



**Peacebuilding and
Conflict Prevention Month**

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Our Rotary
Foundation
By James Gouty
District Rotary
Foundation
Chair
2022-2025



FOUNDATION NEWS

James Gouty DRFC
February 2025

MID YEAR CHECK IN

As we have reached the mid-point of the 2024-2025 Rotary Year, it is appropriate to see where the district is from a fundraising standpoint as of January 4, 2025.

Annual Fund

The district had achieved 54.85% of its annual fund goal; however, this is not on pace to hit or exceed the \$464,076 the district raised in annual fund in the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. I encourage all club treasurers to send your club contributions to Rotary as soon as possible.

Polio Plus

The district has achieved 50.78% of its stated goal of \$134,000 for this Rotary Year; however, that is well short of the \$181,000 the district was able to raise in the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. I encourage clubs to continue keeping Polio at the forefront.

SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

We as Rotarians continue to make a difference in the world and in the communities we live in and serve. We focus on the 7 Areas of Service and do provide life-changing solutions to myriads of issues facing our communities and the world.

I would ask you to remember the work our Foundation does, from large multi club global grants to smaller single club district grants, disaster relief grants, global scholarships, Peace Centers, and the eradication of Polio.

As the District begins its “Million Dollar Dinner Campaign”, you will have the opportunity to make contributions in many ways. Be on the lookout for additional information regarding this initiative.

The bottom line is our Foundation touches the lives of millions of people around the world and in our district, and I hope you will join me in supporting this life-changing organization.

I would ask that each club take a look and ascertain where you stand at the mid-year point in your club’s giving and go ahead and ask your treasurer to send in any funds collected to date.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

With a new Rotary Year comes time to begin scheduling Foundation presentations in the clubs. I am available to come and speak to your club on all things foundation. Just contact me at jggouty@gmail.com to set up a time and date.



Membership Focus
By PDG Jon Spillman
District Membership Chair
2022-2025



Insights from Wharton Professor Adam Grant's Best-Selling Book Hidden Potential

In the #1 New York Times Best Selling Book Hidden Potential, Adam Grant illustrates how we can elevate ourselves and others to new heights. His research shows that success is generated by cultivating skills, not natural gifts. Specifically, Grant demonstrates through groundbreaking evidence, boardroom, school and Olympic life stories, that 3 traits lead to success. They are:

Develop Your Character – In study of 11,000 kindergarten to third grade students in the 1980's, Raj Chetty found that the teachers who emphasized non-academic skills such as being proactive, pro-social, determination and disciplined, **not literacy and math**, earned the most money, 30 years later as adults. In the study, financial success was achieved by how you prioritize what you care about and the way you conduct yourself not high cognitive skills at an early age.

Embrace your Inner Sponge – Half a billion years ago, volcanic eruptions wiped out 75% of the species on earth. One of the few survivors were sponges. Sponges feed by filtering nutrients out of the water and expelling what they don't use. Also, they can regrow their bodies if needed. The most successful people in society are the ones that proactively absorb, filter and adapt to the world around them.



Welcome Imperfections – Making mistakes is essential for learning. Welcome challenges, the opportunity to get out of your comfort zone and to learn from failure. Research suggests it is **not how hard you work** but **how well you learn** that makes the most difference.

I mention this because the clubs that are experiencing the most success this year in membership are climbing out of their comfort zones and are implementing **one of our 3 C's** this year in membership. Namely, 1) Connect People to Discover Rotary, 2) Create New Pathways and 3) Cultivate Club Experience.

It is not too late to implement any of these strategies. Please contact me or a membership team member to get started. To help your club we have a special February Zoom Meeting featuring Rotary Club Asheboro President Scott Allen. His club is #1 in membership growth through January!

As Professor Grant said, "Collecting a teacher's knowledge may help us solve the challenges of the day, but understanding how a teacher thinks can help us navigate the challenges of a lifetime."

