TEAM ROTARY



District 7510 Newsletter

The Capital District

February 2016

Governor's Message - Rotarians are Connected!

Davina Hanson, of Robina in, Queensland, Australia—a small town on the country's eastern Gold Coast just a few kilometers south of Brisbane—is a newly-minted Rotarian. Davina's husband, who passed away prematurely, had been a Rotarian of many years' standing. As part of her healing process and to begin a new life for herself, Davina joined her late husband's Rotary Club just a few months ago. Her mission: To become a Gift to the World.



Linda and I met Davina on board the Norwegian Gem, at a service club gathering while cruising the Mexican Riviera. Our connection was immediate and before the cruise

ended we'd become friends beyond simply fellow traveling Rotarians. We learned that, while traveling for the past two months, as soon as she reached a port, instead of joining a tourist expedition ashore, Davina would instead find places to serve hot meals to the needy, food pantries where she packed boxes with staples and canned goods, and any local Rotary Club engaged in a service project of any sort at all.

One evening on board, Davina found us in one of the lounges. In her hands, a small bag filled with hand-crocheted caps. "I need to keep my hands busy," she said, "so that I stay focused. I make these caps for the homeless, and I've made and given away dozens in my travels." The caps were virtually works of art—more

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than a half-dozen that she'd made in just the past few days. "I know you're returning to America's northeast, where it's winter there. Would you like to bring these caps home with you, and find people who can use them?"

Joyce Miller, of the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Rotary Club knits caps for the same purpose. "Yes," we said, "and we know just the person who'd love to have these." And so we returned from our trip with a new Rotary friend

from halfway around the world and seven hand-made caps for Joyce to pass on to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you, Davina and Joyce, for all you do, and to each and every Rotarian in our district and beyond who makes a difference in the lives of others.



Rotary is truly a world of connections, all for the good of humanity as we become—sometimes in unexpected ways—Gifts to the World.

Warm regards,

Foundation Byron Miller, Director

Our Dollars at Work

The Rotary Foundation has awarded a Global Grant of \$151,486.00 to assist the people of Haiti with hygiene education and water filters to make their drinking water safe. Who made this happen?

Global Grant 1526358 has received final TRF approval.

This project \$151,486 will provide 900+ families in Trianon, Haiti, with hygiene education and filters to make their drinking water safe. This rural area is where the cholera outbreak began in Haiti. The work planned is their first real relief.

Clubs and districts from New York, Texas, Michigan, Arizona, New Jersey, and Haiti all joined the host club, Petion-ville and the international partner club, Glen Falls, NY to make this possible. Our district, led by Westfield and Flemington, contributed \$21,000. With matching funds from TRF, our contribution is worth \$73,500 or 49% of the total budget.

Pure Water for the World, headquartered in Vermont with field offices in Haiti and Honduras, is the implementing organization.

This is Rotary at its best. Rotarians coming together, lifting lives, providing hope for the future.

Community Service - End Hunger Month in Somerset County

Somerset County Rotary clubs have announced that February is the End Hunger Month. As part of this campaign, Central New Jersey Rotary, Rotaract, Interact Clubs and community organizations are planning to join together to prepare 50,000 food packages for developing countries. They will also collect non-perishable food items for local food banks. The events take place on Friday evening, February 26, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Raritan Valley Community College Cafeteria.

This special service project is a part of Somerset County Rotary Clubs' effort to curb hunger in the Central New Jersey area and around the world. This project is more than just bringing a smile to the recipients; it is also an opportunity for each club's members to gather with their families and friends to enjoy night of fellowship and the joy of giving back. "The members of the Hillsborough Rotary Club value the relationship we have developed with the other Somerset County clubs, and look forward to partnering on service projects in the future," said Rotary District Service project Director Joe Horner from Bridgewater.

This is the first of many service projects that the Somerset Rotary clubs are planning for their

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communities. The clubs for young people, called Interact and Rotaract clubs, are dedicated to facilitating service projects for the entire family. "We know everyone's time is limited these days and it is difficult to recruit members who might have to choose between a few hours with their families or volunteering for a service project," said Branchburg Rotary Club President Michael Cohen. "We want to remove that barrier and make serving our community as a family affair."

