Dear District 7730 Rotarians,

Last night we hosted a gathering to bid farewell to the Uruguay GSE Team. New found friends from different clubs came to say a final goodbye. What a great experience it had been for them all! The young professionals and leader from District 4970 had a great experience in our area thanks to all the clubs that hosted them planning vocational and social activities for them. I think that it may have been a life changing experience for all. The Uruguayans were great representatives for their country and their Rotary District and we enjoyed getting to know them. Dave and I took the Team to DC last Wednesday through Friday to show them our capital which was beautiful with all the cherry trees in full bloom. Not even the wet cold weather stopped us from seeing all the sights. The Leland Club responded to their call for help in obtaining a special wheelchair to donate to a friend in need and today they loaded it up on the airplane along with their luggage. Thank you Josie and Mose Highsmith for all you did to accomplish this! This is how we Build communities and Bridge Continents!

Talk about communities... April 30th is Rotarians at Work Day. Let’s all work in our communities to help improve them and to show that Rotarians do care! I challenge you to select a project that you can do that day - clean ups, construction, beautification, tutoring, feeding the homeless... Perhaps several clubs can join in this effort. For more information on this worldwide program and what clubs are doing throughout the world see http://www.rotariansatwork.org/list.cgi. Let me know of your activities so that your club can be recognized for its efforts.

There are only three months left in this Rotary year. Has your club reviewed its goals for the year and what it has accomplished? Did you discuss the activities mentioned in the Presidential Citation? How much work have you done in the Avenues of Service? This is a test of the effective club dedicated to service and an aid in establishing your goals for next year. Has your club reached its giving goal for the Foundation and Polio? Sent it in?

Enjoy Spring!
Magda

Making our Clubs BIGGER, BETTER and BOLDER
2011
District 7730
Dates and Events

April 30  Rotarians at Work Day
Building Communities
(District-wide)

Apr. 22 - May 22  Outbound to Uruguay
(14-15 May: Uruguay
District Conference)

May 7  District Leadership Training
James Sprunt Com. Coll.
Kenansville, NC

May 21-25  Rotary International
Convention, New Orleans, LA

July  Club Visits Begin

July 16  District Governor
Installation Banquet
Highland Country Club
Fayetteville, NC

Aug. 27  Foundation Seminar,
Mad Boar, Wallace, NC

Nov. 2  Foundation Awards Banquet
River Landing Country Club
Wallace, NC

December Happy Holidays!

From the May 2011 Rotarian Preview
Digital version

It’s one thing to be able to preview what the
digital version of The Rotarian magazine will look
like starting July 2011 (or before).

It’s quite another to realize that a feature story is
on our own John T. Capps, Rotarian
Extraordinaire, RI Convention Sargent-at-Arms,
and member of the Rotary Club of Morehead City-
Noon, NC USA, in District 7730.
The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee has made a very compelling case for help with a great PR effort. For the past 33 years we have had a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, The Rose Parade. The Committee is responsible for that and they need our help. Every year the International Presidents of both Kiwanis and Lions ride on their respective floats. For the first time in Rotary history, RI President (2011-2012) Kalyan Banerjee plans to ride on the Committee’s January float. It allows all Rotarians to celebrate our achievements just as the New Year begins, to showcase Rotary, our mission, and attract new members at the same time. Since this is a unique opportunity to garner media attention it represents a higher PR value across the nation and around the world.

Magda has made a commitment to see if we could get 5 clubs from our District to give $50 each. That’s not a lot when you consider that the float is viewed by 300 million people worldwide! See what you can do. If you have any budget left for PR, consider helping with some of that, if no budget is available consider passing the hat at a meeting.

Check out their web site at www.rotaryfloat.org You can make a contribution directly at the site if you like. If you have any questions you can contact the Committee from their web site or at RoseFloat@rotaryfloat.org
The district is now in search of candidates within your local area to be considered for our $26,000 scholarship.

"The Rotary Foundation does some terrific things, not the least of which is the Ambassadorial Scholarships program." — Michael R. Whiteman, International Programs Director, University of Idaho.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors academic year scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

Please look within your community (colleges, churches and formal RYLA graduates) to find qualified applicants. Interested applicants must apply for The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships through their local Rotary club and can obtain the application materials for the 2012-2013 Ambassadorial Scholarship on the RI website at www.rotary.org and click on the Student & Youth icon.

