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"Fear and hate must go! And they will go when nations have goodwill based on understanding" —Paul P. Harris



World Understanding and Peace

Is there any better way to promote world understanding and peace than to take a youth exchange student to a Clemson football game? George (Simpsonville Rotary) and Susan (Pleasantburg Rotary) Hughes thought this would be an excellent way for Manon Cabaret to experience the South Carolina culture and gain an insight into what makes us tick. More from Susan about Manon and the Youth Exchange program on page 3.

Advancing **WORLD UNDERSTANDING** through Rotary

By DG Gary Goforth

February is World Understanding Month, and we are blessed to be a part of the world's largest service organization! I have participated in Rotary Club meetings outside the United States in Mexico, Honduras, Caribbean cruise ships, Western Samoa, Philippines, Thailand, Serbia, India, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and perhaps some other countries that can't be recalled. Despite the differences in political views, religion, and language, I have always enjoyed the warm fellowship experienced when visiting Rotary clubs outside the United States.

I experienced a very memorable experience in Belgrade, Serbia several years ago while visiting a former exchange student's family.

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"The Rotary way works! But Rotary has no patent on it, for it is but the Golden Rule in action. Any person, any nation, can apply it by displacing negative hatred and fear with goodwill based upon understanding. Peace among nations is not impossible of attainment; they can find peace if they will." — Paul P. Harris, January 1946

Governor's message —

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We were in Serbia just a few months after NATO had bombed many buildings in downtown Serbia within site of the Belgrade Rotary Club's meeting location. I would not have been surprised if these Serbians would not have been cordial with an American, but our common bond as Rotarians allowed us to dialogue freely and develop a relationship that has lasted for many years. We returned to Serbia in 2009 while coming home from Afghanistan, and once again felt the Serbian Rotarian's warm hospitality. I am convinced that when people groups get the opportunity to meet and appreciate each other's positive traits, world peace and understanding is significantly improved!

So how do Rotarians promote the advancement of world understanding, goodwill, and peace?

1. Host a Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) team member or Youth Exchange student.
2. Apply to serve as a GSE team leader or encourage your high school son or daughter to apply as an Outbound Youth Exchange student.
3. Participate in a Rotary Friendship Exchange.
4. Serve on a Matching Grant committee to develop a matching grant application, visit the project site, and correspond regularly with committee members in the international partner's Rotary Club.
5. Attend a Rotary Club meeting while on vacation or a business trip overseas. For club locations, download the [Mobile Rotary Club Locator App](#) for iPhones, Androids, and Blackberries (coming soon).
6. Attend the 2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand on May 6-9, 2012.
7. Volunteer to participate on the Volunteers in Medical Missions trip to Marcala, Honduras on September 21-29, 2012. We will work with local Rotarians in providing medical services and visiting several successful water projects in this area.

Thank you for your service to Rotary in your local community and your impact on people throughout our world!

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST—The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND—High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD—The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH—The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**Kathy and I hope to see
you at the
District Conference
in Hilton Head
on March 2-4, 2012!**



Manon at her birthday celebration with Marli Anders, 2010-2011 Rotary District 7750 outbound exchange student.

Manon is one of more than 8,000 students from more than 80 countries participating in the program this year. Rotary International Youth Exchange programs have been in existence for over 75 years, but it was in 1972 that Rotary International recommended Youth Exchange to clubs as a means of promoting global peace and understanding.

MEET MANON, Youth Exchange Student from France

by Susan Hughes, Rotary Club of Pleasantburg

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg is hosting youth exchange student Manon Cabaret from France this year. February serves as the perfect time to introduce Manon to you, in that she definitely promotes world understanding on a daily basis.

Manon is a delightful 17-year-old from Missillac, a small town of 4,600 in the south of Brittany in Loire Atlantique. Manon's house is in the hamlet of Saint-Laurent. Her father is the director of an agency and her mother works in the commercial arena. She has two younger brothers, ages 11 and 13. Manon dreamed of coming to the United States for about five years prior to her application to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student. She worked in her grandparents' restaurant for two summers and did some babysitting to partially finance her trip. She learned as much as she could about United States history and the American way of life. Manon stated the following in her application:

With the Rotary Club, I finally found a meaning to this dream. I want to discover the fabulous American culture, to be immersed in their everyday life, to learn how to live and to think differently, and so to be able to be the ambassadress of my country and your club, but also to pass on our culture, to promote our country in order to be able to exchange our ways of thinking and our ways of life.

Manon truly encompassed the meaning of Youth Exchange in these words and is currently serving as the ambassador she desired to be.

