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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

DECEMBER:
HONOR THE
FAMILY OF
ROTARY

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Rotary: A family affair BY DG TOM FAULKNER

I hope that all of you enjoy this special holiday season with your family and friends. We have much to be thankful for with an improving economy and a brighter future for South Carolina.

Particularly for Rotarians, this holiday season is also a time for giving. Many of our clubs volunteer with the Salvation Army. The Holiday Lights program at Roper Mountain Science Center is Greenville Rotary's biggest annual fundraiser. Other clubs participate in Christmas parades. Many clubs help families with Santa Claus duties. Whatever ways you decide to celebrate, remember to make Rotary a part of that celebration.

We also have the opportunity this month to celebrate our wonderful Family of Rotary. That family certainly starts with our own families, but it quickly expands to include Rotaract, Interact, and Youth Exchange.

As we continue to prepare for our 110th Rotary Birthday celebration in Spartanburg on Saturday, February 21, do what you can to involve your entire Rotary family in both your fundraising and service activities. I have consistently heard on my club visits that our Interactors and Rotaractors outperform us in service every time they are given

the opportunity!

Jimmy Roach, the District Interact Chair, and I hope that you will work with your Rotary family to develop creative Polio Plus fundraisers and events during the next few months that will help us to build toward our birthday party in February.

PDG Lorraine Angelino is leading another exciting initiative that Rotary Public Image Coordinator Sue Poss helped get started last year. The program is called "Rotary Has Heart." We are encouraging Rotary Clubs to get involved in some service activity in support of Harvest Hope Food Bank, school backpack programs, food pantries, soup kitchens, and other organizations that help ensure that families in our communities get enough to eat.

A recent article in the National Geographic titled "The New Face of Hunger," notes that since the 1960's, food insecurity in America has increased fivefold. In 2012, 48 million people were experiencing food insecurity, a 57% increase since the 1990's. Last year was a great beginning to the "Rotary Has Heart" movement. Let's involve the entire Rotary family in this wonderful opportunity to remember those who go to bed each night without enough food to eat.



Winnsboro Lights Up Rotary with 5K Run. Page 2.

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 | **3 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 | **17 ACHIEVED**100% (54) CLUBS THAT HOLD ROTARY DAY | **0 ACHIEVED**

DG Tom spent a part of Thanksgiving week in El Salvador, helping to finalize a global grant for the Rotary Club of Pickens. His article about this is on page 12.



Rotary
WINNSBORO



Rotary "Lights Up" Winnsboro with 5k race

WINNSBORO – Running enthusiasts and community residents packed the downtown streets of Winnsboro recently as they participated in the "Light Up Rotary" Glow Run/Walk on Sept. 25. It was the second annual 5k run/walk sponsored by the Winnsboro Rotary Club.

Nearly 100 people ran or walked the route winding through downtown Winnsboro, while glowing as the sun dropped below the horizon. Participants sported glow bracelets and necklaces in the unique 5k.

The top overall male runner was Nick Gladden with a time of 19 minutes and 29 seconds. The top overall female runner was Mary Swearingen with a time 26 minutes and 36 seconds.

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In the 1.8-mile walk, William Gonzalas was the top male by notching a time of 26 minutes and 17 seconds and 10-year-old Allison Wallace was the best female walker with a time of 20 minutes and 25 seconds.

Fairfield County Racers took home first place with the largest team of 23 members. Z-Fit with Liz and Griffins took second and third place respectively.

Winnsboro Rotary President Lori Schaeffer noted that this year's participation was higher than last year's and the event raised nearly \$5,000.

Proceeds from the event benefitted Water of Life, which provides fresh water in Third-World countries as well

as supporting local swimming lessons for children in Fairfield County.

Water of Life is a non-profit organization that dedicates itself to providing clean water for everyone. The group's recent efforts have established sustainable water resources in remote villages in West Africa and India.

In 2013, Water of Life completed water projects in over 160 villages in Liberia, Sierra Leone and India. Clean water was provided to approximately 150,000 people. Through the first three months of 2014, Water of Life completed 57 water projects in those three nations. The organization plans to exceed last year's accomplishments by more than 30 village projects.



PICKENS ROTARY GIVES GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

For the 11th year, Pickens Rotary Club has given the gift of a personal dictionary to all third grade students in Pickens elementary schools.

Dictionaries were delivered to a total of 222 students at Ambler, A.R.Lewis, Hagood, Holly Springs, and Pickens Elementary schools. A Rotary logo sticker was attached to every dictionary.

Rotarian Jim Capaldi headed up the Dictionary Project this year and Rotarians who distributed dictionaries were Kathy Brazinski, Nath Briley, Doug Finney, John McKenzie and Teresa Nash.

The students are always very enthusiastic upon receipt of their very own dictionary. Even though students use computers, teachers and administrators alike believe that using paper dictionaries is an important part of the educational process. Paper dictionaries provide more information than E-dictionaries, giving clearer meanings and examples, they are less distracting to students, and they can be used as part of classroom learning exercises. The actual usage of a paper dictionary becomes an academic experience for students.

Pickens Rotary supports literacy projects and will continue this community service project each year.

—Karen C. Culley



Karen Brazinski with students at Pickens Elementary School.



