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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH.



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2014-15 Rotary Foundation major funding drive commences BY DG TOM FAULKNER

November is Rotary Foundation month. It is the beginning of the largest Rotary Foundation fund raising campaign in the history of Rotary District 7750.

Our seminar series on Friday, Nov. 7 beginning at 3pm includes training by our top Zone leaders in membership, Rotary Foundation, and public image. This training is followed by a reception and a Rotary Banquet. Keynote speakers from El Salvador will challenge us and help us celebrate the amazing work we are doing in that country, in Honduras, Haiti, Guatemala, and throughout the world,

We are about to wipe polio off the face of the earth in 2018. If you have not signed up to hear Chema Argueta and Nathan Weller on Nov. 7, go to our website and register online through the District calendar asap. This is the beginning of a major District effort to beat the incredible Foundation giving record set by PDG Lorraine and team last Rotary year.

With the total reorganization of the Rotary Foundation, our District stands at a crossroads. Half of every dollar you give to the Foundation is returned three years later to our District. Half of that amount is used to fund creative projects in our local communities. The other half is matched with Global Grant dollars from the Rotary Foundation to do good work in Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala.

We have a Rotary Foundation that is given a four star rating by Charity Navigator and is considered one of the top Foundations in the world. Other Districts are so impressed with our work that they are beginning to contribute their dollars to our projects.

In five years, the District Governor will be able to say that every dollar given to the Foundation will be utilized to transform our local communities or targeted communities in developing countries.

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Applications for district grants for 2015-16 will be accepted beginning Nov. 1. The application and the grant eligibility by club are available online and on page 5.



Will you make a donation to our Rotary Foundation during this month?

2014-15 GOALS

MEMBERSHIP 2741 (+100) | **CURRENT: 2655**

FOUNDATION

\$357,000 ANNUAL FUND-SHARE | **\$63,635 ACHIEVED**

\$54,000 POLIOPUS | **\$7,452 ACHIEVED**

41 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY | **37 ACHIEVED**

20 BEQUEST SOCIETY | **0 ACHIEVED**

75 BENEFACTORS | **2 ACHIEVED**

10 NEW MAJOR DONORS | **0 ACHIEVED**

OTHER GOALS

54 | 100% PRESIDENTS-ELECT ELECTED BY 11/1/14 | **52 ACHIEVED**

27 | 50% OF PRESIDENT-NOMINEES ELECTED BY 11/1/15 | **12 ACHIEVED**

100% (54) CLUBS THAT HOLD ROTARY DAY | **0 ACHIEVED**

**District Training
Friday, Nov. 7**

**Training for
MEMBERSHIP
PUBLIC IMAGE
FOUNDATION
followed by
ROTARY FOUNDATION BANQUET
More about this inside.**

Kick off our major Foundation emphasis at the Banquet Nov. 7...

Come to our Rotary Foundation Banquet Nov. 7 and experience the hope that pervades our work in El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala and other developing countries.

Our Banquet will kick off major club activities and efforts to increase the number of

- Paul Harris Fellows,
- Paul Harris Society members (at least \$1,000 a year to the Foundation),
- Major Donors (contribution of at least \$10,000 to the Foundation),
- and Bequest Society (contribution of at least \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund through your will).

We shall join hands with our Interactors and Rotaractors and raise as much money as we can for Polio Plus, receiving a match of \$2 from the Gates Foundation for every dollar we contribute.

We will conclude our emphasis with a Birthday Party on Feb. 21. See page 15.

I ask you and your club to schedule your primary Foundation fundraising effort to be completed prior to that date when we shall celebrate the biggest Rotary Birthday Party this District has ever experienced.

John Germ, the President-Nominee of Rotary International and the International Chairman of the Polio Plus Campaign, will be our keynote speaker.

I ask you and your club to purchase at least one table of eight (\$50 a person) and join us at the Spartanburg Marriott at Renaissance Park at 299 N. Church Street to celebrate the 110th birthday of Rotary International beginning at 5:30pm on Saturday, February 21.

It will be one huge celebration of your Foundation fundraising achievements, particularly our Polio Plus accomplishments. Don't delay. You can sign up for the Party the week after the Foundation Banquet. Sign up as soon

as you can.

Lead the way to carry out your planned fundraising activities and brainstorm other activities in concert with our Interact and Rotaract Clubs. Your leadership team will do all we can to support you.

And don't forget to give thoughtful consideration to increasing your personal giving to these wonderful programs.

President-Nominee John Germ will be waiting on February 21 to congratulate you and celebrate yours and our success.

Then we shall begin a two year journey to Atlanta in 2017 culminating in the 100th year anniversary of our Rotary Foundation. Let's start now to double our efforts and our Foundation contributions by that time, thereby doubling the impact we now make in our local communities and throughout the world.—Tom

Join a January or March 2015 library work team to Cange, Haiti

BY SARA MANSBACH

It's a trip that not only changes the library but the Rotarian as well. To date, 19 volunteers from South Carolina and Virginia have spent a total of 59 days in Haiti working in the Cange Library.

