

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;

EXCITING NEWS! Our club was awarded the district matching grant in the amount of \$6,500 and we have the funds in the bank. We will be presenting part of these funds, \$4,000, to the Southside Family Learning Center during the November 10th meeting. Our matching \$4,000 will come from the Rotary Radio Days fundraiser. We anticipate allocating the remaining \$2,500 to go towards a water project during the November Board meeting. Many thanks to **Michael Hesbach** and his committee for doing the leg work that secured this grant.

Speaking of **Michael Hesbach**, he announced during a meeting in October that he will be leaving the Farmville area sometime this fall as he moves up in the Boy Scout organization. **Michael** has been a major contributor of time and effort in promoting the mission of Rotary in the Farmville area and his departure will leave a void that needs to be filled. Please join me in thanking **Michael** for all his efforts as a Farmville Rotarian and the best of luck as he secures and begins a new position with the Boy Scouts.

Many thanks go out to **Karen Story** for organizing the Sandy River clean-up effort which proved to be very successful. **Kerby Moore** and his committee have put much time and effort in the Wounded Soldiers Comfort Kit project and deserve recognition for their efforts. When you see these Rotarians please give them a pat on the back for the devotion to Rotary.

As a final note, we will be voting on the adoption of our Constitution and By-Laws for the club on November 10th. This is the first step in the process of applying for a non-profit status. With the help of **James Bell**, we will hopefully have the necessary

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Congratulations to the Club!

The Rotary Club of Farmville earned several awards at the District 7600 Conference for our good work in 2004-05. We made excellent contributions in our Centennial year! Congratulations!

Governor's Cup

From among those clubs who are selected as Governor's Circle Award recipients, a club that achieves an outstanding level of achievement will be selected to receive the Governor's Cup. Such recognition will be reserved for a club judged to have achieved truly exceptional results during the year.



Governor's Circle Award

This award will be presented to those clubs that have demonstrated excellence over the course of the 2004-2005 Rotary Year through:

- significant achievements in all Avenues of Service
- promotion of Rotary education
- the enhancement of Rotary's public image
- upholding the ideals of Rotary through observance of the Four-Way Test and pursuit of the Objects of Rotary
- support for the Rotary Foundation through financial support and program participation
- development and retention of membership

Community Service Award

This award will be presented to the Rotary Club(s) that provides significant service to the community and/or the world.

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paperwork completed by the end of December. Our new constitution calls for an annual business meeting to be held on the first Thursday in December for the purpose of conducting any business and to elect officers for the ensuing year. James Lyle is heading up the nomination committee and we anticipate having the 2006-07 nominees to present to the membership on December 1, 2005.

With Warm Regards; Greg Cole

Awards (con't from Page 1)

The District Rotary Foundation Award

This award will be presented to the Rotary Club(s) that does the best job of informing its membership and its community about the Rotary Foundation and its program.

District Service Award

Que Wilhelmi received this award to recognize his outstanding service to the district in stepping up to host Group Study Exchange at the last minute in 2004-05.

Outstanding President Award

This award is intended to recognize a club president who exemplifies truly outstanding leadership within his or her Rotary club during the 2004-2005 Rotary year.

Correction!

In the October Rotarian, I shared the name of the chair of the committee that selects our 2006 Honorary Rotarian. Forgive me! I had misinformation. **Dan Dwyer** is the chair of the Honorary Rotarian committee. If you have suggestions for names or are interested in serving on the committee, contact **Dan Dwyer**.

Treasurer's Report

By Jim Neale

Checking	\$11,049.59
Receivables	3,118.70
Petty Cash	374.67
Davenport	11,976.00
Payables	
Foundation	596.00
Dist Grant	6,500.00
Queens Prize	307.00
Katrina	835.00



Highlights from the October 13, 2005 Board Meeting

Robin Buckalew of the Friends of the Appomattox shared some of the work of that group and suggested some ways we might consider contributing during our year focusing on water.

The Constitution and By-Laws have been distributed and will be voted on at the November 10 meeting.

James Lyle is chairing the 2006-07 Nominating committee. The committee will also consider a replacement for Vice President **Michael Hesbach** when he leaves the area.

The Vernon C. Womack Service Above Self scholarship committee is beginning their work for the 2006 process.

Dan Dwyer is chairing the Honorary Rotarian committee for 2005-06.

Rotary Radio Day is November 6, 2005. Thanks to **Michael Hesbach** and **Steve Cochrane** for organizing this important fundraiser.

The Board voted to assist with a donation to Community Outreach Christmas Bags.

November Programs

- November 3 **Que Wilhelmi**, *Virginia Kinman*,
Electronic Libraries
- November 10 **Paul Hicks**, *Nancy Carwile*,
Southside Family Learning Center
- November 17 **Jeff Smith**, *Patsy Watson*, Y
Aquatics Director
- November 24 No Meeting - Thanksgiving

November Menu

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

The chef is looking for suggestions for future meals. If you have any, please share them with me.

- November 3 Meat Lasagna, Vegetable Stir Fry,
Steamed Sugar Snap Peas
- November 10 BBQ Pork Chops, Baked Ziti with
Marinara Sauce, Steamed Green
Beans
- November 17 Fried Catfish, Portabella Mushroom
& Broccoli Mornay, Buttered Sweet
Corn
- November 24 No Meeting - Thanksgiving

Washington, DC Monument Honoring Paul Harris and Others Dedicated
By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga, Rotary International News

A national monument honoring 20 leaders of major volunteer movements in the United States, including Rotary founder Paul P. Harris, was unveiled in Washington, D.C., on 14 October 2005. Former President George Bush led the dedication ceremony for the Extra Mile-Points of Light Volunteer Pathway, a series of markers set along a mile-long stretch of sidewalks near the White House and the U.S. Treasury Department. "The Extra Mile will not only educate but inspire all those who walk its path," Bush said. "[It] should signal that greatness and goodness are not relegated to history books or confined to the existing monuments." Cokie Roberts, a political commentator, and Anthony Williams, the city's mayor, assisted at the event, which was attended by more than 500 people. Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Millard and Linda Fuller, founders of the Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity and the only living Extra Mile honorees, spoke at the ceremony.

