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September 2004



September: New Generations Month

September is New Generations month and I would like to focus on the many programs we have to introduce young people to the ideals of Rotary.

Let's start with RYLA. Each year, thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program worldwide. Young people ages 14-18 chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid seminar, or workshop to discuss leadership skills through practice.

RYLA was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, and is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of Rotaract and Interact clubs. RYLA participants often go on to become Youth Exchange students or Ambassadorial Scholars.

Then we have Rotary Youth Exchange. The most powerful force in the promotion of international peace is the exposure to different cultures. The world becomes a smaller, friendlier place when we learn that all people – regardless of nationality – desire the same basic things: a safe, comfortable environment that allows for a rich and

satisfying life for our children and ourselves. Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

Thirdly we have Interact, which is a Rotary sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18. The program gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends. We have 37 Interact clubs in district 7750. If your club sponsors one, make sure you invite the students to your meetings and get to know them. Better yet make it a point to attend one of their meetings.

Finally we have Rotaract — a Rotary sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. The program is part of a global effort to bring peace and understanding to the world. It provides these young people the opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills while they gain an understanding of the needs, problems, and opportunities in their communities

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UPCOMING

Please take note of the two remaining Joint Membership and Rotary Foundation meetings. PDG Harriett Skinner is in charge of the Foundation sessions and PDG Bruce Baker will handle membership. Call either one if you have questions.

Sept. 13: Greenwood

Piedmont Technical College Conference Center

Sept. 27: Lancaster

Bradley Building at USC-Lancaster

Nov. 8:

Rotary Foundation Banquet at Spartanburg Renaissance Park

Photos from the Aug. 30 Clemson meeting inside.

These were some of the participants in the membership seminar held Aug. 30 in Clemson.





Don Fowler from The Rotary Club of The Foothills, in the foreground above, was one of the 50 or so Rotarians who attended a joint Foundation/Membership Seminar held Aug. 30 in Clemson.

South Africa Friendship Exchange Feb. 8-March 1, 2005

Direct flight from Atlanta to Capetown: \$1250
 On-ground expenses (estimated): \$1200
 \$150 deposit due immediately
 Balance due 45 days prior to departure

Rotarians in South Africa will be looking after our group and hosting us for much of the stay.

Contact: Friendship Exchange Chair Ken Bolton
kenbolton@wctel.net or call 864-391-2920

**Any Rotarian and spouse
is invited to participate.**

Governor's Message

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and worldwide. We have 7 Rotaract clubs in District 7750.

Remember, the New Generations will only be attracted to Rotary if they see something they want to be a part of – a group of people having fun, fellowship, and dedicated to the ideal of “Service Above Self”.

To learn more about these programs or to become involved contact the appropriate district committee chairperson. They can be found in the District Directory online at: <http://rotary7750.net>

Celebration Ideas



Here are the fifth 10 of 100 Celebration ideas that are listed on the RI website.

41. Hold a mock Rotary club meeting at an elementary school (similar to a model United Nations event). Focus on organizing and executing a service project that helps the school. Invite education reporters to cover the event.
42. Invite members of other service organizations or community groups to a Rotary Centennial meeting, lunch, dinner, or event that honors partnerships in the community. Network and watch to see if a new community project develops.
43. Conduct a parade that highlights Rotary's internationality and service projects from around the globe.
44. Enter a centennial float in an existing annual parade. Invite Interactors and Youth Exchange students to help with decorating and/or riding on the float.
45. Create a Rotary wheel or centennial logo piñata and have children break it open at a Rotary Centennial event.
46. Invite 100 past and current Rotary scholars, Youth Exchange students, GSE participants, and alumni of international service to a Rotary Centennial celebration. Have a map available and ask guests to mark where they've lived, served, and experienced Rotary friendship abroad.
47. Create a mock *Guinness Book of Records* of local Rotary clubs in the area. Include in it 100 facts about clubs including the oldest, largest, first to admit women, most Paul Harris Fellows, largest service project, greatest amount contributed to The Rotary Foundation, greatest numbers of Rotary scholars sent and received, etc.
48. Highlight recognition of Rotary by having Rotarian shop owners display the centennial logo in their place of business.
49. Coordinate a centennial scavenger hunt with Rotaractors and Interactors where participants must go to Rotarians' places of business for clues to a riddle or to pick up certain items related to Rotary history.
50. Promote 100 years of vocational service and the “recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations” by compiling the ways Rotarians have served their local and global community through their profession. If possible, list 100 different occupations and ways of service, and send the list to the local newspaper. is's quotes on volunteerism.

