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Chiles Named District Rotarian of the Year *by Rosanne Bunting, Chair, Rotarian of the Year Committee*

ASSISTANT DISTRICT Governor Wayne Chiles seemed completely surprised when Rosanne Bunting, chair of the Rotarian of the Year Committee, announced that he had been selected

as the District Rotarian of the Year for 2009-2010. Wayne approached the stage with his usual humility and expressed his gratitude for this honor. District Governor Horace McCormack happily presented a beautiful clock with the inscription "Thousands have received shelter because you believe the Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" to Wayne. Wayne received a standing ovation from his peers who had no trouble in recognizing his

qualifications for this award.

Wayne's nomination for this award cited his 26 years of perfect attendance in the Rotary Club of Springfield.

Some of his many accomplishments include:

- Held many offices throughout the years including club President;
- Chaired the Springfield Rotary Foundation for many years;
- Through his motivational efforts, the club earned both the

100% Paul Harris Sustaining Members and 100% Every Rotarian Every Year awards for the past two years, one of only 5 such clubs in both 2007-2008 and 2008-2009;

- The club achieved #1 or #2 ranking in District 7610 for per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation for three of the last four years;
- Has been active in the club's annual scholarship application process for the Edison Academy;

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GSE Team 2010 from Virginia to Jamaica *by Loán Sewer, GSE team member, sponsored by Rotary Club of Falls Church*

VIRGINIA IS FOR Lovers of Jamaica! How else can you possibly sum up a five week experience that equates to a crash course in a country's cultural essence, and enables total strangers to bond like family within a three-day period of living under the same roof?

The Rotary International Group Study Exchange (GSE) Program provides a comprehensive view of a country, its culture and its people, and is by far the best kept secret of Rotary. Jamaica is possibly the friendliest country on earth, and in the words of its tourist

board, "Once you go, you [truly] know Jamaica, so it is impossible not to fall in love with the country and its people! Just ask Rotarian Mary Turpin (President-elect, Rotary Club of Rosslyn-Ft. Myers), Brian Ours (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stafford), Brian Shea (sponsored by the Rotary Club of McLean), Demond Pollard (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Herndon), and Loán (Lo-An) Sewer (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Falls Church).

Forging friendships. From December 2009 to April 2010, GSE Team Virginia—which also



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originally included Anuj Phull (sponsored by the Rotary Club of McLean)—forged friendships that have evolved into life-time relationships and prepared us for the

adventure of a lifetime. We had the good fortune of developing friendships with the GSE team from Jamaica during their visit to Virginia. As we began

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Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians and Family of Rotary:



As we bring the curtain down on the 2009-2010 Rotary year, it is with a great sense of pride, happiness and joy that we take our final bow. Over the past year Carlota and I have had the privilege of serving as your Governor and First Lady in leading this great District 7610, and working closely with many of you in various capacities. Due to your fine leadership and support, we have had an outstanding year. Your enthusiasm,

commitment and response to the various calls for action have catapulted our district to new heights in many ways. Numerous goals and objectives have been achieved and exceeded in our collaborative efforts to help mankind in our local communities and around the world.

You have done such marvelous jobs in your various areas of responsibility to ensure that all our goals and objectives were achieved and exceeded. There were a lot of “firsts” this year. Not only have we established a new record for giving to The Rotary Foundation by this district and our zone, but also our annual giving exceeds \$200 per capita to date, which is a first for District 7610. We are very proud of the record giving to the annual fund of over \$400K for the year. We also saw the Chartering of a New Club – Ashburn; experienced the first Wellness and Fitness Competition; ensured the feeding of 20,000 persons by packaging meals at the district confer-

ence (a first), which was extremely well attended; planned and led a trip to Jamaica to District 7020's conference (a first); hosted the first ever Caribbean play in the Northern Virginia area, and hosted the first ever Caribbean GSE Team to our District. And although this does not cover all of our successes, the most important thing is that in accomplishing everything, Rotarians from throughout the district bonded with each other, some for the first time, and we did so having FUN! Overall, we believe that this has been a rather successful year and we thank you all for that.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one for your commitment, hard work, and contribution to your clubs, the District 7610, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation. Most especially, we thank you for the love and support extended to Carlota and me throughout our year.

We encourage you to keep up the energy and drive to making this a better world by “Making Dreams Real”, because “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands” and together we will work towards “Building Communities and Bridging Continents.”

Sincerely Yours in Rotary Service,

Horace G. McCormack

District Governor, 2009-2010
Rotary International District 7610

A Message from RI President John Kenny

My fellow Rotarians:

In February, I attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minnesota. After dinner that evening, a young lady came up to me and asked, “Of everything you have seen this year in Rotary, what has touched your heart the most?”

