

The Farmville Rotarian

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians;

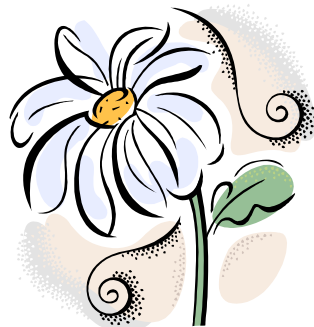
Congratulations to **Neil Humphreys** for becoming our newest Paul Harris Fellow. As Rotarians we should all set the goal of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. We have experienced firsthand how the Rotary Foundation donations in past years come back to our club and enable us to do even greater projects within our community. Our giving shouldn't stop once we become Paul Harris Fellows; we should strive to achieve the status of multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

Welcome to our newest members, **Rob Anderson, Lynz Keys, and Don Baker**. Inductions for these new members will take place during the month of May. Many thanks to those Rotarians actively recruiting new members. Let's continue this membership drive with a goal of adding at least two more members by June 29, 2006.

Don't forget to make your Rotary Fund 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



Highlights, April 13, 2005 Board Meeting

By **Sam Shield**

New Officers met on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 to begin planning for the 2006-07 Rotary year. The Installation of Officers will likely take place on Thursday evening, June 29, 2006.

The Heart of Virginia Festival is May 6th. Our location will be in the vicinity of Randolph and Buffalo. We are not allowed to show the Domino's name when selling pizza. Next year we will have to go with something that is "home-made" and not commercial.

A sample brochure was distributed for review. Group felt that the brochure, created by **Jon Marken**, was excellent. Suggestion was made to add a picture of a Rotarian woman to the front cover.

Laura Bayless read a written request from *Lara Mossler*, a junior at PECHS, requesting \$1,600 to help pay for expenses for a teaching program in Spain. Board suggested that since all charitable funds have been used this year, that her letter be read at the Club meeting and that donations be accepted from members that want to participate.

The District Assembly was held in Newport News on April 29th. Five members of the Rotary Club of Farmville attended.

The Club is down to a few mugs for guest speakers. We may give a boxed pen to speakers in the future.

May

Birthdays

15th Bill Schneider
24th Annice Schuler



...and Anniversaries

26th Jeff and Patricia
Smith
27th Karen and Rob
Story

May Menu

Note: meals are served with salad bar, assorted cookies or dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages

- May 4 Fried Catfish, Vegetable Lasagna, Cole Slaw & Chips
May 11 Fried Chicken, Baked Ziti with Marinara Sauce, Country Style Green Beans
May 18 Homemade Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Stir Fry
May 25 Beef Stroganoff, Cheese Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce, Rice Pilaf

May Programs

- May 4 **Mike Browder**, *Ray Buchanan*, Rotarians Against Hunger water projects
May 11 **Bob Shelton**, *Ed Kinman*, Human Geography
May 18 **Bill Frank**, His Career: Part I (Teaching Poetry)
May 25 **Susie Hampton**, *Sharon L. Harrup*, STEPS

Trip to Lake Country Club on May 30

Laura Bayless and some Blackstone Rotarians will head to the new Clarksville Club on May 30 for a visit. The club meets on Tuesdays at noon in Clarksville. If you are interested in going along, please let **Laura** know by Thursday, May 25. Thanks!

Beginning Plans for 2006-07

James Lyle, President-Elect, and some of his officers and committee chairs met to begin planning.

The 2006-07 Officers and Committee Chairs currently in place are:

President: **James Lyle**
Vice President: **Sam Shield**
President-Elect: **Wendell Barbour**
Treasurer: **Jim Neale**
Secretary: **Laura Bayless**
Service Chair: **Machelle Eppes**
Membership Chair: **Kerby Moore**
Foundation Chair: **Renee Hight**
Newsletter Editor: **Joe Zehner**
Web master: **Jeff Smith**

There are other roles to fill, and **James** will be in touch with you.

