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"Service Above Self"

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

DISTRICT 7690 RESPONDS TO HURRICANE DISASTER



Phil Morris

I've been traveling around the district telling everyone how wonderful it feels to be a Rotarian. You seem to be pleased with what Rotary has done for you as well. And then Hurricane Katrina decimated the Gulf Coast. For a split-second indecision, then once again how wonderful it feels to be a Rotarian! It feels wonderful

to be part of a community that shares the focus of restoring hope. For several days my telephone rang and my computer screen repeated your questions . . . "People are hurting. What is Rotary doing? What is the district doing?" Well, the honest truth is Rotary isn't going to do anything, and neither is the district. Rotarians are going to do it. Because you and I have been talking the talk, you and I will be walking the walk as well. And we will probably do it through one of the vehicles that Rotary makes available to us.

Here is what went through my mind once I understood that a real tragedy was unfolding at our doorstep. Intuitively, and naively I concluded that Rotary is not a first responder agency, although many of its members are. Rotary is not equipped to wade in and look for individuals in distress. Rotary does its best work when it listens.

And so we listened . . .

. . . for cries of help – Thomasville Rotary Club heard a former member cry for help when he described the plight in Taylorsville, Mississippi. Apparently the former editor of the Thomasville newspaper had moved to Taylorsville. Here is part of an edited e-mail that Thomasville's President Steve Martin forward through his club's members:

"John had called from his sister's house in Taylorsville, Mississippi and he was in tears. They have nothing down there and he says babies are starving for lack of baby food, formula, milk and water and he knows that we would be inclined to help. The people of this little town are concerned that everything will go to the larger cities and they will be forgotten about. My first thought is to contact David Congdon to ask for a trailer to fill immediately and get on the road, and let John coordinate distribution in Taylorsville. We

could also get word to Phil Morris and maybe get the Rotary district involved. We need ideas quickly. What do you think?" After a flurry of e-mails, Thomasville Rotary had mobilized many in Thomasville to fill a shopping list provided by a Red Cross designated relief shelter in Taylorsville, and by the beginning of the week a double trailer truck loaded was on its way to provide relief.

. . . for ways to connect – Carthage Rotarians have a lot going for them, but they are struggling as new club leadership tries to catch up after their President-Elect Annie Wimbish learned that she had been selected as Superintendent of Schools in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. But was there a reason why Annie was selected for the Hattiesburg job? Correspondence flying around Area 9, Pinehurst, Sandhills, Southern Pines and Carthage, are exploring this avenue of relief aid.

. . . for other agencies to support – many of our clubs sent generous checks to the Red Cross, or to United Way, or to Salvation Army. And there are many of you that I haven't heard from. I know you are doing something as well.

. . . for clues in the district's history – In 1999, Hurricane Floyd devastated much of the coastal area of our own state. District Governor John Haynes asked clubs to consider a District 7690 Hurricane Floyd Relief Fund, to be sent to the neighboring districts that were damaged by Floyd. In short order the generosity of District 7690 Rotarians enabled our district to provide relief that found its way to clubs to help victims find their way to a new normalcy. I tried to imagine being district governor of Rotary District 6840 (New Orleans & Biloxi). Wouldn't I appreciate access to an infusion of funds from other districts around the Rotary world that I could distribute to the clubs and Rotarians who are the best positioned to see the needs of their communities that are not being addressed by national relief agencies such as the Red Cross? Wouldn't you appreciate your district sending you funds that you could use to help the people around you regain hope? Although the scale of the disaster on the Gulf Coast surpasses the Hurricane Floyd event, the devastation to each individual who lost homes and jobs and sometimes families is just as severe now as it was then. I was encouraged to follow Governor John's model because I feel assured that each dollar that you contribute will be used for relief, and not administration. I have asked PDG John to complete the draft of the

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District Governor Visits for October

10/3
Burlington
10/4
Sanford
10/5
Randolph
10/5
Clemmons
10/6
Willow Creek
10/7
Summit
10/10
Furnitureland
10/11
Yanceyville

Meeting Location Change

The Rotary Club of Yadkin Valley now meets at the Prime Sirloin Restaurant on Wednesday, 7:45 am.

