

The Piedmont Rotarian

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

"The future of Rotary is in your hands."

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



Mike Conrad

WE CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN!

The "hills were alive" with over 400 Rotarians at our District Conference at the stately Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa. Words cannot adequately express how much I appreciate all those who climbed the mountain for an uplifting, fun and enjoyable weekend.

All the praise goes to **KELLY HARRILL** and **MARLEE FOSTER** for their extraordinary efforts to make this a memorable weekend for all of us.

The celebration for a GREAT year began with showcasing the accomplished Madrigal Choir from the A. C. Reynolds High School in Asheville. They sang beautifully our theme song for the District Conference, the theme from the musical "Rent." As the words "Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes" rang out, it was an emotional moment as well as a proud moment for me. I could not believe how proud I was to be a Rotarian in our district and just how honored and blessed I have been to be your District Governor.

In our first session we were greeted by our President's Representative, Jan Williams. I am certain we gave Jan and her husband, Joe, a generous dose of southern hospitality. Both of them were so impressed with the accomplishments of our district's Rotarians. Highlights of this session included a segment on the support we have given to the "Flight of Honor," our way of honoring our World War II veterans for their sacrifices enabling us to enjoy the wonderful freedom we enjoy today. Our focus on youth is so heartwarming when we heard about how we support the Million Books Program and the Rotary Youth Leadership Program, a program to improve leadership for our high school students. Justin Peele, our Peace Fellow to Argentina, made us proud of our support of the Peace Fellow Program since the inception of this program.

We could not have had a more passionate speaker on Friday evening than David Forward. David is a true Rotarian whose writings deal with either volunteerism or

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CALLING ALL CLUBS PRESIDENTS-ELECT, CLUB OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
And Grants Management Seminar**

MAY 14, 2010

**GTCC, JAMESTOWN CAMPUS
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

**FOR A MORNING OF ROTARY INFORMATION
AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING ROTARY
YEAR**

Registration & Breakfast 8:00 – 8:45 am

**General Plenary Sessions and Breakout Sessions
8:45 am – noon**

**Grants Management Seminar
11:00 am – 4:45 pm**

**District Assembly Only — Cost \$15 (includes
breakfast)**

**District Assembly & Grants Management Seminar
Cost \$25 (includes breakfast and lunch)**

**(If you have questions, please call the Rotary District Office at
336-885-7690). Registration can be done online at
www.rotary7690.org through the calendar in the district
database.**



MANY THANKS

The district would like to thank Kelly Harrill and Marlee Foster, 2010 Rotary District Conference Chairs, and their committee for an outstanding conference at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. A wonderful time was had by all that attended and much Rotary information was shared.

A FINAL THANK-YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS FOR THE 2010 ROTARY CONFERENCE



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ethical business practices. He reminded us of a Mother Teresa quote on giving and serving others: "We ourselves feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." His challenge to each of us was to determine what our drop in the ocean would be.

Saturday morning, we heard an impressive report of our support of our Rotary Foundation by Patrick Eakes, the Foundation Co-chair this year. The accomplishments of the clubs are unprecedented in the Rotary world. Brika Eklund, a Cultural Scholar, gave us reason to be proud of our support of the Rotary Foundation.

I don't think any of us will ever forget the profound impact of our GSE Teams. I believe the impact Team Leader Leslie (Pop), Team Members, Farren, Megan, Chris, Josephus, and Matt had on District 9640 in Australia is summed up in an email I received from their host GSE Team Leader, Ian Wilson. "Having been a member of the GSE Committee for 6 years, the past 3 years as chairman as well as having an interest in GSE for 20 years, I cannot remember an inbound team that has had such an impact on our District." The same could not be truer of Team Leader Tony, Team Members, Chris, Jo, Melanie, Helen and Steve from District 9640. They all won our hearts!

We were also treated to presentations from future Rotarians, representatives from both Interact and Rotaract clubs we support. Finally, the Character Education Program supported by the three clubs in Lee County demonstrates the involvement of our Rotarians in the communities in which they live.

Saturday evening was the time to celebrate the successes of our clubs this past year. The evening began with a champagne reception for District Governor-Elect Wes and Linda Patterson. This was followed by dinner where we celebrated two new clubs attaining Triple Crown status, the Greensboro Airport and the new Hillsdale Sunrise clubs and 32 clubs being recognized for attaining Gold Club Achievement status for their exemplary work this past Rotary year. Finally, we were entertained by the great sounds from Mo' Sol.