Manon arrived in the United States on August 10, 2011, and will be living in Greer until she returns to France this summer. She is an eleventh grade student

at Riverside High School in Greenville County. Manon is interested in drama, art, journalism, international law, and interpreting. She wants to perfect her English while she is here, although she speaks English very well now. Manon also speaks German. Manon has had the opportunity to spend time with the Rotary Youth Exchange students in District 7770 during trips to Charleston and to Florida. She will be attending the State Interact Conference in March, as well as the District 7750 Conference in Hilton Head and the District 7770 Conference in Hilton Head.

Rotary Youth Exchange programs could not be possible without the assistance of wonderful Rotary volunteers who work with Youth Exchange and without wonderful host families who agree to share their homes, lives, and love with the students. Three fabulous families have agreed to serve as hosts for Manon while she is here. Two of the host dads are members of the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg. The third host family was found through the assistance of a club member. Manon is currently with her second family and will be moving to the third family in the spring. Manon's first host dad states, "We're impressed with her nature to try new things and join in. She is a bright light. We're missing her in our house."

Manon definitely makes an impact wherever she goes. She is excited about the opportunity to meet additional Rotarians at the District 7750 Conference next month. The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg is delighted to play a role in giving this opportunity to such a wonderful young person and in promoting peace and world understanding to all involved.



IMPACT STATEMENTS

by Al Steele, Rotary Club of Fort Mill, D7750 Water Resource Coordinator

When we think of **“IMPACT STATEMENTS”** most of the time it is something to do with an EPA study of some big project and the potential impact it may have on the environment. Almost everything in life has some impact, some more significant than others. Some of the most significant “Impacts” that I have seen in my 53 years have resulted from the humanitarian projects funded by District 7750 and the Rotary Foundation.

I would like to take a moment to share with you a few “Impact Statements” made by villagers where Rotary has done clean water projects and helped build world understanding and peace.



One came from a woman in Nueva Esperanza, Honduras, speaking to York Rotarian Joe Johnson about his daughter Heidi, who died in a car accident. “We

know what it is like to lose a child, but now you have our children,” and they all gathered around him. In other words, you lost one but look at how many you

saved through a water project. Now that, my fellow Rotarians, is a ‘from the heart’ Impact Statement.

Another good example of a Rotary Foundation “Impact Statement” was made at the dedication ceremony of the Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club’s water project in the village of Piedras Coloradas.

The teacher at the school there had written a play about life in that village before the Rotarians from Carolina del Sur (7750) came and provided a clean water system for their village.



In the first act, they explained that they were walking 2.5 hours one way down the mountain to get water that was sometimes contaminated. One day a husband leaves home with 4 large gourds with a shoulder strap made from a vine to get the family’s water for that day. Later, he comes home from work with his head hung down and said that he lost his job. The wife says “but what happened?” The husband looks at her and says, “I was late for work because I had to go get the water.” She



Understanding in Haiti

During this year Rotary District 7750 has provided furniture and equipment for the Trade/Vocational school in Corporant, Haiti, with two matching grants, each for \$25,000. This week we will ship 22 computers to the school which starts classes for 75 students on the March 12. —Charles Warne, World Community Service, Rotary Club of Greenville

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paused for a minute and softly replied, “But we have to have water to live”.....

Then Act II begins with a big celebration because Rotarians from South Carolina funded a water project for the village. The husband picks up the gourd full of water and slams it down on the stage breaking it into pieces with water going everywhere and shouts to the crowd, “NEVER AGAIN WILL WE HAVE TO GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN TO GET WATER.” In other words “you Rotarians have changed our culture.” Another one of those Rotary “Impact Statements”



The broken gourd, symbol of new life through clean water.

One of the biggest life lessons taught me was the “Impact Statement” made by a 4-year-old in the village

of Chonco who said nothing. We were there building houses. The Rotary Club of Gastonia had done a water project there that same year so things were starting to improve in the village. The missionary we worked with cooked our lunch every day and always made twice as much as we could eat. We gave the leftovers to the kids in the village. One day a young boy got a heaping plate of rice with beans and peas. I watched him, he did not eat any of the rice. Instead he went down about 3 huts to his house (which had a dirt floor, stick sides and a thatched roof) and got his younger sister and brother (who was obviously malnourished with the fat belly and red hair that was falling out). He sat them down on a bench outside the hut; put a handful of rice in his brother’s mouth; then one in his sister’s mouth and then one for himself. He ate 1/3 of the plate of rice. Although he said nothing, he taught me a great life lesson that day by showing me his “Impact Statement.” This family of siblings is pictured on the previous page.

Thanks to all of you in District 7750 for continuing to make these “**IMPACT STATEMENTS**” possible by giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Wanderings of a Rotary kid (promoting understanding in France)

Click the blue button to follow the blog of Youth Exchange student Emily Taylor as she spends a year in France. Emily is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville Evening.

