

The Farmville Rotarian

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians;

The recent devastations in the Gulf Coast Region certainly remind us just how fragile life is and how quickly we could lose everything. Please continue to keep those affected by these storms in your prayers. As needs arise, our club will strive to do what we can to serve.

Please don't forget about the District Conference being held in Richmond this year during the weekend of October 21 to 23, 2005. **District Governor Bob** has set a goal of 500 attendees at this year's conference and hopefully our club will do its part in helping to achieve this goal. Registration forms are available at the weekly meetings or you can go online and download the form from the District web site; www.rotary7600.org. Remember, there is a late fee if you do not register before October 1st.

Our club has applied for a district matching grant of \$6,500 which will help us with our literacy and water projects. Rotary Radio Days is one of the major fund raising efforts that will be used to generate our portion of the matching grant. Please make an effort to sell your ads and return your packet ASAP. Your participation is vital to our overall success!

Our fall cookout was blessed with great weather. **The Lyle Family** graciously opened their home and made this event a success. Those in attendance enjoyed plenty of great food, fun, and fellowship. **THANKS JAMES!**

With Warm Regards,

Greg Cole



Treasurer's Report

By **Jim Neale**

Checking	\$ 3,039
Petty Cash	386
Receivables	4,279
Davenport	11,976
Total assets	\$ 19,680



Payables:

Katrina relief	\$ 685.00
Queen's prize	287.00

Note: We also sent \$ 371.00 to Stop Hunger Now as one meeting's meal allocation.

GSE Team in from Australia

The Group Study Exchange Team from Australia arrived in the United States on September 27, 2005 and are our guests until their departure on October 24, 2005. Just before they enjoy our District Conference, the Team will be in Farmville on October 17. The morning will be spent at Longwood meeting with faculty in the Education and English departments. The afternoon will be spent with the Prince Edward County Schools, a Financial Advisor, and the Farmville Herald.

Australian Team consists of:

Danny Mattsson, Team Leader, Rotarian & Finance Consultant

Naomi Noy, Journalist

Amanda Tomlinson, Journalist

Rachel Sampson, Teacher/Educator

Neil Garson, Sugar Cane Farmer/Laser Leveling Contractor

Point your web browser to the District 7600 website for more information about the team.

Just go to www.rotary7600.org and click on "District." For more information about the visit, contact our own **Que Wilhelmi**, District Group Study Exchange Chair.

Service Project Planned

By **Karen Story**

If you can't go to the Rotary District Conference the weekend of October 21-23, then I know I'll see you here! The Rotary Club of Farmville will be among the volunteers across Virginia gathering along the shorelines of streams, rivers, lakes, and bays to pick up trash and complete data cards from The Ocean Conservancy, collecting valuable information about the amounts and sources of debris found along our waterways. *Specifically, I have signed us up for Saturday, October 22, 2005 to pick up litter found at the boat ramps located at the Sandy River Reservoir.*

This local cleanup event will be part of The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC). Organized worldwide by The Ocean Conservancy, this is the world's largest volunteer effort to collect data on litter and trash in the aquatic environment. ICC events are held on the coasts and inland, since inland litter often ends up in our oceans. Much of the marine debris we find on beaches and in oceans originates upstream -- in rivers and streams. The effects of this debris on Earth's habitats and biological resources are devastating. In addition to posing a threat to human health, marine debris kills birds, fish, seals and sea turtles through entanglement and ingestion.

Since 1988, more than one million pounds of trash have been collected and recorded by volunteers during CVW's annual *International Coastal Cleanup in Virginia*. I'll be in touch with details about how to sign up to volunteer.



Wound Soldier Comfort Kits Project – an update

By **Kerby Moore**

Perhaps you've noticed there hasn't been any news on this project in about a month. The reason is that we were in a "wait and see" mode. One of our members had a connection at Kohl's department store in Richmond and there was a chance we could get a lot of stuff donated through them; but alas, that fell through.

So now it is time to rev up this project again! My thanks to the Rotarians who have already jumped into this project. To date, we have about a 50% participation rate. I'd love to see 100%. Wow, what a statement that would make about our club!

We only have three items left to acquire: t-shirts, boxer shorts, and gym shorts. If you have not yet done your part, please see **Karen Story** or **Kerby Moore** for an assignment sheet. (As before, it is important that you do not acquire the above mentioned items without first consulting with them. As you would expect, the military is very exacting on what the soldiers can have. Also, we need to coordinate because we need different sizes of each).

Thanks to all who have already pitched in and our thanks, in advanced, to those of you who will do so shortly.

