

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Celebrate Rotary"

Don Allred, District Governor, 1426 West Lake Drive, Asheboro, NC 27205

DG NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY



Don Allred

In 2000, a project called Shelter Box was conceived and developed by Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall District, in Great Britain as their Millennium Service Project. Struck with the urgent worldwide need for a self-contained emergency shelter unit when disaster occurs, Tom designed a tent, researched suppliers and, through trial and error, developed the

Shelter Box. The international relief agency Feed the Children, has called Tom's Shelter Box "the best disaster relief tool they have seen in their 20 years of experience." Working primarily through UK Rotary clubs, Tom and his Rotary club has succeeded in exposing the Shelter Box project to over 25 million Brits and, as a result, distributed over 1200 units (providing shelter and aid for over 12,000 people).

On December 26, 2004, an earthquake of epic proportions struck the Indian Ocean resulting in a tsunami that has killed over 160,000 people, 40 percent of them children, and left hundreds of thousands homeless. The earthquake was so powerful that the rotation of the earth was effected; and the devastation of the tsunami was so powerful that an entire generation of young people has been lost.

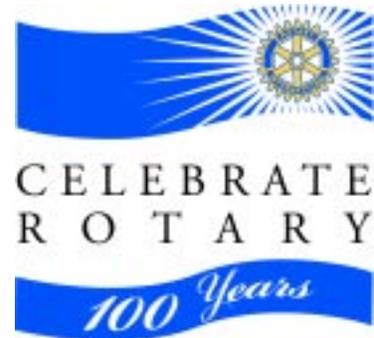
The tsunami and the Shelter Boxes have come together in our district in an outpouring of assistance that is unprecedented. Here's an email from Shannon Harris, president of the Southern Pines Club:

We have taken on this project as well in Southern Pines. I will send you a copy of the newspaper article that ran on the front page of the Pilot yesterday. They interviewed me and we have asked for community support and offered to spearhead this project for the local community.

I would like to share some of the responses that I have received just in the last two days. I received a phone call from a gentleman who recently moved to Pinehurst from Rockingham and was a former Rotarian in Rockingham. He has pledged to match the funds we raise up to \$5000. personally. Wow! I also received a call from a resident who is writing us a check for \$900 to purchase a shelter box. There have been many phone calls pledging support and the checks are coming in....this has been very positive and I will keep you posted as to our progress with the relief effort.

It goes on and on like this from all over the District. To date the District has received \$69,060.91 with much more to come. That figure does not include the \$20,000 the District is contributing. Tom Henderson, one Rotarian with a really good idea, started something that is providing shelter and comfort to thousands who have lost their homes. Thank you, Tom, for providing us with an opportunity to effectively express our care and concern. And thank you District 7690 for having the biggest hearts in the Rotary world. Please visit

<http://www.shelterbox.btinternet.co.uk> for the latest news.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY

*Please join us for
District 7690 Centennial Luncheon*

Wednesday February 23, 2005

*Guilford Ballroom
Koury Convention Center
Greensboro, North Carolina*

*Doors open at 12:00 pm
Program 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Cost: \$15 per member
Spouses are welcome to attend*

*Reservation Deadline-
February 11, 2005
Register through your club president*

***Celebrate 100 years
of Rotary***

February is "World Understanding" Month

The clubs and the district are certainly demonstrating their deep concern for the horrific disaster caused by the tsunami. Tsunami Relief effort throughout the district has been overwhelming and has shown that the Rotarians in District 7690 understand how Rotary can impact other parts of the world. As to date the contributions of the clubs and the district are over \$85,000. The relief effort has been directed to the purchase of Shelter Boxes to provide temporary housing and supplies to those in need. The response has been outstanding and many lives will be affected by this relief effort.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Program July 17-23, 2005

Greensboro, North Carolina - The annual Rotary Youth Leadership Program at Guilford College will be held July 17-23, 2005. The program, sponsored by the Greensboro Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, is in its twenty-third year. Its purpose is to provide 54 selected high school juniors and seniors throughout Rotary District 7690 an opportunity to develop effective and responsible leadership skills.

Past participants have noted, "I learned leadership isn't just standing in front of a group of people and telling them what to do. It is involving them in leading themselves."

"The camp was a highlight in my year's visit to the States." (Rotary Exchange Student)

"The week allowed me to grow mentally. I've developed trust and love due to the help of my discussion group."

