



**November 2008**

**Web Site:** [www.triadrotaryclub.org](http://www.triadrotaryclub.org)

## RECENT PROGRAMS

### Tour of the Work Place

On October 21 our club member Jerri White, Executive Director of High Point Community Clinic, gave us a lunch and a tour of her workplace, the clinic.



*Community Clinic of High Point  
1779 N. Main Street*

### Group Study Exchange

Abbie Eaton, Pam Ray, Past District Governor Dave McCoy, and Past District Governor Phil Morris joined us for lunch November 18 to

celebrate November Rotary Foundation Month.

Abbie Eaton showed slides of their Group's recent trip to Taiwan. Abbie is a young furniture designer living in Lexington. Her goal during her trip was to study furniture production in Taiwan. The highlight of her visit was watching wood furniture carvers make a dining room table out of a single piece of wood.

Abbie, Pam, and the Study Exchange Group expressed their appreciation our Rotary District for sending them to Taiwan and petitioned our club to find other young professionals to attend future trips.

The next GSE trip from our District will depart December 2008 for India.

### MAKE UPS

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

## September Student of the Month



Central High Counselor Tikela Evans and student Ashley Quick

## Member Birthdays

Arlene Reardon 11/23

Jim Sloop 11/24



Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Jim Sloop!

## Spouse's Birthday

Sally Platt 12/02

## Membership Anniversaries

None

## Wedding Anniversaries

None

## Blood Drive

Our annual club blood drive was held November 11 at John Wesley College. Each year Brian Donley organizes and hosts this event. This year he reported that the Red Cross collected 25 good pints of blood.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Angel Tree, 2008

Return gifts – Dec. 2 club meeting or anytime after at Family Services.  
Distribute Gifts – Dec 12

### April 23-26, 2009

District Conference  
Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort

## JERRI'S CORNER

Contributing Reporter, Jerri White  
The Wild Blue Yonder

In a thousand years I would have never visualized myself jumping out of an airplane but I did it on October 11th. I still can't believe it. It seems so surreal.

This whole thing started two years ago when I told my brother about rappelling down the side of the High Point Fire Department Training Tower. Man, that night I felt like a million dollars – like I could do anything. I sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" all the way home and rushed in my door to call my brother. Being the acidic, Smart A— he is, he said "Well, I guess you're going to go skydiving next." "Funny you should say that," I replied, "because I know somebody who does that a lot." SO, he says "Well, if you do it, I will." RIGHT! I sent him information and I never heard another word from him.

The problem is I made the mistake of telling my pharmacist volunteer this story. She has the memory of an elephant and for two years has reminded me that I needed to go skydiving. It became obvious she would never, ever let me forget it.

As any good non-profit person knows, you do what you must to keep your volunteers happy.

Thus, the morning of October 11, I journeyed with 2 of my pharmacist volunteers and 7 of their friends to Raeford, NC. Got fitted with a flight suit which I am sorry to say made me look like the Michelin tire cartoon. We were instructed in how the parachute works but not until we had viewed a DVD which reminded us that nobody was forcing us to skydive and reminded us to check all the boxes on the three pages to release Raeford Parachute Center from any liability! That's enough to put the fear of God in anybody!

Here I am, strapped to Noah W., member of the Golden Knights of the US Army with him telling me just to relax. It is sort of hard to relax at 13,500 feet in the air.

Within a blink, out of the plane we go, falling at 120 miles per hour. What an incredible feeling and a spectacular view. It was absolutely amazing!

I'm going again next year. I need to work on my technique.

### **Club Pennant**

President Blair is getting ready to order new Club Pennants. He would also like a new design. Anyone with any ideas or suggestions should contact President Blair.

### **Famous Quote**

*The devil invented golf, so the least we can do is return the favor and cheat like hell when we play.*

- Jerry Streetman

### **Message from Our President**



Blair

At our weekly meeting, November 11, I remarked that District 7690 was the first Rotary district in the world to have all 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs. I also added we shouldn't forget that the Rotary Club of the Triad was the first club in the district to be a 100% PHF club --- on June 26, 1998.

And speaking of firsts, as our club determines which project/fundraisers to promote for early 2009; it is interesting to remember that the first club project was a fashion show held in November, 1979, at the old Holiday Inn. It was open only to Rotarians/spouses and was a big success.

Major Blair Rankin, Ret.