

# The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • DECEMBER 2012 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 CONFERENCE  
APRIL 19 - 21, 2013

THE HOMESTEAD  
HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA



**It is most appropriate** that December is Family of Rotary month because December is surrounded by Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is during this most special season that we are reminded to be thankful for all of God's blessings, especially our families and our Rotary family; and most especially the birth of His Son. Linda and I wish for you and your family a most thankful and joyous Christmas season and a happy and prosperous New Year. Here are just a few things that we are thankful for in our Rotary family this season.



Rick Snider



**2012  
PDG's**

**Polio Plus**

**DRFC Charles**

**Golf Tournament**

**Foundation Advocates**

**52 Official Club Visits**

**49 Club Visits with Linda**

**Grants Management Seminar**

**District Leadership Team**

**Interact/Rotaract Conference**

**Sandler Polio Fundraiser**

**Spring Baseball Fellowship**

**District Football Fellowship**

**International Convention - Bangkok**

**Traveling Around District in Motorhome**

**Governor's Aid, Lloyd Navarro**

**Dedicated Assistant Governors**

**Gracious Reception at Club Board Meetings**

**Margaret Padgett, District Executive Secretary**

**Learning About Many Club Accomplishments**

**Mascot for District 7690 and Love Puppy, Gracie**

**District Conference at The Homestead, April 19-21, 2013**

**District**

**7690**

Deborah and I are excited about the opportunities for "Fun, Fellowship, and Fulfillment" that await you at our District Conference at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. The Homestead is the perfect place to relax, to work, and to play; and The Homestead provides us with the perfect venue for our District Conference.

The Homestead is truly a state of mind where dining is an unforgettable experience. From the popular and casual Sam Snead's Tavern or Casino Restaurant to the upscale and intimate ambiance of The 1766 Grille or the elegant Main Dining Room, your choice of dining will create memories.

Outdoor activities include two championship golf courses, clay and hard surface tennis courts, a world-class shooting club, horseback opportunities and carriage rides, fly fishing with Orvis-endorsed instructors, miles of scenic hiking trails, indoor and outdoor pools, falconry and much more.

The Homestead is also the perfect place to spend a day inside. From the turn-of-the-century movie theatre to the indoor pool and Players Pub, enjoy the great indoors for as long as you like. And The Homestead Spa is inspired by the rich history and geographical beauty of the surrounding mountain setting.

And to ensure a vacation the whole family will enjoy, you can enroll your children in the award-winning KidsClub. For kids between the ages of 3 and 12, the KidsClub is brimming with activity where your children can count on hours of supervised fun guaranteed to create lasting memories.

With all of this as a backdrop, you can enjoy the companionship of your fellow Rotarians and guests as well as the wonderful programs that are being planned by our District Conference Committee. And we invite you to come early and stay late to enjoy all that The Homestead has to offer. Join us at The Homestead on April 19-21, 2013 to celebrate our year of accomplishments and enjoy a weekend of "Fun, Fellowship, and Fulfillment."

*Michael and Deborah Sorenson  
2013 District Conference Chairs*



## **ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 NOMINATES 2015-2016 GOVERNOR**

The Rotary District 7690 Nominating Committee, chaired by Past District Governor Michael Conrad, has nominated

**Larry Lassiter of the  
Troy Rotary Club**

to serve as District Governor of Rotary District 7690 in 2015-2016.

The Committee would like to thank the candidates, Lloyd Navarro of The Sandhills Rotary Club, Jon Spillman of the Guilford Rotary Club and Larry Lassiter of the Troy Rotary Club for their dedication to District 7690 and their willingness to serve.

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# Think Big

by Abby Donnelly and Lisa Spiker



On a warm, spring afternoon at the 2007 Rotary International Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, Rotarian and Sandler Training® CEO Coach Abby Donnelly listened intently as Bill Gates, Sr. discussed the importance of helping all people lead healthy, productive lives. As he spoke, two simple words resonated with Abby, 'Think Big'. The wheels began to turn in her mind... "how can I think big?"

With Abby's passion for Rotary, along with her dedication to her work at Sandler Training, a company that specializes in professional training and development, Abby started to think BIG... and the Sandler Training Polio Fundraiser was born in October 2009. With collaboration from Rotary District 7690, and many generous sponsors, Sandler Training offered a full day of management and sales training to local business professionals with all proceeds going to Rotary International's effort to eradicate polio. Abby said, 'By offering this day of professional development, we improved the skills of the business leaders in our community, created the opportunity for an economic gain in our region, hit hard by the loss of manufacturing jobs, and raised \$50,000 toward the Bill & Melinda Gates match grant. This was truly a win win win'.