<http://www.wanderingsofarotarykid.blogspot.com/>

Inbound GSE from District 4680 in Brazil

Luciano F. Abel	Team Leader
Alexandre Ribero Menna	Team Member
Celina Alcantara Brod	Team Member
Wanessa Baumdos Santos	Team Member
Roseli Fatima Wegner	Team Member

The Brazilian GSE Team from District 4680 will arrive on February 25th and depart on April 1st.

- 1st - Aiken Area
- 2nd - District Conference
- 3rd - Greenwood Area
- 4th - Lancaster, Rock Hill, York Area
- 5th - Spartanburg Area
- 6th - Clemson, Seneca Area
- 7th - Greenville

Outbound to 4680 in Brazil

Jeremy Younginer
Bernie Pritchard
Deanna Gore
Cindy Youssef
Carla Caldwell (alternate)
Charles Warne (team leader)
Joe Babb (team leader alternate)

Our outbound team will be gone
April 28th to May 28th.

**World
understanding
through GROUP
STUDY EXCHANGE**



District was MLK banquet sponsor

District 7750 raised funds to be a Silver Sponsor of the MLK Dream Weekend Diversity Banquet held in Greenville on Friday, January 13. As part of the Silver Sponsorship, an ad designed by Debbie Nelson of the Rotary Club of Greenville appeared in the Commemorative Booklet provided all 1,100 attendees. The ad illustrates how Martin Luther King's devotion to peace and justice worldwide is synonymous with Rotary's mission.



Greenville Rotarians Dee Kivett, Judith Prince and Elizabeth Lyons attended the MLK Diversity Banquet Jan. 13. Due to the generosity of several Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians, District 7750 was a Silver Sponsor for the banquet at the TD Center in Greenville.



RYLA students Ashley Sitton and Ashana Taylor were invited to join the Rotary table at the MLK Diversity Banquet.



On the MLK Dreams in Action Day held on Monday, Jan. 16 at Greenville High School, Rotarians Carlo White and Jeremy Strickler (pictured) from the Rotary Club of Greenville conducted two workshops on money matters.

UNDERSTANDING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Rotary Leadership Institute

—Jack Maciag, District 7750 RLI Chair, Rotary Club of Fair Play

If you want to learn more about Rotary, plan now to attend one of the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institutes (RLI) to be held in our area. RLI is a fast paced experience that has been said to be the best introductory training program for leadership training available.

Not everyone will learn everything of the Rotary's programs, but those who do attend will gain a greater appreciation for the different avenues of service and programs available of RLI. You may attend the RLI at your own expense or you may attend at your club's expense. Invest in the future of your club and register at one of the upcoming RLI sessions.

Rotarians can attend any of the RLI events including those of other districts. Those that are coming up and in close proximity are:

Saturday, Feb 18 — Mooresville NC

Saturday, Feb 25 — Charleston

Saturday March 23 — Duncan (between Greenville and Spartanburg)

Saturday April 20 — Asheville, NC.

A calendar of events and more specific locations can be obtained on the RLI website at: <http://www.rli33.org/events/events.html>

RLI courses are fun topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business people who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians. Rotary clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for RLI annually.

Newberry's newest Paul Harris Fellows

by Melvin Evans, club president

The Newberry Rotary Club inducted eight new Paul Harris Fellows (five active members and three spouses) at its January 20 meeting. The eight new Paul Harris Fellows set a Club record for the most Fellows inducted at one time.

During the 2010-2011, we inducted four new members and one spouse and during the 2011-2012 Rotary year (through January 20), 15 active members and three spouses. The Newberry Rotary Club now has 44 Paul Harris Fellows: 37 active members, one honorary member, and six spouses.

The number of new Paul Harris Fellows in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 is a result of two formal campaigns (April-June and September-October) to have members sign their first commitment to become a Paul Harris Fellow and to have Sustaining Members and current Paul Harris Fellows to renew their commitments to the Rotary Foundation. The signed commitments were for a minimum of \$100 annually (\$25 quarterly) for the Foundation.



New Paul Harris Fellows from left are: Gordon Henry, Dale Mamele, Gregg Evans, Renee Stubs, Carol Montgomery (spouse Bob Montgomery), Christie Whitaker, Keith Avery, Michele Williams (spouse James Williams standing in for his wife), and Joette Ward (not shown).

As a result of the two campaigns, 10 members signed their initial commitment, 12 Sustaining Members, and 20 Paul Harris Fellows signed commitments to continue or renew their contributions to the Foundation for a total of 42.



Newberry club president Melvin Evans and club Foundation Chair and President Nominee Dale Mamele are showing off their new Rotary signs that will be displayed throughout the community. The signs will be displayed at each major entry point into the city of Newberry.



