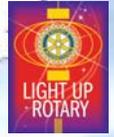




News From Rotary District 7670



District Governor's Newsletter No. VIII

Gary Bray, District Governor

February 2015

Rotarians,

I am very happy to report that, as of February 23rd, we have 197 Rotarians, spouses and guests registered for the District Conference, plus many others for some of the meals. A big reason for this high number is the Rotarians who will be attending their first conference (40).

One of my goals for this year was to encourage clubs to work together to make things happen in their communities and many have done so. Clubs are holding joint fellowship events; working together on joint local community service projects; and partnering with other clubs to help those in need in Africa, South and Central America, as well as Asia. If you would like to participate in a project with another club, please let me know and we will help facilitate that.

Bill Biddle, our District Governor for 2017-2018, is working with District 1510, in the Loire region of France, to facilitate a Friendship Exchange in June and late September/early October. If you would like to learn more about this great opportunity, please contact Bill.

Membership continues to be the area of focus that enables us to do good in the world. Many of our clubs are having extraordinarily successful years at recruiting new members and retaining existing members. The key to their success has been a focused approach to looking for prospective members and inviting them to come to a meeting. However, some clubs are struggling. If you would like help with ideas or have questions, please contact Jack McCaskill or me. We will be glad to help

Another extraordinarily important area of focus for this year is contributing to The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, and CART. Many clubs have done a great job and we ask each and every Rotarian to contribute to these critically important causes. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Winecoff or Ed Walcoff.

Thank you again for all you are doing for your clubs, other members, your communities and the world. Demi and I look forward to seeing you at our District Conference in April.

Yours in Rotary Service

DG Gary

DISTRICT CONFERENCE...YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE YOUR CLUB'S ACHIEVEMENTS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND VISIT WITH FOLKS YOU KNOW!



What an amazing response we've had so far for the 2015 District Conference, which will be held April 24-26 at the Omni in uptown Charlotte! We're thrilled so many of you are planning to be with us to recognize the numerous accomplishments of our clubs and members this past year.

Registration is still available for only \$200 per person - which includes all plenary sessions and FIVE meals (one on Friday, three on Saturday and one on Sunday). You can register online via the DaCdb and reserve your room (while they last) from our conference website,

www.rotary7670conference.weebly.com.

There's also a tentative agenda on the website so you can get more information on presenters and programming!

We want to say a special thank you to those businesses and organizations who have stepped up as sponsors for this year's conference! Asheville Regional Airport (House of Friendship), Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation, First Bank, Macon Bank, McDonalds of Hendersonville and Brevard, Asheville Renaissance Hotel, Duke Energy, Boyd Automotive and State Farm agents in WNC. There's still room for you to be a sponsor, too, or as an advertiser in the program book - just contact Tiffany Ervin at tiffany@tiffanyervin.com or 828-243-5870 for more info!



**WELCOME... São Paulo is waiting for you! Rotary International Convention
6-9 June, 2015 São Paulo, Brazil**

Beautiful, wealthy, smart, democratic, vibrant, dynamic, cultural, romantic, modern, tough, outgoing, professional?! How can one define São Paulo? It is impossible to use only one word to capture exactly what one of the largest cities in the world represents.

Graciously formed by so many different nationalities, cultures, backgrounds and ideas, this great metropolis is truly cosmopolitan, by nature and by choice. This city is Italian, German, Jewish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, French, African, Arab, Spanish, Latin, Brazilian... it is Paulistana!! Those diverse characteristics are present at the architecture of the buildings, on the streets, in the delicious foods you will try and in the clothes and styles of its people who never stop, day after day, brilliantly writing each chapter of the history of São Paulo. We can describe how big São Paulo is in many different ways. We can mention that the city has the largest number of hotels in Latin America, or the largest hospital in the country or that it represents the cultural hub of Brazil. It is also one of the gourmet capitals of the world, it hosts many major events, conventions and trade shows, and it is home to some very important educational and research institutions. The capital of São Paulo state is unique in showcasing history and the modern times with great harmony. The city served as the stage for many important events, such as the Brazilian independence and political and cultural protests that led to our democracy. Here you will find several cinemas, theaters, museums, parks, nightclubs, theme parks, restaurants, bars, hotels, concert arenas and malls.

