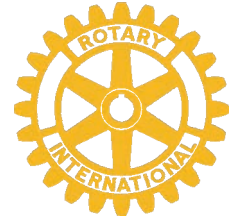


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District 7510 Newsletter

The Capital District

AUGUST 2015

Governor's Message - My Best Work

In his message to us this month, Rotary President K.R. Ravindran states: "We must always demand the best of ourselves—in our professional lives, and especially in our Rotary work...for in Rotary, what is our product? It is education, water, health, and peace. It is hope, and it is life itself."

As a boy, I grew up on the streets of the third most-crowded city in the U.S., bordered, in fact, by the first and second to our immediate North and South. I guess you could call us "inner-city kids," except that term didn't exist then, so we didn't know we were supposed to be "underprivileged." Instead, our young lives were rich with games we invented and toys we didn't have and so often pretended instead.

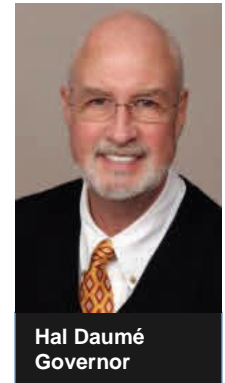
We had rules of conduct and cooperation, of course, that we mostly made up for ourselves because there were no parents, coaches, teachers, or chaperones to guide or supervise us. And here's the surprising thing: They worked because we all agreed to them. We collected discarded pop bottles; turned them in to Tom, our local grocer, for the two cents that would buy penny candy. We also used our pop bottle money to go to our local theater's Saturday matinees, and used our imaginations to carry what we saw on the screen to the sidewalks we played on.

On one such Saturday, our game was all about Knights of the Round Table! Peach basket tops became our shields and a couple of sticks—one short and the other longer—Scotch-taped or string-tied crossways became our swords. I'd just completed making mine and was ready for a good duel when my father came outside to repair a tire on our ten year-old family car. "What's that?" he asked, looking at my two taped sticks. "It's my sword!" I proudly exclaimed. He was silent for a moment. Then, "Is that the best you can do?" I was stunned. Mine looked pretty much like all the other kids'. But now, seeing it through my father's eyes, it did look pretty pathetic.

All through dinner that night I found myself silently asking, *Is that really the best I can do?*

After dinner that night, I went to the basement of our two-family row house and dug around it the myriad dusty odds-and-ends that had gathered over the decades since my grandfather had bought this house. I found some decent straight-grained wood, a few nails, a saw, some almost worn-smooth sandpaper, a brush that wasn't too caked with old paint, and a small can of aluminum paint my father had bought to make the grill on our old Chevy look shiny again, and went to work.

After church the next day, our Knights game resumed. My father was reading the Sunday paper on our front stoop when the fierce action moved from the corner of the block to right in front of our house. I was the only kid with a shiny silver sword, complete with straight blade, pointed at the end, a hilt, and an electrical tape-wrapped black grip. Dad looked up from his reading. "Now *that's* a sword," he said with a quiet smile. Yeah, I thought, this *is* a sword. For a nine year-old, it was my best work, and I knew it.



Hal Daumé
Governor

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DG Hal's Message (cont'd)

Today, my "best work" isn't much different: I use what I have or can acquire to produce the best possible result. Whether it's another donation to The Rotary Foundation, cooking for my club's pancake breakfast, or rolling up my sleeves at our town clean-up, I do it knowing *this is my best work*.

As your governor for this year, I've planned and organized district events, helped other district volunteers learn their roles and how to carry them out, and soon I'll be visiting your club during our annual "governor's visit season." And I'm always available to you for local problem-solving or opportunity-maximizing, with this promise: No matter what, it'll be my best work.

Warm regards,
DG Hal

Foundation..... Byron Miller, Director

Significant Achievement Award

The Rotary Club of Westfield Backpack Program has been awarded the *2014-15 Rotary International Significant Achievement Award*.

This project was partially funded with a 2013-14 District Grant. Last year, 27 Westfield children received nutritional food packs each weekend. Four other towns are now participating with help from their local Rotary Clubs.

Any club interested in exploring the possibility of bringing the program to their community, contact: Westfield Rotarian Liz (liz@theinkwellusa.com) or Byron (byron@portasoftinc.com).

Youth Service Terry Zuckerman

Summer Camp a Reality for Kids! The Kenilworth club is sending eleven local children to camp for a two-week session this summer. This is the second year of our *Camp Scholarship* project. Last year, Kenilworth Rotary sent three brothers to camp for its pilot program. With resounding success, the project has been continued and expanded!

The *Camp Scholarship* has become our club's most popular program. While we do a number of worthwhile projects, this project provides underprivileged children with an experience that will have a lifetime impact on them. We send our campers to Frost Valley Camp in New York for twelve days. The campers enjoy boating, hiking, archery, horseback riding, Olympics and campfires.