For such a simple question, it was nearly impossible to answer – only because I have seen so

much that has touched my heart so deeply and made me so proud to be a Rotarian. These past 12 months have given me the opportunity and the privilege of observing firsthand how our service touches the lives of others, and how great are the needs we address.

It is one thing to see photographs of the devastation in Haiti caused by January's earthquake. It was another thing entirely for me to walk

among the rubble, to see the collapsed buildings, to understand that the true scope of the tragedy will never be known.

In Banda Aceh, Indonesia, where Rotary has done so much to rebuild the city shattered by the 2004 tsunami, I thought I understood the scale of the disaster before my visit. But I was not prepared for the sight of a large freighter in a field 2 miles inland, swept there by the tsunami.

In China, at a Rotary-supported orphanage, I held a two-month-old girl who had been abandoned on a train. With that baby in my arms, I realized that what Rotary provided to the orphanage—food, warm clothing, a clean and safe home—was only one part of what was needed. What that child wanted most of all, in that moment, was simply to be held and to feel

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Caribbean Partnerships

A Brief History of the Caribbean Club Twinning Program

During the Rotary Centennial year a Twin Clubs Program was established. Although the centennial program was completed, the idea is a basis for a special Zones 33 and 34 emphasis on partnering Rotary Clubs in the Caribbean rim nations (Districts 7000, 7020, and 7030) with Rotary Clubs on the mainland (see www.thinkcaribbean.org).

Twin Clubs are two clubs that establish strong ties and have agreed to team up to complete special projects such as Community Service Grants, Friendship Exchanges, and Youth Exchanges. Twin Clubs are encouraged to establish an agreement with RI.

Created RI Caribbean Partnerships:

1. Alexandria/Antigua—Health (Breast Cancer Awareness Week).
Contact: Wells Goddin

2. Arlington/Saint Marins Nord – HEALTH (Kidney Dialysis Machine).
Contact: Elizabeth Bricksin
ehbricksin@dynlinkinc.com
3. Falls Church/St. Andrew North, Jamaica—Polio Rehabilitation Center.
Contact: Carlota McCormack
cmccormack@hgmteam.com
4. Manassas/Provo, Turks & Caicos Islands—Health (Haiti Medical Clinic Overnight Wing).
Contact: Susan Strom
www.brochuresandmore@hotmail.com
5. McLean/New Kingston, Jamaica—Youth (Swallowfield Children’s Center).
Contact: Lois Wilson
lwilsondds@gmail.com
6. Reston/Spanish Town, Jamaica – WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE.
Contact: Dick Nielsen

dicknardie@comcast.net

Now create your own Caribbean Partnership (see www.rotary7610.org):

1. Service above Self: Emphasize Rotary service with projects.
2. Sign a Letter of Endorsement: Between your two clubs.
3. Understand the Culture of Poverty: Establish fellowship.
4. Build Long-term Relationships: Establish common club bonds.
5. Provide assistance: To one another as needed between two clubs.
6. Spread the word: To other Rotarians and to the communities.

For more information: Bill Jarrett (703) 409-0402, wjarrett@attglobal.net, Chair, District Caribbean Partnerships Committee and member, Rotary Club of Alexandria

Duckworth Receives RI Service Above Self Award by Immediate PDG Chuck Davidson, Rotary Club of Springfield

PDG Sandy Duckworth received Rotary International’s Service Above Self Award during the Governor’s Gala at the District 7610 Conference at King-smill Resort. RI’s highest honor for individual Rotarians, the Service Above Self Award recognizes Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service—in any form and at any level—with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts

and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Sandy is only the seventh District 7610 recipient of this prestigious award since the district was established in 1988.

PDG Talee Crowe, RI President’s Representative at the Conference, DG Horace McCormack, and Immediate PDG Chuck Davidson, who nominated Sandy for the award, made the presen-

tation in front of 250 banquet attendees who included Sandy’s husband Don and other immediate family members.

Sandy’s citation reflected her service to Rotary since 1989 at club (Honolulu, Springfield, and Stafford), district, zone, and RI levels. She is perhaps best known in the district for her efforts in support of The Rotary Foundation, for which she was recog-

nized in 2005 with The Rotary Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service.



CHUCK DAVIDSON, RI PRESIDENT’S REP PDG TALEE CROWE, AWARD RECIPIENT SANDY DUCKWORTH (IN WHITE), DG HORACE MCCORMACK.

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our adventure to Jamaica, both GSE teams had had a shared experience.

What should have been our first day in Kingston turned into a cancelled flight at Washington Reagan National Airport and an overnight stay in Alexandria. On May 4th we were finally on our way, and we arrived in Jamaica to a welcoming group of Rotarians who all knew us by name. As we arrived at the Pegasus Hotel for the District 7020 Conference, we continued to be greeted by an entourage of friendly Rotarians who called us by name and expressed their eagerness to host us in their parish. As an added bonus we also spent a few days with a GSE Team from Australia.