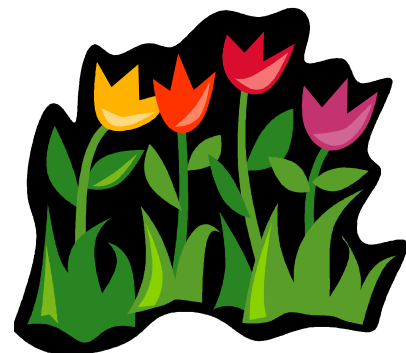
James' priorities for 2006-07 are (in no particular order):

- Membership
- Foundation
- Service
- Public Relations
- Having Fun

March 2006 Perfect Attendance

Note: Names in italics designates Rotarian with perfect attendance for the quarter.

Wendell Barbour	James Lyle
Laura Bayless	Jon Marken
John Brinkley	Doug McClure
Mike Browder	Jim Neale
Greg Cole	Mable Shanaberger
Dan Dwyer	Sam Shield
Bill Frank	Jeff Smith
Renee Hight	Que Wilhelmi



Treasurer's Report

By Jim Neale (as excerpted from a detailed report)

Income	3rd Quarter	Year to Date	Budget
Membership	6,667.65	20,638.57	18,825.00
current invoices	4,781.00		
prior invoices	1,506.95		
weekly cash	379.70		
Fundraisers	2,835.00	14,823.05	15,875.00
Rotary Radio Day	415.00		
Cook-off	2,070.00		
Heart of Virginia	350.00		
TOTAL INCOME	9,502.65	35,461.62	34,700.00
Expenditures	3rd Quarter	Year to Date	Budget
Meals	6,047.94	12,526.04	12,125.00
Charley's	3,651.04		
Banquet	2,396.90		
Dues	2,187.50	5,081.55	5,100.00
International Dues	1,563.50		
District Dues	624.00		
Operations	906.08	1,915.04	1,875.00
PETS	345.00		
Storage Rent	150.00		
Newsletter	10.71		
Supplies	308.76		
Postage	61.61		
Board Meeting	30.00		
Donations	6,870.00	16,738.63	15,750.00
PE-Farmville Library	2,000.00		
Kappa Delta Pi Book Project	320.00		
HOPE	300.00		
Girl Scouts	500.00		
Meals on Wheels	500.00		
Well-Testing Project	2,500.00		
Sandy River Trash Receptacles	500.00		
Boy Scouts	250.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,011.52	36,261.26	34,850.00

Why is Water an RI project?

It is easy to take fresh water for granted in the United States... even when Farmville suffered from a severe drought in 2004. Excerpts from a March 20, 2006 article by Anthony G. Craine, "Water: Our looming crisis," can help us understand why Rotarians around the world should be concerned about water.

Water is life. An adult can survive without food for weeks, but the human body can't go more than a few days without water. Yet in our world today, an alarming number of people struggle every day to get it. "It's daunting when you think of it," says Ron Denham, a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto-Eglinton, Canada, and general coordinator of the Water, Health, and Hunger Concerns Resource Group for 2005-06, "the number of people affected — 1.2 billion without access to safe drinking water, 2.4 billion without sanitation."

The painful irony is that water appears to be abundant on our "blue planet." It covers more than two-thirds of the earth's surface. But only 2.5 percent of that water is fresh water. And 99.7 percent of that freshwater is unavailable, trapped in glaciers, ice sheets, and mountainous areas. This means that about 0.3 percent of the planet's freshwater is shared by all of its people. And while the amount of available freshwater remains stable, the number of people sharing it continues to grow.

Few things affect human survival, and the production of everyday necessities, as directly as water does. But with such a broad range of challenges and the unfathomable numbers of people affected, how can Rotary clubs approach the issue with any hope of making a difference? Denham says that there is amazingly simple, affordable technology to assist in solving the vexing problem of supplying water to those who don't have access. Biosand filters, he says, are a cheap, reliable way to turn contaminated water into drinkable water. An even cheaper tool for water purification seems almost too good to be true: plastic soda bottles. Bottles made from polyethylene terephthalate (PET) can be filled with dirty water and placed in sunlight. The sun's rays do all the work. "Glass won't do it, but PET plastic will," he says. Creating awareness is also a key ingredient in the work that Rotary clubs can do, Denham says.

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