



# News From Rotary District 7670



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Dr. David Sink, District Governor

May 2009



## Governor David's Corner

Remember your first baseball game? Walking up to the ballpark, going through the turnstile, an elderly gent tearing your ticket...you find the sign directing you to your section. Then you walk into a long, dark tunnel. As you come out, your eyes open wider than your mouth and your heart stands still. Before you, the most brilliant diamond you have ever seen. And, no matter how often you've since walked through that tunnel, every single time you emerge and see that ball field, it's your first baseball game all over again.

Many of us feel the same way when we visit the World War II Memorial, especially with our WWII veterans from western North Carolina. We approach the memorial in Washington, DC with our eyes and mouth open as we look at the bronze stars on the wall and explain with our veterans that each star represents 1000 soldiers killed in battle. And then we look at our veterans as they are approached by people they do not know thanking them for their service to our country. No matter how often you walk around the WWII Memorial, every single time you emerge and see the memorial for the first time and again with a flood of emotions.

On May 30, the Rotary Clubs of western North Carolina sponsored the fourth HonorAir flight for veterans in our service area to go to Washington and see the WWII and other armed services memorials. The Rotary Club of Asheville funded three flights and the town of Hendersonville sent six charter planes to DC before the Rotary Clubs adopted the program.

Our veterans were met in DC by General Peter Pace, joint chief of staff, Col. Jim Ayes, Senators Bob and Elizabeth Dole, and a host of volunteers. Jeff Miller, the founder of HonorAir, was there to mingle with our veterans. The flight was dedicated to Charles Waldrop, a veteran from Arden, who passed away before the flight. Hundreds turned out to greet our veterans on the return flight to Asheville. Many veterans expressed appreciation for the trip and especially the reception upon returning home. Special thanks to the many Rotarians who went as guardians and to Bob Haggard, Bill Miles, John Palmer, Bill Bass, and Cindy Causby for their leadership on the trip.



DGE Carol King plans to have two more Rotary sponsored HonorAir flights next fall. The dates are October 3 and 31; however, Rotary Clubs must commit by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009, if the second flight is going to be scheduled. Let's support these two October flights and thank our veterans for the freedom we enjoy but take for granted. Please contact John Palmer of the Roptary Club of Asheville if your club would like to support some veterans for the October flights. John can be reached at 828-254-3035 or via e-mail at [jpalmer@palmercompanyinc.com](mailto:jpalmer@palmercompanyinc.com).

If we use baseball as a metaphor for life, then this May 30, Rotary HonorAir flight was a home run.

Our Rotary Joint District Conference at Myrtle Beach has come and gone since our last newsletter. By most all measures it was a success and for that we owe a very special thanks to all Rotarians who helped with the conference, but especially Jerry Liedl of the Rotary club of Hendersonville who served at the event as our conference chairman.

With two districts sharing the same event there are always moving parts creating opportunities and challenges. One of the casualties of a joint conference is not enough time for recognizing the clubs in our district for their outstanding work during the year. The trade off is to meet and spend time with Rotarians from District 7680, the greater Charlotte area, which used to be a part of our district. Granted we were short on trophies due to the budget shortfall but we were long on friendship and Rotary sharing.



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We congratulate our top three clubs for the year: *Asheville (best large club)*, *Pisgah Forest (best middle size club)*, and *Hendersonville Four Seasons (best small club)*.

Half of our clubs earned the 2008-09 Presidential Citation and more than half of our clubs received the Governor's District Distinguished Club Citation. For the first time our district received a Presidential Citation for a Rotaract Club. Special congratulations to Western Piedmont Community College Rotaract Club and to their sponsor, the Rotary Club of Burke-Sunrise.

Since our district conference we have received notice that four of our clubs were awarded the Rotary International Best Cooperative Projects Award. They are the Rotary Clubs of Pisgah Forest, Cashiers Valley, Hendersonville, and Asheville.

Two additional activities at the district conference deserve notice in this newsletter. They are our PolioPlus Car Raffle and our contribution to the Myrtle Beach Salvation Army for the fire victim relief fund.

Our PolioPlus Car Raffle resulted in gross sales of \$84,727. With costs of \$47,947.84 for the Corvette, printing tickets and sales incentive for two clubs, we were able to net \$36,779.16 for the polio challenge. By adding \$10,000 from our District Designated Funds we were able to give \$46,779.16 to the polio drive. This amount is in addition to the clubs giving \$1,000 each. Special thanks again to Mary Scott Christfield of the Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest for her second year of leading this effort for our district.