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Vocational Service Month

I didn't warm up to the opportunities of "Vocational Service" until I had been in Rotary for quite a few years. I am guessing that many of you find trouble focusing on Vocational Service as well. When I visited King Rotary Club several weeks ago, I listened as Sue Jarvis talked about their plans to support Vocational Service Avenue of Service. She had some wonderful ideas, but you would expect this from Sue. She has served as Vocational Service Chair for our District for many years. Again this year she has agreed to serve to help link you with resources that will help you develop a positive Vocational Service program. So if you are stumped, send her some e-mail at VocationalService@Rotary7690.org.

Also I wondered what you might find if you are looking for ideas for Vocational Service if you visited Rotary International's website. Here is what a quick search revealed:

"Every October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on vocational service. Discussions among clubs and districts on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational service month is an opportunity to begin yearlong vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects. Below you'll find a number of ideas to help your club celebrate.

- Devote the first meeting in October to examining the second Avenue of Service, including The 4-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Business and the Professions. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.
- Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose: promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community, and consider making it an annual October event.
- Invite experts to give a presentation on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills."

DG Phil Morris

(...continued from page 1....Katrina) program I sent to all clubs by developing a reasonable time frame and a fair method of distributing of the funds to the districts where there is need.

I would like to learn how your club responded to the Hurricane Katrina disaster and how much you contributed through your Rotary club. But regardless of how you have contributed I am personally gratified with your generosity. Of course, I expect it. You are Rotary.

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

Membership Seminar:

The Membership Seminar will be held on October 12 at High Point Country Club. Registration will be at 9:30 am with the program beginning at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. PDG Bevin Wall from District 7730 will be the featured speaker. Cost is \$15. Registration materials were sent to each club president.

District Golf Tournament:

The district golf tournament will be on October 13 at the Holly Ridge Golf Course. Lunch is at 12 noon with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$60 per person or \$240 for a team of four. Only Rotarians from the clubs can participate. A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please register immediately.

Rotary Foundation Banquet:

The annual Rotary Foundation Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 3 at High Point Country Club. The guest speaker will be Past Rotary International President, Cliff Dochterman. Registration materials will be sent to each club president.

**District 7690 Golf
Tournament**
Holly Ridge Golf, Archdale, NC
Oct. 13, 2005
12:00 Lunch
1:30 pm shotgun start

Please send a check for \$60 per person, \$240 per team to:
 District 7690 Golf
 Mail to:
 PDG Don Allred
 1426 West Lake Dr.
 Asheboro, NC 27205-2549

Rotary Club _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Teams shall consist of Rotarians from one club.
 If you cannot arrange a foursome from your club, sign up
 anyway and you will be assigned to a non-competing
 team for a fun day of golf and fellowship.

[Our team would like to participate in the:](#)

Gross Division: Two of four best ball _____
 (blue tees)

Net Division: Captain's Choice with
 handicap _____ (white tees)

Deadline for Entries: September 15

For more information contact:

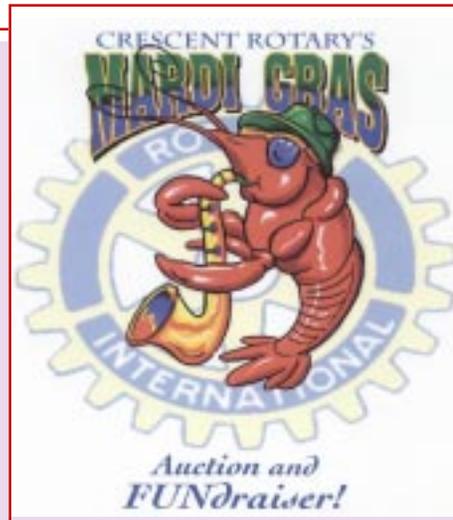
Don Allred: 336.629.1021

Margaret Padgett: 336.885.7690
 Holly Ridge is located on Hwy 311 between
 High Point and Randleman.

