

New Heights! New Connections!

The above topic is how I want to describe our “All Clubs District Conference” this year. Where 210 people from our District 7670 gathered to celebrate our accomplishments in the year of Inspiration. There were 36 clubs represented and 22 new people who had never attended a District Conference before gathered with us in Greenville, SC, this past weekend. This All Clubs District Conference will go into the records as one of the best in the history of our District. Not only did we have an incredible line of speakers but also had fun speakers and treated ourselves to great dancers on Saturday night. In fact, a few of our members went onto the floor to demonstrate their dancing acumen.

Past Rotary International Director Brad Howard helped us to understand “Why Rotary” and also shared with us the “Tide in Rotary”. What a breathtaking speech Brad delivered to the conference attendees. Our own Sarah Leatham shared a personal and emotional speech about her climbing of Mountain Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. What about the receptions sponsored by two families for our AGs, PDG’s, and Presidents on both Friday and Saturday nights? A number of Rotarians were honored at the conference. Our Rotarian of the Year is Joan VanOrman of Pisgah Forest Club. DG Isaac described her as a “Deputy to the DG.

On top of the above, our District continues to celebrate the highest increase in membership - not only in percentage but in raw numbers in our entire Zone 33. We are #3 in Zone 33/34 combined. If the trend continues, this may be the first time we have an increase at the end of June in more than five years. What a great gift we can give DGE Tiffany Ervin!

We also learned at the Conference that the RC of Highlands, earned 1st place in our District, and was #3 in the world on “Giving Tuesday.” Two other clubs with 2nd and 3rd positions in our District are Asheville-Biltmore and Sylva clubs respectively.

The giving to CART is a new height also. Three years ago, we gave \$90K, last year was \$108K, and while the total number is not in yet, in 2018/2019 the number is \$114,030.

The total giving for the Foundation is not all in yet, however, we are likely to hit a record giving as well. We need you to continue to send your Foundation money in. Is your club one of those clubs without any contribution to polio? Please check with your president and make sure we have 100% contribution towards polio in our District 7670.

The Conference project this year was “Project Host” of Greenville, SC. Several cans of food were donated. Here is the message from the Director of Project Host. Please let everyone know how much we at Project Host appreciate the food donation. I went ahead and picked it up today... Seeing all those large cans will make our volunteers so happy! The cans of corn have come at just the right time. We have many food drives in November and December with an abundance of food. However, we ran out of corn a couple of weeks ago. This is perfect! “Please feel free to invite your members to come and join us one day so they can see who is on the receiving end of their donations. “

If you did not make it to Greenville for “All Clubs District Conference” we have the conference program to mail to you while supplies last; for a donation of \$10 dollars to polio. We follow the Four Way Test here! Finally, thank you for allowing Abigail and I to serve you in 2018/2019 Year of Inspiration. You are the Inspiration for your club, community, and our District 7670.



Your 2019 CART Contributions at Work!

The Roger Ackerman Grant - \$250,000 –
Dr. John Cirrito, PhD, Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis, MO



Grant - \$187,500 - Dr. Levi Wood, PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Grant - \$187,500 - Dr. John Fryer, PhD, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL



Grant- \$187,500 - Dr. Mark Albers, MD, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Neurodegenerative Disease, Charlestown, MA,

Grant - \$187,500 - Dr. Michael Khan, PhD, City of Hope, Beckman Research Institute, Duarte, CA



Rotary Young Leaders Academy (RYLA)

On a very recent weekend. 75 young leaders and 18 Rotarians/Rotaractors from the 22 counties of District 7670 gathered at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mt to share a potential life changing event – RYLA. The location was new, the format was new, and the time of year was different. Happily, attendance was at a seven-year high.

The young leaders experienced team building on the Alpine Towers, the Low Ropes, individual speaking opportunities, Archery, and Disc Golf among other things. One of the most popular sessions was ‘The Walk of Courage’ where all had an opportunity to discuss events in their lives which they might not have otherwise shared. They learned they were not alone in those experiences. They also made new friends with people from across Western North Carolina.

Throughout, Rotarian and RYLA guru John T. Capps provided continual enthusiasm reminding all that *Attitude, Commitment and Enthusiasm* are primary characteristics of good leaders. That message was reinforced by world renown motivational speaker Meredith Elliott Powell and Franklin’s own Jennie V. Sorrells.



Henderson County native, East grad John Whitmire honored with teaching award.

John is among 17 recipients of the 2019 UNC Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching. The Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching will be presented to John Whitmire during WCU’s undergraduate commencement that begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11.

Winners receive a commemorative bronze medallion and \$12,500 cash prize. Established by the Board of Governors in 1993 to underscore the importance of teaching and to reward good teaching across the university system, the awards are given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC campus. Winners must have taught at their present institution at least seven years, and no one may receive the award more than once.