Perfect Attendance – August 2005

Shashi Ayer	Sam Shield
Laura Bayless	Bill Schneider
Mike Browder	Jeff Smith
Dan Dwyer	Lawrence Sours
Stephen Goldberger	Karen Story
Paul Hicks	Marshall Thackston
Jack Lee	Que Wilhelmi
James Lyle	Joe Zehner
Jon Marken	

Did you know???

October is Rotary Vocational Service Month! As business leaders, Rotarians share their skills and expertise through vocational service, one of the Four Avenues of Service. Your vocational service efforts can play a vital role in improving the quality of life for those hardworking members of the community who need direction and expertise. By participating in any of a number of vocational service activities — mentoring, career days, vocational awards, business assistance, or even talking about your job at a club meeting — you can turn your experience into an invaluable resource for others.

When professionals join a Rotary club, they do so as a representative of their particular business or profession. This gives Rotarians the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and of exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

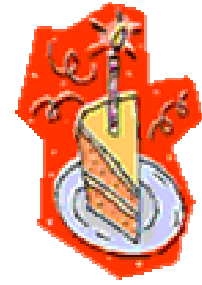
Vocational service focuses on:

- Adherence to, and promotion of, the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just your own or those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.
- The values expressed in The 4-Way Test and the Declaration for Rotarians in Business and Professions, which promote high ethical standards in the workplace, a central theme of Rotary throughout its history.

Would you like to receive monthly updates on vocational service matters around the world? Subscribe to the e-mail newsletter which contains updates and announcements about Rotary club and district vocational service projects and activities worldwide. Register your full name and e-mail address. Point your web browser to:
http://www.rotary.org/programs/voc_act/index.html
and look for the link to register!

Birthdays...

10th Scott Harwood
13th Sam Shield
15th George Wilson
17th Dan Dwyer



...and Anniversaries

13th Sam and Cleo Shield
22nd Bill and Mary Ellen Schneider

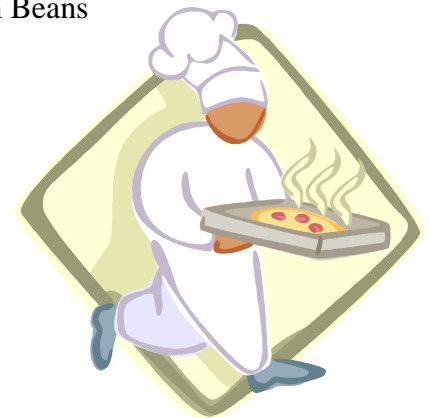
Programs for October 2005

October 6 **Machelle Epps**, New Member
Introduction
October 13 **Dan Albert**, New Member
Introduction
October 20 **Ramesh Rao**, New Member
Introduction
October 27 **Karen Story**, *Katie Register*,
Clean Virginia Waterways

Menu for October 2005

Note: All meals include tossed green salad, assorted cookies or dessert and non alcoholic beverages

October 6 Fried Chicken, Vegetable Stir Fry,
Steamed Sugar Snap Peas
October 13 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy, Vegetable Lasagna
October 20 Homemade Chicken Pot Pie,
Portabella Mushroom & Broccoli
Mornay, Buttered Sweet Corn
October 27 Homemade Meatloaf, Baked Ziti
in Marinara Sauce, Country Style
Green Beans



Highlights from the September 8, 2005 Board Meeting

Greg Cole and **James Bell** are reviewing the non-profit status of our Club for our By-Laws and Constitution.

New Member Orientation is always held the first Monday of the month at noon at Charley's.

We received a \$6500 District Simplified Grant for our literacy and water projects for 2005-06. Four thousand dollars will go for literacy, specifically for the Southside Learning Center for four and five year-olds to start reading. The remaining \$2500 is for a water project to be announced soon. Thanks to **Michael Hesbach** for submitting the grant proposal.

Wendell Barbour will chair the committee that selects our 2006 Honorary Rotarian. If you have suggestions for names or are interested in serving on the committee, contact **Wendell Barbour**.

James Lyle will be chairing the Nominating Committee for 2006-07 Officers. If you are interested in serving or nominating someone, please contact **James Lyle**.

Jeff Smith is working on the January 12, 2006 Celebrity Cook-off. Rotary members will be selling tickets and there will be more ads this year.

Karen Story has contacted Katie Register, Director of Clean Virginia Waterways, so that we can volunteer to help clean up Sandy River. See an article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. **Karen** also talked with Peggy Epperson about projects that the Prince Edward County Library may need done.

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