



Rotary International

7750

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GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

Overwhelmed with emotion as the year ends

As I sit and reflect about this last year as governor, I am overwhelmed with emotion. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you as I have traveled around the district. Visiting your clubs was so meaningful to me. I could hardly believe all the projects being done in communities in South Carolina and all over the world because of our 3,000 Rotarians in District 7750. Each club president and club made me feel so welcome, and I appreciate your hospitality.

There are so many people to thank for such an extraordinary year...the Past District Governors for much support and encouragement, an excellent District Secretary, Steve Sokol and Treasurer, Bobby Elrod, and hard working Assistant Governors. Committee Chairs were so important to the success of this year: Sara Mansbach did a wonderful job introducing us to a whole new world of literacy needs, Charles Warne continued to lead us in our world community service work, Pam Porter has put so much into the upcoming RYLA, PDG Bruce Baker traveled around the district facilitating membership workshops and he also promoted CART again this year. Past District Governor, Rich Waugh and his team did an excellent job promoting The Rotary Foundation...Craig White coordinated the district simplified grants process, Isaac Shaffer promoted the Paul Harris Society, Ken Tucker coordinated inbound and outbound activities of GSE,

Bob McClure promoted the Permanent Fund, Kathryn Smith and John Walker encouraged clubs to give to eradicate polio and John Perry made sure our Rotary scholars were chosen. Linda Gallicchio worked to build an active Four-Way Test Committee this year, Joel Rexford continued efforts to build the Interact community of our district, and Bobby Collins worked to get more Rotaracters involved. I don't know what we would do without the efforts of Terry Weaver. The use of our web-site has grown and

more and more of our Rotarians are finding it to be a valuable tool. Buddy Smith did a yeoman's job at coordinating the Rotary Leadership Institute sessions held in our district this year. David Hudspeth and his team hosted some incredible exchange students and worked hard to prepare those who went out to represent our district. Betty Parker Ellis did a phenomenal job getting a PR grant from RI and putting that money to use to promote Rotary among many other public relation's projects. Last but certainly not least, Sue Poss did an excellent job each month of getting this newsletter out,

and it was always interesting and so well done!!

I want to especially thank Glenn Brill and his team for an extraordinary district conference. It was truly my celebration of this year and a time I will never forget.

I want to wish the upcoming District Governors, George, Becky and Gary much success. It is truly a once in a life time opportunity.

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Governor Carol and Assistant Governor Rita Yarbrough presented Paul Harris Fellows to 13 people at the Laurens Rotary Club in May. More photos on page 2.





Photos from the Laurens Rotary Club, where 13 Paul Harris Fellows were named.

Governor's Column — (continued from page 1)

I knew in January '08 as I sat in the International Assembly for the announcement from incoming International President, DK Lee, of our year's theme that it was my year to be governor. As I finish this year, I hope that I will never lose the passion I have discovered for the world's children. I want to make dreams real for children in my little Town of Pendleton, in the state of South Carolina and in other parts of the world. This year as I traveled with Al Steele to Honduras, I knew without any doubt that our district was making a difference in the lives of many, but especially for the future of their children.

Thank you for the honor of being your leader during this year, and may we all work harder than ever "to do good in the world".



50-year Rotarians

In Woodruff

1 Governor Carol is presenting citation to Charles Stewart.

District Governor Carol Burdette visited the Rotary Club of Woodruff on June 2 to honor two members who have been in Rotary for more than 50 years. She presented the Governor's Citations to Charles Stewart and Bud Workman. The club also honored these long time members with plaques and stories. Many former members were on hand for this special occasion.



2 Governor Carol is presenting citation to Rex Skinner for Bud Workman in his absence.



3 Club President, Ron Dean is presenting plaque from club to Charles Stewart.



District Assembly 2009



A team of Engineers Without Borders spoke to the Pickens Rotary Club in May about a trip to El Salvador to expand the water system there.

