



# THE FARMVILLE ROTARIAN

Serving the Farmville Rotary Club

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January/February 2009

## Message from the president

Greetings fellow Rotarians:

As we begin to celebrate the New Year, we find ourselves already halfway through the Rotary year. I am pleased to report that we collected a little over \$900 through our Salvation Army Bell Ringing efforts last month at the Wal-Mart. Thanks to all of those who participated in the event. Once again it shows the Rotary Club of Farmville's involvement in the community.

We have two big fund raising events coming up this month. The first is the Fourth Annual Taste of Farmville Celebrity Cook-off. Each of you should have 10 tickets to sell by the event which is 5:30 to 7:00, Thursday, January 15th, at the Fuqua Lower

School Commons Gym. Tickets are adults \$10, children \$5, and under six is free. We have many imitators that are trying to score with the community on our own successful Cook-off project. Please remind everyone that we are the original.

Then from the Cook-off, we will select the best chili recipe and use it for our newest fund raiser, the "Chili Bowl." This replaces the Stew that we have done for the past several years, only the Chili Bowl doesn't require as much labor. You will be hearing more information concerning the Chili Bowl during our January meetings as the date for passing out the quart jars of chili is Saturday, January 31st, the day before the Super Bowl.

Next month is our annual Banquet. This year it will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday evening, February 19 at the Gee Price Center on the campus of Fuqua School.

All in all, we have a lot going on! Thanks for your contributions to the Club and the community.

See you Thursday,  
Yours in Rotary,  
Sam Shield

## Enjoy yourself and help out too

Remember that Charley's Waterfront Cafe will donate 10% of its total sales on Monday, February 9, to the local library (Rotary's signature project for 2008-2009).

Rotarians are encouraged to patronize Charley's on that day in order to help the library. Even if your schedule doesn't permit your actually eating there on that date, stop by long enough to buy a gift certificate, even if it's for yourself. ANY sales, whether gift certificates or bar tabs, will count. Tell your friends!

## Program schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Rotarian</i>	<i>Topic</i>
1/8/09	Wendell Barbour	Troy Austin
1/15/09	Rhonda Arnold	Classification
1/22/09	Doug McClure	Novana Hart
1/29/09	Club Forum	Club Forum
2/5/09	Cannon Watson	Henry Wood Farm Bureau
2/12/09	Stephen Goldberger	TBA
2/19/09	Dinner	Dinner

## Attendance on the rise

Dear Fellow Farmville Rotarian,

As you know, a big emphasis for this year was to improve attendance. I'm pleased to report the following:

Overall our club's attendance through November is 79.1%. This is a marked improvement over our historical attendance rates.

WAY TO GO!!!

Also, this year we implemented the Jim Parker Perfect Attendance Award. The following members have achieved perfect attendance through November and are still in the running to get their names on the plaque:

Don Baker; Dan Dwyer; Stephen Goldberger; Jon Marken; Doug McClure; Kerby Moore; Randy Reed; Mabel Shanaberger; Sam Shield, Karen Story; Lacy Ward.

(My many thanks to Secretary Randy Reed who keeps up with this stuff for me.)

I encourage everyone to make a New Year's Resolution to improve attendance in 2009!

Sincerely,  
Kerby, the Membership Guy

## Menus

1/8/2009	Smithfield chicken pasta, vegetable fried rice, sugar snap peas, baked potatoes
1/15/2009	Fish 'n chips, Greek pasta (tomatoes, feta, olives, garlic, onions, basil), homemade chips, steamed green beans
1/22/2009	Roasted turkey and gravy, stuffed peppers, buttered sweet corn, mashed potatoes
1/29/2009	Beef pot pie, broccoli mac 'n cheese, steamed cauliflower, quartered new potatoes
2/5/2009	BBQ bone in chicken, stuffed shells marinara, peas & pearl onions & rice pilaf
2/12/2009	Chicken cordon blue pasta, ravioli in vodka sauce, sugar snap peas, baked potatoes
2/19/2009	Beef stroganoff, broccoli & rice casserole, glazed baby carrots & quartered new potatoes
2/26/2009	Sun-dried tomato & broccoli chicken alfredo, vegetable lasagna, country style green beans & confetti rice

## Upcoming events

**Celebrity Cook-off**— Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Chili Bowl**— Saturday, January 31, 2009

**Banquet**— February 19, 2009

**Board meetings** are 7:30 AM the second Thursday of each month at Shoney's

## Committees

### *Administration*

Mable Shananberger (chair)  
Bill Frank  
Ben Johnson  
Jack Lee  
Jim Neale  
Lacy Ward

### *Foundation*

Scott Hardwood (cochair)  
Paul Hicks (cochair)  
Machelle Eppes  
Jack Lee  
Bill Dorrill

### *Membership*

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Greg Cole  
Shashi Ayer  
Cannon Watson  
Doug McClure  
Que Wilhelmi

### *Newsletter*

Jon Marken (chair)  
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Karen Story (chair)  
Don Baker  
Darryl Diffie  
Dan Dwyer  
Jeff Smith

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Robyn Allen (chair)  
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Russell Dove  
Frank Lacey  
Rob Anderson  
Paul Hicks  
Cannon Watson  
Joe Zehner  
Karen Story  
Teresa Stewart

## Work up an appetite for the Celebrity CookOff

The CookOff is coming together nicely. We have many of the favorite cooks back again. Centra-Southside Hospital's chef is joining us this year.

At the January 8 meeting I will pass around the sign-up sheet for the event. Please bring any unsold tickets to the meeting so we can redistribute them to others who need tickets to sell.

We need to get up the posters up around town. If you have time to help, let me know.

Jeff Smith

## Longtime Rotarian Jim Parker dies

James Oscar Parker, 93, of Farmville passed away Tuesday morning, December 23, 2008 in Farmville. He was born February 24, 1915 in Conway, North Carolina, the son of the late James Marcus and Agnes Flythe Parker. Jim was the husband of Helen Y. Parker.

Jim was a great Rotarian for over 30 years. Our attendance award is named after him.

He was the territory manager for Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company in Virginia and parts of North Carolina for 35 years. He was a member of the Farmville Masonic Lodge and a very active member of Farmville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Y. Parker; daughters, Jane Parker Fitzhugh and husband, Berryman Jennings Fitzhugh Jr. and Agnes (Tootie) Parker Flythe and husband, Edwin Earnhardt Flythe Jr. all of Raleigh, North Carolina; grandchildren, Edwin Earnhardt Flythe III, Todd Parker Flythe, Berryman Jennings Fitzhugh III and James Christian Fitzhugh and great-grandson, Berryman Jennings Fitzhugh IV. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ivan Parker.

Memorials may be made to the Farmville United Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society.