ADG George Fletcher, Rotary Club of Greenville, is chairing the district Centennial Committee. If you have any questions or suggestions about centennial activities, please call him at 864.421.9999 or e-mail him at gletcher@fletchergroup.com. Also contact George if you want information about housing in Chicago.

Remembering: PDG Charlie Bell

Some of you may not have gotten the word that Past District Governor Charlie Bell, 88, died May 7 in LaGrange, GA, where he had lived for the past several years to be near his niece.

He was a member of the Greenville Rotary Club and served as Governor in 1964-65. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, and served his club in nearly all capacities. He served as district conference chair five times.

Charlie was born July 18, 1915 in Alabama. He was a graduate of Auburn University and was a retired pharmacist.

He loved growing roses and won numerous awards for his plants. Charlie was predeceased by his wife Anne.



Tammy Stoner

Tammy Stoner, past president of the Emerald City Rotary Club, died Aug. 28 after a year-long battle with cancer. She joined Emerald City in April 1996 with a classification of Marketing & Advertising.

The club named Tammy a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000 in recognition of her service to the community and the club.

Tammy was club president in 2001-2002. During her tenure, the club earned the Presidential Citation; and Tammy received an award from District Governor Jim Futrell for Outstanding President for District 7750.

Tammy also served on the District Group Study Exchange Committee; and at her death was a member of the club's Public Relations and International Committee.

Why I am a Rotarian

By PDG Charlie Bell

Recently someone posed a question to me that I had never really thought about before. The question was: "Why are you a Rotarian?"

Next to my faith and my family, Rotary has been the greatest force for good in my life, so I guess I just took it for granted. When I stopped to think about the answer to my friend's question, however, it became obvious that it was easy. I was invited to attend the Rotary meeting; I was impressed; my classification was open; and I was sponsored by two members of the Greenville Rotary Club.

Perhaps a more difficult question to answer and what my friend really meant is: "Why do you continue to be a Rotarian considering the time that is required to attend meetings and to participate in so many Rotary activities?" After giving this second question some thought, I came up with the following answers which I would like to share with you.

First, I continue to be a Rotarian because one of the objects of Rotary is acquaintance — acquaintance which leads to the advancement of mutual understanding between individuals and nations; which leads to good will between men and to international peace. As a Rotarian, I know that in this divided and torn world, at least 819,000 of us in more than 17,600 clubs, in 152 countries and geographical regions are dedicated to the notion that man does not have to be isolated and estranged from his neighbors. Yes, my 27 years in Rotary have given me a deep appreciation of the meaning and the value of friendship and a broader concept of service.

I continue to be a Rotarian because Rotary is an organization which is dedicated to building dedicated to filling

need. After all, the only real fun in life comes from constructive effort; for doing for others rather than merely acquiring, or having, or spending for one's self. Rotary provides that medium.

I continue to be a Rotarian because the internationalism of Rotary makes a fundamental contribution to the cause of world peace and understanding, to love among races, and to the distribution and

exchange of useful knowledge among not only world leaders but among the rank and file of all people of different lands.

