



THE FARMVILLE ROTARIAN

Serving the Farmville Rotary Club

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Message from the president

Greetings fellow Rotarians:

First, a big thanks to everyone who participated in the Celebrity Cook-off and the Chili Bowl. The hard work has paid off with more than \$4000 now collected towards the Children's Section of the new Farmville/Prince Edward Public Library and we have received \$1,000 from the Rotary District Grant Fund. The money collected from the Chili Bowl goes into our general fund.

The Annual Banquet was a success with great fellowship and food. If you missed it, we recognized the passing of past presidents James Lyle and Jim Parker. The Honorary Rotarian was Dr. Walter Bortz III, president of Hampden-Sydney College, for his distinctive leadership during his tenure since 2000 as the head of the college. He will be retiring at the end of June and was instrumental in allowing us to organize the Hampden-Sydney Rotaract Club last year.

Our Rotarian-of-the-Year was Robyn Allen, Chair of our Service Committee. Robyn has been extremely helpful to me during the year and is an inspiration to all in Rotary with the motto "Service Above Self." She has participated in every project without hesitation and will consistently volunteer to help out in other areas. Last year Robyn got us involved in our first Yard

Sale for STEPS. While working on the project she experienced chest pains which two days later ended in a flight to UVA Hospital for a heart attack. Two stents and two days later, Robyn was out of the hospital and ended up at the Yard Sale, a week after the initial attack.

I truly appreciate that our Club is active on so many levels. We have improved our average attendance at meetings, participated in new projects, and have engaging speakers to enlighten us. Future projects include the Heart of Virginia Festival on May 2 and our Second Annual Yard Sale on June 6, again at STEPS, to benefit the Children's Center in the new Farmville/Prince Edward County Community Library.

In order to keep the good work and fellowship going, we need to recruit new members who would be an asset to our Club. Here is some information you can share with prospective new members: Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. Our Club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community which in turn serves the community.

Membership in the Rotary Club of Farmville offers a number of benefits,

including: effecting change within the community; developing leadership skills; gaining an understanding of—and having an impact on—local, national and international humanitarian issues; and developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Bring prospective members to a Club meeting and encourage them to attend one of Kerby's orientation sessions to learn the full scope of what it means to be a Rotarian. Orientations are held on the last Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30 and are now held at Grady's BBQ.

All in all, we have a lot going on! Thanks for your contributions to the Club and the community.

See you Thursday,
Yours in Rotary, Sam Shield

Upcoming events

Pizza sale, Heart of Virginia Festival—Saturday May 2

Second Annual Yard Sale—Saturday, June 6, STEPS

Board meetings are 7:30 AM the second Thursday of each month at Shoney's

Tell your friends about our scholarship

The Club is accepting applications for the Vernon Carter Womack Service Above Self Scholarship. The scholarship carries a one-time \$1000 award to be used at any institution of higher learning. Any high school senior living or attending school in the Farmville area is welcome to apply.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on qualities important to Rotary, including service to the community, service to the school, leadership, international interest, and academic excellence. Applicants do not need to have experience in every area.

An application form is available at the Farmville Rotary website, www.rotary.farmville.net. Applications must be received by March 20, 2009.

For questions or more information, contact Jon Marken at 223-1666 or jmarken@lamppostpub.com.

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.

Menus

3/5/2009	Marinated grilled London broil Southwestern black bean lasagna Buttered sweet corn & roasted new potatoes
3/12/2009	Chicken & shrimp jambalaya Stuffed shells marinara Sugar snap peas & baked potatoes
3/19/2009	Pot roast with carrots & onions Cheese ravioli with mushroom alfredo sauce Boiled new potatoes & country style green beans
3/26/2009	Shrimp & scallop alfredo Vegetable lasagna Rice pilaf & steamed broccoli
4/2/2009	Fried chicken Greek style pasta Garlic mashed potatoes & gravy & confetti sweet corn
4/9/2009	Beef & rice stuffed peppers Vegetable lo mein Glazed baby carrots & ranch new potatoes
4/16/2009	Beef pot pie Vegetable primavera with vodka sauce Cheesy orzo & steamed green beans
4/23/2009	Beer battered fish & chips Spinach & feta white lasagna Homemade chips & buttered peas & pearl onions
4/30/2009	Sauteed chicken Smithfield Cheese & rice stuffed tomatoes Roasted Idaho potatoes & squash/zucchini medley

Program schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Rotarian</i>	<i>Topic</i>
3/5/2009	Randy Reed	Gwen Eddleman (Hospital)
3/12/2009	Robyn Allen	Jim Price — Salvation Army
3/19/2009	Greg Cole	
3/26/2009	Bob Burke	Laurie Burke
4/2/2009	Edgar Mayse	Classification

Meet Sarah Goodwin, our GSE Team Member

I am employed as a Court Liaison Specialist/Case Manager for the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action program. As a court services agency we offer various services and programs to the court and community including: state mandated DUI program, alcohol education, drug education, pretrial/bond supervision, driver improvement and court community service corrections.

I applied to be a GSE Team Member because I did not want to miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity. This will truly be a life-changing trip for me and hopefully I will be able to change lives in the process. I have always wanted to pursue my interests of traveling the world, volunteering, learning and photography. This program will allow me to combine my interests while expanding my comfort zone by doing something scary and unfamiliar, yet completely refreshing and exhilarating.

From this experience I hope to gain both professionally and personally. Professionally I hope to gain a greater understanding of how the judicial system should consider language barriers, cultural traditions and social behaviors of international clients in order to effectively provide services to them on a long-term basis. Personally I anticipate this experience will provide inspiration to my long-term goal of self-development. I hope to enhance my humility by helping others, to practice acceptance, to develop character, to have a greater compassion for others, to be an effective learner and open my mind to seek out new knowledge.

I hope to share information with my hosts about my home country, community and profession. I hope to represent both my profession and community with pride and make a good impression on my hosts by showing humility by helping others, to practice acceptance, to develop character, to have a greater compassion for others, to be an effective learner and open my mind to seek out new knowledge. I believe in the Pay It Forward concept of sharing my knowledge, experiences, interests with others in hopes to help them develop new ideas and services as well as inspire them. I welcome the opportunity to meet new people and participate in a new schedule of activities that I may never have the opportunity to do again.

Our host district is 7020 Northern Caribbean, which includes U.S. and British Virgin Islands. The team is scheduled to be abroad from approximately April 13th to May 13th.

We are preparing our presentation, designing brochures, business cards and a website, collecting rotary pins and flags as gifts for host clubs, creating gifts for host families, completing medical evaluations and inoculations. Our team website is a work in progress and as our departure nears we will finalize it and provide the link so everyone can share in our travels. The website can be found at www.gsecaribbean2009.blogspot.com.

I would like to thank the Farmville club and District 7600 for sponsoring me in this incredible opportunity. I look forward to representing and promoting Rotary, Virginia and the United States, and serving my communities with the skills and experiences gained.

Sarah Goodwin
GSE Team Member
Northern Caribbean 2009

New and Prospective Member Orientation

Need a Make Up? How About Good Ol' Rotary Fun and Fellowship?

Everyone is always invited to the New & Prospective Member Orientation which is always held the last Tuesday of each month, from 5:30–7:00 pm, at Grady's BBQ. **NOTE THE NEW LOCATION.**

This fun event is Dutch Treat. Come for a make up. Come for a meal. Come for fellowship. And ... bring a prospective member if you can!