John is a member of the RC of Asheville -Biltmore. *Congratulations!*



COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Council elevates Rotaract

The 2019 Council has completed its work. Among its most important actions, the Council elevated the status of Rotaract clubs, allowing them to join Rotary International the way that Rotary clubs do. The change is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from RI and to enhance their ability to serve. The Council is made up of representatives from each Rotary district, and meets every three years in Chicago, Illinois, USA, to review the rules that govern the organization.

Dues increase

As for dues, the Council approved a modest increase of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. The previous Council set dues for 2019-20 at \$34 per half year. With the increase, the dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half year in 2020-21, \$35 per half year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change it.

District Conference April 26-28, 2019

Congratulations to the following Clubs in District 7670-Governor's Award of Excellence:

- Best Small Club –Hickory-Sunrise
- Best Medium Club-Franklin Daybreak
- Best Large Club-Sylva
- Best Largest Club-Asheville



Margaret Gormley-Chapman Service Award presented posthumously to Jack McCaskill,

District Trainer and member of Rotary Club Catawba Valley



Betty Doll-New Emcee Talent!

Governor's District Distinguished Club Citation Award
 Brevard, Franklin-Daybreak, Hendersonville, Asheville-Breakfast, Denver/Lake Norman, Pisgah Forest, Sylva, Tryon, Asheville, Hickory, Franklin, Hendersonville-Four Seasons

Club with Highest Conference Attendance:
 RC of Asheville



Public Image Awards:
 Best Overall in District 7670—Sylva

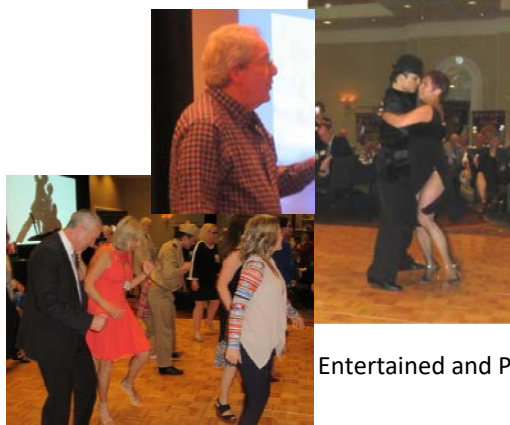
Best Public Image-Medium Club
 Hendersonville-Four Seasons
 Large Club -Sylva
 Largest Club-Hickory



Rotarian of the Year
 Joan VanOrman, RC of Pisgah Forest

CART AWARDS
Total Giving
 First Place...Franklin
 Second Place...Lenoir
 Third Place...Blowing Rock

Inspirational Speakers
 Brad Howard, John Locke, James J. Lah, MD, PhD, Sarah Leatham, Army Veteran, Blue Ridge



Per Capita Giving
 First Place...Arden
 Second Place...Hendersonville-Four Seasons
 Third Place...Murphy

Entertained and Participated



Friday Night-International Flair. Recognize this famous Rotarian?

We have a strong Foundation!



READY, SET, GO!



April 13 was the date of the Fiddlin' 5K Race/Walk for the Arts sponsored by the Rotary Club of Madison County. The unique name is derived from the almost 20 fiddlers along the route who entertain the runners as they pass by. The club members worked hard to promote the event and to have a smooth morning for the 202 entrants—a record number in the 6 years of this race. The club is fortunate to partner with Mars Hill University who allows us to set up the Start and Finish of Fiddlin' 5K on its beautiful campus.

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE!

On April 4, the Rotary Club of Marion welcomed DG Isaac Owolabi as a special guest. He presented to President Dennis Whitson a letter of congratulations for the club's 80th anniversary from RI President Barry Rassin and a certificate from himself as District Governor for this milestone in the club.



VETERANS GETTING READY TO GO

Rotary Club of Asheville members helped orchestrate the May 4 Honor Flight orientation session April 20 at First Baptist Church Asheville. The session helped prepare over 100 veterans for their upcoming May 4th Flight to Washington DC. The flight will include 5 WWII veterans, 4 Korean War veterans, and 90 vets from the Vietnam War.

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) Grants Committee Announces \$1 Million in Research Grant Awards for 2019. In the United States, the National Plan to address Alzheimer's has a goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's by 2025.



Denver/Lake Norman Rotary Club Partners with Lincoln Charter High School to Bring Clean Water to Families in Guatemala

The Rotary Club of Denver/Lake Norman had the honor to partner with Lincoln Charter School in Denver to bring access to clean water to families in Guatemala. Students in the Leadership

Academy at LCS Denver delivered an eye-opening presentation to the club on March 6th on the global clean water epidemic.

