



**April 2008**

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### **ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH**

*By Michaela Jarrett*

Dave Farshing is our April Rotarian of the month. Dave was born in Alexandria, Va. While growing up, his father was in the Navy so they moved around the world every few years. Dave has lived in Monterey, Ca., Duluth, Mn., Washington, D.C., London, England and Jacksonville, Florida, where he graduated from high school.



*Dave Farshing*

He then went on to Florida State where he graduated in 1975. He then moved to Greensboro to take a job at WGHP Fox 8. Dave has since moved over to ABC 45 and has been there since 1996.

Dave has three children; Richard, who is a senior at Appalachian State University; Rebecca who is sophomore at UNC Wilmington and Stephen, who works on the Dale Earnhardt, Jr. race team and is married with twin boys. Dave has been in our club since 1985 and is twice Past President, former Vice President of our club and Assistant District Governor and has been Chairman of the Bulls and Barrels for the past 3 years. In his spare time, Dave likes to watch movies, listen to music and travel to visit with family. Dave expressed that most of his good friends are in our Rotary club.

*If you want something done, give it to a busy man.*

*Jerry Streetman about Dave*

### **OPRAH'S BIG GIVE**

Everyone has heard about Oprah's Big Give, a TV show on Sunday night where Oprah gives millions to people to see what they can do with it. Well, Dave Farshing found out that his station, ABC 45, was given

\$10,000 of this money so Dave applied for it with the dream that our District could identify a good charity for this money and also make this “seed money” grow.

Dave then conceived the plan that if every member in this District gave up the cost of 1 lunch (\$10) and contributed it to ABC’s \$10,000, our District could grow this fund to \$42,000. Dave also had to come up with a cause that would get every Rotarian’s interest. He chose victims of Post Polio Syndrome.

Armed with his plan and \$10,000 he contacted DG Dave McCoy and his District Committee. They loved it (of course) and Dave asked Jerri White to Chair this campaign. Jerri agreed. Tom Foster then set up the Piedmont NC Foundation to take in and distribute the funds and is in the process of naming its Directors.

The District wide campaign started last Saturday and is well on its way. You’re a great man Dave.

### **CRAZY GOLF TOURNAMENT Friday, May 2 River Landing**

“Don’t worry if you don’t know your handicap. We’ll be having WAY too much fun to worry about something as silly as that,” says Steve Farabee, Chairman of this golf event.

Cost: \$50 Single  
\$180 Team

There will be prizes for good and not as good golfers, so just be prepared to have a good time. The shotgun start is scheduled for 1:00 PM.

### **BULLS AND BARRELS**

#### **Oak Ridge Saddle Club, May 30,31**

We have \$16,550 in Sponsors and looking for another \$16,000 to make this event successful. If you can think of a likely sponsor out there please contact Dave or any other committee member with a name. We will make the contact.

#### **Title Sponsor \$10,000**

Still looking for a title sponsor. This can be bought for only \$5000.

#### **Premier Sponsor \$7,500**

The Wolf 98.3

#### **Bucking Chute Sponsor \$2,500**

Murray White Ins./ Sharrard McGee

Crescent Ford

Remington Arms

Rankin Family Donation

#### **Arena Sponsor \$600**

Cornerstone Health Care

Purgason’s Western Wear

Center Veterinary Hospital

Jim Gayle Lawn Service

Retired Law Enforcement Officers

HP Regional Hospital

Boedicker Construction

BB&T

All State

Sechrest Funeral Service

First Citizens Bank

Bovis Lend Lease

#### **Flag \$350**

State Farm

City Transfer

Advanced Business Concepts

Carter Brothers

Wyatt, Early, Harris, Wheeler

#### **4 WAY TEST**

For the things we think say and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it bring good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## **HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE**

The sale will take place on May 30. In the mean time we will need to continue to mow. If you hear an announcement about a work day at the house please come to help out.

Jim Gayle did a great job of putting in a thick green yard. Now it is our turn to keep it mowed and in good shape for our new owners.

We certainly appreciate all the hard work that each member did to make this a beautiful home.

## **MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jim Gayle - April 16

## **MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Tom Smith - 4/1/2007

Charlie Davis - 4/1/1986

Jim Gayle - 4/6/1994

Marc Cutrell - 4/6/1999

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Pat and Marian Hogan - 4/20/1991

## **SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS**

Jennifer Ferguson - April 6

Sue Martell - April 19

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 22 – GSE Team arrives in High Point

April 24 – 27 - District Conference  
Chateau Elan Resort and Winery

May 2 - Triad Club Golf Tournament  
River Landing

May 9 - District Assembly 2008-2009  
Board Members

May 13 - Senior's Day at the Park

May 30-31 - Bulls 'n Barrels

June 24 - Tuesday Awards Day

## **ASK JERRI**

*By Jerri White, Visiting Columnist*

This month, instead of filling my column with brilliant humor as I usually do, I thought I would use this space to inform my readers about Post-polio syndrome. PPS victims will be the benefactors of our campaign, Oprah's Big Give Piedmont.

PPS is a condition that affects polio survivors anywhere from 10 to 40 years after recovery from an initial paralytic attack of the polio virus. PPS is characterized by a further weakening of the muscles that were originally affected by the polio infection.

Symptoms include fatigue, slowly progressive muscle weakness and, and at times, muscular atrophy. Joint pain and increasing skeletal deformities such as scoliosis are common. Some patients only suffer minor symptoms while others develop spinal muscular atrophy.

The severity of the PPS depends on how hard the victim suffered from the first virus. The more severe the first attack and residual weakness may dictate how severe PPS.

The purpose of our PPS Fund is to assist these patients with their continuing needs. Holly Ferree has named the items that these patients will need.

1. Ramps for their home
2. Electric Wheel Chairs
3. Walkers, Canes
4. Van conversions
5. Numerous other devices to help them work within the home

## TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Our club recently inducted Holly Ferree and Ben Settles as new members at our meeting on March 11, 2008.



*(Left to right) Blair Rankin, Ben Settles, Holly Ferree, and Steve Farabee following member induction ceremony*

Holly and Ben joined as a result of a "Club Within A Club" membership drive spearheaded by Steve Farabee, our club's membership chairman. Over 85 names were submitted by our membership as possible new Rotarians, and several candidates attended our orientation dinner as a result of invitations sent by the membership committee.



*Holly Ferree*

Holly is no stranger to Rotary, having been a member of another local club. Holly serves as the vice

president of development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater High Point. She is married to Joey and enjoys volunteering time with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Holly was sponsored by Blair Rankin.



*Ben Settles*

Ben Settles is the Assistant Vice President for BB&T at their branch on Premier Drive in north High Point. Ben and his wife Jessica live in Thomasville, NC. They've been married almost seven years and have a young son named Tripp. Ben's hobbies are running and golf. He was sponsored by Brant Burgess.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Help support our friends at Deep River Rotary Club by having breakfast with them on Saturday, April 19 from 7:30 – 11:00 AM. Their pancake breakfast will be held at Deep River Friends Meeting on Penny Drive, and includes door prizes and a silent auction.

## MAKE UPS

Looking for a make-up? Just visit [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org) for a complete listing of make-up meeting locations in our area. You can also do a [make-up online!](#)