During his Library Work Team visit, Patrick Gee of the Rotary Club of Mauldin talked to a Bon Sauveur First Grade Class in the Cange Library, modeled book sharing with 4 teachers, and discussed brain development with community leaders..

Our January and March visits will focus on 1) orienting the new librarian, 2) adding the Dewey Decimal System to the current library collection, 3) planning the development of a new book collection for both adults and children and 4) having teacher workshops on library use with dialogue on their specific needs for the collection. Contact Rita Yarbrough, Newberry Rotary, a 3-time work team member for details about these trips at ritayarbrough@bellsouth.net or 803-271-3602.

Approximate cost: \$1,500 for airfare, room and board for 7-10 days. Ask Rita to send you to the Partners in Literacy Haiti Work Trip Travel Guide. It covers a wide variety of information about your health, safety, and the visit experience.



To get ready

To prepare for the trip, see links to more information http://www.haitiliteracy.org/get_involved.htm. There you will find this information:

- "Become a Work Team Member"
- Partners in Literacy Haiti (PILH) Work Team Travel Guidelines (pdf)
- EDUSC Haiti Safety and Etiquette Guide for Visitors to Cange, Plateau Central
- Pledge for First Time Travelers to Haiti

District Training

Friday, Nov. 7

Breakouts at 3 p.m.

and 4:30 p.m.

TD CONVENTION CENTER

1 Exposition Drive

GREENVILLE

MEMBERSHIP led by Rotary coordinator Paula Matthews and membership chair Babette Sabia. **Membership: It's more than adding a new member**

PUBLIC IMAGE led by Rotary Public Image coordinator Sue Poss and District Public Image Chair Lorraine Angelino. **Strengthen Rotary by enhancing your club's image.**

FOUNDATION led by Rotary Foundation Coordinator Ron Ferrill, District Foundation Chair Gary Goforth and District Rotary Public Image Chair Lorraine Angelino. **Rotary 101, District Grants, and Global Grants followed by ROTARY FOUNDATION BANQUET**

DISTRICT 7750 FOUNDATION BANQUET NOVEMBER 7

Jose "Chema" Argueta and Nathan Weller will talk about our Global Grant and current issues in El Salvador



JOSE "CHEMA" ARGUETA

– Fisheries Expert and Community Educator, Mangrove Association:

Heralding from a fishing family with deep ties to communities in the Bay of Jiquilisco, Chema has a vast local knowledge of fisheries issues and local livelihoods in El Salvador's largest coastal protected area. He garnered a scholarship through USAID to attend Mt. Hood Community College in Oregon, where he received an Associate's Degree in Natural Resource Management, and has been trained in El Salvador and Japan on fisheries management issues. Apart from managing the training and coordination of resource guards and establishment of best management practices Chema also manages coastal development projects in his community Isla Mendez. He also helps facilitate EcoViva's Community Empowerment Tours Program.

NATHAN WELLER—Program and Policy Director, EcoViva: Nathan has been involved with rural development initiatives in Latin America for more than five years, specializing in local capacity building to solve environmental problems. He completed his Master's degree in International Environmental Policy at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, during which time he worked in the Bay of Jiquilisco with communities to integrate climate change adaptation measures into community-led conservation. Currently as EcoViva's Program and Policy Director, he works closely with local leadership in the Bay of Jiquilisco to formulate and enable management plans and protections in the internationally-recognized protected area. Nathan has also overseen forest management projects for the United States Forest Service, and has also directed wetland conservation on agriculture lands in Central California.



*Due to the generosity of anonymous donors from the Pickens Rotary Club, we have the special opportunity to have two outstanding leaders who are immersed in the challenges of the rural countryside in El Salvador. We are excited not only of the timeliness of these leaders' visit with us, but also for the opportunity to recognize firsthand what our Rotary Foundation in concert with some of our lead Rotary Clubs are doing to transform these rural villages into places of self sufficiency and hope.—
DG Tom Faulkner*



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Top Giving Clubs (Annual Fund)

TOP CLUBS BY % OF AF GOAL ACHIEVED

1 Walhalla	489%
2 Greenville Evening	340%
3 North Spartanburg	299%
4 Fort Mill	240%
5 Batesburg-Leesville	231%

TOP CLUBS BY AF PER CAPITA

1 Greenville Evening	\$466.39
2 Emerald City	\$449.00
3 Fort Mill	\$272.59
4 Clover	\$270.63
5 EClub of the Carolinas	\$265.36

TOP CLUBS BY TOTAL AF GIVING

1 Greenville	\$51,896.90
2 Aiken	\$27,099.00
3 Emerald City	\$23,796.85
4 Fort Mill	\$22,079.72
5 Greenville Evening	\$12,592.50

