

ROTARY CLUB OF RALEIGH

2000-01 Annual Report

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The 2000-01 Rotary Club of Raleigh year has been one of achievement, operational updating and strong fellowship. The oldest civic club in North Carolina continues to be active in the community, strong in weekly programs and one of the friendliest clubs anywhere.

The following is a list of some of the accomplishments our Rotary Club of Raleigh members have achieved beginning on July 1, 2000 and extending to June 30, 2001:

1. Sponsored seventeen (17) disadvantaged kids, two mothers and nine Rotarians to the **“Take a Kid to the Ballpark”** event at Five County Stadium to see a Mudcats game on July 22 thanks to the leadership of Rotarian Chuck Caldwell.
2. Hosted **Fabio Guimaraes Marcolini in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program** for the entire year thanks to Rotarians Wilson Hayman, Vim Van Eck, Bill McLaurin, Greg Hobbs and four additional non-Rotarian host families.
3. Provided **\$5,000 in student scholarships** to five (\$1,000 each) local students who will attend NCSU and Meredith...paid in 2000-01... nominated and voted on in 1999-00.
4. Provided a welcoming check to the new Rotary Club in Garner.
5. Nominated Dave Gospodarek as the new **Assistant District Governor for District 7710**, and he won that position.
6. Thanks to Curt Williams and his committee, two strong candidates were nominated for **ambassadorial scholarships**.
7. Thanks to Lawrence Apple, \$2,000 was raised for the **Guatemala Book Project**.
8. Through the leadership of Rick Fowler and his committee, we had some **tremendous speakers and strong programs** throughout the year...one of the strongest years ever.
9. Gave out \$10,000 in grants to eight organizations for worthy community programs including:

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| Wake Teen Medical Services | Building Together Ministries |
| Broughton High School Band | Wake Friends of the Homeless |
| Inter-Faith Food Shuttle | YWCA of Wake County |
| Courthouse Kids Center | Raleigh Rescue Mission |

10. Thanks to Mike Bywater, a strong contingent from the Rotary Club of Raleigh went to the **Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw** on October 7 with donations of supplies, clothes and toys.
11. Wilson Hayman, his committee and other Rotary Club of Raleigh members brought in **16 new members** in 2000-01. There are 3 or 4 additional ones ready to be announced. Luther Penny, Classification Chairman, and Spears Mullen, Membership Chairman, helped speed up the membership process.
12. These new members helped, since we also did a major purging of the non-attending and non-participating members and implemented a payment policy to assist in cutting down on the delinquent accounts. This, of course, caused us to cut some members and thus we are down overall from last year, but left our club strong for next year.
13. Thanks to the efforts of Ron Snyder, our Rotary Club of Raleigh web site was updated and made more functional...so much so that our web site won the distinction of "**Best Web Site in Zone 33**"!
14. Thanks to Willard Ross' leadership, the club raised **\$1,550 for the Poe Center for Health Education** Antiques Show to benefit their programs...almost a \$400 increase over last year.
15. Hosted a presentation to promote participation in the **Communities in Schools** mentorship program at Daniels Middle School...thanks to Tony Habit.
16. Raised **\$13,313.22 for the Salvation Army** from the club's efforts bell ringing...spending 273 hours ringing the bell...thanks to the 55% of the club members who participated. This helped the Wake County Salvation Army raise \$129,046 to surpass its \$110,000 goal. Thanks to Chuck De Smet and Carl Murnick for their leadership.
17. Hosted the **Group Study Exchange** from Japan for a day and their program and had a program from two members who actually went to Japan from our district...thanks to Tom Dugger and Bill McLaurin.
18. Raised over \$7,000 from club member contributions to the **Rotary Foundation** thanks to Bill McLaurin.
19. Participated for the first time with four (4) other Rotary Clubs in the Raleigh area to work together in a booth at the **Chamber's Business Expo** on April 5, 2001 at the Raleigh Convention and Conference Center. Good exposure for Rotary for potential members and to spread the good word.
20. Recognized six (6) Middle School students...three from Ligon and three from Daniels...for their essays on what the **Rotary 4-Way Test** means to them and how it can help them in their daily thoughts and actions. One student from Daniels Middle School also went on to place third in the district. A total of \$750 was given to the winning students. Thanks to Jill Gammon and her committee for their leadership this year in this program.