Every year, approximately 10 million people come to São Paulo to do business, shop or enjoy the fantastic cultural calendar, which is always up-to-date to what is happening around the world. Being in São Paulo means to experience a megalopolis 24/7, and all it has to offer. The city welcomes hard work and fun as if they are equally important. Capital of a state that has the size of Great Britain, the approximate population of Spain and that is responsible for nearly half of the wealth of Brazil, São Paulo also became the number one destination for tourism in the country. That's why we proudly invite you:

Come to São Paulo, É Tudo de Bom! [It is amazing!!]

José A. Pretoni, Rotary International Convention 2015, Convention Chair

Rotary  **Something new...Enjoying Rotary in a different venue.
What is a satellite club?**

Satellite clubs provide a new option for creating Rotary clubs. A satellite club functions as a short-term, transitional step on the way to becoming a full, independent Rotary club.

The **Rotary Club of Four Seasons-Hendersonville** is excited to announce participation as a pilot "Satellite Club" in an effort to attract members of a different demographic, retain current members, offer more flexible meeting times, and engage in more diverse community service efforts. An informational meeting was held in February with several guests and visiting Rotarians, and two new members joined immediately! RI requires a minimum of eight members to be officially recognized as a "Satellite Club," and an official "ceremony" will be held when that goal is reached.

Any Rotarian is invited to attend to earn a "make up" through the RC of Four Seasons! Meetings are held every Monday, 5:30-6:30 pm, at The Claddagh Inn (N. Main Street, Hendersonville.) There is no meal, but a cash bar is available.



Inaugural meeting of Four Seasons Rotary Satellite Meeting

*For more information on the Satellite Club, visit
www.fourseasonsrotary.org or [facebook.com/fourseasonsrotaryclub](https://www.facebook.com/fourseasonsrotaryclub)*

Club Presidents..
The District plans to honor the memory of the deceased members of your club since last June.
Please send the names to the District office
ashevillerotary@bellsouth.net.

In Memoriam
Jerry Black
Long-time member of the Rotary Club of Spruce Pine who has passed from this life.



CART

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust
Approved by The Rotary Clubs in Southern US

Over the next 40 years, caring for individuals with Alzheimer's will cost American society \$20 trillion including \$15 trillion to Medicare and Medicaid. For every \$28,000 the federal government spends on care for Alzheimer's disease patients, it only spends \$100 on Alzheimer's disease research. Federal funding of Alzheimer's research is an inadequate \$498 million, and does not reflect the escalating national epidemic of Alzheimer's disease. - Alzheimer's Association Facts

The Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) helps fill this research funding gap and delivers top quality, leading-edge, and vital research into the causes and prevention of this terrible disease. Please keep supporting your Club's CART program!!

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 February 2015**, here is where the clubs stand in CART giving for a total of **\$29,409.12**:

Total Giving:		
Place	Club	Amount
First	Lenoir	\$4,520.97
Second	Blowing Rock	\$2,784.28
Third	Hendersonville	\$2,604.45

Per Capita Giving:		
Place	Club	Amount
First	Lenoir	\$60.28
Second	Catawba Valley	\$50.37
Third	Blowing Rock	\$46.40

From the Foundation Newsletter...

Rotary

1905 - 2015



110th Anniversary

23 February 2015



- S** See the Future.
- E** Engage and Develop Others.
- R** Reinvent continuously.
- V** Value Results and Relationships.
- E** Embody Values - Live Fully Aligned with Stated Values.



END POLIO NOW

Humanity in Motion



Paul Nelson, newest Rotary Foundation Benefactor, received his “wings” from past AG Jim Scott. (r) He is a member of the **Rotary Club of Tryon**. Thanks, Jim, for your generosity!



Recently Irene (l) and Rob (r) Christie of Nova Scotia visited the **Rotary Club of Tryon** as a guest of Rotarian Andy Haynes, and exchanged club banners with local President Judy Lair. Irene and Rob are members of the Rotary Club of Pictou in Nova Scotia and Rob is Assistant District Governor.

Carol Browning is shown reading to children at Polk Central Elementary School recently. Carol is a member of **The Rotary Club of Tryon** which has been providing Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) for the children of Polk Central for over 10 years (the RIF distribution is three times a year). This program is coordinated by Rotarian Carolyn Jones who is joined by a dozen Rotarians and spouses to read to the children and help them each choose a book for their own.