Seneca's students of the month

Each month during the school year, teachers at each of the six Seneca area schools select a student who has made exceptional progress to represent their school as the Seneca Rotary Club Student of the Month. This group of students was recognized recently. Rotary leaders shown are Earnestine Williams, Wayne Gallimore, Andy Inabinet and Dick Hull.





The Aiken Sunrise Club held its annual Children's Christmas Breakfast meeting in December. Children from the community were invited and many of them had a part on the program, including this young man who rang the bell.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraisers in Greenville

The Rotary Club of Greenville Evening is hosting its First Annual Pancake Breakfast at Fatz Café, 1145 Woodruff Rd in Greenville, on Saturday Feb. 18. Adults tickets are \$7 each and kids under 6 eat free. To purchase advance tickets, contact Linn Abbott at 864-553-6644 or at LEAbbott@gmx.com.

The Rotary Club of Greenville East is sponsoring its third annual pancake breakfast on March 10 at City Range Grill, 615 Haywood Road in Greenville on Saturday, March 10. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Contact Vernon McCurry at vernonmccurry@att.net, for tickets,

Breakfast for both events will be served from 7:30am to 10:30am. and includes pancakes, sausage links, maple syrup, butter, mixed fruit, coffee, tea, orange juice or milk.

Aiken Sunrise news



Lewis Meredith was inducted into the Aiken Sunrise Rotary Club on Jan. 26. He was sponsored by Dennis Orwat, who is pinning him in this photo. Lewis is an engineer. He currently is helping Bridgestone-Firestone with its plant expansion.

East Spartanburg hosts Russian team

East Spartanburg Rotary Club is hosting a Rotary Open World Leadership Group from Irkutsk, Russia, February 3-11.

The focus of the group's visit is to learn about services and programs for children with disabilities. The group will visit the South Carolina School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-handicapped, will talk with officials at Spartanburg Community College and local public schools to learn about programs for handicapped students, and will tour the Greenville Children's Hospital, among other activities.

It won't be all work, though, for the six-person team. On Sunday night, they'll enjoy a Super Bowl party at the home of Tom and Elizabeth Belenchia.

For information on this program contact club president Elizabeth Belenchia at 864-949-5250 or ecb@cpcindustrial.com.

Remember

20/20 vision

Club members donate \$20 a month to The Rotary Foundation

Clubs increase membership by 20% so that with the usual 10% net loss we still have a 10% gain.



Mid-year Assembly and Pre-PETS



Coach Shell Dula from Greenwood High School talked about teamwork and how even a team with good players can fail if everyone is not committed to the team goals.

DG Gary Goforth updates the group of where 7750 is mid-way through the year.



Bee for Books:

Recruit your best spellers
to support literacy in Haiti



North Spartanburg Rotary Club is partnering with local non-profit Hub City Writer's Project to put on a community spelling bee with teams of 3 adults competing against each other for bragging rights and pieces of Haitian art.

Funds raised by \$300 per team entry fee and \$20 per person audience ticket will go to Partners in Literacy Haiti's "Books Build Brighter Futures" to buy Kreole and French books for the school in Cange.

New and gently used books collected (25 books per team, 1 or more books per ticket) will be donated to the Hub City Writer's Project annual "Great Kids, Great Books" summer reading program for Spartanburg County District 7 schools.

Our goal is to send at least \$5,000 to Haiti and to collect at least 300 books for District 7. **We are currently recruiting teams of spellers – we invite all Rotary clubs in the District to join in, sponsor a team, and support literacy!** For more information contact Lucy Hooper, North Spartanburg Rotary, cell 803-474- 2213, e-mail lyhooper@gmail.com.

How your Rotary Club can help to revitalize our Haiti library and get books to children

1. Invite a Partners in Literacy Haiti speaker to your club to meet the board and club.
2. Connect a school, classroom, church group, book club, etc. to one of our schools.
3. Participate in a Work Team Visit.
4. Collect: A). Puzzles, simple games like checkers, Twister, Chinese checkers, with preferably no words up to a maximum 2-3 words per card games like Go Fish and Old Maid, Memory. Need to be new or in very good condition. B.) School supplies: crayons, glue sticks, markers, scissors, pencils, pencil sharpeners.
5. Join with Easley, Greater Anderson, Greenville, and Pleasantburg Rotary Clubs to become a Leader Club. Involves a 2 year commitment, \$2000 donation each year, helping with committee work and providing at least one work team member.

Literacy month: Make plans now

by Sara Mansbach,
7750 Literacy chair

Make Plans Now to Celebrate International Rotary's Literacy Month in March!