Jaws dropping. None of the months of preparation could prepare us for the mind-blowing, jaw-dropping, spirit-lifting vistas, mountains, plains, plateaus, and, yes, culinary delights that awaited us as we moved from town to town: from Kingston to Port Antonio, Mandeville, Savanna-La-Mar (Sav), Negril, Lucea, Montego Bay (MoBay) and Ocho Rios. Each town and each Rotary club brought a new

experience, new perspective and new potential project for Virginia Rotarians to support.

Perhaps two of the projects that most touched our hearts on an emotional level were: 1) our visit to the Linstead Hospital in St. Catherine, Jamaica. This former hospital has been downgraded to a clinic due to major damage following Hurricane Gilbert in 1988, vandalism, poorly constructed building, and conditions in which patients are treated/cared for. 2) our visit to the Victims Support Unit in the town of Mandeville. The site visit revealed a devastatingly stark living arrangement for families of domestic violence victims who have been relocated to unbearably stark housing on a hillside.

Potential projects. Of course there were countless other potential projects that we look forward to sharing with District 7610 Rotarians. Most importantly, what we gained in Jamaica was an extended family network that stretched over the 4,400-plus square miles of this Caribbean treasure. As we enjoyed fabulous house parties in our honor and joined Jamaicans at an annual Crab Fest to support



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Rotary charities, we were continually enriched in ways that words cannot describe. Not only did this GSE experience strengthen our appreciation for life in Virginia, but it also opened our hearts and minds to another way of living—a purer, more natural way of experiencing what life has to offer—from freshly grown foods to the stress relieving spirit of the people as they say, “No problem, mon!” Even in the midst of an over-publicized crisis in a small Kingston neighborhood, the spirit of Rotary in Jamaica was strong. Rotarians and GSE team members from Jamaica and Virginia called us daily to ensure

that we were not afraid and reinforced the belief that the people of Jamaica share a warmth for visitors in their homes. That hospitality was not only evident from our home hosts, but also from the hoteliers who hosted us--Travelers Beach Resort (courtesy of the Rotary Club of Negril) and Breezes Trelawny (courtesy of the Rotary Club of Falmouth).

Team Virginia extends its thanks to District 7610 Rotarians for an amazing opportunity to represent you in District 7020, and for providing us with a first-hand view of the world-class network that is Rotary International.



RI President

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loved, and that touched me very much.

There is so much we can do as Rotarians that will mean so much to others. And as important as it is

to give material assistance—to help in the areas of water, health and hunger, and literacy—it is equally vital that we give that help freely, with true caring for others. Because often, simply

caring is what helps others most of all.

As this Rotary year and my term as RI president draw to a close, I thank you all for your service to Rotary and your support. I have been honored to

serve as your president, and remind you that “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.”

John Kenny
President 2009-2010
Rotary International

"ONE LOVE" TRIP

Submitted by Carlota McCormack

District 7610 Rotarians visit District 7020

"One Love, one heart, let's get together and feel alright!" The well-known words of Jamaica's Reggae King, the late Hon. Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley, and from which the theme of Rotary District 7020's conference was selected. District 7020 started their "ONE LOVE" District Conference in Jamaica on May 4. In response to an invitation from DG Horace for Rotarians of District 7610 to fly to Jamaica with him and the First Lady, to attend the Conference, nine persons (DG Horace and Club President Carlota, Trudy McCormack, PDG Bishnu Poudel, Rotarian Janet Brown and spouse Felton Page; Past Club President Lois Wilson, Rotarian Michelle Peters and Rotarian Will Dantzler) made the trip to Jamaica. What a time we had!! Despite the fact that six of us landed without luggage (thanks to DELTA Airlines), it was easy to fall in line and enjoy all that was planned.

The Jamaica Pegasus hotel, home for the conference and where we stayed, provided the perfect setting. Located in the heart of New Kingston, we were close to the hum of the City and to several basic amenities. From the exciting Opening Ceremony, Host Receptions, through the interesting and informative breakout sessions, exhilarating "One Love" party, luncheons, and the

wonderful Governor's Banquet, the conference was a great success.

Many friendships bloomed—some were new, but for others it was great to finally put faces with names, as some of us had been communicating with Rotarians in Jamaica while partnering on projects. It would be hard to say "Good-bye."

150 Haitian Rotarians were in attendance, and those present identified a lot of projects. Our district contributed to a book drive to benefit Jamaica and Haiti: 642,000 books were collected in seven days, breaking Rotary International's Guinness World Record. The MeeshLo Team (Michelle Peters and Lois Wilson) established contacts that will expand their projects in Jamaica, and Will Dantzler established ties and potential projects for the expansion of an orphanage program in Haiti.

On Sunday, after a very successful Caribbean Partnership meeting, it was time to part ways. Three members of our group returned home; our GSE Team traveled to the Eastern part of the Island with their host families, and the remaining six headed to the North Coast for a few days in the sun at Ocho Rios. That's when the fun really began.