The momentum continued to grow! In 2010, Donnelly received letter from Bill Gates, Sr., 'Thank you for thinking big, and I encourage you to keep up the great work. I wish you all the best,' said Gates. The 2010 event netted \$62,500 for the End Polio Now campaign and in 2012, the Sandler Training Polio Fundraiser will write a check for \$40,000 to the Rotary Foundation to support the eradication of polio. Events are scheduled already for 2013 and 2014. Sandler franchises in Florida and California have seen the impact of Donnelly's efforts and have successfully conducted their own Sandler Training Polio Fundraisers, modeled after the original. Since the fundraiser's inception, a total of \$176,500 has been raised through regional Sandler Training Polio Fundraisers, so that over 1.2 million children will never have to know the devastating effects of polio.

Out of a simple idea came tremendous results. What can you do, in your club and across your district, to Think Big? How can you combine your passion for Rotary and your strengths to make an impact? The world is waiting...

Join us for the 4th Sandler Training Polio Fundraiser on October 21, 2013! Early bird registration is now open. Register by July 1st for only \$199 per person. Click here for more information and to register online. Please contact Lisa Spiker with questions at 336-884-1348.

# PROJECT REBUILD

Guilford Rotarians showed up in a big way for this year's Project Rebuild! We partnered with the Gate City Club on replacing a roof on a house located at 707 Savannah Street in Greensboro. Between the two clubs, we were able to complete the project in two weekends! Thanks to our phenomenal volunteers, the homeowner Ms. Marilyn Townsend, doesn't have to worry about her roof leaking or caving in. Ms. Townsend has had a number of health setbacks over the past few years but thanks to all of our volunteers and their efforts, she can rest a little easier.

Please take a moment and thank the following people if you see them: Rebecca Long, Slade Lewis, Calli Grissom (co-worker of Slade's), Chris Hodgin, Dr. Steve Mackler, Kevin Hinterberger, Judy Christley, Tom Delvecchio, Joey Delvecchio (Tom's son), Joe Gecinger, Jon Spillman, Jonathan Spillman (Jon's son). Special thanks to Interact student volunteers Cameron France and Danielle Hill from Southwest Guilford High School who volunteered on Saturday.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with Housing Greensboro throughout the year, please contact Joe Gecinger and he can get you pointed in the right direction. Thanks again to everyone who participated!



## Planning for the 2013-2014 Rotary Year

### 1. Register for President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Club President Elects are very busy appointing committee chairs, planning dates with their Assistant Governors for a Pre-PETS meeting, registering for PETS [www.Carolinaspets.org](http://www.Carolinaspets.org), and saving dates on their calendars for the coming year's events and trainings. The next six months will roll by in a hurry for these leaders! The deadline for a discount registration for PETS is January 20, 2013.

### 2. District Database Preparations

Our President Elects are becoming very familiar with the District and Rotary International websites and by now have accomplished the task of logging on to the District Database to monitor the district calendar and prepare to register online as event registrations open. PE's may contact their Assistant Governor if they need assistance with the database, or they may call on our database expert, PDG Phil Morris for good tips on using this wonderful resource of information.

### 3. Select the President Nominee (President for 2014-2015)

If they have not done so already, Clubs should be preparing to select the President Nominee (President for 2014-2015) by the end of December. Do not forget to enter the President Nominee's name in the District Database by December 31, 2012.

### 4. Assistant Governors for 2013-2014

As District Governor Elect, I am pleased to announce the appointments for Assistant Governor for the 2013-2014 Rotary Year. Please congratulate the new and continuing Assistant Governors and please thank them for their valuable service in these important district leadership positions.

Area 1	Joan Inman	(Mount Airy)
Area 2	Ed Holbrook	(Eden)
Area 3	Phil Moseley	(Graham)
Area 4	Jenny Braswell	(Clemmons)
Area 5	Ken Keller	(Greensboro)
Area 6	Rick Blake	(High Point)
Area 7	Lee Rollins	(Hillsdale Sunrise)
Area 8	Jaci Betts	(Asheboro)
Area 9	Junior Ward	(Carthage)
Area 10	Mark Zeringue	(Siler City)
Area 11	Abby Donnelly	(Crescent)

Cookie Billings  
*District Governor Elect*

# The Rotary Foundation Banquet

The Motto of The Rotary Foundation is "Doing Good in the World" and on November 8th 219 Rotarians, and 60 spouse/partners and guest gathered at the Rotary Foundation Banquet at the High Point Country Club to celebrate our support of the Rotary Foundation for 2011-12.

In 2011-12 - 51 Clubs were involved in 47 District Grants. These grants were funded by matching DDF of \$ 95,243 and club contributions of \$ 121,037 for a total grant funding of over \$ 216,280 for District Grants that changed lives locally and internationally.