**LUTHER H. HODGES, SR.
EXHIBIT**

An exhibit on the life of Luther H. Hodges, Sr.
 entitled "The International Legacy of a North
 Carolina Statesman" is on display at The Chapel Hill
 Museum through October 23, 2005.

"The exhibit is of particular interest to Rotarians and
 North Carolinians because Hodges was President
 of Rotary International and Governor of North
 Carolina" *(Robert C. Page, III, Chairman)*



You are invited to Crescent Rotary Club's annual
 FUNdraiser on Friday, November 4, at the
 downtown Greensboro Marriott. The theme is
 Mardi Gras, so come prepared to party!

The FUNdraiser starts at 6:30pm and wraps up
 at 10:00pm. For \$50 per person, you will be
 treated to the best in Rotary fellowship: an
 expansive buffet dinner, two complimentary
 drink tickets, and entertainment supplied by the
 six-piece Muddy Water Dixieland Jazz Band.

The event features a silent auction, a diamond
 raffle, a cash raffle, and a live auction. The
 silent auction includes hundreds of unique items,
 and a beautiful \$4,000 diamond necklace and
 three cash prizes totaling \$10,000 will be
 awarded in the raffles.

The live auction is loaded with vacation homes in
 Durango, Colorado, Figure Eight Island, Blowing
 Rock, Wrightsville Beach, and many other fun
 locations. You can also bid on original art by
 local artists such as Bill Mangum, several dinners
 including a barbeque for 25, and autographed
 basketballs from the Big Four schools.

In keeping with the Mardi Gras theme, the
 FUNdraiser's proceeds will be used to make a
 substantial donation Gulf Coast relief efforts,
 and one third of the proceeds will be donated
 to The Rotary Foundation. The balance of
 proceeds will be allocated to dozens of groups
 such as Operation Smile, Boy Scouts, Girl
 Scouts, and Greensboro Urban Ministry.

We hope you will join us for Mardi Gras on
 November 4. Call Patrick Eakes at
 (336) 574-1800 for more information or to
 RSVP by October 28.

AREA 3 CLUB NEWS

Randy Perkins, Assistant District Governor

Alamance Club

Don Jennings, President

The club has added 3 new members this year bringing their total membership to 51 members.

Also, this summer they became a 100% PHF club and they are working hard to be a 100% PHF sustaining club.

They have scheduled two major fundraisers, a Casina Night for February and a Poinsetta sale in December.

Recently they supported a Corporate Spelling Bee Contest with the local newspaper for their literacy project.

Alamance Breakfast Club

Lorrie Andrews, President

The club is a 100% PHF club with 28 members and has two new applications for membership. Their goal this year is to obtain the Gold Club Award.

Their GSE Taiwan team nominee, public school educator, Christine Kreider was selected to go to Taiwan.

In addition, they are working on a fall golf tournament, one of their major fundraisers. They have planned a low country boil for their family fellowship event.

Burlington Club

Henry Sink, President

The club is the oldest club in Alamance County and meets in downtown Burlington. They have gained two new members this year and are continuing their Reading for the Blind on local cable television.

This club also provides books to elementary school children several times a year through the Reading is Fundamental project.

Graham Club

P.K. Patknik, President

The club has grown to 39 members. They are to be congratulated for receiving their 100% PHF award and also their GSE Taiwan team nominee, Graham Police Captain, Jeff Pritchard, was selected for the Taiwan GSE Team. Members of the Graham Club have 2 BBQ shoulder fundraising events each year and a golf tournament.

On September 29 they have scheduled a Family of Fellowship event for their club and recently supported Operation Smile. The club is aggressively striving for the Gold Club Award.

Their Centennial Project, a concession stand and observation tower located at Apollo Field in Graham is nearing completion.