21. Six club members participated in the **Rotary District Conference** in Norfolk, VA Nov. 3-5, 2001. Thanks to the leadership of Sandy Long as our club chair.
22. Nine club members attended both the **Mid-Year and Spring Assemblies**...a strong showing.
23. Approximately 100 club members and guests attended the **spring social and fundraiser** with a Caribbean theme on April 20 generating \$18,450 in revenue less expenses netting \$11,035 for the club. Thanks to the leadership of Anne Robinson and her committee.
24. Anne Robinson also led the successful **Holiday program** December 4 at North Ridge Country Club for the members and their spouses as a part of our club fellowship effort.
25. Approximately 30 club members and guests participated in the annual **tree planting** at Lake Johnson to beautify the area and stop erosion. 1,000 trees were planted...approximately 250 by our group in the "Trees Across Raleigh" group project. Thanks to Braxton Wilson for again leading this effort.
26. The **Shadow Program** was led by Mike Condrey who brought together the Jaycees effort with our club in a partnership for February 2, 2001.
27. Our Community Recognition Committee led by Jim Massengill identified two (2) local citizens who provided special service to our community but hadn't received their due recognition with the annual **Unsung Hero Awards**, and Errol Frailey presented the awards during the June 11, 2001 program.
28. Conducted the first **annual audit** of the financial books of the Rotary Club of Raleigh and straightened out the financial flow with the Rotary Club of Raleigh Foundation and the Rotary Club of Raleigh Foundation Endowment Fund. Thanks to Joan Baron and Dave Gospodarek.
29. Current value of the Endowment is \$116,733.79, and this actually increased in value this year...which is good considering what has been happening in the investment market.
30. The Endowment earned over \$5,000 in interest thus allowing us to give out the five - \$1,000 scholarships.
31. Updated the **Rotary Club of Raleigh Bylaws** to blend with the Rotary International suggestions. Thanks to bylaws committee chairman Gene Hafer.
32. We sponsored four high school juniors to participate in a weekend conference to build their leadership skills in the **Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA)**, thanks to the leadership of Chairman Charlie Upshaw.
33. Laura Stevens led our club's **Rotaract Club** effort at Peace College providing service to the community.

34. Neil Webb led our club's "**Families in Crisis**" program where his committee worked to identify needy families to support and also provided Christmas gifts to 10 children at the Summit House.
35. **Karen Keusseyan, Executive Secretary of the Rotary Club of Raleigh**, updated her computer record keeping with a powerful new database (Clubmate), enhanced her operations with new office procedures for minutes, attendance management and invoicing members and utilized electronic mail for more efficiency.
36. **Club Treasurer Joan Baron** through sound management has (1) eliminated the extensive delinquency dues accounts; (2) assisted in purging members who have not participated; (3) established sound procedures to follow for leave of absences and resignations; (4) improved the tracking of sources of income and the purpose of an expense; (5) assisted to make members more aware of their financial obligations to the club and (6) straightened out all the past due Paul Harris Fellow team accounts.
37. David Ammons once again led the **Warmth for Wake** program to assist those individuals and families in Wake County who need assistance with heat during the cold months.
38. **Awareness of Rotary** was made more visible this year with news releases from Public Relations Chairman Mike Hoyt, periodic "Rotary Moments" from President Dave Heinl, exhibiting at the Business Expo and the distribution of material throughout the year at our Rotary luncheons.
39. At the June 25, 2001 Rotary Club of Raleigh luncheon, the membership in attendance unanimously approved a motion to increase the quarterly membership dues by \$15 thus assuring the club's ability to continue its strong community service while covering the growing club's expenses.
40. I'd also like to thank four members who are going off the Club Board of Directors this year for their strong support and effort during this past year... Beth Briggs, Rick Fowler, Braxton Wilson and Chuck De Smet.

The above list of accomplishments during the July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001 Rotary year does not mention all the individuals who helped to make this year so successful. Through the efforts of many, we have left the Rotary Club of Raleigh in good shape for 2001-02 President Wilson Hayman and his capable officers and directors.