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ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • JUNE 2008 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Rotary Shares"

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What a wonderful year!



Dave McCoy

I can honestly say this has been the most rewarding year I have ever experienced and it was made so by the energy of the members of this great District 7690. I also want to thank the Team Supreme for all their support and hard work this year. We have an extraordinary group of Assistant Governors,

District Chairs, and Club Presidents. It is through their efforts and energy and the SHARED enthusiasm they brought to the clubs that we achieved our goals in grand style. I know as my team hands over the gavel to the new leadership, we will continue to have the same enthusiasm for this wonderful world of Rotary. Rotary does make a difference and this has been demonstrated time after time this year. We have SHARED Rotary in an extraordinary way and I know the best is yet to come.

Early in my year, the position of District Governor seemed to be an overwhelming undertaking, but it was made so much easier because of the dedicated Rotarians who have the same dream of a better world. You have continually energized me this year as I saw the wonderful work being done individually and together by our clubs. If a project was too big for one club to undertake, other clubs came together to get the job done.

The tasks that Rotary undertakes sometimes seem too large to handle, but I am reminded of the quote I used during my official visits and it is, clearly, worth repeating here or whenever we feel overwhelmed by the tasks we undertake as Rotarians. Everett Hale said, "I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything. But still I can do something, and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do."

I fully expect our clubs to stay energized under the leadership Charles Allen will be bringing to our District. I have had the pleasure of working with Charles over the last couple of years and I know he will bring the highest level of energy and leadership to this District. We have a lot to do this next year. To make the final surge to stamp out Polio is something I know our clubs can and will do. We will meet the challenge we have to, and, finally, end Polio. We are so close, but we need to put the last nail in the Polio coffin. Thank you again for an extraordinary year, for all you have done for me this year, and for all you continue to do for Rotary.

Charles L. Allen (Randolph Rotary Club) Rotary District 7690

Charles was born and grew up in Greensboro, NC. In 1960 he moved to Asheboro, NC when his father moved the family business "Allen Machine & Supply, Inc." there. Charles is a graduate of Asheboro High School. He attended college at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.



Charles and his wife, Sandra met in high school and have been "Love at First Sight" sweethearts since. They were married in 1962 and have three married children, Lee, Todd and Amber, two wonderful daughters-in-law, Mary Burt and Debbie and a great son-in-law, David Bruner. They're blessed to have seven awesome grandchildren, Joseph, Emily, Dexter, Meredith, Jacob, Sarah and Jackson ages 18 to 11.

Charles and Sandra are active members of Balfour Baptist Church in Asheboro, NC where Charles has taught an adult Sunday school class and been a choir member since 1987. Charles has been involved in many civic organizations in Asheboro ... The Asheboro/Randolph County Chamber of Commerce as a board member 1998-2000 and graduate of the Leadership Randolph Class of 1994, Randolph Community College Foundation Board member 1998-2003 and president of the board 2002-2003, Randolph County Economic Development Corporation 2000-2003 and board chairman 2001-2002, Asheboro Planning & Zoning Board 1996-1999, Randleman Planning & Zoning Board 1999-2005 and chairman 2000-2005, Randleman Board of Adjustments 1999-2005 and chairman 2000-2005.

Charles has been a member of the Rotary Club of Randolph (Asheboro) since 1993 and served as club President in 1999-2000. During his year as president he and Sandra traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica to participate in Randolph Rotary's first Matching Grant Project: MG No.12479, "Literacy Library Center - San Jose, Costa Rica". He served as International Service Chairman & International Projects Chairman from 1998 through 2006 and co-coordinated the club's International Service participation in "Saving Little Hearts in Nicaragua Project" with nine other District 7690 Rotary Clubs. He also co-coordinated club participation in a RI Matching Grants Project No. MG 60289 "Saheli Vocational Training and Family Welfare Centre for Women" with the Rotary Club of Nawada, India in 2005-2006 and RI Matching Grants Project No. MG 61926 "Saheli Vocational Training and Family Welfare Centre for Women" with the Rotary Club of Patna Ashok, India in 2006-2007. He served on the 2001 - 2002 District Conference Committee, was District Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Chair during 2002 - 2003 and Assistant Governor from 2003 through 2006.

Charles and Sandra are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Sustaining Members and Benefactors. Charles is also a member of the Paul Harris Society. Charles retired as President of Allen Precision Industries, Inc. in June 2006 and is still President of Allen Industrial & Welding Supply, LLC in Asheboro, NC. They have lived in Randleman, NC since 1976 and enjoy time with family, travel and various community activities and involvement. Charles also enjoys photography.

