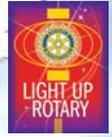




News From Rotary District 7670



District Governor's Newsletter No. X & XI

Gary Bray, District Governor

April/May 2015

Fellow Rotarians,



Wrap-up from the District Conference last month has kept Gary hopping this month. He's on the road now, delivering awards and citations which didn't arrive from Rotary International in time for the Conference, so I get to write the lead-off article for the newsletter this month. This is my opportunity to express to the whole District the thanks I offered those attending the Saturday banquet at the District Conference last month.

When I attended my first District Conference four+ years ago, I was welcomed as Gary's wife, just as I was at Gary's home club from the start, but I didn't know anyone well. It didn't take long for me to realize what a powerful organization Rotary was in the fight to better others' lives; I came to realize that together Rotarians can do so much more good in the world than we can do as individuals, and I wanted to be a part of that. What I didn't know then was how much Rotary would enrich my life personally and how much pride I would take in being able to say "I am a Rotarian". Committing myself to Rotary was a life-changing experience, second only to saying yes to Gary's marriage proposal almost a half-century ago.

I've had the great pleasure of travelling around the District with Gary over the last three years, meeting wonderful people, strengthening tentative friendships, and learning about the fabulous projects Rotary clubs are doing to help people in need, locally, nationally and around the world. I hope those of you who have become our friends already know how much you, your support, and your friendships mean to me. To those of you I've yet to meet, thank you for all you are doing for Rotary and thank you for the unbelievable experience of being involved with you in *Service Above Self*.

Yours in Rotary service,

Governor's Lady Demi

ROTARY DISTRICT 7670—DISTRICT CONFERENCE—2015



Charles Wolfe,

Rotary Club of Sylva, is presented Rotary International's *Service Above Self Award* by RI President's Representative Udayakumar. The *Service Above Self Award* is Rotary International's highest honor, a maximum of only 150 being chosen each year from the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. He was congratulated by other awardees from District 7670.

Congratulations from all of us!

OTHER ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award: Jim Efland

The Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Award: Ron Winecoff

Rotary International Club Builder Award: Jerry Park, Rotary Club of Denver/Lake Norman

Outstanding Vocational Service Leadership Award: Charles Canady

ROTARY DISTRICT 7670—DISTRICT CONFERENCE—2015



Congratulations to the following Clubs in District 7670
Best Small Club in the District: Rotary Club of Franklin-Daybreak
Best Medium Club in the District: Rotary Club of Valdese
Best Large Club in the District: Rotary Club of Franklin



RI Rep Udayakumar

Congratulations to the following Clubs in District 7670
Best Club Website: RC of Lenoir; Honorable Mention: RCs of Blowing Rock and Denver/Lake Norman
Best Club Bulletin: RC of Spruce Pine; Honorable Mention: RC of Hickory



Highest Membership Gain as a percentage of the Club: Small Club-RC of McDowell County;
 Medium Club-RC of Black Mountain;
 Large Club-RC of Franklin;
Highest Total Membership Gain:
 RC of Asheville-Breakfast
Highest Attendance at the Conference: Small Club-RC of Hendersonville-Four Seasons;
 Medium Club-RC of Sylva;
 Large Club-Rotary Club of Franklin

Presidential Citation Awards:

Rotary Clubs of Asheville-Breakfast, Catawba Valley, Franklin, Franklin-Daybreak, Hickory, Lincolnton-Sunrise and Valdese

Governor's Clubs of Distinction:

Rotary Clubs of: Asheville-Breakfast, Boone-Sunrise, Blowing Rock, Denver/Lake Norman, Franklin-Daybreak, Haywood County, Hickory, Marion, Sylva, Pisgah Forest, Valdese



Future Governors at Installation Banquet being installed by PDG Bill Shillito.

District Service Award: Bob Soderstrom, Jack McCaskill, (Outstanding Assistant Governor and Membership Chair) and Regina Hartley
District Foundation Distinguished Service: Ted Carothers, Jodie Cook, John Dewitt, Jim Efland, Jim Simmons, and Ron Winecoff

Rich Handchin leads Memorial Service to honor deceased Rotarians.



