

The Farmville Rotarian

April 2006

*A Monthly Newsletter Serving the Farmville Rotary Club
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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians;

With the addition of **Charles Pucket** as our newest Rotarian, our club has met all the requirements to receive the Presidential Citation for 2005-06. Welcome **Charles!** Let's try to end the last quarter of this year with four new members! Please give a lot of thought and consideration during the next few weeks about individuals that would make excellent Rotarians.

Our next fundraiser, Heart of Virginia pizza sales, is just around the corner and co-chairs **Karen Story** and **Renee Hight** are busy making the preparations. Mark your calendars for May 6, 2006 as we participate in our last fundraiser of this year, one which has the potential of netting its biggest profit ever! Thanks to all those Rotarians that have donated pizzas.

Don't forget to make your Rotary Foundation contribution of \$100 before June 15, 2006. Let's make our goal of \$5,300 for the 2005-06 year.

Let's move forward in service to our community!

Greg Cole

**Happy Anniversary
Farmville Rotary!
We Were Founded
On March 31, 1938!**

Highlights from the March 9, 2006 Board Meeting

The Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Service Committee to finalize our Water Project for 2005-06. **Karen Story** stated she has been in contact with Habitat for Humanity about sponsoring a well for their next project and had also talked with Jonathan Pickett concerning trashcans at Sandy River Reservoir.

The March 30th meeting is an Open Forum, and members are asked to bring a prospective member to the meeting. **Greg Cole** will be doing a power-point presentation on Rotary.

The Club is still behind in our giving to The Rotary Foundation. There will be a Foundation program for the Club on April 6th.

Current officers will meet with new officers in late April to plan for 2006-07.

Update on the Heart of Virginia Festival: The Service Committee has already collected over \$1,200. Our booth location is unknown at this time, but we hope it will be near the downtown stage. Note that this is the last year that our Club will likely be allowed to sell Domino's pizza as it is in conflict with the By-Laws of the Heart of Virginia Festival, which state that all vendors must hand make their products.

Two members of the Group Study Exchange Team are from our area: Shaunna Hunter and Joe Hines.

It was recommended that the board review charity giving for the coming year.

Treasurer's Report

By Jim Neale

Account balances as of 3/14/06:

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| Accts Receivable | 3,482 |
| Checking | 6,168 |
| Scholarship Fund | 12,945 |
| Petty Cash | 277 |
| Assets | 22,872 |

Accts Payable

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| H-SC | 2,397 |
| Foundation | 310 |
| Queen's Pot | 120 |
| Total | 2,827 |

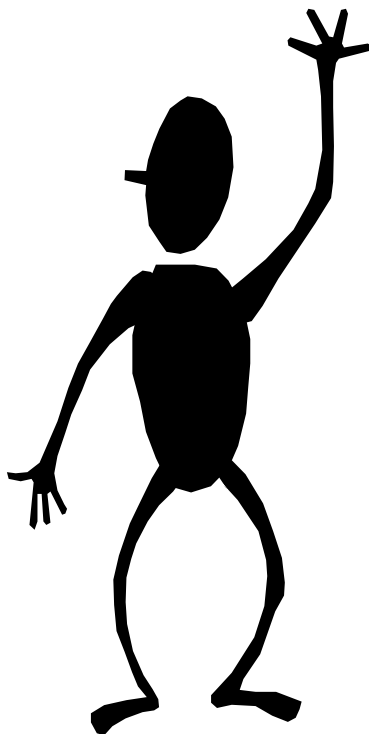
February/March Donations

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| H.O.P.E. | 300 |
| Girl Scouts | 500 |
| Boy Scouts | 250 |
| S.C.O.P.E | 500 |
| Clean Waterways | 2,500 |
| Trash Cans for Sandy River Reservoir | 500 |

Note: \$ 400 has been collected for Heart of Virginia so far.

Perfect Attendance February 2006

Shashi Ayer
Wendell Barbour
Laura Bayless
John Brinkley
Mike Browder
Greg Cole
Bill Dorrill
Dan Dwyer
Machelle Eppes
Bill Frank
Scott Harwood
Paul Hicks
James Lyle
Jon Marken
Kerby Moore
Annice Schuler
Mable
Shanaberger
Sam Shield
David Stables
Karen Story
Que Wilhelmi
Joe Zehner



Health and Hunger

As one of our International focuses for 2006-07, "health and hunger" are topics where Rotarians can make a real difference in the world and in our community. Poverty is one of the reasons that people suffer from ill health and hunger. Traditionally defined as lack of income, poverty also means lack of access to healthcare, nutrition, education, and employment. It is perpetuated by hunger. People without enough food to eat are unlikely to have the strength to educate themselves, learn marketable skills, or find and keep a job. The United Nations Development Program points out:

- Nearly 1.3 billion people — more than one-fifth of the world's population — live in extreme poverty on little more than US\$1 a day.
- Some 840 million people — one out of every seven worldwide — are malnourished.
- Although the world produces plenty of food, it is not getting to those who need it most.
- When the health and productivity of a nation declines, it is vulnerable to economic and social hardship and political instability.

