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"Service Above Self"

Phil Morris, District Governor, 2207 Porsha Lane, High Point, NC 27265

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP



Phil Morris

Just last month I took this picture at the concluding event of the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp that the Greensboro Rotary Club operates for the district. During the week, students were divided into teams, and now it was time for each team to summarize for their parents what they learned at the camp. It was obvious that the impact that your camp had on the

students was tremendous, but the revelation did not come from their prepared remarks. It came from the feeling of camaraderie and electricity that filled the room, and from several of the parents, who sought me out after the event. "I want to share with you what my son told me a few minutes ago." one parent



Graduates of Rotary Youth Leadership Camp 2005

said. "He told me that this was the most awesome thing he has ever done in his whole life!" "Thank you for giving my daughter this opportunity." said another parent. "This is the first time she has spent a week away from home. She is a different person now."

One of the most satisfying experiences I have had was working with young adults. From my experience as a member of the faculty of a small liberal arts college, I realize that one of the most wonderful experiences is watching our children mature into thoughtful adults who are as enthusiastic about taking their place in society, as we were when we were their age.

Rotary offers us all sorts of opportunities to have that experience. Those Rotary clubs whose members are actively



Rotaractors sew sleeping bags last spring

engaged with their Interact clubs or their Rotaract clubs have discovered the miracle of youth's enthusiasm.

If you want a testimonial of how import our involvement with youth can be, talk with Randy Carda (Furnitureland), or almost any Reynolda Rotarian who has received a hug from a Cook Elementary School student. You might want to ask about Furnitureland Rotary Club's Shirlee Carda Memorial Scholarship for Fairview Elementary School students who will be attending middle school in the fall. These "scholarships" consist of a backpack filled with school supplies and a supervised trip to the department store for school clothes for the fall. Or ask any Reynolda Rotarian, who provides tutoring and support services for Cook Elementary School children. There are dozens more projects like these. I'm glad you care enough to help our youth develop into solid members of our society, and yes, into future Rotarians.

Rob Nunnaley (Carthage) will tell you that involvement with youth is important. He is listening to Meghan Osborne, Secretary of the Rota-Runners group: "So far, being in the Rota-Runner Club has really made a difference in my life. It has shown me many things like friendship, kindness, leadership, and other lessons that I will need to know all throughout my life. I had no idea how many friends I could make by just having one thing in common!"

The young adults who belong to our Rotaract clubs are wild with enthusiasm, and their hearts and actions describe a world that we all would like to live in, if we could only keep up with them. I have rarely been in as warm and inviting a home as that of Rotaractor Jonathan Lucas and Olga Kahajou. When they heard that a member of the GSE team from the Philip-pines that was visiting our district was a Rotaractor, they called on all their Rotaractor associates to provide a covered dish dinner to welcome their new friend. (cont. page #2)

District Governor Visits for September

9/1/05
Carthage
9/2/05
Asheboro
9/6/05
Mount Airy
9/7/05
Yadkin Valley
9/8/05
High Point
9/9/05
Oak Hollow
9/13/05
Alamance
9/14/05
Thomasville
Surry Sunrise
9/20/05
Eden
9/21/05
Greensboro
East Greensboro
9/27/05
Lexington

Membership Seminar

October 12, 2005
10am - 1pm
High Point
Country Club

Registration materials will be mailed to the clubs.

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Then there's the generosity of Rotaractors, who were sewing sleeping bags for one of the local shelters, while a group of Rotarians were working on centennial blankets. Rotaractors shifted their energies to helping with the centennial blanket project so it could be completed in time for the district's 100th Anniversary celebration. They returned a few nights later to complete their project. "Well, they have time! I need to spend my time with my



Rotaractors - 100 centennial blankets later.

family!" you might say. But Rotaractors have the same demands on their time as we do. Like all Rotarians they value the difference that Rotary can make in their lives and in the lives of those who are less fortunate than they are.

I don't know how many Ambassadorial Scholars our district has sponsored. I know that the Rotary Foundation scholarship program has changed the lives of scores of students who live in our midst, and they have changed the lives of dozens of Rotarians who have been involved with the program.

Invest some time and energy in the next generation of Rotarians. The rewards are great, both now and in the future.

