



News From Rotary District 7670



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Carol L. King, District Governor

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New Year's Greetings to Everyone!



Governor Carol King addressing the Mid-Year Assembly participants

Welcome to 2010, and welcome to Rotary Awareness Month. There is no doubt that this is truly a month when the world is keenly aware of Rotary and its service to the world. Surely we are all comforted as we watch TV and follow our Shelter Boxes as they become home for the people in Haiti. Surely we are all delighted that we will tell the story of Rotary as we call together our communities to package 1,000,000 meals for Haiti. Truly we will be proud to watch billboards all over the District ignite Rotary awareness about Polio eradication around the world.

We have an incredible story to tell and I hope that you are sharing this story over and over again. In fact, every Rotarian has a story that can be inspiring to share. This new year brings a good opportunity to renew inspiration for the rest of the Rotary year. Perhaps your club can ask members to share a personal story or experience that they have had because of Rotary.



January also marks the opening of registrations for our big year-end celebration – the District Conference in Stone Mountain, Georgia. We have structured pricing so that children come for little or no cost – I love kids!! (children under 5 are completely free!). We rehearsed our theme song at the Mid-Year Assembly – WE WILL, WE WILL ROCK YOU!! I hope you were there and enjoyed it! We are going to have a ball celebrating our own Rotary Awareness. Please go to the dacdb website to connect to the link at the hotel to register with the District. (**The link will be available shortly.**)



reserve your room and to

Something new this year.....it's time to make all Rotarians aware of your business and the services you provide. Beginning now!! We are beginning a Rotary Electronic Business Directory on our District website (www.rotary7670.org) . For either \$100 or \$250, you can open the doors of your business or profession to other Rotarians in our District. If you wonder how well this will work.....last month our site had 1,947 page views from 823 visits! PR efforts are vital to every business's continued growth and success. And using the Rotary Electronic Business Directory to find a business connection for you is following in the footsteps of Paul Harris. Look for the email blast that will bring you more details.

May this new year bless you with abundance.....and get you ready for Rotary's birthday party in February!!..... for indeed, **The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.**

*Yours In Rotary Service,
District Governor Carol King*



101st Annual Rotary International Convention Montréal, Canada, 20-23 June 2010

Learn!

With 50 planned breakout sessions and 40 interactive discussion groups, you will be able to receive: leadership training, sharpen your skill set, updates about Rotary programs and The Rotary Foundation, in-depth presentations on topics such as Malaria, Interact, Membership

development and more!

Be Inspired!

Listen to the personal stories of our four exciting plenary speakers:

- **Greg Mortenson**, best-selling coauthor of Three Cups of Tea, who helped develop 131 schools in war-torn Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- **Jo Luck**, president and CEO of Heifer International, an organization that has assisted 10.5 million families in 125 countries through gifts of livestock, agricultural education, and micro-loans since 1944
- **Bob Mazzuca**, chief executive, Boys Scouts of America, one of the largest leadership development organizations in the United States. In 2010, more than 4.1 million youth will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America
- **Dolly Parton**, international music star and philanthropist. The Dollywood Foundations Imagination Library and partners have been donating books to pre-schoolers since 1996.

Register and reserve rooms online: www.rotary.org/convention

ZONES 33-34 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Many past, present, and future District Governors were at GETS and the Rotary Institute Membership Seminar in Virginia. There we referenced Rotarian's needs, which were based on a formal study commissioned by the Rotary Club of Buffalo, and other less formal studies. We would like to do a more broad based study, so we have prepared a Membership Survey in which we would like to have as many Rotarians participate as possible. The purpose of this survey is to get individual Rotarians opinions on two major items: Why they are a Rotary club member and why membership in a local Rotary club is more meaningful than membership in other local civic clubs or service organizations.

The survey will close by midnight January 31, 2010, the results will be analyzed and a report will be posted before the President Elect Training Seminars, certainly before most districts' assemblies. Here is the survey link. To send out by email, all someone has to do is copy this link. You can take the survey simply by clicking on this link.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rotaryzones33_34_membership_survey

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me. However, only process electronic responses will be processed. If a non-computer user wants to participate, please have someone assist them using a different computer. The survey will not allow two accesses from the same electronic address.

