

# The Piedmont

# Rotarian



ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • JULY 2014 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Light Up Rotary"

District Governor Patrick Eakes, 205 Stage Coach Trail, Greensboro, NC 27409



Patrick Eakes

I want to take this opportunity to thank Kathryn "Cookie" Billings and her husband, Dr. Ray Pifer, for an exceptional year of service as District Governor. Last year's theme was "Engage Rotary Change Lives", and Cookie exemplified that motto the entire year. She worked tirelessly to support our clubs in pursuit of

their own goals, and she made Organ Donation and recruiting Women in Rotary points of emphasis for the entire district. We will continue to emphasize those areas in 2014-15.

This year's Rotary International Theme is "Light Up Rotary", a phrase that describes what our clubs do in our local communities and across the world. Through service, we bring light to places in need by feeding the hungry, providing clean water, increasing access to education, and eradicating polio.

RI President Gary Huang has asked clubs and districts to share Rotary with their communities by holding Rotary Days. The Rotary Day concept is a simple one: hold a fun, informal event in your community for the non-Rotary public and use it as an opportunity to introduce them to Rotary. Rotary Days are an excellent opportunity for fellowship, to increase public awareness of Rotary, and to attract new members to Rotary.

Our district Rotary Day will be held on Saturday, August 2 at the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game. This Rotary Day is also a Family of Rotary event that is low on price and high on fun, so I encourage you to attend with your family and friends, as well as youth associated with your club. You can find details for this event on page 5 of this newsletter.

My primary emphasis this year will be engaging our Family of Rotary in all club activities. I truly believe that joining the joys of Rotary service and fellowship with the people we care most about is a natural blend and one that will make our clubs stronger. (continued page 2)

## GARY C.K. HUANG,

*Taipei, Taiwan*

**President, Rotary International, 2014-15**  
**Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 2004-06**  
**V. President, Rotary International, 2001-02**  
**Director, Rotary International, 2000-01**



Gary C.K. Huang is currently an adviser for Wah Lee Industrial Corp. and Bank of Panhsin. He also is director of Federal Corporation and Sunty Development Co. Ltd. Previously, he served as president of Malayan Overseas Insurance Co. and chair of Taiwan Sogo Shinkong Security Co. Ltd. A Rotarian since 1976, Gary has served RI as vice-president, director, Foundation trustee, International Assembly group discussion leader, regional session leader, task force member and coordinator, committee member and chair, and district governor. He also has served as chair of the 2014 International Assembly Committee, as adviser for the Permanent Fund Committee for Taiwan, Macau, and Hong Kong, and as PolioPlus national advocacy adviser for Taiwan. He has been instrumental in the area of membership development throughout Asia. As a Rotary Foundation Trustee, he set the goal of recruiting 100 new Foundation Major Donors in Taiwan to help celebrate Rotary's centennial, which resulted in 106 Major Donors in 2005 and another 103 Major Donors in 2006 contributing more than US\$2 million to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund.

He wrote about his experience in business and Rotary in his book, Finding Solutions, Not Excuses. Gary has been awarded the national Civic Service Award by the Federation of Non-Profit Associations and the Outstanding Community Service Award by the ministry of the Interior, R.O.C. In 2001, he was named Honorary Mayor by the City of San Antonio during Rotary's convention there. He is a recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award and Presidential Citation and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Gary was born 12th February, and his wife, Corinna Yao, was born 25th July. They were married 3rd January 1976.

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Weaving our Family of Rotary - Interactors, Rotaractors, friends from your neighborhood or church, and relatives - into the fabric of our clubs will deepen the impact of our service, increase the value of our Rotary membership, and develop additional servant leaders. Engaging your Family of Rotary into your club can also be one of your most effective membership strategies. A Rotarian who experiences Rotary with his/her loved ones is very likely to remain a Rotarian and to recruit new members.

As I prepared to become an Assistant Governor in 2004, PDG Phil Morris advised me that the best part of the job was learning about the exceptional work in clubs other than my home club, Crescent Rotary. Phil was right, and I would add the friendships I made that year to the list of best parts of the job. I cannot wait to enjoy that same experience across our district this year.

I look forward to working with you in 2014-15 to Light Up Rotary!

