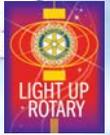




News From Rotary District 7670



District Governor's Newsletter No. IX

Gary Bray, District Governor

March 2015

Rotarians,

We are definitely in the countdown mode for the District Conference! Tiffany Ervin has some great news about a new addition to our Friday afternoon sessions (please see her article in this newsletter). As you know, we will be celebrating the successes of our clubs with four clubs highlighting some wonderful projects; presenting some very special awards to Rotarians for their long-term Rotary service; other awards to individuals who have gone "above and beyond" this year; and, as always, the top club in the small, medium and large categories. We hope that you will be able to join your clubs' members when these awards are presented. If you are planning to attend the conference and have not yet registered for the conference or the hotel, please do so before March 31st.

Many of our clubs and members have done some extraordinary things for their communities and internationally this year. We have about three months to continue our good work this year and I hope you will join other members of your club to complete projects and start new ones. One of my goals for this year was to facilitate clubs working together to do bigger, better and bolder things in their communities and I am very proud of the fact that many have made that happen!

Many of you have said that you hope Demi and I are enjoying this year and we are! It is an extraordinary honor and privilege to go on this journey. We hope you are having fun and doing good in your communities and throughout the world. Please continue to support PolioPlus, CART and the Rotary Foundation - OUR Foundation.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the District Conference. Thank you for all you are doing for your communities, your clubs and your families.

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!

We're pleased to announce the addition of two outstanding leadership sessions to our district conference agenda, offered to all attendees at NO ADDITIONAL COST!! Please plan to join us early on Friday, April 24, for this special session just prior to our opening plenary session. Rich Handschin (RC of Pisgah Forest) will present "Thoughtful Themes for Navigating Your Club" from 1-1:50 pm and David Kirkpatrick of Dale Carnegie Training (and the RC of Dilworth South End in Charlotte) will present "7 Steps To Build Stronger Relationships" from 2-2:50pm. This is a great opportunity to receive valuable leadership training at no additional cost to you, your business or your club! Reservations are required - go to www.rotary7670conference.weebly.com and click on REGISTRATION for more information on the programs and to reserve your seat.



A Taste of Scotland

For the first time at a District Conference, we are excited to offer an informative and enjoyable Scotch Tasting event! The event is limited to the first 15 registrants and the cost is \$40 per person. The tasting will be held on Friday, April 24, in Governor Gary's hospitality suite from 4:30-5:30 pm. Your payment via our conference website will serve as your registration confirmation - please go to www.rotary7670conference.weebly.com and click on SCOTCH TASTING for more information and to reserve your space!

Club Presidents..

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



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

São Paulo will be the last stop for a Rotary torch, launched in December in Chennai, India, to commemorate India becoming polio-free and to promote the need to go the last mile in the battle to eradicate this horrible crippling disease. Find out more about the torch, and how it inspired members of a new club in Afghanistan, in [Luke Beer's post for Rotary Voices](#), and [register today](#) to join the torch in São Paulo.

The registration fee for members of Rotaract to attend this year's convention has been reduced to \$70 through 15 April, after which the price goes up to \$130. Register today to join your fellow Rotaractors in São Paulo, and connect for good!

What makes Rotary Convention so memorable every year are the connections you make with friends from around the world. Create new bonds as you chat with fellow Rotarians in the House of Friendship or rekindle old relationships with a night on the town in exciting São Paulo. Lasting memories and friendships await you!

That's why we proudly invite you:

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



The credentials for your club's voting delegates at the 2015 RI Convention in São Paulo, along with reference materials, will be emailed to your club by the end of this month. An email will be sent to club secretary, president and club email address, if available. Please print out the credential certificates and give them to your delegates.

Duplicate certificates will not be issued. If your club does not receive its certificates or is unable to print them out, please issue a letter to your delegates, preferably on your club's letterhead, indicating the delegates' names and your club's membership total as of 1 January. This letter, signed by your club president and secretary, will be accepted in lieu of the certificates at the convention's voting credentials booth.

To ensure that the Rotary email is not rejected or filtered as spam, please add rotary_international_sar@microdgc.com to your club's email account as an approved sender.



