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The Wakefield Rotary Club of Wake Forest

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The Wakefield Rotary Club of Wake Forest Completes Successful First Year of Service

(WAKE FOREST, NC, JULY 20, 2010)--The Wakefield Rotary club of Wake Forest recently completed its first year of service as a new organization and was recognized by Rotary International with a Presidential Citation given to only a select number of clubs based on membership growth, activities and accomplishments.

“Our club was one of 15 clubs out of 44 in our district to receive this award,” said Wakefield Rotary President Jere York. “After its first year, with a membership of 27 people, this is a great achievement.”

Also, *The Wakefield Rotary Club News* was voted “Best Bulletin/Newsletter-Small Club” for 2009-2010 at the District 7710 Annual Conference held in Myrtle Beach, SC. The newsletter is published bi-weekly and reflects club news and the accomplishments of its members.

The Wakefield Rotary club was chartered in 2009 and meets for lunch every Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the TPC Wakefield Plantation to discuss ways to better their community locally and internationally. It is the second Rotary club in Wake Forest. The first was chartered in 1937 and meets Monday evenings at the Forks Cafeteria.

During its inaugural year, the club has been involved in a number of local initiatives and projects, including:

- Raised \$1400 during a pancake breakfast fundraiser with proceeds going toward a Haiti relief project.
- Granted \$2000 to the YMCA at the Factory Y-Learning program which assisted students with homework and study skills. Club members volunteered their time to tutor students who are at risk of scoring below grade level on tests
- Sponsored a *Rotary Against Drugs* contest for Wakefield High School students. The winners were awarded \$200 and sent on to present their speeches in multi-district competitions.
- Helped establish a Rotary Interact Club at Wakefield High School to give students a chance to develop as leaders and foster an active interest in their community. The Interact Club will begin this fall for the 2010-2011 school year.

As it begins its second year of service, The Wakefield Rotary club plans to continue its efforts to improve the community through goodwill and inspire others to follow and live up to the Rotary motto of *service over self*.

About Rotary

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is an organization of business, professional, and community leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures and creeds. For more information about Rotary, visit www.rotary.org or www.wakefield.rotary-clubs.org