Rotarians from both districts contributed \$858.35 to the Myrtle Beach fire victim relief. Captain Gary Sturdivant of the Salvation Army acknowledged with sincere appreciation the contribution from the two Rotary districts.

In addition to our HonorAir flight on May 16, we also had a district assembly for membership and training of new club officers. I know DGE Carol King joins me in thanking PDGs Chuck Reiley and Jim Efland for their leadership with this district assembly.

We now look forward to the 100<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention on June 21-24 in Birmingham, England. If I don't see you in England, I'll see you in the June newsletter.

Yours in Rotary Service Above Self.

**DG David**

### VIEWS FROM THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

And the winner was.... Charlie Reep, Rotary Club of Catawba Valley!



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### Rotarians,

2008-2009 has been District 7670's most successful year in our affiliation with the Wheelchair Foundation. Our district partnered with the Atlanta district to send five containers (1,400 wheelchairs) to the Caribbean. 100 of those were then forwarded on to Bogota, Colombia for distribution.



Frank Dean and parent

We were the first district in the world to receive a container (100 wheelchairs) of specially modified wheelchairs for children that suffer with spina bifida. A team of seven, including District Governor David Sink and District Governor Nominee Ed Walcoff went to Medellin, Colombia for a distribution during December 15–19. (Spina bifida is an affliction where spine grows outside of the body.) It was an incredible event!

Next we will be traveling to Leon, Nicaragua. We are partnering with the Alaska Rotary district to send in three containers (840 wheelchairs). One of the containers will be going to Leon, where we will be involved with the distribution, and two to Masaya. The Rotary Foundation recently gave \$105,000 to assist with this project. The contract to begin production should be let by May 1. It typically takes 6 months from the time the production contract is let to the physical distribution.

We still need some help meeting our financial obligation for the project. For those clubs that have not contributed this year there is still time. A reminder that Paul Harris points are available for every dollar donated. You can send your contribution to Dr. Jon Grant, Wheelchair Foundation, 653 Pitcairn Drive, Foster City, CA 94404-3744. Be sure to include the RI form for receiving Paul Harris points, and be sure you put from District 7670 on the "from line." The points will be awarded after July 1.

After Leon it looks like we will be going back to Colombia. My point of contact in Bogota tells me the la Gobernacion de Cundinamarca organization has \$42,000 to assist in a joint project. We could be looking at 3-5 containers given the size of their contribution.

In closing I want to thank you for sharing this information with your clubs, and your continued willingness to support this district effort. Have an outstanding Rotary day!

*Frank Dean*

Wheelchair Foundation Coordinator

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### Information Resources for 2009-10 Club Presidents and Secretaries

**Are you aware that Club and District Support (CDS) staff serve as your primary contact at Rotary?** Staff can answer any question about Rotary as well as provide advice on club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations, and RI Board policy. Below are some important web resources to assist in leading and supporting your club in the year ahead.

- Learn the names and contact information of your CDS team members by using this web link: [www.rotary.org/ClubDistrictReps](http://www.rotary.org/ClubDistrictReps)
- Review a list of resources for club presidents and secretaries: [www.rotary.org/pressecreresources](http://www.rotary.org/pressecreresources)
- Make changes to your club's membership records at RI, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, print your club's SAR, pay your club's dues, and report next year's club officers using Member Access. Full instructions, helpful suggestions and frequently asked questions (FAQ) are found at: [www.Rotary.org/ElearningCenter](http://www.Rotary.org/ElearningCenter)
- Find helpful club publications, audiovisuals, forms and supplies: [www.Rotary.org/ShopClubPublications](http://www.Rotary.org/ShopClubPublications)
- Use the Club Presidents' Checklist, a monthly calendar for both presidents and presidents-elect, with reminders of club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation deadlines: [www.rotary.org/clubpreschecklist](http://www.rotary.org/clubpreschecklist)
- Consider adopting the Club Leadership Plan - a strategic planning tool based on the best practices of actual Rotary clubs: [www.Rotary.org/ClubLeaderPlan](http://www.Rotary.org/ClubLeaderPlan)

Rotary staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you need assistance.

