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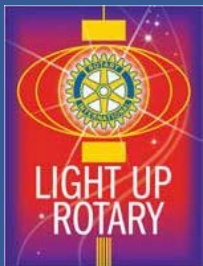
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## A Message From the Chair

Wow! It's almost the end of the 2014! Where did the time go? I have to think of my dear friend and fellow Past District Governor Jim Pierce, who passed away just a few days ago, and all the good we can do in the world through the Rotary Foundation ... Jim was certainly a good Rotarian model for us to follow.

We started the 2014-15 District Rotary Foundation year on a positive note in

July with the award of two Global Grants (a combined total of \$235,000) and a District Grant (\$124,500). So far this year, you have participated in several District Foundation events: two PolioPlus Ballgames, a Foundation Workshop, the chartering of an Alumni Association, a Purple Pinkie Project, a Friends of the Foundation Reception, and a Foundation Banquet..... all of which were successful because of YOUR SUPPORT. Our Rotary Clubs have also been awarded over \$117,000 in district grant funds to help your 2014-15 service projects.



Furthermore, with our Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) Annual Giving campaign, we are running slightly ahead of last year's record setting contributions. I am optimistic that we will end the year with an increase in our contributions to The Rotary Foundation. I thank you for your generosity.

As we continue to Light Up Rotary, let me wish all of our Rotarians a joyous holiday season and good health, happiness and prosperity in the new year.

--Probs

## WHY WE GIVE

## A River Runs Through It

In this article submitted by Wendy Austin, Past President of the Rotary Club of Hopewell, we learn more about the largest district grant awarded by the Rotary 7600 District Foundation Committee in the 2014 -2015 year. By the way, the first Rotary project was a public restroom in Chicago. [Read More >>](#)

## Emporia District Grant Benefits the Youth

The Emporia Club's District Grant will be used to improve the Community Youth

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Center Swimming Pool which is the only public swimming pool in the Emporia area. The grant presentation made the front page of the paper thanks to its editor and Emporia Rotary Club member, Mark Mathews. When you go to the article you can enlarge the print at the top of the adobe page. [Read More >>](#)

## Rotary Peace Fellow Application Update

Michael Little, District Peace Fellow Chair, shares this timely update on the Peace Fellow guidelines and application timetable for the 2015 - 2016 Rotary Year. The attached document contains Mike's contact information should you have questions or need assistance. District 7600 has one Peace Fellow, Ross Wood, who is at the Peace Studies Center at Bradford University, West Yorkshire, England. [Read More >>](#)



## HOW WE GIVE

The 7600 Foundation Giving Team works year round to assist the Clubs in achieving targeted goals through the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

## ...Checking It Twice, A Giving Status Check

Randy Cash, Past President of the Rotary Club of Church Hill and the District Foundation Annual Giving Chair provides an update on total Rotary Foundation Giving through November 30, 2014. How is your club doing?

[Read More >>](#)

## National Immunization Day India Tour

Rotarians also give of their time. One endeavor of Rotarians globally is to eradicate polio. Nancy Barbee, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Chair for Zone 33, provides information on how to take a humanitarian project trip with like minded Rotarians and help fight Polio. [Read More >>](#)

If you like what you have read and are interested in applying (apply soon) for the tour [Read More >>](#)

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## ShelterBox -- Rotary Project Partner

Deborah (President) and Stan Wall (Immediate Past President) of the Rotary Club of Colonial Heights are Virginia Ambassadors for ShelterBox.

Ross Wood, the District's Peace Scholar, sent this photo of a ShelterBox tent in use when he worked in the Yidra refugee camp in South Sudan this summer before reporting for his peace studies at Bradford University.

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## THE WHO BEHIND THE GIVING

This month we take some time to honor two District 7600 Rotarians who give, not only of their money, but with their time and talents in continuing service to the District and the District Foundation Committee. Both received citations at the District Foundation Club Awards Banquet.

## Congratulations to Bill Pollard



Bill Pollard, Past District Governor and District Foundation Chair, was the recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service at the Foundation Awards Banquet in November. The TRF General Manager and Chief Development Officer, John Osterlund, presented the Citation to Bill and on hand to observe the presentation were 180 of Bill's closest friends from District 7600. Bill is at left with wife Lou and daughter, Betsy.

Bill is well known to most Rotarians in District 7600, but perhaps you'd like to learn more about him. [Read More >>>](#)

## Congratulations to Clenise Platt

Clenise Platt of the Rotary Club of Hampton Roads was the recipient of the 2014 Rotary District 7600 Alumni Service Award. The Award was presented to her at the District Foundation Awards Banquet. It was the tiara of her year after having founded the District Alumni Association in October after two years of diligent work reaching out to and connecting with District alumni all over the world. On hand for the chartering ceremony was the Rotary International President's Representative, Pete Snyder. The 22 charter members of the Alumni Association, both Rotarian and non-Rotarian will join in District activities as well plan their own projects and events. They will also be sharing information with approximately 35 additional alumni who have expressed interest in learning more about the District's Alumni Association. [Read More >>](#)



## It's A Wonderful Life

Every year Bill Pollard shares his thoughts on the season and on life as exemplified by the screen classic "It's a Wonderful Life". Here is Bill's 2014 update. [Read More>>](#)



IN MEMORIAM

James Russell Pierce

Past District Governor

1954 - 2014