Five Rotary clubs Randolph County improved literacy for children when they partnered to place dictionaries in the hands of all 3rd Graders in 22 elementary schools in the county.

Six-hundred handicapped children in the Dominican Republic were changed when the Winston-Salem Rotary club and Rotaractors from the Salem Rotaract Club furnished and installed a handicapped accessible playground in Santo Domingo with IPDG Terry traveling with the group to assist in the installation.

Seven Rotary clubs in the District joined with other volunteers in our communities to prepare over 194,000 meals for "Stop Hunger Now", an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world.

In 2011-12 - Clubs & Rotarians supported 8 Global Grants that maximized Rotarian dollars with The Rotary Foundation World Fund dollars that totaled more than \$ 1,117,000 for Global Grants projects around the world.

## These Global Grants include:

- Water projects in Mexico and Honduras to provide clean water for communities and families in these countries.
- A School Renovation Project in Uganda to reduce overcrowding at the Busiriba Primary School to give students an opportunity for a brighter future through education.
- The "TOGO SMILES" Project in Togo, West Africa is a partnership of Lexington Rotary and Mercy Ships to educate and train patients in basic dental health and hygiene.
- Global Grant Scholar Kristine Silvestri is studying at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK to determine new methods of controlling or eliminating Malaria.

The District and clubs have supported the PolioPlus effort by giving over \$ 473,000 in DDF and Contributions from 2007 through October 2012. Thanks to your support of the PolioPlus effort polio is now endemic in only three countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria and India has been polio free since January 2011.

We are changing the world one Peace Fellow at a time through our annual \$ 25,000 support of the Peace Fellow Program as a Peace Builders District. This program is preparing and sending highly trained Peace Fellows like Scott Sellwood into the world each year to move us closer to a world with fewer conflicts.

**We have done all of this because of YOUR generous support of OUR Rotary Foundation.**

## 2011-12 Rotary Foundation Accomplishments -

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS - #14 IN WORLD \$1,038,634**

**% of Clubs with Sustaining Members - # 3 IN WORLD 72.51%**

**38 of our 51 clubs were EREY**

**39 clubs were 100% Sustaining**

The Rotary Club of Thomasville, led by club president Wayne Herrick became our 13th Triple Crown Club with each member becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, a Sustaining member of the TRF and a Benefactor.

## 2011-12 Top Three Per Capita clubs in District 7690:

<b>Yadkinville</b>	<b>(Donna Willingham)</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>\$ 686.90</b>
<b>Midstate (Asheboro)</b>	<b>(Jerry Moore)</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>\$ 482.15</b>
<b>Guilford</b>	<b>(Brian Hall)</b>	<b>#3</b>	<b>\$ 267.48</b>

One of the highlights of the Banquet this year was acknowledging Clemmons Rotarian John Stewart becoming a member of the Arch C. Klumph Society through his continued support of the Peace Fellows program of the Rotary Foundation.

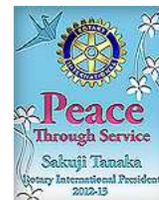
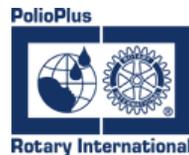
Anne L. Matthews, RI Director 2012-14 congratulated us on our support of the Rotary Foundation and challenged us to continue "Doing Good in the World" by giving to and participating in Foundation programs and projects.

Through YOUR financial support and YOUR active participation in Rotary Foundation programs, YOU are LIFE CHANGERS to the people you help locally and around the world.

Thank you for Doing Good in the World.

# The Foundation Corner

December 2012



## Five reasons to give to The Rotary Foundation

By Antoinette Tuscano, Rotary International News -- November 2012

By donating to The Rotary Foundation, you support Rotary's six areas of focus, which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Contributions to the **Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY)** initiative, are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. By giving \$100 a year through EREY, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. By donating to The Rotary Foundation, you support Rotary's six areas of focus, which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

**Here are a few ways your contributions are changing lives around the world.**

### 5. Fighting hunger

In Romania, children have eggs, milk, and meat because of a Foundation grant that enables local farmers to buy animal feed, packaging materials, and other supplies. The farmers agree to donate a portion of their products to children's hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

In Alaska, USA, the Rotary Club of Anchorage East is also fighting hunger by distributing food to low-income families through a mobile food pantry.

Projects such as these address two areas of focus: maternal and child health and economic and community development.

