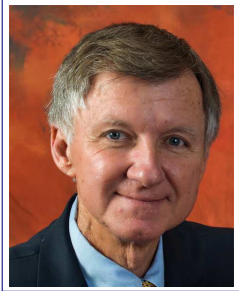


# The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • JUNE 2013 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Rick Snider

## PEACE BECAUSE OF HOPE

Whatever our faith journey, we owe much to those in this great nation who came before us. It is our Judeo-Christian heritage that gives us the freedom and the opportunities to be peace seekers. The very pillars on which our country was founded is freedom and hope.

We have a worldview that sees a future that is better than the past, and it is our hope for a better future for ourselves and others that compel us to service. It is this hope for a better tomorrow that uniquely qualifies us to seek peace in all of its many forms. Our hope for a better tomorrow at home drives our quest for peace in our world. It is because of hope that we can have peace, and without hope there can be no lasting peace anywhere in the world.

In President Tanaka's May newsletter article he said "... Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future - a life and home in a stable society... However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service... Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve - every day, and in many simple ways."

It has been said that it is impossible to talk peace to a hungry and starving stomach. Rotary provides a real pathway to peace as we strive to meet the basic needs of health care, sanitation, food, and education for those in our world less fortunate than we. However we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. As you continue to seek Peace Through Service in your Rotary life, here is an acrostic (or acronym) for P.E.A.C.E. to help guide that journey:

- P - passion for peace
- E - empowerment to seek peace
- A - attitude of peace
- C - compassion for a world in desperate need of peace
- E - excitement about the opportunities for Peace through Service

We finish the year where we began - talking about passion and being a Rotarian. It is our passion for service that defines us as Rotarians and it is our passion for peace that gives us hope for a better future both at home and throughout the world. Linda and I will forever be in your debt for allowing us to serve with you this past year as we have worked together with a Passion for Peace through Service.

Thank You, Rick and Linda

*"Peace Through Service"*

*Rick Snider, 3033 W. Center St., Ext., Lexington, NC 27295*



## Kathryn "Cookie" Billings 2013-14 District Governor

A Greensboro native and a graduate of UNC-Greensboro, Cookie now lives in Jamestown with her husband, Dr. Ray Pifer. Cookie's only son, Patrick Billings lives in Greensboro with his wife, Stephanie, and their daughters, Vica and Olia. Cookie is one of six children and remains close to her siblings and extended family spending free time, holidays, and travel opportunities in their company.

In 1988, after a four-year tenure as the internal auditor with the Guilford County School System, Cookie moved to the position of Finance Director for the Town of Jamestown. Remaining with Jamestown, she earned the additional role of Assistant Manager in 2003, and in 2006, was appointed to the position of Town Manager. Cookie retired from the Town Manager position in December 2010.

A life-long volunteer in the Guilford County community in a number of organizations, Cookie served in many capacities with Girl Scouts Tarheel Triad Council, eventually presiding as President of the Board of Directors for six years. She received the Thanks Badge II recognition, the highest adult award, and continued her volunteer services for four years as a National Operational Volunteer with the Girl Scouts of the USA. Recognized by the Greensboro United Way in 1996 as a "Community Hero", she was honored with the privilege of being an Olympic Torchbearer in Greensboro. Cookie founded a Girl Scout troop and served as its Troop Leader for thirteen years. Over half of the girls in the troop earned the Gold Award, the highest award for girls.

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# CLUB NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 17  
DG Installation,  
Starmount Forest  
Country Club

June 24  
Grasshopper  
Baseball Game

## Teens Honored with Rotary Student Improvement Award

Greensboro, NC-Summit Rotary congratulates the monthly winners of the Student Improvement Awards. The award winners were Jeremiah White from Smith High School and Whitney Johnson from GTCC Middle College at Jamestown. They were nominated by Sarah Gray and Betty Saunders respectively.

The award recognizes middle and high school students in Guilford County who have shown substantial growth and achievement in attitude, attendance and academics. Select students are chosen monthly throughout the school year as candidates for the Student Improvement of the Year Award.

The program is sponsored and administered by Youth First (a program of Greensboro Parks and Recreation), Summit Rotary Club, and Rotary District 7690 and also sponsored by Awards of Excellence, the Guilford Education Alliance, Guilford County Schools, Southern Guilford New Generations Rotary Club and Greensboro Merchants Association.

*(Cookie Billings..cont. from page 1)*

A charter member (1996) of the Rotary Club Greensboro Airport, Cookie served as President of the club in 1999-2000. She was recognized as Greensboro Airport Club's Rotarian of the year in 2007. A volunteer for the District Rotary Group Study Exchange, Cookie later chaired this committee for several years. She also served as the District Conference Chair at The Homestead in 2007. For three years, Cookie was Assistant Governor for Greensboro Area 5 (July 2007 to June 2010). Cookie has received several recognitions for her Rotary Service, including the RI Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians. Cookie has been selected to serve as Rotary 7690 District Governor in 2013-2014.