Ronald McDonald visited on Sunday morning to accept the gifts given by Rotarians in support of Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.

Motivational Speaker, Michael Angelo Caruso.



Youth Exchange Students participate in Parade of Flags.



Photos courtesy of John Marshall, RC of Blowing Rock



CART

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust
Approved by the Rotary Clubs of Southern US

Your CART donations create leading edge research that then allows the CART Award Researchers to get more research money as a result of their findings following the grant:

1999 Dr. Allan Levey received \$100,000 CART Grant. His research allowed \$7.2 Million National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grant and a \$25 Million Private Foundation Grant.

2001 Dr. Gary Landreth received \$250,000 CART Grant. His research allowed \$1 Million NIH Grant. From this research, he received a \$200 Million follow-on Grant from GlaxoSmithKline for drug trials.

2009 Dr. Harry LeVine received \$250,000 CART Grant. His research allowed \$22 Million NIH Grant.

We measure CART giving from 1 May to 30 April. This is why it is important that clubs submit CART funds quarterly to accurately measure giving by club.

As of **15 April 2015**, here is where the clubs stand in CART giving for a total of **\$36,221.56**:

Total Giving:		
Place	Club	Amount
First	Lenoir	\$5,736.30
Second	Blowing Rock	\$3,346.28
Third	Hendersonville	\$2,604.45

Per Capita Giving:		
Place	Club	Amount
First	Lenoir	\$76.48
Second	Granite Falls	\$57.96
Third	Blowing Rock	\$55.77



At the District Conference the clubs listed above were recognized for their generosity to the CART Fund.



Accepting applications for RYLA 2015!

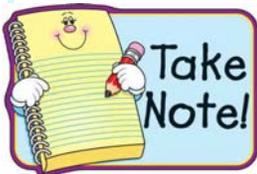
RYLA will be located at **Brevard College June 21-27, 2015**

\$600 per camper all Inclusive

Please send applications TODAY!!

Please make sure club names and representatives are on all applications. Please make note on all payments who the scholarships are representing.

Confirmation emails will be sent to all confirmed campers upon receipt of their application. For additional information, contact: **Jennifer Webb: jenniferwebb@citcom.net**



The following was recently received from Rotary International...As you prepare to collect dues from club members for the new Rotary year, please note that the additional dues for Council on Legislation expenses have been increased from \$1 to \$1.50 per member. The increase will be reflected on the July club invoice. This is the first such increase since 2002, and it will help ensure that there are sufficient funds to meet Council expenses in 2016 and future years. The Council on Legislation gives Rotary members a voice in how our organization is governed. The next Council will convene in April 2016, when selected representatives from each Rotary district will review and vote on proposed legislation.

GET READY FOR YOUR JULY CLUB INVOICE - CREATE A "MY ROTARY ACCOUNT" TODAY.

Your next club invoice will be available online in late July. Make sure you're able to access it by creating a "My Rotary" account. And remember ... any changes to the club's membership must be made **NO LATER THAN JUNE 2ND**. After that date, no changes can be made to the number in your club for the invoice.



(Photo: Beth Walton / bwalton@citizen-times.com)

On Saturday, March 26th some 700 volunteers gathered in Asheville at the YNCA Reuter Center. Throughout the afternoon they created a giant assembly line of service and packed some 297,000 meals for MANNA Food Bank to distribute. The food will be gone within weeks. Rotary had taken over the YMCA. Volunteers lined up in the gymnasium. They spread out on the floor in the hallways and tucked away in small rooms. There were employees of big corporations like Bank of America and small groups of Boy Scouts in uniform. Elementary school kids packed bags alongside university students.