ATTENTION ALL CLUB SECRETARIES

You will receive a semi-annual report in late June from Rotary International. This report must be completed and returned with a check from your club for the semi-annual dues to Rotary International. Please make sure that the number of members that you report to RI as of 6/30/08 is the same membership number you report to the district for your June attendance report. It is important that the membership number at RI agrees with the district's membership number. The number that your club reports as the membership number to the district is the number used to calculate your club's district dues.

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Incoming Governor Charles Allen Enjoys His Night at District Conference



DGE Charles Allen and Sandra



DGE Charles speaks to Rotarians at Conference



DGE Charles and Sandra present gift to DG David and Linda McCoy

FOR ALL INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

Is your club ready to start the new Rotary year? Please visit the district's website www.rotary7690.org and click on the pocketknife. It is very important that your club's information and membership data be correct. Check the following:

1. Club information – meeting place, time, etc
2. Delete anyone who is no longer a member.
3. Add new members.
4. Check addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses for all members (or ask each club member to check his or her data).
5. Are all officers for the 2008-2009 Rotary year listed as an officer?
6. If your club has a post office box, please use that address for the club secretary and club treasurer.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND DISTRICT OFFICER INSTALLATION

The district officer installation will be held on Tuesday, June 24 at Pinewood Country Club in Asheboro. Invitations will be mailed to all incoming club presidents. You can register through your club. The cost is \$30 per person. Deadline for reservations is June 13.

May 18, 2008

From the Triad to Taiwan: The Journey and Experience of a Lifetime

As I reflect on our journey and write this article, I can't believe that it's been exactly one month since our Group Study Exchange (GSE) team returned from Taiwan. Since we've been back in North Carolina (which lasted only a few days because we travelled to Georgia for a very enjoyable District Conference), we've had to quickly adjust, not only to the 12 hour time difference, but to our lives as we knew them before the trip. Such adjustments include: going back to work (in textile consulting, higher education, social work, furniture design and hospital administration), eating American food (with forks), mowing grass, battling runny noses and itchy eyes (because we returned at the height of the Spring allergy season) and changing diapers (applies to Sam). But, after several weeks of getting back into the "swing of things" it's nice to take a moment, reflect upon our GSE experience and share it with you.

It all started back in September 2007 when we were little more than applicants seeking to learn more about Rotary, the GSE program, and the upcoming 2008 Group Study Exchange between District 7690 and District 3500 in Taiwan. As fate would have it, our team was selected and was comprised of Team Leader Pam Ray of Oak Ridge, Denise Bellamy of Greensboro, Abby Eaton of Winston-Salem, Kim Herzing of Greensboro and Sam Seifert of Winston-Salem. In addition to meeting new people and making new friends in other countries, part of the beauty of GSE is bringing together local team members and having the opportunity to establish new friendships here at home. Our team represents diverse backgrounds and we had a lot to offer one another. I can proudly say, as I am sure the rest of the team will echo as well, that we each have four more friendships now than we did before we started our journey.

From September 2007 through early March 2008, our team met countless times in order to prepare for the trip to Taiwan. We engaged the Taiwanese Student Association at UNCG to assist us in our preparation and we are very grateful for all of their assistance and their friendship. We sampled Taiwanese cuisine, tried to learn a bit of the language (Mandarin, Chinese), and received translation assistance as we developed our presentation that we would deliver while abroad. After months of hard work, March 22nd finally arrived and, after a very supportive send-off from family and our Rotarian friends, we were on our way. And what a long way it was! Nearly 18 hours later, after a brief stop in Osaka, Japan, we arrived in Taiwan and were blown away by the amazing greeting we received by District 3500. Despite the fact that we were about an hour delayed in arriving AND the District 3500 contingent had arrived about an hour before our originally scheduled time AND not to mention it was nearly Midnight, District 3500 hung in there and delivered a warm and enthusiastic welcome that we will never forget.

Over the course of the next 28 days, we traveled within District 3500, which is situated in the Northwest portion of Taiwan. Most of our time was spent in the cities of Taoyuan, Chungli, Miaoli and Hsinchu, although we visited many other different towns, villages and cities during our journey. Although there's not enough time or space to go into great detail about the many amazing experiences we had, I just want to give you a little flavor for what our GSE experience was like ... drinking authentic tea and eating an incredible amount and variety of excellent local cuisine, viewing the city from the top of Taipei 101 (the tallest building in the world), making pottery, hiking in the countryside, observing worship in temples, visiting elementary schools, listening to traditional Chinese music and performances, going on vocational visits to hospitals, clinics, textile and furniture factories and universities, meeting famous artists (and bringing back original artwork) and staying with many different host families who were very accommodating and made our experience authentic and special. Throughout all of our adventures and experiences in Taiwan, the one ingredient that made it all possible and worthwhile were the incredible people and Rotarians throughout District 3500. Their hospitality and generosity was unlike anything I had ever experienced and they made all of us feel very welcome in their country. I made a comment one night to a Rotarian who was driving me home after a long day that everyone I had encountered was so welcoming and nice. Even though his English wasn't perfect, I understood him perfectly because his remark was so simple and true. "This is our culture" he stated ... "not just Rotarians, but everyone in Taiwan."