Top Giving Clubs (Polio)

TOP CLUBS BY % OF POLIO GOAL ACHIEVED

1 Inman	1005%
2 Aiken Sunrise	688%
3 Clemson-Calhoun	486%
4 Spartanburg	410%
5 Clover	377%

TOP CLUBS BY TOTAL POLIO GIVING

1 Spartanburg	\$12,309.38
2 Aiken	\$7,165.89
3 Aiken Sunrise	\$4,127.59
4 Clover	\$3,772.00
5 Greenville Evening	\$3,258.50

District statistics on giving

- 28** Clubs have achieved 100% of their AF Goal
- 37** Clubs have achieved 75% of their AF Goal
- 0** Clubs have achieved their AF Challenge Goal
- 26** Clubs have achieved 100% of their Polio Goal
- 9** Clubs are over \$200 AF Per Capita
- 32** Clubs are over \$100 AF Per Capita
- 0** Clubs have given \$5 Total to the AF (Zero Giving)
- 13** Clubs have given \$5 Total to Polio (Zero Giving)
- 6** Areas have achieved 100% of their AF Goal
- 10** Areas have achieved 75% of their AF Goal
- 0** Areas have achieved their total AF Challenge Goal
- 0** Areas are over \$200 AF Per Capita
- 7** Areas are over \$100 AF Per Capita

Year-End giving deadlines and Support Center information

CREDIT CARDS:

Via rotary.org – must be authorized by midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Via fax (847-328-5260), phone (866-976-8279) or mail - must be received prior to the close of business on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Credit card contributions should not be sent to Rotary's Lockbox Addresses below; rather they should be done online at Rotary.org to ensure timely recording or fax them to 847-328-5260. Note: For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email, rather fax them to 847-328-5260. You can also make contributions over the phone by calling 866-976-8279 during regular business hours.

MAIL (LEAST PREFERRED):

Sending credit card information by mail is less secure and slower than contributing on-line. Note: Contributions mailed at the end of December 2014 intended as early gifts for January 2014 will be treated as December 2014 gifts. It is best to begin mailing January 2015 gifts in the month of January. Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be no later than Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, and received by Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015.

MAIL TO:

The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693
USA Securities: Must be received in The Rotary Foundation's gifted securities account by Wednesday, **31 December 2014**. [Learn how](#) you can donate stocks, mutual funds, or other securities.

Club Eligibility for 2015-16 Rotary District Grants

Is your club planning to submit an application for a District Grant in the 2015-16 year? Do you need a primer in Rotary Foundation information? If so please make plans to attend Foundation training on Friday, November 7, 2014 at the TD Convention Center in Greenville.

PDG Gary Goforth will provide an update on district and global grants, and PDG Lorraine Angelino will provide some Foundation 101 training during both breakout sessions at 3 PM and 4:30 PM.

Based on foundation giving in the 2013-14 year, we have determined eligibility and the maximum grant amount for each club for 2015-16 district grants. Please carefully review the information for your club and come learn more about the district grant process.