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The **Rotary Club of Lenoir** recently enjoyed a program presented by four Interact students from Hibriten High School who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp in Brevard, NC last summer. The students, Priscilla Liu, Lauren Crouse, Megan Barrett, and Forrest Bartlett presented a video of the camp which emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and fellowship.

Priscilla, Lauren, Forrest, and Megan

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### ASSAULT ON THE CAROLINAS: 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BIKE RIDE

The Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest held the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assault on the Carolinas (AOTC) Bike Ride on Saturday, March 28. Once again, the AOTC featured three bike rides, a 100k (65.8 miles); 60k (37 miles) and 40k (25 miles). The route of all three rides took bikers down Country Club Road to Broad Street and through the intersection of Broad Street and Main Street. Dean St. Marie has ridden in several of the rides and says "it's really a spectacular site to see hundreds of riders go through town. The motion, the color, the chrome – even though the bikers are pretty quiet there's a lot energy, movement and cheering from the sidelines."

Although the weather was somewhat rainy, there were many riders participating in the event. They were offered a fantastic ride, a great meal and



the chance to see some spectacular scenery in the Carolinas. The 40k takes riders through the scenic river valleys and rolling hills of Transylvania County. The 60k tests climbing abilities on Walnut Hill – a 1.1 mile climb with grades reaching 15% - and then continues through the French Broad River Valley. The 100k has flats, rolling hills, the Walnut Hollow climb and 6-mile climb up Caesars Head, near the North Carolina and South Carolina border.

Assault on the Carolinas is made possible through the generosity of local sponsors: Sycamore Cycles, Poppies, Blue Ridge Bicycle Club, Hawg Wild Bar-B-Que, Hampton Inn, The Hub at Backcountry Outdoors, Drs. Krishinger, Root & Associates PLLC, Carolina Mountain Custom Homes – Linwood Custom Homes,

W. Simeon Cozart, III, D.D.S. and Conservation Advisors. With the money raised through the event, Pisgah Forest Rotary Club contributes to many local organizations such as United Way, Boy's & Girl's Club, Sharing House, SAFE, Volunteers in Medicine and Kids in Camp.

### The Rotary Club of Asheville-Breakfast

has established a program to assist the Asheville Police Department in completing "Child ID Kits" for youth to be utilized in the event of abduction. Over 350 ID kits were completed for children to assist in their identification in the event of abduction, which is a culmination of year long club effort to assist the Asheville Police Department staff with children specific programming. This outreach to children representing all of Buncombe County was done in support of RI President Lee's initiative to reduce "preventable childhood injuries or deaths".



Graduates of the Rotary Leaship Institute held at A-B Technical Community College on April 18th. Congratulations!



Deborah Ashley, Executive Director for the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce presented a program to the Rotary Club of Caldwell County. Her topic was a review of chamber activities and future plans for chamber members and promotional events for the county. Club member Ralph Prestwood arranged the program.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award  
District 7670

Hosted by The Rotary Clubs of Brevard and Pisgah Forest

**Camp dates: June 14-June 20, 2009**

Brevard Music Camp, Brevard, NC

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## Los Torres, Mexico Water Collection Project Phase I



The inauguration of a pilot drinking-water collection system which was installed via local Mexican Grant as prototypic of more to come. The Rotary Club of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico organized a Matching Grant partnership with the **Rotary Club of Tryon**, another four clubs in USA and Canada and the appropriate Mexican government entities to install these systems on as many homes as practicable in a village where only intermittent tank deliveries provide potable water. The only natural water source there has excessive flouride contamination which rots the teeth and bones of the inhabitants. This contaminent cannot be removed. However, during a brief rainy season lasting about 2 months beginning in June, rain water can potentially be collected and stored in cisterns for an entire years consumption.



The Matching Grant Application prepared by the six clubs was too late to be approved by TRF in year 2008 - 2009, so, to keep momentum, the Tryon club donated \$5,000 and the other clubs

contributed until a total of over \$20,000 of unmatched funds was collected. This money will permit approx. 25 collection/storage systems to be installed --- before the rainy season ends in July-August. The next phases will be dependent on the availability of matching funds from the Districts and TRF.

## Three new members have joined the **Rotary Club of Caldwell County** in recent weeks.



Standing left to right are the new members: Ryan Davis, co-Manager of the Lenoir Wal-Mart; Kaye Reynolds, Director of Economic Development for the City of Lenoir; Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for the Caldwell County Schools.



