

The Farmville Rotarian

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians;
The annual banquet was enjoyed by many Rotarians and guests as we honored *Mrs. Nellie Coles* and *Mr. John Varner* for the lifetime of service to our community. As Rotarians, we were able to enjoy a time of fun, food, and fellowship with the honorees and their families. I want to express my sincere thanks to **John Brinkley** and the crew at HSC for a delicious meal and to the banquet committee for their hard work behind the scenes. I believe that we made this a very special night for our honorees and their families.

We are still on track to receive the Presidential Citation this year but we need to add one more member before March 31st. If you have any suggestions about potential new members please pass these along to Mable and her committee. Also, 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. More details will come on this special event.

Our next fundraiser is just around the corner and co-chairs **Karen Story** and **Renee Hight** are busy making the preparations. The Heart of Virginia Festival will be held on May 6th and the day will go smoother if all are able to help with pizza sales that day. You'll be hearing more from **Karen** and **Renee** in the near future.

Don't forget to make your Rotary Fund contribution of \$100 before June 15, 2006.

Let's move forward in service to our community!

Greg Cole

Treasurer's Report

Jim Neale is too busy basking in the sun and surf of Hawaii to submit this month's Treasurer's Report. Editor's note: I think it may also have something to do with the consumption of Mai Tais.

RI and District 7600 Emphases for '06-07

Rotary International's incoming president, **William B. Boyd**, has chosen the theme "Lead the Way" for 2006-07. He will emphasize four familiar topics during the 2006-07 Rotary year. On 17 February, **Boyd** told incoming district governors at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, that his focus will be on:

- Water management
- Literacy
- Health and hunger
- Family of Rotary



The Farmville Rotarian issues in March, April, May, and June will each focus on one of these four areas of focus. See "Literacy and Rotary" elsewhere in this issue.

At the District Team Training Seminar on 3 & 4 February, district governor-elect **Jim Probsdorfer** shared that he will emphasize the same four areas. In addition, he submits the following goals for 2006-07:

- Have fun
- Honor the past
- Serve the community
- Inform the members
- Grow the business



Perfect Attendance, January 2006

Shashi Ayer	Jon Marken
Wendell Barbour	Doug McClure
Laura Bayless	Kerby Moore
Steve Cochrane	Jim Neale
Greg Cole	Annic Schuler
Bill Dorrill	Mable Shanaberger
Dan Dwyer	Sam Shield
Machelle Eppes	Jeff Smith
Scott Harwood	David Stables
Renee Hight	Karen Story
Frank Lacey	Bob Taylor
James Lyle	Que Wilhelmi



Highlights from the 2-9-06 Board Meeting

Karen Story is exploring possible options for the second part of our water project. We have designated \$2,500 to be used for well water testing and education. The other \$2,500 will be used for other water concerns. **Karen** is contacting Jonathan Pickett about the possibility of our providing trash containers for Sandy River.

New member added: **Randy Reed**, transfer from the Rotary Club of Western Henrico.

Our club is significantly short of our Foundation goal. We need to raise approximately \$2,200 to reach the Club goal of \$5,200. We will feature articles in the newsletter and **Jeff Smith**, Foundation Chair, will present a program in early April. It was also suggested that, in future years, \$1,000 be given to the Foundation for the Honorary Rotarians, making them a Paul Harris Fellow.

The March 30th meeting will be a Club Forum. Emphasis will be on bringing a prospective member. **Greg Cole** will give a power-point presentation.

There will be several meetings in April and June for new officers to get with current officers to educate them on duties and what to expect in the coming year. Installation of new officers is scheduled for June 29. **Greg** is exploring the possibility of having an evening

banquet and hopes that the **District Governor Jim Probsdorfer** will be present.

Hope Community Services sent a letter requesting money for a family in need of heating oil. Discussion ensued about whether the club would like to donate to individuals or groups. The board voted to donate \$300 to Hope Community Services.

Karen Story and **Renee Hight** are the co-chairs of the Heart of Virginia Festival. **James Lyle** will assist in fundraising, including training them how to work his fundraising magic.

The board discussed the need for a plaque at Charley's announcing that the Rotary meets there with the day and time. Charley's has agreed that we can post something. **Sam Shield** and **Jim Neale** are exploring options.

The organizations to which we have budgeted to donate will be invited to meetings to present the check and for a photo opportunity.

March Menu

All lunches are served with salad, assorted cookies or dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages.