District Grants

Club	No. of Members 7/1/2013	APF Total Giving	APF Per Capita	Max Grant Eligibility
Abbeville	2	\$4,875.00	\$93.75	\$ 2,500.00
Aiken Sunrise	40	\$8,855.00	\$221.38	\$ 6,000.00
Aiken	170	\$27,099.00	\$159.41	\$ 5,000.00
Anderson	95	\$4,024.50	\$42.36	\$ 1,000.00
Batesburg-Leesville	21	\$2,771.50	\$131.98	\$ 5,000.00
Blacksburg	12	\$55.00	\$4.58	n/a
Chester	43	\$1,223.00	\$28.44	\$ 1,000.00
Clemson	98	\$12,005.46	\$122.50	\$ 5,000.00
Clemson-Calhoun	28	\$370.00	\$13.21	n/a
Clinton	26	\$875.00	\$33.65	\$ 1,000.00 C
lover	24	\$6,495.00	\$270.63	\$ 5,000.00
Easley	59	\$7,025.00	\$119.07	\$ 5,000.00
E-Club of The Carolinas	21	\$5,572.50	\$265.36	\$ 5,000.00
Electric City	0	\$5.00	\$0.00	n/a
Emerald City	53	\$23,796.85	\$449.00	\$10,000.00
Fair Play	14	\$1,347.50	\$96.25	\$ 2,500.00
Foothills	15	\$1,105.00	\$73.67	\$ 2,500.00
Fort Mill	81	\$22,079.72	\$272.59	\$ 8,000.00
Fountain Inn	40	\$1,230.00	\$30.75	\$ 1,000.00
Gaffney	72	\$498.00	\$6.92	n/a
Golden Strip Sunrise	15	\$220.00	\$14.67	n/a
Greater Anderson	53	\$5,354.70	\$101.03	\$ 5,000.00
Greater Greer	18	\$2,541.70	\$141.21	\$ 5,000.00
Greenville Breakfast	20	\$3,575.00	\$178.75	\$ 5,000.00
Greenville Evening	27	\$12,592.50	\$466.39	\$ 9,000.00
Greenville	258	\$51,896.90	\$201.15	\$ 7,000.00
Greenville-East	20	\$4,493.00	\$224.65	\$ 5,000.00
Greenwood	103	\$10,835.00	\$105.19	\$ 5,000.00
Indian Land	33	\$744.00	\$22.55	n/a
Lake Wylie	24	\$3,125.00	\$130.21	\$ 5,000.00
Lancaster Breakfast	77	\$3,932.50	\$51.07	\$ 2,500.00
Lancaster	69	\$2,305.00	\$33.41	\$ 1,000.00
Laurens	49	\$5,880.00	\$120.00	\$ 5,000.00
Mauldin	26	\$3,280.00	\$126.15	\$ 5,000.00
McCormick County	12	\$2,205.00	\$183.75	\$ 5,000.00
Newberry	66	\$11,860.00	\$179.70	\$ 6,000.00
North Augusta	18	\$1,976.00	\$109.78	\$ 5,000.00
North Greenville	22	\$4,280.00	\$194.55	\$ 5,000.00
North Spartanburg	42	\$6,853.81	\$163.19	\$ 5,000.00
Pickens	45	\$4,255.00	\$94.56	\$ 2,500.00
Pleasantburg	39	\$5,011.50	\$128.50	\$ 5,000.00
Rock Hill	100	\$10,807.50	\$108.08	\$ 5,000.00
Seneca Golden Corner	28	\$450.00	\$16.07	n/a
Seneca	39	\$2,760.00	\$70.77	\$ 2,500.00
Simpsonville	50	\$7,242.50	\$144.85	\$ 5,000.00
Spartan West	21	\$3,026.25	\$144.11	\$ 5,000.00
Spartanburg	164	\$9,478.00	\$57.79	\$ 2,500.00
Twin City	16	\$2,007.00	\$125.44	\$ 5,000.00
Union	40	\$7,070.00	\$176.75	\$ 5,000.00
Walhalla	36	\$6,358.00	\$176.61	\$ 5,000.00
Westminster	23	\$1,939.50	\$84.33	\$ 2,500.00
Winnsboro	39	\$1,625.00	\$41.67	\$ 1,000.00
Woodruff	14	\$80.00	\$5.71	n/a
York	32	\$7,140.00	\$223.13	\$ 5,000.00

The eligibility listing by Club is also [located online](#). **District Grant applications will be accepted online November 1 and are due April 30, 2015.**
www.rotary7750.org/grants



There is a life-size bronze sculpture of FDR at the Dowdell's Knob overlook and the group gathered around it for a photograph. Standing from left, Wayne Hickam, Peg Stutsman, Linda Cassell, Carol Winsor, Jean Mahaffey, Kathryn Smith, Phil Winsor, Amelia Nelson; sitting with FDR is Mary Ann McBride.



District 7750 group tours Warm Springs

The historic roots of the fight to vanquish polio were explored on October 18 by a group of Rotarians from District 7750 led by District PolioPlus Chair Amelia Nelson and Roosevelt historian Kathryn Smith, both members of the Rotary Club of Greater Anderson.

The group visited Warm Springs, Georgia, where Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation for the rehabilitation of polio patients in 1926.

Their trip included visits to the

Polio Wall of Fame at Georgia Hall, the chapel, the grounds and then on to the Little White House and museum and the historic treatment pool.

The group had lunch at the Bulloch House, famous for its Southern cooking, saw the breathtaking overlook at FDR's favorite picnic spot, Dowdell's Knob on Pine Mountain, and concluded with ice cream at the Hotel Warm Springs.

"Many people do not know that FDR also established the March of

Dimes, which funded the research that resulted in the first successful polio vaccines in 1955," said Kathryn. "Even if he were not known for his presidency, he would be known for this accomplishment."

Kathryn is writing the biography of FDR's personal secretary Missy LeHand, who helped him establish the treatment center at Warm Springs. It will be published by Touchstone Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, in 2016.



Powersville Interact joins host Rotary club to bring miracle to special needs kids

These are members of the Powersville Interact Club, sponsored by the Greenville Evening Rotary Club. The President is Justine Polomski, a senior, and the faculty sponsor is Libby Holliday, a social studies teacher (pictured far left). Many of the students attended the Miracle League softball day for special needs children in Mauldin with the Greenville Evening Club a few weeks ago and had a fun time. They are also working on a program at their school called English for Speakers of Other Languages where they learn about other cultures from students who attend English speaking schools and help students from those other countries learn about them. The Interactors are also holding a food drive in the coming months for the Piedmont Emergency Relief Center (PERC). And, they will be working with the Duck Derby in May. They also learned about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and our district's water projects in Honduras. —DGN Lance Young, member of the Greenville Evening Rotary Club



Greenville East meets with its Interact Club

The Rotary Club of Greenville East met on Oct. 28 with the Interact Club at J.L. Mann Academy in Greenville, a club they have sponsored for several years. The Interact Club has several service projects scheduled this year.