Bevin Wall, PDG D-7730

Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator, Zone 33, 2008-10

P.S. Additional Note: As a service to Zone 33-34 clubs, this survey can be tailored for use by an individual club. If a club would like to do this, please have the club contact their District Membership Chair.

DISTRICT TEAMS AROUND THE WORLD

At the Dakar Doyen Rotary Club meeting, **Stephanie Jozefowicz, Ambassadorial Scholar to Senegal**, exchanged banners, using the Asheville Breakfast club banner that was sent to her from the Rotarians in her sponsor club. She reports It was a very nice banner exchange ceremony.



Clubs in the District are being asked to send one of their banners to the District Office to be sent to Stephanie.



Group Study Exchange Team Outbound to District 3810, Manilla, Phillipines. The team will leave on

February 20th and return March 21st. The team consists of Abigail Ijames, Sarah McMahon, Bill Biddle, *Team Leader*, and Stacy Guffey. Also pictured is Frank Dean, alternate team leader.

The Rotary Friendship Exchange Team pictured at their for their final orientation session. They departed on Wednesday January 13th and will return February 2nd. Their official RFE visit will be hosted by District 3060 in Surat, India. However, District 3060, in Jaipur is hosting a heritage tour of India as well as a visit to the Jaipur Heritage Girls Schools, the site for the TRF Matching Grant funded by several clubs in the District this year.



The team is composed of: Hamp and Kathleen Shuford, (Catawba Valley); Amanda Lindsay Shuford (Teenager); Dean and Ginger Lutz (Lincolnton SR); Rankin and Sandra Whittington (Lenoir); Billi Black (Franklin Daybreak); Steve Studebaker and Elizabeth Tait (Hendersonville Four Seasons); Jamie and Ann Van Harlingen (Franklin), Missing from the photo is Jamie Van Harlingen. AG Prakash Kishan, also pictured, will be joining the group at District 3060 District Conference.



Dr. Jeff Teo, the District's University Scholarship recipient has returned from his studies in China. He is available to make presentations at a club meeting. He can be contacted at: jeffteo@live.com or 828-669-8012



ShelterBox team on the ground: ‘There is no more Haiti’

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members Dave Eby (US), Wayne Robinson (US) and Mark Pearson (UK) are on the ground in Port au Prince, Haiti. The team arrived in the island’s capital on Thursday, January 14 and have already been in contact with government officials, ACTED and Rotarians in the country. The Response Team, who are completely self-sufficient, have set up base with the help of a Haitian Rotarian. Speaking from Port au Prince, David Eby said: “We’re working hard to resolve security, logistics and communications. The city is totally devastated. Our host told us, ‘There is no more Haiti.’”

With the need in Haiti growing each day, there are millions of people in need of emergency shelter.

The situation on the ground remains fraught with the damaged infrastructure in Haiti hampering the aid effort but ShelterBox is doing everything within its power to ensure aid reaches Haiti immediately. ShelterBox’s Logistics Manager Richard Lewis added: “We’re doing everything we can to make sure emergency aid reaches the people of Haiti. The situation is changing by the minute and we’re exploring every single avenue available to us in order to make sure the aid gets on the ground as quickly as possible.”

As of 12/31/09 the District had provided at least 14 new Boxes. This changed dramatically after the Haitian earthquake which occurred on 1/12/10. Since that moment, at least 16 more Boxes have been funded, with more support forthcoming from Clubs every day. For the latest news from Haiti and ShelterBox - please visit the Cornwall, England site at shelterbox.org or the US site at shelterboxusa.org to which we report and where our contributions should be directed to the address below. Please indicate that your gift is coming from a District 7670 Club!