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## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS FOR JULY**

7/8/2014	Jamestown
7/9/2014	Midstate
7/9/2014	Randolph
7/10/2014	Walnut Cove
7/10/2014	Stoneville
7/14/2014	Burlington
7/15/2014	Madison/Mayodan
7/16/2014	East Greensboro
7/17/2014	Graham
7/17/2014	Liberty
7/21/2014	San-Lee
7/21/2014	Siler City
7/22/2014	Sanford
7/24/2014	Stratford
7/29/2014	Asheboro
7/30/2014	Kernersville
7/30/2014	Thomasville
7/31/2014	Jonesboro

## **District 7690 Inaugurates New High School Speech Contest for 2015**

In the past Rotary District 7690 has held an annual Rotary Against Drugs speech contest for high school students to educate them about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. This year, we're changing the focus to ethics and inaugurating the Four-Way Test speech contest. This contest is conceived of as a means for Rotarians to support students to make healthy choices in the ethical issues that they face in everyday life as teens. Students are subjected to pressure from peers to engage in unhealthy, unwise and unethical behaviors and choices. The speech contest enables Rotarians to reward teens who not only set healthy and ethical life goals for themselves but who also seek to influence their peers in positive way.

As in the past, the contest will be held on Saturday, February 28 at GTCC. More information will be sent to your club presidents, secretaries, and youth services chairs in September. If there is anyone else in your club who should receive this information, please let Karen Morris know so that she can add their name to the list of people to receive it. She can be contacted at [kmorris@triad.rr.com](mailto:kmorris@triad.rr.com). Thanks for the support of your club for this important learning experience for teens.

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# *It's About Membership...*

**When you think about the first time you attended a Rotary meeting, what do you remember?**

I recall a nice group of people who had a common purpose to help in their community and around the world.

They seemed to truly be friends, as business associates and personally. Not only were they having lunch together and conducting a meeting they seemed to really want to be there as they joked and spoke to each other warmly.

As you walk in the door of your next Rotary meeting, "take 5" minutes to look around and see who you don't know and genuinely greet as many people as you can before you rush off to eat. Those few moments are the first impressions newcomers and potential member guests receive to form an opinion about your club.

You are the ambassador for your club and those encounters truly matter.

**Remember this wonderful quote from the late Maya Angelou:**

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Thursday, Oct. 16th, 6-8pm**

**D7690 Women's Recruiting Cocktail Party**

**Fink's Jewelers, Cornwallis and Battleground Avenue, Greensboro**

**Prizes, Food, Drink...**

**make your wish list as jewelry representatives**

**show you the latest styles.**

**Women Members are welcome, invite a guest and you receive an extra raffle ticket.**

**Bring a piece of your jewelry to give to the Women's Resource Center's Free vouchers to the Bargain Box store as we help our fellow women in need "Dress for Success!"**

**RSVP: Cindi Hewitt: [cpr454@aol.com](mailto:cpr454@aol.com), 336-617-0152**

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# Significant Achievement Award Presented to The Rotary Club of Crescent

Rotary International President Ron Burton recognized the Rotary Club of Crescent with RI's Significant Achievement Award this May in recognition of the club's outstanding service project, The Purple Heart Home Project. Rotary international recognizes club projects that address a significant problem or need in a community, involve most or all club members in personal service, enhance the image of Rotary, and may be emulated by other Rotary Clubs.

Crescent Club President Brian Sowers lead his club in search of a special service project to mark the club's 50th Anniversary in 2014. The Purple Hearts Home Project to help Disabled Veterans become and remain homeowners was chosen as the project and Marine Sgt. Nathan Harris was chosen as the decorated veteran to receive a home.

Collaborating with many organizations the members of Crescent Rotary successfully provided funds, materials, and labor to renovate and landscape a house and yard for Nathan and celebrated the successful completion of the project on Veteran's Day. The celebration was attended by over 100 people and received major media coverage.

Congratulations to President Brian Sowers and the members of the Rotary Club of Crescent on the receipt of this prestigious award from our Rotary International President. President Brian is pictured with District Governor Cookie accepting the recognition for the Rotary Club of Crescent.