Emily Carter and Mikey Summers are co-presidents of the Interact Club at J.L. Mann Academy in Greenville. The Interact Club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville East.



The Interact students were fascinated that Greenville East club member Vernon McCurry, who retired from IBM in 1986, is the grandfather of a friend of one of their teachers!

Stephen Yacobi, president of the Rotary Club of Greenville East, talked to the Interact students about the value of Rotary and why he wanted to be and stays a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville East.



Chick-fil-A biscuits and juice provided to the Interactors by Greenville East Rotary was a crowdpleaser at the Oct. 28 meeting.





RCORH DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Rock Hill Rotary "Day of Remembrance"

September 11, 2014

The Rotary Club of Rock Hill held a special public service recognizing local First Responders on September 11.

The musical highlight of this Rotary Day was the Presentation of the Colors by the Piedmont Medical Center EMS Honor Guard, including a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace."

Paul Harris Fellow awards were presented to the Rock Hill Fire Department, Police Department, and EMS Chiefs, as well as the retired EMS Director. District Governor Tom Faulkner presented Paul Harris Fellows and Multiple Fellows to 10 Rock Hill Rotarians.

Ronnie Faulkner, who also serves as the Club Secretary, was recognized as a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. Faulkner is the first Major Donor in the history of our club, which was established in 1919. All together, there are now 38 Paul Harris Fellows in the Rock Hill Rotary Club.

September 11, 2001 is a date that bonds all of us together in a most significant way. It was a time of traumatic events and losses which will forever be engraved in our hearts and minds. We must never forget, as well, the many heroes who stepped forth without a second thought.

The Congress of the United States has designated September 11th as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. The Rotary Club of Rock Hill also wants to honor our local First Responders for their service to the community.

The motto of Rotary International is "Service Above Self."



Get Ready for Brazil

Are you planning to attend the June 6-9, 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil? The discounted early registration fee expires on December 15. In addition to the convention, there are a number of fabulous events, just for Rotarians, planned for the convention. The photo at left shows one of those Rotarian-only events in Sydney. Please remember that you will also need a visa to enter Brazil. There are a number of companies that supply Visas. I have used Trivisa, brazil.trivisa.com, in the past. The total cost for a Visitor Visa will be somewhere around \$235. It generally takes 2-3 weeks to process a visa request.—PDG Becky Faulkner



NEW MEMBERS AT GREENVILLE EVENING

Greenville Evening Club President Candy Surkin and past president Ann Golden install new members Tom Theodore and Mark Xu into the club on Oct. 14.



ROTARY CLUB OF GREENVILLE BREAKFAST

Kurt Rieder, left, and Dave Lewis present a check to Laurie Rovin, the Executive Director for Pendleton Place, for \$1,500 on behalf of Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club.



CLEMSON VISIT

In the top photo, DG Tom presents Clemson Roary Club President Keith Ray a Light Up Rotary banner and below he presents a Paul Harris Fellow to member Sandy Edge.

SPARTANBURG HEARS THEIR OWN VERSION OF INDIANA JONES

Byron McCane-Chair of the Department of Religion for Wofford College spoke with the Spartanburg club about his archaeology projects, his current digs and his appearances on Jeopardy, Discovery Channel, the National Geographic Channel and the History Channel! He is known as Wofford Colleges' Indiana Jones because of all his exciting and exotic travels for his archaeological projects in the Middle East and his academic prowess and deep knowledge of Biblical history.





Seneca Interact members worked with the West-Oak Interact Club and our District Youth Exchange Students to run and help manage the Rotary Oktoberfest 5K to raise funds for polio eradication. Interact members volunteered as timers, course monitors, manned water stations and helped with registration activities.



Rotary Exchange Student, Jean Ndayambaje (Belgium) talks with Interact Sponsor Mary Newby and Co-President Emily Griffin just prior to running the race. The District Rotary Youth Exchange Students won the award for traveling the furthest to participate in the annual Area Two Rotary Club event.



Rotary Youth Exchange Students Greg Pedulla from Italy (Left) and Clara Clement-Canchal from Spain (Right) team up with West-Oak High School Interact members Morgan Todd, Emily Griffin (Co-President) and Kelsey Ramey to run the Rotary Oktoberfest 5K to help eradicate polio.

Youth Exchange: Thank you and meet my district...