For more information about the Somerset County Rotary Clubs, or if you would like to donate for this special cause, contact Dr. Tulsi R. Maharjan, Past District Governor, at 908-369-4318 or email trm7510@gmail.com. Visit www.branchburgrotary.org for event registration.

Eat, Drink and Share

The EAT DRINK & SHARE re-scheduled date of Monday, March 14th is fast approaching. We would like to ask you and your club members to help us obtain vendors. Here are links to a <u>Vendor Flyer</u> and <u>Commitment Letter</u> which contain the details a vendor would need. Please talk to your favorite restaurant or caterer, perhaps the restaurant where your club meets, and ask them to consider attending.

This is our District's major fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation, but an opportunity to mix and mingle with friends and fellow Rotarians while enjoying great food and spirits!

If you have any questions or need more information please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your help and all you do for Rotary.

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Membership News

PDG Mel Kevoe - Mkevoedg1415@gmail.com

We are embarking on a new and exciting Membership venture and we need your help. District 7510, like most of the Districts in North America, has experienced a downward spiral of membership over the past several years. As a District, we need to reverse the trend of membership into positive growth. To accomplish this, we are forming a *District Membership Team*. This Team will work together to formulate a winning program for membership recruitment, retention and growth with each of the clubs in our district.



Regardless of whether your club has a successful membership plan, we all need your support and the support of your clubs in this new plan of action. More to come!



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96th Annual District Conference

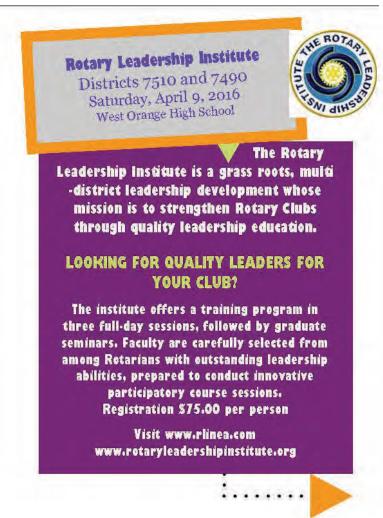
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May 13 - 15, 2016

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and any other information to make your story complete. Editor7510@verizon.net.

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield hosted the recent Somerset County Clubs Quarterly Meeting at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. Attendees were treated to presentations by three of the County's Interact Clubs – North Plainfield High School, Somerville High School, and Somerset Vo Tech High School. The Interact representatives presented their activities with enthusiasm and praise for the Rotary club sponsors, advocating more projects where Interact and Rotary work together. Rotarians complimented the Interact presentations and the venue, finding both to be exceptional. The Plainfield-North Plainfield club recommends this format for other county meetings.





The Rotary Club of Old Bridge-Sayreville awarded a record number of scholarships and amount of money to students at Middlesex County College this year. Thirty students received almost \$66,000 at an awards presentation in November. The club has a long history of helping MCC students. Since 1991, 195 students have received 267 scholarships with a total value of \$358,154.00.

The club also was active during the Christmas holiday season, donating to the Old Bridge Food Bank and the Sayreville Food

Bank. These donations were in addition to the club's regular, quarterly donations to both food banks. The donations are used, in part, to purchase Shop Rite gift cards.

The Rotary Clubs of Hunterdon County are promoting their Ninth Annual Hunterdon County Soup Cook-Off on Monday, February 29, 2016 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Commons, 29 Junction Road, Flemington, NJ, 08822. ShopRite of Hunterdon is proud to sponsor this event.

At last year's event, 20 local restaurants entered their favorite soup, competing for "Best Soup in Hunterdon County". 1st Place for People's Choice was Cafe Galleria for their Butternut Squash, 2nd Place was Teaberry's Tea Room for their Bacon Cheeseburger Soup and third place was Mountain View Chalet for their Cream of Potato & Apple Wood Bacon Soup. Judge's Choice 1st Place went to Gaffe Galleria for their Butternut Squash Bisque. Best Presentation went to Hunterdon Medical Center for their Bermuda Fish Chowder.



The proceeds of this event, totaling nearly \$10,000 annually, are donated to the five food pantries of Hunterdon County to fight HUNGER IN HUNTERDON. In addition to the entrance fee of \$15.00, attendees are asked to bring a can of food as a donation to the food pantries.