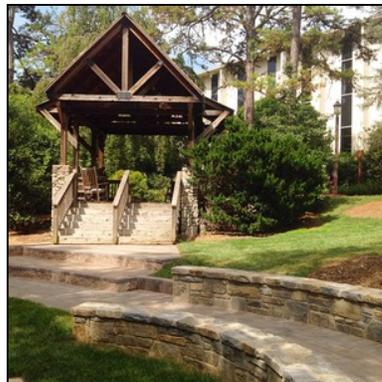
Food goes to shelters, pantries and programs serving high-risk people. Throughout the years, **Rotary Clubs in the Asheville** area has distributed 1.5 million meals locally and raised around \$300,000 for the Rotarians Against Hunger cause. All the food packaged was disturbed to nearly 250 partner agencies throughout Western North Carolina.

In mid-March a near capacity crowd at Lenoir Rhyne University's P.E. Monroe auditorium greeted contestants competing in the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory's sixth annual Rotarian Idol fundraiser for local educational initiatives. When deliberations were completed, David Moore, president of the **Rotary Club of Hickory**, presented the first prize of \$2,500 to Wesley Curtis.

The real winner again was education. In five previous Rotarian Idol competitions the Hickory lunch club has raised \$302,000 for local education initiatives and this year's fundraiser is expected to raise an additional \$70,000. All proceeds raised go toward scholarships for area students, Hickory City Schools Teacher of the Year awards, and other local educational initiatives in Catawba County, as well as other Rotary International humanitarian efforts. Event proceeds also support Catawba County's Partnership for Children Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program which provides children who live in Catawba County one free book in the mail each month until their 5th birthday! The club has contributed \$87,000 to the Imagination Library making the purchase of 43,500 books possible.



University of North Carolina-Asheville is listed among the top 21 most beautiful college campuses in the United States. The picture used on the site is the Buzz Tennent Gardens and Outdoor Classroom. (*shown on the left*). The Outdoor Classroom was built by the **Rotary Club of Asheville** with the help of a District grant. The Gardens are maintained by the club in memory of Buzz Tennent, Past RI President.



In continuing support of their Summer Reading Program, members of the **Rotary Club of Valdese** donated 100's of new and



gently used books to be presented to participants at the end of this summer's reading camp. On hand to accept the books for their schools are principals Teddy Penland (George Hildebran), Regina Lynch (Drexel), Karen Auton (Ray Childers) and Christie Abernathy (Valdese).

Recent Speakers at the Rotary Club of Caldwell County:

Caldwell County Commission Chair Randy Church, (*r*), gave members of the Caldwell County Rotary Club an update on the County's budget for the current fiscal year.



Rotarian Tim Clark, (*l*) CEO of Cornerstone Cremation Funeral Celebrations, reminded members of the club about the importance of pre-planned funerals.



Julie Roberts, (*l*) an employee specialist and case manager with the Lenoir Goodwill Career Connections Center discussed their job training services.





Larry Hazen, President of the **Rotary Club of Avery County**, and Dr. Regina Hartley, Youth Services Chair for District 7670 attended Career Day at Lees McRae College on April 11 to recruit students for Rotaract. The Rotaract Club at Lees McRae is set to start in the fall semester, and will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Avery County.

Ophelia "Fifi" DeGroot, a resident of Mars Hill, has received the I. Ruth Martin Award for Christian Service from Mars Hill University. The award was presented at the university's Community Service Convocation April 14. She is a past President of the **Rotary Club of Madison County**. The award was established by I. Ruth Martin, MHC class of 1938, to be given to a Christian individual who has served faithfully without any spotlight recognition.



Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute Rotaract Club recently raised money at the college's Spring Fling

event. They encouraged faculty and staff to sit for a Pie in the Face, and they did a Purple Pinkie Project to help raise funds. All proceeds were donated for Polio Plus and CART.



The **Rotary Club of Burnsville** recently spent the day working on the third Habitat for Humanity home in Burnsville. From the left, Ric Hunter, retired Air Force, Mike Reif, retired surgeon, Michael Bingham, future USMC, and his father, Peirce

Bingham, club president. There were many other Rotarians who didn't make this "photo op," and their work was equally appreciated by the Habitat organization. Subway graciously provided lunches for entire crew.