In our own area, FACES Food Pantry and Meals-on-Wheels serve hundreds of area residents who struggle to make it on their own. FACES serves an average of 650 bags of food every week of the year. If you figure that each bag feeds 2-3 people, that means roughly 1500 people in a community of 20,000 in Prince Edward and Farmville need help (about 7 1/2%). And this is just the people who have figured out how to use the system to their benefit. Preliminary results of a health issues study of FACES clients reveal that, of the people who responded and had health care, most had eye care and dental care. But in most cases, families were not included in the health care plan, only the employee. People employed part time were not allowed sick days. People employed full time had very few or no sick days. More information to come...

Vernon C. Womack Service Above Self Scholarship Update

By Jon Marken

Four students have applied for this year's Vernon Womack Service Above Self Scholarship, which carries a one-time \$1000 award to be used at any institution of higher learning. Once again the applicants are exemplary, suggesting that "service above self" has a strong appeal for many of our young people. The applications will be judged blindly. Jon Marken and Pat Smith (Jeff Smith's wife) have committed as judges, but one more judge is needed. If you would be interested please see Jon or email him at jmarken@lamppostpub.com.

Vernon Carter Womack, long-time Commissioner of Revenue and later Clerk of the Court for Prince Edward County, joined the Farmville Rotary Club in 1938 and exemplified Service Above Self. This scholarship seeks to carry on his legacy.

Water Projects for 2005-06

By Karen Story

To complete our club's water project for this year, we will be donating \$2000 to the Farmville Habitat for Humanity to assist in the cost of a well for their next home. Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity has built 13 houses. Current projects include one house in the spring and two more houses by the end of 2006. There are still over 900 households in the Farmville area living below the poverty level. Almost 200 of those households are living with no plumbing in their homes.

The club is also donating \$500 to Prince Edward County to purchase trash containers for the Sandy River Reservoir. The county has agreed to install and maintain the containers.

Kerby Moore recognized the need for the trash containers after volunteering to pick up debris at Sandy River during the 2005 Virginia Waterways Cleanup Day. The cleanup volunteers estimated that 1,350 pounds of litter and trash were picked up in a two hour period at that one site.

April Programs

- April 6 **Jeff Smith**, *Joe Mulkerrin*, The Rotary Foundation
April 13 **Jim Neale**, *Jayne Johnson*, Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity
April 20 **Ramesh Rao**, Hinduism
April 27 **Gwen Eddleman**, The State of Southside Hospital



April Menu

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

- April 6 Grilled Pork Chops with Sautéed Onions & Gravy, Cheese Stuffed Shells Marinara Sauce, Buttered Sweet Corn
April 13 Meat Lasagna, Portabella Mushroom & Broccoli Mornay, Sugar Snap Peas
April 20 Pork BBQ Sandwiches, Pasta Primavera, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips
April 27 Salisbury Steak, Cheese Ravioli, Mashed Potatoes

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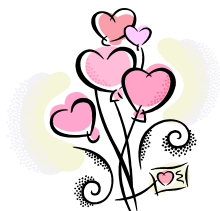
Birthdays...

- 1st Gwen Eddleman
7th Robyn Allen
15th Kerby Moore
20th James Bell
23rd Margaret Blackmon



...and Anniversaries

- 7th Earl and Jane Lee
30th Doug and Betty McClure



7600 DISTRICT GOVERNOR BOB DECLARES 4 NEW PROVISIONAL CLUBS

Rotary International always encourages Districts in the development of new clubs. Organizing principles are in place to assure support so that these Clubs will be successful. For this process, **District Governor Bob Preston** appointed a well-informed Rotarian from each sponsoring club to be the Governor's special representative to the new Club and serve as a key resource to the Club. Sponsor Clubs must have 20 members. They help the Club plan and establish a successful organization as well as help with the early programs of the club and guide the Club through the first year.

Governor Bob in his declaration demonstrates how vital District 7600 has been. He has declared that four Clubs now meet the criteria of having elected officers, held weekly meetings, and subscribed to the Rotary Club Constitution. Upon this designation, these Clubs become "Provisional Clubs." District 7600 welcomes the following Clubs into our District. Meeting locations can be found on the web.

Provisional Rotary Club of Fluvanna County, Palmyra, VA

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Goochland; Acting President **Rhon Williams**. Governor's Special Representative is **Sam Smith**.

Provisional Rotary Club of James River, Richmond, VA

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bon Air; President **Donna Maldondo-Grandy**. Governor's Special Representative is **Raymond Bigam**.

Provisional Rotary Club of Lake Country, Clarksville, VA

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Hill; President **David McKee**. Governor's Special Representative is **John Lenkey**.

Provisional Rotary Club of Surry County, Surry, VA

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Prince George County and Hopewell; Acting President **Ann Ramsey**. Governor's Special Representative is PDG **Earl Hale**.

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