

Former U.S. Secretary of Education and charter president Riley speaks at Simpsonville celebration

Former secretary of education and South Carolina governor Dick Riley was the keynote speaker at the 46th anniversary celebration of the Simpsonville Rotary Club on June 25.

Twenty-two people with a vision founded the club in 1961. Of that original group, two are still active — Ralph Hendricks and Bill Stone. Gov. Dick Riley was the club's charter president.

"It was indeed an honor to have the former U. S. Secretary of Education return to his Rotary roots," said David Brown, immediate past president.

Riley recalled many events and friends who helped shape his life. He also said we live in perilous times. The Army War College summarized our situation with the acronym "VUCA" or volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous. Gov. Riley encouraged us as Rotarians to continue our humanitarian missions, especially as they relate to children and education.

Accompanying Riley was his wife Tunky. The couple will soon celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Also present were outgoing District 7750 Governor Rich Waugh (Aiken Sunrise) and his wife Jan, incoming District Governor Myles Golden (Greenville) and his wife Ann (Greenville Evening); PDG Clarence Buurman (Simpsonville) and wife Jean; and assistant governor Bill Walsh (Simpsonville) and wife Carol (Easley).



Dick Riley with PDG Clarence and Jean Buurman.

On behalf of Rotary International President Bill Boyd, DG Rich presented Simpsonville Rotary with the Presidential Citation and the district's Club of Excellence Award.

George Hughes was recognized as Rotarian of the Year. He and his family served as host family the entire year to inbound exchange student Anita Palmeiro.

His wife Susan (Pleasantburg) was on hand to receive the award.

Outgoing Simpsonville Rotary President David Brown received a standing ovation for his leadership during 2006-2007. Ready and willing to accept the challenges of the new Rotary year is John Willingham. One of his personal goals is to identify and assist local families in need.

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ROTARY SHARES

I'm writing this message to you aboard our flight back to Greenville from Salt Lake City after having attended The Rotary International Institute (June 14-16) and the Rotary International Convention (June 17-20). Ann and I have attended many conventions during our Rotary careers and believe this one far exceeded all others.

Attending the RI Institute enhanced the entire experience. If you're not familiar with the Institute, it is two days of meetings and events where past, present and future RI officers present and dialogue on pivotal issues facing Rotarians around the world. We attended workshops where guest speakers and RI leaders discussed topics such as PolioPlus, the future vision of The Rotary Foundation, the RI Strategic Plan and the 2007 Council on Legislation.

Our District Leadership was well represented at The Institute with PDG Sue Poss, DG Rich Waugh, DGND George Fletcher, and, of course, Ann and me. Also prior to the convention, a World Peace Symposium was held and our district was represented by Elizabeth and Tom Belenchia, East Spartanburg Club.

A pre-convention Rotaract meeting was attended by Rotaract Chair Bobby Collins.

At the convention, there were many inspirational speeches by Rotary leaders and guest speakers. I recall a Rotarian from India who had a vision of building a dam and providing adequate and clean water to a slum area ignored by its city government. Af-

ter much persistence in working with his government and Rotary, he was able to win a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation. Unfortunately an earthquake damaged the dam and killed 20,000 people. In spite of all the obstacles the dam was finally constructed, providing water to thousands

of people. As a result, hundreds of jobs were created and 175 new homes were constructed for some of the thousands left homeless by the earthquake.

Another story was told by a young woman from Turkey, born with no arms. Through a Rotary International pro-

gram entitled Concentrated Literacy Encounter, she learned to read at the age of 17 and blossomed into a literate, knowledge-hungry person who now teaches other women and girls to read and write. Incidentally, she learned to write by holding a pen with her toes. The Rotary Club of Istanbul has recently given her prosthetic arms and hands and she is learning to use them. She considers all Rotarians her moms and dads and loves us all.

We heard from several World Peace Fellows, Rotary scholars who are graduates of one of five Universities around the world in a master's program in World Peace and Conflict Resolution. Many of them now work in conflict areas, such as Iraq and Bosnia. Others work in inner-city areas of great conflict. They are providing hope and building bridges, helping to lay the groundwork and providing structure for emerging democracies, providing humanitarian services to those in great need.

These are only a few examples of programs sponsored through matching grants from The Rotary Foundation. As a Rotarian, you can be proud that the Rotary Foundation has received a Four-Star Rating, the highest rating given for any charitable organization.

