

The Farmville Rotarian

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians;

January has been a successful fund raising month with the excellent efforts of **Jeff Smith** and **James Lyle**. Our cook-off raised over \$2,000 and was a hit with all those that attended. This event should grow in future years and has the potential of being our major fundraising effort. Thanks, **Jeff**, for all your hard work and additional thanks to all the Rotarians that cooked and helped run the function. Our success has the potential of being doubled with a matching grant from Wal-Mart, thanks to the efforts of **James Lyle**.

Another project initiated by **James** is the "Governor's Cup 500." We were just presented with a \$500 check from Haley of Farmville that will go into our scholarship fund. **Steve Cochran** and his team at Haley have proudly displayed the Governor's Cup during the month of January. The next leg of the Governor's 500 will take place at BB&T on South Main Street. Please plan to attend the passing of the cup ceremony after the club's weekly meeting on February 2nd.

This year's banquet is quickly approaching. Hopefully you have made plans to attend this event on Wednesday, February 15th at Hampden-Sydney's Crawley Forum. Remember that the social hour begins at 5:30 pm and will actually be an hour long. We are honoring two great individuals that have contributed much to our community and displayed the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self." We hope to make this a very special event for them and their families.

Mark your calendars for the Club Forum that will be held on March 30th. This will be a special meeting as we promote Rotary to our community.

Please consider individuals that you can invite that would make good Rotarians and encourage them to attend this weekly meeting. The success of our club depends upon our ability to attract and retain individuals that will be active in our clubs activities and enthusiastic to the mission of Rotary.

Membership is one area where all Rotarians should have active participation. The other area of active participation is The Rotary Foundation. Every member needs to commit to donating a minimum of \$100 per year to the annual fund. As Rotarians, we should not look at this as an option to give but as a requirement to give. Giving is easy; you can add it to your quarterly statement, write a check and give it to **Jim Neale**, or go online at <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org> and make a donation using your credit card. I encourage **every** Rotarian to make this a matter of urgency and support the Foundation through a \$100 contribution.

Let's move forward in service to our community!

Greg Cole

Be at BB&T after the meeting on February 2!

Don't forget – the next stop on the Governor's Cup 500 is BB&T Bank. We will be making the presentation after the Rotary meeting on Thursday, February 2!

Mid-Year Report – Club Administration Committee

By Wendell Barbour

This Committee's next step is to define what Club Administration is supposed to do since we are a new committee this year.



Treasurer's Report

By Jim Neale

Checking	5,560
Accounts Rec	2,984
Savings	11,966
Petty cash	<u>406</u>
Total Assets	20,916



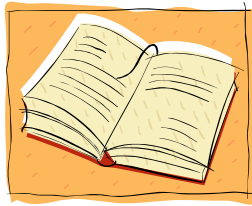
Rotary Radio Day money almost all collected.
Over \$2,200 for Celebrity Cook Off with money still coming in.

Major payments this month:

Katrina books	\$ 873.00
Kappa Delta Pi	320.00
Farmville/PE Library	2,000.00
Int'l and District dues	2,188.00

Perfect Attendance November 2005

Wendell Barbour	Kerby Moore
Laura Bayless	James Neale
Greg Cole	Annice Schuler
Dan Dwyer	Jeff Smith
Machelle Eppes	David Stables
Bill Frank	Karen Story
Paul Hicks	Bob Taylor
Jack Lee	Marshall Thackston
James Lyle	Que Wilhelmi
Jon Marken	



Provisional Rotary Club Started

District Governor **Bob Preston** declares the Rotary Club of Clarksville, Virginia a Provisional Rotary Club.

The club meets on Tuesdays, 7:30 am for breakfast at The Lamplighter, 201 Virginia Avenue, Clarksville, VA. All Rotarians are encouraged to visit. Remember that making up at a provisional club receives make up credit for their Rotary attendance.

The District anticipates charting this club before March 1st. Congratulations to Acting President **David McKee** and Governor's Special Representative **John Lenkey**, RC of South Hill, for their hard work in getting it formed.

Mid-Year Report – Service Committee

By Karen Story

Thanks to the donations and fundraisers, the Rotary Club has been able to service our community as follows:

- Donation to the Outreach Ministry for gift bags that were delivered to nursing homes
- Purchase school supplies for students
- Comfort Kits for Wounded Soldiers
- Christmas gifts for 15 children
- Participation in the Sandy River cleanup
- Donation to the Southside Family Learning Center
- Donation to the Farmville-Prince Edward Public Library
- Donation to pay the shipping cost of books going to Katrina victims
- Donation of books to replenish public libraries in the Gulf Coast
- Participate in the Salvation Army bell ringing
- Donation to Rotarians Against Hunger
- Vernon C. Womack "Service Above Self" scholarship

In the upcoming months, we will work with Clean Virginia Waterways and *Katie Register*, to educate our community on the importance of testing well water. Those attending the seminar will be offered a confidential water test completed by Longwood University and funded by our organization.