The "Fifth Avenue" of Service.....YOUTH

A year ago last May Donna and I were privileged to attend the RI convention in Australia. There we saw significant Rotary activity directed toward the youth of that country, and the adoption by some clubs of Youth as the Fifth Avenue of Service.

RIGHT NOW is the time to be getting youth activities going in your club. All our youth are returning to school, and so should the youth coordinator in your club. Why? Because that's where the INTERACT clubs of the Rotary world are. Many clubs already sponsor an INTERACT club, but of course in many respects you need to start again with the new school year. Other clubs have yet to embrace this opportunity, but the opportunity is there, and a call to your high school principal now is what it will take to get the ball rolling. Perhaps that principal is a member of your club. If not, there is another opportunity!! Go to www.Rotary.org for all the information you need to know about INTERACT. The Download Center has some particularly useful stuff, including the manual for organizing and operating a club.

Need a club program? Invite the young person you sponsored at last July's Youth Leadership Program to your club to tell you about his or her experiences.

NOW is also the time to tell rising juniors and seniors about Rotary YOUTH EXCHANGE. Applications for Youth Exchange for the summer of 2006 or the academic year beginning next fall need to be submitted between now and the end of December. This is an especially attractive opportunity for rising seniors, who can apply for Youth Exchange, and then defer college enrollment until the fall of 2007 in order to make room for a year long exchange after high school graduation but before starting college. What a great way to make the transition, take electives, learn a new language and culture, and prepare for higher education and beyond. Again, lots of information at www.Rotary.org. Don't miss this opportunity for service; bringing the Youth Exchange program to the attention of the youth in your community.

Later in the fall and early next year, additional opportunities will arise. Participation in the Drug Abuse Prevention speech contest comes to mind, as does the opportunity to apply for participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership program next summer, or the World Affairs Seminar next June at the University of Wisconsin. Look for more information on these opportunities in later issues of The Piedmont Rotarian. In the meantime, call on Bob Newton (he's in the Directory) for any assistance or additional information you might need. -PDG Robert Newton

AREA 2 CLUB NEWS

Tony Santoro, Assistant District Governor

Rotary Club of Reidsville

Larry Johnson, President

Top Fund Raisers – “Dream Vacation” Reverse Raffle
Silent Auction

Community / Club Projects

Camp Carefree
Shadow Day
Scholarships for two local High School Students
Boy Scouts
United Way
Boys State / Girls State
American Red Cross
Relay for Life
Habitat for Humanity
Rockingham County Help for the Homeless
Rockingham County Senior Games
YMCA
Rockingham Co. Accelerated Reader Program
Boys and Girls Homes of NC
Reidsville Outreach Center
Redirections of Rockingham Co
REMSCO (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program)
Reidsville Area Free Clinic
Rockingham Community College

Rotary Club of Stoneville

Charles Davis, President

Main Fundraiser - Fall Festival / Last Saturday in September

Community / Club Projects

Permanent Stage/ Downtown Stoneville with the Ruritan Club
RCC Scholarship
Camp Carefree Scholarship
Boy Scouts

Rotary Club of Eden

Randy Cash, President

Fundraisers – Apple Festival
Fund Raiser – Valentines Gala / Auction (Feb)
Golf Tournament with Wise Men’s Club

Community / Club Projects

Polio Plus
United Way
Communities in Schools
YMCA Scholarship
Salvation Army
Boy Scouts
Red Cross
Rockingham County Library
Camp Carefree
Rockingham County Habitat for Humanity
RCC Foundation – Rockingham Community College Morehead Memorial Foundation
Eden Boys and Girls Club
Eden Preservation Society
Planning for 100% Paul Harris Club within the next couple of months

Madison/Mayodan Rotary Club

George Penn, President

Main Fundraisers - Shotgun Raffle Fundraiser
Golf Tournament (29th Annual Event) was held this August and was a rousing success

Community / Club Projects:

Water Conservation Videos (Distribution effort)
Area Clubs, School System, Community College, International Sister Clubs
Theo’s Project – Haiti Water Project
Camp Carefree
Local Scholarships
Membership goal – Net gain of 10%
New member drive going on now