- March 2 Chicken Parmesan, Portabella & Broccoli Mornay, Peas & Pearl Onions
- March 9 Meat Lasagna, Pasta Primavera, Steamed Broccoli
- March 16 Fried Chicken, Baked Ziti with Marinara, Mexican Corn
- March 23 Homemade Chicken Pot Pie, Vegetable Stir Fry, Sugar Snap Peas
- March 30 Homemade Meatloaf, Vegetable Lasagna, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

March Programs

- March 2 **Cannon Watson**, Sharing Music
- March 9 **Neil Humphreys**, unknown at publication
- March 16 **Ruth Murphy**, *Dora Bounds*, Fuqua School study trip to Akumal, Mexico
- March 23 **Mable Shanaberger**, *Rhonda Arnold*, United Way
- March 30 **Membership Meeting**

New District Website Launched!

Rotary District 7600 has launched its new and improved website. Check it out at www.rotary7600.org. It is quite easy to navigate and there is a wealth of information. Note that when you click on the menu on the left of the screen, often additional choices appear. For example, if you click on "Annual Goals," the first page to come up is "I. Education and Vision." However, that is not the only goal the District has for 2005-06. Listed in the menu on the left, you will also see "II. Membership," "III. Service," "IV. Foundation," and "V. Leadership." Just click on them to learn more.

One great feature is the new "District and Club Database" (DaCdb). Each of us is listed in the database, and changes are automatically updated with both the District and Rotary International. Just the basic information (name and address) is in there right now for our members. Please go to the database and update your information. You can get there by clicking DaCdb on the menu on the left, or by using this URL: <http://directory-online.com/rotary/Rotary.cfm?D=7600>. You will need your email address and your Rotary ID number. Don't know your Rotary ID number? It is on the mailing label of your Rotary Magazine!

There is also district calendar to which any club can add events. You learned elsewhere in the newsletter that we hope to have an induction banquet for the 2006-07 officers. That event should be added to the district calendar when the details are finalized. Other things like the Celebrity Cook Off, Rotary Radio Day, and the February Banquet are also prime candidates!

All of the 2005-06 Farmville Rotarian issues are also posted under "Club Bulletins."

Are you a committee chair? The district website can be used to manage the communication of your committee. You can bulk email to the whole committee directly from the website or select specific members.

Want to know who the Secretary is at another club because you want to make up at one of their meetings? Click on the District Committee on Secretaries.

When you have a few minutes, definitely check out the district website and DaCdb.

March Birthdays...

1st James Lyle
7th Steve Cochrane
8th Wendell Barbour
29th Randy Reed



...and Anniversaries

3rd Bill and Marty Dorrill
14th Jim and Helen Parker
26th Jon and Sherri Marken
28th Margaret and Charles Blackmon

Blackstone Club Review

The Rotary Club of Blackstone sponsors a theatrical work each year to raise funds for their scholarship program. They award two scholarships to deserving high school seniors who attend one of the two high schools in Nottoway County. This year, they will do something different by bringing a former Blackstone native, Joy Cunningham, back from Texas to perform her solo show *Goin' to Georgia*. Joy's show chronicles a family's last summer trip to Mama's home. Mama, a Southern Belle extraordinaire, is on an urgent odyssey to reclaim herself. Everyone else, however, is on a very different trip. At the end of this bumpy road lies a surprising miracle described by critics as "the loveliest moment of theatre you're likely to see."

Goin' to Georgia is a trip down memory lane for the whole family. Performances are on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 pm at the main auditorium at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone. Cost is \$10. Children under 12 are half price. For tickets and additional information, contact Chuck Arnason, President, at IndiePlaceFarm@aol.com or 434.292.3911.

Literacy and Rotary

For many years, Rotarians around the world have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy, from building schools and paying salaries of teachers to serving as tutors to collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. The Rotary Club of Farmville is focusing on literacy in 2005-06 by supporting the Southside Family Learning Center and by sponsoring a Book Coupon program for first graders through the Farmville-Prince Edward Public Library. Rotarians around the world are working with governments to create large-scale replicable literacy projects in the developing world. Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy; yet, close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy and numeracy skills. Millions more are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. UNESCO illuminates some of the greatest challenges for those tackling illiteracy:

- Ninety-eight percent of the world's illiterate population is in developing countries.
- Fifty percent of the world's illiterate people live in India and China.
- More than 50 percent of the population of Africa is illiterate.
- Two-thirds of all those who lack literacy and numeracy skills are women.
- More than 130 million school-age children are not attending classes.



In our own area, according to the 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey, 31% of adults in the Tri-County area (Buckingham, Cumberland, and Prince Edward County) perform at Level 1 classification. These adults may have difficulty with things the reading public takes for granted, such as reading to their own children, understanding street signs or written instructions for medical treatment, or performing basic skills in the workplace. Illiterate people are unable to take advantage of opportunities around them or to participate fully in society. We have much work to be done in the next Rotary year!

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