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The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights assisted the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad with their community service. The Squad has trained their own members, students, and the community on the most current life-saving CPR techniques. But in time, their training manikin became worn to the point of unusability. That's how the Berkeley Heights club got involved, and helped solve this problem. Using the club's own resources, plus grant funds from Rotary District 7510, the club purchased a brand-new state-of-the-



art manikin for the Rescue Squad--"Resusci Anne 2"--which the squad will begin using right after the first of the coming year in their ongoing community outreach training schedule. As an integral aspect of the grant, the Rescue Squad will be training all club members, and then the program will continue on a community-wide basis.



The Rotary Club of Branchburg presented their Student of the Month Award to Amanda Hegadorn, a student at Branchburg Central Middle School, who won the club's Essay Contest for January 2016. The essay reflects the student's goals for the future and the steps necessary to achieve their goals. Amanda is planning on studying to become a novelist. She was awarded a Rotary Certificate, a gift certificate, and a special Rotary coin that reminds Rotarians to live their lives by the Rotary 4 Way test: "Of the things we think, say and do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build

GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton members gathered before a recent breakfast meeting to assemble "Winter Survival Kits" for the Trenton Rescue Mission to distribute to homeless individuals. Each kit contains hand wipes, non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, hat, gloves and socks. The chief operating officer of the Rescue Mission then spoke at the meeting about their work in the community, and accepted the kits and winter coats donated by club members.





The Rotary Clubs of Hunterdon County worked together and distributed over \$ 5,000.00 to the following Hunterdon County Food Pantries: Open Cupboard in Clinton, Flemington Food Pantry, Starfish in Whitehouse, St. Edwards in Milford and Fisherman's Mark in Lambertville.

The \$5180.00 was generated from the Rotary Flu Vaccine Clinics co-sponsored by Dr. Ronald Frank and Dr. Sean Cook. In the past 3 years over \$18,000 of the flu clinic insurance payments were donated to Hunterdon County Food Pantries.

The partnership with Dr. Frank and Dr. Cook provide the Clubs an opportunity to bring both health services through the Flu Clinic and to support our common goal to fight "Hunger in

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Hunterdon." According to Lynn Arnold, Clinic Coordinator from the Clinton Sunrise Rotary, "Not all of our Pantries are subsidized by Norwescap and our smaller pantries rely totally on YOUR donation of money or food to support their mission."

Please consider receiving next year's flu vaccine at one of our convenient clinics and help us reach our goal of \$25,000. There is no cost to you with most major insurances and the insurance payments are donated to the local food pantries.

The Rotary Clubs of Kenilworth and Union held its Annual joint meeting in Kenilworth under the leadership of L-Kenilworth Club President Ceu Manata and R-Union Club President Julie D'Aloia to discuss upcoming events individually and District 7510 comprising of 39 local clubs in NJ.



The guest speaker for the day was Mindy Scarlett of Scarlett Marketing Group. both clubs have provided decades of "Service Above Self" to their communities.

News Briefs & Information Updates

Presidential Citation

The Rotary international Presidential Citation for Rotary Clubs brochure is available by on the District website (www.rotarynj.org) by clicking on About 7510/Forms. What's new? - this year, there isn't any form to fill in and mail. You do go on-line to My Rotary on Rotary.org and complete your Club's goals form in Rotary Club Central. It's that simple!

Forms for Interact Clubs and Rotaract Clubs are also available on the same page on the District website.

New year and new goals

Has your club set Foundation giving goals for 2015-16? If not, you still have time to evaluate your club's fundraising efforts from last year and submit this year's goals.

Club officers can log in at www.Rotary.org and then go to Rotary Club Central. With your help, we can achieve our worldwide Annual Fund goal of \$130 million by 30 June 2016.

2016-2017 Theme Announced

Rotary international President-Elect John F. Germ has announced that "Rotary Serving Humanity" will be the 2016-2017 theme. He made the announcement at the district governors-elect training in San Diego, CA.



Save the Dates

03/03/2016

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS 1)

Bridgewater Marriott Hotel

700 Commons Way, Bridgewater

6:00 P.M. - Register on DaCdb

03/14/2016

Eat, Drink and Share is back!