Last summer, our three campers came to a meeting to share with us their experiences. They loved waterfront and boating most. Each made new friends. The ten year old brother had his first kiss, which he apparently stole from an unsuspecting 16 year old counselor-in-training at a dance. For our members, seeing the joy on the boys' faces as they recounted the high moments of their camp experience was their reward for making this opportunity happen. We look forward to hearing from this year's campers' when they return.

The purpose of the camp project is to send children to camp who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend. The children are chosen based on financial need as well their maturity to cope with being away from home. The vice principal and teachers identify our campers for us. They usually know which children's families cannot afford summer camp. And, they are also in a better position to know which children will benefit most from the experience. Selection is performed quietly. The children's ages range from 5th grade to 8th grade. When possible, we prefer to send siblings so that the break from home is as easy as possible.

We do not want parents to decline the scholarship because they cannot afford the associated expenses of overnight camp. Each child will need new clothing and camping supplies. Therefore, we pay for everything. We pay for the tuition (\$1,650.00). The parents receive a \$250.00 gift card to purchase clothing and footwear for each child. We purchase the campers' necessities such as soft trunks, sleeping bags, sheets, towels, flashlights etc (\$135.00). We will also pay for horseback riding lessons (\$120.00) and their canteen account so that they can buy camp sweat shirts (\$50.00). All told, it costs about \$2,200.00 per camper.

Financing is always the tricky part. We are fortunate to have a donor that allows us (for now) to send a large number of children to camp. However, our club also contributes a substantial part of monies earned by fundraising. The District has also been kind enough to provide matching funds toward the clothing stipends. Clubs that are interested in starting its own camp project need not send eleven children. Sending just one child is *directly* giving that child a life changing experience that she would not otherwise have.

There are difficulties, of course. Surprisingly, the parents are not always so cooperative. They usually express joy and gratitude for the scholarship. But, for whatever reason, they delay returning the camp paperwork to the point deadlines are missed. Perhaps, that is the natural result of giving something for free. There also is a lot of work involved in the project. It is not simply writing a check. Often, we are dealing with parents who have never been to camp themselves. We assist completing the camp forms, filing them with the camp, making sure the children have had physical exams, buying gift cards for the clothing stipend, buying the camping necessities, etc. However, this is a good thing. There is enough work to spread around so that members are directly involved in the program.

The Camp Scholarship has really united our club. We get to see the direct impact our hard work has had on a child. We send children to camp who would never had the opportunity to attend. Afterward, the children come to our meeting to share the experience with us.

We hope that other clubs consider starting such a program. If your club is interested, I would be most happy to discuss our program with you. Feel free to contact me at my office (908) 272-5550 or terry@pollackzuckerman.com.

Rotary News and Updates

July Issue of Rotary Leader

Find tips, tools, and practical information that will help your club or district achieve success in Rotary Leader.

Copy and paste this URL into your browser - <http://www.tinyurl.com/RotaryLeaderJuly>.

Member Center Now Available on Rotary.org

As a member of Rotary, you're part of a global network of community volunteers who are making a positive difference. The new *Member Center* gathers all of the many benefits and resources available to you, including Rotary Global Rewards, which features discounts on travel, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/RI-Weekly> to read more.

Every Rotarian Every Year

Join your fellow Rotarians with a minimum contribution of \$100 per year the easy way - monthly, automatic payments. Go to www.rotarynj.org and click on "Foundation" in the blue Navigation menu. The link for the EREY brochure is in the "Message from the Director."

Club News!

All the Club news that's fit to print! And we'd like to print it all, so please send the Editor your news articles and we'll be sure to post them for all to

read. Include photos, captions, web addresses, and any other information to make your story complete. Editor7510@verizon.net.

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield has successfully worked with its Interact Club from North Plainfield High School to plant, tend, and harvest two garden plots at the Wagner Farm Arboretum Giving Garden. The plots are 160 square feet each and were filled with beets and with snap peas. After harvesting half of the beets, zucchini seeds were planted and those plants are now thriving. All produce from the plots is donated to the Star Fish Food Pantry or to the Salvation Army in Plainfield.



The Rotary Club of Plainsboro-North and South Brunswick is proud of its new name (formerly Rotary Club of Plainsboro) as it reflects the expansion of its membership base into the two Brunswicks.

One of the club's very active members, Mahesh Advani, who is also one of our new assistant district governors, announced a Free Health Fair for the uninsured and underinsured in the Plainsboro area. The event is not a Rotary-sponsored event, but that doesn't take anything away from its significance to people in need. The health fair will be held in Princeton on September 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A flyer is available at the District website - www.rotarynj.org.

