A Time To Look Back, A Time To Look Forward
by Rick Carnagia, District 7710 Governor

One of my favorite songs is "Turn! Turn! Turn!" by the Byrds. I know this really dates me, as anyone born after 1980 probably has never heard of the song or the group. The song was written by Pete Seeger. The words are adapted from the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible. The chorus goes, "To everything (turn, turn, turn), there is a season (turn, turn, turn), and a time to every purpose, under Heaven."

During our District’s Mid-year Assembly on Feb. 9, we took time as Rotarians to look back at the first seven months of our year to see what had been accomplished. We also took time to look forward at the work still ahead of us.

The clubs and the district have accomplished much to date. The C.A.R.T. week in October was a huge success with more than $9,000 raised by the clubs in one week. We reviewed our efforts to bring in and retain members. The bottom line is we need to do a better job of retaining existing members and new members. At the end of January, our total membership growth for the District was a net ZERO. We are losing as many people as we bring in.

Angela Jamison, district public relations chair, presented a report on our PR campaign for 2012-13. Using funds from a Rotary International matching grant, we’ve been placing advertising on billboards throughout the District. We have also placed online banner ads on newsandobserver.com and WRAL.com and in the Sunday Work & Money section of the N&O newspaper. The website ads link to a landing page (www.joinrotaryNC.com) where potential members can learn more about Rotary. The goal of the campaign is to increase awareness of Rotary and to attract new members.

A significant accomplishment has been the completion of an up-to-date list of the active Interact clubs in the district by Dee Dee Heard. This was a herculean effort by Dee Dee.

What do we have yet to complete? The children’s book drive for our literacy project has been going well as more than 14,000 books have been turned in by the clubs. We still have work to do to reach our goal of 45,000. Please bring your 25 books to your club as soon as possible so we can reach our goal. Here are the other things we have yet to accomplish in our remaining 6 months of the Rotary year:

- Rotarian’s Against Drugs speech contest on March 3.
- Santiago Dominican Republic mission trip with 20 Rotarians leaving March 9 to construct 40 latrines.
- The Zone 33 Peace Symposium on April 5 in Chapel Hill.
- The District RYLA session on April 5-7 for high school juniors.
- The 2013 District conference at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree hotel on April 12-13 (see below).

Our number one goal this year was to Bring Peace Through Service. As the song says, "There is time for peace, I swear it's not too late.”

Hurricane Sandy Relief Trip
By Mack Parker, PDG and District Disaster Chair

In an effort for District 7710 Rotarians to become physically involved in the relief work for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, PDG Mack Parker led a team of volunteers to Union Beach, NJ, last week. Our contact in the area was District 7500 District Governor Joan Vas. DG Joan put us in touch with the Union Beach Borough Administrator Jennifer Maier. Jennifer assigned our work team to the Jersey Shore Workcamp Local Coordinator Bill Bechtoldt.

Bill directed us to a home in Port Monmouth, NJ, a few miles down the coast from Union Beach. The...
Christian, and Rotarian Steven Nelson

Joseph, sustained five feet of sea water in the downstairs area of their home during the storm. They were upstairs and were not physically harmed. The entire downstairs had already been stripped when we arrived, including all the installation and sheetrock separating the rooms. It was just a large open space with only the studs and outer walls remaining.

Our team arrived in Hazlet, NJ, on Monday, February 4th, worked on Bobbi’s home Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and returned to North Carolina on Friday, February 8th. We took photographs of how the home appeared before starting and after completion of our work. Visit our district website at www.rotary7710.org to review pictures.

After Picture: Peter Christian, Jason Woodall, Boyd Bennett, PDG Mack Parker, David Fraser, homeowner Bobbi, and Steven Nelson.

Rotarians Participate in Hilltop Home Service Day
by Randy Fraser, ADG Area 10

Area 10 Rotary Service Day was held at Hilltop Home in Raleigh on Saturday, February 2, 2013. A WhisperGlide swing was assembled and installed. Additional activity included touch-up painting. Also two storage cubes were assembled and shelves were installed in many rooms. Fifteen Rotarians from Capital City, Raleigh, North Raleigh and West Raleigh joined together to complete the projects throughout Hilltop Home. In addition, Rotary spouses, children and friends participated in the project.