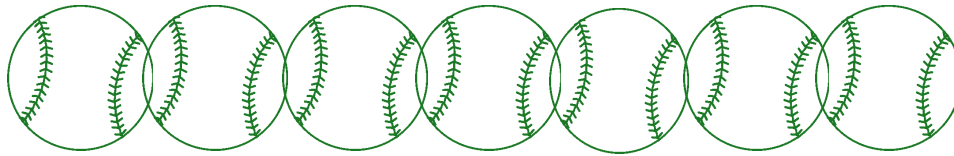
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# DISTRICT ROTARY DAY EVENT



## DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS-JULY 11



The **BIG "Rotary Day" and "Family of Rotary"** event for our District will be held at the **BB&T Ballpark in Winston Salem** on the evening of **Saturday, August 2, 2014.**

**What a great opportunity for every club in the district to promote Rotary!** Bring your members, your families, your Interact & Rotaract students, your friends, and potential new members!

**This will be a fantastic fellowship event!**

**YOUR CLUB TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DASH  
BY JULY 11, 2014!**

You may go online to the district website at [www.Rotary7690.org](http://www.Rotary7690.org) to download the one page ticket order form located on our home page.

**The DASH** will mail the tickets to you once you have placed the order for the club.

For only **\$7.50 per person**, we gain entry to the game, a free ball cap for everyone, a free coupon for a Burger King Meal, a free program, the opportunity to have kids run the bases and hopefully the chance to see our

**District Governor Patrick Eakes** throw out the first pitch of the **Dash game!**

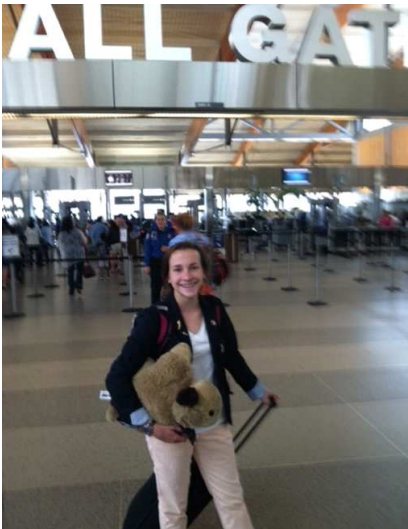
Your club's participation in this fun event also meets requirements for the **Presidential Citation and the 2014-2015 Gold Award.**

Let's have a photo/video opportunity that makes history in our district and send it in to Rotary International to demonstrate how Rotary District 7690 can **Light Up Rotary!**



## Rotary District 7690 Gears Up for Summer Short-Term Youth Exchanges

Youth exchange students from Rotary District 7690 prepare to travel to Italy, Sweden, and Germany for the summer and to host their partner youth exchange student in the Northern Piedmont of North Carolina.



Rachel sponsored by the Rotary Club of Southern Pines leaves RDU airport for her Rotary Youth Exchange to Germany and to meet her exchange partner Anne.



Caitlin sponsored by the Kernersville Rotary Club welcomes her youth exchange partner Gio from Italy at the GSO airport.



Lacia sponsored by the Pinehurst Rotary Club prepares for her youth exchange to Sweden this summer and to meet Frida, her exchange partner.



Welcome to America Party! Tommy sponsored by the Kernersville Rotary Club with his youth exchange partner Nico from Italy celebrates with Gio also from Italy and Caitlin who is sponsored by the Kernersville Rotary Club. In a few weeks the Italian youth exchange students return to their home districts with their U.S.A. youth exchange partners and host in Italy.

Meret, our Youth Exchange long-term student travels with a Rotary YE group on a trip to the Western United States before she returns to her home district in Germany. She sends greetings and thanks Rotarians for their hospitality and wonderful exchange year in District 7690.



# DISTRICT 7690 INSTALLATION BANQUET

June 23, 2014, Sedgefield Country Club



# ROTARY FOUNDATION

What an honor it is for me to be your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (DRFCC) again this Rotary year. It is special for me to work with a great friend, our District Governor Patrick Eakes. We have a dedicated and knowledgeable Foundation Advocates and Committee Chairs who are eager to help. We are coming off of an outstanding year for our District's support of OUR Foundation contributing over \$400,000 to the Annual Fund. Knowing the Rotarians in our District we will not "rest on our laurels" but will continue to support the great works of OUR Foundation in large measure.