The service committee would like to come up with an additional water related project for our club. Please give us suggestions that you would like the club to consider.

February

Birthdays...

6th Joe Zehner
 7th Que Wilhelmi
 21st Katie Deaton
 24th Jim Parker



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Anniversaire*

...and Anniversaries
 18th Paul and Pat Hicks
 22nd Annice and William Schuler

Mid-Year Report – Publicity and Fundraising Committee

By Kerby Moore

The most important thing to come out of the meeting was the thought that in the future this should be two separate committees. Fund Raising is just so important, it should be a stand alone committee.

Public Relations: Our committee also liked the idea suggested by our recent guest speaker, **Nick Gesell**, immediate past-president of the South Hill Rotary Club: Invite a very "high profile" speaker once per quarter, if possible. At these meetings, we should invite (1) any members of the community who would specifically benefit from hearing the speaker and (2) the media as our guests. It was suggested a subcommittee be formed to coordinate this, should the Board decide to proceed in this direction.

Fund Raising: It was generally agreed that Rotary Radio Day has become kind of lame; however, it is our biggest money maker so until another project can be found to replace it, we'll have to stick with it. A strong concern was that some of the ads that were purchased never made it on the air. Granted, the donors probably do not care; however, as a matter of principle, this needs to be remedied. It was also felt that the Celebrity Cook-off has the potential to become our biggest fund raiser.

Mid-Year Report – Membership Committee

By Mable Shanaberger

One of the goals of the Farmville Rotary Club this year is to have a net gain in membership. As you know, we have lost and are losing some of our faithful members. Therefore, to achieve our goal, the Membership Committee is doing the following:

1. Obtaining additional copies of the pocket size handout, "What Is Rotary"
2. Updating the pocket size invitation to the Farmville Rotary Club meetings
3. Preparing an informational brochure specifically about The Farmville Rotary Club
4. Developing an updated classification of the Farmville Rotary Club members
5. Encouraging members, as they go about their daily activities, to look for persons who would be good Rotarians

Mid-Year Report – Rotary Foundation Committee

By Jeff Smith

We need to find out where everybody in the Club stands in relations to their giving to the Foundation in order to determine any that may be close to becoming Paul Harris Fellows. **Jeff Smith** will request a copy of the Foundation report from **Jim Neale**.

Educate the Club about the importance of the Rotary Foundation. **Jeff** will present regular Foundation Minutes during meetings. Distribute brochure "\$100 from every Rotarian Every Year" to members.

Potential inducement for donations to the Foundation:

1. Paul Harris Fellows get preference in going through the buffet line
2. Special table for Paul Harris Fellows
3. Reserved parking for meetings
4. Matching donations
5. Challenge
6. Special raffle

February Programs

- February 2 **Bill Dorrill**, *Dr. Scott Cole*, Joint conference between HSC & LU in honor of Jamestown's 400th Birthday
- February 9 **Rick Mazzuto**, *Janet Grubbs*, LU Lacrosse Team
- February 16 **No Meeting – Banquet on Wednesday, February 15!!!**
- February 23 **David Stables**, *Dr. Tim Pierson*, Update on Longwood's long range planning

February Menu

- All lunches are served with salad bar, assorted cookies or dessert and non-alcoholic beverages.
- February 2 Grilled Pork Chops with sauteed onions & gravy, Baked Ziti with Marinara Sauce, Buttered Sweet Corn
- February 9 Fried Chicken, Vegetable Stir Fry, Asian style Sugar Snap Peas
- February 16 – **No meeting! Banquet on Wednesday, February 15!!!**
- February 23 Beef Stroganoff, Cheese Ravioli, Country Style Green Beans

Highlights of January 12, 2006 Board Meeting

For part of our water projects, we will donate \$2,000 to Clean Virginia waterways for 100 well testing kits and \$500 for education of clean water. The Service Committee will look at RI web-site to determine if there is a way our club can help out on the Gulf Coast for additional water projects.

For our literacy projects, we will donate \$2,000 to the Prince Edward Public Library and \$2,000 to the Southside Family Learning Center.

The Heart of Virginia Festival update: The food booths will now be located together in two food court locations. We will no longer be able to be at the corner of High and Griffin.

The Club will donate \$500 to the SCOPE/Meals-on-Wheels Chef's Food Festival in March.

A committee will be formed to look at the Scholarship funds at Davenport, which will be augmented from the donations received from businesses displaying the Governor's Cup.

Our club is sponsoring *Shaunna Hunter* for the Group Study Exchange trip to Australia.

Want to promote Rotary?

Wear your Rotary pin! It's an easy way to help promote Rotary and perhaps even attract new members. Are you guilty of donning and doffing your pin immediately before and after the meeting? Why not wear it for the entire day? The entire week? Let's all be "walking billboards" for the Rotary Club of Farmville!

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