The Pines Manor

Talmadge Road and Route 27, Edison
6:00 P.M. - Register on DaCdb

03/18 - 03/19/2016

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS 2)

Hanover Marriott Hotel

1401 Route 10, Whippany

Register - http://www.mid-northeastpets.org/

04/09/2016

Rotary Leadership Institute West Orange High School 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Register at www.rlinea.org

04/27/2016

District Assembly
Bridgewater Marriott Hotel
700 Commons Way, Bridgewater
2:30 P.M. - Register on DaCdb

05/13 - 05/15/2016

96th District Conference
The Inn at Pocono Manor
1 Manor Drive, Pocono Manor, PA
Download brochure at www.rotarynj.org

Happy Anniversary wishes to :

The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch
Plains celebrates 78 years of service with an
anniversary date of February 15, 1938

The Rotary Club of Princeton celebrates 74 years of service with an anniversary date of February 12, 1942

The Rotary Club of Hamilton Township celebrates 47 years of service with an anniversary date of February 5, 1969

The Rotary Club of Princeton Corridor celebrates 30 years of service with an anniversary date of February 21, 1986



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Onward to Achievement DG Hal Daumé

Any pilot will tell you: Flying the plane is the easy part; the tricky part is landing it so that you can not only walk away but you can use the plane again!

Begun in 2002, the district's <u>Outstanding Club of the Year Award</u> has honored 13 clubs: Berkeley Heights, Branchburg, Dunellen-Green Brook, Flemington, Hamilton Township, Hillsborough (twice), Lambertville-New Hope, Old Bridge-Sayreville, Princeton, Princeton Corridor, Robbinsville-Hamilton Sunrise, Woodbridge-Perth Amboy, and Westfield.

In just a few months I'll have the responsibility and honor of deciding which club will be the 2016 honoree. I'm hoping to have a tough decision to make—and it's up to each club to make this decision as difficult for me as you possibly can!

(Now you may think this message is aimed at our current Club Presidents and you'd be correct...but not entirely, because it's really up to every Rotarian to make certain his or her club is as vital and vibrant as you can personally make it!)

Your club's been "flying" for the past seven months. Now it's time to aim your Rotary "plane" at the downwind leg, because you'll very soon be turning onto your base leg and then your final approach to touchdown in just a few short months.

The deadline will be the end of April, because the presentation will be made at the District Conference in mid-May. So let's get started...

Check out the criteria for Rotary International's <u>Presidential Citation</u> for Rotary Clubs and the Interact and Rotaract Clubs you may sponsor (If you don't have a copy, just use any Internet search engine for "2016 rotary presidential citation"). The criteria below are key, but I haven't listed them all. Compare your club's planned achievements against these. You don't necessarily have to have completed every one shown here; this is so you can get a sense for what it may take to be a high-achieving club.

Have you set at least 15 goals in Rotary Club Central?

Did your club pay your <u>club invoice</u> of last July on time?

- Will you have a net membership gain of at least one (<50 member clubs) or two (50+ member clubs)? Are these men or women?
- Will you maintain 100% retention or, if less than 100%, improve retention by 1%?
- How about service projects? (Not fund-raisers; not check-writing exercises—actual hands-on projects.) Have at least three-quarters of your club members participated in one or more that you've listed at Rotary Club Central?
- Is your club supporting The Rotary Foundation?
- Are you growing your number of <u>Paul Harris Fellows</u>?
- Have at least half your members signed up with My Rotary?

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- Have you posted a club service project on <u>Rotary Showcase</u>?
- Have two or more club members participated in <u>discussion groups</u>?
- Have one or more members joined a <u>Rotarian Action Group</u>?
- Did you send a member to our Foundation & Grants workshop?
- Has your club partnered with five or more other Rotary clubs on a project, and listed it at Rotary Club Central?
- Do you sponsor or co-sponsor an Interact Club or Rotaract Club?
- Have three or more of your members mentored an Interactor or Rotaractor?
- What about "public image"? Have you used Rotary's new visual identity guidelines (available at the Brand Center) to update your club's website, social media pages, club brochure, and newsletter?

Yes, some of this will be challenging, but some of it's no-brainer stuff too. If your club qualifies for this year's Presidential Citation, you're sure to make the short list for Outstanding Club of the Year. But, even if you don't hit all the goals, you could still be in the running! So check out the full criteria and GO FOR IT!

