

# THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN



JUNE, 2008

LEADING THE WAY

## Officers 2007-2008

- Ben Cooke .....President
- Cathy Stevens .....Secretary
- Kendra Garaventa.....Treasurer
- Charles Dugger.....Sergeant At Arms
- Tim Marion.....President Elect
- John Collins.....Past President

## Weekly Meetings

Tuesday, 12:10 pm  
 Cross Creek Country Club  
 1129 Greenhill Road  
 Mount Airy, NC

## MOUNT AIRY ROTARY BRINGS HOME THE GOLD BY CAROL BURKE



Mt. Airy Rotary Club members: Carol Burke, Kendra Garaventa, Teresa and Jim Lewis, and Dick Johnson joined President Ben Cooke on the District Governor's stage to receive the highest award given to a club - THE GOLD AWARD. The work of many club members contributed toward our club

receiving this prestigious award. Our international projects, sponsorship of an Interact and Rotaract Club; Rotary family events; hosting the GSE team and Russian dancers; and our community projects all contributed to an excellent year supporting our theme Rotary Shares.

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## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2009 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The new district governor, Charles Allen, from the Randolph Club announced the 2009 District 7690 Conference will be at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center at

Myrtle Beach April 23-26, 2009. Mark your calendars to support incoming president, Tim Marion as we go for our THIRD GOLD YEAR.

# Message from President Ben



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I encourage each of you to take a long hard look at what Rotary means to you. Is it simply a social lunch hour you look forward to each week; or is it a time you are pretty sure you're going to get a good lunch and listen to a fairly interesting speaker; or does it mean much more than that? What does Rotary mean to you? I have to admit when I joined Rotary I didn't know one thing about it. I was looking to get out of the office once a week for lunch and be able to see other business professionals I would not ordinarily see on a weekly basis. I can not lie. I still look forward to seeing everyone on a weekly basis. But since my involvement with Rotary has grown and I have been able to learn more about Rotary and all the wonderful things that Rotary does, I am hooked. I don't spend enough time during our meetings talking about Rotary and the great things that

Rotary has done for the world. I apologize for not bringing to you more of what Rotary does. I realize I've not been in Rotary nearly as long as most of our members, and I will probably never contribute as much money to Rotary as most of our members, but we have to remember why we are a part of Rotary. We are a part of Rotary to make a difference in the lives of people all over the world. Individually we can never make as big a difference in the world as Rotary does as a worldwide organization. Our sustaining contributions to the Rotary Foundation mean so much too so many people. The mission of the Rotary Foundation is as follows:

To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Please take a look at the many programs (next page) that the Rotary Foundation supports and the next time you get your quarterly statement, let's think twice about marking off your sustaining contribution. Let's remember why

we are a part of Rotary. If you are truly a member of Rotary for the social aspect and you don't care to support Rotary financially then maybe you ought to reconsider your membership. I apologize for being so harsh, but Rotary is about giving rather than getting. ROTARY SHARES!

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your President this year. I have learned so much about Rotary which makes me truly believe we can do great things when we come together as a group. I thank everyone who participated in all of our projects this year. We could not have gotten the "GOLD" without you. I would like to especially thank our outgoing treasurer, Kendra Garaventa, and Cathy Stevens, our club secretary, for their hard work and dedication to our club. There is absolutely no way our club would be able to function without the hard work of these two ladies. I am forever grateful to them for their dedication in making our club one of the best!!!

Sincerely,  
Ben Cooke

## BEST WISHES TO THOSE CELEBRATING:

### *Birthdays:*

- 1.....Cooper Adams
- 2.....Tonda Hall
- 3.....Adam Delp
- 3.....Dick Wimbish
- 4.....Eric Hodges
- 8.....Betty Ann Collins
- 13...Fred Folger
- 15...Eddie Bondurant

### *Anniversaries:*

- 4.....Greg & Lynette Cave
- 6.....Derek & Mary Higgs
- 13...Frank & Amanda Sells
- 14...Sue & Hal Brownfield  
Ann & Tom Vaughn
- 16...Don & Karen Schumacher
- 20...Bob & Kathy Moody
- 23...Steve & Polly Gross
- 25...Marian & Michael Goldwasser
- 30...John & Bobbie Collins

## MOUNT AIRY ROTARY BRINGS HOME THE GOLD

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*Top L to R: Barry Raissen and friends*