Rotary District 7690 New Membership Listing

New members from Jan 1 – Feb 19, 2025

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Sparks, Sandy (SANDY)	02/04/25	Alamance	Brooke Thornton Carpenter
O'Neal, Seth (SETH)	02/04/25	Alamance	
McKee, James Duffie IV (DUFFIE)	01/05/25	Alamance	
Krewson, Richard Scott (SCOTT)	01/29/25	Alamance	
Spainhour, James Greg (GREG)	01/06/25	Asheboro	R Mark Hensley
Stern, Kimberly K (KIM)	01/01/25	Clemmons	Stephanie Urchick
McRaven, Vanessa (VANESSA)	02/03/25	Eden	Randy Hunt
Sawyer, Robert R. (BOB)	01/16/25	Greensboro	
Owens, Josh (JOSH)	01/02/25	Greensboro	Samuel William Funchess
Kizito, Betty (BETTY)	01/02/25	Greensboro	
Song, David (DAVID)	01/02/25	Greensboro	Patricia Connell Vreeland
Wilson-Cannaday, Linda R (LINDA)	01/21/25	Guilford (Greensboro)	Billy Cannaday
McKnight, Jessica C. (JESSICA)	01/13/25	High Point	Ken Esposito Carol Hughes
Rutherford, Alvin Wayne (WAYNE)	01/23/25	High Point	David M. McCoy
Bloom Martin, Cindy (CINDY)	01/03/25	High Point	Jeff Benfield
Ahlstrom, Jay (JAY)	02/04/25	Kernersville	Thomas Bradley Craddock
Corle, Duane (DUANE)	02/09/25	King	Steve Carroll, Donna Boyles
Harris, W. Todd (TODD)	01/28/25	Mount Airy	Melissa Hiatt
Cockerham, Jessica (JESSICA)	01/28/25	Mount Airy	Allison Johnson
Ramnauth, Nichole (NICHOLE)	01/08/25	Pittsboro	Jenn Nodine
Comellas, John (JOHN)	01/21/25	Pittsboro	
Combs, Melissa (MELISSA)	01/09/25	Reynolda	Lynn P. Michael
Waggoner, Bruce Jeffrey (BRUCE)	01/21/25	Southern Pines	Jorge Hidalgo
Russell, Tim (TIM)	01/21/25	Southern Pines	Thomas M. Daniel
Skolnick, Michael (MIKE)	01/17/25	Southern Pines	Cathy Coats Harpster
Edwards, Rhonda G. (RHONDA)	01/31/25	Southern Pines	April Michelle Ikner
Trant, Dollie M (DOLLIE)	01/17/25	Stoneville	Faye Frye
Martin, Amy Sparks (AMY)	01/17/25	Stoneville	Dennis Sparks
Crews, Michele (MICHELE)	01/01/25	Stoneville	Dennis Sparks
Hankins, Charles Lynn (LYNN)	01/01/25	Stoneville	Dennis Sparks
Lester, Jodi (JODI)	01/17/25	Stoneville	Dennis Sparks
Smith, Robbie (ROBBIE)	01/18/25	Stoneville	
Kellam, Leon (LEON)	01/20/25	Stoneville	Dennis Sparks
Smith, Ken (KEN)	01/23/25	Western Forsyth	Gene Blackwelder
Pizzitola, Courtney (COURTNEY)	01/28/25	Western Forsyth	Tim Johnson
Whorley, Iletha (ILETHA)	02/18/25	Western Forsyth	Thao Sommerville
Myers, Gwyn (GWYN)	02/05/25	Winston-Salem	
de Journette, Jo (JO)	02/01/25	Yadkin Valley	Claire Sellars
Myers, Chad (CHAD)	01/14/25	Yadkin Valley	Bill Blackley
Malliett, Suzanna Ritz (SUZANNA)	01/07/25	Kernersville Evening	Taylor T Mabe
Ruiz, Stephanie Jasmin (STEPHANIE)	01/12/25	Rotario Hispano de Alamance	Lucero Marti
Bridges, Christopher (CHRIS)	01/03/25	Satellite Club of Maple Chase	
White, Michael S. (MICHAEL)	01/20/25	Southern Pines	Michael D. Fields
Dunnagan, Mark R. (MARK)	01/07/25	Reynolda	
Goldwasser, Marion Mcadoo (MARION)	01/07/25	Mount Airy	Vaughn Ann L.
Ianucilli, Joseph (JOE)	01/01/25	King	Rick McCraw
Sutphin, Taylor J (TAYLOR)	01/01/25	King	Donna Boyles
Newcomb, Gary F (GARY)	01/03/25	High Point	Ken Esposito
Gann, Ronald L (LEE)	01/03/25	High Point	Mary Sizemore



DISTRICT 7690 YOUTH SERVICES

Brent Holmes – District 7690 Youth Services Chair

District 7690 Interact Clubs – the following 18 District 7690 Interact Clubs participated in District 7690's MLK Day of Service Peace Conference.

Davie County Early College HS	Davie County High School
East Surry Cardinal Venture Interact Club	Mount Airy High School
Mount Airy Middle School	North Surry
Northwest Guilford High School	Northwood High School
Pinecrest High School	Southern Guilford High School
Southwestern Randolph High School	Stokes Early College High School
Surry Central High School	Surry Early College High School
Uwharrie Charter Academy	West Stokes High School
Western Guilford High School	Yadkin Early College

The Conference included a review/discussion about promoting peace in our community and a service project. WELL DONE!

District 7690 Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest – the Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Speech Contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025. The contest will take place at Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC in the auditorium located in the R. Alton Cox Learning Resources Center. Registration for candidates will begin at 8:30 am; the Contest will begin at 9:00 am. In case of inclement weather, the contest will take place in the same location the following Saturday, March 1, 2025. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Homiller, Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Chair, khomiller@triad.rr.com.