Sunday morning our Interfaith Service was led by Kim Williams. This was followed by a memorial service for our deceased Rotarians during the past year. As, Sunday, April 25 was ANZAC Day, a national day of remembrance in New Zealand and Australia to remember those who died and served in military service. A remembrance was led by Tony Heading. Before adjourning we heard of the experiences of three Youth Exchange students who have been with us this school year.

What a truly uplifting and inspiring weekend! How proud we all should be to be Rotarians in what I think is the BEST district in the world. Thanks to all of you who were there for making it an unforgettable weekend.



Dylan Westrick from Rotary District 7690 won the multi-district RAD contest.

TRIAD FLIGHT OF HONOR

Triad Flight of Honor has been a priority with The Rotary Club of High Point this year. Rotarians, chaperones, and happy Veterans alike have talked up their experiences and have shared their thoughts about this wonderful program with everyone that would listen.

A conversation amongst a group of veterans who reside at High Point's Stratford Retirement Community caught the ear of Fred Surrett, quartermaster of High Point's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 619. This distinguished post dates back to September 16, 1930 and even included four honorary members that served in the Civil War.

Today, some of the forty one members are experiencing health issues and their numbers continue to decrease as a result of death and sickness. The time had come for VFW Post 619 to merge its members into another Post. But what would the Post do with the funds in their treasury? Fred wanted to know more about Triad Flight of Honor and he knew just where to get the information.

You see, Fred's late daughter-in-law was the former executive secretary of the High Point Rotary Club, Mendee Surrett. And Mendee's brother is the High Point Club's longtime club secretary, Kem Ellis. So after a talk with club leadership, Fred took an idea back to the Post. On Thursday, March 4th, Fred presented a check to the Rotary Club of High Point for \$ 24,000 to be used for the Triad Flight of Honor.

The jaws of those in attendance dropped in surprise. The surprise turned to spontaneous thanks as those in the room rose to their feet in applause, thanking Post 619 for their commitment to the Triad Flight of Honor, but in a way, thanking all those, past and present, that served in Post 619 for their service to our great country during World War II! Rotary Club of High Point President Mark Pierce thanked Fred and the VFW Post for trusting Rotary with their funds. He also pledged to Fred that he would be going to Washington, D.C. as soon as it could be arranged and our club would be glad to help any other members of the VFW Post fill out applications in hopes of getting all their surviving members to our nation's capitol.

By the time Fred was able to take his seat after accepting thanks from so many Rotarians there were no dry eyes in the house. Triad Flight of Honor has a way of doing that to people.

DISTRICT 7690 - Future Vision Pilot News

*What a great time to be a
Rotarian in District 7690!
ATTENTION ALL CLUB
LEADERSHIP TEAMS!*

The TRF/FVP "DISTRICT 7690 ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR" will be held at District Assembly, May 14, 2010. As a Pilot district we are required to hold at least one "Grant Management Seminar" each year.

Clubs that wish to apply for & participate in District or Global Grants MUST attend this "GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR".

Purpose of the "GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR" is to help club members:

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 to participate in and qualify for District or Global Grants MUST attend this training seminar.

RECOMMENDED PARTICIPANTS:

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

1. District Assembly Registration forms have been sent out by email.

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*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009-2010 GOLD CLUB WINNERS

Area 1 – LeeSa Cornelius

The Rotary Club of King – President, John Robertson
The Rotary Club of Mount Airy – President, Bob Meinecke
The Rotary Club of Surry Sunrise – President, Sammy Long
The Rotary Club of Yadkin Valley – President, Johnsie Hudspeth
The Rotary Club of Yadkinville – President, John Willingham

Area 2 – Kevin Bottomley

The Rotary Club of Madison-Mayodan – President, Gaynell Bigelow
The Rotary Club of Reidsville – President, Greg Cox

Area 3 – Jeff Eldridge

The Rotary Club of Alamance – President, Beth Powell
The Rotary Club of Graham – President, Phil Moseley

Area 4 – Dona Neal

The Rotary Club of Clemmons – President, Paul Johnson
The Rotary Club of Kernersville – President, Jason Grubbs
The Rotary Club of Walnut Cove – President, Jeannie Harris

Area 5 – Cookie Billings

The Rotary Club of Gate City – President, Mike Slane
The Rotary Club of Greensboro – President, Ed Kitchen
The Rotary Club of Greensboro Airport – President, Jeff Sims
The Rotary Club of Southern Guilford – President, David Thomas

Area 6 – Brant Burgiss

The Rotary Club of Furnitureland – President, Bill Dyson
The Rotary Club of Jamestown – President, Jo Anne Lovette