## Our Goals

Again this year our primary goal is to enhance giving to our foundation's Annual Fund that supports the wonderful work we do in our communities and around the world. The ways we can increase our foundation giving is threefold, all three of which are attainable by all 50 clubs. The first goal is that ALL clubs attain 100% Sustaining status. This means that each club member donates a minimum of \$100 to our foundation before June 30, 2015. The goal is to lead the world by having over 80% of our Rotarians as Sustaining Members. The second goal is that ALL clubs maintain their 100% Paul Harris status. Whereas District 7690 was the first district in the world to attain this prestigious status, not all our clubs have maintained it. By doing so, we increase our support to our foundation. The third goal is to add 50 new Paul Harris Society Members, an average of one new Paul Harris Society Member per club. With PDG Dave McCoy leading the charge I am sure this goal will be attained. These goals are truly attainable and if any district in the world can accomplish these, District 7690 Rotarians can.

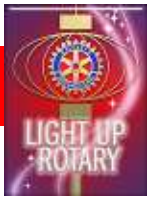
## Our Challenge

Gary Huang, our Rotary International President for 2014 - 15 challenged his over 530 District Governors to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation before their year began on July 1. All did just that giving them the designation "BEST CLASS DISTRICT GOVERNORS." DG Patrick made the same challenge to his 2014 -15 Presidents and all 50 Presidents have done so making them "BEST CLASS PRESIDENTS." I now want to challenge every Rotarian in our district to make a minimum \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation this year making all of us "BEST CLASS CLUB MEMBERS" and for every club with 100% participation, "BEST CLASS CLUBS." Those clubs attaining this status will be recognized at the District Conference at the Hotel Roanoke April 30 - May 3, 2015.

As you have noted I continue to refer to the Rotary Foundation as OUR Foundation. I hope you will as well. The words of Past Rotary International President Glenn El Estes Sr. eloquently speak to why we ALL should be proud to support OUR FOUNDATION. "Through Rotary, with the help of our Foundation, we can take on challenges that no one else has the ability or the inclination or the organizational resources to tackle. We in Rotary share what we have in a way that no one else does - with love, with kindness, and with generosity."

Michael Conrad  
*District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair*





# Attendance for MAY 2014

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

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/13	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	55	54	4	66	6090
*Alamance Bkft	14	14	3	81	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	14	14	4	71	29135
*Asheboro	74	64	4	71	6052
*Burlington	18	15	3	82	6092
*Carthage	19	19	4	54	6053
*Clemmons	102	94	4	68	29530
**Crescent	87	87	3	85	6056
*East Greensboro	16	13	4	48	55569
*Eden	38	35	4	68	6058
*Furnitureland	43	42	3	73	6059
**Gate City	63	68	5	92	27995
*Graham	32	34	4	55	6107
**Greensboro	289	296	4	55	6060
**Gboro Arpt	42	43	3	73	31667
*Guilford	51	54	4	60	22059
*High Point	125	131	4	77	6062
**Hillsdale Sunrise	18	18	5	62	82918
*Jamestown	22	23	4	91	6063
**Jonesboro	37	31	5	72	22882
**Kernersville	76	75	4	83	25027
*King	17	17	5	74	51294
*Lexington	19	23	4	58	6065
*Liberty	21	21	3	41	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	30	27	4	72	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	30	33	4	73	81879
**Mocksville	34	28	4	74	6069
*Mount Airy	89	86	4	71	6070
*Pinehurst	39	37	4	82	6072
*Randolph	68	66	4	73	6074
*Reidsville	60	54	3	71	6075
*Reynolda	94	89	4	55	21534
San-Lee Sunrise	15	12	3	86	30735
**Sandhills	40	38	4	74	25530
**Sanford	41	42	4	67	6078
*Siler City	31	33	4	61	6079
Southern Guilford	11	14	2	92	61795
*Southern Pines	87	91	5	64	6080
*Stoneville	15	14	5	75	6081
*Stratford	93	92	5	41	6082
*Summit	92	100	4	76	6083
*Surry Sunrise	30	25	4	72	57326
**Thomasville	72	76	4	63	6084
*Triad	30	30	4	70	6071
*Troy	23	23	5	50	6085
*Walnut Cove	11	13	5	52	6087
*Western Forsyth	27	27	4	75	79812
**Willow Creek	11	9	3	78	60367
*Winston-Salem	244	243	4	32	6088
*Yadkin Valley	36	35	4	75	30000
*Yadkinville	25	25	4	75	51333

**DISTRICT** 2670 2647 3.96 69.00%

**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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