ShelterBox USA
8374 Market Street #203
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

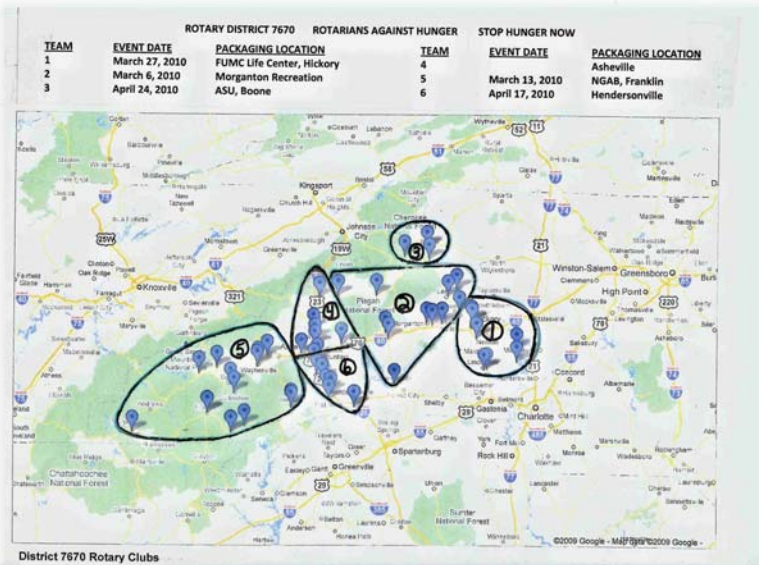
ROTARIANS AGAINST HUNGER GOES INTO ACTION

The District plans to package 1,000,000 meals within the next several months. The meals will be sent to Pastor Leon, who operates orphanages in Haiti, through the Stop Hunger Now program.

The clubs have been divided into six teams with packaging dates:

- Team 1-March 27, at the FUMC Life Center in Hickory;*
- Team 2-March 6, at the Morganton Recreation Center;*
- Team 3-April 24 at ASU in Boone;*
- Team 4-April 24, at a location to be determined in Asheville;*
- Team 5- March 13, at NGAB in Franklin;*
- Team 6-April 17, in Hendersonville*

Plan to be a part of these important events; invite high school students, Scout troops, church members, family members to participate. Many hands will make light work! And you can be a blessing to the folks who need your help.



What's happening in District 7670 clubs— JANUARY 2010



David Hartman, Mark Sisinyak (president), Vicki Biggers (NBMS principal) Christie Clark (NBHS counselor) and Ann Marie McBride school social worker during the presentation of gift cards valued at \$400 for needy families in the North Buncombe

area during the holiday season. The gift came from the **Rotary Club of Weaverville**.



"Rotary Mama" Ellen Whitesel closes out 2009 in style by sponsoring not one but two new Rotarians in the **Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest**— Dean St. Marie and Bob Coffin. They both participated in

the November Fill the Gazebo Food Drive before they were even inducted. President Mary Scott and Ellen welcome Dean and Bob into the club.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF...

When a mid-December storm foiled Christmas meal delivery plans for the **Rotary Clubs in Haywood County**, food boxes for families arrived in time for New Year's Eve. Members from all three Rotary organizations in the county met at the old Goody's building where Ingles Manager Jeff Henderson and a crew of about 20 volunteers had packed 398 boxes with a ham, vegetables, a bag of apples, sweet potatoes, rolls and dessert — enough food for a family of four.

Marshall Hall has been coordinating the Haywood Rotary Club's holiday giving program for the past seven years. "This was the largest number of boxes our club ever contributed," Hall said of the 125 meal boxes provided by the club's 33 members. Food boxes were \$27 each and Rotary members typically decide how many families they want to help and then contribute that much money.

Overall, the clubs contributed about 100 fewer boxes than in past years, but still came up with enough funds to provide 398 family meals. (Article taken from the *Mountaineer*, written by Vickie Hyatt.)



The **Rotary Club of Asheville's** medical/dental brigade in Honduras—a three hour bus trip to their destination.



They're growing the Family of Rotary! Jay and Nora Coan with their brand new baby Charlotte born in early January. Jay is a member of the **Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest**.