District Calendar

June 21 – 24, 2009 | Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England

June 30, 2009 | District Governor's Installation Dinner, Carolina First Center, Greenville

Nov. 17, 2009 | Rotary Foundation Event, Spartanburg
Nov. 21, 2009 | RLI, Greenville

January 30, 2010 | Mid-Year Assembly 2010

March 18-20, 2010 | Carolinas' PETS, Greensboro, NC

April 2010 | GSE Team from Australia, GSE Team from Canada, GSE Outbound Team to Australia

April 2010 | Club Leadership Training

April 30, 2010 | District 7750 Awards Banquet, Embassy Suites Greenville

April 30 - May 2, 2010 | District 7750 Conference, Westin Poinsett Hotel, Greenville

May 2010 | GSE Outbound Team to Canada

June 20 - 23, 2010 | Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

June 29, 2010 | District Governor Installation

April 2009 Attendance Report

Club	Members	Members Current	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Abbeville	45	48	3	-2	5	64.00
Aiken	158	161	3	2	4	80.23
Aiken South	16	9	-7	0	4	56.00
Aiken Sunrise	35	37	2	1	5	64.41
Anderson	145	134	-11	-1	2	49.50
Batesburg-Leesville	27	25	-2	-1	3	53.00
Blacksburg	17	19	2	0	4	69.23
Chester	58	68	10	0	4	69.00
Clemson	98	103	5	2	2	57.15
Clemson-Calhoun	17	20	3	1	2	90.63
Clinton	26	35	9	1	3	73.74
Clover	21	23	2	0	4	81.52
Easley	75	71	-4	0	4	81.25
East Spartanburg	18	13	-5	-1	5	83.00
Electric City	24	21	-3	0	2	85.71
Emerald City	61	52	-9	-4	5	67.63
Fair Play	23	22	-1	0	3	78.50
Fort Mill	89	106	17	1	5	47.67
Fountain Inn	37	29	-8	0	4	68.80
Gaffney	79	84	5	1	4	69.05
Golden Strip Sunrise	25	22	-3	0	5	79.00
Greater Anderson	50	48	-2	0	4	64.64
Greater Greer	12	10	-2	0	3	56.66
Greenville	363	345	-18	3	2	46.12
Greenville Breakfast	26	21	-5	-2	2	61.90
Greenville Evening	18	20	2	0	2	70.00
Greenville East	23	23	0	1	4	80.00
Greenwood	137	129	-8	0	2	72.85
Indian Land	34	39	5	-1	4	70.63
Inman	21	23	2	1	4	72.10
Lancaster	70	78	8	0	5	85.00
Lancaster Breakfast	72	80	8	2	4	87.20
Laurens	60	58	-2	-3	5	71.00
Mauldin	31	32	1	0	4	75.00
McCormick County	18	19	1	1	5	81.20
Newberry	67	69	2	0	2	84.05
North Augusta	15	16	1	0	3	75.00
North Greenville	34	38	4	0	3	66.67
North Spartanburg	51	48	-3	0	4	77.70
Pickens	46	47	1	47	5	74.37
Pleasantburg	49	49	0	0	5	71.72
Rock Hill	102	101	-1	2	2	65.25
Seneca	46	53	7	0	5	70.00
Seneca Golden Corner	36	34	-2	4	4	72.66
Simpsonville	43	44	1	-1	5	97.18
Spartan West	26	25	-1	-2	4	71.10
Spartanburg	183	192	9	-2	4	56.49
The Foothills	15	17	2	1	2	61.76
Twin City	28	24	-4	0	5	79.16
Union	47	42	-5	-2	4	78.50
Walhalla	38	40	2	-1	6	65.00
Westminster	24	25	1	0	4	83.00
Winnsboro	46	43	-3	-4	4	78.25
Woodruff	21	23	2	1	3	40.58
York	46	47	1	0	5	67.20
Totals	2992	3004	12	45	70.89	

FOUNDATION CHANGES —

FROM TRUSTEE CHAIR JONATHAN MAJIYAGBE

Dear Rotarians,

At our April meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees examined how the current global economic crisis has affected the Foundation's ability to support Rotarians' good work worldwide. Like all foundations, we have experienced substantial unrealized investment losses, forcing us to suspend Matching Grant applications in March of this year. These losses will also have an impact on the amount of money available for program awards in the coming year.

In determining our program and operations budgets for 2009-10, the Trustees made some very difficult decisions. We were fortunate to have the Future Vision Plan to help us focus strategically on what we believe to be best for our Foundation, next year and beyond. For example, funds for polio eradication — our top priority — remain secure, as do the resources to launch the Future Vision pilot in July 2010. We will, however, accelerate the elimination of several programs slated to be discontinued in 2010-11. **Effective 1 July 2009, the Foundation will no longer fund the following:**

- Rotary Grants for University Teachers, except for grants already awarded
- Volunteer Service Grants
- Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships, except for grants already awarded

In addition, the World Fund allocation for **Matching Grants was reduced to US\$9.5 million for 2009-10**, about 70 percent less than the original budget for 2008-09. Districts are encouraged to use their District Designated Fund (DDF), which is secure and not affected by budget cutbacks in any way, to help carry out their humanitarian service projects. Keep in mind, however, that DDF may not be used to support program activities that have been eliminated.