Generous contributions from Rotarians worldwide represent a continued faith that today’s Ambassadorial Scholars will be tomorrow’s community and world leaders.

All application must be submitted by June 30, 2011 deadline to:

Vanessa Ervin
TRF Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair
198 Cinnamon Dr.
Hubert, NC 28539

vj.ervin@att.net
The Uruguayan Group Study Exchange Team from District 4970 departed for home very early in the morning of April 3rd after a whirlwind 31 days in District 7730. This Team, composed of three veterinarians and a biologist, and led by a publicist, made a presentation at the District Conference, visited local veterinarians, toured the School of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University and the NC State Department of Agriculture, discussed the breeding of world class Arabian horses, visited the Red Angus Cattle Farm in Bladen County, were escorted by our District 7730 Outbound GSE Team on several occasions, toured Holden Brothers Farm Market, saw a turf farm at Milligan Farms, visited with livestock farmers, toured Shelton Herb Farm, received a briefing on Wastewater Treatment in New Hanover County, toured Double Run Farm in New Hanover County, and Glenwood Zoo Farms and Riverworks in Onslow County, visited the NC Center for Marine Science and Technology and Open Grounds Farm in Carteret County, toured our nation’s Capitol, and addressed 15-20 Rotary Clubs in District 7730. They partied hard to the last day. They did not go home empty-handed. One of the Uruguayan Team Members, Gonzalo Simone, asked for some help in arranging for a wheelchair for a disabled acquaintance in Uruguay. The Leland Rotary Club arranged for a wheelchair and provided cash to pay to have it shipped home with the District 4970 GSE Team. Dozens and dozens of Rotarians had a direct or indirect hand in making the District 4970 GSE Team experience memorable while here in Southeastern North Carolina. To each Rotarian and spouse who were involved with the Uruguayan GSE Team, a BIG THANK YOU!!

The Group Study Exchange experience is memorable both for the visitor and for the hosts. This Exchange with Uruguay certainly measured up to this expectation.

Dave Baggett
D7730 GSE Chair
Our District has had a very good year for Matching Grants, with the following five being submitted to The Rotary Foundation:

1. A Matching Grant between the Wilmington Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Cochin Downtown (India) will fund a free-standing solar powered water purification system for schools and communities in Kochi, Kerala, India. The total project amount is $21,400.00.

2. A Matching Grant between the Red Springs Rotary Club and the El Vigia Rotary Club (Puerto Rico) will help provide specialized trumpets for the students of Juan Morel Campos Public Music School in Ponce, Puerto Rico. The total project amount is $13,352.00.

3. A Matching Grant between the Wilmington East Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Secunderabad Sunrise (India) will provide funding for a free-standing solar powered water purification system to a K-10 school and orphanage/community empowerment center in Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India. The total project amount is $13,900.00.

4. A Matching Grant between the Fayetteville Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Montevideo (Uruguay) will provide 100 wheelchairs to be used by the 50 Clubs of D-4970 for loan to needy persons. The total project amount is $19,606.00.

5. A Matching Grant between the Maysville Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria (India) will help set up and equip an Eye Hospital for Cataract Eye Surgeries in the village of Kakdwip. The hospital will provide eye care for 20,000 patients annually. The total project amount is $56,420.00.

"Your's in Rotary Service,"

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HOPE FOR HAITI!

It has been sixty-three (63) weeks since the largest natural disaster occurred in Zones 33-34; the earthquake in Haiti. As the world’s attention has shifted to the numerous other disasters that have since occurred, Rotary continues to do what Rotary does best...rebuild communities. The Rotary Foundation Haiti Donor Advised Fund raised $2,040,000. and has approved 69 projects for a total financial impact of more than $5,500,000. We are giving the people of Haiti a glimpse of hope by building and renovating schools, assisting in health initiatives, providing prosthetic limbs and more. There is so much more to do...so much more that we can do. So much more that we must do! As I travel our zones I hear from club presidents who say “I want to contribute-how can I help?"

We have posted on the Zone 33-34 website a complete list of all the projects that we are undertaking. Many of them need additional funding. Additionally, as the rotary clubs of Haiti continue to evaluate their challenges, we are getting additional requests. [http://rizones33-34.org/haiti.html](http://rizones33-34.org/haiti.html)

Please contact your clubs!!! Please direct them to the website. Please encourage them to adopt a project and fund any part of it. Please help us help Haiti.