Yanceyville Club

Doug Barker, President

The club recently had a city-wide dedication and ceremony for their Centennial Project, the Yanceyville Gateways. Four gateways, located on each of the major routes into the city, were funded and built by the Yanceyville Club. These gateways will welcome visitors to the city of Yanceyville. Governor Phil Morris and DGN David McCoy attended the ceremony in addition to local city and county officials.

Katrina Relief

All clubs are encouraged to make a contribution to the relief effort for recovery from Katrina. Visit the district's web page to get more

information at

www.rotary7690.org

Attendance for August 2005

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY % ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	51	65%	5	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	26	80%	5	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	32	56%	5	29135
*Asheboro	109	110	68%	4	6052
Burlington	24	23	60%	5	6092
Carthage	16	16	70%	4	6053
*Clemmons	126	122	70%	5	29530
*Crescent	122	122	70%	5	6056
East Greensboro	22	21	52%	4	55569
Eden	47	45	72%	5	6058
*Furnitureland	54	56	80%	5	6059
*Gate City	59	61	90%	4	27995
*Graham	37	37	72%	4	6107
*Greensboro	323	321	47%	5	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	39	76%	5	31667
*Guilford	50	51	80%	5	22059
*High Point	174	174	70%	4	6062
Jamestown	34	34	65%	5	6063
*Jonesboro	61	59	78%	4	22882
*Kernersville	59	56	77%	5	25027
King	22	21	72%	4	51294
Lexington	44	44	54%	4	6065
*Liberty	18	19	76%	4	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	52	70%	5	6067
*Mocksville	63	60	62%	5	6069
*Mount Airy	101	103	79%	5	6070
Oak Hollow	16	18	64%	4	51358
*Pinehurst	29	29	60%	4	6072
*Randolph	79	80	74%	5	6074
Reidsville	71	74	70%	5	6075
Reynolda	110	111	64%	4	21534
S.G. New Gen.	14	12	70%	4	61795
Sandhills	43	42	79%	5	25530
Sanford	75	71	58%	5	6078
San-Lee	26	25	84%	4	30735
Siler City	68	68	71%	5	6079
Southern Pines	68	68	75%	4	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	75%	4	6081
Stratford	146	145	64%	4	6082
*Summit	130	130	65%	4	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	43	58%	5	57326
*Thomasville	75	76	78%	5	6084
*Triad	39	39	72%	5	6071
*Troy	34	34	61%	4	6085
Walnut Cove	30	28	50%	4	6087
*Willow Creek	18	20	80%	4	60367
Winston-Salem	253	250	48%	5	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	40	74%	5	30000
*Yadkinville	17	19	81%	5	51333
Yanceyville	24	22	70%	5	6134
DISTRICT	3223	3213	69%		

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

District 7690 Calendar

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September 2, 2005
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District 7690 Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Program

Last year, Governor Don Allred reminded us that to lose your money is to lose much. To lose a friend is to lose more. To lose hope is to lose everything. As Rotarians, it is our burden to do what we can to insure our fellow humans always have hope. No one knows the number of people who lost all hope last Monday, when Hurricane Katrina crossed the Gulf Coast. In response to the requests for information concerning our District response to the Hurricane Katrina Disaster I want to discuss briefly three responses that our district and your clubs may want to consider:

District Disaster Relief Fund – Rotary is not an immediate responder organization. Rotary clubs have neither training nor the infrastructure to provide first-response assistance. In keeping with Rotary's capacity to help others, and understanding that the need for relief will continue for many months, if not years,
I believe our most effective opportunity for service is in creating a District Disaster Relief Fund to receive contributions from our clubs. Funds designated for this method of distribution should be sent to the District 7690 Treasurer, payable to Rotary District 7690 - Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. I hope that we can raise \$60,000 - \$70,000 in support of this effort. The district will evaluate the opportunities as they are presented and provide support where we believe it can best be used. Even now districts in or near the disaster area are beginning to respond with solid suggestions for our consideration. We know that a disaster of this magnitude will require our financial assistance for months into the future. If District 7690 had been the scene of this disaster I would hope that Rotary clubs in other area would want to help our clubs with their special projects that will be required to help establish the new normalcy. We have had experience with this procedure in 1999-2000 under the leadership of Governor John Haynes. This is his recommendation and I would concur with him that this is our best approach as Rotary clubs and as a District of Rotary International.