*Bottom L to R: Floyd, Carol Burke, & Dick Johnson*



# GREAT NEWS REGARDING PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

At Saturday's District 7690 meeting, District Governor David McCoy announced that our district is the **FIRST** and **ONLY** district in the world that has 100% of clubs with all members as Paul Harris Fellows. This is truly an amazing accomplishment allowing Rotary Foundation to better accomplish our motto: SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

## NEWS FROM MATCHING GRANTS

In our district in the past three years, 42 out of 50 clubs have participated in matching grants for international projects in 19 countries to total \$865,000. Dick Johnson is our club's representative to

Larry Aiken's District Matching Grants Committee.

Barry Raissen from Nassau Bahamas, Rotary International representative solicits

club support for establishing a Rotary Club in Cuba. He also sent greetings to former member Derek Higgs.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Top Left: Britta Needham and Andy Anderson

Top Right: Deborah Friedman and Frank Sells

Bottom Left: Aaron Routh, Jefferey Ellis and Joan Inman

It took awhile for Frank Sells and Deborah Friedman to make it to Rotary at the same time, but today was the day. We are pleased to "officially" welcome Deborah Friedman as a member of the Mount Airy Rotary Club. Dr. Friedman assumed the role of President of Surry Community College upon the retirement of Dr. Frank Sells. Deborah was born in Michigan, but Frank tells us she is a true southerner at heart.

Britta Needham introduced another new member to our fold, Andy Anderson. Andy works with Edward Jones Co. Investments. He attended Appalachian State University, and lives in Winston Salem with his wife Courtney.

Following in the footsteps of his father Ron, we welcome Jeffrey Ellis into the club. Jeffrey works with MRI – Mayberry Group, Inc. as a Recruiting Facilitator. He handles all the technology issues for the company including research for candidates. He was born in Puerto Rico while Ron and Diana were there working.

We are very pleased to have these folks join Rotary and become participants in the many opportunities Rotary has to offer both here and abroad.



PROGRAMS

**PolioPlus.** Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands to ensure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong, despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. To date, 210 countries, territories, and areas around the world are polio-free, and 134 of these have been certified. As of June 2007, Rotary has committed more than \$633 million to global polio eradication. **2006-07 expenditures: \$23.7 million.** (includes PolioPlus Partners grants)

**PolioPlus Partners** is a program that allows Rotarians to participate in the polio eradication effort by contributing to specific social mobilization and surveillance activities in polio-endemic countries. As of 30 June 2007, over 6,000 clubs in 502 districts have contributed to 470 PolioPlus Partners projects, supporting National Immunization Days and other polio eradication activities around the world.

**Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants** fund large-scale, two- to four-year projects that enhance health, help alleviate hunger, or improve human development. Since 1978, 305 projects in 77 countries have been funded at a cost of \$74 million. **In 2006-07, 18 new projects were approved. Program awards were \$4.2 million.**

**Matching Grants** provide matching funds for international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. Since 1965, almost 27,000 Matching Grant projects in 171 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$291 million. **In 2006-07, 2,008 new grants were approved for projects in 124 countries. Program awards were \$34.3 million.**

**District Simplified Grants** support the short-term service activities or humanitarian endeavors of districts in communities locally or internationally. This program began in 2003-04, and over 1,500 grants have been awarded to 473 districts in 64 countries totaling more than \$21 million. **In 2006-07, 379 grants were approved. Program expenditures were \$5.1 million.**

**Volunteer Service Grants** support the international travel of qualified Rotarians and their spouses to provide a needed service to a community or to plan the implementation of a needed project. **This program began in 2006-07, and 202 grants were awarded to support travel to 47 countries. Program awards were \$1.0 million.**

**Solidarity in South Asia.** Shortly after the deadly tsunami struck south Asia on 26 December 2004, The Rotary Foundation established the Solidarity in South Asia fund to assist Rotarians in supporting long-term recovery efforts in affected communities. **In 2006-07, program expenditures were \$0.1 million.**

**Disaster Recovery.** Created in 2005-06, this program allows Rotarians to contribute funds in response to specific disasters. During 2006-07, the Foundation administered three Disaster Recovery sub-accounts: Hurricanes Stan and Wilma (Guatemala and Mexico), Hurricane Wilma (USA), and the Earthquake in India and Pakistan. **In 2006-07, there were no program awards.**