Twin City Rotary President Steve Enlow, Twin City Rotarian TC Cornelius, Batesburg-Leesville President Lancer Shull and Twin City past president Nina Bowmer with some of the supplies collected and sent to Oklahoma.

Oklahoma, Here We Come

TC Cornelius, manager of Always Money and member of the Twin City Rotary Club, brought to the attention of club members the need of disaster supplies for tornado devastated areas in Oklahoma earlier this year. The Twin City Rotary and Batesburg-Leesville Rotary clubs decided to join forces with Always Money to try to meet these needs. Both clubs collected first aid items at their weekly meetings. Items collected were band aids, Neosporin ointment, gauze pads, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, tweezers, scissors, tape, and simple first aid kits. The supplies were then packaged and sent to the Oklahoma victims. Anytime our Rotary clubs can come to the aid of people in need, we are ready and willing to assist as we are able.

RAG against child slavery

The Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery has set out to provide assistance and support to Rotary clubs and districts in planning humanitarian service projects. Its membership in the USA, England, India, Nepal, Ghana, Niger, and Thailand is trying to expose human trafficking and both adult and child slavery. There will be a world summit to End Human Trafficking in Atlanta May 10-11, 2015.

Representatives of UNICEF, Polaris, International Justice Mission and Shared Hope International will be present.

If you are interested to know more or to be part of the District's delegation, please contact me.

PDG Barbara Shayeb-Helou
bsh6890@aol.com



Avery Conrad, RYLA



Cortland Young, RYLA

Clemson sponsors students from Daniel High School

The Clemson Rotary Club sponsored students from D.W. Daniel High School to several events/activities last summer. Recently, the students were recognized at a club meeting. Below is a breakdown of who went where and the Interact Directors and Advisors.

Girls State: Anna Lightsey and Abby Martin

Boys State: Garrett Addis and Logan McCallum

RYLA: Avery Conrad and Cortland Young (pictured above)

Interact Club Leadership/Directors:

Alyssa Arnold
Katie Crane
Avery Conrad
Maggie Head
Sydney Hodgin
Abby Martin

Daniel HS Interact Advisors:

Chuck Conrad
Shelly Wilson
Ann Rash



Golden Corner in Walhalla

Vic Holley, Sandy Peirce, and Don Estep from the Golden Corner Rotary Club of Seneca participated in the Oktoberfest 5K in Walhalla. The event is a highlight of the Walhalla Oktoberfest and also serves as a Rotary fundraiser.

Rotary
CLEMSON



Former Clemson football star scores big at Spartanburg

Perry Tuttle spoke to the Spartanburg Rotary Club at the Nov. 10 meeting. His inspirational speech about the responsibilities of fatherhood was a hit with the club. Tuttle speaks to many of the young men that make up the NBA and NFL. He gave examples on how to interact and have teaching moments with your children as they grow up with the reminder that in the end, all a child wants is his Dad to love and be proud of him.



Perry Tuttle at Spartanburg Rotary Club.

Perry is a former Clemson football standout in the early 1980s. His career continued into the National Football League Buffalo Bills, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Atlanta Falcons and Canadian Football League Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Now, he is known for his inspirational speaking, sports marketing, and sports ministry.

The prime of Perry's football career was during his three seasons (1978-1981) at Clemson University. Tuttle had 17 touchdown receptions; all-time receiving yards with 2,534; 150 receptions; averaged 16.82 yards per catch. Tuttle caught the winning touchdown pass in the 1981 Orange Bowl, which secured the National Championship

for the Tigers. His celebration after the TD catch in the 3rd quarter, arms outstretched above his head with ball in hand, made the cover of the January 11, 1982, edition of Sports Illustrated with the caption stating, "Orange Bowl Hero Perry Tuttle of Clemson." In 1991, Clemson added Tuttle to its Hall of Fame, and in 1996, he was named as a member of Clemson's Centennial team. Later in 1999, "a panel of historians ranked Tuttle as the 14th best player in Clemson football history."

For background information see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perry_Tuttle



CLOVER INTERACT FEATURED ON RI INTERACT FACEBOOK PAGE

This is a screenshot of the Rotary International Interact facebook page that shared the Clover Rotary Club's album about our recent Mummy Shuffle 5k Fun Run/Walk. You can find this at <https://www.facebook.com/interactofficial>

Clover Interact received several awards at governor's visit

The Clover Interact club was recognized at the Clover Rotary Club meeting Nov. 5 for several awards. The meeting marked the annual visit of District Governor Tom Faulkner. The following Awards were presented to Clover Interact today:

Clover Rotary Monthly Changemaker Award for Outstanding Interact Member

– Presented to Darien Nguyen for his leadership in organizing volunteers for the Mummy Shuffle 5K Race.

World Interact Week Certificate – The first week in November is always World Interact Week. Interact Clubs who participate in a recognition event in conjunction with their sponsoring Rotary Club are presented a certificate commemorating this week.

Presidential Citation for Interact Clubs

- Only 3 Clubs in District 7750 were eligible for this award and Clover Interact was one of them. Clover Interact has met the criteria for this award for the past 4 years.

Litter Free Games Recognition

Certificate – Clover Interact received this certificate and grant check for \$250 dollars From Palmetto Pride for successfully completing a project to clean up the stadium at the Oct. 24th football game. The grant funds will be donated to Polio-Plus, Rotary International's foundation to Eliminate Polio from the world by 2018.



