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

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

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As we begin February, we are reminded that it is World Understanding Month.

As we look across the globe to better align our efforts in Rotary, I am reminded of the facts about Polio. India has crossed the threshold of one year without any polio outbreaks.

Rotarians have exceeded the goal of 200 million dollars for the Polio Plus Campaign, and we have been awarded an additional 50 million dollars by the Gates Foundation for meeting the goal early. Most importantly we are eradicating Polio from the face of the earth.

In our District I am seeing clubs honor members for their significant achievements in many parts of the world, and we are seeing Global Grant proposals beginning to surface. Many clubs have worthy international projects being funded, and Rotarians from our District are traveling across the world to help those in need.

Rotary offers so many opportunities to cultivate World Understanding. We have the Peace Fellow programs across six sites; Global Scholar awards to help master level students gain knowledge in one of the six areas of focus; Friendship exchanges to bring Rotarians together for cultural and professional visits. Vocational Training Teams allow us to travel abroad and work in many fields that bring help to others, and then we have our Youth Exchange programs that allow us to host students from all over the world.

We have many wonderful opportunities shared with us by Rotarians from all over the world, and we are making a difference in the lives of many. As we participate in Global Grants; eradicate polio; work with Stop Hunger Now programs, provide assistance to Youth Exchange Students, find new ways to help others throughout the world, let us "Reach Within To Embrace Humanity."

Now we turn our focus to the upcoming celebration of your accomplishments this year. Plan to meet us in Charleston on April 19-22, 2012. Together we will celebrate all the wonderful projects and events that each of your clubs have sponsored during our year together, and together we will share the wonderful moments that each Rotarian has been a part of towards World Understanding through our "Doing Good in The World" Motto. Thank each of you for all you are doing to foster and encourage World Understanding month.

Are **YOU** Coming?

Are you ready for a "High Time in the Low Country"? This is the theme for our District Conference to be held in Charleston, South Carolina from April 19th to 22nd. It's three days of energy, excitement, and education at this annual Conference for Rotary District 7690. It's your chance to explore one of the great destinations in this country, with everything planned for an easy and affordable experience. It's the opportunity to hear amazing stories about Rotary and to be enthralled by outstanding speakers. It's a time to fellowship with your fellow club members and friends, and to meet others great Rotarians in our District.

The buzz this year is over Friday night at the conference and what you will experience. We have reservations at ten of Charleston's finest restaurants that evening. And we have a \$30 voucher to help cover the cost of your meal. All you have to do is pick the place and the time when you register and your table is ready!

District Conference registration is now open! Go on line at www.rotary7690.org where you can view a short video and learn about the conference, as well as register. And soon, you receive by mail the brochure with complete information on the 2012 District Conference. We encourage you to register soon, either on line or by completing the form included in the mailed brochure. The special Friday night dining experience at local restaurants is limited and on a first come first serve basis. You don't want to miss-out on your restaurant choice.

See YOU in Charleston!

CLUB NEWS

Terry's Ticker:

119 Club visits
52 Official Visits
181 Rotary
Meetings & Events

The Rotary Club of
Walnut Cove
will begin
meeting at
Dukes Restaurant
on Main Street
at noon on
Thursdays starting
January 19, 2012.

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Matt Hendren, District 7690 scholar, participates in the Zone 33 Scholar Orientation.

Willow Creek Rotary Club has donated \$2800 to Oak Hill Elementary School in High Point to be used for projects that will reward student achievement and positive behavior and will provide items that the school needs but cannot be funded through other sources. Oak Hill School, at one time one of the lowest performing schools in the district, has made remarkable progress in its test scores. Willow Creek Rotary would like to encourage the school personnel as they continue to nurture the progress made in the last school year.



Willow Creek President Trish Perkins holds checks to be given to Oak Hill Principal Patrice Faison. Other club members include, from left, Everett Padgett, Margaret Padgett, Tim Ridge and Karen Morris

DG Terry Continues His Visits Around the District



WHERE IS OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRY?



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Furnitureland Late February Evening Event Charity Auction			1 Greensboro 95 years old	2 Groundhog Day	3 Asheboro / Randolph Lunch Meeting Speaker Tillis	4 Bill Parker; FVP Training Asheville
5	6	7	8 Surry Sunrise 7:30 am	9	10 District RLI	11 Randolph RC Interact Charter Night 6PM Triad RC Stop Hunger High Point Labels HP Library 10 am
12 Lincoln's B-Day	13	14 Valentines Day	15 Kemesville 7 am	16 DC Meet 5:30 PM Hillsdale Sunrise 7 am Buena Vista Grill New Club meeting 12- 1:30 pm	17 Pinehurst 30 years old DCC D. Leadership Training 8:30 am - 1 PM	18 Sanford Gala Clemmons Raffle
19	20 President's Day	21 Y-Ville RC Salem Rotaract Program Mt. Airy Reading Literacy	22 Walnut Cove 65 years old Mt. Airy Reading Literacy	23 Mt. Airy Reading Literacy	24	25 RADD / GTCC Judge Summit Rotary 55 years old Randolph Rotary Pinewood CC Draw Down Dinner
26	27	28 Western Forsyth RC 12:30	29 East GSO 7:30 am special program			Pinhurst RC Ethocs and Value Dinner & 30th anniversary

January 2012

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11	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30	31				

March 2012

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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The Foundation Corner

Rotarians celebrate polio turning point

On 17 January, district governors-elect filled the plenary hall at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, and awaited the announcement on Rotary's progress to eradicate polio.