1. Spotlight Your Club's Literacy in the Media!
2. Do a book drive, build a bookshelf and take to your local domestic violence women's residential shelter.
3. Go with a group to a 4K kindergarten class and read to small groups of children.
4. Identify a Head Start Center donate plastic crate of new books in a classroom.
5. Ask your school district's Early Childhood Director and Reading Curriculum Coordinator, or Adult Education Director to talk about literacy in their respective fields.
6. Hold a panel discussion with business leaders describing their future literacy needs.

Google "Rotary promotes literacy" for more ideas. Write up your activity or program and send a press release to your media contacts.

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Rotary International Assembly: **MAGIC**

by DGE Kim Gramling, Rotary Club of Seneca Golden Corner

On January 15, I departed for Rotary International Assembly with this description of the upcoming week in hand:

“Through plenary sessions, group discussions, and fellowship activities, future governors get the hands-on information they’ll need for the coming year. This training meeting features speeches by the RI president-elect, Rotary Foundation trustee chair-elect, and other senior Rotary leaders, such as past RI presidents, current RI directors, and past Foundation trustee chairs, who share their knowledge and experience. Participants exchange information and ideas with other governors-elect from around the world, creating bonds that foster future projects and a lifetime of friendship and fellowship.”

Now returned from the event, I believe the official RI description of the proceedings only tells a part of the story. International Assembly gathers all 530 district governors-elect and their spouses from around the world in San Diego for the most intense week of Rotary study, learning and fellowship possible. This year’s event featured Leadership plenary sessions lead by RI President Kalyan Banerjee and RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka, and many useful break out sessions regarding Public Relations, Risk Management, Membership, and Creating Effective Events. These events were in keeping with the expectations created by the official description. The joy of joining 530 peers from every corner

of the world with tremendously differing values, customs, cultures and faiths, and yet, at the end of the week coming away as a world wide Rotary team with shared Rotary values and a desire to serve Rotary in the upcoming year to the best of one’s ability and knowing every DGE leaving the event shares that common goal is something almost indescribable.

In one short week, people whose nations have been at war for centuries, peaceably assemble to find solutions to shared challenges,



from how to strengthen membership to how to attract new generations to hosting effective training events. One Pakistani DGE spoke out

during a small group break out session, saying to an Indian DGE. “Why is it that we get along so well here in Rotary, and yet in our own countries we would not have such friendly discussions?” The Indian DGE replied, “We should work harder when we return home to remain our best selves as we are here today.” The official description didn’t say anything about magical moments like that one. RI President-elect Tanaka might have been envisioning this very sort of exchange when he created the 2012-13 theme unveiled the following day of: PEACE THROUGH SERVICE.

Nor did the official description

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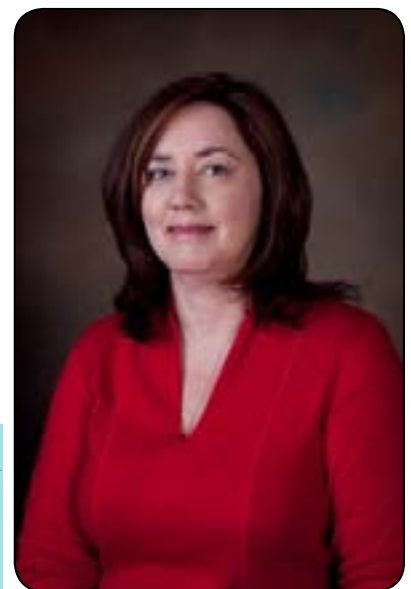
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mention visiting speakers such as, Jeff Raikes, the CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation who dropped by to share his thoughts on leadership and inform the group that Rotarians have met the \$200 Million Challenge. For just a bit of excitement prior to leaving the stage, he also shared news that the Gates Foundation is providing Rotary with an additional \$50 million to End Polio Now.

At this point, I re-read the official description, just to be certain there was nothing about magic moments written there. And, I checked it yet again after the next break out session as an Indian DGE turned to me with tears in his eyes and said, “We Rotarians in India simply did not know that you Rotarians in North America had passion in your hearts for seeing our country and the other endemic countries free of polio. This is the message I will take to my Rotarians. The world is with us.”

Yes, I now believe the official description of the International Assembly could be shortened to just one word. “Magic.”



Our promise to the children

By Bob Scott, Rotary Club of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, Chair, International PolioPlus Committee

January 2012 was an exciting month in Rotary for all incoming District Governors from around the world as they assembled in San Diego USA for the annual International Assembly.