This enrichment program will again convene on the Guilford College Campus, utilizing the college's dormitory, cafeteria and recreational facilities. Arthur Samet and Stephanie Cordick of the Greensboro Rotary Club are Program Directors. Staff leadership advisors are outstanding college students from North Carolina who previously participated in the program. In addition to the professional staff of the Center for Creative Leadership, other program staff will be representatives of the business and professional community. Prominent state and local leaders will visit and speak with participants and assist in self-assessment of career potentials and goals.

Each participant is nominated by his/her high school principal, reviewed by the local Rotary Club Selection Committee with final selection made by the Program's Executive Committee. Program participants will not be restricted by race, sex, religion or national origin.

Participants are sponsored by local Rotary Clubs for the entire cost of the program, including room and board. For nomination, a student must have shown leadership capability and maintained a "B" average in school.



2007 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION REPRESENTATIVE

According to Rotary International: "Representatives for the 2007 Council on Legislation must be elected in the Rotary year two years preceding the Council." Clubs in our district can now nominate a representative for the 2007 Council on Legislation. Nominations will be taken from the clubs until March 1. After March 1, the clubs will be notified of the nominees. A vote will be taken at the 2005 District Conference in Charleston to determine the representative and the alternate.

The nominee according to the Rotary Bylaws in the Manual of Procedure 2001 must be "...a Rotarian who has served a full term as an officer of RI (or is the current governor or governor-elect under special circumstances). Such member must be a member of a Rotary club in the district represented. (RIB8..020)."

Per Abby McNear, Council Service Supervisor for RI: "The RI Board of Directors encourages districts to elect as representatives the best qualified eligible Rotarians who are well-informed about current Rotary policies, procedures and programs. Representatives should be elected on the basis of their ability to carry out the representatives' defined duties and not on the basis of their person popularity. The role of representative should be viewed as a serious and responsible position and not simply as a perquisite of having served as governor."

There are two changes that were adopted by the 2004 Council that affect the nomination and election of the representatives. The RI Bylaw (Section 8.050) allows a qualified Rotarian may be nominated by any club in the district. When the votes are taken at the 2005 District Conference, the candidate must get the majority of votes cast to be elected. (RI Bylaws, Section 8.050.4)

A nomination form has been sent to each club president in the district. The nomination must be made on that form by a club.



Peace Scholar

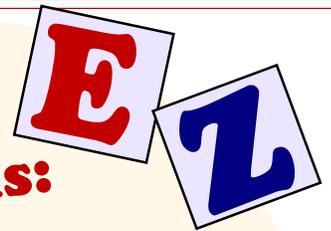
District 7690 has its second World Peace Scholar! Her name is Sallie Lacy. Sallie graduated from Greensboro Day School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has also served in the Peace Corp and is currently involved in humanitarian efforts in Bolivia.

She received her first choice to study in Australia. Sallie's family resides in Greensboro, and she was sponsored by the Summit Rotary Club. The scholarship Committee was confident that Ms. Lacy would be an ideal Rotary World Peace Scholar. It is said best by one of her references:

"Sallie is a magnificent human being! She has fervor for bringing peoples of the world together in understanding and achievement. Her gifts of high intellect, magnanimous empathy and resilient flexibility make her a candidate for leading future generations."

Mike Conrad, *Chm., Ambassadorial Scholars*

Getting to the Centennial District Conference is:



Philip Shore, 2005 Dist. Conf. Chm.

From much of the Piedmont, it's just just taking your favorite route to Cheraw, SC, thence to Florence, thereupon hopping onto I-95 South and hanging east on I-26 to Charleston. It took me almost exactly 4 hours from Asheboro, in moderately heavy traffic, in the rain.

On the way, I passed the Rankin Museum in Ellerbe, NC and looked at the beautiful homes in Society Hill, SC. It was a very pleasant drive even under poor conditions. Many of you have an hour further to travel, but with a good conversationalist or a good book tape or your favorite music, the miles will melt by.

There were only a couple of unclear spots. One was between Cheraw and Florence where Highway 401 is offset for a few miles; the other was the access to I-95 at Florence - it's a left lane exit.

Getting to the hotel is a snap - Exit 213 is yours, turn right into traffic and turn right at the first light and you are there. There is plenty of parking. The City of Charleston is ten minutes away. The hotel and convention center are all one facility.

Happy traveling to you - see you at the Centennial District Conference, April 28-May 1.



