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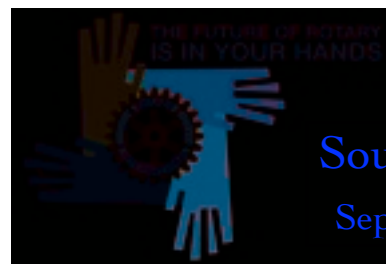
PP = Past President, DR = Distinguished Rotarian, PHF = Paul Harris Fellow,

BS = Bequest Society Member, B = Benefactor, MD = Major Donor

**Dates to keep in mind:** District Governor Karen Shore will be attending our **Tuesday, October 6th** meeting. Let's all try to be there to give her the warm welcome she deserves. This would be a great meeting to bring a prospective member. Bring your questions and suggestions too.

## CLOSEST MAKE-UP MEETINGS

University	Tuesday, 7:30 am	University Hilton
Concord	Wednesday, 12:15	Concord Hotel
Cabarrus County online	Thursday, 7:30 am	Cabarrus Family Medicine <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org/">www.rotaryclubone.org/</a>



Southwest Scene  
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**This week** we are privileged to have MSgt. Gabriel Fierro, Sr. tell us about **Operation Tribute to Freedom**. MSgt. Fierro served a year in Iraq with the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion and completed 130 combat missions while earning a Bronze Star and our eternal gratitude.

**Last week** Ken Tutterow and Gloria Refinati told us about the great need of Children's Home Services of North Carolina to place foster children and children waiting to be adopted in stable, loving homes.



## ROTARY LEADERSHIP

Rotary International President	John Kenny, Scotland
District Governor	Karen Shore
Assistant Governor	Calvin Gaddy
Club President	Dick Lewis
Club President Elect	Bob Rourke
Club Secretary	Kristel Swayze
Club Treasurer	Ryan Thrower

## INTERNET LINKS

Southwest Cabarrus Rotary	<a href="http://www.swcabarrusrotary.org">www.swcabarrusrotary.org</a>
Rotary district 7680	<a href="http://www.rotarydistrict7680.org">www.rotarydistrict7680.org</a>
Rotary International	<a href="http://www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a>

**You should know this about one of our members:** This member was named the Georgia homemaker of the year in 1987. Just a wild guess, but it might not be Anani or Kokou.

**You should know this about your club:** For several years now we have made an annual \$100 donation to CVAN (Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network) for its **Men for Change** campaign. Executive Director Mary Margaret Flynn said “your generous gift helps us to provide safety, shelter and real hope for women and children.” You do make a difference!

**Did you get your invitation?** See PP Dale for an invitation with directions to his house to celebrate **A Day in the Life of Rotary** with Ketan as our special RYE guest of honor. Fellowship, culture, food, what more could you ask for? **Saturday, October 10th** drop in from 2 to 5. RSVP

**Fundraising idea:** How about an old-fashioned scavenger hunt with a new-fangled twist, digital camera proof that the objective was spotted? Teams would have to have a licensed driver, but there could be family teams, company teams, school teams, club teams groups of friends, non-profits, and churches, each paying an entry fee, maybe including a lunch or dinner we would host at the starting point. We have plenty of potential objectives in Cabarrus County. We could have a blast creating the clues and judging the results. Let President Dick and the Board know if you think this is an idea we should explore further.

**From rotary.org:** Despite difficult challenges, the incidence of polio in India is down 28% this year, and it is down 41% in Nigeria. There has been a slight increase in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Type 2 poliovirus has been eliminated in every country except Nigeria, and a new vaccine to prevent the transmission of the other two types of polio virus will be introduced in India this year. There were only 1,651 cases of polio in 2008, tantalizingly close to the goal of total eradication, but far too many to ease off our efforts. We should ask Ketan if he remembers receiving the vaccine.



**Don't forget your donations for The Humane Society of Concord and Greater Cabarrus County and Cabarrus C.A.R.E.S.**

Maybe the cat lovers and dog lovers in your family and office would like to help too. Leashes, collars, bowls, toys, pads, crates, cat food\*, kitty litter, and cleaning and office supplies. You can donate items you already have too, you don't have to buy new. The innocent victims of neglect and abuse need you help!

**EREM**



\* Purina indoor formula or kitten chow.

From Kistel's calendar for September 16th: “There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.”

The **Cooperative Christian Ministry** sent us thanks for the cleaning supplies we donated in July, saying “these supplies will enable us to maintain a clean and safe setting for all to enjoy. Again, we thank you for your thoughtfulness.” You do make a difference!

**Helping others** (courtesy of Bill Milligan): A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held a sign that said “I am blind, please help.” There were a few coins in the hat ... until, that is, a man walking by dropped a few coins in the hat and then took the sign, turned it around and wrote a few words on it before putting it where passersby would see it. Soon the hat began to fill with coins. Later that day the man came back to see how things were going and the blind boy asked him what he wrote. He said “I wrote the truth: Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it.” The difference is that the second sign told people to be thankful for what they have, and the lesson is to be creative and innovative, to think differently and positively and use wisdom to invite others to do the good they want to do.