BY MORGEN CVETKO

I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Rotary. I'm forever in debt and grateful. I would surely not be here if it wasn't for Myles Golden. He helped me and mother with the application at the last second. Now Vicki... if you don't know Vicki, I suggest meeting her. She is one of the most amazing people I've ever met. She is

fun, out-going, and just someone you like to be around. Vicki, thank you for everything you've done for me, and fun weekends in Charleston! [editor's note: Vicki Tatum is the Rotary Youth Exchange Chair for D7770 in the low country of South Carolina] Jack and Mary Newby, where to begin. I will never be able to thank

you two enough. You have helped me so much through this process. I'm so thankful that you are in district 7750, because I don't think I would have made it this far without y'all. I know I can always count on you to be there for me. Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything.

Youth Exchange: The adventures of a first-time flyer

I am Lizzie Hagen, and I am a Carolina Girl living in Comines, Belgium. I have been selected as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from District 7750 to Rotary District 1620 in Belgium for 2014-2015.

It was almost exactly one year ago that I began investigating the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. It is absolutely astounding to me that I am in Belgium.

I would call the process of flying for the first time painless at the airport. Though we requested from the travel agency to use the Charlotte airport, Atlanta gave us no trouble on Saturday morning. Both of my parents were able to wait with me at the gate until it was time to go, though I suspect my mother being completely decked out in pink warrior ribbons memorabilia had an influence.

This was the beginning of the Elizabeth-Trio in Belgium. It turns out I was not the only Elizabeth flying from Atlanta to Brussels. I met a Rotary Youth

Exchange Student from Tennessee going to Belgium with the Belgian student her family hosted. She was going to stay with a Belgian family for three weeks before beginning her exchange in Spain. Both students were named Elizabeth! I am incredibly thankful for Belgian-Elizabeth and Tennessee-Elizabeth for guiding me through my first time

through customs. We left for our various destinations after finding our respective families.

I am amazed at how small the world can be. I've met a Rotarian that has visited his brother in Greenville, South Carolina, and several that have visited Charleston. However, I am very thankful for the kindness of people like Natalie who take advantage of proximity in order to give me an experience I will never forget.



Lizzie Hagen (center) sponsored by the Westminster Rotary Club meeting her new host family in Belgium.

Membership

Figures show us down a little, but we can keep up the momentum

Net membership for the district shows a plus 15, congratulations to those clubs that have shown an increase since the beginning of this Rotary year. The information is taken from the Attendance Report in DaCdb, so if your club's new member information is not current in this system, we cannot know if new members have been added. Among the clubs that have new members



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are Clemson-Calhoun, E-club of the Carolinas, Emerald City, Fort Mill, Greenville Breakfast, Greenwood, Indian Land,** Laurens, North Spartanburg, Rock Hill, Simpsonville, Spartanburg, Twin City of Bates-

burg-Leesville, Winnsboro and York. Many of these are up one member and several show net two.

**I mention Indian Land because it is my home club; therefore, I know we inducted three new members last month and received a transferee in from North Carolina. We also inducted two new members at the Governor's official visit.

It is important that new members get reported into DaCdb as quickly as possible. A suggestion for one way to help get them into the system is to put their data in when they have been proposed. Then, when they are approved and inducted, the Club Secretary need only change the status from "Proposed" to "Active."

Although Vocational Service month was last month, we are providing a perfect opportunity, regardless of theme for the month, to do some recruiting of folks in our community that may be overlooked as potential members. How many clubs have their

Chief of Police as a member, or their Fire Chief, for example? An examination of the classifications of your club's members can help your Membership Committees to focus on approaching those classifications/vocations that are not yet members. A few more examples could be clergy, veterinarians, or other medical professionals. And, what about managers of local restaurants – whether they be family-owned or "chain" establishments?

You will be hearing more from the District Membership Committee in the future. We strive to help clubs with their membership goals, which in turn will help our District to grow. Also, there will be a Membership breakout at the upcoming Foundation event on November 7 – more details in other parts of this newsletter..

Let's continue the momentum begun in the last Rotary year and have an even greater percentage of new members.



Mark Your Calendars! for Conference 2015

The annual Rotary District 7750 conference will be May 1-3, 2015. The conference committee has been hard at work; and this is sure to be a great conference for the entire family. The Embassy Suites in Greenville, is a fabulous in-town resort with lots of amenities. Your suite cost (\$149 per night) includes both a daily cooked-to-order breakfast for the entire family and a nightly reception with complimentary snacks and drinks. You don't want to miss it! Mark your calendars now.

The more you know...RLI is a good membership retention tool

BY IPDG LORRAINE ANGELINO

The number one thing a president, president-elect, or president-nominee can do to prepare for your year of leadership is to attend RLI as soon as possible. RLI will give you ideas on what you might want to do during your year as President. You will also learn more about Rotary, The Foundation, Membership, Leadership, Public Image, and Beyond the Club.

I think the best part is networking with other Rotarians and exchanging ideas. Are you new to Rotary? Do you want to learn more about Rotary? This program is a perfect way to get oriented with Rotary and network with other Rotarians.