Our bus ride was pleasant as we took in the lush, green countryside and observed the town



folk, stopping to drink Coconut Water, and grabbing a taste of Festival and Fried Fish and Mangoes before reaching our destination at the Sunset Jamaica Grande where we would spend the next three days. Oh what Bliss!! White sand, sparkling blue/green waters of the Caribbean Sea, beautiful sunsets, HOT sun, visits to the craft market and stores; sipping piña colodas and any/all drinks of our

choice; and enjoying the fine cuisine and entertainment. Wow!!

As our days of leisure came to a close, we visited with District 7020 Governor Errol Alberga and his wife Leonie, who treated us to lunch at the Ruins in Ocho Rios, and later to the Rotary Club of Galina Breezes in St. Mary, one of several new clubs being formed in his District. We all got to share our experiences

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Capinne Charity Event Held by the Rotary Club of Northern Neck *by Roy Cameron, Rotary Club of Northern Neck*

THE BOARD OF Trustees of the Northern Neck Rotary Charitable Trust recently announced the distribution of \$17,000 to local charities and programs. The funds represent proceeds from the Northern Neck Rotary Club's Annual CAPINNE Dinner and Auction held at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

This year's chair, Dick Slember, said that perhaps the most frequently asked question is "What's a CAPINNE?"

CAPINNE is derived from the motto of the event "Caring About People In the Northern Neck" said Slember. CAPINNE has become synonymous with the gala evening, but indeed it touches the lives of so many families in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties.

The generosity of individuals and businesses in the area is phenomenal, according to Rotarian Linda Morris. Merchants are

continually solicited for many worthy causes throughout the year, but find an extra measure to assist us in the CAPINNE effort. Local merchants and individuals donate items that are offered for auction at the gala held each year, as well as a number of cash gifts and sales of advertising in the catalog which cover the event expenses.

Due to the downturn in the economy, net proceeds are down a bit from past years in a time of great need, said Slember. However, attendees were very generous in their bids for items offered in the auctions. The activity and friendly competition make for a very lively and enjoyable evening.

Featured in the event is an opportunity to donate directly to the foundation's scholarship

program. As a result of this year's generosity, three scholarships will be offered. The past high school Rotary scholarship recipients have done very well, with several attaining recognition as Dean's list students.

Organizations receiving assistance this year include: Bay Aging, The Haven Shelter & Services, The Rappahannock General Hospital Cancer Center's Indigent Patient Fund, Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck, The Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council, The Northern Neck Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), The Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, and Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity Alzheimer's Association.

Plans are underway for CAPINNE 2010 with a goal of pushing the total assistance provided by the event over the half-million-dollar mark.



A BIDDER RUSHED TO ENTER A HOPEFULLY WINNING BID IN THE SILENT AUCTION AT THE CAPINNE CHARITY DINNER & AUCTION.



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with the prospective Rotarians and had a wonderful time of fellowship with them and ADG Elect André Hylton who made the trip from Kingston to be with us.

Well, all good things do come to an end, and our trip was no exception. The best part of the trip was that our three first-time visitors had a GREAT time, and we were richer for being part of their experience. A BIG THANK YOU to Rotarian Adelaide Folk of the

North Stafford County-Garrison Club, who made all our arrangements. So to all who have doubts about visiting the lovely Isle of Jamaica...NO PROBLEM MAN!! "Come to Jamaica and feel alright!" *One Love!*

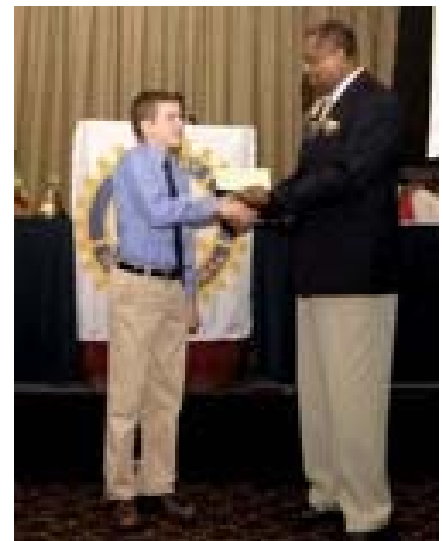




FIRST PLACE IN MUSIC COMPETITION
Jessica Stewart



FIRST PLACE IN SPEECH CONTEST
Joshua Underwood



FIRST PLACE IN ESSAY CONTEST
Joseph Walker

Winners in District Youth Competition

*by Karey Starnes, District Youth Services Director
(Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads)*

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners in the 2010 District Music Competition (with \$3,000, \$1500 and \$500 awards for first, second and third prizes) and Speech and Essay Contests (each with \$1000, \$500 and \$250 prizes). Thank you to the Rotary clubs that sponsored all participating youth and for their support of the District Youth programs. (First place

winners pictured above).