Contributions can be sent to: The Donor Advised Fund for Haiti Earthquake Relief at The Rotary Foundation, or </nbsp;The Caribbean Partnership c/o PDG Phil Lustig 9937 Majorca Pl. Boca Raton, Florida 33434 (Please specify the purpose of the funds) THANK YOU!

From: John C Smarge [mailto:johnsmarge@raythemover.com]

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Newport Middle School...
Has Training, Gets Pinned, Becomes Certified and Chartered as a
Brand New Interact Club with 12 Members
Sponsored By the Rotary Club of Newport, NC
April 5, 2011

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David Sims Crawford, 46, son of Phil and Lynn Crawford of Kinston, passed away at home Thursday, March 31, 2011 completing a rich and full life filled with many cherished friends, family and memories.

Laurinburg President Elect Frank Ward. He died Sunday night at midnight. All members of the Laurinburg Rotary Club were honorary pallbearers; the Rotary Board members were active pallbearers. His wife had yellow roses for all of the Rotarians. He was awarded Paul Harris Fellow recognition in mid-March.

A great Rotarian of D7730 and the RC of Morehead City-Noon passed away Friday at home following a battle with cancer. PP Bill Goodwin was a passionate Rotarian and was a big supporter of TRF and RAD as well as all club and district functions. Bill was also a member of the VFW and was retired Air Force and Retired Secret Service. The passing of Bill has left a hole in our Rotary club and a hole in our hearts.

Cape Fear Rotary’s 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

May 2nd, 2011
Reserve Your Team Now!

Tournament will now be played at:

Cape Fear Rotary has always been known for providing a premier Golf Tournament and now the venue has been moved to Porters Neck Country Club, a Tom Fazio designed course. Only 44 teams will be allowed so register your team now while space is available. Breakfast, smacks, drinks and steak dinner will all be provided. Scores will be flighted so that each team will have a shot at a prize. Also raffle tickets and migliwads will be sold at the tournament. Golf Information Packages are available at our website, www.capefear Rotary.com

Contact: Steve Hall (910) 779-9227 or stevehall@shawmutestates.com

Please try to attend and support as many of District 7730’s club events as you can.

Send us your flyers, notes, pictures or anything about your club’s event and we will share with all through our newsletter

Send to: marilynadmin@gmail.com
March 28, 2011
Johnny Robertson
Foundation Chair, 2010-2011

We are at the ¾ point in our Rotary year with 9 months behind us and 3 months to go – the proverbial home stretch.

If we were in a perfect linear situation in our support of The Rotary Foundation we would be at 75% or more of our goal; but we are only at 48.5% or less than half way towards meeting our commitment. However, our District and our clubs have always tended to send in most of our funds to The Rotary Foundation in the last quarter and because of this we should not be alarmed.

That being said, we should not relax and say to ourselves, the situation is normal – nothing to worry about. Yes, there is something to worry about. We as Rotarians meet so many needs through our charity that we must move forward, not just reaching a goal but exceeding it so that we can make the world a little better and a little more caring. It is our mission, our duty to “do good in the world” through The Rotary Foundation and the main way we do this is with our financial support.

We have some all-stars who have already contributed 100% or more of goal: Burgaw, Elizabethtown, Fair Bluff, Fayetteville, Morehead City – Navigators, Sneads Ferry, South Brunswick Islands, Wallace and Wilmington.

Please encourage your club members at every opportunity to learn about our charity and to consider making a gift to support The Rotary Foundation.

Please see the added attachment on your email for the MCR report.

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From: Sebastian Vazquez [mailto:elestribocolonia@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 12:11 PM
To: Magda Baggett
Subject: Llegamos bien!

Estimada Magda & Dave,

hemos llegado todos muy bien. El viaje fue largo y agregamos 2 horas mas de retraso en Dallas (10 hs) total y tuvimos que correr para agarrar el siguiente avion en Miami.

Pero llegamos y estaba la familia y amigos de Rotary esperandonos.

Realmente debemos agradecerles por su trato, amistad y hospitalidad a todos los Rotarios del Distrito 7730 pues hemos vivido una experiencia sin igual. En nuestro equipaje vinieron muchos amigos y sentimientos desde North Carolina y entiendo que es realmente lo mas importante, esperamos haber colmado vuestras espectativas y den por sentado que desde ya haremos lo imposible porque nuestro GSE viva la misma experiencia en Uruguay.

Saludos fraternos.
Sebastian

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