Are you a graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute? Please let others

in your club know about RLI and select at least two members from your club to send through all 3 sessions of RLI during 2014-2015 year.

Are you a Rotaract member? You are welcome to attend RLI. In fact, we have had several Rotaract members attend in the past.

Some ideas to think about when putting your RLI schedule together for this year. You may register for any classes offered by RLI 33 or any other RLI division. Some members from the District have attended RLI in Augusta, GA in the Sunshine division. If you want to attend RLI in Augusta, GA please let PDG George Fletcher (gfletcher@newcarolina.org) or PDG Lorraine Angelino (dg2013@rota-

Why do we need to end polio?

No child anywhere in the world will have to suffer from this crippling disease.

Reaching all children with the polio vaccine leads the way to reaching them with other life-saving resources.

Until polio is stopped, children everywhere are at risk.

Achieving a polio-free world will prove what's possible when the global community comes together to improve children's lives.

ry7750.org) know so we can get your class recorded.

You can only register for one class at a time. If you want to register for all three classes at once, contact George. Consider carpooling with other members in your club or a neighboring club. Carpooling is fun and you get to network and get to know each other. Several great projects were developed during the ride back from RLI.

Find out from your club Treasurer to see if your club will cover the cost for you to attend RLI. The cost is \$95 per class. Only one class can be taken per day. Come to RLI and have some FUN.

Upcoming RLI events close to us:

Saturday, November 8, 2014 – Duncan, SC

Saturday, February 21, 2015 – Charleston, SC - Citadel

Saturday March 14, 2015 – Duncan, SC

Saturday, April 18, 2015 – Hendersonville, NC

Go to rli33.org to register.

Click here for a PDF file with the full 2014-15 RLI Calendar of Events.



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SAVE THE DATE!!!
February 21, 2015
Rotary District 7750
Rotary Birthday Banquet

Keynote Speaker:
John Germ
RI President 2016-17

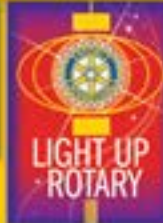
Achieve Your Next Foundation
Recognition Level and Have
RIPN John Germ Present The
Award To You or Your
Designated Recipient

Where: Spartanburg Marriott
Time: 5:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 Dinner and Program
Attire: Business (Black Tie Optional)


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7750 Membership & Attendance for September

Club	Members 6/30/2014	Current Members	Change	Meetings Held	Attend. %
Abbeville	49	53	4	4	65.00
Aiken	172	174	2	4	76.92
Aiken Sunrise	40	39	-1	4	85.11
Anderson	80	80	0	2	52.26
Batesburg-Leesville	19	17	-2	4	69.12
Blacksburg	13	13	0	4	45.45
Chester	50	51	1	5	61.07
Clemson	91	91	0	4	66.56
Clemson-Calhoun	24	25	1	4	87.64
Clinton	32	31	-1	3	66.67
Clover	27	25	-2	4	82.00
EClub of the Carolinas	27	30	3	5	46.20
Easley	58	58	0	5	79.31
Emerald City	52	54	2	4	80.09
Fair Play	14	15	1	4	83.90
Fort Mill	76	80	4	4	47.19
Fountain Inn	37	36	-1	4	79.17
Gaffney	61	63	2	5	71.71
Golden Strip Sunrise	14	13	-1	4	75.00
Greater Anderson	57	56	-1	4	70.79
Greater Greer	11	11	0	5	70.00
Greenville	269	265	-4	2	66.89
Greenville Breakfast	24	22	-2	4	65.00
Greenville East	28	24	-4	4	76.00
Greenville Evening	30	32	2	4	66.00
Greenwood	104	105	1	2	68.47
Indian Land	31	34	3	4	72.73
Inman	22	22	0	4	85.00
Lake Wylie	27	26	-1	5	80.49
Lancaster	72	69	-3	4	70.75
Lancaster Breakfast	74	74	0	3	60.91
Laurens	50	51	1	4	85.03
Mauldin	25	27	2	5	82.11
McCormick County	9	9	0	0	0.00
Newberry	73	77	4	2	80.00
North Augusta	15	14	-1	4	73.08
North Greenville	34	35	1	4	67.97
North Spartanburg	42	45	3	4	78.56
Pickens	41	41	0	4	90.91
Pleasantburg	39	38	-1	4	78.69
Rock Hill	102	104	2	2	70.05
Seneca	34	35	1	4	56.78
Seneca Golden Corner	22	21	-1	4	75.00
Simpsonville	44	47	3	4	95.40
Spartan West	23	23	0	5	75.00
Spartanburg	178	180	2	4	49.15
The Foothills	17	15	-2	2	60.00
Twin City	15	16	1	4	68.25
Union	44	44	0	5	69.08
Walhalla	32	32	0	4	65.42
Westminster	31	31	0	0	69.00
Winnsboro	38	40	2	5	80.40
Woodruff	17	10	-7	4	66.67
York	33	35	2	4	78.40
TOTAL	2643	2658	15	3.78	70.15%
54 of 54 clubs reporting					

Enter your goals in Rotary Club Central

We need your club Foundation and Membership Goals submitted to Rotary Club Central (www.rotary.org to My Rotary)! Club with goals are much more likely to improve their membership and foundation statistics, so please take a few minutes and enter your club's goals for the 2014-15 year. If you need assistance in entering this information, contact District Foundation Chair DRFC Gary Goforth (dg2011@rotary7750.org), District membership Chair Babette Sabia, bsabia@aol.com or District Public Image Chair Lorraine Angelino, dg2013@rotary7750.org.

