrick**, a student at Lee County High School, was the winner of this year’s contest. Dylan was sponsored by the Jonesboro Rotary Club. For those of you attending District Conference, you will have the chance to hear Dylan deliver his powerful message.

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Rotary District 7690 Welcomes Jan Williams, RI President’s Rep to the 2010 District Conference

Jan Williams is a member and charter president of the Rotary Club of Durango Daybreak, located in Southwestern Colorado, where she has been a member since it chartered in 2002. Prior to the Daybreak Club (the third club in a small town of 16,000) she was an active member of the Rotary Club of Durango High Noon.

Jan served as District Governor for District 5470, that encompasses the southern two-thirds of Colorado, in 2007-08, working with 56 clubs made up of 2650 members. Currently, in addition to serving her club as Membership Chair, she is Chair of the District’s Club Extension Committee and a Zone 27 Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator. Her joy is working as liaison with the Durango High School Interact Club and being active with the other Rotary Youth programs - Exchange and RYLA. In 2009 Jan was President DK Lee’s Representative to District 4790, located in Northwest, Argentina. Jan’s interest in international projects has taken her to Mexico City, Juarez, Quito, and Utta Ranchal, India where, in 2007, she participated in a National Polio Immunization Day.

Jan is active in her community and has served on a number of community boards including the American Red Cross of Southwest Colorado and the Mesa Verde National Park Foundation. She has recently joined the local school district’s Partnership Advisory Board whose goal is to increase business, non-profit and service club’s presence in the school system. In 1994 Jan joined her husband, Rotarian Joe Williams, in running their family business, Hydro Pure Technology, a water purification, transportation and oil recycling company working with the natural gas industry.

Before going to work with Joe, Jan worked as a consultant for Pyxis Corporation, a company providing hospital inventory control systems and HBO, and Company, a hospital information systems company where she worked with in patient pharmacy departments around the country in automating their record keeping

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The new Rotary year, 2010-2011, is fast approaching. Club officers and directors should plan to attend the District Assembly. It will be held on Friday, May 14th 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.

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.

WELCOME TO THE HILLSDALE SUNRISE CLUB

The Rotary Club of Hillsdale Sunrise has received the charter from Rotary International. The club meets at Bermuda Village Retirement Center at 7:00 am on Thursdays. Club president is Todd Swicegood and Jennifer Webb serves as the club secretary. The club is in Area 7.

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"If you've never been thrilled to the very edges of your soul by a flower in spring bloom, maybe your soul has never been in bloom." As we resume the "Triad Fight of Honor," the veterans and guardians who will have the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington will not only be thrilled to the very edges of their soul, but will experience an emotional and memorable day. The first flight of spring will be Saturday, April 17 followed by flights on May 17 and May 22. It will be special for our GSE Team from Australia to be part of the April 17 flight. Thank you **Past District Governor Mitzi Ellis** for bringing this special opportunity to our district.

As Robin Williams has said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, Let's party!" After months of planning, we will soon be climbing the mountain to our District Conference at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, April 23 – 25. Yes, we will party a little but more importantly we will celebrate ALL the accomplishments of this past Rotary year. Our **District Conference Co-Chairs, Marlee Foster and Kelly Harrill** have put their heart and soul into planning a memorable weekend for those attending. There are 415 registered and it is not too late to get in on the celebration.

Spring is a time to rekindle and refresh our minds and bodies. Who can resist feelings of hope and joy that we all get from participating in nature's rebirth?

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systems. While working for them, she was given a two year assignment on a project in London, England, implementing one of the earliest pharmacy computer systems in a National Health Service hospital. Jan and Joe, the District's Foundation Chair, are Major Donors, Benefactors, members of the Paul Harris Society, and White Hat Society.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR RI DIRECTOR FROM ZONE 33

Each club may make a nomination for the district representative to the Nominating Committee for RI Director from Zone 33. In order for a Rotarian to be nominated, he or she must be a past district governor at the time the committee convenes; and he or she must have attended two Zone meetings and one RI Convention in the last three years. Before your club makes a nomination, please be sure your candidate is willing to serve on the committee. Voting on the candidates will take place at the District Conference in April.

The district has five possible candidates that meet the necessary criteria. They are: Michael Conrad (Gate City), Charles Allen (Randolph), David McCoy (High Point), Mark Crofts (Winston-Salem), and Phil Morris (Furnitureland).