Rotary International is preparing the 2015-16 Official Directory of Rotary districts and clubs. If you have not already done so, please submit the names of your club's incoming officers by the end of this month. The information is needed so that RI is able to correspond with club officers and to send club invoices. Please submit or verify this information:

- Names of 2015-16 president, secretary, executive director/secretary (if you have one), treasurer, Rotary Foundation chair, and membership chair
- Only the first three positions are printed in the Official Directory
- Current officers who will remain in position for the 2015-16 must also be reported for them to appear in the Official Directory
- Club officers' contact details, such as mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone and fax numbers
- Club's meeting details: place, address, day, and time
- Club's phone number
- Club's permanent email address, if you have one

A permanent mailing address where all club officers can receive their mail, if you have one

You can submit the information either in www.rotary.org [My Rotary](#) (sign in and select Club Administration under Manage) or by emailing it to data@rotary.org. If your club uses a software vendor or local database to submit membership data, update the information through that vendor or local database. If your club's vendor or database is not included in Rotary's [list of data integration participants](#), use one of the options mentioned above to submit your information.

Also, note that as of 2014-15 RI year, club secretaries must report incoming club officers to RI by 1 February, under a change in the Rotary Code of Policies. Thank you for helping to keep Rotary's records current and accurate.

MARCH WAS LITERACY MONTH

Did you know... Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



CART

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust
A program of The Rotary Clubs in Southeast US



Dr. Allan Levey

Emory University's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center will receive a transformational donation to support advanced research into early detection of Alzheimer's disease. The Goizueta Foundation is committing \$25 million toward research aimed at fundamentally changing the way Alzheimer's disease is detected and treated.

Dr. Allan Levey, recipient of the first CART grant in 1999, is the Director of Emory's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC). Dr. Levey currently serves on the three-person Scientific Review Panel that reviews projects for the 2015 CART Fund grants.

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 March 2015**, here is where the clubs stand in CART giving for a total of **\$31,042.87**:

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	Burke Sunrise	\$46.41



Now 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

Thank you for your ongoing support of RYLA!!

100% PAUL HARRIS CLUB-CONGRATULATIONS!

The **Rotary Club of Haywood** has achieved a rare distinction within the organizational ranks — having a club where every member is Paul Harris Fellow. Each of the 29 club members is a Paul Harris Fellow. DG Gary Bray, who attended the special recognition ceremony, said of the 50 Rotary clubs in the district, only "eight are 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow clubs."

The club is one of three in the county. Members consider their group a "working club" because of the dozens of projects and events organized annually. The club members work with the school system, visiting elementary schools in the east end of the county on Dr. Seuss' birthday to read and provide books to those in kindergarten. The club also organizes a palm printing event in the schools, helped organize the Community Kitchen in Canton, participates in the United Way Day of Caring, helps with the Salvation Army Christmas bell ringing, provides scholarships, recognizes Rotary students of the month, to name a few activities.

Ten club members were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows for the first time: Kris Boyd, Joy Garland, Diane Robinson, Charles Boyd, Angie Franklin, Patrick Smathers, Matthew Underwood, Beverly Brock, Jeff Lee and Tina Tuten. All received a certificate, a pin and a medallion.





The **Rotary Clubs of Franklin-Daybreak and Franklin** hosted a 110th Anniversary of Rotary International with a party at the Post & Beam restaurant at Mill Creek Country Club in Franklin, NC on March 5th. The social included over 75 Rotarians from both Franklin clubs, the Sylva club, the Highlands club, and the Highlands-Mountaintop club. Members enjoyed lots of food and fellowship while remembering the events of the past 110 years of Rotary.

The Blowing Rock Town Council approved the Rotary Gazebo Project at its meeting this week. The current gazebo in Memorial Park is over 40 years old and deteriorating. The new gazebo will be about twice as wide and should be complete by Memorial Day. **The Rotary Club of Blowing Rock** is contributing \$40,000 to the project. An effort begun during Jim Clabough's year as President, it will be called the Rotary Gazebo. Jim (now an AG for D7670) has been instrumental in getting the project funded and underway. The club's funds were made possible by selling Horse Show Ads and their annual auction.



The Rotary Club of Blowing Rock collected \$2,250 to purchase ShelterBox repair kits for the people of Vanuatu, whose homes were destroyed by winds



up to 180 mph when cyclone Pam hit the South Pacific island nation earlier this month. These funds will go a long way toward the recovery effort in Vanuatu. *Thanks, Rotarians, for your generosity.*



Hickory Mayor Rudy Wright, along with Carolina Cycle Challenge Supporters, presented a large check to Levine's Children's Hospital on Wednesday, March 11th at the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building in Hickory. It's important news, because this is the type of story that people like to hear— it's about people, businesses and organizations working together to help children that have cancer. Families never forget the pain, but always remember people and communities that help them get through each day.