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Myles and Ann at the RI Convention in Salt Lake City,

Governor's Column —

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Do you realize that 100% of your gifts are used for charitable projects? The Rotary Foundation accomplishes this by investing the funds for three years and using the interest for administrative costs.

Do you realize that one-half of your gifts come back to your District and are used for grants for your own club projects? The other half goes to international projects such as Polio Plus, now down to only 2000 cases in only four countries in the world! This is an amazing accomplishment and benefits every child on this earth.

Our theme this year is "Rotary Shares." I thought about our district as it relates to this theme. I thought about Charles and Gilliane Warne and the risky lives they live when they work in Haiti. You may recall that Charles was kidnapped in Haiti only to return with a deeper passion for helping the people in Cange to have clean water, sanitation and sustainable agriculture. I thought about Gary Goforth and his passion for Ro-



PDG Rich Waugh and Jan from Aiken Sunrise and DGN George Fletcher and Sarah from Greenville at the Rotary Institute held prior to the RI Convention.

tary Foundation grants projects in Honduras, El Salvador, etc., and now plans to give a year of service in Kabul, Afghanistan.

I thought about the awesome task of representing you as your district governor for 2007-2008... the challenges ahead of us in developing leadership and improving our membership, thus providing increased revenues so that we can continue the good work that The Rotary Foundation does around the world. I also have

the awesome responsibility of representing RI President Wilf Wilkinson to you. His priorities include those of continuing the initiatives of now Immediate Past President Boyd. My special emphases are leadership, membership, The Rotary Foundation and Ethics.

I look forward to learning about the projects of each of your clubs and sharing Rotary with you.



Bill Boyd said to us at this convention that "we are 1.2 million Rotarians, but also 1.2 individuals with our own dreams." Each one of us can make a difference. Rotary gives the opportunity for ordinary people to do extraordinary things. That is the Magic of Rotary. — Myles

With his wife, Ann Golden (left) looking on, Myles Golden (center) receives his official pin as District 7750 Governor for Rotary International from Jan Waugh (right), aide to the 2006-2007 District Governor. The Governor's Installation was held June 26 in Greenville.

Indian Land Rotary Club Charter Night

Indian Land Rotary Club received its charter from RI on Oct. 25, 2006., but was not able to celebrate officially until June 30, when it held its Charter Night at Sun City Carolina Lakes Lake House. Indian Land is located on Highway 521 in Lancaster County just south of Charlotte. The club meets on Tuesday mornings at Sun City.



Sharon Novinger, member of Lancaster Breakfast, read a proclamation from Lancaster County Administrator Steve Willis declaring June 30 "Indian Land Rotary Club Day" in the county.



Rich Waugh, in his final official act as district governor on June 30, presented the club charter to Tracy Little, charter president of the Indian Land Rotary Club.



Some of the charter members of the Rotary Club of Indian Land, including state representative Mick Mulvaney, at right.

RLI Training Events this Rotary year

Aug. 24: University of Phoenix campus, Columbia. Lizzie Lewis, Rotary Club of Five Points, facilities coordinator. **REGISTER NOW.**

Dec. 1: Greenville (Hilton Hotel, Haywood Road at I-385). Bert Strange, Rotary Club of Greenville, facilities coordinator.

January/February: Date TBA. Myrtle Beach area.

April 5: Rock Hill/Fort Mill area. Heidi Blanks, Rotary Club of York, facilities coordinator

Go to rli33.org for details of these events, and to register.

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Project in Peru

Spartanburg club helps bring rice mill to small village

By Paul Peterson
Rotary Club of Spartanburg



Since 1998, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, has been visiting the village of Santa Clara del Ojeal, a jungle village of 800 near Iquitos, Peru. The villagers live practically in thatch huts with dirt floors. They cook over open fires and wear clothing mostly left by their North American friends.

No one will starve in Santa Clara. The Amazon River provides fish and the jungle provides fruit. But the average income, if you can find a job, is less than two dollars a day.

In our visits with the villagers we discovered that they plant and harvest rice along the riverbanks. We discovered that they had two options for their rice. Mostly they sold it among themselves and eat it in the village. The process of harvesting the rice that they used was labor intensive and manually strenuous. In the process, most of the rice became broken. Though edible, that made it a very low quality for selling. A second possibility was to harvest the rice and allow it to dry and then pay a boat taxi to transport their rice to a village up the river. There they could sell their rice to a miller who paid the villagers \$100 per ton. The average harvest for a family in the village was approximately six tons. So in a good year, the village rice farmers might turn a profit of six hundred dollars.