Area 7 – Carl Boon

The Rotary Club of Lexington – President, Lynn Russell
The Rotary Club of Mocksville – President, Jane Simpson
The Rotary Club of Thomasville – President, Susan Reece
The Rotary Club of Willow Creek – President, Paul Kremer

Area 8 – Larry Lassiter

The Rotary Club of Randolph – President, Rob Clauser

Area 9 – Lee Leonard

The Rotary Club of Pinehurst – President, Gary Williford
The Rotary Club of Sandhills – President, Dan Askins
The Rotary Club of Southern Pines – President, Jeff Gilbert

Area 10 – Leslie Cox

The Rotary Club of Jonesboro – President, Kate Rumely
The Rotary Club of Sanford – President, James Mitchell

Area 11 – Jon Spillman

The Rotary Club of Crescent – President, Steve Frost
The Rotary Club of East Greensboro – President, Mary Barbee
The Rotary Club of Guilford – President, Terry Slatter
The Rotary Club of Summit – President, Claudia Cannady

In addition to the Gold Club winners, the following clubs will receive the Presidential Citation:

Carthage, Eden, Hillsdale Sunrise and Stratford.

Citation for Meritorious Service

Congratulations to Larry Aiken of the Jonesboro Rotary Club. He was awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service at the Rotary District Conference for his continued work with the Rotary Foundation.

VOTING RESULTS

DG Michael Conrad of the Gate City Rotary Club was selected by ballot at the Rotary District Conference to represent Rotary District 7690 on the Nominating Committee for Zone 33. This committee will select the next RI Director for Zone 33. PDG Mark Crofts of the Winston-Salem Rotary Club was selected as the alternate.

CLUB BULLETIN WINNERS

Small Weekly – Graham Rotary
Small Monthly – Greensboro Airport Rotary
Medium Weekly – Randolph Rotary
Medium Monthly – Crescent Rotary
Large Weekly – Greensboro Rotary
Large Monthly – Summit Rotary

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION AWARDS

Number of Members

Less than 30	Southern Guilford New Gen.
30 – 49	Mocksville
	Yadkin Valley
50 – 100	Kernersville
100+	Clemmons

TOP ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE CLUB - Rotary Club of Randolph



Attendance for March 2010

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/09	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	50	52	5	65	6090
*Alamance Bkft	25	24	4	90	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	26	21	5	65	29135
*Asheboro	96	89	4	67	6052
*Burlington	19	21	5	81	6092
*Carthage	20	18	4	78	6053
*Clemmons	105	115	5	72	29530
**Crescent	99	102	4	73	6056
*East Greensboro	17	18	4	51	55569
*Eden	27	29	5	70	6058
*Furnitureland	54	56	5	61	6059
**Gate City	64	67	4	91	27995
*Graham	35	39	4	72	6107
**Greensboro	306	305	4	66	6060
**Gboro Arpt	37	37	5	78	31667
*Guilford	55	56	4	68	22059
*High Point	149	143	4	67	6062
**Hillside Sunrise	(missing)	23	4	74	99012511
*Jamestown	24	26	5	73	6063
**Jonesboro	39	40	4	76	22882
**Kernersville	76	87	4	77	25027
*King	21	22	4	65	51294
*Lexington	25	22	5	71	6065
*Liberty	22	22	4	67	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	30	32	5	71	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	24	26	5	74	81879
*Mocksville	49	56	5	71	6069
*Mount Airy	95	100	5	77	6070
*Pinehurst	38	39	5	73	6072
*Randolph	76	80	5	90	6074
*Reidsville	61	62	5	71	6075
*Reynolda	106	94	4	66	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	30	24	5	88	30735
**Sandhills	40	40	4	78	25530
**Sanford	34	36	5	82	6078
*Siler City	53	48	5	65	6079
*Southern Guilford	8	11	5	85	61795
*Southern Pines	88	89	4	76	6080
*Stoneville	17	17	4	80	6081
*Stratford	102	106	4	45	6082
*Summit	105	106	3	66	6083
*Surry Sunrise	30	31	5	82	57326
*Thomasville	69	72	5	93	6084
*Triad	34	32	4	80	6071
*Troy	29	29	4	63	6085
*Walnut Cove	17	18	4	64	6087
*Western Forsyth	23	25	5	82	79812
**Willow Creek	18	19	4	76	60367
*Winston-Salem	255	256	5	46	6088
*Yadkin Valley	33	38	4	69	30000
*Yadkinville	20	21	4	81	51333
*Yanceyville	10	10	5	70	6134
DISTRICT	2885	2951		73%	

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