Pictured are students receiving the various awards.



Clover Interact gains a new Honorary member – District Governor, Tom Faulkner was presented an Interact club t-shirt by Interact President Bonnie Wyatt during his visit to Clover and officially made a member of CHS Interact.

"Getting an education is the first step in preventing and eliminating most of the world's issues and problems. Education is THE PATH out of poverty." —Immediate past RI vice president Anne Matthews, Columbia, SC

IN GREENVILLE: Rotary Partnership for Literacy

BY JUDITH PRINCE, *Rotary Club of Greenville*

Several clubs in Greenville have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greenville Literacy Association that will enable GLA to purchase a communications board for the center's lobby, to provide smart boards for some classrooms, and to offer scholarships for students to take the GED.

Engaging Rotarians as tutors is also a crucial part of the MOU. As there is a waiting list for classes at GLA, volunteer tutors are needed to meet the demand for classes. A part of the MOU, Rotary will have a seat on the Board of Directors of the Greenville Literacy Association, and clubs who are partners will have regular updates on successes achieved at Greenville Literacy.

There are 49,000 citizens without a GED or high school diploma in Greenville County, compelling evidence of the need for Rotary to support the work of the GLA.

Another compelling reason is that Basic Education and Literacy, including adult literacy, is one of Rotary International's Six Areas of Focus. But the most compelling reason for a partnership between Rotary Clubs and the Greenville Literacy Association is economic.

Carol Browning, Executive Director of the Greenville Literacy Association and a Rotarian, outlined the societal cost to Greenville County of 49,000 adults without a GED or high school diploma in a document entitled, "Creating Cycles of Success." The average income for an adult without a GED or high school diploma is \$10,800, which is below

recognized poverty levels for the Upstate.

Two primary factors contributing to the low wages of undereducated adults are (1) the prevalence of minimum wage jobs and (2) the tendency of these jobs to be less than full-

time. Benefits are frequently not afforded to those working part-time.

Public assistance comprises 53% of income needed to sustain an adult at this income level. These subsidies average around \$12,300 for housing, SNAP, and Medicaid. The cost to educate one student at GLA is \$685, so there is a 216% return on investment. The

earning power of an adult with a high school diploma or GED averages around \$24,900 annually. One has only to multiply \$12,300 by 49,000 to see the enormous cost of illiteracy to our community.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was a result of the closing of the Rotary Family Literacy Center and the desire by Rotarians to continue a literacy partnership.

As part of the MOU, Rotary will have a seat on the Board of Directors of the Greenville Literacy Association, and clubs who are partners will have regular updates on successes achieved at Greenville Literacy.

An ongoing committee, Rotary Partnership for Literacy, will be established with the goal of enhancing and expanding the partnership to other Rotary clubs. One of the initial tasks is preparation of a Rotary District Grant that would involve several Rotary Clubs.



Carol Browning, director of the Greenville Literacy Center and member of the Rotary Club of Greenville, signs the Memorandum of Understanding with the Greenville area clubs. Behind her are Candy Surkin, President, Greenville Evening; Russell Stall, President, Greenville; Tony Espanis, President, Simpsonville; and Ted Kedrowski, President, Greenville Breakfast.

The signing of the MOU took place on Thursday, October 23, , and the following Rotary Clubs participated:

- Greenville Evening Rotary Club, represented by Candy Surkin, President, and Alex Grewe, President-Elect
- Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club, represented by Tom Kedrowski, President, and Vincie Albritton, Liaison to GLA
- Simpsonville Rotary Club, represented by Tony Espanis, President
- Rotary Club of Greenville, represented by Russell Stall, President, Don Koonce, President-Elect, and Paul Wickensimer, Chair, Rotary Charities, Inc.
- Two other clubs, Foothills Rotary Club and the Greater Greer Rotary Club, are providing money for the Rotary GED Scholarship Fund with both club and personal contributions.



Laurens Rotary, Interact, and retirement center joint football project

The Laurens Rotary Club partnered with Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center and provided a meal to the Laurens High School Football Players. Rotarians and Interact students served the meal to the players and coaches. Rotarian Pollyanna Franks is the Executive Director of Martha Franks. Laurens High has a new coach this season and we reached out to welcome and support his team and their efforts.—Brian Harlan



NEW MAJOR DONOR IN LAURENS

PDG King Dixon and his wife Augusta have become Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation. They were pinned by DG Tom Faulkner during his official visit to the Rotary Club of Laurens.



Rotarian and Veteran, Frank M. Hart, was the speaker at the Union County Veterans Day Parade.



Scott Sandor, Executive Director of Union County YMCA, educated the Union Rotary Club on the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program and urged everyone to learn their risk for developing diabetes.



Dean Hybl, the Executive Director of Ten at the Top - Upstate South Carolina spoke about what is next for Upstate SC, how we can move forward together and the great things that are happening in the upstate. Pictured: Dean Hybl, Executive Director; Tiffany Tate, Program Manager; Rotarian Torance Inman, Executive Director of Union Chamber of Commerce.