Mayor Bob Scott recognized Ann Van Harlingen for her over twenty years of work at REACH of Macon County. The Mission of Reach of Macon County

is to eradicate domestic violence and sexual assault crimes in Macon County, through prevention, intervention, and educational services. Also included is Elbie Stiles who was instrumental in getting Ann involved in REACH. All are members of the **Rotary Club of Franklin**.

The **Rotary Club of Burnsville** recently installed its newest member, Jan Hunter, representing the highly successful *Grapevine Boutique* in Burnsville on West Main Street. Congratulating her from left to right are AG O'Neal Shelton, Peirce Bingham, club president, Jan Hunter, and Ric Hunter, nominating member.



The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation are seeking your input, and your support. Now that you have had the opportunity to work with the new grant models, have those grant models (introduced via the Future Vision Plan) lived up to your expectations? An independent Committee of Past RI presidents has been appointed to hear your views.

The committee would like to hear about your experiences with the areas of focus and district and global grants, and to seek your ideas for any improvements that could make our Rotary Foundation the best possible. Let them know what you think. Write to: futurevisionbillboyd@outlook.com

President Susie Ledford inducted Lee Berger as the club's newest member. She is the wife of deceased **Rotary Club of Franklin** member Dr. Fred Berger. She was given her Rotary pin by her sponsor Elbie Stiles.



Youth Exchange Outbound Student Orientation - an outstanding event which was well organized and attended by Rotary Districts 7670, 6780 and 7680



students and volunteers. The focus was the kids and the adventure they are undertaking, and the parent's concerns (maybe fears) as their children take this big leap!

On Thursday, April 2, the Rotary Club of Spruce Pine packed 170 "Easter treat bags" for Mitchell county school children.



Every Friday, some children in the seven schools in Mitchell county, receive a back pack containing food supplies to help them get through the weekend. The club added special treats to their take home packs with help from the local Kiwanis Club, and area churches who provided drop-off locations. The club was able to fill 170 bags that were donated by TD Bank in Spruce Pine. This yearly project reminds the members of the present need in the community and is a way to help children and make them feel special.



Rotary Club of Spruce Pine recognized Bethany Allen as the Rotary Senior of the Month. In April. She is presented her certificate by Bill Felkel.

One year ago...

Thanks to support from the global community of supporters to end polio, India is celebrating its fourth polio-free year. The World Health Organization (WHO) certified the South-East Asia Region, home to a quarter of the world's population, polio-free one year ago, today. The certification of the region marked an important step in polio eradication efforts. Now, 80 percent of the world's population lives in certified polio-free regions.

Membership & Attendance for March 2015

Clubs in District 7670

Club	Members	Members	YTD- Chg	Average Attend%
	6/30/2014	Current		
Arden	16	18	2	76.47
Asheville	152	133	-19	65.23
Asheville Breakfast	38	46 (Feb)	8	0
Asheville-Biltmore	31	31	0	77.5
Asheville-Metro	13	16	3	55
Asheville-South	43	36	-7	69.44
Asheville-West	20	21	1	90.45
Avery County	20	17	-3	56.86
Black Mountain	51	54	3	72.87
Blowing Rock	59	60	1	83.48
Boone	18	17	-1	81.54
Boone Sunrise	47	50	3	67
Brevard	37	38	1	80.15
Bryson City	23	27	4	73.64
Burke-Sunrise	20	20	0	78.67
Burnsville	0	10	10	50
Caldwell County	14	13	-1	96.92
Cashiers Valley	48	49	1	70.34
Catawba Valley	29	31	2	85.48
Clay County	13	12	-1	100
Denver/Lake Norman	59	61	2	92.8
Franklin	81	88	7	72.45
Franklin Daybreak	33	39	6	89.3
Granite Falls	16	17	1	72.62
Haywood County	26	28	2	88.35
Hendersonville	170	160	-10	61.06
Hendersonville-Four	25	36	11	79.84
Hickory	145	143	-2	60.26
Hickory Sunrise	20	22	2	84.09
Highlands	88	91	3	96.54
Highlands-	26	23	-3	33.14
Lake Hickory	77	76	-1	78.31
Lenoir	77	67	-10	84.8
Lincolnton	81	82	1	95.47
Lincolnton - Sunrise	17	18	1	92.2
Madison County	44	38	-6	80.26
Marion	63	66	3	80
McDowell County	11	17	6	67.07
Morganton	54	52	-2	62.16
Murphy	28	28	0	62.8
Newton-Conover	75	70	-5	63.4
Pisgah Forest	39	40	1	83.07
Rutherford County	17	15	-2	67.14
Sherrills Ford-Terrell	13	17	4	68.33
Spruce Pine	35	35	0	73.6
Sylva	61	61	0	88.31
Tryon	72	64	-8	77.82
Valdese	38	39	1	66.33
Waynesville	96	95	-1	88.18
Waynesville-Sunrise	13	13	0	80
Totals, Net Gain,	2292	2300	8	75.93%
49 of 50 clubs				