Finally, I continue to be a Rotarian because Rotary's gift to the world is a gift of the spirit. As business and

professional people, we spend most of our time at the daily grind of working with things that can be counted, or measured, or weighed. We are dealing with things. We are very material; therefore, I'm grateful that the driving force of Rotary is not material, but immaterial or spiritual. A Rotarian believes in business, but he also believes in friendship, and love, and charity. A Rotarian believes in uprightness, honesty, fair play, and yes, he believes in religion also.

My final word is one of warning. We can never emphasize too strongly that it is not enough to just think about our great principle of Service Above Self when we have lunch together twice a month. We must practice Service Above Self in our own lives, and through our example and through our influence on others; we must get them to put Service Above Self to work in their lives.

As we look into the future and continue our Rotary work, let us have vision to see the challenge to Rotary in this space age. Let us have the faith to believe that Rotary can meet that challenge, and let us have the courage to do something about it

Long live Rotary.

This is a reprint of a column by PDG Charlie Bell that appeared in the June 1993 issue of the District Governor's Newsletter at the request of then governor George Mackey Grimball. At the time, Charlie had 42 years of perfect attendance in Rotary. It is based on a speech that he first wrote when he had been a Rotarian for only 27 years, and one that he gave numerous times to clubs around the district.

Membership_{Info}

"Membership Minute" is an email publication from RI that highlights the Membership section of the Web site. If you would like to receive it, email District Membership Chair Bruce Baker, hbbaker@charter.net. Or go to <http://www.rotary.org/membership/resources/membminute.html> to download past issues. Here's some information from the latest issue:

New and Improved Membership Resources on the Web. RI's Membership Development Division is pleased to announce the launch of the newly redesigned Membership area of the RI Web site. This section now includes:— Easier navigation — Expanded sections for New Members and Clubs & Districts — New sections for Continuing Member Education and membership development Resources — Customized downloads for each section— New tools for membership development. Please check the site regularly as we continue to update it. Some future enhancements include: — An improved Success Stories section — More PowerPoint presentations — New modules in the Rotary E-Learning Center. We welcome any additional input and suggestions you might have for the Membership section of the RI Web site. Please e-mail us at membershipdevelopment@rotaryintl.org with the words "Web Site Suggestions" in the subject line. We would like to know how the Membership section of the Web site can better serve clubs and districts. <http://www.rotary.org/membership/index.html>.

Membership Development Discussion Forum. While you are visiting the RI Web site, don't miss the Membership Development discussion forum. You can use this forum to ask questions, gather information, and share membership development ideas with other Rotarians worldwide. To participate in the forum, register by creating a user name and password, then select "Membership Development" from the list of forums. <http://forums.rotary.org/>.

Membership Minute' Archives. Another exciting addition to the Web site is an online archive of the "Membership Minute" where you can view PDFs of current and past editions. This option is especially welcome for those subscribers who have reported technical glitches with the appearance of accent and punctuation marks in their copies of the newsletter.

Remember: Membership Seminars in Greenwood on Sept. 13 and in Lancaster on Sept. 27. Club membership chairs, presidents, and presidents-elect should attend or send a representative.

CALENDAR

September 2004 — New Generations Month

Sept. 1: World Peace Scholarship applications due.

Sept. 13: Rotary Foundation/District Membership Seminar. Greenwood.

Sept. 15: Attendance reports due to District Secretary Fred Harbold.

Sept. 27: Rotary Foundation/District Membership Seminar. Lancaster.

Sept. 30: Nominating Committee announces selection for DG 07-08.

October 2004 — Vocational Service Month

Oct. 15: Attendance reports due to District Secretary Fred Harbold.

Oct. 25: Deadline for challenges to Nominating Committee selection for DG 07-08.

November 2004 — The Rotary Foundation Month

Nov. 1-5: Interact Week.

Nov. 8: Rotary Foundation Banquet. Spartanburg Renaissance Park.

Nov. 15: Attendance reports due to District Secretary Fred Harbold.

December 2004 — Family Month

Election of Club Officers for 2005-06.

