

The Farmville Rotarian

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

The International theme for this year is the same as our motto: "Service Above Self". This is a simple yet challenging directive for this first Rotary year of our second century. Simple in that the meaning is easily understood, challenging in that it calls for each Rotarian to put self behind service to our community. Our lives are already filled with duties and responsibilities in our jobs, families, and other interests leaving us wondering just how we can successfully meet this goal.

I am honored that you have placed your faith in me by allowing me to serve as your President for the 2005-06 Rotary year. The one truth that I have learned during my administrative career is that an organization is only as strong as its weakest member. In order for an organization to achieve its full potential it must recognize that the best approach is a unified approach. Teamwork will be the basis of my tenure as your President, utilizing the acronym T.E.A.M.: Together Everyone Achieves More. As we each provide a small effort to the projects we undertake, the results will be far greater than we can imagine. I challenge you, as we strive to develop working committees, to actively participate and support the chair of your designated committee. After all, our accomplishments serve as our way of giving back to the community that supports our businesses and other endeavors.

The success of our FACES project during this past year will have a far reaching impact on this great community we call home. This project was 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. I challenge each member to commit to giving only \$8.33

per month thus becoming a sustaining member. This money will be used for Rotary projects in our area and around the world.

Our club has grown in many ways during President Laura's excellent leadership. Please join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Laura and the members of her executive team and directors for their excellent leadership and commitment to the ways of Rotary during their terms of service.

As we begin a new Rotary century, let's join together and put Rotary's idea of "Service Above Self" into action in our every day lives. As we contribute our greatest resources, our time and skills, to help improve the quality of life for those in need, we will be successful in our endeavors. By actively participating in Rotary activities as a team, we will be able to effectively fulfill our responsibilities as Rotarians without sacrificing other aspects of our busy lives.

With warm regards, Greg Cole

Treasurer's Report

Assets		Payables	
Checking	\$4,717	Picnic	\$92
Petty cash	\$186	Queen's Prize	\$165
A/R	\$3,580	Rotary Dues	\$1,818
Davenport	\$11,838	Cedar Brook	\$231
Total Assets		Total Liabilities	\$2,306

June District 7600 Newsletter

Please point your web browser to this site for the June 2005 District 7600 Newsletter:

<http://www.rotary7600.org/newsletters/rotary7600dnl0605.pdf>

Minutes of 6-9-05 Board Meeting

By Sam Shield, Secretary

- President-Elect Greg Cole went over some things he is planning for the new Rotary year. He is still looking for someone to be President-elect starting July 1st. It was suggested that if he doesn't find someone, that a Nominating Committee be formed.
- Greg also talked about a Literacy Project. It was stated that Tri-County Learners has not been open to assistance in the past. He mentioned doing dictionaries for 5th Graders for the Prince Edward County Public Schools. Some discussion ensued and the matter will be brought up again at the next meeting.
- Greg said that he is filing the paperwork to make the Rotary Club of Farmville a tax-exempt group so that contributions made to us will be eligible for exemption. He will be working with James Bell on that, as well as the Constitution and By-laws.
- Kerby Moore stated there is no new development on the Hospital Kits for wounded soldiers.
- Machel Eppes is on the table for membership.
- The donation of flags from the Exchange Club was discussed. Flags will be distributed at a community function to be decided later. Since the Club has disbanded it was decided to ask Dudley Sauve for a list of group names for possible admission into the Rotary. Mabel Shanaberger, Membership Chair, will address this at the meeting today.
- District Governor Bob Preston will be visiting on July 21st.
- James Lyle gave an update on Mrs. Ward's house. The house is not in good shape. Jim Neale will see that \$500 is given to the Lumber Yard for her use.
- Jim Neale gave the treasurer's report. It was decided to have Rick Mazzuto, Foundation Chair, talk at the meeting for members to get their monies in during the next two weeks so that the Foundation contribution of \$4,800 can be met by the end of the fiscal period of June 30th.
- It was noted that the Cedar Brook Restaurant will be closed July 14th. President Bayless is in the process of planning a tour of the new Longwood Rotunda with box lunches for that day.
- The next Board meeting will be 7:30 am, Thursday, July 14, 2005 at Shoney's. All are welcome.

Perfect Attendance May 2005

Shashi Ayer	Jon Marken
Wendell Barbour	Doug McClure
Laura Bayless	Kerby Moore
John Brinkley	Linda Reid
Steve Cochran	Bill Schneider
Greg Cole	Mable Shanaberger
Bill Dorrill	Sam Shield
Dan Dwyer	Jeff Smith
Michael Hesbach	Lawrence Sours
Paul Hicks	David Stables
Renee Hight	Karen Story
Frank Lacy	Marshall Thackston
Jack Lee	Que Wilhelmi
James Lyle	Joe Zehner

Rotarian Eddleman Earns Doctorate

Gwen Eddleman, CEO/President of Southside Community Hospital and a Farmville Rotarian on leave, has fulfilled the degree requirements for Doctor of Higher Education Leadership Degree with a focus in Healthcare from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Eddleman's dissertation research project is entitled *Evaluation of Family Practice Resident's Knowledge and Skills Concerning Ethical Principles*. This research project will benefit graduate medical education programs as they continue to educate physicians and comply with the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Nova Southeastern University is located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and has more than 25,000 students. It is the largest independent institution of higher education in Florida. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte in 1980, and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas in 1985. Congratulations, Gwen!

