



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Watching football over the holidays, I realized the Rotary year is a lot like a football game. As our Rotary year is beginning the third quarter, I hope half-time gave you the opportunity to rest, reflect and recharge for what lies ahead. Like a football team, we started this year with a playbook: our goals as individual Rotarians, as clubs and as a district. Are we where we need to be? No, because the game isn't over until time expires. We have a lot of time left in this year and regardless of what the score is now, the only score that counts is the final one.

We've learned a lot in the first half. For instance, when it comes to Membership we know we have to have both a good offense (Recruiting) and a good defense (Retention). If our team is going to be successful, then we need to make sure our special teams, Polio Eradication and The Rotary Foundation, are playing at their full potential. Our opponents, whose roster includes players with names like Apathy, Poverty and Disease, will be doing their best to keep us away from the goal line.

It's been said a good team always plays like it's behind, and that's exactly what we are going to do in the second half. As any good coach knows, it takes the entire team working together and doing their best to win the game. Have you done your best for the Rotary team? I'm asking you to look back on what you've done so far this year and determine how you can do more, for The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.



DG Alan Walters

Get you club featured in the next newsletter

Send an update on what your club is up to by emailing : rotary7770news@gmail.com Remember to identify everyone in photos and check the spelling, especially of names. Attach high resolution photos as separate files (not embedded in Word documents). Please send in your club update by the 15th of each month to be included in the next issue.

Alan Walters
District Governor
District 7770





Magnus Walker Briefs Rotary Club of St. Andrews On Recent Trip To South Africa

On Tuesday, 29 December 2009, Mr. Magnus Walker addressed the St. Andrews Rotary Club about his recent 6-week mission trip to South Africa. Walker is a native of the Columbia area and a senior at Columbia International University. He enjoys working with at-risk young people and hopes to become a youth pastor. Shown congratulating and thanking Walker (center) are Rotary Club President Scotty Griffin (left) and Program Chair Pete Sercer.

Bellune speaks to St. Andrews Rotary

On Tuesday, 5 January 2010, Jerry Bellune, Humanitarian, Rotarian, Leadership & Management Coach, and Editor Emeritis of "The Lexington Chronicle" spoke to the St. Andrews Rotary Club.

Jerry is the author of more than 10 books, including his most recent: Lead People, Manage Things, and Your Life's Great Purpose.

The goal of his 10-year project is to raise \$200 million to help the 43 million Americans who can't read or who suffer from dyslexia, autism, ADD and other learning challenges.

He is doing this through the sale of his books and through his speaking and seminar fees.

His primary message is that this should be a high priority in Rotary's commitment to service above self.

Jerry Bellune has been a successful entrepreneur and business owner for more than 25 years. He and his wife have owned and operated more than a dozen successful businesses. Jerry has been awarded numerous honors including the Sam Walton Entrepreneur of the Year award. He has been a globe-trotting journalist and award-winning editor and broadcaster, reported from the Reagan and Carter White Houses, the State Department, the Pentagon, the U.S. Congress, the United Nations and Lebanon, Israel and Egypt.

Jerry and his family own book and newspaper publishing companies, a seminar and training company, a consulting practice and a real estate investment firm.

He has been a Rotarian for more than 25 years and is president-elect of the West Metro Rotary Club. Jerry can be reached at JerryBellune@yahoo.com Pictured thanking and congratulating Bellune are Rotary Club President Scotty Griffin, (left), Jerry Bellune (center) and Program Chair Pete Sercer.



Spring Valley Rotary Sponsors Blood Drive

Start the New Year by donating blood.

The Spring Valley Rotary Club will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 27 from Noon to 6 p.m. in the Community Room at the Village at Sandhill. The Community Room is located next to JCPenney and across from the Village Bistro at 499 Town Center Place.

Rotary member Diane Howard said, "Only about 5 percent of the population gives blood, while approximately 70% of the population is eligible to donate. When asked why they do not participate, most people say they have not been asked, or it is not convenient. The Village at Sandhill's Community Room is a convenient location with plenty of parking and we hope that many will start off the New Year by giving blood in January."

Donors need to be 17 years of age and in general good health. Individuals who are 16 years of age can also donate with parental permission. High school students and others donors age years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

International President's Message

My fellow Rotarians:

January is the month the Romans associated with their two-headed god Janus: one head looking backward to the year that has just passed, and the other looking forward to the year ahead.

In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations. It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully.

I am sure there is much you can be proud of achieving in the last six months. In my travels, I have already seen how much Rotarians can accomplish when they are determined to do so. You have helped bring safe, pure water to those who lacked it, provided food and shelter to those who needed it, and assisted in the educations of those who could not read or write. You have promoted the ideal of service within a context of fellowship, friendship, and high ethical standards.

Rotarians are able to make changes that will shape the course not only of the months but of the years and decades that lie ahead. This is our privilege. It is also our duty as Rotarians – as caring members of society who are in the fortunate position of being able to help those living in conditions we can barely imagine.

So there is much to be done these next months. Do not waste a moment of that most precious commodity: time.