In summer of 2005 the governor of the region approached me and asked if I would be willing to help them receive their own rice mill. I was delighted to be able to approach the Amazonas Rotary Club of Iquitos to partner with my Rotary Club in Spartanburg in this project. The Amazonas Club was glad to help us on the local end with it. They priced the proper equipment and the Spartanburg Rotary Club wired the money to Iquitos. When I returned to Peru in the summer of 2006, the rice mill and its

generator had been delivered and installed in the village and we were able to have a dedication and celebration of the machinery.

In the fall of 2006 I returned to the village during harvest season, and sat in the building that housed the rice peeling machine and generator. The rice co-op that had been formed to oversee the business of the rice mill was hard at work. Now the villagers can harvest and peel their own rice through the co-op. And each rice farmer takes his or her own rice to the market directly where they are able to sell it for three hundred dollars per ton, an increase of two hundred dollars per ton profit. In addition, because the mill increased the speed with which the rice could be prepared for market the average family has increased their production from six tons to somewhere between eight and ten tons per family.

From October 16, when they had begun the operation of the mill until November 11, when I visited, the mill had processed 1,146 tons of rice. In fact, the rice co-op was planning to start a second shift to handle the demand for rice milling as six separate villages were bringing their rice to Santa Clara.

It has been a joy to work with the villagers as well as the Amazonas Rotary to bring about a project that has immediately impacted the lives of the villagers of Santa Clara. They still have a long way to go by American standards, but by their own standards, their quality of life has improved dramatically as they have been able to provide for their own physical needs, including medical, clothing, electricity and the needs of healthy diet. As has been my habit, I will continue to return to Santa Clara each summer and each fall and join with them in the joy of cooperation of Rotary International.

District 7750 Calendar 2007-08

July 2007 – Rotary Shares

- 1 Planning Guides for Effective Rotary Clubs due to DG
- 1 World Peace Scholar applications due
- 1 RI (semi-annual) and District dues payable
- 9 DG visits to Clubs begin (see separate schedule)
- 11 Deadline for GSE Team Leader applications
- 22 GSE Team Leader to Norway Selection
- 15 Monthly Club Secretary Report Due

- 15 Call for 2010-11 District Governor Nominations
- TBA Ambassadorial Scholar Interviews

August 2007 – Membership & Extension

- 15 Monthly Club Secretary Report Due
- 15 Deadline for GSE Team Member applications
- 24 Rotary Leadership Institute, Columbia, SC
- 26 GSE Team Members Selection (Norway)

September 2007 – New Generations

- 13 Membership Seminar, Spartanburg
- 15 Monthly Club Secretary Report Due
- 15 *Service Above Self* nomination deadline
- 22 Rotary Leadership Institute, Greenville, NC
- 27 Membership Seminar, Greenville
- 30 District Simplified Grants Applications due to Gary Goforth
- 30 2010-11 District Governor Nomination announced



Fair Play Installation

Myles Golden administers the oath of office to 2007-08 president Jack Maciag. His wife Ruth Ann is at left. Outgoing president Pam Harrell, right photo, was named Fair Play Rotarian of the Year.



Simpsonville Installation

2007-08 Simpsonville president John Willingham, ADG Bill Walsh, 2007-08 Governor Myles Golden, 2006-07 Governor Rich Waugh, and 2006-07 Simpsonville president David Brown.



Myles and Ann Golden presented Paul Harris Fellow recognitions to their sons Greg, left, and Clark, right, at the Governor's Installation on June 26.

Online Attendance
Log in to the district database and click on attendance to see the club by club reports for the past 12 months.

May Attendance Report

(Unofficial based on reports from club secretaries)

Membership at July 1, 2006	3018
Membership at May 31, 2007	3062
Gain (Loss)	40
Attendance Average	69.71%
47 of 55 clubs reporting	

ROTARY WORLD PEACE SYMPOSIUM

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 15-16 2007

By Elizabeth Belenchia, East Spartanburg Rotary Club

It was my privilege to attend the first Rotary Peace Symposium which preceded the International Convention. It brought together nearly 500 participants which included almost 200 of the Rotary Peace Fellows that have been cultivated since the inception of the program in 2002 and many of the Rotarian Leaders, Implementers and representatives of the six universities that sponsor the programs. We are fortunate to be near the Duke/Chapel Hill campus.