Opportunities to travel are precious because you create memories that last long after the souvenirs have been misplaced, or packed away. Though our journey has ended, I reminisce about it often as I glance at the abundance of gifts that we received along the way that are now in my home and office - artwork, flags, tea, chopsticks, books, pictures. I am reminded of each excursion, each vocational visit, each meal and each host Rotary club and host family. But above all, I am reminded of the generosity and spirit of the people that welcomed us to their country and shared their time, energy, homes and lives with us over a 4 week period. Years from now when the details of our journey begin to fade from memory, this is what I will always remember - the people of Taiwan and the importance of building goodwill and friendships among people from other countries. This is the essence of GSE and I am proud to be part of the legacy of this storied tradition and program.

Sam Seifert
2008 GSE Team Member
District 7690

Attendance for April 2008

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/07	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	53	53	5	59	6090
*Alamance Bkft	27	29	4	74	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	29	23	5	72	29135
*Asheboro	115	114	4	55	6052
*Burlington	22	21	4	70	6092
*Carthage	21	17	4	88	6053
*Clemmons	134	134	5	74	29530
**Crescent	114	113	4	67	6056
*Deep River	8	9	4	97	51358
*East Greensboro	17	16	5	66	55569
*Eden	34	32	4	74	6058
*Furnitureland	51	60	4	58	6059
**Gate City	59	62	3	94	27995
*Graham	37	36	2	71	6107
*Greensboro	314	322	5	59	6060
*Gboro Arpt	39	41	5	69	31667
*Guilford	59	62	5	64	22059
*High Point	167	168	4	61	6062
*Jamestown	21	24	5	70	6063
**Jonesboro	56	51	4	62	22882
*Kernersville	71	73	5	76	25027
*King	20	23	4	72	51294
*Lexington	49	43	5	65	6065
*Liberty	21	21	4	68	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	40	41	5	72	6067
*Mocksville	47	51	5	71	6069
*Mount Airy	106	108	5	68	6070
*Pinehurst	35	39	4	82	6072
*Randolph	81	86	5	73	6074
*Reidsville	67	68	4	78	6075
*Reynolda	109	109	4	55	21534
*San Lee Sunrise	26	34	6	79	30735
**Sandhills	40	38	5	78	25530
**Sanford	51	48	5	52	6078
*Siler City	57	61	3	76	6079
*Southern Guilford	12	10	4	70	61795
*Southern Pines	68	79	4	75	6080
*Stoneville	18	17	4	90	6081
*Stratford	122	114	4	52	6082
*Summit	120	116	3	80	6083
*Surry Sunrise	37	38	5	74	57326
*Thomasville	76	78	5	87	6084
*Triad	40	41	4	62	6071
*Troy	33	29	4	64	6085
*Walnut Cove	19	21	4	75	6087
**Willow Creek	17	17	2	89	60367
*Winston-Salem	251	253	5	43	6088
*Yadkin Valley	39	41	5	65	30000
*Yadkinville	20	21	5	70	51333
*Yanceyville	18	16	5	60	6134
DISTRICT	3087	3121		70%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Triple Crown Club

District 7690 Calendar [Click Here](#)





2010 Council on Legislation

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June 2, 2008

To: District 7690 Rotarians

As your representative to the 2010 Council on Legislation I have received information that I would like to share with you.

From the cover letter I received:

*"...The enclosed [Representatives' Handbook](#) provides information about the various responsibilities of representatives, as well as other useful information about the Council. Also included are other documents about the Council that you may find useful. In addition, you may wish to read Chapters 10 and 18 of the *2007 Manual of Procedure* and RI Bylaws Articles 7 and 8, which are also in the *Manual*.*

*"Please keep in mind that all legislation must be proposed or endorsed by the district before it is submitted to RI. RI must *receive* legislation, including the appropriate certification form, no later than **31 December 2008**. You may find the enclosed document [How to Propose Legislation](#) useful if a club in your district or your district decides to propose legislation.*

"The [2007 Manual of Procedure](#) and [Council-related information](#) is available in rotary.org..."

I will post the information I receive for you to examine ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Thank you for the honor of being selected to serve you as the District 7690 representative to the 2010 Council on Legislation. In this capacity I will do my best to serve your interests. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concern about this process.

To help both of us understand the process and procedures I have provided link to Council on Legislation information in the Rotary International website. I hope you find them useful.

Let me know how I may proceed to help clarify the process.

Again, thank you for your expression of trust.