We are all volunteers serving in a volunteer organization. None of us was compelled to become a Rotarian; each of us chose, and was chosen, to become a member. Every year, every day, each of us chooses to continue the task we have begun, and to continue to put Service Above Self. It is not always the easy path, but I know it is the right one.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the Rotary service you have given, the service you are giving, and the service I know you will continue to give in the future.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International



EXTREME MAKEOVER FOOD DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Little River assisted with the Extreme Canned Food Drive in conjunction with the return visit of Extreme Makeover Home Edition to Horry County. The food drive will help restock food pantries through Horry County which are in desperate need of supplies. The goal is 100 tons of food which equals to around 33 large dump truck loads. As of date we haven't received the totals for such a wonderful cause.



Rotary Youth Exchange D7770 News:

The Applications Are In !

We have 9 Outbound Student Applications and 2 Short Term Applications from the following sponsor clubs:

THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO SPONSOR OUR DISTRICT 7770 OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

Beaufort Rotary Club (1 Long Term + 1 Short Term)

East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club

Florence Rotary Club

Hampton Rotary Club

Hilton Head Rotary Club

Hilton Head Sunset Rotary Club

Lake City Rotary Club

Charleston - St. Andrews Rotary Club (1 Long Term + 1 Short Term)

We need sponsorship from 1 more club for a long term student.

We are still waiting for Club Hosting Agreements for 2010-11.

If Your Rotary Club would like to host an Inbound student for the next school year (2010-11 starting in August) please contact Vicki Tatum, Chair RYE Comm, at dentistt@aol.com or 843-906-4746. We need 9 clubs for 9 Inbound Students.



University of South Carolina students awarded Rotary Scholarships

Congratulations to University of South Carolina students Marin Mueller of Plano, Texas, and alumna Karly Marie Miller of Cincinnati. Both have been awarded a Rotary International Ambassadorial Academic Year Scholarship for 2010-11.

Mueller, who will graduate in 2012 from South Carolina Honors College, is pursuing a double major in marketing and economics at the Darla Moore School of Business. She will use her scholarship to study in South Africa.

A May 2009 graduate of South Carolina Honors College, Miller earned a bachelor's degree in marine science and is a research assistant for Dr. Kirstin Dow in Carolina's geography department. She will study in Peru.

Mueller and Miller were sponsored by Rotary clubs in Rotary District 7770. Their awards bring the university's total of Rotary scholars to 79 since the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs was established in 1994.

Rotary is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program whose scholars further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas by encouraging person-to-person diplomacy. Academic-year scholarships, valued at \$25,000, provide nine months of study abroad for students studying disciplines that address humanitarian needs, including disease prevention and treatment, maternal and child health and economic and community development.

Mueller, the daughter of Roger and Phyllis Mueller, is a graduate of West Plano Senior High School.

She is a McNair scholar, a Lieber scholar and National Merit finalist. Vice president of the university's Honors Council, Mueller is the active district officer for Omega Phi Alpha service sorority, co-president of the Roosevelt Institute and a member of Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law society. Mueller, sponsored by the Columbia Rotary Club, will use her Rotary scholarship between her junior and senior years to study at the University of KwaZulu-Natal – Howard College Campus in Durban, South Africa.

Miller, the daughter of Karen M. Whitney and Bill Miller, is a graduate of Turpin High School in Cincinnati. A National Geographic scuba instructor for Columbia Scuba, Miller is the coordinator for an afterschool program, Science Quest, and is a tutor, outdoor educator and substitute teacher at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School. A recipient of the prestigious McNair Scholarship, Miller also received the Ocean Pals Scholarship and the S.C. Garden Club Babs Bernette & Hessie T. Morrah scholarships.

As an undergraduate, she was involved with SEAS (Students Engaged in Aquatic Science) and SAGE (Students Allied for a Greener Earth). She also received the S.C. Wildlife Federation Conservation Education Award.

Commerce Secretary Joe Taylor Briefs St. Andrews Rotarians on Economic Development To Include Boeing/Charleston

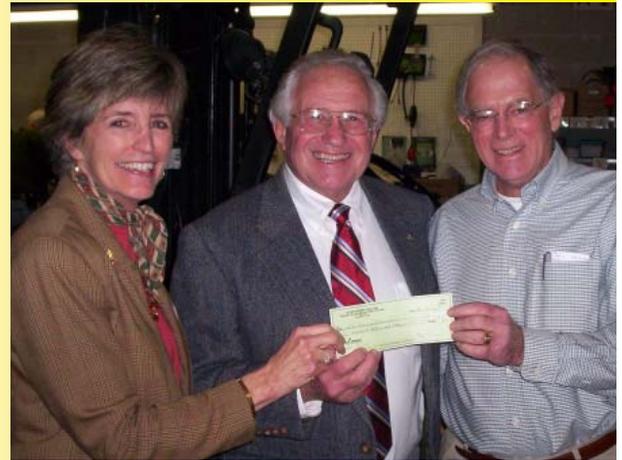
On Tuesday 12 January, Joe E. Taylor Jr., Secretary of Commerce, South Carolina Department of Commerce, spoke to the St. Andrews Rotary Club on progress in the growth of business and employment potential in South Carolina in 2008 and 2009. Joe is a life-long resident of South Carolina. While a student in college, he helped found Southland Log Homes along with his father. At age 25, Taylor became president and CEO and eventually built the company into the largest producer of pre-cut log buildings in North America. After selling the company in 2005, Joe retired and concentrated on real estate development and investing in start-up companies.

