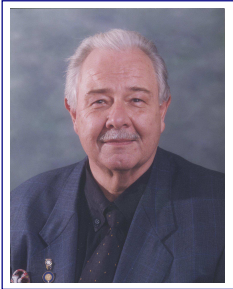




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ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • MAY 2011 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

*"Building Communities, Bridging Continents."
Wes Patterson, 405 Pinefield Place, Thomasville, NC 27360*



Wes Patterson

As my time draws near, the end of the one of the most wonderful years I have ever experienced is close at hand. The many thanks that I owe to the district and to all Rotarians are endless. We have so many great Rotarians doing so many wonderful things and helping so many people around the world. It has truly been great to witness the work of Rotary District 7690.

Now we have the opportunity and the need to help an area in our district. All of us are aware of the damage caused by the tornadoes that struck on Saturday, April 16th. Lee County in our district suffered the most destruction. DGE Terry Titus and I were in Sanford on Thursday, April 21 and witnessed the devastation of the tornado. The Rotarians in Lee County need our help.

We have formulated a plan which will give each Rotarian a chance to participate and show "Service Above Self." A CD that shows the destruction has been created and will be distributed to all clubs. We hope you will join with the district to eliminate the pain suffered by those in Lee County.

For those of you who missed the District Conference you missed a dandy! I have had so many calls, letters, emails and personal comments for a superior job done by Conference Chair Michael Sorenson and his committee. For all of the committee that worked on the District Conference to make it a success, I humbly say thank you. If you have not attended a conference, please consider coming to Charleston in 2012. Attending these Rotary events becomes habit forming and will make you a better Rotarian.

Please continue "Building Communities, Bridging Continents."

THE NEED IS GREAT IN LEE COUNTY

Tornado destruction in Lee County in District 7690 was severe. The district leadership is asking that every Rotarian in our district donate \$20 each.

Clubs are asked to collect the donations from their members and send one check to the district. Please make this a priority and show our fellow Rotarians our support.

The club check should be made payable to Rotary District 7690, marked for disaster relief and mailed to the Rotary District 7690 Office at 114 Willoughby Park, High Point, NC 27265.

The district will then send the donations to the Rotary Club of Sanford's Foundation for distribution to the relief groups working in the area.

**Awards
Presented to
Clubs at District
Conference**

**Newsletter Awards -
Small Clubs:
Weekly - Graham
Monthly-Triad**

**Newsletter Awards -
Medium Clubs:
Weekly - Asheboro
Monthly - Gso-Airport**

**Newsletter Awards -
Large Clubs:
Weekly - Greensboro
Monthly - Mount Airy**

**Joe Ross Attendance
Award for 2010-2011:
San-Lee Sunrise
Rotary Club**

**Arnold Schiffman
Membership
Development &
Retention Award:
Reynolda Rotary
Club**

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**Australian Friendship Exchange Team to
Visit Our District in October**

A group of 12 Rotarians from District 9640 in Australia, the district from which our GSE team came in 2010, will be visiting our district from October 1 through October 15, 2011. The team will be based in three areas of the district:

The Greensboro, or mid-district, from October 1 - 5.

The northern portion of the district from October 6 - 11.

The southern portion of the district from October 11 - 15.

Although the team will not be able to visit with all clubs in the two weeks they'll be in our area, we're hoping to give them as much interaction with local Rotarians as possible. A committee of local Rotarians from the three areas are preparing an itinerary for the group and looking for families to host the team in the various areas of the district. Local planning team members include:

Mid-district area: Phil and Karen Morris, Mike and Mary Ann Conrad, Rick and Linda Snider, Ann Hanks, Rusty Hunt, Matt Johnson.

Northern district: Carol Burke, John and Donna Willingham, Doug and Amanda Yarboro.

Southern district: Leslie Cox.

A return visit to District 9640 is planned for April 29 through May 14, 2011. If you're interested in being included on the trip to Australia, please contact Karen Morris (kmorris@triad.rr.com).

**Congratulations to the Gold Club Winners
for 2010-2011**

**Carthage
Clemmons
Crescent
East Greensboro
Furnitureland
Gate City
Graham
Greensboro
Greensboro Airport
Guilford
High Point
Hillsdale Sunrise
Jonesboro
Kernersville
King
Lexington**

**Mocksville
Mount Airy
Pinehurst
Randolph
S. G. New Generation
San Lee
Sandhills
Sanford
Siler City
Southern Pines
Summit
Thomasville
Triad
Walnut Cove
Willow Creek
Yadkinville**

Rotary District Conference Wilmington 2011



Rotary District Conference...



The Foundation MAY 2011 Corner



Rotary and Oikocredit Launch Strategic Partnership

Oikocredit and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) have formed a strategic partnership to offer technical support to small entrepreneurs, microfinance institutions and their communities.

The new partnership will open up more opportunities for Oikocredit project partners to develop the practical capabilities of their organization and create community-based programs with the assistance of local Rotary clubs.

"For many Oikocredit project partners, building skills and developing communities is an essential element of their mission," said Oikocredit Director Social Performance and Financial Analysis Ben Simmes. "Oikocredit partners are perfectly placed to deliver initiatives such as health and education programs that benefit their communities."