District Simplified Grant Moratorium

At the recent Foundation Seminars PDG Stuart Fountain, District Chairman of the Rotary Foundation, announced a moratorium on new District Simplified Grant applications for several months. This is due to the difficulty in getting final reports on existing DSG projects from clubs in the District and the need for an Independent Financial Review of the entire grant to the District which is a standard reporting requirement of the Rotary Foundation for District Simplified Grants. Until all existing projects are completed and included in the Independent Financial Review, the Rotary Foundation will not forward our District Simplified Grant allocation to the District for this year. Therefore the District does not have the funds to award to new projects until these requirements are met. The Grants Committee will take advantage of the lull in activity to restructure the application schedule and method for awarding future District Simplified Grants to more closely coincide with the reporting requirements of the Rotary Foundation. In the meantime the Grants Committee encourages all clubs to apply for Matching Grants which have not been affected by the moratorium on District Simplified Grants.

Congratulations to Two More 100% PHF Clubs

The Rotary Club of High Point became a 100% PHF Club on July 1 and is #635 in the world. The Rotary Club of Alamance was certified on August 11 and is #644 in the world. Rotary District 7690 now has 27 100% PHF clubs. The district is second in the world in number of 100% PHF clubs. District 3750 in Korea leads the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Rotary District 7690 will have its annual Rotary Foundation banquet on November 3 at High Point Country Club. The district is excited to have Past RI President Clifford L. Dochterman as the guest speaker. He is an outstanding speaker. Let's welcome him with a great crowd. Information will be sent to the club presidents in September.

DISTRICT 7690 WAS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE 5K WALK AND 10K RUN DURING THE RI INTERNATIONAL IN JUNE IN CHICAGO. THE EVENT RAISED MONEY FOR POLIO ERADICATION.



CHAR BIVINS AND BECKY HANDY OF THE WILLOW CREEK ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATED IN THE 5K WALK.

PDG MARK CROTTS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM ROTARY CLUB WAS IN THE 10K RUN.



LANE SCHIFFMAN OF THE GREENSBORO ROTARY CLUB AND DAUGHTER ALONG WITH KELLY HARRILL OF THE GATE CITY ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATED IN THE 10K RUN.

Attendance for July 2005

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY % ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUB ID NUMBER
Alamance	49	50	64%	3	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	26	89%	3	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	33	52%	4	29135
*Asheboro	109	111	72%	4	6052
Burlington	24	24	57%	3	6092
Carthage	16	16	71%	4	6053
*Clemmons	126	122	80%	5	29530
*Crescent	130	125	72%	3	6056
East Greensboro	22	21	48%	3	55569
Eden	47	44	62%	3	6058
*Furnitureland	54	54	78%	3	6059
*Gate City	59	61	92%	3	27995
Graham	37	38	66%	3	6107
*Greensboro	323	321	53%	3	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	35	74%	3	31667
*Guilford	50	51	80%	3	22059
High Point	174	174	68%	3	6062
Jamestown	34	34	64%	3	6063
*Jonesboro	61	59	75%	4	22882
*Kernersville	59	58	77%	4	25027
King	22	22	68%	4	51294
Lexington	44	44	55%	3	6065
*Liberty	18	19	65%	3	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	50	67%	3	6067
*Mocksville	63	63	55%	3	6069
*Mount Airy	101	102	72%	4	6070
Oak Hollow	16	18	62%	4	51358
*Pinehurst	29	31	78%	4	6072
*Randolph	79	79	67%	3	6074
Reidsville	71	70	53%	3	6075
Reynolda	110	111	64%	4	21534
S.G. New Gen.	14	12	60%	3	61795
Sandhills	43	42	79%	3	25530
Sanford	75	71	51%	3	6078
San-Lee	26	26	72%	3	30735
Siler City	68	68	67%	3	6079
Southern Pines	68	68	72%	5	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	78%	4	6081
Stratford	146	145	62%	4	6082
*Summit	130	130	69%	3	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	44	52%	4	57326
*Thomasville	75	75	70%	3	6084
*Triad	39	39	66%	3	6071
*Troy	34	34	56%	3	6085
Walnut Cove	30	28	59%	4	6087
*Willow Creek	18	20	96%	4	60367
Winston-Salem	253	253	50%	4	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	40	80%	4	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	83%	4	51333
Yanceyville	24	22	65%	3	6134
DISTRICT	3231	3214	67%		

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

District 7690 Calendar

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