The **Rotary Club of Asheville** dispatched a task force of six Rotarians plus one spouse, to Copan Ruinas, Honduras), to participate for their 8th medical/dental brigade into the mountains. They left Asheville Airport on January 28, and spent a week visiting Hondurans in remote villages. Bob Haggard, leader and coordinator of this foray and the minister of cohesiveness, was accompanied by John Matheson, Winston Payne, Oscar Wong, Greg Brown, and his wife, Laura, as well as Milton Butterworth, bilingual, of the **Rotary Club of Hendersonville**. This fearless group teamed up with the Rotary Club of Copan Ruinas whose members provided translators and volunteers. They also advertised where and when our group was holding their clinic. The two Honduran physicians who have assisted in the past, have opted to continue their contribution of services to this annual event by assisting Dr. Payne. Five Honduran dentists, also from past brigades, working with Dr. Matheson, provided full scope dental services to the indigenous people at the clinics.



During the four and one half days of service, our group visited three villages—Siani, Rio Amarillo, and San Isidro—the most needy of the three. A total of 751 dental patients were seen, which consisted of 112 restorations and 423 extractions. All together 598 fluorides, tooth brushes, and tooth paste were provided. In addition to the dental patients being served, over two hundred prescription eyeglasses were distributed to patients after careful screening by Dr. Win Payne. The group also provided training and advice for the assisting brigade members.

An armed security guard was assigned by the supportive Honduran government to ensure the safety of our stalwart crusaders. This section of the country has earned the reputation of “murder capital of the world” because of the warring drug lords. However, plans are being implemented for another possible foray next year. During the eight years of participation, a total of (over) 6,000 dental and 3000 medical patients have been served.



The progress made against Polio in 2014, while significant, is fragile. Rotary's funds will support efforts to end polio in the three countries where the disease has never been stopped: US\$ 8.1 million in Nigeria; US\$ 1.1 million in Pakistan and US\$ 6.7 million in Afghanistan.



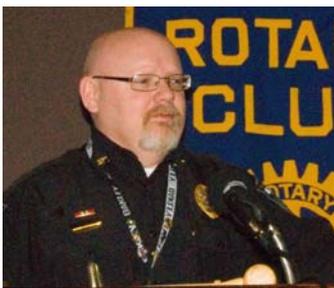
In late January, the **Rotary Club of Spruce Pine** honored Mitchell High School Seniors of the Month.

Mitchell High School Counselor, Grant Sparks, introduced four outstanding seniors: Breanna (Bre) Jackson, Duncan Nielander, Jenny Zheng, and Whitney Ledford (pictured with Rotarian Rick Spurling).

Two Burke County teachers, Lauren Huffman (left) and Christy Baker addressed the **Rotary Club of Valdese** about the reading program Orton-Gillingham being introduced into their respective schools and classrooms.



In November both teachers attended a week-long training session held in Winston-Salem. Because of the ongoing interest in furthering education, the club sponsored both of these teachers and assisted a third teacher to take this training program. Though Orton-Gillingham is a multisensory approach to teaching reading to children with language-based learning difficulties such as **dyslexia**, Baker and Huffman plan to use it as a guide for all of their students.



Police Chief Tony Jones made an excellent presentation on *Ethics and the Rotary Four Way Test* with his usual style of down home humor at a meeting of the **Rotary Club of Blowing Rock**. Tony got lots of laughs but made his point well in starting out the presentation with the question "We recite the Four Way Test

at each meeting, but do we really think about it?" His graphics and narrative helped. So that when he leads them in the Four Way Test at the end of the meeting its words resonated deeper for all. After his presentation club president John Marshall pointed out that every Walgreens Store in the country has the Four Way Test posted in their employee lounge area. *"That's pretty cool."*