The **Rotary Club of Newton-Conover** saluted one of its own recently as it bestowed the club's highest honor on a man who has served the Catawba County community for more than 30 years.

During the club's annual Rotary Night, the club announced that Bobby K. Boyd was the 2009 recipient of the Vocational Service Award. The now retired director of Catawba County's Department of Social Services, Boyd spent 30 years working in "the business of offering hope to the hopeless."

Club Vocational Service Award Chair Stuart Terry stated "our recipient's efforts have resulted in the opening of five residential group homes for at-risk children; starting school social work and teen pregnancy prevention programs; opening an adoption agency; creating a Children's Advocacy Center; bolstering the Meals on Wheels program that operates with some 600 volunteers."

Moments after he surprised a fellow Newton-Conover Rotarian with the civic organization's highest honor, B. Stuart Terry got a surprise of his own.



The Hickory native, past Rotary president and recipient of the club's Vocational Service Award, Terry was honored with the club's William T. MacLauchlin Memorial Award. Named after a long-time physician and Newton-Conover Rotary charter member, the award is presented annually to a Rotarian who emulates the benevolent and caring nature of Dr. MacLauchlin.



During a recent meeting of the **Rotary Club of Caldwell County**, long time Rotarian Bill Sproul (right) recently committed to being a Rotary Benefactor. Past President Chris Biecker recognized Sproul for his gift to the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.



Throughout the world the battle to eradicate polio continues.  
**Help End Polio Now by texting "polio" to 90999 to give US\$5.**

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

- June 5-6-Zone Foundation Seminar
- June 21-24-RI Convention, Birmingham, England
- June 27th-DGE Installation, Renaissance Hotel, Asheville

*Club attendance reports are due on the District's data base by the 15th of the month for the previous month.*



*The Rotary Club of  
Asheville  
invites you and guest  
to the Installation Dinner*



*of  
Carol L. King  
as  
District Governor 2009-2010  
District 7670 – Rotary International*

*Saturday, June 27, 2009*

*Hospitality 6:30 p.m.*

*Dinner 7:00 p.m.*

*At the  
Renaissance Hotel of Asheville  
1 Thomas Wolfe Plaza  
Asheville, NC*

*\$25.00/person*

*RSVP*

*By June 15<sup>th</sup>*

*PO Box 1954*

*Asheville, NC 28802*

*Dress: Cocktail Attire*



Lenoir Rotary Club Members Chuck Troutman and Dr. John Davis are shown with local World War II Veteran Jessie Bowman who visited the club recently. Mr. Bowman is joining the upcoming Rotary Honor Air project that is taking a group of vets to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington. DC.

## Membership & Attendance for March 2009

### Clubs in District 7670

	Members 6/30/2008	Members Current	Average Attend%
Arden	22	19	78.89
Asheville	177	179	64.66
Asheville Breakfast	47	46	70.11
Asheville-Biltmore	22	27	60
Asheville-South			0
Asheville-West	25	21	82.11
Avery County	20	15	60
Black Mountain	71	76	81.37
Blowing Rock	77	77	77.68
Boone	39	40	46.25
Boone Sunrise	27	32	63.54
Brevard	50	44	92.27
Bryson City	35	30	85.83
Burke-Sunrise	31	34	84.87
Burnsville	11	10	78
Caldwell County	20	20	83
Cashiers Valley	67	56	90.18
Catawba Valley (Conover)	44	53	95.87
Cherokee	16	13	65
Cullowhee-Daybreak	26	20	45.71
Denver/Lake Norman	52	55	85.92
Fletcher	19	19	65.79
Franklin	63	66	81
Franklin Daybreak	45	51	92.43
Granite Falls	21	17	81
Haywood County (Canton)	42	38	84.77
Hendersonville	184	200	74.1
Hendersonville-Four Seasons	26	23	91.12
Hickory	171	167	82.18
Hickory Sunrise	34	31	80.47
Highlands	92	91	98.69
Highlands-Mountaintop	27	23	78.26
Lake Hickory (Hickory)	117	108	77.91
Lenoir	72	77	86.94
Lincolnton	89	93	76.7
Lincolnton - Sunrise	24	25	71
Madison County	46	46	64.67
Marion	66	67	86
McDowell County	21	22	76.36
Morganton	74	74	71.75
Murphy	41	45	68.4
Newton-Conover	78	74	76.61
Pisgah Forest	41	44	85.8
Rutherford County	13	23	98.33
Sherrills Ford-Terrell	17	14	80.36
Spruce Pine	29	33	80.3
Sylva	59	62	83.59
Tryon	88	86	78.01
Tryon-Thermal Belt	25	22	73.75
Valdese	47	46	69.56
Waynesville	124	125	85.05
Waynesville-Sunrise	21	22	93.34
Weaverville	18	17	75
Totals Avg Attendance:	<b>2713</b>	<b>2718</b>	<b>78.09%</b>
52 of 53 clubs reporting			