The Rotary Club of Lambertville-New Hope celebrated the installation of officers for 2015-2016 with our District Governor Hal presiding. The dinner was held on the Black River & Western Railroad that came to call.

The railroad, which runs excursions in the Flemington/Ringoes area, has reopened its tracks all the way to Bowne Station in West Amwell. The

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RIDE ALL NIGHT FOR ONE PRICE

FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS

The Fair is the major fundraising of the Rotary Club of Hillsborough Foundation. All funds raised go back into the community.

Rotary - Service Above Self

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home of Rotary members Gary and Janice Grover is the former Bowne Station depot.

Attendees were able to tour the engine and enjoy a 1930 dining car, as is evident from the photo below of DG Hal and his wife, Linda Sausville.



Lauren Murphy was installed as Club President for her second term of office. She was roundly thanked for her prior and future service.

The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton is also proud of its new name. Previously and informally known as the Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton Township Sunrise, the club's new name was officially chartered by Rotary International. Congratulations on the name change and keep up your great work, Robbinsville-Hamilton! .

The Rotary Club of North Hunterdon apparently has a number of green thumbs who are busy working their garden plots in support of the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. Their garden plots are located on the property of the Church of the Nazarene in Annandale.



The Rotary Club of Elizabeth recently honored their City of Elizabeth Firefighter of the Year. Fire Official Chris Lysy was selected for his work with the community as well as his work within the city's fire department.

Chris was introduced by Fire Chief Thomas McNamara and by Assistant Business Administrator Marie Krupinski. He was joined by his family - wife Lucille, mother Sarina, and sons Brian & Matthew.



The Rotary Club of Flemington Donations Committee and Board approved a \$1,250 donation to support a local project to create a *Healing Garden* at the Hunterdon Medical Center. The project was started by Robert Vanacore, who is a Boy Scout with Troop 194 here in Flemington.

The Healing Garden project was created by Robert to help him earn the honorable rank of Eagle Scout. All of the labor will be donated to construct the garden, but the material costs were estimated to be roughly \$1,740. Flemington Rotary's donation of \$1,250 brings Robert up to his full financial goal to fund the project. Learn more about Robert's project here:

http://www.flemingtonrotarynj.org/docs/Donations/2014-09-21_Robert_Vanacore_Eagle-Scout-Project_Healing-Garden.pdf

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Club News (cont'd)

The Rotary Club of Cranford presented their annual scholarships on June 11 to deserving seniors from Cranford High School. In presenting the scholarships, Rotarian Steve Lieberman said "This was a very difficult year with so many excellent students applying for scholarships, but after reviewing numerous applications and interviewing many students, we are pleased to be recognizing the best of the best."

The Cranford High School students selected to receive Rotary Scholarships based on their involvement in their school and in the community are Louis Cappucci, Kaitlyn Carroll, Jennifer Schneider, and Julia Wilson. Brendan Kane received the Rotary Leadership Scholarship.

The Cranford Club also recently saw its new officers inducted by Lt. Governor Bob Zeglarski of the Rotary Club of Roselle-Roselle Park. Maureen Strazdon was installed as the 93rd President of the Club. She succeeds Mickey O'Brien who served as President in 2014-15.

Maureen has lived in Cranford for over 30 years, and has been a Rotarian since 2012, serving as President-elect last year. She has served on various boards and volunteered with several non-profits in New York while working there. Locally she is active in historical preservation, chairing the Cranford Township Historic Preservation Advisory Board since 2008.



Other Cranford Rotary officers for 2015-16 installed at the dinner are Joseph Starkey, President-Elect and Secretary; Gene Matics, Treasurer; and Michael O'Brien, Immediate Past-President. Board members are Bruce Bergen, Joseph Carney, David DelVecchio, Richard Feder, Barbara Ginsberg, Jamie Miller and Kathy Willis.

The Paul Harris Fellow award was presented to Walter Feligi for his outstanding service to the community. His wife and daughter were on hand as he thanked the Club for the award.



Happy Anniversary wishes to these clubs:

The Rotary Club of New Brunswick celebrates 95 years on August 1

The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton celebrates 23 years on August 12

UNICO Has a New President!!

There was no white smoke involved in the recent appointment of our own Dr. Ann Walko of the Rotary Club of Watchung-Warren as the national president of UNICO National, the premier Italian-American service organization.

Ann was one of our assistant district governors for several years before being tapped for the top UNICO job.

Membership Recognition Pins

by the RI Membership Recognition TEAM

Since its start in January 2014, the New Member Sponsor Recognition Program has been received well around the world. We hope that your club will continue to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize your members' efforts in strengthening your clubs.



To ensure your sponsors are recognized please remember that the program is almost entirely automated and relies on sponsor information provided by club officers. The most common reason clubs do not receive sponsor recognition pins is the absence of a sponsor linked to a new member in Rotary database.