For the event, there were 700 riders, over 400 volunteers, 32 food vendors, three bicycle routes, one of 10 miles, one of 32 miles and a 55 miler, all with volunteers covering the route and 50 plus volunteers putting in over 100 hours each to plan, organize and control all aspects.

Six Rotary Clubs with over 350 Rotarians supported and sponsored the event. \$53,000 net new dollars were raised. Most of the funds were donated by local businesses and individuals. \$14,000 matching funds were provided by The Leon Levine Foundation. Total available for research is \$67,800. Funds were awarded directly to the Levine Children's Hospital for Pediatric Cancer Research, led by renown Childhood Cancer researcher Dr. Peter Anderson and others. The money raised through the 10-32-55 mile bike rides in October exemplifies the giving spirit of the Hickory/Catawba County community.



On March 5th, Rotarian Alice Courtland provided an informative presentation to the members of the **Rotary Club of Spruce Pine** about Rotary's Child Protection Program. She said that Rotary International has emphasized its commitment to protection of youth by adopting a Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth: "Rotary International

~strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse."



The Rotary Club of Burnsville recently installed two new members. From left: Peirce Bingham, club president, Chris Shirlin and Dona Edwards and AG O'Neal Shelton. At the same meeting, President Bingham presented AG Shelton with a check for \$350 for The Rotary Foundation. *Way to go...Burnsville!*



"Rotary Has Heart" at the **Rotary Club of Marion**. For six weeks members brought food donations and at a recent meeting Emily Miller, with Manna Food Bank, presented the program and in turn was the recipient of

the donated food. This is one project that will be repeated!



From left are Pastor Reece, Lilly Bunch, and Michael Sineus

Guests recently at the **Rotary Club of Lenoir** were Jonathan Reece and Michael Sineus who spoke on the Haiti Mission Project. This project is an ongoing ministry serving the needs of Laffiteau, Haiti, in participation with Real Love Ministries Intl., churches, civic groups, corporate entities and individuals. The HMP helps to meet the social and spiritual needs of this impoverished area.



Artie Shields, Kathy Vinzant, Brooke Sherrill and Ed Lindsey

The **Rotary Club of Lincolnton** celebrated its newest Paul Harris Award Recipients at a February meeting. Kathy Vinzant *second from left* was recognized for her commitment

and service to the community through Rotary and the United Way of Lincoln County.

PDG Harry Brogden with Rotary President Dr. Steve Austin. Brogden received his pin for six multiple contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Jerry and Evelyn Cochrane...both are Paul Harris Fellows. Jerry presented Evelyn with her pin at the meeting.



Membership & Attendance for February 2015				
Clubs in District 7670				
Club	Members	Members	YTD-Chg	Average Attend%
	6/30/2014	Current		
Arden	16	18	2	79.41
Asheville	152	133	-19	66.98
Asheville Breakfast	38	46	8	60.57
Asheville-Biltmore	31	31	0	71.15
Asheville-Metro	13	16	3	85
Asheville-South	43	36	-7	57.94
Asheville-West	20	21	1	91.6
Avery County	20	15	-5	60
Black Mountain	51	55	4	67.01
Blowing Rock	59	60	1	83.44
Boone	18	18	0	55.88
Boone Sunrise	47	51	4	67
Brevard	37	38	1	83.02
Bryson City	23	25	2	77.08
Burke-Sunrise	20	20	0	83.93
Burnsville	0	8	8	53.13
Caldwell County	14	13	-1	100
Cashiers Valley	48	47	-1	61.46
Catawba Valley (Conover)	29	31	2	81.72
Clay County	13	12	-1	100
Denver/Lake Norman	59	62	3	94.49
Franklin	81	89	8	69.42
Franklin Daybreak	33	39	6	87.8
Granite Falls	16	16	0	84.38
Haywood County (Canton)	26	28	2	93.48
Hendersonville	170	159	-11	60.35
Hendersonville-Four Seasons	25	34	9	82
Hickory	145	144	-1	64.47
Hickory Sunrise	20	22	2	82.93
Highlands	88	86	-2	96.51
Highlands-Mountaintop	26	25	-1	43
Lake Hickory (Hickory)	77	74	-3	78.11
Lenoir	77	70	-7	81.72
Lincolnton	81	82	1	92.63
Lincolnton - Sunrise	17	17	0	96.5
Madison County	44	39	-5	80.77
Marion	63	63	0	82
McDowell County	11	16	5	31.25
Morganton	54	54	0	65.54
Murphy	28	28	0	59.5
Newton-Conover	75	70	-5	64.29
Pisgah Forest	39	40	1	81.57
Rutherford County	17	15	-2	48.89
Sherrills Ford-Terrell	13	17	4	66.13
Spruce Pine	35	36	1	70.59
Sylva	61	61	0	76.88
Tryon	72	66	-6	72.41
Valdese	38	40	2	66.25
Waynesville	96	95	-1	85.86
Waynesville-Sunrise	13	10	-3	85
Totals, Avg. Attendance:	2292	2291	-1	74.62%
50 of 50 clubs reporting				