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**2009 RI Convention in  
Birmingham, England  
June 21-24**



*Cultural Scholar Rebecca Moore in Russia written to PDG Rick Howe:*

Well Richard, if you'll remember last time I emailed you, I said that I had made contact with Rotary. I went to some meetings. And I tried to get involved with their fledgling Rotoract. I gave a presentation to the Rotary proper, and then a separate one to Rotoract. I then was asked to help with their scholarship process. I don't want to only say negative things, but I haven't had the greatest experience with a lot of these Rotarians. The Rotarian that is meant to be my host Rotarian does not speak English at all. Also, he seems to have an alcohol problem. So I haven't really felt comfortable using him as a resource. Other Rotarians still seemed to be cold with me. So I tried to just involve myself in Rotoract. I tried to help them with their scholarship process, but then realized they weren't being totally honest with their scholar applicants. So while I have given my contact info to the scholars so they can contact me with questions, I have now also stepped back from the Rotoract.

I told you before that the director at my school is a Rotarian. He said that he would invite me to a meeting, but I've never heard from him again. He is also the guy who said that Russians are very busy and don't have time for me, so I don't feel comfortable approaching him. I am concerned that I'm not fulfilling my obligations, but I don't really know what to do. I know that Shirley said not to worry too much, but I just wanted to update you.

I return to the United States in July. One of my first stops will be Boone, so I can get a good start on my obligations at home. I look forward to sharing my pictures and stories. Even though some things haven't gone smoothly, I am really enjoying my time here and learning a lot. I moved to a new apartment that is by the bay. It's a beautiful location. The weather is getting better, and I learned enough in my class that I actually was moved to a higher level class! Today is Victory Day, the whole town is decorated for commemorating Victory in WWII.

I signed up to take the Foreign Service Officers Test in June. That takes place in Kiev, Ukraine, so I'll be taking a trip there soon. I'll see if I can stop into a Rotary Meeting there.

I hope all things are well in the High Country!

*Rebecca Moore*

*Rebecca will be available to do a presentation to your Rotary Club. She can be contacted through PDG Rick Howe: [howerd@appstate.edu](mailto:howerd@appstate.edu).*



A special invitation is extended to Rotarians to a special event being hosted by **Rotary Club of Hickory**, the World Premier of the play adaptation of Joyce Moyer Hostetter's novel *Blue* about the polio epidemic of Catawba County in 1944 and the building the emergency polio hospital that came to be known as the "Miracle of Hickory."

On **Thursday, June 4 from 6:00-7:15** the club will host a special fellowship event at Market on Main (335 Main Ave SW, Hickory). Heavy hors d'oeuvres, coffee and tea will be served, and a cash bar will be available. *Blue* author Joyce Moyer Hostetter will also be a special guest to answer any questions about *Blue* and its just-published sequel *Comfort*. Afterwards, everyone will go downstairs to the theatre at CAST (332 1st Ave SW, Hickory) to watch a performance of the play adaptation written by fellow Rotarians Guy Guarino and Lamar Mitichell. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.

The cost for the evening is \$20, a portion of which will go towards PolioPlus. Tickets can be purchased by calling either Guy (326-3817) or Lamar Mitchell(328-6000 x248). The play is suitable for the entire family, so Rotarians and their families are encouraged to come. Attendance is limited to 100 guests.

### **A Blooming Good Time!**

April marked an exciting time for the **Rotary Club of Hickory Sunrise**, as members

embarked on the annual fundraiser known as the rose project. Rose bouquets were sold to various businesses and organizations for Administrative Assistants' Day.

Each bouquet was comprised of a mixture of colorful roses. Member participation was great and we were able to sell an amazing 211 dozen bouquets!

A few dozen were left over, so they were donated, along with vases to local assisted living facilities.