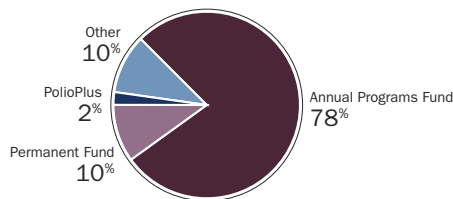
**Rotary World Peace Fellowships.** Each year, up to 60 fellows are sponsored to study at one of the six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution for a master's-level degree. Since the program's inception in 2002-03, 283 fellows from over 50 different countries have participated at a cost of more than \$18 million. **In 2006-07, 50 peace fellows from 27 countries began studies at the six Rotary Centers totaling \$4.3 million for the two-year program.**

**Ambassadorial Scholarships.** The Foundation sponsors one of the largest international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Since 1947, more than 38,000 scholars from over 100 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$490 million. **In 2006-07, 822 scholars from 50 countries studied in 80 countries. Program awards were \$13.9 million.**

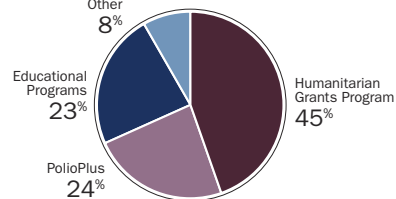
**Rotary Grants for University Teachers** are awarded to faculty members to teach in a developing nation for 3 to 10 months. Since 1985, 460 university teachers have shared their expertise with a college or university in a developing country at a cost of \$4.5 million. **In 2006-07, 29 university teachers from 9 countries taught in 22 countries. Program awards were \$0.4 million.**

**Group Study Exchange (GSE).** These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions. Rotarian hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, about 60,000 individuals (about 12,500 teams) from 100 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$96 million. **In 2006-07, 558 teams traveled abroad. Program awards were \$4.3 million.**

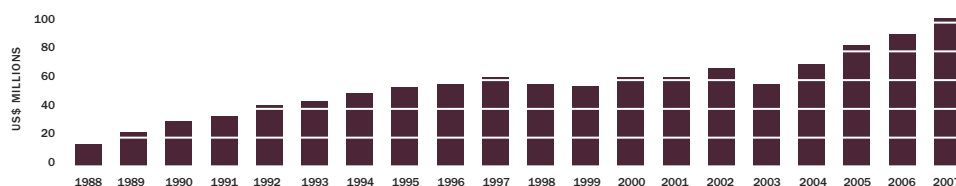
2006-07 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (\$133.1 million)



2006-07 PROGRAM AWARDS (\$100.2 million)



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING OVER 20 YEARS (\$1.388 billion)



# MARCH OF DIMES WALK

Following a long time tradition, Rotarians joined the citizens of Mount Airy and Surry County in the annual March of Dimes Walk with a \$100,000 goal. Even dogs got into the walk. Buster a sweet black & tan mix was promised a hotdog if he made the complete walk. He did, and enjoyed his hotdog as much as his

two legged friends. The Mount Airy Rotary Club has been handing out hotdogs with all the trimmings for years. CB makes his famous chili and slaw that's a real crowd pleaser. Thanks CB for this delicious contribution.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT MERRITT



Robert recently received his second Paul Harris member pin from Rotary Foundation. Thank you Robert for your contributions and commitment to Rotary.



*You cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind.*  
 —Author Unknown



## JUNE 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>PRESENTER &amp; TOPIC</u>
June 3 ..	Anne Vaughn .....	Earline heath King, "Reluctant Sculptor" Winston-Salem's Golden Girl
June 10.....	Jim Lewis .....	Nick Antonecchia – President, United Plastics
June 17 .....	PJ Snow.....	Stevie Barr – Musician Extraordinaire
June 24 ..	Robert Rogers .....	Mike Tuttle – NCAA Compliance officer – High Point University



# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE
■ Cooper Adams	Ginny	■ Raymond Hanna		■ Chris Nichols	Angie
■ David Adkisson	Ellen	■ Gary Harold	Vicki	■ Richard Patterson	Kaye
■ Andy Anderson		■ Todd Harris	Betsy	■ T.J. Payne	Sharon
■ Kate Appler	Mark	■ Darrin Hartness	Lisa	■ Jim Petelle	Ann
■ Faith Ashby	Ted	■ John Haynes	Barbara	■ Hugh Peoples	
■ Ted Ashby	Faith	■ Robin Hester	Thurman	■ John Priddy	Sandra
■ Paul Belk	Cecelia	■ Derek Higgs	Mary	■ Gene Rees	Peggy
■ Chip Bondurant	Patricia	■ Ashley Hinson	Lynne	■ Bill Refvem	Joanna
■ Ed Bondurant		■ Eric Hodges		■ Joanna Refvem	Bill
■ Horace Bondurant	Jewel	■ Bill Holcomb	Marjorie	■ C.B. Roberson	Jamie
■ Ricky Bowman	Lori	■ Bucky Holcomb	Kim	■ Burke Robertson	Carolyn
■ Tommy Brannock		■ Elmer Holst	Juanita	■ Mark Rogers	Deidre
■ Don Brookshire	Sylvia	■ Jack Horne	Donna	■ Robert Rogers	Deborah
■ Sue Brownfield	Hal	■ Joan Inman	Bill	■ Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
■ Carol Burke		■ John Jackson	Donna	■ Macon Sammons	Candace
■ Greg Cave	Lynette	■ David Jessup	Renee	■ Brandt Scholz	Lynn
■ Kevin Cheek		■ Allen Johnson	Alison	■ Don Schumacher	Karen
■ Nelson Clark	Lisa	■ Alison Johnson	Alan	■ Frank Sells	Amanda
■ Betty Ann Collins	Martin	■ Amy Johnson	Bill	■ Twyla Sickmiller	Roger
■ John Collins	Bobbie	■ Bill Johnson		■ P.J. Snow	Joy
■ Ben Cooke	Lone	■ Dick Johnson		■ George Snyder	
■ Adam Delp		■ David Jones	Betty	■ Cathy Stevens	Mark
■ Charles Dugger	Shirley	■ Jim Lewis	Teresa	■ Wanda Urbanska	
■ Ron Ellis	Diana	■ Teresa Lewis	Jim	■ Ann Vaughn	Tom
■ Jefferey Ellis		■ Steve Lindsley	Lorie	■ Anne Webb	Tom
■ Robbie Ernhart		■ John Lockhart	Alice	■ Tom Webb	Anne
■ Tom Fawcett	Mary	■ Greg Marshall	Lori	■ Laura Wharton	Bayley
■ Fred Folger		■ Kirby McCrary	Tammy	■ Melissa White	Jason
■ Ralph Forbes	Erika	■ Carla Majure	David	■ Jay Williams	Beth
■ Deborah Friedman		■ Tim Marion	Cindy	■ Jack Wilson	Marie
■ Alton Gaither	Janice	■ Robert Meinecke	Judy	■ Dick Wimbish	Sue Ellen
■ Kendra Garaventa		■ Robert Merritt	Cama	■ Marie Wood	Tycho, Jr.
■ Brenda Goings		■ Mike Milligan	Judy	■ Steve Woronoff	
■ Marian Goldwasser	Michael	■ Kenny Moles		■ Betty Wright	Hylton
■ Jeff Gordon	Kelli	■ Bob Moody	Kathy		
■ Jim Grimes	Louella	■ Julie Moore	Jack		
■ Steve Gross	Polly	■ Ray Morton	Whitney		
■ Tonda Hall		■ Britta Needham	Jeff		

**KEY:** ■ Past President ■ Board of Directors ■ Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members .....3  
 Active Members .....110  
 Total Membership .....113  
 Paul Harris Fellow .....95



## MAKEUP MEETINGS

Monday .....Stuart, VA .....Rotary Park .....6:30 pm  
 Tuesday .....Winston-Salem .....Benton Conv. Ctr. ....12:30 pm  
 Tuesday .....Yadkinville .....Ace's Restaurant .....7:30 am  
 Wednesday .....Yadkin-Valley .....Comfort Inn .....7:45 am  
 Wednesday .....Surry Sunrise .....Prime Sirloin .....7:30 am  
 Wednesday .....Galax, VA .....Presbyterian Church .....Noon  
 Thursday .....Hillsville, VA .....Shoney's Restaurant .....Noon  
 Thursday .....King .....Town & Country Rest. ....7:00 am  
 Friday .....Reynolda .....Winston-Salem Col. ....12:30 pm