The WhisperGlide swing was acquired with funds from the District Matching Grant program, contributions from the five Area 10 Rotary Clubs, and a private donation from Abbotswood at Stonehenge.

Diane P. Van Husen, Executive Director of Hilltop Home said: “The Rotary Volunteers were awesome and accomplished more than we could have hoped for in one day. We can’t wait for warmer weather so that we can put the WhisperGlide swing into service. The touch up painting and new shelves look great and the cubbies have been stocked with the children’s belongings.”

Hilltop Home is a private, nonprofit intermediate care facility that supports children with severe/profound developmental disabilities and medical fragility.

REALTOR Foundation of the Triangle Book Drive to Support Rotary

The REALTOR Foundation of the Triangle is holding a Book Drive from Feb. 18 to March 1. The drive is in support of 45 local Rotary clubs. The books will benefit reading programs throughout the Triangle and hundreds of low income children. Drop off new and gently used books for grades K-5 at Raleigh Regional Association of Realtors (RRAR) or another drop-off location (click here for locations).

Rotary Leadership Institute Generates New Class of Graduates!

Russ Andrews, District 7710 RLI Chairman

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots multi-district leadership and Rotary development program using facilitation in small groups to engage Rotarians and strengthen clubs. It offers a series of fast-paced interactive one day courses to refine a Rotarian’s leadership skills and increase his/her knowledge about Rotary. All Rotarians at
At every level of Rotary, and regardless of the number of years that you have been members of a club, are encouraged to take advantage of these courses. This is especially true for current and future club leaders.

There are three levels of courses, including Part I, Part II and Part III. Part I focuses on "The Rotarian"; Part II's focus is on "The Club"; and Part III focuses on "My Rotary Journey". Visit RLI's website at www.rli33.org to obtain more information and to register for future events in Zone 33.

There were a total of 36 students participating in the Cary January 19, 2013, RLI event that District 7710 host each year at Wake Tech Community College Western Campus. Twenty (20) of these students were from District 7710 and are listed below:

### Part I
- Matthew Kane, North Raleigh Club
- John Long, Clayton Club
- Chris Ratte, Crabtree
- Clay Stober, RTP
- Matt Vaughn, Crabtree Club

### Part II
- Moritz Beckmann, Morrisville Club
- Veronica Bent, Morrisville Club
- Eleni Christakos, Cary Page Club
- Shelton Ennis, Cary Kildaire Club
- Joe Gelm, Cary Central Club
- James Lovejoy, Cary Club
- Steven Nelson, North Raleigh Club
- Janet Rommel, Fuquay-Varina DT Club
- Kim Smith, Cary Page Club
- Patricia Sobrero, West Raleigh Club
- John Sperath, Apex Sunrise Club
- Barbie Tew, Clayton Mid-Day Club

(CJC: Central Johnston County Club; W RA: West Raleigh Club)

We extend our thanks to all the students for participating in this event. Congratulations to our graduates Richard Daughtry, Sherry Harris and Carole Meshot for completing all three RLI courses and receiving your pin! We forward to everyone’s continued service in District 7710.

**Two-Town Triathlon to Raise Funds for Polio Plus**

Submitted by Rotary Clubs of Fuquay-Varina

The Rotary Club of Fuquay-Varina and the Downtown Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club have collaborated to organize and offer the inaugural "Two-Town Triathlon" on Sunday, June 9th at the Kraft Family YMCA. Run at "Tri the Quay" in 2009, this triathlon has changed venues and the planning committee is very excited about its partnership with the staff at the Kraft Family YMCA. Individuals or TEAMS can register for this race at www.setupevents.com.

The race is part of the TriSports Series, and is designed for families and individuals who are new at the sport. Families are encouraged to register as a team, and the race encourages participation by youth as well as adults.