Centennial Projects



Rotary International has encouraged clubs to have a special project during this 2004-2005 Rotary year in celebration of the 100 years of Rotary. District Governor Don Allred explained what he believes signifies a Centennial Project: "A community project that has the Rotary logo attached to it. The idea, I think, is to do something good for the community that also publicizes Rotary. The project must be a new project this year and can be completed during this Rotary year or be ongoing. Some clubs joined with other clubs in their area for a community project, and other clubs have undertaken a project alone.

Some of the projects are:

ALAMANCE

Centennial Year Walking Track at the Burlington Springwood Park which has already been completed.

ALAMANCE BREAKFAST

Playground equipment was purchased for the handicapped Children's Playground Park at Springwood Church Road Park.

ASHEBORO

A sizable donation was made for the stage in Asheboro's Downtown Bicentennial Park.

CARTHAGE

A donation was made for the roof to a new field house for New Century Middle School. There will be a bronze plaque on the building.

CLEMMONS

A sizable donation was made to purchase and install fitness equipment for children which is called Project Fit America. The equipment was installed by the Public Works Department of Clemmons on the grounds of the Clemmons YMCA.

GRAHAM

A donation by the club was made toward the construction of a new concession/restroom facility at Apollo Park, a community park, in Graham.

HIGH POINT

A sizable donation will be made to support the War Memorial Project in downtown High Point.

KERNERSVILLE

The club purchased a four-faced, 12-foot tall clock and gave it to the town of Kernersville to recognize and honor the 100-year anniversary of the founding of Rotary. A granite monument will be mounted to base to complete the project. A dedication ceremony will be held on site at 8:00 am on February 23.

KING

Rotarians from the club are making presentations on professional ethics to all 10th grade social studies classes in Stokes County. Each student receives a wallet size copy of the 4-Way Test.

MOUNT AIRY

The club is purchasing a History Cart with reproductions of artifacts for the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, Inc. The history cart will allow students to have a "hands-on" learning experience at the local museum. The cart will have a gold plate with "Mount Airy Rotary Club - Centennial Celebration, 1905-2005."

PINEHURST

A permanent drinking fountain at the new city park and arboretum, Rasie Wicker Park, located at the Village Hall in Pinehurst has been purchased by the club to celebrate the Centennial.

RANDOLPH

A sizable donation is being made to assist with the project at the Bicentennial Park in downtown Asheboro. The club is helping to purchase a roof for the stage at the park. The club is working in conjunction with the Asheboro Rotary Club. The project will be named the Rotary Stage and will have the Rotary Wheel and name in a prominent place.

REIDSVILLE

Members are distributing 100 DVD's to 100 teachers by February 23. The DVD is called "Effective Study Habits" and were created by the Reidsville High School Interact Club and the Rockingham County Interact Club. The hope is that this film will act as a catalyst for parents and teachers to discuss good study habits.

REYNOLDA

The club has purchased much needed playground equipment for Cook Elementary School and has provided yard-work days at least one time per quarter at the school to help keep the grounds clean.



Centennial Projects



SOUTHERN PINES

Working in partnership with the Southern Pines Elementary School PTA, the club is organizing a beautification day for the school. The project will involve planting flowers, installing benches and establishing gardens to help "beautify" the school.

STONEVILLE

Matthews Park in the business district in Stoneville was first established by the Stoneville Garden Club. As the membership in the garden club has diminished over the years, the Stoneville Rotary Club has adopted the maintaining and preserving of the park as the Centennial project. A sign will be in place very shortly with the name of the park, designating it as a Centennial Memorial Park and the Rotary Seal and date.

STRATFORD

A children's playground will be built in an underprivileged area of Winston-Salem. The city will provide the land for the project.

TROY

Members have assisted with the "Buy A Brick" project to support the efforts of Troy's Downtown Beautification Committee. The bricks will be inserted along the tree-lined sidewalk on Main Street near the new Town Hall.

WILLOW CREEK

The club has joined the "Adopt A Highway" program and is responsible for the road in front of their meeting location, Willow Creek Country Club, in Davidson County. A street sign bearing the club's name is posted on each end of the road. This is an on-going project for the club.

WINSTON-SALEM

A downtown revitalization program is in the plan for the club as a Centennial project.

YADKIN VALLEY

A "Centennial Garden" that will utilize only plants and shrubs available 100 years ago is planned for the new homeless shelter building, The Ark. The club also plans to continue the maintenance and upkeep of the garden.