Our Rotary Club celebrated Red Ribbon Week with representatives from the Union County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Pictured are UCCADA Executive Director Nikki Pyles, Mayor Harold Thompson and UCCADA Prevention Coordinator Starlin Phelps.



Conference 2015

The annual Rotary District 7750 conference will be May 1-3, 2015. 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.



One of the sessions on public image held Nov. 7.

Public Image workshops draw crowd at Nov. 7 training

BY PDG LORRAINE ANGELINO, dg2013@rotary7750.org
DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR

On November 7, two Public Image seminars were held before the annual Foundation Banquet. Zone 33 Rotary Public Image Coordinator Sue Poss facilitated the two sessions while DPIC Lorraine Angelino discussed how to write a Public Image plan.



Zone 33 Rotary Public Image Coordinator Sue Poss led two workshops on making your club visible.

During the seminar, many ideas were exchanged on possible ways of promoting clubs and club projects. In addition, we discussed the Zone 33 Public Image Citation for Rotary Clubs. Required activities for the Zone Public Image Citation for Rotary Clubs:

1. Organizing a Rotary Day event that results in significant media coverage that engages your members and offers the opportunity to promote your club and The Rotary Foundation. Submit a report of your event with examples of media coverage to your District Public Image Chair.
2. Develop a club Public Relations plan and submit it to your District Public Image Chair.
3. Define your club's signature activity (the one you'd like your club to be known for in the community) and promote it to the public.

The first 15 clubs to turn in their Public Relations plan including the Rotary Day event and your club's signature activity will receive a gift pack from DPIC Lorraine Angelino. Make sure to include your address where to send your gift pack.



District Public Image Chair Lorraine Angelino talks about the Public Image Citation clubs can earn this year.



Public Relations Committee – Below are the PR chairs listed in database. If your club's public relations chair is not listed, please let me know who that person is.

Aiken – John Lindsay
Aiken Sunrise – Sherri Siler
Anderson – Faith Line
Clemson - Debbie Dalhouse
Clemson-Calhoun – Curtis White
Clover – Allison Harvey, Michael Schonfeld
Easley – Vicki Fletcher
EClub of the Carolinas – Jim Dodmead
Emerald City – John Harte, Lorraine Angelino
Fair Play – Cynthia Spejewski
Fort Mill – Eric Harper
Greater Anderson – Kathryn Smith
Greenville Evening – Heather Harlos
Lake Wylie – Bob Stigers
Lancaster – Susan Rowell
Mauldin – Kathy Sullivan
Pickens – Jon Morgan
Pleasantburg – Travis Seward
Rock Hill – Rachel Ouellette
Simpsonville – Allison McGarity
Spartanburg – Ralph Hilsman
Union – Annie Smith

Rotary
PUBLIC IMAGE



Example of a club public image plan



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Foundation Awards for 2013-14 presented on November 7

at TD Center in Greenville

PER CAPITA GIVING CLUBS TO AF-SHARE

1st place: Greenville
Evening (\$466.39)
2nd place: Emerald City
(\$449.00)
3rd place: Fort Mill
(\$272.59)

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR CLUBS (Every club member contributed to The Rotary Foundation and per capita giving at least \$100)

Clemson
Greater Anderson
Greenville East
North Greenville
Pleasantburg
North Spartanburg
Spartan West
Fort Mill
Lake Wylie
Rock Hill
Emerald City
Laurens
Union
Greenville Evening
Greater Greer

CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLIOPLUS OVER \$1,500

Greater Anderson
Greenville
Pleasantburg
Spartanburg
Clover
Aiken
Aiken Sunrise
E-Club of the Carolinas
Emerald City
Greenwood
Laurens
Greenville Evening

100% SUSTAINING MEMBER CLUBS (All members donated over \$100 to the Annual Fund-SHARE)

North Spartanburg
Greater Greer

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS Citation for Meritorious Service: Bill Harley, Jr. Distinguished Service Award: PDG Gary Goforth Rotarian Spouse/ Partner Service Award: Kathy Goforth

ENGAGE ROTARY WITH #GIVINGTUESDAY

This year, Rotary will kick-off the holiday season by joining the social media world on December 2 for #GivingTuesday.

Started in 2012, #GivingTuesday is a movement to go online for a classic holiday tradition – giving to those in need. Following the Thanksgiving weekend into Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday had 2.5 million views online last year.

For a bit of friendly Rotary competition, the Foundation will send a special thank you and give national recognition to the club and district that have the most individual gifts made to The Rotary Foundation on #GivingTuesday.

Although Rotarians give to the community year round, #GivingTuesday is a great chance to reach new supporters with the momentum of social media. Lead your club or district to give on December 2nd by supporting Rotary on Facebook or Twitter.

SHOP ON AMAZON AND SUPPORT TRF!

Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Rotary Foundation of Rotary International** when you shop at AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com).

Honduras water project dedication trip Feb. 28, 2015

BY DGE TERRY WEAVER

Have you ever wondered just how a Rotary Foundation Global Grant project really works? Take this opportunity to get to know Rotarians in two Honduran Rotary Clubs and visit multiple villages where your Rotary Foundation contributions have brought clean water to hundreds of families. This "Discover International Service" trip is hosted by Al Steele, District 7750 Water Resource Coordinator, Terry Weaver, DGE and Lance Young, DGN. Tour Copan Ruinas, the hub of Mayan civilization in 400 AD.