We were introduced to the planning process which began 10 years ago, led by past world presidents. Graduates were featured speakers at many break-out sessions. They are now leading such initiatives at working on the constitution for

Sudan, assisting the president of Lithuania, as well as working in New York City to train police how to resolve conflicts between victims and perpetrators of crime.

A graduate is developing an Outward Bound program in Ghana. Issues were developed in global

conflicts over food, water, religion, and family crises.

Seventy Five percent of the graduates are working in areas of conflict resolution and mediation at national and international levels. The program is so effective Rotary has committed to raise \$95,000,000. to sustain the program by 2015.

One Rotarian committed \$50,000 per year for the rest of his life; several pledged \$1000 per year. One made an anonymous donation of \$1,200,000.

One of the graduates committed \$1000 per year for life. \$17,000,000 has been raised and the passion is high.



Peace Park in Spartanburg

This World Peace Symposium provided a study base for me as we look forward to dedicating the Upstate Rotary International Peace Park this fall and beginning our work on a Rotary Peace Institute at USC Upstate.

Rotarians are invited to participate in the Peace Park. We have only \$75,000 to raise.

For a brochure on how you or your club can participate please e-mail me at ecb@cpcindustrial.com.

—Elizabeth Belenchia

District/Club AWARDS 2006-07

Harriett F. Skinner
Club of the Year
McCormick County

Membership Development & Retention Awards:

Highest Percentage Growth Rate:
East Spartanburg

Most New Members:
Greenville

Highest Retention Rate:
Blacksburg
McCormick County

New Club Sponsor:
Lancaster

Innovative Approach to Growth & Development:
Fair Play

District Governor Awards:
DG Right-Hand Man of the Year
Terry Weaver (Greenville)
DG Right-Hand Woman of the Year:
Sue Poss (Greenville East)



Greenville East Installation

Myles Golden installed PDG Sue Poss as president of the Rotary Club of Greenville East on June 24. Sue was last president of the club in 1994-95.

OUR Rotary Foundation: Annual Report

By Bhichai Rattakul
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08

As we begin this Rotary year, let us take a moment to reflect on the last 12 months and the important goals that Past Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay set for our Rotary Foundation in 2006-07. But I caution you that we don't have time for too much reflection. The year that has just begun will pass quickly, and we must get to work immediately to show the world that Rotary Shares and The Rotary Foundation cares.

Our goals for 2007-08 are fourfold:

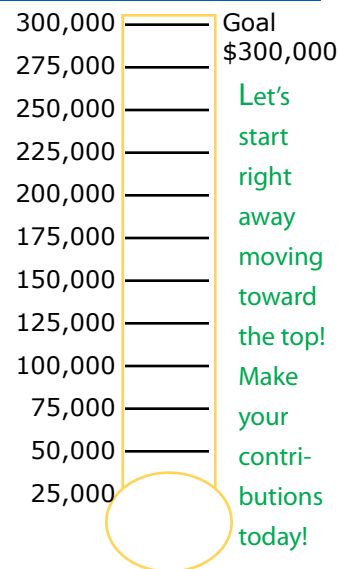
1. To finish the job of global polio eradication and prove that a polio-free world is a realistic dream;
2. To fulfill the promise of Every Rotarian, Every Year through individual contributions that will give us the power to change lives;
3. To show that peace is possible through support of our Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution; and
4. To reconnect with Rotary Foundation alumni, some of our most valuable but often overlooked assets.

I hope you will join me in pursuit of these goals, because they cannot be achieved from the top down. The better world that our Foundation seeks will only grow from the grass roots, through your support and dedication. Let's start now, today, to demonstrate how Rotary Shares its love and its resources through our Rotary Foundation.

All District 7750 Rotarians should reflect on the above message and look into their hearts when making decisions on how they will use their time and talents this Rotary year to make a difference in our communities and the world. More Foundation Facts next month. —RICH

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Call Rich to schedule a Foundation program in your club.



District Governors from 2200 and 7750 and their wives meet at the RI Convention in Salt Lake City. Our 2006-07 Group Study Exchange was with District 2200 in the Canary Islands.

Lader receives highest alumni award

Phil Lader, a former Ambassador to Great Britain and former president of Winthrop University in Rock Hill, received the Rotary Foundation Alumni Global Service to Humanity Award from outgoing trustee chair Luis Giay at the RI Convention in Salt Lake. Lader, an ambassadorial scholar at Oxford University in the 1960s, now lives in Charleston.