ShelterBox - Another opportunity for contribution is to contribute to the ShelterBox program. Last year ShelterBox asked that contributions for ShelterBox be sent to the District Treasurer who will, in turn send one check to ShelterBox. ***Please make checks payable to Rotary District 7690 – ShelterBox Program.*** This will reduce the paperwork required of the ShelterBox program. Visit www.ShelterBoxUSA.org.

American Red Cross or Salvation Army - For those who favor immediate response to the disaster, let me suggest that clubs contribute to the American Red Cross, or to Salvation Army. Although these are appropriate agencies to accept contributions, these agencies are marketed so well at times of disaster that they have no problem soliciting contributions. Never the less, I believe contributions sent to these organizations will be well placed.

For more on Rotary's response to this disaster visit www.rotary.org/.

Please keep me informed about how your Rotary club is responding to this disaster.

Here are some of the thoughts that have occurred to me-

- As an organization, Rotary is not an immediate responder to disaster situations, although individually, many of its members are involved with agencies that serve this role.
- [Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar](#) says that “when organizing your club or district's response to a local or international disaster, we recommend that Rotarians work closely with an experienced disaster relief organization such as the International Federation of the Red Cross.” I would rather see us providing help through organizations such as Red Cross or Salvation Army than try to send our members to the disaster area where they are likely to become part of the problem and not the solution.
- Because disasters seem to be occurring each year we need to consider how to plan for a response the next time this happens. We may wish to consider the following:-
 - The District should establish a Disaster-Relief Committee that will develop a plan of action and will help the governor implement the plan when disaster happens.
 - The District's Rotary Foundation team should investigate setting up a Donor Advised Fund with The Rotary Foundation, with a goal of building that fund in a systematic way. When a disaster occurs the district will have appropriate funds available to respond. Details:
www.rotary.org/foundation/development/advisedfunds/index.html

In the midst of the disaster and accompanying tragedy that entangles our Gulf Coast neighbors, it is heart-warming to know that the members and clubs in our district continue to demonstrate the love and magic of Rotary.

Thank you for your commitment to SERVICE Above Self.



Checks should be mailed to:

Rotary District 7690 – Disaster Fund
114 Willoughby Park ● High Point, NC 27265

***See next page
for additional details***



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September 26, 2005
District 7690 Disaster Relief Program

District 7690 Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Program
Details

PDG John Haynes and I wanted to contact DG Steward Vance (D6820-Mississippi) and DG Neil Alford (D6840-Louisiana and Mississippi) to confirm details of our plans for our district's disaster relief program. I hoped I would be able to tell you that contact has been made but that has not happened. We will continue trying to contact Stewart and Neil. Never the less, all indications are that they will be pleased to receive our funds. The following announcement was posted on the Rotary International website on September 13, 2005 that supports the plan that we had suggested on September 2:

*"Mississippi **District 6820** and Louisiana and Mississippi **District 6840** are collecting funds to provide immediate and long-term assistance for community members in the affected areas of Districts 6840 and 6820. All requests for funds will be sponsored by or approved by a local Rotary Club in 6840 or 6820."*

To this end I am requesting that the funds collected in support of this program be sent to *Rotary District 7690 – Disaster Fund, 114 Willoughby Park, High Point, NC 27265 by October 31*. Please indicate "2005 Disaster Relief Program" on your check. Before Thanksgiving we will forward a check to the governors with instruction that the funds be used to support relief efforts of the local clubs of these districts.

To those clubs who are supporting this fund, I am grateful for your generosity. We believe that this is the best way to assure that our funds are distributed to the areas in need. We are comfortable in the belief that each dollar contributed in this way will be used directly in providing relief to those whose lives have been disrupted.

To those clubs who have chosen other ways to provide disaster relief, I thank you too.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Phil Morris".