For complete details, dates, itinerary, cost, etc. see: <http://www.rotary7750.org/otherPublications/201412Hondurastrip.pdf>
Or contact Al Steele at 803-242-5058 or fortmillrx@comporium.net.

El Salvador— A Rotary story of hope

BY DG TOM FAULKNER

I am proud to represent Rotary District 7750 in Ciudad Romero for Thanksgiving week. I am assisting Pickens Rotary Club in finalizing its Global Grant application to build a second water tank that will extend the present water system to a total of 429 households with possible expansion to another 200 households in the next few years.

My hosts are Chema Argueta and Nathan Weller, our two keynote speakers at our Rotary Foundation Banquet held November 7 at the TD Center in Greenville.

The history of this courageous community is typical of the third world communities we serve in Honduras, Haiti, and Guatemala. Today's residents of Ciudad Romero had their village burned to the ground by the Salvadoran military in November 1980. This atrocity followed the assassination of Archbishop Cesar Romero in March of that year after he demanded that the Salvadoran military cease their oppression of the peasants of the country. The residents fled for their lives to Honduras, only to be rejected by that country.

The United Nations stepped in and with the support of the Panama government, the refugees moved to Panama where they were given the opportunity to create a new village they called Romero along one of Panama's rivers. In 1991, a year before peace was negotiated with the El Salvadoran government and the rebels, these refugees were able to convince the government to permit them to return home and establish Ciudad Romero in the La Lempa Valley.

Archbishop Romero is today their patron saint. Pictured on the first page of this newsletter is Don Antonio Amaya who related this amazing story to us in Chapel Romero located in the community. He and the former community leaders are determined to keep the memory of their escape and return alive for future generations.

Pickens Rotary and our District work with the Mangle Association, a local non-governmental organization, to provide safe drinking water to Ciudad Romero and six other rural villages in the vicinity. Just this week, Jeannie Gilstrap with Pickens Rotary is finalizing terms of the Global Grant mentioned above. The host Salvadoran club, Sirama San Miguel Rotary Club, is administering the grant.

We are also examining future possible projects involving safe water system expansion, use of solar panels to power irrigation systems, and economic development projects that would provide meaningful jobs for young adults in San Miguel who are being drawn into the violent drug gangs here. My visit to our host club, Sirama San Miguel



Pictured is the technical assistance team from the University of Oklahoma Water Center who is working with the Iowa City Engineers Without Borders to plan and supervise the project. The group is standing on top of the first water tank Pickens Rotary helped build. The new tank will be constructed directly behind this tank.

Rotary, involves discussions of construction of the water tank as well as future projects. Tomorrow we are installing solar panels at an elementary school to provide irrigation to a two acre plot that will provide fresh vegetables to the students there. This is a follow on to similar pioneering work by the San Diego Rotary Club and a possible future Global Grant project.

My visit to El Salvador follows the trip to Honduras taken by DGE Terry Weaver and DGN Lance Young in October. District 7750 offers an array of opportunities for our Rotarians to become involved in meaningful projects in Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, and now Guatemala through the pioneering work of our Area 8 Rotary Clubs led by North Augusta Rotary.

I ask that your Rotary Club consider partnering with one of our lead Rotary Clubs in this great work.

Al Steele with Fort Mill Rotary is the lead contact for Honduras. Jeannie Gilstrap is lead in El Salvador. North Augusta Rotary is lead for Guatemala. Charles Warne with Greenville Rotary is lead in Haiti.

We hope to have the Administrator of the LaFontant Vocational School in Corporant, Haiti to be one of our keynoters at our District Conference at Embassy Suites in Greenville May 1-3. We shall be holding fundraisers to purchase a generator system for the school. Please consider contacting one of these individuals in your vicinity and learn how to bring the same Rotary spirit of peace and hope we bring to our local communities to the developing world around us. Light Up Rotary!

7750 gets TRF congrats for managing our grants efficiently

—5 grants with 100% up-to-date reporting!

On behalf of the Trustees, thank you for participating in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants programs to serve communities in need. I am writing to update you on the world reporting analysis conducted in November 2014. The analysis is performed on a quarterly basis to track each district's compliance with reporting requirements for Rotary Foundation grant projects.

I am happy to inform you that District 7750 was 100% up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its clubs as of the November 2014 analysis. The Trustees rely on district leaders to ensure that stewardship guidelines are being upheld worldwide and they thank you for your efforts. We recognize the hard work involved to maintain this level of compliance and encourage your district and its clubs to continue your

good work.

At the time the analysis was conducted, District 7750 had 5 grants in paid, funded, and reported status. Please see the table at the end of the letter for the list of grants (information included in the table is up-to-date as of the date of analysis).

We encourage you to work with the clubs in your district to ensure that reports are submitted for any overdue grants. Over the next few days, TRF will be sending report reminder letters for any grants for which it has been 18 months or more since the last payment or report date. You will be copied on these letters for any grants in your district.

For updated grant statuses or more detailed information, please contact the TRF grant coordinator listed below for each grant number. You can

also request a copy of your district's file activity report from the TRF Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org or the Stewardship Department at StewardshipDepartment@Rotary.org.