The **Rotary Club of Hickory-Sunrise** participated in the fourth annual Foothills Homeless Veterans Stand Down held in Hickory in late April. The Stand Down served 230 veterans, many of whom are homeless and needy. The day's activities included providing medical and dental services, haircuts, social services, tax assistance, VA services, and spiritual counseling. In addition, many local groups manned tables offering a variety of services. Some of the groups were the DAR, Vietnam Veterans of America, Cooperative Christian Ministries, and Greenway Transportation. All groups offered a variety of services for the veterans. The Rotary Club of Hickory Sunrise cooked and provided breakfast and lunch for all veterans, volunteers, and vendors.

A Note from Global Scholar, Jordan Treakle...

My time in Belgium finished up well with my first semester of exams proving challenging but everything went smoothly. In the end the Belgians gave us an education in classic neo-liberal economics that have orientated many of the most powerful financial/economic institutions (such as the World Bank) and the U.S. for the past 40 years or so. Additionally we got some insight into farm-level micro economics (i.e. farm revenue, income, labor expenses etc.) and conducted some research on small scale farming in southern Italy and Spain. Perhaps the most interesting part of the semester was getting to visit a number of innovative small-scale Belgian farms, in particular some small-scale dairies, which have almost completely disappeared from the southeast region of the U.S. Belgians love their cows and eat A LOT of cheese, beef, and milk.

Now I am in Berlin, which is a very interesting city known since the fall of the Berlin Wall as a city of young artists and musicians. The city has been growing rapidly over the past five years (so much so that now it's very challenging to find a place to live - it took me a month), with a lot of construction in the open areas of the formerly demilitarized zones along the Wall. Today the city is quite multicultural (with almost as much Spanish, Italian, and Turkish language heard on the streets as German) and there are a lot of cultural events, art exhibitions, and outdoor music concerts every day of the week. For example, last week our Masters group attended a lecture by [Dr. Vandana Shiva](#) (pictured with students from six different nations) who is a famous farmer advocate and author from India and learned about some controversial changes to India's land policies. And at the end of the month there is the city-wide Festival of Cultures, which is a four-day celebration of food, dance, and music from all over the world.



Academically, Humboldt University here in Berlin is quite different from our university in Belgium. We are focusing more on environmental economics as well as institutional economics (so considering more how social/political relationships between groups shape economic systems), which is a newer and more dynamic field of economics that I am more interested in. So I'm pleased with the academics here even while being swamped with a lot of reading!

The next step this summer will be to Italy for one month of field-based research. For the 3rd semester I have just found out that I will be studying in the Netherlands. I was accepted into Wageningen University which has one of mainland Europe's top Departments for Social Sciences and Economics. So the academics should be quite good, even if the Netherlands is known to be rather cold and rainy in the fall and winter. Unfortunately I do not know yet when I will be back in Asheville, but it's unlikely I will be able to return before Christmas. I will let you all know if and when those plans develop!

“I do not believe capital can afford to permit hunger, squalor, or disease. Let us banish the city miserable before we build our city beautiful. Slums are political malaria breeders, and we must not have them in our midst.”

Paul P. Harris,

“The True Spirit of Service” written 97 years ago for THE ROTARIAN, March 1918