

The Farmville Rotarian

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President's Message

By Wendell Barbour, President 2007-08

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

With the District Governor's visit on July 19, 2007 and his talk on how Rotary can be an important part of our community and our lives, we are off to a good start for the year. Kerby did a fine job subbing for me and I am most grateful for his help. The board is planning good things for all of us to do as well as to enjoy. Details will follow in future club meetings and newsletters. On August 30, the topic for the club forum will be a discussion by the board on what we are planning to do for my Rotary year and to seek your participation in these activities. Your help is needed to have a successful year. Good programs, fellowship and fund raising for our community projects binds us together as Rotarians and helps us to share our successes with those less fortunate.

Rotary Shares,
Wendell

Birthdays...

4th Greg Cole
6th Machel Eppes
9th Deneese Jones
10th Susie Hampton
16th Bill Frank
24th Earl Lee



...and Anniversaries

8th Randy and May Reed
20th Greg and Roberta Cole



Treasurer's Report

By Jim Neale, Treasurer

Account balances as of July 16:

Davenport	\$10,148
Checking	816
Accounts Receivable Net	3,028
Petty cash	71
Subtotal	\$14,063
Accounts Payable	300
Queen's pot	-215
Subtotal	-515
Total assets	\$13,548

Important Information about our Lunches at Charley's

At the July 26, 2007 Rotary Meeting, the Club members in attendance voted to raise the charge for lunch at Charley's to \$10. The options were either to raise it \$.50 to cover the entire cost (including tax) for a total of \$8.50, or to do that, plus another \$1.50 so and expand the menu choices. While not unanimous, an overwhelming majority of the members who attended voted for the higher rate. This change goes into effect at our next meeting, August 2, 2007.

Editor's Note: Thank you so much, Farmville Rotary, for helping to make my time in Farmville such a wonderful experience. I will miss our good work and fellowship. When I know my contact information, I'll send it along. In the meantime, my email address will be labayless@smcm.edu. (It will be hooked up August 24, 2007.)

All good things, Laura Bayless

Highlights of 7-19-07 Board Meeting By Laura Bayless, Acting Secretary for that meeting

The District Governor, Jim Pierce, was in attendance at the Board Meeting to hear a bit about our accomplishments last year and our plans for this year. Below is a summary of the reports that each attendee gave the District Governor.

Wendell Barbour, President: Summarized the goals and fundraisers for the year (basically what was published in the July Farmville Rotarian).

Sam Shield, President-Elect: 90% of the officers are in place for the 2008-09 Farmville Rotary Year. The major project will be to support the building of the new public library.

Kerby Moore, Vice President: Explained the focus areas for speaker topics at our meeting: New Member/Classification talk; Rotary Education, and Open Topic.

Jim Neale, Treasurer: Handed out financials; Voted to take \$2500 out of the Davenport account to tide us over until the next billing cycle; recapped our Foundation giving (six new Paul Harris Fellows, one new Benefactor, \$2500 to Honduras Bridge Project)

Frank Lacey, Membership Chair: May implement incentive programs with board approval. DG Jim notified him of some upcoming District and International Membership Workshops.

Que Wilhelmi, International Service Chair: Trying to be sure we meet the incoming GSE team. Will make sure the Board considers whether or not the next Bridge Program is on our plate.

Mable Shanaberger, Club Service: Will make sure that meetings are set up. Will continue Family of Rotary activities (gatherings, condolence cards, encourage involvement in club meetings and activities).

Randy Reed, Foundation Chair: Will help keep The Rotary Foundation in front of the Club.

Karen Story, Publicity: Appreciates that the Farmville Herald publishes our news and pictures. Wants to make sure our projects are publicized as well.



James Lyle, Past President: Will continue to work for the Club "on standby." Is trying to move the 501(c)3 status forward.

David Toone, Rotary Radio Day Chair: Has good ideas for Rotary Radio Day and will need a lot of help.