The Rotary Foundation appreciates the good work that you do and we thank you for your efforts to comply with the Foundation's reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

Meredith Burlew

Department Manager | Stewardship
Rotary International

Project	Sponsor	Report Due
GG1412747	Fort Mill	6-Jun-2015
GG1416839	7750	23-Jun-2015
DG1516033	7750	27-Aug-2015
GG1524087	7750	17-Oct-2015
GG1411471	7750	8-Jul-2015

Let's end the year with generous giving to the Rotary Foundation

BY GARY GOFORTH, DISTRICT 7750 FOUNDATION CHAIR

In District 7750 let's end 2014 with a bang by giving generously to The Rotary Foundation! We encourage every Rotarian to donate at least \$100 annually and become a Sustaining Member. If you are someone with everything, ask your family and friends to donate on your behalf to The Rotary Foundation. For those of you who are faithful contributors, consider donating enough to achieve the next recognized level of giving:

- Paul Harris Fellow (\$1,000 contribution)
- Paul Harris Society member (\$1,000 annual commitment)
- Major Donor (\$10,000 or more)
- Arch Klumph Society Member (\$250,000 or more)
- Benefactor (\$1,000 in will for the Permanent Fund)
- Bequest Society Member (\$10,000 or more in will for the Permanent Fund). If you would like a tax deduction for 2014 contributions to our foundation, please follow these guidelines:

CHECKS:

Must be postmarked by 31 December 2014. The date written on the check must be no later than 31 December 2014.

Via the Bank of America lockbox – All checks must be received at the bank lockbox by 10 January 2015.

All checks should remain in the original postmarked envelope.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

Payments sent via Rotary's website – must be authorized by 24:00 on 31 December 2014.

Via fax, phone or mail to World Headquarters - must be received and authorized prior to 17:00 on 31 December 2014.

WIRE TRANSFERS:

Must be initiated by 31 December 2014 and received by 03 January 2015.

Contributions intended for 2015 should not be mailed before Jan. 1. Else they will be treated as 2014 gifts.



RLI Coordinator Bill Parker, Russell Stall, Robert Hanley, Wilfredo, Leon, Watson Dorn, Andreas Brockman, Watson Dorn and District Governor Tom Faulkner. At right, PDG Lorraine Angelino and Eddie Sternberg, who had to leave before the graduation ceremony.



Six graduate from RLI in Duncan Nov. 8

BY GEORGE FLETCHER, DISTRICT 7750 RLI COORDINATOR

November 8 saw no football game for either Clemson or South Carolina, but did see the completion of Rotary Leadership Institute Parts I, II and III. The training was held at the BMW Community Center on the Tiger River Campus of Spartanburg Community College.

District Governor Tom Faulkner welcomed the group and pinned six new RLI graduates:

- Andreas Brockman, Rotary Club of Lancaster
- Watson Dorn, Rotary Club of Greenwood

- Robert Hanley, Rotary Club of North Greenville
- Leon Wilfredo, Rotary Club of Mauldin
- Russell Stall, Rotary Club of Greenville
- Edward Sternberg, Rotary Club of Greenville East

In addition to the six Part III participants, there were 6 participants in Part II and 8 participants in Part I.

Thanks to Regional Coordinator Bill Parker and his wife Barbara for organizing the event. Thanks as well to the following RLI facilitators: Lor-

raine Angelino, Bruce Baker, Barbara Shayeb-Hellou, Randy Hollister, Gene Moorhead, Bob Stinson. Bob and Randy had to travel for almost five hours to get to the meeting. The final thank you is to the students who gave up a day and hopefully learned more about Rotary.

The facilities in Duncan are centrally located in the District and conveniently near both I-26 and I-85. We plan to use this facility again this spring.

Upcoming RLI events close to us:

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.

Ed Irick nominee for 2016-17 District Governor

The Nominating Committee for District 7750 has selected Ed Irick from the Rotary Club of Greenville Evening as the nominee for 7750 District Governor for 2017-018.

Ed was a Charter member of the Evening Club, is a Sustaining Member and a graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute. He has been Chair of the District Early Act First Night

Program, Chair of the District Foundation Grants, member of the Greenville Metro Membership Committee and an advisor to an Interact Club.

Ed retired as a colonel in the United States Army. He had a 30 year career in a variety of Army assign-



ments that included leading a 750 person organization in Europe and a special security organization with worldwide responsibilities. He has a BS Degree from Clemson, a Masters of Public Administration from Shippensburg and is a graduate of the Senior Executive Training Program from the US Army War College.



Margaret Ann and PDG George Rodgers, Clemson.



DG Tom Faulkner at the opening flag ceremony.



PDG Rich Waugh, Aiken Sunrise



PDG Sue Poss, Greenville East.



PDG George Fletcher, Greenville.



DGE Terry Weaver and Pam, Greenville.



DGN Lance Young and Lenee, Greenville Evening.