The pin shipment is generated when the sponsor's name and email is received in RI database. Directions to enter sponsor names and email addresses are available at the link below:

http://www.highroadsolution.com/file_upload_2/files/sponsor+name+and+email+addresses+en.pdf

A few other things to keep in mind:

- 1. Sponsor names do not transfer from ClubRunner or DACdb to RI database if they were added after the new members were already entered there.** We recommend you check sponsor names in Rotary Club Central reports from time to time to ensure that recognition opportunities are not missed. Directions to view related reports are available at the link below: http://www.highroadsolution.com/file_upload_2/files/new+member+sponsor+reports+en.pdf
- 2. Pins typically take 6 to 8 weeks for international delivery (4 to 6 weeks for US) from the date when the sponsor information is received.** To minimize the waiting period, we recommend entering sponsor names in [myRotary](#) as soon as the information is available.
- 3. New member sponsors without email address in RI database will receive communication regarding the pin by letters in the mail, and the pin processing will take longer than usual.** If an email address is available, please consider updating it in [myRotary](#).

The [brochure](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) may also be helpful resources. Thank you for your support for membership development, and please contact us if we can be of assistance.

Best regards,

Membership Recognition Team

MembershipAwards@rotary.org

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"Be a Gift to the World" is our International Theme for 2015-16. Our gift to you—our fellow Rotarians—is a fun-filled weekend escape in the Poconos for a phenomenal rate you won't find anywhere else! Join Linda and me for a classy, festive, and exciting weekend at the stately INN at POCONO MANOR on the May 13-15, 2016 weekend.

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Club Presidents-Elect will have brochures in a few weeks for your use to register for the next District Conference. Meanwhile, reserve these dates now. You won't be disappointed!

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Find out more at this address:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-fund-and-share>

**2015-2016 Vocational Service Award
to be presented at the
Multi-District Vocational
Assembly**

**at the Pines Manor
November 6, 2015**

3:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Register at
www.DaCdb.com/Rotary

Polio Final \$\$ Report

Bill Mealia, Chair



The Polio Plus giving goal of \$20,000 was surpassed through the generosity of our Rotarians, our clubs, and our district. The latest report from the Rotary Foundation gives credit for \$29,413.53 as of June 30, the end of the Rotary year 2014-2015. This amount was received from 22 clubs plus the District. Any clubs that submitted their donations after June 30 will see those donations reflected in the 2015-2016 giving totals.

We've struggled to eliminate the PAIN of polio - Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria - for a number of years. Now, with India out of the equation and Nigeria soon to follow (no new cases in over a year), we just have to deal with PA (no offense to our friends in Pennsylvania!).

We all know how an old PA can be ornery and difficult to deal with, but with patience and our continued attention, we can bring this campaign to a close.

Thank you to all who contributed. You have made the world a better place.

Save the Dates

September

09/25/2015

Help Nepal Benefit Concert

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School
667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains
6:00 P.M.

Register on www.DaCdb.com/Rotary

October

10/06/2015

Vocational Assembly

The Pines Manor
Talmadge Road and Route 27, Edison
3:30 P.M. - \$50 per person

Register on www.DaCdb.com/Rotary

10/31/2015

Foundation Grants Seminar

The Bridgewater Marriott Hotel
700 Commons Way, Bridgewater
8:30 A.M. - No fee

Mandatory for Clubs Seeking District or RI Grants
Minimum one club member must attend!

Register on www.DaCdb.com/Rotary

Rotary Family Fellowship Night

Join with fellow Rotarians, their families and friends as we celebrate our families and our friendship at the Somerset Patriots TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater on Friday, August 7 for 7:05 PM baseball game.

Enjoy a 90 minute, all you can eat barbecue in the Picnic Area Seating. That's a lot of hamburgers and hot dogs and soft drinks, all for the low price of \$28 per person.

Reserve your tickets the old-fashioned way by sending your check with your game preference to Art Lobdell, c/o Rotary Club of Elizabeth, PO Box 971, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

Questions? art.lobdell@scouting.org.



Top Ten Clubs in Attendance for JUNE 2015

Congratulations to the #1 club for June - Plainfield-North
Plainfield - with 97.92% attendance for the month.

The rest of the top ten? Roselle-Roselle Park (94.00%);
Mountainside (85.00%); South Amboy-Sayreville
(85.00%); Westfield (82.85%); Woodbridge-Perth Amboy
(82.69%); Hillsborough (80.45%); Branchburg (80.40%);
Montgomery-Rocky Hill (75.00%); and
Princeton (72.73%).

Secretaries, contact the District Secretary (Michael
Townley) if you need help entering your club's attendance
in the District and Club database (DaCdb). Email
District7510Secretary@verizon.net.

And thank you to the 26 club secretaries who took the
time to report attendance for June.

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