Laura Bayless, Newsletter: Announced she is leaving. Her last day at the Club will be August 16, 2007. She is making sure that other Rotarians will pick up the jobs she is leaving. Kerby Moore will be our Ambassadorial Scholar sponsor. Wendell Barbour, Sam Shield, and Que Wilhelmi will be the contacts for the Honduras Bridge Program. Katie Deaton will be taking over the reigns as editor of the Farmville Rotarian.

Jim Pierce, District Governor: Clarified that elected officials can be members of Rotary Clubs. They cannot, however, use the elected office as their classification. He also announced that there is a new membership incentive program. Members who bring in new members will receive a Rotary pin that says "sponsor" on it.

Perfect Attendance May 2005

Wendell Barbour	Jim Neale
Laura Bayless	Mable Shanaberger
Dan Dwyer	Jeff Smith
Machelle Eppes	David Stables
Neil Humphreys	David Toone
James Lyle	Cannon Watson
Kerby Moore	Joe Wilkerson

Ambassadorial Scholar Selected Representing Farmville Rotary: Alex Reczkowski

By Laura Bayless



For the first time in many years, the Rotary Club of Farmville will be sponsoring an Ambassadorial Scholar. The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Scholars are chosen by the district by July 1 a year in advance of the academic year to which the scholarship applies. Alex was selected in the spring of 2007 and will study abroad in 2008-09. During that year, he will be learning the language of the country, applying for acceptance to the graduate program, and learning about Rotary. Determining the country and graduate program is a kind of dance – the scholar preferences five programs in at least three countries, none of which can be his or her country of origin. The Rotary Foundation directs the scholar about which one(s) are approved. The scholar then applies under his or her own qualifications. Alex has expressed preferences for universities in Hungary, Israel, Denmark, Japan, and the Czech Republic. Alex is our program on August 2 – he will tell you a little more about the

programs that interest him at that time. You definitely don't want to miss it!

Here is a little teaser about Alex...

Alex is on the staff of the library at Hampden-Sydney College, in technical services. His talent and abilities often make him in high demand in other areas of the library as well. He has been an integral part of the move to the new library building, pulling together the special collections, planning special events, and making sure the quarter of a million volumes find their way to the right shelves.

As a member of the R.R. Moton Museum Board, Alex developed a passion for learning about the power of learning. He wants to share the stories of our communities, to learn the stories of success in other communities, and to trumpet the message about the power of education. This builds on his graduate work in information science. Thus, he finds himself in the middle of a community focused on organizing, preserving, and spreading the knowledge of the world. He studies the way we share what we know in ways varying from the power of folklore and storytelling to the ranking of web pages on Google.

He seeks graduate programs in countries that will provide him with three important opportunities: (1) to study with international scholars interested in information and its role in society, (2) to learn about the information challenges people face in other cultures, and (3) to help others better themselves and their position through learning. On August 2, Alex will tell us more detail about those programs and his interest in them.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship is somewhat unique in that it not only provides funding for scholars to study abroad, it also requires the scholar to serve in an ambassadorial role to fulfill Rotary's goal of "building peace and goodwill one person at a time." According to my friends on the selection committee, Alex did a brilliant job of articulating how he will fulfill this part of the scholar role.

August Menu

- August 2 Beef shoulder tenderloin with sautéed onions & mushrooms, vegetable Stir fry, quartered roasted new potatoes & steamed green beans
- August 9 Carved roast beef, ravioli marinara, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn on the cob
- August 16 Lemon dill baked salmon, vegetable lasagna, white rice, steamed broccoli
- August 23 Broccoli & mushroom chicken mornay, vegetable fried rice, baked potatoes, sugar snap peas
- August 30 Fried flounder, pasta primavera, homemade old bay chips, cole slaw

All meals are served with tossed and Caesar salad, rolls, dessert, and non alcoholic beverages.

August Programs

Date	Rotarian	Program
August 2	Laura Bayless	Alex Reczkowski, Ambassadorial Scholar
August 9	Gary Hickman	Unavailable at press
August 16	Frank Lacey	Membership
August 23	Katie Deaton	Community Building
August 30	<i>Club Forum</i>	Our club's plans for the year

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