Oikocredit will consult with its partners to gauge interest in working with Rotary in capacity building projects. Local Rotary clubs will then flag their interest in providing assistance, with the use of TRF funding. Oikocredit and TRF have made geographical priorities to explore opportunities for capacity building projects in Latin America and Asia. Oikocredit's role focuses on making the connection between Rotary clubs and its partners.

In 2007 Oikocredit coordinated a capacity building project between Netherlands-based Rotary District 1590 and a dairy

cooperative in Kenya. With the help of these Rotary clubs, Githunguri Dairy Farmers Cooperative Society established two milk collection centers. "The Githunguri project was a great success, and we hope this new partnership will see more Oikocredit project partners benefit from Rotary members' dedication, knowledge and commitment to empowering small entrepreneurs," Mr Simmes said.



A dairy cooperative in Githunguri, Kenya.
Cooperative near Nairobi.

Photo courtesy Oikocredit International

Information on how pilot clubs and districts can apply for packaged global grants to work with microfinance institutions within the Oikocredit network will be available soon at www.rotary.org

Read more on the partnership on Oikocredit's website

Attendance for March 2011

| CLUBS | MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/10 | CURRENT MEMBERS | MONTHLY MEETINGS | MONTHLY % ATTEND NO. | CLUB ID |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| *Alamance | 52 | 51 | 5 | 63 | 6090 |
| *Alamance Bkft | 17 | 17 | 4 | 75 | 23238 |
| *Archdale/Trinity | 21 | 21 | 5 | 57 | 29135 |
| *Asheboro | 89 | 90 | 4 | 70 | 6052 |
| *Burlington | 20 | 20 | 0 | 91 | 6092 |
| *Carthage | 15 | 18 | 4 | 73 | 6053 |
| *Clemmons | 109 | 106 | 5 | 70 | 29530 |
| **Crescent | 97 | 98 | 3 | 79 | 6056 |
| *East Greensboro | 16 | 18 | 4 | 58 | 55569 |
| *Eden | 26 | 34 | 5 | 80 | 6058 |
| *Furnitureland | 46 | 49 | 4 | 62 | 6059 |
| **Gate City | 65 | 65 | 5 | 80 | 27995 |
| *Graham | 33 | 35 | 5 | 77 | 6107 |
| **Greensboro | 304 | 304 | 3 | 68 | 6060 |
| **Gboro Arpt | 37 | 38 | 5 | 71 | 31667 |
| *Guilford | 54 | 56 | 5 | 67 | 22059 |
| *High Point | 138 | 136 | 5 | 73 | 6062 |
| **Hillsdale Sunrise | 22 | 25 | 5 | 78 | 99012511 |
| *Jamestown | 24 | 24 | 5 | 76 | 6063 |
| **Jonesboro | 36 | 35 | 5 | 78 | 22882 |
| **Kernersville | 85 | 86 | 5 | 81 | 25027 |
| *King | 20 | 21 | 5 | 75 | 51294 |
| *Lexington | 22 | 26 | 5 | 63 | 6065 |
| *Liberty | 22 | 22 | 5 | 65 | 6066 |
| *Madison/Mayodan | 32 | 35 | 5 | 79 | 6067 |
| Midstate(Asheboro) | 26 | 29 | 5 | 73 | 81879 |
| *Mocksville | 48 | 49 | 5 | 73 | 6069 |
| *Mount Airy | 97 | 95 | 5 | 72 | 6070 |
| *Pinehurst | 37 | 38 | 5 | 62 | 6072 |
| *Randolph | 76 | 78 | 5 | 57 | 6074 |
| *Reidsville | 58 | 61 | 4 | 71 | 6075 |
| *Reynolda | 95 | 102 | 4 | 56 | 21534 |
| **San Lee Sunrise | 21 | 21 | 5 | 100 | 30735 |
| **Sandhills | 39 | 42 | 4 | 76 | 25530 |
| **Sanford | 34 | 34 | 5 | 70 | 6078 |
| *Siler City | 44 | 42 | 4 | 73 | 6079 |
| **Southern Guilford | 11 | 13 | 5 | 85 | 61795 |
| *Southern Pines | 90 | 92 | 4 | 78 | 6080 |
| *Stoneville | 17 | 16 | 5 | 78 | 6081 |
| *Stratford | 104 | 107 | 5 | 41 | 6082 |
| *Summit | 91 | 86 | 4 | 76 | 6083 |
| *Surry Sunrise | 30 | 25 | 5 | 71 | 57326 |
| *Thomasville | 68 | 67 | 5 | 67 | 6084 |
| *Triad | 31 | 31 | 5 | 76 | 6071 |
| *Troy | 27 | 23 | 5 | 67 | 6085 |
| *Walnut Cove | 12 | 12 | 5 | 66 | 6087 |
| *Western Forsyth | 26 | 26 | 5 | 77 | 79812 |
| **Willow Creek | 16 | 17 | 4 | 62 | 60367 |
| *Winston-Salem | 257 | 258 | 5 | 39 | 6088 |
| *Yadkin Valley | 38 | 38 | 5 | 74 | 30000 |
| *Yadkinville | 23 | 21 | 5 | 62 | 51333 |
| *Yanceyville | 8 | 10 | 0 | 73 | 6134 |
| DISTRICT | 2826 | 2863 | | 71% | |

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