The Club made a significant amount of money, all of which will be used to further support Club programs and initiatives that uphold the Rotary mission and values.



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### **Call for Applications**

The Rotary Foundation announces a call for applications for the 2010-12 Rotary World Peace Fellowships. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for these sessions is **1 July 2009**.

### **Program Synopses**

The [Rotary Centers for International Studies](#) program offers fellowships for master's degree and professional development certificate study fields related to peace and conflict resolution. Beyond academics, Rotary World Peace Fellows also gain practical skills in conflict resolution appropriate to their individual careers.

Each year, up to 110 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (60 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at seven Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with eight leading universities (centers offer master's degree unless noted otherwise):

- \* Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (professional development center)
- \* Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- \* International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- \* Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- \* University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- \* University of California, Berkeley, USA
- \* University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

### **You Could Be an Ideal Candidate**

Thirty-five former ambassadorial scholars and GSE team members have gone on to become Rotary World Peace Fellows. Your experiences as a Rotary Foundation alumnus could make you an ideal candidate to become a Rotary World Peace Fellow.

Please feel free to forward this announcement to friends and colleagues who may be interested in Rotary's peace programs. We appreciate your help and support as we train leaders to build peace.

For additional information, contact Shirley Browning, District Scholarship Chair, [scbrowning@bellsouth.net](mailto:scbrowning@bellsouth.net).

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### **CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

At their April 2009 meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees made the following decisions impacting the Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers programs due to the financial challenges presented to the organization by the global economic downturn.

#### **Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships, Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers:**

In April 2008, the Trustees agreed to offer Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers for the last time with the 2010-11 program year awards. This decision was intended to phase out under-utilized Educational Programs in comparison to the Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships. In order to better achieve such program objectives and streamline operations, the Trustees, moved up the phase out plan by one year. This decision will not impact Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary Grants for University Teachers already awarded by The Rotary Foundation for the 2009-10 program year. It will, however, impact current recruitment for these same programs for the 2010-11 program year in the following ways:

Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship applications in process for the 2010-11 program year may either be:

- (a) submitted to The Rotary Foundation by the sponsor district as an Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship application (provided the district has US\$25,000 in DDF available to award the scholarship for 2010-11 and the candidate is prepared to study abroad for one academic year, or approximately nine months), or;

- (b) returned to the scholarship candidate by the sponsor district with an explanation as to why the district could not endorse the application.

Rotary Grant for University Teacher applications in process for the 2010-11 program year may not be endorsed by the sponsor district and the application should be returned to the applicant.

*Brad Lauman*

Manager, Scholarships Department

Educational Programs Division

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

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## News from from Madison County...

Most of the latter part of the month of April and early part of May was dedicated to reaching out beyond our county. Each year we help out our club members by holding a fundraiser to match any \$50 donation to the Foundation so that the club can attain the EREY distinction of \$100 per member. Past President Neil St. Clair is a great benefit to this because he is the Drama Department chair at Mars Hill College. So, the club's fundraiser is always a Dinner Theatre with a silent auction. This year we had the pleasure of watching student-directed one-act plays which were truly entertaining. The silent auction included many hand-made items donated by our talented members. And, because of the success of the event, the club achieved its goal.

Among the four new Paul Harris Fellows the club will be adding this year is club president, Mary Colvin. Mary led the club enthusiastically and received two awards at the District Conference recognizing the club's activities: the Rotary International Presidential Citation and the District Distinguished Club Award. All of those activities were well-documented on the display in three methods: the display itself, a scrapbook and a PowerPoint presentation.

*President Mary Colvin receiving her Paul Harris Fellow medal*



Earlier in the month club members were busy back at home with two of those activities. Eleven Rotarians—the largest number ever to participate—gathered on a sunny, but chilly Saturday morning to clean up our portion of Main Street in their Adopt-a-Highway four times a year obligation.

*Rotarians gathered for Adopt-a-Highway*

And, the club was proud once again to sponsor World War II Veterans on the Spring Honor Air flight. This time they sent three of their local veterans who began their day at a Rotary-sponsored breakfast at a local restaurant. Rotarians had arranged for a sheriff's escort to the Asheville Airport and the crowd of Rotarians, family and local dignitaries gathered to cheer their departure. This event is one of the favorite activities of the Club and they are pleased with the continued support of our community in sponsoring these men.