Joe has served on many boards of charitable and educational organizations. He is currently on the Board of Trustees at Wofford College.

Taylor was appointed by Governor Sanford to chair the South Carolina Jobs Economic Development Authority in 2003. In 2006, Governor Sanford asked him to become the state's first full time Secretary of Commerce.

Pictured from left to right : Sonny White, President, Midlands Technical College; Peter E. Sercer, Commissioner, Midlands Technical College; Joe E. Taylor; and Scotty Griffin, President, St. Andrews Rotary Club.





Recently District 7770 Gift of Life Program made a \$10,000. contribution to Water Missions International to support their work supplying clean water treatment systems in Haiti. This non-profit works worldwide and is founded & managed by Charleston Rotarians George & Molly Greene.

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Rev. Randall gives program on trip to Africa

Rev. Charles Randall of Saint Delight Association of Independent Ministries recently gave a program to the Little River Rotary Club on his annual trip to Africa. He has been traveling to this area for years and with his faith, love and determination he has made a difference in many lives. His Ministry has help young children with Aids; which without his support they would have never seen a physician.

Medicine given to the children have helped them in their day to day short lives.

He has also started up many churches even in non christian communities. We are very proud to have Rev Randall as a member of the Little River Chamber and also their Past President.



Under the leadership of Bob Ballentine (Picture Foreground), the Chapin Rotary Club has delivered 2670 dictionaries to 3rd grade students over the last eight years. Annually, the 3rd Grade Classes at Lake Murray Elementary, Chapin Elementary and Little Mountain Elementary Schools receive dictionaries delivered by the Chapin Sunrise Rotary Club.

Rotary District 7770 Offers Buy 1 Get 1 Free

Start 2010 by Supporting our Foundation and receive a Gift
A Gift of Foundation Recognition Points!

Receive 1 Recognition Point for every \$ You Contribute

50,000 Points Available!

This is a Limited Time Offer (See Details Below)

A group of very generous Rotarians in our district have again graciously donated a total of **50,000 Foundation Recognition points** to a District pool to be used to match individual contributions. The points will become available immediately and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. It is expected that all the points will be committed before the district conference. If any points remain after the conference, they will be available to match individual donations until all points are allocated or until **May 1, 2009**.

Clubs may find the available points useful to encourage “reluctant” club members to become Sustaining Members; to help the club increase its per capita giving for STAR Club status; or to help the club add Paul Harris Fellows to reach or maintain 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club status.

The following procedure will be used:

1. The Club Foundation Chair will contact PDG Kay Oldhouser Davis, our District Foundation Annual Giving Chair, via email (kayo@uscsumter.edu) indicating the number of points needed to match each **individual NEW contribution of at least \$100**.

2. If points are still available, PDG Kay will so inform the Club Foundation Chair who then will complete FORM 123-EN (contribution form available at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/123en_write.pdf) and mail it along with the donor's check to Kay. The Club Foundation Chair is advised to make a copy of the contribution form and check for his or her records before mailing. Kay's mailing address is:

60 Shem Cove South, Sumter, SC 29150

3. PDG Kay will then add the matching points to the contribution form; attach transfer forms as necessary; and mail the check and forms to The Rotary Foundation.

That's IT!



Rotary Inducts Another New Member - Randy Hodge

On 19 January, Randy Hodge was inducted into the St. Andrews Rotary Club. Randy is the Manager of Sportsman's Warehouse, located at the junction of Piney Grove Road and I-26, and is a native of Chattanooga, TN. He transferred to Columbia from Chattanooga 5 months ago and has worked for Sportsman's Warehouse for 3 1/2 years overall. Randy is married to Allison and enjoys hunting and fishing.

Pictured from left to right are new Rotarian Randy Hodge and Scotty Griffin, President, St. Andrews Rotary Club.

Columbian Henry Flowers, IV. Pursues World Championship of Public Speaking

On 26 January, Henry Flowers spoke to the St. Andrews Rotary Club about his upcoming competition at the Toastmasters International Convention.

Henry is originally from Detroit, Michigan, but while serving in the United States Navy, moved to South Carolina in 1993. He first heard about the Palmetto State when one of his ranking Officers referred to South Carolina as "a great place to get married and raise a family". Henry took that as a direct order and is now a husband and father of five.

In his "spare time", Henry is an ordained Minister, a Professional Speaker, Singer, and Songwriter. He is preparing to compete in the Toastmasters International Speech Contest, and spoke at the St. Andrews Rotary Club about his quest to become the 2010 Toastmasters International World Champion of Public Speaking.

Pictured from left to right are world champion public speaking contender Henry Flowers, IV and Scotty Griffin, President, St. Andrews Rotary Club.

