

# The Farmville Rotarian

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A Monthly Newsletter Serving the Farmville Rotary Club

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## President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians;

I suppose that June would be a month of reflection as my year as your President comes to an end. I can say without any hesitation that the year has been exceptional and it has been my honor to serve. We have done a great job in helping to fight illiteracy, provide clean water, and promote Rotary to our community. As we have contributed our greatest resources, our time and skills, to help improve the quality of life for those in need, we have been successful in our endeavors. By actively participating in Rotary activities as a team, we were able to effectively fulfill our responsibilities as Rotarians without sacrificing other aspects of our busy lives.

Our projects were made a greater success because of the matching grants made possible through our foundation giving. WE are the Rotary Foundation! This is the only charitable organization funded by contributions from Rotarians, for programs and projects identified by Rotarians, and administered by Rotarians. As a Rotarian I feel strongly that supporting the Rotary Foundation is an obligation not a choice. I want to challenge each member to commit to giving only \$8.33 per month (\$100 annually) thus becoming a sustaining member. This money will be used for Rotary projects in our area and around the world.

My year was made easier with the officers and directors that faithfully served under me. Their eagerness to coordinate and participate in our projects ensured the success of these projects. Please take the time to personally thank those Rotarians that gave of themselves in service to our club.

Please mark your calendars for the evening of June 29, 2006 as we install the officers for the 2006/07 Rotary Year. Our meeting will begin at 6 pm that day instead of noon at Charley's Waterfront Café.

Also, it's still not too late to become a sustaining member for 2005/06. I would encourage all that can to give your \$100 contribution to the Rotary Foundation by June 15, 2006. Our treasurer, **Jim Neale** always accepts cash or checks!

Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Let's continue to move forward in service to our community!

**Greg Cole**

*Thank you, Greg!*  
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## Update on President's Plans for 2006-07

By James Lyle

Membership is our most important goal because without it, we cannot afford to support our many projects. For example, the foundation goal is set at \$5,300. I am not sure if all members will comply with the goal of \$100 each; therefore, we must have service projects such as Rotary Radio Day, Celebrity Cook-off, and Heart of Virginia pizza sales. These projects, combined with others, give us a total that allow us to support the foundation and other goals set by the club.

I have always believed in public relations and in keeping the club members well informed. I believe that an informed club is a more effective club. When all is said and done, we can and will have fun. I have had a discussion with **Kerby Moore**, the membership chairperson, and as we speak, we are brain-storming some things that will allow us to increase membership. The same as with **Renee Hight**, we too are brain-storming ideas for raising money for the foundation. **Machelle Epps** and I have discussed the present activities that we are now involved with and she has assured me that she too, will be bringing other service projects to the table for discussion.

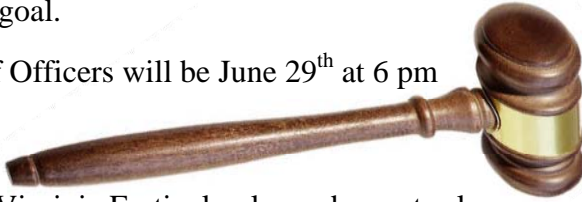
## Highlights from May 11 Board Meeting

### By Sam Shield

The final payment for the Literacy Project was made at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Club meeting.

The Foundation giving is at \$3,728.50. The goal is \$5,300, or \$100 per member. Twenty members have met the \$100 goal.

Installation of Officers will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Charley's.



The Heart of Virginia Festival only made a net sales of approximately \$200 on the day of the Festival. Total net was \$2,566 from pre-selling the pizzas to area businesses. **Greg Cole** will send a letter to the Chair of the Heart of Virginia Festival expressing the Club's concern about location of our booth and the overall Food Court area.

Request was read for a donation from John Brandt to attend the "People to People" ambassador program. Our discretionary funds for the year have been used and the Club prefers to make donations to groups rather than individuals.

President-Elect **James Lyle** gave an update of what is in store for the coming Club year. He went over the officers and a brief overview of the areas he wants the club to be involved with which include: water, literacy, hunger and health. Madeline's House will be our major project, with other projects possibly being the new YMCA building and other local projects. He will be looking to get the Foundation Giving out of the way the first part of the year, rather than wait to ask for giving at the end of the year.

The Library has acknowledged our gift giving by calling the reading program for kids "the Rotary Readers Club." **Karen Story** attended one of the two well water testing programs we are sponsoring and said there was good attendance. The District Governor, **Jim Probsdorfer**, will be in Farmville on September 7<sup>th</sup>. **Mable Shanaberger** is still looking for a service picture for the new brochure.

## June Programs

- June 1 **Randy Reed**, New Member Introduction
- June 8 **Jon Marken**, *Whitney Perkins*, Winner of Womack Scholarship
- June 15 **Russell Dove**, *Patsy Pelland*, local Extension Agent
- June 22 **Katie Deaton**, unavailable at time of publication
- June 29 **Installation of Officers Dinner, 6 pm, Charley's**

## June Menu

- June 1 Shepherds Pie, Baked Ziti, Country Style Green Beans
- June 8 Pork BBQ Sandwiches, Vegetable Stir Fry, Cole Slaw & Potato Chips
- June 15 Chicken Parmesan, Cheese Tortellini Alfredo, Sugar Snap Peas
- June 22 Grilled Pork Chops with sautéed onions & gravy, Cheese Stuffed Shells Marinara Sauce, Country Style Green Beans
- June 29 (**Dinner**) Fried Chicken, Vegetable Lasagna, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

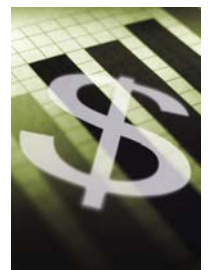
## Treasurer's Report

### By Jim Neale

Account balances as of 5/18/2006 are:

Scholarship Fund	\$ 13,357
Checking	2,452
Receivables	6,484
Petty Cash	301
Sub-total	\$ 22,594
Less Doubtful A/R's	1,251
Queen's price	218
Grand total net assets	\$ 21,125

We are still over \$1,000 short of our 2005-2006 Foundation goal. Please consider giving generously. Remember, we got \$ 6,500 back through a District Grant this year. Hop on board. This gives you a chance to use the Easter Bunny again.