Rotary World Peace Conference.....DG Hal Daumé

By rough estimate, some one thousand Rotarians from the U.S. and Canada, and some as far away as Russia, gathered for two days in mid-January at the Rotary World Peace Conference—the first in a series of five Presidential Conferences around the globe, each anchored on a Rotary Area of Focus. This one was led by RI President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran (pictured with yours truly) and Ray Klinginsmith, Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

When Linda and I learned that this conference was to be hosted by Conference Team Leader Rudy Westervelt, one of my 2015-16 District Governor classmates, we took a mallet to our proverbial piggy bank and set out for Ontario, California. It was worth every penny!

Organized into thirteen interrelated tracks, ranging from "Creating Peace and Eliminating Conflict in Your Life and Home" to "Creating Understanding and Collaboration Among the Major Religions" to "Film, Television and Media: Their Role in Reporting and Eliminating Conflict" and ten others equally diverse and powerful, our two days were filled with both general and breakout sessions, all inspiring. In addition, nearly one hundred exhibitors filled the main hall of the convention center.

Be sure to read your TEAM Rotary next month for more about this wonderful event!

Presidents-Elect Training Seminars (PETS)

The district holds two PETS sessions during the Spring to help prepare in-coming club presidents and officers for their new positions. The fees for these training seminars is included in your club's district dues payment each year. Attendance is mandatory for in-coming presidents.

PETS 1 - The first session is a district-only event for in-coming presidents, held at a local hotel or other facility. The district governor elect (DGE) presents a training opportunity that helps the in-coming presidents get attuned to their position and to the DGE's program for the year beginning July 1. Official photos are taken immediately after arrival and check-in.

2016-2017 PETS 1 - DGE Charlie Minton

March 3, 2016 at 6:30 PM Bridgewater Marriott Hotel 700 Commons Way Bridgewater, NJ

Register on-line at www.DaCdb.com/Rotary. Dinner included.

PETS 2 - The two-day event features really interesting, knowledgeable and great speakers from around the world to inspire incoming presidents. It also provides an opportunity to mix and mingle with other presidents-elect from outside of our district, sharing knowledge and experiences and ideas.

This second presidents-elect training seminar is a multi-district event for in-coming presidents, held at an area hotel to facilitate overnight stays, if desired. The multi-day training opportunity helps in-coming presidents further their preparation for assuming office. Sessions are scheduled for attendees from all districts, along with special sessions for our district only, and even sessions for presidents-elect who have previously served as a club president.

2016-2017 PETS 2

March 18, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. March 19, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hanover Marriott Hotel 1401 Route 10 Whippany, NJ

Register on-line at www.mid-northeastpets.org. (NOTE: Registrations are not active as of 2/1/2016)

Attendees may wish to book a room at the hotel due to the late program on Day 1 and the early start on Day 2. Hotel accommodations are not included in the pre-paid registration and are the responsibility of the attendee or the attendee's club. Check the <u>PETS 2 website</u> for more information.

DGE Charlie Minton 908-964-1000 (o) csminton16@gmail.com

What's the Latest with Polio? Bill Mealia, Chair

- Fewer cases have been reported so far through the year than in any other year on record.
- Nigeria was removed from the list of polio endemic countries, Africa marked an entire year without wild poliovirus for the first time in history, and polio type 2 (WPV2) virus was declared eradicated.
- For the first time in history, only two polio endemic countries remain Pakistan and Afghanistan. Both have made important strides toward ending polio in 2015.

More from around the world:

India – marks five years without reporting a single case of polio

Afghanistan – no new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset paralysis in Kunar on 19 November. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 19, compared to 28 in 2014.

Pakistan – One new wild poliovirus type 1 case was reported last week, with onset of paralysis on 2 December in Punjab province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is 52, compared to 296 reported in 2014. A total of 306 cases occurred in Pakistan in 2015.

District 7510 – the total amount given by Rotary and Rotarians through 11/30/15 was \$1.52 Billion. Rotary just released another \$35 million to the appropriate organizations.

The District 7510 amount contributed to date is just \$7,887.00.

United States – Congress has approved a total of \$228 million for the 2016 budget to support eradication efforts. This is \$10 million more than 2015.



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December 2015 Top Ten Clubs in Attendance for

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

time to report attendance for December. And thank you to the 19 club secretaries who took the

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