### 4. Reducing child mortality

The Rotary clubs of Jaela-Kandana, Western Province, Sri Lanka, and Madras Northwest, Tamil Nadu, India, are helping to reduce child mortality by providing improved sanitation facilities for 15 families in a small community in Sri Lanka. With a Rotary Foundation grant, the clubs have built 14 toilets, helping to prevent the spread of diarrhea-causing diseases related to poor sanitation.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.8 million children die of diarrhea every year, making it the second leading cause of death among children under five. Proper sanitation can reduce the child mortality rate in many communities by more than 30 percent. Water and sanitation is one of the areas of focus.

### 3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

As the policy director for Latin America and the Caribbean for the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children in Brasília, Brazil, former Rotary Peace Fellow Katia de Mello Dantas is helping to stop sexual abuse of children, including pornography, human trafficking, and abduction. Every day, at least 22,000 children worldwide are reported missing, and 5,000 are victimized through commercial sexual exploitation, according to the center.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders in promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution. Help support the Rotary Peace Centers. Rotary is also promoting peace through three upcoming Rotary Global Peace Forums.

### 2. Basic education and literacy

A literacy project sponsored by Rotarians in South Africa and Rhode Island, USA, in conjunction with the International Reading Association and Operation Upgrade, is teaching adults in the rural community of KwaNibela, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, to read and write. These skills will help them fight poverty in their community. Through the effort, nearly 600 adults are attending literacy classes taught by instructors trained with help from Operation Upgrade, which specializes in adult basic education. Funding from The Rotary Foundation provided classroom books. Read more about the project, which supports the basic education and literacy area of focus.

### 1. Eradicating polio

Around the world, Rotarians are going the distance -- participating in walkathons, climbing mountains, cycling, even circumnavigating a continent in rubber dinghies, among other fundraisers -- to help Rotary rid the world of polio.

You also can raise awareness by taking part in the World's Biggest Commercial, where you can upload your photo and let people know we're "This Close" to ending polio.

Since Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, eradicating the disease has become the organization's top priority. End Polio Now and help fulfill Rotary's promise to the world.



A child works on his studies thanks to books donated through a Rotary project. By contributing to the Foundation, you support basic education and literacy. *Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee.*

# Attendance for OCTOBER 2012

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club  
\*\*Triple Crown Club

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/12	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	52	53	5	71	6090
*Alamance Bkft	15	16	5	87	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	15	15	5	64	29135
*Asheboro	81	79	4	60	6052
*Burlington	18	18	5	79	6092
*Carthage	18	20	4	83	6053
*Clemmons	93	98	5	73	29530
**Crescent	90	82	4	80	6056
*East Greensboro	16	15	5	49	55569
*Eden	38	40	0	70	6058
*Furnitureland	47	45	4	55	6059
**Gate City	69	66	4	92	27995
*Graham	31	36	4	64	6107
**Greensboro	278	276	4	62	6060
**Gboro Arpt	39	41	4	68	31667
*Guilford	48	49	5	67	22059
*High Point	134	130	3	74	6062
**Hillsdale Sunrise	18	18	4	78	99012511
*Jamestown	24	23	6	67	6063
**Jonesboro	37	37	4	74	22882
**Kernersville	84	84	5	77	25027
*King	18	18	4	83	51294
*Lexington	21	20	5	70	6065
*Liberty	22	22	4	68	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	31	31	5	72	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	30	29	5	68	81879
**Mocksville	38	39	5	61	6069
*Mount Airy	90	93	5	66	6070
*Pinehurst	39	41	5	91	6072
*Randolph	70	74	4	75	6074
*Reidsville	60	62	5	64	6075
*Reynolda	99	97	4	51	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	17	17	4	76	30735
**Sandhills	42	42	5	84	25530
**Sanford	29	36	5	77	6078
*Siler City	35	36	4	70	6079
**Southern Guilford	15	14	4	68	61795
*Southern Pines	89	89	4	72	6080
*Stoneville	17	17	4	59	6081
*Stratford	94	93	4	48	6082
*Summit	78	82	4	75	6083
*Surry Sunrise	28	28	4	86	57326
**Thomasville	63	72	5	81	6084
*Triad	32	31	4	65	6071
*Troy	25	25	4	69	6085
*Walnut Cove	10	11	4	59	6087
*Western Forsyth	23	25	4	78	79812
**Willow Creek	12	11	4	75	60367
*Winston-Salem	260	251	5	43	6088
*Yadkin Valley	33	34	5	75	30000
*Yadkinville	23	24	5	66	51333
*Yanceyville	9	9	5	58	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>2697</b>	<b>2708</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>70%</b>	

## DISTRICT 7690 INTERNET RESOURCES:

Visit [www.Rotary7690.org](http://www.Rotary7690.org)  
For the District Calendar visit  
[www.rotary7690.org/7690Calendar.SHTM](http://www.rotary7690.org/7690Calendar.SHTM)

For District and Club Database visit  
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