Hear RI president-elect Ravi Ravindran in Asheville

Our district Rotarians are invited to a dinner on Wednesday night, Nov. 19, in Asheville, NC, where president-elect Ravi Ravindran will speak.

The dinner is organized in connection with the Zones 33-34 Institute that will start the next day and is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Rotary in Western North Carolina.

It will be held at the Marriott Renaissance in Asheville beginning with a reception at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person.

Log in to the district database to register. If you are unable to do that, contact PDG George Fletcher at gletcher@newcarolina.org for assistance.

Approximately 450 people are already registered.

Membership Champions (new members and their sponsors in September)

Archer, Diana G (DIANA)	Indian Land	Garrett Strader	Office Manager
Ayers, Gregory S. (GREG)	Rock Hill	Ray E. Marshall	Insurance
Barclay, Alexander (ALEXANDER)	Pleasantburg		
Bomar, George E. (GEORGE)	Mauldin		
Bowie, Tracy Whitten (TRACY)	Anderson	Voisin, Perry J.	Community and Social Services
Brownlee-Brewton, Lori (LORI)	Abbeville	Bobby L. Crosby	
Burger, Justin K. (JUSTIN)	Emerald City	Steve Riley	University/Education
Buva, Nima (NIMA)	Mauldin	Larry K. Wood	
Cantrell, H. Furman (FURMAN)	Newberry	George W. Routon	Retired -- Medical Research
Clymer, Brent T. (BRENT)	North Greenville	Jerry B. Lanier	Banking-Mortgage Banking
Dunlap, Deborah (DEBORAH)	Greenville	Elizabeth Lyons	Senior Marketing Executive
Dunlap, Dorinda Bell (DORINDA)	Abbeville	Bobby L. Crosby	
Griffis, Sarah N. (SARAH)	Aiken	Karen Bowles	Nursing and Health-Eldercare
Halliday, Quincy Stanford IV (QUINCY)	Spartanburg	Chad McQueen Graham	Accounting - Assurance Services
Hayes, James Creighton (CREIGHTON)	Rock Hill	Lindsay W Walker	Legal
Henry, Wayman W (WRIGHT)	Clemson	Jonathan Hungerford	Dry Cleaner Manager
Holmes, Rebecca Hughes (REBECCA)	Simpsonville		Dentistry
Mauro, Theodore D (TED DARID MAURO)	Clemson		
McClendon, William Timothy (TIM)	Aiken	David Jameson	Religion-Protestantism
Nickelson, James (JAMES)	Greenville	George Fletcher	Development
Pennington, Michael P (MIKE)	Indian Land	Garrett Strader	Sales Manager/Loan Officer
Phipps, Jonathan (JONATHAN)	Abbeville	Scott White	
Poole, Melvin (MELVIN)	Rock Hill	Lindsay W Walker	Financial & Accounting Services
Porras, Emilio (EMILIO)	Mauldin	Wilfredo Leon	Insurance
Poteat, Karen L. (KAREN)	Aiken	David Jameson	Senior-Services
Raynack, Heather L. (HEATHER)	Aiken	Karen Bowles	Social Agency-disabled
Robertson, Marsha F (MARSHA)	Easley	Elaine M. Thena	Community Development Manager Girl Scouts
Rollins, Roger D. (ROGER)	Aiken	Chad Matthews	Counselling-Family
Sams, James Hagood III (JIM)	Greenville Evening	Lance S. Young	Construction Engineering Consulting
Scanlon, Robert J (BOB SCANLON)	Newberry	Kathy L Fuller	Civitas Media
Schwartz, James B (JIM)	Indian Land		
Steed, Chris (CHRIS)	Gaffney	Lyman Hamrick	
Stubbs, Everett B. III (EVERETT)	Chester	William L. Marion	Attorney
Sullivan, Graham Ralph (GRAHAM)	Emerald City	Lorraine Marie Angelino	Project Management/Process Improvement
Summers, Joshua L. (JOSH)	Spartanburg	William P. Mills, Jr.	General Dentistry
Wilshire, L. Brent (BRENT)	Indian Land		Retired Ophthalmologist
Xu, Mark (MARK)	Greenville Evening	Ann H. Golden	