YADKINVILLE

Construction will begin in the spring on a Habitat for Humanity House. Fundraising efforts have been on-going, and a "Rotary Rummage Sale" will be held on Saturday, May 21 with all proceeds going toward the house.

YANCEYVILLE

The club will be supplying and funding the materials for Gateways to Yanceyville.

JOINT CLUB PROJECTS

CRESCENT, EAST GREENSBORO, GATE CITY, GREENSBORO, GREENSBORO AIRPORT, GUILFORD, SUMMIT, SOUTHERN GUILFORD NEW GENERATION

These Greensboro area clubs have collaborated to fund the Rotary Clubs Playpark at the First Horizon Baseball Stadium. The \$135,000 project has been funded by a brick campaign, a donation from the Bryan Foundation, direct club contributions and District Simplified Grants. The park will open on April 3, 2005 when the first baseball game is played in the new stadium.

ARCHDALE-TRINITY, FURNITURELAND, JAMESTOWN, OAK HOLLOW, TRIAD, HIGH POINT

These six clubs are working together in a fund-raising effort by selling bricks for the Rotary Solar Heart Garden which is the entrance to the Naturalist Education Garden at the Piedmont Environmental Center in the High Point/Jamestown area.

JONESBORO, SAN-LEE, SANFORD

In a joint effort by three clubs, a pavilion or large picnic shelter for the O.T. Sloan Park is being constructed. The pavilion will be available to all the people of Sanford and in Lee County. The Pavilion will have picnic tables, concrete floor, electricity, lights, water fountain and a plaque. The clubs have also built picnic tables out of cedar trees and have put the Rotary emblem in the middle of the tables. These picnic tables will be put at another part of downtown Sanford. A dedication ceremony will be held on February 20 at the pavilion and the day will be proclaimed "Rotary Day" in Sanford and Lee County.

Attendance for December, 2004

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/04	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUBID NUMBER
Alamance	44	47	63%	2	17690006090
*Alamance Bkft	26	25	83%	3	17690023238
Archdale/Trinity	29	32	84%	4	17690029135
*Asheboro	116	116	70%	3	17690006052
Burlington	27	27	62%	3	17690006092
Carthage	19	20	58%	3	17690006053
*Clemmons	126	126	66%	5	17690029530
*Crescent	118	124	73%	3	17690006056
East Greensboro	12	16	63%	3	17690055569
Eden	43	42	82%	2	17690006058
*Furnitureland	56	59	75%	3	17690006059
*Gate City	54	58	89%	4	17690027995
Graham	37	38	64%	3	17690006107
*Greensboro	321	321	61%	4	17690006060
*Greensboro Ap	37	36	85%	2	17690031667
*Guilford	56	52	100%	3	17690022059
High Point	180	184	70%	4	17690006062
Jamestown	29	31	84%	2	17690006063
*Jonesboro	66	61	78%	3	17690022882
*Kernersville	46	58	85%	5	17690025027
King	21	19	83%	5	17690051294
Lexington	46	45	62%	2	17690006065
*Liberty	20	20	68%	2	17690006066
Madison/Mayodan	43	46	84%	3	17690006065
*Mocksville	61	59	66%	4	17690006069
*Mount Airy	114	110	67%	4	17690006070
Oak Hollow	12	14	60%	3	17690051358
*Pinehurst	30	23	92%	4	17690006072
*Randolph	77	81	81%	2	17690006074
Reidsville	80	77	70%	2	17690006075
Reynolda	117	108	67%	2	17690021534
S.G. New Gen.	23	21	74%	3	17690061795
Sandhills	44	43	70%	3	17690025530
Sanford	77	78	55%	3	17690006078
San-Lee	26	26	100%	3	17690030735
Siler City	69	68	69%	3	17690006079
Southern Pines	76	76	85%	3	17690006080
*Stoneville	14	14	70%	4	17690006081
Stratford	145	145	75%	2	17690006082
*Summit	134	137	71%	3	17690006083
Surry Sunrise	39	44	72%	5	17690057326
*Thomasville	80	79	75%	4	17690006084
*Triad	43	38	63%	4	17690006071
*Troy	30	35	74%	3	17690006085
Walnut Cove	41	42	51%	3	17690006087
*Willow Creek	17	18	83%	3	17690060367
Winston-Salem	255	255	55%	2	17690006088
Yadkin Valley	42	43	74%	4	17690030000
*Yadkinville	17	15	76%	3	17690051333
Yanceyville	24	23	61%	2	17690006134
DISTRICT	3259	3273	73%		

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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