Dec. 1: Matching Grants requests due to RI.

Dec. 15: Attendance reports due to District Secretary Fred Harbold.

Dec. 15-22: January semi-annual reports expected to be sent to club secretaries.

Dec. 31: Final Date for District Simplified Grant application from clubs.

Dec. 31: Club Secretaries – Submit Official Directory Data Form to RI & DGE Isaac.

January 2005 — Rotary Awareness Month

Jan. 1: Semi-Annual Dues to RI are due and payable.

Jan. 15: Attendance reports due to District Secretary Fred Harbold.

Jan. 29: Mid Year Assembly and Pre-Pets Laurens.

February 2005 — World Understanding Month

Feb. 5: RYLA applications & money due.

Feb. 23: Rotary 100th Anniversary and World Understanding and Peace Day. All clubs are asked to meet on Wednesday of that week. Encourage joint meetings with families.

Feb. 23: Deadline for submission of club bulletins to District Awards Committee in order to be considered for best bulletin award.

March 2005

1-5 Rotaract Week.

15 Attendance reports due to District Secretary Fred Harbold.

15 Deadline for Significant Achievement Award nominations.



Standing from left to right: Chera Richardson, Advisor; Claire Johnson, Secretary; Candace Able, Vice-President; Joy Dean, Treasurer; Dale Beaudrot, President; Bonita Brown, Advisor; George Day, Rotarian.

Interact club presents check for wheelchairs

The Greenwood High School Interact Officers and Advisors presented a check to the Greenwood Rotary Club for \$3150. The money will be sent to the Wheelchair Foundation to purchase 42 wheelchairs for those in need. The goal had been to raise enough money to buy 10 wheelchairs. Greenwood Rotarian George Day (at the microphone) motivated the club to organize a walk-a-thon to raise the money. "We were so moved by George's presentation that we have decided to take this on as an annual international fund raiser for our club," said advisor Bonita Brown.



The Rotary Club of Fair Play, chartered last spring, enjoyed the official visit of DG Bill. From left are: Larry Schmidt, President Elect; Ken Edgar; Larry Dunster, President; DG Bill; Laury Gardner, Secretary; Dianna Salsgiver; and Reeves Dabney, Vice President.



Alan Austin, North Greenville, attended the Foundation Seminar Aug. 30 in Clemson.



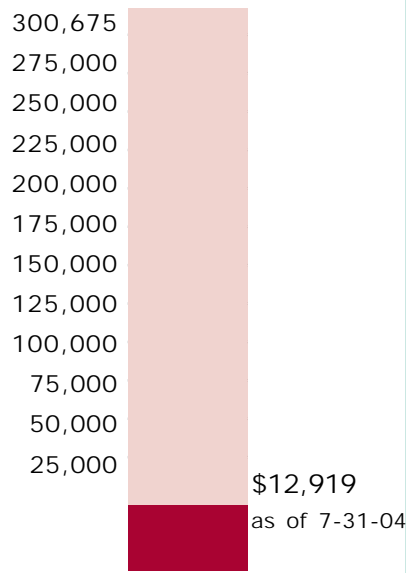
Conference 2005

Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1

Radisson Riverfront Hotel & Country Suites Augusta, GA

The District Conference Committee is hard at work planning your conference for 2005. Some of the committee met in Greenwood on Aug. 21. Shown here are DGN and conference chair Rich Waugh, Aiken Sunrise; DG Bill Boyd; DGE Isaac Shaffer, Emerald City; and Pam Floyd, McCormick County.

