



**Rotary International
District 7570**

**The Rotary Club of Richlands
Richlands, Virginia, USA**

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Greetings to our Fellow Rotarians:

Ours is a small club in Southwest Virginia, USA, the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. We received our charter in 1935 and, over the years, have maintained a membership of just 20 or so. Despite our small size, we contribute to several projects that enrich our community, our country and our world. Some of which we are most proud:

- Construction of a picnic shelter at a community park used by families and school groups. A second shelter is planned.
- Annual awards of two college scholarships for Richlands High School students.
- Assistance with the construction of Habitat for Humanity homes, which makes home ownership possible for struggling families.
- Addition of (so far) 162 names to the National Marrow Donor Registry, which matches donors and recipients for life-saving bone marrow transplants.
- Our Club's full "fair share" contribution toward Rotary International's successful efforts to eradicate polio worldwide.

Southwest Virginia suffers a high incidence of illiteracy. In the coming years, it is the hope of the Rotary Club of Richlands that we can instill the love of reading in children, and help their parents learn to read at a functional level. Globally, it is our sincere wish that the fellowship and understanding that Rotary International promotes brings peace and harmony to our world – and yours.

Sincerely,

Karel Juhl Fulton
President-Elect, 2005-06
Rotary Club of Richlands