Membership & Attendance for January 2015

Clubs in District 7670

Club	Members 6/30/2014	Members Current	YTD- Chg	Avg. Attend%
Arden	16	18 (Dec)	2	0
Asheville	152	133	-19	64.64
Asheville Breakfast	38	41 (Dec)	3	0
Asheville-Biltmore	31	32	1	83
Asheville-Metro	13	16	3	61.11
Asheville-South	43	35	-8	66.43
Asheville-West	20	21	1	92.35
Avery County	20	14	-6	38.46
Black Mountain	51	55	4	69.15
Blowing Rock	59	60	1	85.58
Boone	18	18	0	82.35
Boone Sunrise	47	50 (Dec)	3	0
Brevard	37	36	-1	71.3
Bryson City	23	25	2	77.08
Burke-Sunrise	20	20	0	81.82
Burnsville	0	0 ()	0	0
Caldwell County	14	13	-1	93.75
Cashiers Valley	48	46	-2	78.67
Catawba Valley	29	31	2	82.4
Clay County	13	12	-1	92.68
Denver/Lake Norman	59	60	1	96.85
Franklin	81	90	9	67.09
Franklin Daybreak	33	40	7	85.81
Granite Falls	16	16	0	85.94
Haywood County	26	28	2	92.41
Hendersonville	170	163	-7	63.25
Hendersonville-Four Seasons	25	30	5	87
Hickory	145	144	-1	66.48
Hickory Sunrise	20	22	2	84.85
Highlands	88	86	-2	97.09
Highlands-Mountaintop	26	25	-1	48
Lake Hickory	77	74	-3	82.17
Lenoir	77	70	-7	81.85
Lincolnton	81	78	-3	90.84
Lincolnton - Sunrise	17	17	0	91.65
Madison County	44	39	-5	78.33
Marion	63	61	-2	84
McDowell County	11	16	5	70
Morganton	54	54	0	74.86
Murphy	28	28	0	70.2
Newton-Conover	75	70	-5	63.16
Pisgah Forest	39	40	1	84.62
Rutherford County	17	16	-1	58.33
Sherrills Ford-Terrell	13	15	2	75
Spruce Pine	35	37	2	69.06
Sylva	61	57	-4	85.98
Tryon	72	66	-6	67.78
Valdese	38	40	2	69.74
Waynesville	96	94	-2	87.54
Waynesville-Sunrise	13	10	-3	92.5
Totals, Avg. Attend:	2292	2262	-30	77.68%
46 of 50 clubs reporting			5	

Lisa Caviness, (r) Public Relation Coordinator for Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care, told members of **Rotary Club of Caldwell County** about their services offered to Avery, Ashe and Watauga Counties. For about a year, these previously underserved counties are being assisted thru a joint effort by Caldwell Hospice and Appalachian Regional Health Care. These Medicare based services will provide, physicians, nurses, medical social workers, CNA's and chaplain services to those needing end-of-life care. Caldwell residents have benefited from these services for over 30 years. Rotarian Ron Beane, (l) arranged the program.



The Cat and the Hat also visited the **Rotary Club** of Marion recently asking for volunteers for *Read Across America*. The Cat in the Hat," aka Elizabeth House, donates a book for each of the eight elementary schools in the county and a Rotarian presents them on Dr. Seuss's birthday. Instead of books, the club also donates a pack of multiplication cards to each third grader in the county. That was completed the first week of January, to coincide with studying multiplication second semester.



FEBRUARY WAS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

"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
Paul Harris on Peace in an historic 4 minute message

**26TH ANNUAL
USGFR National
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Hilton Head Sunset Rotary Club

May 16-20, 2015 on Hilton Head Island

Oyster Reef Golf Club in Hilton Head Plantation
Arthur Hills Course in Palmetto Hall
Robert Cupp Course in Palmetto Hall
Official Hotel is Sonesta Resort

**For a complete schedule,
www.usgfr2015.com.**

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Schedule

Saturday, May 16: Early registration and directors meeting
Sunday, May 17: Registration, practice round, opening ceremonies
Monday, May 18: Golf (Oyster Reef), tour and fellowship at Sonesta Pavilion
Tuesday, May 19: Golf (Arthur Hills), tour and Free Night
Wednesday, May 20: Golf (Robert Cupp), tour, and Awards Banquet

Sonesta Resort

- Book by April 15, 2015
- Daily rate of \$231 (includes breakfast for two) good for 3 days before and after tournament dates
- Register online at www.sonesta.com/hiltonheadisland
- Enjoy the Arum Spa, Atlantic Ocean beach, pool and hospitality





Things to do on Hilton Head

- Rose Hill Mansion and wine tasting
- Cruise Calibogue Sound and dolphin watch
- Visit Harbour Town, see the sights, shop and have lunch
- Take a Gullah Tour and visit the Coastal Discovery Museum

How to get here

- Savannah or Hilton Head Island airports are minutes away
- If coming by car, visit www.usgfr2015.com for detailed travel info

Registration Options

3-day golfer: \$791 • 2-day golfer: \$676 • Non-golfer: \$317
 Registration deadline is April 15, 2015

**To register or for a complete schedule,
www.usgfr2015.com.
Contact Ed Dowaschinski at 843-689-6472 or
at dower@roadrunner.com**

The United States Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians will hold a tournament in Hilton Head, SC May 16-20, 2015. It is a great chance to play golf on beautiful golf courses and meet Rotarian golfers from all over the United States. It is open to golfers of all skill levels (the majority of participants are 15 - 20 handicap or higher) and their partners. The deadline for registration is April 15th.