This year the excitement and emotion was even higher for three reasons regarding PolioPlus. First, on January 13th India celebrated with the announcement of zero cases of polio for 12 months, a historic milestone in the march to eradicate polio. Second, at the International Assembly during the plenary session on Tuesday January 17th it was announced that the \$200 million polio campaign had passed the \$200 million mark, a further example of Rotarians' generosity and commitment to the eradication of polio. Third, later in the same session Jeff Raikes, CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, announced a further grant to Rotary of \$50 million and noted it was not a challenge grant — it is acknowledgement of Rotarians' generosity and their willingness to ensure polio is eradicated.

The total number of cases of polio in 2011 is 30% lower than 2010 and should top out well under 1,000 for the first time. India as noted is polio free. However, despite all this good news the Independent Monitoring Board of experts stated quite clearly in October that the milestone of eradicating polio by the end of 2012 is not possible with the present plans. The result of this statement has been: 1) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has moved all staff related to the Emergency Operating Center (EOC), 2) UNICEF has increased staff by a considerable number especially in the field, 3) The World Health Organization (WHO) at the executive board are debating to make polio "a programmatic emergency for public health" for the full World Health Assembly to discuss in May during their annual meeting, and 4) The Gates Foundation have made polio eradication its number one program.

The question is why did the Independent Monitoring Board make this statement and why this flurry of activity? The answer is Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan where cases have risen in the last year and where children are just not being vaccinated due to poor quality rounds with planning at the ground level very poor in many areas. These countries are "exporting" the virus on frequent occasions to other previously polio free countries. Further the financial shortfall in funding is of serious importance.

So what is the plan for Rotary and Rotarians in this emergency situation? First, continue and increase advocacy and communication efforts and be present at all the international and local meetings. Second, the appointment of End Polio Now Zone Coordinators to enable information and knowledge regarding the eradication program and to remind that there is still a short fall in funds. Third, to continue to fundraise beyond July 1, 2012 and to use funds to lever other funds from governments or others. In short, indicate to our partners that Rotary is also responding in a positive manner to the Independent Monitoring Board report.

We are "This Close to END POLIO NOW" and polio can be eradicated. We must not stop until the virus is stopped and we will have kept our promise to the children of the world.

Bob Scott joined Rotary in 1971. He has been the chair of the International PolioPlus Committee since 2006. Bob is a past Rotary International Vice President (1997-98), Director (1996-98), and Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has received the RI Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. The United Nations Foundation named him an "Outstanding Leader" in polio eradication.

Send your contributions with the supporting paperwork (Form 123-EN) to:

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Club: Aiken Sunrise



March 2-4 at Hilton Head Island.

Register and make hotel reservations by going online to www.rotary7750.org and click on 2012 District Conference March 2-4.

District conference 2012 tentative agenda

by Steve Black, Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise, Conference Chair

Friday March 2, 2012

12:00 - 2:30. Council of Governors Lunch, Promenade 7

3:00 - 5:30. Registration - Admirals Landing

6:30 - 7:30. Welcome Reception - Admirals Landing - Cash Bar

7:30 - 9:00. Banquet - Commodore Hall.

Welcome

Meal

Music by Bethany Mlinar

House of Friendship Awards

Speaker RI Rep Ed Hatcher

9:00 - 11:00. Music / Dancing - Hank Hatchell

10:30 - 12:00. Hospitality Suite

Saturday March 3, 2012

7:30 - 8:30. Registration - Admirals Landing

8:30 - 9:45. Plenary Session - Commodore Room

Club Banner Ceremony - Kathy Goforth

RI Rep Ed Hatcher - Welcome

Speaker - Sylvia Whitlock

10:00 - 10:45. First Break Out Session

Women in Rotary

GSE

New Generations

Rotary Foundation

10:45 - 11:00. Break - Admirals Landing

11:00 - 11:45. Second Break Out Session

Women in Rotary

GSE

New Generations

Rotary Foundation

12:00 - 1:00. Fly a kite / wear a shirt "End Polio Now"

1:00 - 6:00. Activities or Free Time

5:00 - 6:00. Registration - Admirals Landing

6:00 - 7:00. Governor's Reception - Admirals Landing - Cash Bar

7:00 - 9:30, Banquet

RI Rep Ed Hatcher

Music-Bethany Mlinar

Meal

Speaker - Ramesh Ferris

9:30 - 11:00. Music / Dancing - Hank Hatchell

10:00 - 12:00. Hospitality Suite - Carmen Landy

Sunday March 4, 2012

8:00 - 8:45. Memorial Service - Promenade 6 & 7

8:45 - 9:30. Breakfast / Plenary Session in Commodore Room

9:30 - 10:00. Speaker - John T. Capps

10:00 - 11:30. Plenary Session in Commodore Room

Next Year's Conference

RIP Rep Ed Hatcher

Door Prizes

Adjourn

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HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP AWARDS



President's Representative

Past RI Director Ed Hatcher will be the representative of the RI president at our district conference. Ed and his wife Jo Ann live in Bristol, Tenn.