## April Perfect Attendance

Laura Bayless	Ramesh Rao
Greg Cole	Annic Schuler
Dan Dwyer	Mable Shanaberger
Paul Hicks	Sam Shield
Renee Hight	Jeff Smith
Frank Lacey	Karen Story
Jon Marken	Que Wihelmi
Kerby Moore	Joe Zehner

## Whitney Perkins Wins Vernon Womack Scholarship

### By Jon Marken

*Whitney Perkins* of Prospect has won this year's Vernon Womack Service Above Self Scholarship, a \$1,000 award. The Prince Edward High School senior plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall. She will present the program at a club meeting in June and fill us in on her plans.

Whitney was chosen because she exemplifies qualities important to Rotary, including service to the community, service to the school, leadership, international interest, and academic excellence. She is vice president of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, and a member of the Future Business Leaders Association. She is active in her church, Davis Memorial Presbyterian, and a member of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Whitney traveled to Australia and New Zealand as a Student Ambassador with the People to People program. Her family also has hosted several foreign exchange students.

The scholarship attracted excellent applicants and the judging was close. The scholarship seeks to carry on the legacy of **Vernon Carter Womack**, who joined the Farmville Rotary Club in 1938. He was a long-time Commissioner of Revenue and later Clerk of the Court for Prince Edward County.



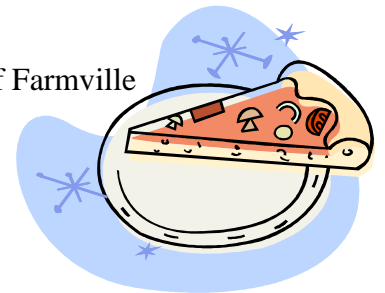
## Heart of Virginia Festival Update

### By Karen Story

The Heart of Virginia Festival turned out to be a beautiful day. Due to **James Lyle**'s successful fundraising efforts the Club made approximately \$2,500. The service committee would like to thank individuals, businesses, the community, and Rotarians for their monetary donations and time spent at the festival. We had Rotarians making donations, purchasing items for the event, and many others worked beyond the time slots they had signed up for. Our many THANKS go out to all listed below. We sincerely hope that we have not left anyone off the list. This list is not in any particular order.

### Businesses:

Bob Burke/Domino's Pizza  
Joe Eppes/Joe's Convenience Store  
Scott Harwood/Harwood & Son  
Tom Walker/Walker Realty  
Margaret Collins/Atwork Personnel Services  
Newman Tire  
Honeycutt, Thorne & McGuire  
Danny Todd/Price Supply  
Farmville Wholesale Electric  
Bill Schneider/The Lumber Yard  
Bill Poulston/Poulston Appliance  
Dr. Paul Hicks  
JJ's Cleaning Service  
Steve Cochrane/Haley of Farmville  
Grant's Glass  
Greg Cole/Holly Manor  
Pam Wilson  
Libby Blanton



### Rotarians:

Joe Zehner	Frank Lacey
Que Wilhelmi and Grandsons	
Marshall Thackston	Renee Hight
James Neale	Machelle Eppes
Kerby Moore	Dan Dwyer
Doug McClure	Russell Dove
Rick Mazzuto	John Brinkley
Jon Marken	James Bell
James Lyle	Laura Bayless

## Membership Development Plans for 2006-07

By Kerby Moore

I am excited to have been appointed the Membership Chairperson for the 2006-07 Rotary year. There are tons of good ideas I've picked up from Rotary International and other clubs.

First and foremost, my priority will be to continue the incredible work of the outgoing chairperson **Mable Shanaberger**. Under her guiding hand, we've inducted many new Rotarians. We'll follow through on the projects she started, such as the new Farmville Rotary Club brochure now being expertly produced by **Jon Marken**.

Recruiting new members is not an option. It is written in the Rotary literature as the *duty* of every Rotarian. As you know, the national trend shows a decline in membership in service organizations. This, coupled with the fact we meet every week, have an attendance requirement (and don't forget the expenses associated with being a member), can make it difficult to attract members. In short, we have our work cut out for us. But we can do it! My job is to give you the tools and information you need to recognize and recruit new members.

The other part of my job description is to ensure the health of the existing membership. Do members feel welcomed? Are they being included? Are their needs being met? Are they participating?

In the coming year, we're going to try new things. After all, the name of our club indicates we can't stay still! I welcome your feedback on what is working and what is not.

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## June

### Birthdays...

7<sup>th</sup> Renee Hight

15<sup>th</sup> Jon Marken

19<sup>th</sup> Bob Taylor

### ...and Anniversaries

10<sup>th</sup> Mabel & Frank Shanaberger

10<sup>th</sup> David and Bobbie Stables

17<sup>th</sup> Kerby and Janet Moore

21<sup>st</sup> Joe and Lucie Zehner

