

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;

What exciting news that our club was awarded the Governor's Cup for the 2004-05 Rotary year. We should all extend a hearty "Job well done!" for **Laura Bayless** and her officers for their hard work in earning this recognition.

We're quickly approaching the halfway point in this Rotary year with many items yet to complete. Our literacy project is taking shape with our \$4,000 donation to the Southside Learning Center, but there is more to be done. Our water project is in the final planning stage with a goal of having this underway by the first of February. The Honorary Rotarian Committee is working hard to secure names from which we will choose one to honor during our February banquet.

Rotary Radio Day was a success with over \$3,200 netted from the event. Many thanks to **Michael Hesbach** and his committee on their hard work as well as those that gave of their time to work the microphone at the radio station Sunday morning. We will need to raise an additional \$800 in order to secure our \$4,000 match for the literacy project.

Please don't forget the Rotary Foundation this holiday season. Our goal for this year is \$5,000 and at the pace we are currently setting, we will fall way short of this goal. Hopefully everyone will do their part in contributing at least \$100 to the foundation by June 1st. Remember, this is how our matching grant is funded. Everyone give generously!

Wishing each Rotarian Family a wonderful holiday season, I remain Sincerely Yours;

Greg Cole



Slate of Officers Nominated for 2006-07



President	James Lyle
Vice-President	Sam Shield
Secretary	Laura Bayless
Treasurer	Jim Neale
President-Elect	Wendell Barbour
Past President	Greg Cole

Treasurer's Report

By Jim Neale

Checking	10,516
A/R	6,471
Petty cash	386
Savings	<u>11,976</u>
Total assets	29,349



Receivables	
Members	5,421
R R Day	<u>1,050</u>
	6,471

Payables	
Total liabilities	5,595
District Grant	4,250
Katrina	835
Foundation	160
Queen's Pot	<u>350</u>
	5,595

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

By Wendell Barbour

We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 12th and 13th from 6 – 9 pm at Wal-Mart. We are covering both doors and will need at least two people per door. I'll be circulating the sign up sheet on December 1st, or you can have your name added to the list by calling me at 395-2083 or 395-2431. Please volunteer your time. We raised over \$800 last year. Our goal this year is to exceed \$1,000. Thank you for your help. I look forward to ringing the bell with you.

Celebrity Cookoff

By Jeff Smith

It's that time again to put on your aprons and pull out the chef hats! The Second Annual Celebrity cook-off is quickly approaching. Last year the Celebrity Cookoff generated almost \$2,000 for FACES. This year we are looking to generate even more monies for our projects for literacy and clean drinking water.

At last year's event in the Gee-Price Center at Fuqua, we had 20 cooks and over 200 attendees. This year's event is being moved to the Lower School Commons at Fuqua so that we can accommodate up to 35 chefs and attendance between 300 and 400. Last year we held back on pushing the sales of tickets and advertising because we were just getting 'our feet wet.' This year we have more of an idea of what we are doing so we will push the sale of tickets before the event and provide more extensive advertising.

So mark January 12 on your calendar. The Second Annual Celebrity Cookoff will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Lower School Commons at Fuqua School. See you there!!!!!!

Highlights of 11-10-05 Board Meeting

The Board voted that for our literacy program this year, the Club would donate \$6,000 to The Southside Family Learning Center. An additional \$2,000 will be donated to the Public Library to support education and their book coupon program.

In addition, the board voted to allocate \$5,000 to Clean Virginia Waterways in the support of education and well-water testing in Prince Edward County. A sub-committee will be formed to oversee it.

The Farmville Club will join with the Norfolk Club to collect 100,000 books to replenish libraries in Mississippi and Alabama. We will give \$835 to the Longwood Library to purchase discounted books to be used for the Norfolk Rotary Book Program. In addition, members are requested to bring in new or gently used books to donate.

The club is falling short of our goal of donations to The Rotary Foundation. Don't forget – Every Rotarian Every Year!

Perfect Attendance for October 2005

Shashi Ayer	Kerby Moore
Laura Bayless	Bill Schneider
Michael Browder	Mable Shanaberger
Greg Cole	Jeff Smith
Paul Hicks	Lawrence Sours
Jack Lee	Bob Taylor
Jon Marken	Cannon Watson
Doug McClure	Que Wilhelmi

December Birthdays...

1st Cannon Watson
2nd Karen Story
9th Ruth Murphy
10th Carol Coulter
11th David Stables



...and Anniversaries

1st Frank and Mary Lacey
5th Jim and Ann Morton Neale
17th Bill and Angie Frank
21st Steve and Jennifer Cochrane
30th James and Lavonna Lyle



December Programs

December 1 **Joe Zehner**, *Dennis Burges*, Writing Historical Thrillers. Check out www.dennisburges.com

December 8 **Doug McClure**, *Dr. Irving S. Gottfried*, Advances in Medicine and Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

December 15 **Dan Dwyer**, *Susan Lawman*, Medicare Issues

December 22 **Carol Coulter**, *The IncrediBells*, a hand bell quartet with holiday music

December 29 **Club Forum**

December Menu

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

December 1 Fried Chicken, Pasta Primavera, Glazed Baby Carrots

December 8 Beef Stroganoff, Cheese Ravioli Alfredo, Steamed Green Beans

December 15 Chicken Parmesan, Portabella Mushroom & Broccoli Mornay, Sugar Snap Peas

December 22 Homemade Meatloaf, Vegetable Stir Fry, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

December 29 Pork BBQ Sandwiches, Vegetable Lasagna

Rotary Radio Day Report

By Michael Hesbach and Steve Cochrane

Thank you all for a successful Rotary Radio Day. Here is the breakdown of our successful fundraiser.