The Fuquay-Varina Rotary Clubs are currently looking for race sponsors. If you are interested in joining the race team as a sponsor of this event, please contact Rodney Jenkins at 919-601-4967 or by email at rjenkins1@wcpss.net.

**ZONE 33 Peace Symposium**

By PDG Mack Parker

Zone 33-34 Director Anne Matthews has announced that in honor of RI President Sakuji Tanaka’s Theme of "Peace Through Service", Zone 33 will be hosting a Peace Symposium on Friday, April 5, 2013. This event will be held at the Sheraton Chapel Hill. Visit our district website at www.rotary7710.org for registration information and to review the agenda.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation and Past RI President Wilk Wilkinson is the keynote speaker. Peace Fellow Amanda Martin, who is in Thailand, will share information regarding her work with refugees. Brian Julius, CEO of Speaking Books, will speak about his new book on Polio, which was written in collaboration with Rotary. Interact and Rotaract students will make presentations on how we can all make our world more peaceful.

I ask that you join District 7710 committee members DG Rick Carnagua, PDG Barry Phillips and me to have a great representation from area to support this important event. For see the promotional flyer, click HERE to view the more detailed information on our website.

**Annual Peace Forum ~ April 27th**

By Mary DePuew Kamm, D7710 Book Drive Chair

The District 7710 graduates are Carole Meshot (third from left); Sherry Harris (sixth from left); and Richard Daughtry (far right).
District 7710 Area 10 will host a Rotary Peace Forum featuring UNC/Duke Peace Fellows Jessica Butcher (Class X) and Beatriz Rey (Class XI) on Saturday, April 27th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 7506 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615. St Andrews is located across the street from Ravenscroft School.

The goals for the Forum are:
· To promote Rotary International’s Peace Center program within our District and join in RI President Sajuki Tanaka’s theme of “Peace through Service.”
· To meet a criterion for the President’s Citation thus meeting one of RI Tanaka’s goals for the district and individual clubs to host an event that is open to Rotarians and the public with a “peace theme.”
· To introduce the Duke/UNC Peace Fellows to a wide audience so their experience, current fields of study, and future ambitions are understood and appreciated.

For more information, contact Rusine Mitchell Sinclair at rusinesinclair@gmail.com.

Tri-ennial Council on Legislation
Submitted by PDG Barry Phillips

The next tri-ennial Council on Legislation will be held from 21st to 26th of April 2013 in Chicago. Your District’s representative will be PDG Barry Phillips.

At the last count there are 181 proposals for enactments and proposals to be debated and voted upon, 20 of these are from Districts in the USA of which 6 are from Zones 33 and 34. It is impossible to summarize all these but Barry has summarized a selection that identity the major issues that will be discussed (for the most part, these are proposed by the RI Board).

13-11: To revise attendance requirements
13-30: To allow clubs flexibility in structuring their weekly meeting
13-31: To provide for satellite meetings
13-54: To remove the limitation on the number of e-clubs in each District
13-108: To revise the Board’s authority to change district boundaries
13-117: To provide for a standing committee of RI for World Peace
13-120: To remove the travel reimbursement policy from RI Bylaws
13-126: To increase per capita dues
13-168: To consider designating RLI as an RI affiliate or as a structured program of RI

If any Rotarian has comments he/she would like to share with Barry, or would like more information about any of these proposals, please contact him at barryphillips2004@yahoo.com.

Submit Peace Fellowship Applications by May 1
By Rusine Mitchell Sinclair

The District 7710 deadline for submitting 2013 Rotary Peace Fellowship applications is May 1, 2013. The completed applications should be sent to Rusine Sinclair. Please email or call her at 919-518-1053 if you have any questions.

2013 District Conference
Empowering Young Minds Through Literacy

It’s time to get your registration in for the 2013 District Conference. Enjoy engaging speakers, great entertainment, and a chance to meet Rotarians from all over the District. You can still be eligible for prizes by registering now. Congratulations to Xavier Wortham, the winner of our drawing for a free conference registration!

Be sure to complete your registration March 1 to enjoy the discounted fee.