Jeremiah White  
and Sarah Gray



Whitney Johnson  
and Betty Saunders

DG Rick Snider presented PDG Charles Allen the "Citation for Meritorious Service" to The Rotary Foundation. PDG Charles has chaired the district's Foundation Committee for the last three years. It was through his guidance and knowledge that Rotary District 7690 was a successful pilot district for Future Vision.



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# The Foundation Corner

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## WHY GIVE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ?

The Rotary Foundation is unique because it is YOUR foundation. You are part of a network of business leaders who know how to get the job done in your own communities, and you determine how Foundation funds will be spent on Foundation grants and programs.

Every year our communities need your continued support. By giving to the Annual Fund every year you can shape the peace in our world, you can put a book in a child's hands, you can help alleviate poverty, and you can help provide water for a village.

Every Rotarian, Every Year is the initiative to get every Rotarian to contribute \$ 100 to the Annual Fund every year to ensure that Rotarians like you can continue "Doing Good in the World" through Foundation grants and programs.

Please make contributing to the Annual Fund a priority so that you can continue to make an impact in our local communities and around the world.

## WHERE DO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS GO?

Annual Fund contributions are the primary source of financial support for Rotary Foundation grants and programs. The SHARE System operates on a three-year cycle. Funds are invested before they are available to the district to be spent. The three-year cycle allows the Foundation to use a portion of the investment earnings to pay for administrative and fund raising expenses.



All clubs in District 7690 have committed to contributing to the Annual Fund. Has your Rotary club meet its goals for giving to The Rotary Foundation?

Between 1 July 2012 and 18 May 2013, District 7690 clubs participated in 44 District Grants totaling over \$ **152,229**. District 7690 Club Developed Global Grants during the same time have totaled over \$ **542,810** and including one Packaged Grant Vocational Training Team to Guinea.

Your gifts to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund make these District Grants and Global Grants possible. Thank you District 7690 Rotarians for your generosity in giving to support your communities locally and around the world!

It has been an honor to serve District 7690 at the District Rotary Foundation Chair these past three years. Thank you for the memories of successful grants and the lives we've worked together to change. Your "Service Above Self" efforts have been an inspiration to all you've come in contact with. Please let me know how I may serve you in your support of the Rotary Foundation.

I encourage you to support PDG Mike Conrad, as you supported me, when he becomes DRFC on July 1, 2013.

*Yours In Rotary Service,  
PDG Charles L. Allen, District Rotary Foundation Chair 2010-13*

# Attendance for APRIL 2013

\*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	54	5	70	6090
*Alamance Bkft	15	15	4	92	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	15	14	3	57	29135
*Asheboro	81	74	3	64	6052
*Burlington	18	17	4	90	6092
*Carthage	18	19	4	74	6053
*Clemmons	93	98	4	82	29530
**Crescent	90	86	5	74	6056
*East Greensboro	16	16	4	47	55569
*Eden	38	38	4	72	6058
*Furnitureland	47	45	4	69	6059
**Gate City	69	65	4	87	27995
*Graham	31	36	4	56	6107
**Greensboro	278	289	3	61	6060
**Gboro Arpt	39	43	4	73	31667
*Guilford	48	51	4	71	22059
*High Point	134	128	4	77	6062
**Hillsdale Sunrise	18	18	4	65	99012511
*Jamestown	24	24	5	67	6063
**Jonesboro	37	37	4	70	22882
**Kernersville	84	77	4	80	25027
*King	18	17	4	81	51294
*Lexington	21	20	5	76	6065
*Liberty	22	22	3	58	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	31	30	5	68	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	30	28	4	76	81879
**Mocksville	38	41	5	62	6069
*Mount Airy	90	89	5	80	6070
*Pinehurst	39	40	0	80	6072
*Randolph	70	74	4	65	6074
*Reidsville	60	62	4	63	6075
*Reynolda	99	96	4	52	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	17	16	4	78	30735
**Sandhills	42	41	4	80	25530
**Sanford	29	40	5	68	6078
*Siler City	35	34	4	70	6079
**Southern Guilford	15	13	5	77	61795
*Southern Pines	89	91	4	76	6080
*Stoneville	17	15	4	85	6081
*Stratford	94	91	4	49	6082
*Summit	78	91	4	65	6083
*Surry Sunrise	28	32	4	88	57326
**Thomasville	63	72	4	72	6084
*Triad	32	33	5	55	6071
*Troy	25	23	4	63	6085
*Walnut Cove	10	11	4	68	6087
*Western Forsyth	23	24	5	62	79812
**Willow Creek	12	12	2	71	60367
*Winston-Salem	260	242	5	43	6088
*Yadkin Valley	33	34	4	69	30000
*Yadkinville	23	26	5	62	51333
*Yanceyville	9	8	5	65	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>2697</b>	<b>2712</b>	<b>4.08</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  
[www.directory-online.com/rotary](http://www.directory-online.com/rotary)  
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