One Minute Ads Sold: 106

Mentions Sold: 32

Gross Revenue: \$3,750

Expenses:

10% to WFLO: \$375

Herald Ad: \$200

Postage and supplies: \$25

Total Expenses: \$600

Net to Club: \$3,150



That net is \$372.00 short of our projected goal. We did not sell \$160 worth of potential ad time, some ads were sold at the 2004 rates and I honored the commitments that were made to our advertisers, and I sold a group of mentions at a discount all contributing to the remaining shortfall. Our best seller was **Kerby Moore** with \$535.00 in advertising sales.

Honorary Rotarian Nominations

By Dan Dwyer

The holiday season is upon us, which signals that it is time for nominations for our annual Honorary Rotarian Award. The committee consists of **Jack Lee, Wendell Barbour** and **Dan Dwyer**. The bar has been set high for nominees as past honorary Rotarians include such active people as *Nancy Haga, Lindy Hamlett, and Ellen Masters*. The goal is to seek individuals who are active in our community in several capacities. The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" should be the guiding light in our search for someone to honor. Nominees need not always be those in front of the spotlight. Often there are individuals who serve quietly behind the scenes who deserve consideration for our award. Please give some thought as to who we should honor this year. We will invite the honorary Rotarian to our February banquet to make the presentation. We need to have your suggestions by December 8. You may contact Jack or Wendell or call me at 392-4144 day, 392-8684 evenings or email at jcddwyer@kinex.net. Thanks in advance for your input.

Farmville Club to Again Offer Vernon Womack Scholarship

By Jon Marken

The Farmville Club will again offer the Vernon C. Womack Service Above Self Scholarship, which was named last year as part of our Rotary Centennial celebration. The scholarship is open to all high school seniors living or attending school in the Farmville area and carries a one-time \$1000 award to be used at any institution of higher learning.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on qualities important to Rotary, including:

- a. Service to the community
- b. Service to the school
- c. Leadership
- d. International interest
- e. Academic excellence

Application packets will be available at the meeting on December 1, through the local schools and through our website (www.rotary.farmville.net). Applicants do not need experience in every area and should be encouraged to apply.

If anyone in the club is interested in judging the applications, please contact Jon Marken (223-1666 or jmarken@lamppostpub.com). The judging will be done blindly to ensure fairness.

Vernon Carter Womack, long-time Commissioner of Revenue and later Clerk of the Court for Prince Edward County, joined the Farmville Rotary Club in 1938 and ably exemplified Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." This scholarship seeks to carry on his legacy.



Final Report on the Wounded Soldier Comfort Kit Project

By **Kerby Moore**

It took about a dozen man-hours, but Mission Accomplished! On a cold Saturday morning, November 19th, several dedicated Farmville Rotarians met to form an assembly line. They rolled up their sleeves to create and pack the 100 comfort kits our club was asked to provide to our wounded service personnel in Iraq. Frankly, when I agreed to chair this project, I did not realize the immense scope of the task. In all, 2100+ items were collected and shipped to Iraq. It took eight large boxes weighing a total of 332 pounds! The approximate cost of all the items, if purchased, was over twenty-five hundred dollars.

I wanted to design the task so that all club members could easily participate. I simply did not want it to be yet another project done from start to finish by 3 or 4 members. I am happy to report that we had an 83% participation rate, either by acquiring items themselves, donating money, or working to assemble the kits.

I wish to shine the spotlight on a few folks. Kudos goes to **Rick Mazzuto** and **John Brinkley** for giving financial contributions above and beyond what was asked of them. I wish to also recognize **Robyn Allen** who single-handedly acquired many of the items we needed. My thanks to the Rotarians who gave up a Saturday morning to put the kits together (**Dan Albert, Shashi Ayer, Russell Dove, Machel Eppes, Stan Gemborys, Renee' Hight, James Lyle, Doug and Betty McClure, and Karen Story**). My appreciation also goes to **Jeff Smith**, who gave the project prominence on the club's website, and to **Laura Bayless**, who gave the project lots of exposure in the newsletter. Last but certainly not least, my thanks to **Karen Story** who co-chaired the project.

As a veteran, this project was very near and dear to my heart. I sincerely thank the Board for giving the green light for this project and providing \$500 in funds towards the cost. I am happy to report the project came in under budget. Additionally, due to the hard work and generosity of Rotarians, we ended up with more items than we needed. These extra items were donated to Madeline's House. Way to go, Rotarians! Thank you!

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