A Rotarian since 1958 Ed was elected governor of D-7570 in 1985-86, and was elected to serve on the RI Board of Directors in 1996-98. He has led GSE Teams to both the Philippines and the People's Republic of China. He has served in many capacities at the international level.

FACE OFF

AGAINST POLIO

02/12/2012



John Germ, who has headed up the polio fundraising effort for Rotary International will be at the game at the BI-LO Center in Greenville to benefit our polio eradication efforts. The game begins at 4:05 p.m. Buy your tickets on the district website. \$16, \$12 and \$8 seats available. Contact PDG Barbara Shayeb, 864-640-8579, bsh6890@aol.com.

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DISTRICT 7750 FACEBOOK PAGE <http://www.facebook.com/groups/23199326980>

State Interact Convention

The South Carolina state Interact convention will be held March 9-11 at North Myrtle Beach High School. Anyone who wants to know more may contact Jimmy Roach at: jimmy.roach@clover.k12.sc.us.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

by Myles Golden, District 7750 Membership Chair

As I drove home Saturday pondering our district's mid-year assembly, I was thinking what I could write about for our February newsletter. I had just witnessed one of the best mid-year assemblies I have attended and it had given me a plethora of emotional dividends. What our district Rotarians are doing in our communities and globally is simply amazing. Our Rotary Foundation is on a steady path to its best year ever in Foundation giving, looks like we will hit the \$500,000 goal thanks to you "committed" Rotarians.

How could this be in the midst of the worst recession in 40 years? When I picked up my *Greenville News* the next morning, I read columnist Rhonda Abrams' article about the Year of the Dragon and it dawned on me what is going on in Rotary this year.

"Gung Hay Fat Choy" in Chinese, loosely translated, means "Happy New Year." Per Rhonda, Chinese astrology is based on a 12-year cycle, each year named for one of the animals that supposedly responded when the Buddha called.

The Year of the Dragon is an incredibly auspicious year, the most fortunate of all, according to tradition. Dragon years are associated with good luck, money, accom-

plishment, celebrations, longevity, success.

So it's a great year for Rotary and especially you presidents and presidents-elect. We are on the home stretch to having one of our most successful years. You "Champions of Membership Development" let's double our efforts in retention and recruitment. As I've said many times, the low hanging fruit for membership development is to keep the Rotarians we already have. Do that and I can guarantee you will have a good year.

Gung Hay Fat Choy.

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Membership Champions

(new members and their sponsors during December 2011)

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor	Classification
Adkins, Rick L	12/29/11	Anderson	Carl Edwards	
Billardello, Brenda T.	12/08/11	Rock Hill	Hulic Ratterree	Insurance
Bowen, Anna B	12/06/11	Greenville	Ruud Veltman, Billy Long	Therapeutic Massage
Clark, Nathan M	12/12/11	Clemson	John A. Gilreath	Legal
Deloach, Selwyn Tyrone	12/01/11	Aiken Sunrise	Dennis Orwat	Law Enforcement
Hoover, Bruce	12/01/11	Aiken Sunrise	Carmen Landy	Attorney
Jenkins, Robert S.	12/06/11	The Foothills	Ed Webb	
Johnson, Katie	12/02/11	Greenville	Jim Bourey, Elizabeth Lyons	Business & Community Development
McDaniel, Jeffrey	12/08/11	Laurens	Jonathan Irick	Business Systems
Powell, Scott	12/06/11	Greenville	John Redmond, Beth Padgett	Architect
Smith, David A.	12/09/11	Greenville	Paul Wickensimer, Myles Golden	Director of Finance and Administration
Taylor, Kim	12/09/11	Gaffney		
Tyler, Salley	12/08/11	Spartan West	Todd Horne	

7750 Attendance Report

December 2011

Club	Members 6-30-10	Current Members	YTD-Chg	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Abbeville	44	43	-1	5	57.00
Aiken	174	167	-7	2	80.26
Aiken Sunrise	38	44	6	3	81.45
Anderson	100	100	0	2	76.41
Batesburg-Leesville	20	20	0	3	44.74
Blacksburg	11	12	1	4	57.89
Chester	50	52	2	4	58.54
Clemson	101	105	4	3	69.46
Clemson-Calhoun	24	26	2	3	95.59
Clinton	31	31	0	2	55.74
Clover	25	27	2	2	79.63
Easley	69	68	-1	3	73.54
East Spartanburg	14	11	-3	3	62.00
Electric City	16	15	-1	0	76.00
Emerald City	53	54	1	2	78.57
Fair Play	15	15	0	3	64.40
Fort Mill	84	88	4	2	51.70
Fountain Inn	32	33	1	3	70.70
Gaffney	85	88	3	2	59.62
Golden Strip Sunrise	19	19	0	3	87.00
Greater Anderson	51	55	4	3	64.34
Greater Greer	11	18	7	3	72.00
Greenville	299	283	-16	2	56.28
Greenville Breakfast	19	20	1	3	71.67
Greenville Evening	22	24	2	2	72.92
Greenville-East	21	19	-2	3	78.90
Greenwood	126	121	-5	1	77.97
Indian Land	37	40	3	3	59.66
Inman	20	18	-2	3	90.00