*Sending off one of the Honor Air Veterans from breakfast*



*President Mary Colvin with the GSE team members*

The club enthusiastically welcomed the GSE Team from Chile with a potluck Barbeque the first night and another group dinner the second night which followed a long day of touring the county. Rotarians, local officials and business owners proudly showed off our county's treasures from the revitalization of the town of Marshall to the conversion of many of the farms from tobacco growing to organic farming and agri-tourism. We also count ourselves lucky to have the scenic stretch of I-26 through our county. The engineers on the team were impressed by a tour and talk by the chief engineer of the highway project. The team members and club members delighted in the cultural exchanges and we were treated to an impromptu exhibition of the native dance at one of the group dinners. All agreed that the GSE program is one of the more valuable ways to reach beyond our borders.

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### Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley

As the end of the school year looms large, the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley is pleased to have played a big role in how several Cashiers elementary school students feel about learning. It began when one of our members, Jake Shuler, learned at the 2008 RI Convention about a unique program that had been adopted by then RI President Wilf Wilkinson to increase literacy.

Jake brought news of CALS, or "Computer Assisted Literacy Solution", back to the valley, where it was picked up by the Cashiers club, working in conjunction with the Literacy Council and the Blue Ridge Education Foundation.

Though Rotary, CALS is available in school computer labs for \$80 per student. The program can continue for up to 18 months, providing students with all the time they need to catch up to grade level. The program has a remarkable success record. What's more, it's fun! 42 students at our local school have signed up, and after a month in the program, they are enthusiastic, eager learners.

CALS for Rotary clubs can be found online at [www.autoskill.com/rotarians/index.php](http://www.autoskill.com/rotarians/index.php). For clubs looking for an affordable and effective contribution to literacy in their communities, this is a terrific place to start.

The club invites everyone to attend Spring Fling this June. Scheduled for the weekend of June 13 and 14 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, this Arts and Crafts Show brings together artisans from all over the Southeast to display their wares at the beautiful Village Green Park in the middle of Cashiers. What better way to spend a sunny spring weekend than cruising through the Blue Ridge Mountains to a craft show in our quaint little town? Food is available, admission is only \$2, and while there, you can purchase a raffle ticket (or 3) for a 2009 Ford truck. Since the Cashiers Club is no longer sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> of July *Symphony Under the Stars*, the annual car raffle is now our premier fund raiser. Not interested in a truck? The tickets are also good for a 2010 Fusion, 2010 Taurus, or \$20,000 in cash. They are \$50 each or three for \$100. Those interested in purchasing raffle tickets but not attending the Fling can email [cashiersrotary@yahoo.com](mailto:cashiersrotary@yahoo.com).



left to right are: Lenoir Rotary Club Board Members: (front row) Dana Watson, Sandy Russ, Helen Hall, Mike Cogsdale, and Debbie Mason. (back row) David Manifold, Lee Chase, and Dent Sullivan.

Lenoir Allstate Insurance Agent Sandy Russ was recently awarded the Agency Hands in the Community Award for her commitment to volunteering in the community. With this award comes a \$500 grant from The Allstate Foundation for the Lenoir Rotary Club where Sandy volunteers.

"Allstate believes that it is very important for corporations to take an active interest in the communities they serve," said Allstate Field Vice President Cliff Butler. "Allstate is proud to support such a worthwhile cause through The Allstate Foundation, and this grant will provide much-needed support for the work of the Rotary Club of Lenoir."

Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent corporation funded by contributions from the Allstate Insurance Company. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations that seek to improve the quality of life in communities across the country.

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**The Rotary Club of Denver/Lake Norman** presented Sarah Gamble, Programs Manager for Junior Achievement Lincoln County, with a check for \$3,400.00. These funds were proceeds of our Annual Art Auction. The club participates in the program through out the year teaching children the Junior Achievement program. Presenting the check is Joe Lampron a fellow Rotarian and Junior Achievement Board Chair.

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The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has notified the District that the following has been awarded a 2009-10 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for studies abroad:

**Pick, Caleb Nathanael: Seoul National University, Intensive Korean Program, Korea**

The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program is currently the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program for university-level studies. Now is the time when most Rotary clubs are considering applications for 2010-11 **Academic-Year** Ambassadorial Scholarships (please note that Multi-Year and Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships are no longer available).

We are pleased that Caleb has recognized the value of studying abroad as Rotary "ambassadors of goodwill."