Zone Institute 2014

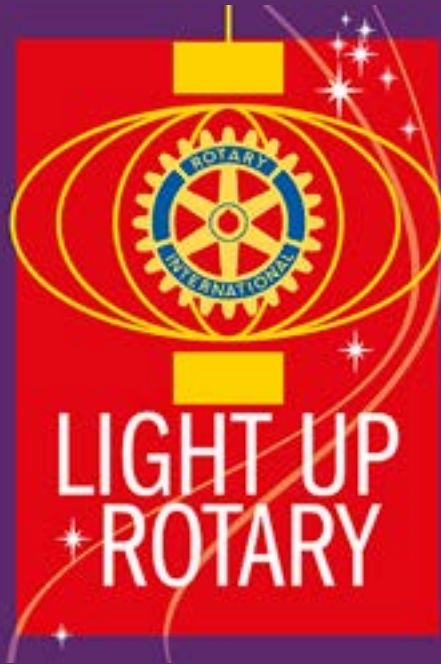
Each year past, current and future governors from Rotary zones 33 and 34 meet for training, information, inspiration and fellowship. This year's event was held in Asheville, NC. For the first time, past club presidents who are interested in being future district leaders were invited to attend. Beth Padgett, Greenville; Ed Irick, Greenville Evening; Mary Sieck, Lake Wylie; and Doug Finney, Pickens accepted the invitation and were present for special training introducing them to the zone level event.



PDG Barbara Shayeb-Helou, Pleasantburg.



J.J. Puryear, Greenville, provided entertainment Saturday night.



District 7750 Celebrates

ROTARY'S 110TH BIRTHDAY

..... to Help Eradicate Polio

FEBRUARY 21, 2015

Spartanburg Marriott

299 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC

5:30 Reception Begins / **6:30** The Program Begins
Cash Bar Opens / Dinner is Served

Speaker **JOHN GERM**, Rotary International's Nominee for Presidential Year 2016-17 and current Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee

Tickets

\$50 per person,
\$25 for Children under 14



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Please contact Amelia Nelson,
District 7750 PolioPlus Chair at amelianelson007@gmail.com
Event Co-Chair: Barbara Shayeb-Helou, bsh6890@aol.com

President-Nominee to speak in February

"We will enhance Rotary's Public Image by successfully and enthusiastically marketing who we are, what amazing things we are doing, and incredibly have done locally and globally," says Germ.

Germ, an engineer, served four years in the Air Force, before returning to Tennessee in 1965 and became a Rotarian in 1976.

He has achieved everything in Rotary, been President of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation, he has served as Chattanooga President of the Boy Scouts, President of the Chamber of Commerce and served as President of the Chattanooga United Way Campaign.

He and his wife Judy are Arch Klumph Society members.

"Rotary will adapt to a rapidly changing world by embracing innovation within the guidelines of our tradition and values," Germ says.

John will be with us on February 21st to help us celebrate the 110th Anniversary of Rotary's founding.

Complete a RI Foundation designation and receive your award that evening at the Marriott/Spartanburg from Rotary's President to be.

You need to have your funds into Rotary Headquarters by Dec. 30 for us to have the medals and pins for your award in February.

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7750 Membership & Attendance for October

Club	Members 6/30/2014	Current Members	Change	Meetings Held	Attend. %
Abbeville	49	53 (Sep)	4	0	0.00
Aiken	172	176	4	2	79.22
Aiken Sunrise	40	40	0	5	87.28
Anderson	80	79	-1	2	50.65
Batesburg-Leesville	18	17	-1	4	79.41
Blacksburg	13	13	0	4	36.83
Chester	50	51	1	4	55.90
Clemson	91	91	0	4	66.87
Clemson-Calhoun	24	26	2	5	89.57
Clinton	32	32	0	3	70.59
Clover	26	25	-1	5	80.00
EClub of the Carolinas	27	26	-1	4	59.00
Easley	58	58	0	4	75.83
Emerald City	52	53	1	5	74.91
Fair Play	15	13	-2	4	84.60
Fort Mill	77	80	3	5	52.50
Fountain Inn	37	38	1	4	79.45
Gaffney	61	64	3	4	65.53
Golden Strip Sunrise	14	13	-1	5	72.30
Greater Anderson	58	55	-3	5	63.18
Greater Greer	11	14	3	4	85.00
Greenville	270	261	-9	2	52.19
Greenville Breakfast	24	20	-4	5	74.00
Greenville East	28	24 (Sep)	-4	0	0.00
Greenville Evening	29	33	4	4	51.00
Greenwood	104	102	-2	2	73.37
Indian Land	31	32	1	4	57.60
Inman	20	22	2	4	90.00
Lake Wylie	27	25	-2	4	72.22
Lancaster	72	70	-2	5	71.47
Lancaster Breakfast	74	73	-1	2	65.30
Laurens	48	48	0	5	85.65
Mauldin	26	27	1	4	73.79
McCormick County	9	9 (Sep)	0	0	0.00
Newberry	72	77	5	2	80.00
North Augusta	15	14	-1	5	76.92
North Greenville	34	36	2	5	63.52
North Spartanburg	42	49	7	4	80.56
Pickens	41	41	0	5	83.94
Pleasantburg	38	40	2	5	82.29
Rock Hill	102	106	4	2	68.41
Seneca	34	37	3	4	68.80
Seneca Golden Corner	22	19	-3	5	67.01
Simpsonville	44	47	3	5	98.60
Spartan West	22	24	2	4	70.53
Spartanburg	179	181	2	4	49.08
The Foothills	15	15	0	2	70.00
Twin City	15	15	0	5	68.49
Union	44	44	0	4	74.42
Walhalla	31	32	1	4	61.47
Westminster	31	32	1	3	71.00
Winnsboro	38	40	2	4	93.00
Woodruff	15	10	-5	4	58.00
York	33	35	2	5	81.70
Total	2634	2657	23	4	0.71
51 of 54 clubs reporting					

Polio program supports Ebola fight

BY AMELIA NELSON
DISTRICT POLIOPLUS CHAIR

It is as important as ever – if not more so – for Rotary to continue its goal to eradicate polio worldwide. An excerpt from Ted Turner's article written October 9, 2014, gives emphasis to the importance of continuing Rotary's eradication effort. Please remember to give DG Faulkner's district goal of \$50 per member.