If your club would like to make a nomination from the candidates above, please complete the form that has been emailed to all club presidents and return it to the district office NO LATER than April 5, 2010.

March 24, 2010

Mike Conrad
Governor
Rotary District 7690

Dear Governor Conrad:

I want to bring the Southern Pines Rotary Club response to your plea for support of the ShelterBoxes to Haiti.

In addition to soliciting Club members, we decided to invite our local community to make contributions. We were fortunate that our local paper, The Pilot, thought our effort newsworthy and published our initial appeal. Two additional articles appeared. We also had public Service announcements on local radio. Moore County school principals were looking for a way for their students to respond.

Individual contributions ranged from \$10 to \$1000! We made it a point to send a formal acknowledgement to each contributor.

Although we are still receiving gifts, we have collected over \$19,000! Our success is a reminder of why we are Rotarians and what we can accomplish when we decide to act.

Jeffrey R. Gilbert
President

DISTRICT 7690 - Future Vision Pilot News

April 2010

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

We've held two TRF/FVP Training Seminars, an Assistant Governor Training Seminar and Foundation Area Representative Training Seminar to share information related to the Future Vision Pilot process for the district leaders.

The next TRF/FVP Training Seminar will be held at District Assembly, May 14, 2010. It will be the "DISTRICT 7690 ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR" and as a pilot district we will be required to hold at least one grant management seminar each year.

Clubs that wish to apply for district or global grants must attend this training.

The purpose of the "DISTRICT 7690 ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR" is to:

1. Understand how to successfully manage a Rotary Foundation grant.
2. Qualify the club to receive Rotary Foundation grant funds.

At a minimum, at least one club member from each club seeking qualification must attend training.

Suggested participants:

- Club President-Elect
- Club Rotary Foundation Committee members
- Members of the three-person grant committee
- Any members interested in Rotary Foundation Grants

District Assembly Registration forms will be sent out soon. Make sure your club is registered for the "DISTRICT 7690 ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR".

Yours In Rotary Service,
PDG Charles Allen
TRF Chair 2010 – 2013

Attendance for February 2010

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/09	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	50	53	4	61	6090
*Alamance Bkft	25	24	3	90	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	26	21	4	64	29135
*Asheboro	96	89	4	76	6052
*Burlington	19	21	4	86	6092
*Carthage	20	18	4	76	6053
*Clemmons	105	115	4	71	29530
**Crescent	99	101	3	67	6056
*East Greensboro	17	18	4	47	55569
*Eden	27	27	3	58	6058
*Furnitureland	54	56	3	69	6059
**Gate City	64	67	4	88	27995
*Graham	35	36	4	72	6107
*Greensboro	306	302	4	66	6060
*Gboro Arpt	37	37	2	73	31667
*Guilford	55	56	4	67	22059
*High Point	149	142	4	71	6062
Hillside Sunrise	(missing)	23	4	62	99012511
*Jamestown	24	26	3	74	6063
**Jonesboro	39	40	4	76	22882
**Kernersville	76	82	2	82	25027
*King	21	22	4	66	51294
*Lexington	25	22	4	77	6065
*Liberty	22	22	3	67	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	30	32	4	69	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	24	26	4	79	81879
*Mocksville	49	55	4	65	6069
*Mount Airy	95	100	6	66	6070
*Pinehurst	38	37	4	77	6072
*Randolph	76	80	4	96	6074
*Reidsville	61	61	2	75	6075
*Reynolda	106	94	3	56	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	30	24	4	77	30735
**Sandhills	40	40	4	75	25530
**Sanford	34	33	4	74	6078
*Siler City	53	49	2	64	6079
*Southern Guilford	8	11	4	85	61795
*Southern Pines	88	87	4	82	6080
*Stoneville	17	18	4	74	6081
*Stratford	102	106	4	41	6082
*Summit	105	104	3	74	6083
*Surry Sunrise	30	27	4	65	57326
*Thomasville	69	72	4	97	6084
*Triad	34	33	4	75	6071
*Troy	29	29	4	68	6085
*Walnut Cove	17	18	4	47	6087
*Western Forsyth	23	24	4	80	79812
**Willow Creek	18	18	3	73	60367
*Winston-Salem	255	253	4	41	6088
*Yadkin Valley	33	38	2	74	30000
*Yadkinville	20	21	3	78	51333
*Yanceyville	10	10	4	70	6134
DISTRICT	2885	2920		71%	

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