The school held a water walk spirit week to raise awareness and raised funds to purchase water filters for families in need. The week culminated in a water walk, where Rotarians from the club joined students in walking three miles from the school to a water access point to collect water in gallon jugs to be carried by hand back to the school for reflection and education regarding the global water crisis. 100 water filters will be distributed in Guatemala through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity Guatemala. Each water filter provides clean water to a family for two years impacting over 500 people in Guatemala.



LEARNING ABOUT OTHER FOLKS!

Emmanuel Manzano, right, an exchange student from the Dominican Republic, told members of the Rotary Club of Caldwell County about differences in his country and the United

States. He indicated that the Dominican Republic has more gold than any other country in the world. He plans to pursue an education that could lead to an acting career. Manzano is also an accomplished magician. He demonstrated his talents to the club members. Rotarian Bill Sproul, left, arranged the program .

*SAVE THE DATE!!!
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN
WITH OTHER ROTARIANS AND FRIENDS
TO HELP STAMP OUT POLIO NOW
ON
THURSDAY, MAY 23
5:30-7:30 P.M.
AT
ARCHETYPE ON BROADWAY
174 Broadway, Asheville
FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND PINTS
ARE REQUIRED*



Friday, March 28 was the Rotary Club of Franklin-Daybreak's annual spaghetti dinner. Club members cooked, sold tickets, packed to-go dinners, sat diners, and bussed tables. The spaghetti dinner is an annual fundraiser for a variety of activities in the community



The Rotary Club of Brevard helped install a new playground "The Family Place" in Brevard. On Earth Day, the club is planning to pick up trash along the route of the White Squirrel run.



The Rotary Club of Sylva recently distributed \$18,000 to area non-profits, which they will use to help the community in a variety of ways.

River Clean-up: Members of the club helped with the 35th annual Tuck River Cleanup, believed to be the nation's largest single-day effort to remove garbage from a waterway.



Cashiers Rotary Gets Its Hands Dirty in Highway Clean-Up

On Saturday, April 13, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley took to the streets, picking up trash and litter along Highway 107S. Club members, in their hard-to-miss orange vests, collected bags of trash and debris along the heavily-traveled route.

The club adopted the 2-mile stretch of road more than 10 years ago and performs trash pick-up two to three times a year. Participating Rotarians included: John Barrow, Steve Bucher, Barry Caponi, Emily Reback, and Don and Daphne Terrill.



Rotarians Support "We Are Hope" Week

The 5th Annual Hope Rx We Are Hope Week received a grant from the Rotary Club of Hendersonville, along with a matching grant from Rotary District 7670. "We Are Hope Week", April 8-12, is a partnership between HopeRx and students in Henderson County Public Schools' four middle and six high schools to take a public stand against substance abuse. Throughout the campaign, students at each school signed pledge banners and flags bearing the school's mascots and a pledge to be substance free.



LENDING HELPING HAND...

On Friday April 12th, the Rotary Club of Hickory-Sunrise once again served up lunch for veterans and volunteers at the annual Foothills Veterans Stand Down at Catawba Valley Community College, serving almost 500 meals. The Stand Down provided an opportunity for veterans to meet with VA personnel and County Veteran's Services Officers to talk about the opportunity to receive and apply for benefits. Other services included medical and dental care, mental health and pastoral counseling, employment resources, resume' assistance, and free tax preparation. Military surplus items available to veterans included boots, clothing, duffle bags and blankets.



ROTARIANS HAPPY TO BE AGAINST HUNGER

On Saturday, April 6th, several Asheville area clubs gathered for a day at Reuter YMCA in Biltmore Park for the Rotarians Against Hunger annual event. This is the 10th year of this effort led by Asheville-Breakfast club member Clay Mooney. Approximately 614 volunteers participated, packaging approximately of 215,000 meals, that is about 654 meal per minute.

Shrimp at the Farm—Saturday, June 30th
6:00-11:00 p.m.
Rotary Club of Asheville-Breakfast
Hickory Nut Gap, 57 Sugar Hollow Rd, Fairview, NC 28730