Club	Members 6-30-10	Current Members	YTD-Chg	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Lake Wylie	23	23	0	3	78.00
Lancaster	70	70	0	3	74.35
Lancaster Breakfast	80	79	-1	3	63.00
Laurens	52	52	0	3	71.90
Mauldin	29	30	1	3	60.22
McCormick County	12	9	-3	4	77.77
Newberry	72	70	-2	0	86.76
North Augusta	19	17	-2	4	75.00
North Greenville	26	25	-1	3	76.92
North Spartanburg	42	40	-2	3	86.00
Pickens	45	45	0	4	55.56
Pleasantburg	48	47	-1	4	67.61
Rock Hill	99	97	-2	1	88.33
Seneca	42	48	6	3	61.54
Seneca Golden Corner	27	25	-2	2	62.00
Simpsonville	46	47	1	3	96.35
Spartan West	29	30	1	3	66.67
Spartanburg	187	185	-2	3	53.87
The Foothills	16	16	0	2	65.62
Twin City	19	21	2	2	78.57
Union	48	47	-1	3	68.84
Walhalla	35	40	5	3	69.00
Westminster	26	24	-2	3	71.00
Winnsboro	44	45	1	3	71.00
Woodruff	20	20	0	3	75.44
York	35	34	-1	4	74.40
Totals	2802	2734	-68	2.76	71.90
55 of 55 clubs reporting					

RI and Foundation reports

The Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation Annual Reports are now available electronically in a new online format. You can watch videos, see photo galleries, and hear our Rotary's leaders talk about the accomplishments of the past year via the Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation Annual Report 2010-11.

You may access the report via Rotary's web site at <http://www.rotary.org/en/AnnualReport/2010-11>.

2011-2012 RI Award Deadlines

by DG Gary Goforth

RI President Kalyan Banerjee has challenged all clubs to qualify for two special award programs during 2011-12: the Changemaker Award and the Presidential Citation. Please review the following information and ensure that your club is on track to meet this challenge.

Changemaker Award

Deadline: 15 March 2012

To qualify for the Changemaker Award, clubs must complete a minimum number of activities in each of the five avenues of service. Rotaract and Interact clubs may also qualify for this award, and I hope you will encourage your partners in service to participate.

Information on the Changemaker Award can be found at www.rotary.org/awards. For your convenience, here are direct links to the brochures and certification forms for Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, and Interact clubs.

Please note that these are writable PDF forms that can be saved and emailed as an attachment.

- Rotary clubs: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900b_en11.pdf
- Rotaract clubs: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/changemaker_rotaract_en.pdf
- Interact clubs: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/changemaker_interact_en.pdf

Club presidents should submit completed forms for their clubs, as well as any Rotaract and Interact clubs, to District Administrator, Pam Weaver no later than **March 15, 2012**. Please make special note of this early deadline, as **late submissions will not be accepted**. Also, please be sure to send your forms directly to Pam, as forms submitted to Rotary International will not be processed.

For questions about the Changemaker Award, please refer to the following resources:

- Read frequently asked questions and answers: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/changemaker_award_faq_en.pdf
- Contact RI staff at riawards@rotary.org

Presidential Citation

Deadline: 6 April 2012

To qualify for the Presidential Citation clubs must achieve goals in both Foundation giving and membership development. Only Rotary clubs will be eligible for this award.

Information about the Presidential Citation can be found at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en11.pdf.

The Citation guidelines are currently posted to this page. The club and district certification forms will be posted to this page on or before 15 March. **Club presidents should submit certification forms to District Administrator Pam Weaver by April 6, 2012.** Do not send these forms directly to Rotary International, they will not be processed.

Questions about the Presidential Citation can be sent to membershipawards@rotary.org.

Please submit your completed forms to Pam Weaver
admin@rotary7750.org
Fax: 864-801-0786, 2nd Fax: 864-527-5918

Thank you for your hard work this year. These two award programs are a great way to guide and evaluate our efforts and I look forward to sharing our district's accomplishments with President Banerjee in March and April.