District 7690 RYLA – District 7690 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is scheduled for **June 12-15, 2025**, at Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge, NC. Twenty-six Clubs have submitted Sponsorship Pledge Forms sponsoring 45 students. RYLA 2025 Invoices were emailed to Club Treasurers on Monday, 2/10. Invoices were sent to clubs that have already submitted their [Club Sponsorship Pledge Forms](#). Be sure to get those paid! Clubs who have not submitted Pledge Forms may do so at this time. [Student Participation Form](#) are due March 31 Counselor & Junior Counselor Applications are available on RYLA Website on “Our Team” section; application deadline is March 31.

Check out **Youth Services - Rotary District 7690** for all District 7690 Youth Services information – ***Interact, Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Youth Peace Action, Youth Protection Policy, and Monthly Youth Services Meeting Presentation and Recordings***;



Guilford Rotary Club wrote a grant for \$30,000 to bring a student from Moldova to UNCG to complete a Masters in Nutrition and do research. We selected the field of nutrition based on work the NC-Moldova Nursing Collaboration has done to improve health care in Moldova has done in Moldova..

Radu Rusu and his wife and 3-year-old daughter were in the U.S. from Aug 23 to May 24. Radu completed his degree and was a key member of a research team at UNCG. He already had a MD degree and was a professor in public health at the medical university in Moldova. Upon his return, he taught nutrition classes last fall and then again, this spring. The photos below are of him and his students.





Jamaica Rainwater Catchment System

Rotary
District 7690



Global Grant & Humanitarian Trip April 2025

Travel Package Includes

Airport Transfers

6 Nights in a 6 Room
Home with
Overnight Security
(2 per room)

Five Dinners / Four
Lunches / Drinking
Water Supplied



Daily Transportation
to worksites, plus
Local Rotary
Meeting on Tuesday
eve, and community
tour/excursions to
YS Falls on Thursday

BLESSING FAMILIES WITH CLEAN WATER

More info at

highervibestravel.com/discover-jamaica/rotary2025

District Conference Checklist

SERVICE PROJECT ROUND UP!

Dental Hygiene Kits



Friday, May 2



2pm - 4pm



Harrah's Resort



Register Online

Gardening & Planting



Friday, May 2



1:30pm - 4pm



Meet At the Extension Center
876 Acquoni Road



Transportation Not Provided



Register Online

Smoky Mountains National Park Cleanup



Saturday, May 3



2pm - 4pm



Oconaluftee Visitor Center
1194 Newfound Gap Road



Transportation Not Provided



Register Online

SPECIAL SESSION

Service Through Education



Thursday, May 1



3pm - 5pm



Harrah's Resort



Register on DACdb

Learn By Listening!

*Honor The Cherokee People By
Learning More About Their
Culture & People*

REGISTER

**Register For Friday & Saturday
Service Projects Here**



REGISTER

Questions?

**Email Alice Jordan at
ACPJordan8@yahoo.com**

LIVE FROM CHEROKEE

District Conference 2025

District Conference Checklist

DON'T WAIT! BEGIN NOW TO OPTIMIZE YOUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

Register For District Conference

Register in DACdb

*If You Have Dietary Restrictions,
Modify Your DACdb Registration*



SCAN ME

Book Hotel Accommodations

Enjoy Special Negotiated Rates
*Consider Making Dinner Reservations
at Resort Restaurants*



SCAN ME

Register For Thursday Programs

Emerging Leaders
1pm - 3pm

Cherokee Service
Through Education
3pm - 5pm



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Register For Service Projects

Dental Hygiene Kits

Friday, May 2 2pm - 4pm

Gardening & Planting

Friday, May 2 1:30pm - 4pm

Park Clean Up

Saturday, May 3 2pm - 4pm



REGISTER

SIGN UP FOR EXCURSIONS

Sequoyah National Golf Club

Thursday, May 1 8:30am

Friday, May 2 1pm

Oconaluftee Indian Village

Saturday, May 3 1:30pm - 4pm

Fly Fishing

Saturday, May 3 1pm - 3pm

Mandara Spa

Thursday, May 1 8:30am - 12pm

Friday, May 2 8:30am - 12pm

Saturday, May 3 12:30pm - 3:30pm



REGISTER

DETAILS TO KNOW

Date: May 1 - May 4, 2025

Location: Harrah's Cherokee Resort
777 Casino Trail
Cherokee, NC 28719

Parking: Free Valet Parking Included
Self-Parking Also Available

LiveFromCherokee.com



SCAN ME



Oconaluftee Indian Village

Saturday, May 3
1:30pm - 4pm

Sequoyah National Golf Club

Thursday, May 1 Friday, May 2
8:30am Tee Time 1:00pm Tee Time



Fly Fishing at Harrah's

Saturday, May 3
1pm - 3pm

Mandara Spa at Harrah's

Thursday, May 1 Friday, May 2
8:30am to 12 Noon 8:30am to 12 Noon

Saturday, May 3
12:00pm to 3:30pm



REGISTER

Register & Pay Online:

LiveFromCherokee.com/Excursions