Club Growth for District #7670				
	01-Jul	30 April 2019		
Club Name (#)	2018-2019	#	NET	%
Arden (5995) #1	6	10	4	66.7%
Asheville (5996)	145	143	-2	-1.4%
Asheville-Biltmore (58266)	51	58	7	13.7%
Asheville Breakfast (23683)	52	52	0	0.0%
Asheville-Metro (84751)	13	14	1	7.7%
Asheville-South (81703) #3	29	39	10	34.5%
Asheville-West (6049)	17	16	-1	-5.9%
Avery County (29042)	20	25	5	25.0%
Black Mountain (5998)	54	57	3	5.6%
Blowing Rock (5999)	53	44	-9	-17.0%
Boone (6001)	12	12	0	0.0%
Boone Sunrise (23608)	51	55	4	7.8%
Brevard (6002)	25	26	1	4.0%
Bryson City (6003)	20	21	1	5.0%
Burke-Sunrise (55539)	21	20	-1	-4.8%
Burnsville (58596)	13	13	0	0.0%
Caldwell County (6004)	15	17	2	13.3%
Cashiers Valley (29349)	42	39	-3	-7.1%
Catawba Valley (Conover) (6005)	38	39	1	2.6%
Clay County (83934)	12	13	1	8.3%
Denver/Lake Norman (31056)	62	69	7	11.3%
Franklin (6013)	87	91	4	4.6%
Franklin Daybreak (50795)	37	40	3	8.1%
Granite Falls (6016)	17	14	-3	-17.6%
Haywood County (Canton) (6018)	27	21	-6	-22.2%
Hendersonville (6019)	141	140	-1	-0.7%
Hendersonville-Four Seasons (6020) #2	26	39	13	50.0%
Hickory (6021)	105	110	5	4.8%
Hickory Sunrise (54544)	24	26	2	8.3%
Highlands (6023)	94	97	3	3.2%
Highlands-Mountaintop (57907)	18	22	4	22.2%
Lake Hickory, (Hickory) (6022)	70	75	5	7.1%
Lenoir (6026)	84	81	-3	-3.6%
Lincolnton (6027)	74	76	2	2.7%
Lincolnton-Sunrise (55175)	20	26	6	30.0%
Madison County (64474)	37	49	12	32.4%
Marion (6028)	72	79	7	9.7%
Morganton (6035)	56	60	4	7.1%
Murphy (6037)	21	28	7	33.3%
Newton-Conover (6038)	62	56	-6	-9.7%
Pisgah Forest (50468)	59	60	1	1.7%
Sherrills Ford-Terrell (76222)	14	16	2	14.3%
Spruce Pine (6042)	36	37	1	2.8%
Sylva (6044)	59	60	1	1.7%
Tryon (6046)	57	64	7	12.3%
Valdese (6047)	37	37	0	0.0%
Waynesville (6048)	79	81	2	2.5%
Waynesville-Sunrise (24319)	17	16	-1	-5.9%
Total Member Count For District #7670	2181	2283	10	4.7%

EXCEEDS Governor Isaac's Goal

MEMBERSHIP TIDBITS April 2019

The Rotary 2018-2019 year is almost over; in fact, there are only two months remaining. How is your club doing with membership? Governor Isaac will recognize the clubs with the highest percentage of membership growth at the Foundation Banquet in November. That means keep recruiting new members and work on retaining your existing members. Make a call to members that have not been engaged and are in danger of leaving Rotary to encourage them to reengage. Attrition is real. Try to lower your club's attrition rate. Membership ends June 30, 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order again for all the clubs in district 7670! Our district remains the top district in the Zone with the highest percentage of membership gains. Rotary membership worldwide is 1,222,438 as of March 31, 2019, which represents a growth of 27,331, since July 1, 2018. As of April 15, 2019, the district membership stands at 2,278, which represents a growth of 97, since July 1, 2018. Twenty-one clubs have exceeded Governor Isaac's goal of a seven percent increase in membership. Additionally, a total of 32 clubs have growth in membership this year. One club has a 66% increase in membership, and eight clubs have a 20% or higher increase in membership. **Way to GO!** Please check the district membership chart to see where your club stands on membership growth.

The Rotary Club of Arden has a 66.7% membership growth this year. How did they do it? They did it by hosting a Discover Rotary Event. All their members invited potential members to the special meeting. The club presented information about Rotary and shared all the good that the Club is doing, and then most importantly they invited them to join The Rotary Club of Arden. It worked! They grew from six members to ten. **Way to Go! A 66.7 % GROWTH.**

*John Yermack
District Membership Chair*

ALMOST THERE...

Rocky Jacobs, Zone Coordinator for PolioPlus, reports...we are almost at \$1.4M in club contributions and District DDF transfers this year. Our per-capita average for the Zone so far this year is \$42.34. Our goals for the Zone this year were to break the \$2M mark again as we have the last two years, and to break \$60 in per-capita average in polio giving.

Our goal for Cubs was a \$1500 average in each District. We are close to \$1200 at this point. In the next two and one half months can we try to have just one more fund raising effort in each club in your district? If we can make one more coordinated effort in every club and district in our Zone, we can reach our goals and do our part to help eradicate the wild polio virus and keep the commitment we made to the mothers and children of the world when we began this humanitarian effort.