Annual Program Giving 2004-05



Final Figures for 2003-04

Rotarians in District: 3,166

2003-2004 District Foundation Goal: \$280,500

Annual Program Fund Per Capita Giving: \$76.43

SHARE: \$241,983.22

PolioPlus: \$65,014.20

Other Restricted: \$8,000.00

Permanent Fund: \$4,970.00

Total Contributions: \$319,967.42

7750 Attendance Report

July 2004 CLUB	#Members at July 1, 2004	Current # Members	Change	Meetings this Month	Average Attendance	Annual Programs Giving	New PHF	New Multiple PHF	New Benefactors	Per Capita	Polio
Abbeville	41	41	0	4	70.73%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Aiken	119	119	0	3	79.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Aiken South	19	18	-1	4	73.30%	250.00	0	0	0	13.89	0
Aiken Sunrise	50	50	0	5	77.00%	1,625.00	0	0	5	32.50	0
Anderson	169	172	3	2	65.00%	750.00	0	0	0	4.36	0
Batesburg-Leesville	24	24	0							0.00	
Blacksburg	17	19	2	4	70.17%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Chester	64	64	0	4	62.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Clemson	92	94	2	3	75.49%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Clemson-Calhoun	41	39	-2	4	76.00%	750.00	0	0	0	19.23	0
Clinton	28	28	0	3	64.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Clover	22	22	0	3	59.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Easley	64	64	0							0.00	
East Spartanburg	28	28	0	4	83.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Electric City	25	24	-1	5	72.00%	2,000.00	2	0	0	83.33	0
Emerald City	68	70	2	4	80.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Fair Play	27	27	0	4	81.48%	100.00	0	0	0	3.70	94
Foothills	24	24	0	4	54.50%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Fort Mill	77	79	2	4	69.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Fountain Inn	37	37	0	3	56.90%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Gaffney	74	74	0	4	67.16%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Golden Strip Sunrise	26	29	3	4	69.09%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Greater Anderson	39	39	0	5	83.60%	1,000.00	0	1	0	25.64	0
Greater Greer	12	14	2	3	67.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Greenville	381	382	1	2	65.30%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Greenville Breakfast	22	24	2	5	95.83%	0.00	1	0	0	0.00	0
Greenville East	31	31	0	3	67.74%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Greenville Evening	22	22	0							0.00	
Greenwood	152	154	2	2	74.00%	4,175.00	7	4	8	27.11	400
Inman	23	21	-2	4	65.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Kershaw	13	13	0	3	41.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Lancaster	87	88	1	5	58.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Lancaster Breakfast	72	72	0							0.00	
Laurens	63	63	0							0.00	
Mauldin	29	28	-1	3	75.87%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
McCormick County	21	24	3	4	82.76%	1,220.00	0	0	0	50.83	1,134
Newberry	52	53	1	2	69.60%	373.00	0	0	0	7.04	0
North Augusta	18	18	0	4	70.83%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
North Greenville	47	47	0	3	69.11%	176.00	0	0	0	3.74	0
North Spartanburg	65	65	0	3	65.00%	0.00	1	0	0	0.00	0
Pickens	53	52	-1	4	77.61%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Pleasantburg	62	64	2	5	80.59%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Rock Hill	112	113	1	2	62.59%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Rock Hill Breakfast	27	27	0							0.00	
Seneca Golden Corner	30	28	-2	4	75.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Seneca	62	62	0	4	85.23%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Simpsonville	48	48	0	4	90.91%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Spartanburg	186	187	1	3	66.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Spartan West	33	33	0	5	66.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Twin City	24	24	0	4	75.00%	100.00	0	0	0	4.17	0
Union	39	39	0	4	74.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Walhalla	42	42	0	4	62.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Westminster	24	25	1	4	83.00%	200.00	0	0	0	8.00	0
Winnsboro	46	47	1	4	82.00%	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0
Woodruff	17	17	0							0.00	
York	37	37	0	5	69.20%	200.00	0	0	0	5.41	100
TOTALS	3127	3149	22		68.72%	12,919.00	11	5	13	4.13	\$1,728

Send your attendance reports and Foundation giving totals for August to District Secretary Fred Harbold, 205 Links Place, McCormick, SC 29835-2734; 864-391-2850; fharbold@wctel.net by Sept. 15.