Music Competition — Carole Green, Chair (Rotary Club of Stafford):

- 1st Place: Flutist Jessica Stewart (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lake Ridge)
- 2nd Place: Vocalist Megan Buhmann (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stafford)
- 3rd Place: Pianist Kelly Burcher (sponsored by

the Rotary Club of Rappahannock-Fredericksburg)

Speech Contest — Julie Franklin, Chair (Rotary Club of Stafford):

- 1st Place: Joshua Underwood (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Charlottesville)
- 2nd Place: Brian Mottl (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Manassas)
- 3rd Place: Kimberly

Caputo, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Purcellville

Essay Contest — Jeanne Wesley, Chair (Rotary Club of Stafford)

- 1st Place: Joseph Walker (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Falls Church)
- 2nd Place: Lucia Naras-Sharry (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Crystal City-Pentagon)



GMU Interact Club Leader Recognized

Shown at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Burke: (l to r) District Rotary Foundation chair PDG Travis White, District Rotaract Chair Bettina Lawton, D'Leon Barnett and PDG D.R. Butler. D'Leon was recognized for his outstanding leadership this year as president of the George Mason University Rotaract Club by making him a Paul Harris Fellow. D'Leon will continue with Rotaract next year, and has also been elected as GMU Student Council President. PDG D.R. is the faculty advisor of the GMU club.



A New Paul Harris Fellow In Honduras *by Jim and Vicki Lewis, Rotary Club of Rappahannock-Fredericksburg*

DR. ROBERTO Castellanos is the current president of the El Progreso Rotary club in El Progreso, Honduras. Jim and I met Roberto on our first service trip to Honduras in January 2007.

In December of 2008, members of the Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg-Rappahannock and Stafford Rotary Clubs hosted three members of the El Progreso club, and last July Jim and I each requested that 500 points be deducted from our RI

foundation accounts and credited toward making Roberto a Paul Harris Fellow.

Recently, we received a phone call from Roberto, who was very excited. His club had held a special event to present him with his Paul Harris award. They invited his entire family— wife, children, parents, and his brothers and sisters. The picture above shows Roberto and his family when he received the award.



Fairfax Club Honors Two Fairfax Teachers *by Laura Hills, Public Relations Chair, Rotary Club of Fairfax*

The Rotary Club of Fairfax has honored Timothy Hoffman of Fairfax High School and Cheryl Coyne of Lanier Middle School as Teachers of the Year for 2010. The two Fairfax educators were chosen for their outstanding and demonstrated ability to instill in students a desire to learn, possess extensive subject knowledge, have an understanding of student needs, have the ability to foster self-esteem, have cooperative relationships with their colleagues, and exhibit outstanding edu-

cational leadership. The Rotary club presented both Hoffman and Coyne engraved trophies and checks for \$1,000. The Rotary Club of Fairfax recognizes area teachers as its Teachers of the Year every spring as part of its service to the Fairfax community.

Explains Rotarian Paul Gauthier, who serves as the Fairfax Rotary club's Vocational Service director and coordinates the Teacher of the Year award efforts, "We feel very fortunate to have had the chance to recog-



nize Mr. Hoffman's and Ms. Coyne's tremendous contributions to the young people in our com-

munity. Both of them are gifted educators who care deeply about their students."



Eric Adamson Addresses McLean Club

ERIC ADAMSON, Vice President of Rotary International, gave a farewell talk at a meeting of the Rotary Club of McLean on June 1. Eric's term concludes at the end of this Rotary year on June 30. Eric has been a member of the Rotary Club of Front Royal, Vir-

ginia, since 1974. He has held numerous leadership positions at the local, district, zone and national levels.



Something to Think About

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone.

— Bill Cosby

TRF's Trustees Honor District 7610 Rotarian Scott Mills

ON APRIL 22, The Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International voted to honor Rotary District 7610's Annual Giving Chair, Scott Mills, with The Rotary Foundation's second highest honor, the Citation for Meritorious Service. The Citation was presented to Mills on May 1 at Rotary International District 7610's annual District Conference, which was held at King-smill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia.

During Scott's service as Annual Giving Chair, Rotary District 7610 has realized an increase in donations of more than forty percent over the previous year's annual giving. During his term, District 7610 consistently has placed first in per capita giving among all districts in Zone 33, and it currently is first among all districts in Zones 33 and 34, that include the

southeast United States and the Caribbean. At the end of March, District 7610 was third in per capita giving among all districts in the US and 18th among all districts worldwide.