Reading is Fundamental project in which the **Rotary Club of Tryon** conducts three visits to Polk Central Elementary each year to promote reading at an early age. In addition, each student selects a book for his/her personal collection. Since inception, over 7,600 books have been given to the students. Although funding is available from Department of Education, the club is able to fund the full expense. *Pictured are Rotarians Carolyn Jones and Les Stobbe sharing interesting stories about selected books.*

The **Rotary Clubs of Asheville, Arden, Asheville-South, and Weaverville** are distributing dictionaries to all third grade students in Buncombe County. Happy faces—they own a personal of a book, many of which have never had a book of his/her own!



Rotary Club of Madison County members continue to find ways to help those in need within our county. Members have now partnered with a local church which coordinates a Backpack program within the county schools. Community members use food donated by Manna and fill bags each week so that hundreds of students can take home a few meals over the weekend "in their backpacks." Rotarians' role is to deliver those packets to the six schools in the county every Thursday morning after the weekly Rotary meeting.

Rotarians loading up food packets for the Backpack in Schools Program.



Four scholarship recipients presented progress reports at a recent meeting. The club provides \$1,000 each year to a student based on need and community service. They now have four students "in the pipeline" and all are doing well and appreciate the help that the scholarship money has provided them.

Scholarship Chair Neil St Clair and President O'Neal Shelton with the current Rotary Scholarship winners

The club added a new Paul Harris Fellow when Rotarian Neil St. Clair presented a Paul Harris Fellow to his wife Kay. Neil is a two time past president—in the Rotary Club of Madison County and also of the Rotary Club in Brownwood Texas. He has also served as the Foundation Chair and passionately believes in the Foundation's programs.

Kay St. Clair receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award from her husband Neil St. Clair



From Caleb Pick, Ambassadorial Scholar in Korea...

In November, I had the chance to meet Mr. Dong Kurn "D.K." Lee, the past president of Rotary International. When I went to his company's building, he ushered me into his private office, where we sat down on the couch and enjoyed a pleasant conversation over tea. Going into the meeting, I was intent on hearing his story rather than telling my own, but he continued to ask me question after question, making it somewhat difficult for me to ask him anything. Eventually, I did manage to get him to talk a bit about his story, although he ended up talking more about his family than about himself. I also had the chance to ask him if he had any words of wisdom to share with me. I found his response to be very insightful, and since then I have reflected on his words often. In the end, he spent nearly an hour and a half with me, and, in addition, he sent home a bottle of French wine for me to present to my host father. I came away from the meeting very highly impressed with Mr. Lee. This encounter was certainly one of the highlights of my time in Korea.

In December I was invited to attend the 2009-10 District Conference, D-3650 Rotary International at Grand Hyatt Seoul. I was honored to attend the conference and it was a good experience for me. My host counselor, Rotarian Kyung, invited me to join his family for Christmas lunch at a nice restaurant in southern Seoul. It was a very thoughtful gesture on his part. Thanks to him, I was able to enjoy a nice Christmas despite being away from home.

On January 6, I attended the Seoul Rotary Club's New Year's Meeting. Not only was I able to enjoy a delicious steak lunch while being treated to a performance of traditional Korean music, but I was also presented with the Paul Harris pin sent by my uncle Jeff Pick. I was invited by Rotarian Kyung to join him on January 12 for the New Year's Concert at the Sejong Center in the heart of Seoul. After eating dinner together at one of his son's restaurants, we were able to pick up the tickets. As some time remained before the start of the performance, we took a seat in the coffee shop, where we talked while drinking coffee. In this setting, Rotarian Kyung opened up somewhat and shared some of his personal history with me. His stories were fascinating, and I was glad for the opportunity to get to know him better. Moreover, the musical performances that night were spectacular. It was a lovely evening.

My winter session level 3 course in the Korean language center at SNU has been going very well. I can genuinely say that I enjoy going to school everyday, and I feel that I'm learning a lot. I have truly been having a wonderful experience, and I wish to send my sincere thanks to my sponsor Rotary club and District for making it possible.



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE
MARRIOTT EVERGREEN RESORT
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA
APRIL 30-MAY 2, 2010**

Registration information will be provided in the very near future. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.