Note from the editor:

I am happy to be back in the saddle of editing *The Farmville Rotarian*! The Board has decided that the newsletter will be distributed electronically for those who have email. A limited number of copies will be printed for those who do not have email.

If you have comments or suggestions, please let me know. You can contact me at 392.3461 (home) or baylessla@longwood.edu.

Thanks! Laura Bayless

Comfort Kits for Wounded Soldiers

By Kerby Moore

What started as a local club idea in Yorktown has grown to be a district-wide project. At its May meeting, our Board decided this was a project that needed our help!

Rotary clubs in our district are making and distributing "Comfort Kits" to our wounded service members in Iraq. When our troops are wounded, they are taken to an Evacuation Hospital for stabilization and treatment. When the Soldiers and Marines arrive, they have nothing but the torn and bloody uniforms they are wearing. In 1-7 days (depending on criticality of wounds and airframe availability), they are flown to Germany or the US. However during this whole period of time they are without personal items – not even a toothbrush!!

One could certainly ask, "How could the Military let this happen?" The fact is the Evacuation Hospital is just that - an Evacuation Hospital - where patients are treated and moved out as quickly as possible. It is when the patient reaches Germany or the US that a complete reissue of clothing and other items is made.

Since this project started in February, 350+ Comfort Kits have been mailed from the Yorktown, Williamsburg, and James City County Rotary Clubs. It is hoped that each club in our district will take a month. The Farmville Club's month looks to be in November. This could be a long term project until the war is ended and the need is gone.

Here's what goes into a Comfort Kit: a pair of shorts preferably with elastic waste band or draw string; a T-shirt; a pair of underwear (boxer shorts); a pair of white socks; a pair of flip-flops; a toothbrush and small toothpaste; a razor, shaving cream and small aftershave; and bar of soap, deodorant, and a small bottle of shampoo.

Items will be placed in a small carrying bag with a drawstring. To allow for difference in sizes, we are shipping medium, large, and extra large, and labeling the size on the outside of the bags. In addition five bags are designated for females and contain feminine hygiene items. We also include "notes signed by school children" and a thank you card from our Rotary Clubs.

The experience of other clubs has shown that items for the Kits can be purchased for \$16-25 per kit depending upon the source. However, it has also been found that many businesses, church groups, hospitals, jails, hotels, etc. are prime sources if the need is explained.

The Farmville Board has allocated \$500 towards this project. This amount will provide approximately 20 – 35 kits. The district is hoping each club can do at least 50, preferably 100.

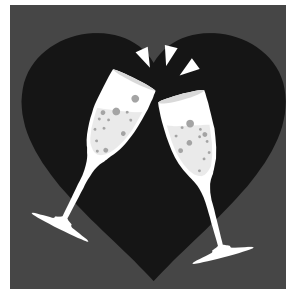
How Farmville Rotarians can help: This is gearing up to be a major project. We will need your help to secure items, to visit other entities (such as churches) to request donations, your financial contributions (one member has already donated one hundred dollars!!! Way to go, Rick Mazzuto!), and – yes – your time to help put these Comfort Kits together. A lot of us have talked for a long time about wanting to be more "hands on" – well here's our chance!

I've tried to put myself in the shoes (boots) of our service men and women. They are thousands of miles from home, in danger, wounded, scared, and in pain. And they are there on our behalf. Let's show that we truly appreciate their efforts. Let's ALL do our share to make this Comfort Kit project a tremendous success!

July

Birthdays...

1st Linda Reid
12th Lawrence Sours
17th Russell Dove
22nd Neil Humphries
25th Bill Dorrill
30th Doug McClure



...and Anniversaries

11th Shashi and Sara Ayer
18th Bob and Martha Taylor
21st Bob and Nancy Shelton

2005-06 Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers:

President: **Greg Cole**

Vice President: **Michael Hesbach**

Secretary: **Sam Shield**

Treasurer: **Jim Neale**

Sgt at Arms: **Que Wilhelmi**

President-Elect: **James Lyle**

Past President: **Laura Bayless**

Committee Chairs:

Club Administration: **Wendell Barbour**

Club Educator: **Bill Dorrill**

Membership: **Mable Shanaberger**

Public Relations/Fund Raising: **Kerby Moore**

Service: **Karen Story**

The Rotary Foundation: **Jeff Smith**

July Programs

July 7 – **Trisha Durbin, Recipient of the 2005
Vernon C. Womack Service Above Self
Scholarship**

July 14 – **Laura Bayless, Tour of Longwood's
Rotunda**

July 21 – **Rotary District 7600 Governor Bob
Preston**

July 28 – **Frank Lacy, New Member Introduction**

July Menu

July 7 – Club sandwich, chips, fruit salad

July 14 – Boxed lunch

July 21 – Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, string
beans, cobbler

July 28 – Fish, baked apples, cole slaw, salad

If you would like to request a different meal, please
call the Cedar Brook at 392.4589 by 11 am!

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