The monument is marked by hand-sculpted bronze medallions embedded in granite and set into the sidewalk. Each medallion measures 42 inches in diameter and bears a bas-relief image of the honoree, a description of the volunteer's achievements, and a quotation.

Past District Governor Jack Blane and Past RI Vice President Frank C. Collins Jr. cochaired the RI Board-approved project to coordinate the creation of the Paul Harris medallion. Both attended the dedication, along with RI General Secretary Ed Futa. "I've had a lot of wonderful experiences during my nearly 40 years in Rotary," says Blane, "but [the dedication] was one of the most exciting days I had."

With the exception of a donation from the Rotary Club of Tokyo, the project raised more than \$52,000 from Rotarian sources in the United States to fund the Paul Harris medallion. "We did not go outside the United States, because we felt that it was more appropriate to raise the funds locally since the monument is in our nation's capital," Blane explains. "All sorts of contributions came from Rotary clubs, districts, and individuals in America.

The Tokyo club got involved because it is a sister club to the Rotary club in Washington."

The Paul Harris medallion, the third along the pathway, is located outside the Hotel Washington, where the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. meets every Wednesday. "It was nice that that spot was selected," says Blane. "Another great thing is that Paul Harris and Edgar 'Daddy' Allen, founder of Easter Seals, are side by side, at number three and four, on the monument. They were good friends."

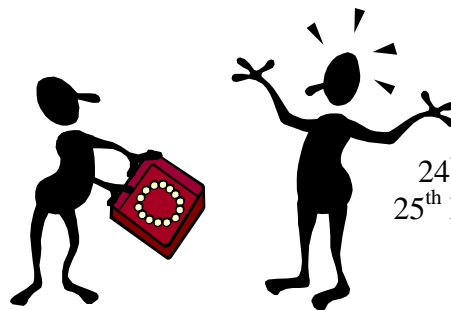
The Points of Light Foundation, which heads up the Extra Mile initiative, estimates that each year more than 1.7 million visitors to Washington, D.C., will see the pathway. The monument required both Congressional and District of Columbia approvals and is made possible through major support from the KPMG Foundation and other sources of private funding.

Other Extra Mile honorees include Clara Barton, Cesar Chavez, Frederick Douglass, and Martin Luther King Jr., as well as the founders of Goodwill Industries, Lions Clubs International, and Volunteers of America. Medallions for 11 more honorees are planned. The monument can accommodate up to 70 honorees.

November

Birthdays...

- 5th Marshall Thackston
- 10th Brad Crawford
- 10th Jim Neale
- 13th John (Jack) Lee
- 14th Paul Hicks
- 16th Laura Bayless

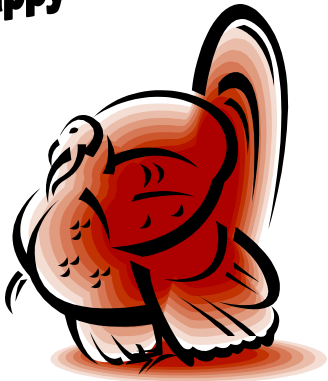


- ...and Anniversaries*
- 6th Marshall Thackston
 - 24th Robyn and Acie Allen
 - 25th Russell and Nellie Dove

Perfect Attendance

Shashi Ayer
Wendell Barbour
Laura Bayless
Greg Cole
Michelle Eppes
James Lyle
Jon Marken
Kerby Moore
Mable Shanaberger
Sam Shield
Jeff Smith
Que Wilhelmi

Happy Thanksgiving!



Group Study Exchange from Australia

On Monday, October 17, 2005, the Rotary Club of Farmville hosted the Group Study Exchange Team from Australia. In the morning, the team enjoyed breakfast at The Bakery, followed by individual meetings with Longwood University faculty. *Naomi Noy* and *Amanda Tomlinson*, two journalists, met with *Dr. Susan Booker* and *Dr. Pam Tracy* to discuss journalism and the media in the United States. *Rachel Sampson*, a teacher, met with *Dr. Deneese Jones* to discuss primary and secondary education, including testing and No Child Left Behind. **Danny Mattsson**, Rotarian team leader and financial analyst, and *Neil Garson*, a sugar cane farmer and laser leveling contractor, met with *Dr. Evelyn Hume*. Following lunch at Charley's with Rotarians **Dr. Shashi Ayer**, **Dr. Margaret Blackmon**, **Que Wilhelmi**, and **Dr. Laura Bayless**, the GSE Team met with local professionals. *Noy* and *Tomlinson* met with *Marge Swayne* of the Farmville Herald. *Sampson* met with **Dr. Blackmon** and others at the Prince Edward County Schools. **Mattsson** met with **Cannon Watson** of Davenport and Company. *Garson* met with an Extension Agent.

That evening, the Team were the guests of the Rotary Club of Blackstone, where they presented an amazing program on their region in Australia. GSE Chair **Que Wilhelmi** has a copy of the presentation if you are interested in viewing it. Thanks, **Que**, for your hard work organizing this special group of Aussies!

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