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A note from Governor Scott

The Holiday Season is upon us, and with that much joy...and stress. Let us choose to be a positive influence on all, mindful of other's faiths and traditions, while honoring our own. Let us choose to remember our blessings, be quick to forgive and resolve to continue our legacy of service. Let us choose to be leaders, *People of Action*, determined to earn the *Presidential Citation*...humbly knowing this is simply the map that makes our clubs stronger.

Recently I was asked if "I am counting my days now that official club visits and the *Foundation Banquet* are done"? Absolutely not...we have too much to do. The Holiday Season is an opportunity to reflect, to catch our breath, to touch each other's hearts. New Years is the signal to charge...having *Decided to Make a Difference*.

We expect the second half of the Rotary year to see many *Tree Plantings*; the positive effects of new *Membership* strategies; challenges met for *Polio*, *C.A.R.T.* and *Annual Fund* giving; a massive increase in *Rotary Direct* usage, and welcoming new *Paul Harris Society* members; and members taking advantage of so many *Rotary Opportunities*.

As we say good-bye to 2017, and welcome 2018...may all your wishes come true. Let's all have a happy, impactful and prosperous New Year...First Lady Judy and Governor Scott.

Reminders

Treasurers must send club members' contributions to The Rotary Foundation by **December 15, 2017** so members can legally deduct their charitable donation on their 2017 tax return. (It takes The Rotary Foundation several weeks to accept and enter contributions, particularly at the end of the calendar year).



Club elections results are due **December 31, 2017**.

All members, but particularly Presidents, President Elects and club officers, please **register for Mid-Year Assembly and Pre-PETS** on February 10, 2018 at UNC Charlotte Center City, 230 E Ninth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

To be eligible to receive a District Grant, your club must attend **Grants Training** on March 3, 2018, at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 19920 Bethel Church Road, Cornelius, NC 28031. Any club member may represent their club, but preferably the Foundation Chair, President and/or President Elect.

President Elects, please register for **PETS on March 15-17, 2018**, at the Sheraton Greensboro.

Update *Rotary Club Central* whenever a goal is achieved, or project completed.

Past District Events

November was **The Rotary Foundation Month**...and our **Foundation Banquet** was attended by a full house of Rotarians and Guests on November 17 at the Ballantyne Hotel. We heard District Grant success stories; recognized Rotaract service and clubs; were informed, entertained and inspired by Past Rotary International President Rick King; and honored our newest **Arch Klumph Society** member Mrs. Marian Smith (Immediate Past District Governor Tom Smith's mother).



Every month is time to begin using **Rotary Direct** (forms can be found on DACdb under Files, DG Scott Van Der Linden 2017-2018). And, if you are able, give more than the minimum...even become a **Paul Harris Society** member!

Upcoming District Events



Joint All Cub (District) Conference

Celebrate the Rotary year, learn from club's success', get inspired for the new Rotary year...and have some fun. Join clubs from District 7680 and 7750 in Charleston, SC, May 18-20, 2018.

Have some ideas? Want to help? Contact Erika Erlenbach at erika@mcintoshlawfirm.com or 704.507.9005.

The Rotaract Monument and Rotaract Turns 50 Conference

Rotaract's 1st club was chartered at UNC Charlotte on March 13, 1968, (now 10,563 clubs throughout the world).

The Rotaract Monument dedication is part of the international *Rotaract Turns 50 Conference* in Charlotte, featuring Rotary International President Elect Barry Rassin and other RI dignitaries, the weekend of June 1-3, 2018.

Be a part of history and **contribute** to *The Rotaract Monument* or **sponsor** the *Rotaract Turns 50 Conference*.

The Rotaract Monument, contact Bill Whittaker at 704.339.9862 or bwhittaker@wbbatty.com.

Rotaract Turns 50 Conference, contact John Luebke at 980.422.3574 or john.n.luebke@live.com.





Kilimanjaro Climb to End Polio Now

Beginning July 19, 2018, Team 7680 will once again be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds to End Polio Now...immediately followed by a Safari to the great Serengeti (during a lunar eclipse!).



Interested in making history? Contact Mike Walker at mwalker@stephens.com or 704.589.2754.

Club Projects and Events-Under Construction

Contact information may be found on DACdb

District Leadership

Governor	Scott Van Der Linden
Governor-Elect	David Hare
Governor-Nominee	Beth Trotter
Immediate Past District Governor	Tom Smith, PDG
Governor's Aide	Bill Burnham
Secretary	Wally Olson
Treasurer	Phil Volponi

Finance

Chair	Bob Wilson, PDG
Chair-Elect	Luther Moore, PDG
Chair-Nominee	Allen Langley, PDG
Immediate Past Finance Chair	Chris Jones, PDG

Foundation

<i>Chair</i>	Joe Morris, PDG
<i>Global Grants</i>	
DDF Grants	Sean Gautam
Audit & Stewardship	Tom Harmon
Grant Treasurer	John Blair
Funding-Annual Fund	Bryan Cochran
<i>PHF & PHS, through Rotary Direct</i>	
Funding-Permanent Fund	Don Morris
<i>Benefactor, Bequest Society & Major Gifts</i>	
Foundation Banquet	Maha Gingrich
Major Donor/PHS Cruise	Betty Kernizan
Peace Center/Fellowships	Sharon Heinrich
Polio	Carly Little

International Services

<i>Chair</i>	Ineke Wilson, PDG
Youth Exchange	Karen Steffens

Membership

<i>Chair</i>	Glenn Hood, PDG
Attracting	Travis Vance
Diversity	Kasper Mingo
Engagement	G. Mike Walker
RLI Coordinator	Georgia Oakes
Trainer	Mark Markanda, PDG

Club Services

<i>Chair</i>	Cathy Bentz
All Clubs' (District) Conference	Erika Erlenbach
Alumni	Patricia Shafer
	Taura Napier
Awards	Barbara Dresser
CART	Luther Moore, PDG
	Jack Setzer
District's 25th Anniversary	Ken Dresser, PDG
	Lois Crumpler, PDG
	Jim Stump, PDG
Family of Rotary	Jack Setzer
Governor's Installation Banquet	Curt Oliver
Historian	Mark Markanda, PDG
Newsletter	tba
Public Image/Public Relations	David Keith
Technology Help	Ken Dresser, PDG
	Jack Setzer

DACdb & Rotary Club Central

Webmaster	Lisa Perry
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Youth Services

<i>Chair</i>	Lorena Prince
Interact	Ryan Pegarsch
Rotaract	tba
Rotaract's 50th Anniversary	Bill Whittaker
	John Luebke
SFTL	tba
Youth Conference	Ineke Wilson, PDG
Youth Protection Officer	Lianna Rossman

Assistant Governors

Anson/Stanley/Richmond	Carly Little
Ashe/Alleghany/Wilkes/Alex	Duane Davis
Cabarrus	Dale Gentle
Cleveland	Suzanne Amos
Gaston	Fred Caldwell
Iredell/Rowan	James Mallory
Mecklenburg-central	J. Mike Walker
Mecklenburg-north	Kamlesh Chandan
Mecklenburg-south	Beth Trotter
Union	Nico Iannelli