During his service as Annual Giving Chair, Scott has instituted several innovative programs, including:

- The Charles Ylonen Cup, which recognizes the club with the highest per capita giving over the past three years.
- The First Club Challenge, a club recognition program that honors the first club in the district that reaches 100% of its Annual Giving goal and is the first to become a 100% Sustaining Member club.
- The Triple Crown, an individual recognition for donors who are Benefactors, Sustaining Members and Paul Har-



FROM LEFT, DG HORACE MCCORMACK, RI PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE AND PDG TALEE CROWE, DISTRICT 7610 ANNUAL GIVING CHAIR SCOTT MILLS, AND PDG TRAVIS WHITE, DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR .

ris Fellows, and club recognition for clubs that are 100% in all three recognition programs.

A Rotarian since July 1999. Scott was named Rotarian of the Year for District 7610 in 2006-2007. He served as president of the Rotary Club of McLean in 2007-2008, the year it was named Large Club of the

Year in District 7610.

Mills is now a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Ashburn, which was chartered on February 19, 2010, and for which Mills served as the District Governor's Special Representative responsible for the chartering of the new club.



Building Communities -- Bridging Continents, RI's Theme Logo for 2010-2011



ONE OF THE MYRIAD highlights of Rotary International conventions is the displaying of the next year's theme logo. This year's RI Convention in Montréal was no exception. With the words "Building Communities -- Bridging Continents," the logo is designed to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, as well as to validate Rotary's work for Rotarians.

Starting on July 1, the logo at left is what will appear in official Rotary documents.

Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads Named FCPS Partner of the Year

Submitted by Karey Starnes, President-elect, Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads
(Adapted from a FCPS press release)

The Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads has been named Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 2009-2010 Partner of the Year for its work with JEB Stuart High School and its feeder schools. As partners for more than ten years, the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads and JEB Stuart have worked in tandem to enact positive change in the community, and to work with FCPS students to develop responsible and ethical future leaders.

Among the club's projects are the Culmore Support on Suspension (SOS) program and integration of the Computer-Assisted Learning Solutions program, which is now located in local community computer centers and serves both children and adults. These programs began with the need for a supervised, safe environment for Stuart and Glasgow Middle School students who had been suspended from

school. Five local Rotary clubs worked together to partner with the Bailey's club to fund and raise awareness of the SOS program.

The partnership between Stuart High and the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads focuses on literacy, particularly through the school's Interact club, which places 200 high school student volunteers into the community to carry out many hours of community service that affect the most needy individuals. Stuart students participate in the Raiders Readers program, signing up to read books to young children at Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences, and tutor/mentor young students at the local Willston Community Center and computer lab. The Rotary club sponsors a speech contest at Stuart, providing cash awards and the opportunity for the winner to compete at a



FROM LEFT, CHUCK LORD, STUART HS; PDG BERN ZEAVIN; MICHELLE PETERS, BXRC; KAREY STARNES, BXRC PE; JIM HOLCOMBE, ADVISOR, STUART INTERACT CLUB; ROGER HOSKIN, PRESIDENT, BXRC; FRANK BRADY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, STUART HS; CHRIS HOECKE, IPP, BXRC; VANESSA MAXEY, STUART HS; PAMELA JONES, PRINCIPAL, STUART HS; LATHA PILLAI, PRESIDENT, STUART INTERACT CLUB; SUSAN LYDICK, BXRC; AND DR. JACK DALE, SUPERINTENDENT, FCPS.

higher level. Students and Rotarians marched in three local parades displaying End Polio Now signs in support of RI's goal to eradicate the disease.

The Bailey's club presents scholarships to six graduating seniors from Stuart, and sponsors students to attend local leadership programs. It also provides elementary

school students with backpacks, school supplies, clothing, and winter coats; distributes English and Spanish dictionaries to third grade students at four elementary schools; and provides toys to needy children through local churches and police.



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- Active in community projects such as Rebuilding Together, a nonprofit organization that repairs and restores housing for low income and disabled members of the community;
- Wayne is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow (PHF +8), a Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation, and a Benefactor;
- He is completing three

years as an Assistant Governor;

- He has led by example, attending all training his club presidents were required to attend, often serving as a facilitator for this training;
- Recipient of The Rotary Foundation's District Service Award for 2005-2006; and
- At the District Awards Banquet in 2009, Wayne was awarded Rotary District 7610's Special

Recognition for Exemplary Service.

Wayne's outstanding service can be summed up in three words, "Give Me Shelter." He serves as District 7610 ShelterBox Committee chair. In this capacity, he has given presentations to 48 of the 53 clubs in the district. He has pitched the tent for innumerable events such as Viva Vienna, the Annandale Parade, Summer Fest, Springfield

Days, Alter Native Craft Fair, Annandale Elementary School World Celebration, Rotary District 7610 Conferences, and the last several multi-district Chesapeake PETS. Wayne was cited at the 2009 District Conference for outstanding leadership and support of ShelterBox by David Eby, the National Director of Operations for ShelterBox USA.