The **Rotary Club of Lincolnton** and the **Rotary Club of Lincolnton-Sunrise** is preparing for its 22nd Annual Auction for Education on April 17 & 18, 2015. Contributing items is one way you can help. The other is by attending the Auction for EDUCATION, held in the James W. Warren Citizens Center. You will find Food, Fun, GREAT DEALS, and select items that are only available if you join us in person. The auction is televised on Charter Channel 191 and streamed live on the internet if you cannot attend.

Donated items, goods or services such as vehicles, trips, homes, consumer products, accommodations, merchandise, food certificates, professional services, game tickets, and countless other items are sold during our televised auction, silent auction, and café. The goal is to assist Lincoln County residents to continue their education by attending a post-high school educational institution or trade school with low interest Rotary student loans.

The Rotary Club of Hickory-Sunrise's 2nd Annual Rotary Jam "Jamming at the Beach" was held February 14th at The Crossing at Hollar Mill in Hickory, NC. Music was provided by the Fantastic Shakers. Proceeds from the event will go to fund scholarships for deserving local students at Catawba Valley Community College.



The **Rotary Club of Highlands** this year marks 70 years of Service above Self in their community and the world. As part of the celebration they are sponsoring their 26th annual golf tournament on May 4, 2015, at the historic Highlands Country Club. The course was designed by Donald Ross and was the summer course of Bobby Jones. The day begins at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start with lunch and refreshments on the course. After golf, Rotarians, their families and guests are invited for light refreshments and drinks from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the day's winners and the club's 70th anniversary. Get a foursome together and come join the club for a fun day of golf on a beautiful course. \$150 entrance fee per player.

Contact Joyce Baillargeon
 (jbaillargeon@highlandscountryclub.com, phone 828 526-0501 or 828 421-3551) or Slocum Howland
 (wshowland@aol.com phone 828 526-9097) for an application form.

Recently, Rotarian Carole Bartol arranged for members of the Foothills Music Club to give a performance for the **Rotary Club of Tryon**. Pictured are (l-r) Carole Bartol, Rotarian and member of the FMC, Karen Molnar, Mimi Child Traxler, Jeanette Comer, Fran Creasy, and Jeanette Shackelford, President of the Foothills Music Club. Not pictured are Elaine Jenkins and Meryt Wilson.



The Rotary Foundation was the topic of a recent meeting of the **Rotary Club of Caldwell County**. Several club members

have reached milestones in their giving to the Foundation. (l-r) Rotarians David Gray, Seth Nagy, Kay Crouch, Bruce Cannon and Bill Sproul all were recognized for new Paul Harris milestones. Crouch designated her husband, Patrick, as a recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow. Sproul designated his wife, Suzanne, as a recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow.



Six Russian leaders spent two weeks in Hickory examining social issues related to substance abuse. **The Rotary Club of Hickory** hosted the delegation. They were sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center, a support agency of the United States Congress.

The visiting delegates are Aleksy Borzov, Deputy Chief of Expert Work at Ivanovo Regional Narcological Clinic, Anatoly Dernov, Deputy Chief Engineer at Institute Giproagrotehprom., Sergey Povasaris, Head of the Daytime Drug Treatment Hospital at Ivanovo Regional Narcological Clinic, Valeriya Rodinova, Clinical Resident at Ivanovo State Medical Academy and Lyubov Zubareva, Teacher-Psychologist at Apelsin Child Development Center. Natalia Pavlova from Moscow accompanies them as a facilitator. While in Hickory, the delegates met with directors of treatment facilities and several local agencies to develop a better understanding of how we approach social issues related to substance abuse in our community.