“THE Ebola outbreak in several countries of West Africa offers a stark reminder of the importance of investing in health systems and infrastructure before health emergencies strike, as well as the persistent nature of the most challenging diseases. The programme established to help eradicate one of these diseases – polio – is currently offering vital support to the Ebola outbreak response, in terms of surveillance, tracing people with whom patients have had contact, implementing preparedness planning, training of health workers, and providing health communications to the public. While polio infrastructure can play an important part in addressing health emergencies like the Ebola outbreak, we also need to remain focused on the goal of ending polio, itself, on the African continent.

“Dramatic progress has been made in the global effort to eradicate polio, with polio cases decreasing by 99% since 1988. These gains are thanks, in significant part, to the efforts of UN agencies such as the World Health Organisation and UNICEF working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Rotary International, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the United Nations Foundation, governments and many other partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. (emphasis added)

“... It is encouraging to see the way that existing health efforts like the global polio eradication programme can be leveraged to fight a crisis like Ebola. This is one of the great and lasting benefits of putting this type of infrastructure into place. But we cannot praise the legacy of the polio programme until it finishes the job it set out to do. . .

Turner is Founder and Chairman of the United Nations Foundation and Chairman of Turner Enterprises, Inc.

Membership Champions (new members and their sponsors in October)

Bargar, Melanie (MELANIE)	Greenville	Scott Stephens	Director of Development
Berg, Bengt H. (DR. Q)	Clemson		Consulting
Bourman, Jonathan Herbert (JONATHAN)	Aiken	Douglas E. Rabold	Religion-Protestantism
Carter, Keith (KEITH)	Pleasantburg	Eric J Baker	
Crawford, William S. (WILLIAM)	Fountain Inn	Emanuel Sullivan	Retired
Dennis, Ray L. Jr (RAY)	Lancaster	Jerry M. Williams	
Eldridge, Caley (CALEY)	Seneca	Eric Cope	Promotional Gear
Ellis, Barbara Baker (BARBARA)	Greater Greer		Banking Marketing
Epps, Steven (STEVEN)	North Spartanburg	Charles W Jones	
Fellers, Mark (MARK)	Greenville	Myles R. Golden	Medical Sales
Gaston, Megan McLean (MEGAN)	Chester	Michael P. Shaffer	Attorney
Greeley, Leland Bland (LELAND)	Rock Hill	J. Roddey Miller	Legal
Gunter, Kendall Miles (KENDALL)	Greenwood	Deborah H. Parks	Associations - United Way
Guzzardo, Todd (TODD)	North Spartanburg	Charles W Jones	
Hayes, Heather (HEATHER)	Greenville Rotaract		
Henry, Bill (BILL)	Gaffney	Amy O. Crotzer	
Hughes, Jason (JASON)	Anderson	Charles M. Joye II	NonProfit/Clergy
Kessler, Brandon (BRANDON)	Seneca	Mike Wallace	Radko Marketing
Lavigne, Nadine K (NADINE)	North Greenville	Shannon Harvey	Engineering-Talent Development
Lewis, Kathryn Kitty (KATHRYN)	EClub of the Carolinas	Gary A. Goforth	
Long, William S. DPM (WILLIAM)	Simpsonville		Podiatry
Lord, Jeffrey V (JEFF)	Westminster		
Mayer, Natoshia (NATOSHIA)	Greater Greer	Tom Faulkner	
Medford, James Lee (JIM)	Greenwood	Maurice A. Scott	Golf Courses - Private
Musolf, Matthew Mark (MATT)	Aiken	Robert S. Bigger	Medical Recruitment
Pastuch, Michael (MICHAEL)	Aiken Sunrise	Dennis E. Orwat	Manufacturing
Phelps, David S. (DAVID)	Aiken	Joseph C. Shields	Salvation Army
Philpott, George Jr. (GEORGE)	Rock Hill	David A. Lyon IV	Retired
Schmidt, Ulrike (ULRIKE)	North Spartanburg	Charles W Jones	
Smith, Jeri L (JERI LYNN)	Greater Greer		
Spires, Teresa (TERESA)	Spartan West	Franca Arcoraci Meloncelli	
Stephens, Angus M. (ANGUS)	EClub of the Carolinas	Michael L. Emily	
Teal, Rick (RICK)	North Spartanburg	L. Ray Switzer	
Theodore, Robert T (ROBERT)	Greenville Evening	Ann H. Golden	
Waltz, Freddie (FREDDIE)	Clemson-Calhoun	James A. Eidson	Education - Agriculture
Waters, Leanne (LEANNE)	Clinton		