Of Books and Dictionaries



Parent-Child Development Corporation

P.O. Box 700, West Point, Virginia 23181
PHONE: (804) 843-2289 FAX: (804) 843-2308 WEBSITE: www.pcdccva.org

11 May 2010

Nelda Mohr, Literacy Chair
Rotary International
41 Gold Cup Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Dear Ms. Mohr:

While in Dallas at the National Head Start Association conference last week, I received a telephone call from Colleen Bonadonna of the West Point Rotary Club. She said she had some books for us. I gave her the information about a delivery point, and by the time I returned to my office today, most of the books already had been distributed.

Our receptionist told me that there were six large boxes of books. A box of age-appropriate books was subsequently sent out to each of the twelve Head Start centers in our service area, which stretches from Charles City to Mathews counties. There were two remaining boxes of books, for older readers, awaiting me in my office this morning. I've just finished shelving them in our school-age room's bookcase.

These gently used books will be most welcome to our teachers and the children we serve. We are so grateful for Rotary's commitment to our children's literacy. Thank you so very much for your role in making this wonderful gift possible.

Sincerely,

William A. Palmer, Jr.
Family and Community Development Coordinator

Cc: Colleen Bonadonna

....strengthening families to strengthen communities....

Of Books. The facsimile letter at left, from Family and Community Development Coordinator William A. Palmer, Jr. to District 7610 Literacy Chair Nelda Mohr, is a thank-you note for, as he wrote, "six large boxes of books," donated by the Rotary Club of West Point. "These gently used books will be most welcome to our teachers and the children they serve," he wrote.

And Dictionaries. The Rotary Club of Warrenton annually donates new dictionaries to every third grader in Fauquier County public schools as part of the club's literacy improvement program. This picture was taken at Bradley Elementary School in Warrenton.



District Rotarian Recognized as Civility Star of the Year

DG Horace McCormack was extremely pleased to be able to present Matt Leavitt with the Civility award at the recent district conference. Matt has demonstrated the qualities of civility over the years, and particularly during the 2009-2010 Rotary year in his tireless leadership of our global Youth Exchange Program. He exhibited tremendous patience and understanding in coordinating challenging peri-

ods during the year. He handled all affairs with professional and self-managed approaches in moving the Exchange Students around and through the system in order for them to enjoy their program locally and throughout the world. Additional information regarding the Civility Awards program was published in the April 2010 issue of the district newsletter.



FROM LEFT, DISTRICT CIVILITY CHAIR PAT LOCKE, MATT, SUSZANNE DOUGLAS, AND DG HORACE MCCORMACK

Rotary and High School Partner for Haiti *by Juanita Cawley, Rotary Club of West Point*

Not content to sit by while the suffering continued in earthquake devastated Haiti, the students and staff at West Point High School decided to do something to help. Partnering with the Rotary Club of West Point, the students and staff have now purchased their tenth ShelterBox.

To get started, West Point Rotarian and West Point High School principal Mark Dorsey encouraged students and staff to donate to the ShelterBox fund. The first school club to make a commitment was the yearbook staff who purchased the first ShelterBox. Each year the yearbook staff raises money through ads and other fundraisers to defray the cost of

the school yearbook. According to yearbook advisor Mary Ellen Borinski, "We could purchase a new camera or other equipment, however, the people of Haiti need help more than we do right now. We will just have to work to raise money again for our own needs."

With a \$650 donation by the Rotary Club of West Point, other students and staff got involved culminating in a community-wide Italian dinner sponsored by the school's Student Government Association and the West Point Rotary club's caterer—Special Occasions. Two hundred tickets were sold to the dinner allowing two more ShelterBoxes to be purchased. Live entertainment was



WEST POINT ROTARIAN AND WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MARK DORSEY RECEIVES THE FIRST \$1,000 CHECK FOR A SHELTERBOX FROM THE SCHOOL'S YEARBOOK STAFF.

provided by last year's runner-up in the District 7610 music competition, Rebecca Dudley.

Even more amazing than the school's efforts to raise \$10,000 in two

weeks for ten ShelterBoxes, was that this feat was carried out in this small town high school of 250 students!



New RI President Asks 'bigger, better, and bolder' Clubs *by Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary International News*



RI PRESIDENT-ELECT RAY KLINGINSMITH SPEAKS DURING THE CLOSING PLENARY SESSION ON JUNE 23 AT THE 2010 RI CONVENTION IN MONTRÉAL, CANADA

preview of next year's big event in New Orleans, Louisiana, where the Host Organization Committee has planned fun for the whole family.

Klinginsmith will ask Rotarians to apply "cowboy logic" and make Rotary clubs "bigger, better, and bolder." The fundamental principles of cowboy logic are taking pride in your work, talking less and saying more,

doing what has to be done, and remembering that some things just aren't for sale, he explained during the closing plenary session.