A map was revealed that showed a 99 percent decrease in polio cases throughout the world and that Rotary's battle to wipe out the disease had reached a historic turning point.

"Looking forward, we will live in a polio-free world. We have got to the critical turning point we had to be sure we could finish the job," Dr. Bruce Aylward of the World Health Organization said to the audience. "But we can't finish the job without Rotarians and Rotarian leadership out in front, leading the way to a polio-free world."

Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ also made the announcement: Rotarians have not only reached the US\$200 Million Challenge, they had succeeded in surpassing it. In the afternoon's session CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Jeff Raikes announced they would be donating an additional \$50 million to help Rotary conquer the last one percent of polio cases in the world.

"Rotary's work has been incredible. But it hasn't been enough to tip the balance in this fight...yet," Raikes said.

"That's why I'm asking each of you, today, to personally commit to doing everything within your power to finish this important work."

As Rotarians I hope you have a sense of excitement and urgency in our effort to eradicate polio. With the resources in line and a key ally by their side, we know that the last step to wipe out polio for good was up to us and we must meet that challenge.



Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative. Sporting their signature yellow vests and

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caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat. "The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial

if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March. If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through January 13 continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has

interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

Thank you District 7690 Rotarians for your continued support of the Rotary effort to eradicate Polio and to make the world free of this disease.

If you have questions related to support of The Rotary Foundation or the Future Vision Pilot Process please contact me at www.charlesallen@rotary7690.org

PP. Pam Ray (USA) Guest of RC Sahel Aley



Rotarian Pam Ray is currently the president of the Rotary Club of Kernersville (USA—District 7690) and holds the district position of Global Grant chair. D7690 is one of the 100 districts in the Future Vision Pilot for Rotary, that will be implementing in the Rotary Year 2013-14.

During her visit to her son Alex in Lebanon during Christmas week, RC Sahel Aley invited them to their meeting on Dec. 28, where President Pam shared with the attending Rotarians her experience in the implementation of the Rotary 'Future Vision' and explained, in details, the process of the new 'Global and District Grants'.

Although it was Christmas holiday, many Rotarians made it to this important meeting.

Other than the RCSA members, President Pam met with:

DDG George Azar (RC Aley),
PDG Farid Gebran (RC Metn),
DGE Jamil Mouawad (RC Zgharta-Zawie),
AG Yara Younes (RC Sahel Metn),
P. Habib Saba (RC Beirut Cosmopolitan)
PE. Mohamad Charafeddine (RC Beirut Center)



Attendance for December 2011

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/11	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	49	55	3	69	6090
*Alamance Bkft	14	14	3	88	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	20	18	2	50	29135
*Asheboro	90	90	3	64	6052
*Burlington	21	20	3	89	6092
*Carthage	14	19	4	67	6053
*Clemmons	106	104	4	72	29530
**Crescent	93	93	3	73	6056
*East Greensboro	16	16	2	50	55569
*Eden	30	37	3	73	6058
*Furnitureland	46	47	3	57	6059
**Gate City	66	70	3	83	27995
*Graham	33	33	3	76	6107
**Greensboro	301	292	2	67	6060
**Gboro Arpt	36	38	3	73	31667
*Guilford	52	50	2	84	22059
*High Point	136	135	4	74	6062
**Hillsdale Sunrise	25	23	3	65	99012511
*Jamestown	24	26	4	74	6063
**Jonesboro	36	35	4	67	22882
**Kernersville	86	81	4	76	25027
*King	24	21	5	66	51294
*Lexington	23	22	3	67	6065
*Liberty	22	22	2	89	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	33	35	3	69	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	30	0	0	72	81879
**Mocksville	38	47	3	71	6069
*Mount Airy	92	94	4	69	6070
*Pinehurst	35	40	3	80	6072
*Randolph	73	74	2	83	6074
*Reidsville	59	57	3	65	6075
*Reynolda	104	102	3	52	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	22	20	4	85	30735
**Sandhills	44	44	0	77	25530
**Sanford	30	31	3	84	6078
*Siler City	41	38	3	73	6079
**Southern Guilford	12	12	3	87	61795
*Southern Pines	91	91	3	77	6080
*Stoneville	16	17	3	62	6081
*Stratford	104	103	3	44	6082
*Summit	83	83	3	93	6083
*Surry Sunrise	25	28	4	76	57326
**Thomasville	60	66	2	83	6084
*Triad	29	30	3	84	6071
*Troy	23	22	2	71	6085
*Walnut Cove	11	10	5	76	6087
*Western Forsyth	29	27	3	79	79812
**Willow Creek	16	15	4	70	60367
*Winston-Salem	266	263	2	45	6088
*Yadkin Valley	35	37	3	87	30000
*Yadkinville	20	23	3	74	51333
*Yanceyville	10	10	4	73	6134
DISTRICT	2794	2780		73%	

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