The budget for Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants was also greatly reduced and will only support new projects that are part of our alliance with USAID to improve water and sanitation in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines. We have also suspended some other activities for 2009-10, including the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries, Regional Scholar Seminar Grants, the Rotary Alumni Celebration at the 2010 RI Convention, and training for Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators.

Looking ahead, the Trustees agreed that World Fund **Group Study Exchange (GSE) partner districts will spread their exchanges over two years in fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12**, with one team being funded in each of the years. GSE fund ing determination for 2012-13, the final year of the program before the Future Vision Plan is implemented across the Foundation, will be made in April 2010.

More information about the impact that budget decisions will have on grant application processing for Educational Programs and the Humanitarian Grants Program is available on www.rotary.org.

We understand that many Rotarians will be disappointed by one or more of these cutbacks. Given the current economic situation, however, it was essential to reduce the Foundation's 2009-10 program budget to \$153.3 million, which is slightly less than the projected actual for 2008-09 and \$27.1 million less than the original 2008-09 budget. Our 2009-10 operations budget, including staffing for the Future Vision pilot, is \$43.1 million, about \$1.6 million under last year's budget. Thanks to cost-cutting measures this year, however, we anticipate the 2008-09 projected operations expenses to come in at about \$4.6 million under budget.



As troubling as our current economic situation is, we must remember that our Foundation experienced tremendous growth when investment markets were favorable. In good years, we were able to provide tens of millions of dollars to address critical problems in every part of the world. I have every hope that we will once again have a bounty of funds to disperse so that Rotarians can continue to do good in the world for decades to come.

That outcome depends in large part on the continued support of our 1.2 million Rotarians. Although we have had to suspend some of our activities, there can be no moratorium on humanitarian service in Rotary. I am happy to report that Rotarians are continuing to give generously to our Foundation; year-to-date total contributions are higher than last year at this time. Without this support, the program cuts would have been even more painful.

As we work through this economic crisis together, I urge every Rotarian to make a contribution to our Annual Programs Fund by 30 June. Your gifts will strengthen our long-term ability to respond to urgent humanitarian needs and work for a world at peace. I promise you that the Foundation Trustees and our staff will endeavor to protect, maximize, and leverage our Foundation assets as much as we possibly can in today's volatile economic climate.

Jonathan Majiyagbe
2008-09 Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

RECOGNITION POINTS

Effective July 1, 2009: The minimum allowed transfer will be 100 points.

The club president can no longer sign the Recognition Points Transfer Form (EN -102); however, an e-mail exchange between the president and the Rotarian approving the transfer will be accepted along with the transfer form. Of course, it is still best if the Rotarian transferring the points can sign the form.

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FOUNDATION FACTS

Recognition Points held by deceased Rotarians will disappear and cannot be claimed by the Club after June 30, 2009.

WORTH REPEATING

Historically, more than half of all annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation are received between April and June. Delays already exist at the Foundation in processing money and recognitions and the situation is only going to get worse as the end of our Rotary year approaches. Many clubs have a tradition of waiting until mid-June – or later – to send in their contributions for the year. If this is your club's tradition, please think of June 15th as the end of the Foundation's year and submit your contributions no later than that date. This will allow the Foundation staff to credit and report your contributions sooner, acknowledge donors in a more timely fashion, meet any year-end recognition event deadlines, and ensure you have the opportunity to submit requests for adjustments or corrections before the end of the Rotary year. This will be very important for clubs that are trying to earn the EREY and 100% Sustaining Member Club banners for 2008-09.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Please ensure that all contributions are sent to the following address:
The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

Thank you very much for your support of our Rotary Foundation. With your continuing help, we can make this the most successful year ever in our district. You are helping to Make Dreams Real.

Looking to 2009-10

George Fletcher, Rotary Club of Greenville, will be installed as District Governor on Tuesday, June 30. Make your reservations at www.rotary7750.org. Log in and click on calendar.