"I believe the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our clubs to be bigger, better, and bolder," Klinginsmith said. "The clubs are the life and breath of Rotary. Therefore, it is clear to me that my job is to help the district governors to help the clubs. We can do it, and we will do it, if all of us follow the simple

solution of cowboy logic."

Klinginsmith also listed improvements that he and the RI Board have already authorized, including revisions to the RI Strategic Plan to make it easier to implement and evaluate, a realignment of RI committees to fit the revised plan, the recruitment of 41 Rotary coordinators, and a commitment to finding new ways to attract younger members and enable them to serve as district governors.



Clubs in District 7610 • Membership & Attendance • April 2010

Club	Members 6/30/09	Members Current	YTD- Change	Chg from Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend %
Albemarle County	69	68	-1	0	5	69.13
Alexandria	141	137	-4	-3	4	72.92
Alexandria South	8	8	0	0	4	65.62
Annandale	36	31	-5	0	4	60.47
Arlington	44	38	-6	0	5	65.9
Ashburn, VA, USA	0	27	27	2	5	60.07
Bailey's Crossroads	55	58	3	0	5	70.3
Blue Ridge Mountains (Albemarle County)	67	60	-7	-3	0	72.55
Bull Run	26	26	0	0	4	91.34
Burke	22	23	1	0	4	56.25
Caroline County	17	14	-3	0	5	79.99
Centreville	15	13	-2	0	4	69.23
Charlottesville	59	64	5	3	2	72.22
Crystal City-Pentagon (Arlington)	33	31	-2	2	4	70
Culpeper	37	43	6	0	4	39.51
Dulles International Airport	48	54	6	0	5	57.77
Dunn Loring	29	25	-4	0	5	64.55
Fair Lakes (Fairfax)	16	13	-3	0	4	50
Fairfax	94	93	-1	0	4	59
Falls Church	26	27	1	0	5	63.81
Fredericksburg	86	83	-3	-1	4	84.62
Gainesville-Haymarket	43	44	1	0	4	69.19
Gloucester	39	39	0	0	3	72.55
Gloucester Point	50	51	1	2	4	57.35
Herndon	63	68	5	1	4	64.7
Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone	47	46	-1	0	4	68.42
Lake Ridge	25	25	0	0	4	83.33
Leesburg	52	54	2	3	5	72
Leesburg-Daybreak	40	39	-1	1	4	89.6
Louisa County	25	22	-3	0	4	54.66
Manassas	64	56	-8	0	4	73.18
Mathews	40	38	-2	0	5	75.26
McLean	66	59	-7	0	4	85.87
Middlesex County (Urbanna)	45	43	-2	1	4	80.69
Mount Vernon	18	19	1	0	4	73.08
North Stafford County-Garrisonville	29	35	6	0	4	87.14
Northern Neck (Lancaster County)	16	17	1	2	3	90.19
Orange	15	19 (Mar)	4	n/a	0	0
Purcellville	54	58	4	6	5	85.23
Rappahannock	89	87	-2	-1	4	75.58
Reston	33	31	-2	0	4	72.11
Rosslyn-Fort Myer	11	13	2	2	4	78.85
Springfield	21	18	-3	-2	5	86.67
Stafford	45	39	-6	-1	4	58
Sterling	21	15	-6	-2	4	100
Tappahannock	53	50	-3	50	5	63
Tysons Corner	39	47	8	-2	4	67.65
Vienna	61	61	0	10	4	70.47
Warrenton	69	71	2	0	5	50.77
Warsaw	0	37	37	0	0	80
West Point	22	23	1	0	5	61.86
West Springfield	41	42	1	-1	4	72
Woodbridge	28	30	2	0	4	68.4
Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance*	2192	2232	40	50		70.83%

* 52 of 53 clubs reporting



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Must have excellent working knowledge of all common A/V equipment: PowerPoint, sound, lights, etc. Preferably owns accessory equipment. Pay commensurate with experience, but includes all expenses at District 7610 Conference April 7 - 10, 2011 at Gettysburg, PA.

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Offer expires July 31 2010

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Jun 26 District Awards & Installation Banquet, Fredericksburg CC

Jun 30 Rotary Foundation donation deadline for 2009-2010

Jul 1 Club Semi-Annual Report and RI Dues due

Jul 1 Club Annual District Dues due

Jul 1 District Matching Grant applications due at TRF

Jul 10 District Advisory Council, Fredericksburg

Jul 15 Deadline for Ambassadorial Scholarship applications

Jul 15 Report Club Membership & Attendance on website

Jul 15 District Newsletter articles due to editor

Jul 18 Deadline to purchase tickets to Washington Nationals vs. Chicago Cubs (PolioPlus benefit)

Aug 1 District Simplified Grants applications due

Aug 15 Report Club Membership & Attendance on website

Aug 15 District Newsletter articles due to editor

Aug 21 GSE Team Leader applications due

Aug 21 District Foundation Seminar, North Stafford High School.