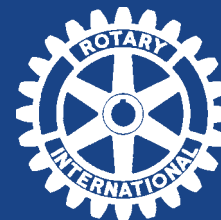


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District 7510 Newsletter

The Capital District

February 2017

Governor's Message - Can't we all just get along?

February is *Peace and Conflict Resolution Month* for Rotary International. What a concept!-- peace and the ability to resolve our problems amicably.

As I visited your clubs on my official visits, I could see really strong friendships and camaraderie. I also saw some members not really communicating and, in a few rare cases, I saw people that just didn't get along. I don't have to tell you that doesn't fit the *Four Way Test*, but I guess it's human nature.

Despite these occasional conflict issues, we manage to get good things done in Rotary. Your clubs are thriving in so many ways, I hear about them daily. So we can work together for the better good of **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

But I challenge you.....reach out to someone in your club you might not be best friends with. Start simply with a smile and ask "how are you doing today?" and work on leading up to "can we work together on a project?". Peace and conflict resolution. I'm practicing what I preach. Dealing with 1050 Rotarians might just be impossible to have a close friendship with everyone, but I'm working on it, and I hope you'll join me in trying.



Charles Minton
Governor

Update on District Conference.

Over 80% of rooms sold...not exaggerating....only two cottages available! They are separate buildings with 2 bedrooms with separate, private, *en suite* bathrooms meant for two couples or individuals that would like to be in their own cottage where they can share a common kitchen, living room and dining room. We have ten cottages reserved and we are planning a "Hospitality Suite Crawl" where the cottages can open their doors Friday and Saturday night so we create free hospitality suites and get Rotarians to mix, mingle, and "crawl" to each cottage.....Fun! Our AG, "Mr. Entertainment" Steve Goldberg, is in charge of the crawl so you know it will be great!

Don't get locked out. Please go to www.sweettobe2016.com to see and register before we are sold out. You can contact us there with questions as well.

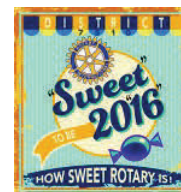
As we get ready for PETS, District Assembly and Conference, let's keep up the good work. Thank you for all you do for Rotary!

'Til the next column...

Yours in Rotary Service

Charles "Charlie" Minton
District Governor

Rotary Serving Humanity
"Sweet" to be 20"16"-17

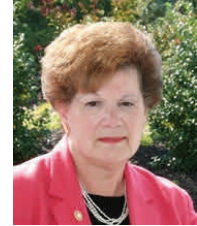


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Public Image and Promotion..... M. Ann Walko, Director

The holidays are now behind us, so it is a good time for us to think about how we are getting the message out to the wider community concerning the good work done by our clubs in our district. It is my hope that you are getting your Publicity Boards ready so that we can highlight the activities of each club at the District Conference in May. One of my ideas is to create a story board for our District Governor to show everyone the work that goes into leading a district.



If you send me clippings from your publicity efforts, I can help you create specialty boards for your club. I am ready and willing to help in any way to highlight all the events you are having. I am just a phone call or email away!

How are you getting ready for **World Understanding Month** which occurs in February? The Watchung Warren club is going to have a small group of members representing different cultures explain their traditions. Last month we had a rabbi from the local area explain the meaning of Hanukkah. When we can learn from each other- we are better able to understand how to work with each other.

Why not send a short blurb to Michael Townley for *TEAM Rotary*? Why not post some pictures on Facebook and get your event in the local paper? It only takes a few minutes and the press of a key on your computer.

Helpful Hints

- > Are you tracking your stories or press releases? Is the Publicity Chairperson keeping the articles to create or add to your club history? Did you create such a position in your club?
- > How are you analyzing your impact when you do send in press releases? How many towns did your story cover?
- > Do you have a club fact sheet that you can distribute?
- > Keep your releases simple but fact-filled as they are more than likely to be published.
- > Do you have a (PSA)Public Service Announcement that could be aired on the radio or local TV station?
- > You must be clear and concise with PSAs as you only get a few seconds to relate your message.
- > Have you combined an event with another club-why not create a partnership with another club to provide wider coverage?
- > Are you on Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, Linkedin or Flickr to promote your club?

Results of the 2016 Interact Video Awards

The "Best Video" selected with the theme of **IF INTERACTORS RULED THE WORLD** was from the Interact Club of Constanta, Romania. The students did a fantastic job-they were very creative. Rotary received 126 videos from 26 different countries. The three runners-up were from the Interact Clubs of Manta, Tunis Inner City and CSI Noroeste. You can watch the videos and learn how to get a head start on recording a video for next year's campaign. Go to newgenerations@rotary.org. Maybe we will have a winner from one of our Rotaract Clubs. You have got to be in it to try and win it!

Thank you for your efforts to spread the word about our great Rotary clubs in District 7510!

District GrantsByron Miller

As we progress through the year, you and your club will complete your District Grant project(s). One of the requirements to receive that grant is to submit your final report on completion, which must occur before the end of this Rotary year.

Remember that when you submitted your grant application, you identified a need, established estimated costs, and then provided sources of revenue that would meet those costs. You did all this under the *Grants* tab in DaCdb.

In order to close out a grant, authorized club representatives will go back to the *Grants* tab and click on "Club Grants" in the left margin, then select the appropriate grant by clicking on the pencil icon next to your grant.

Once the grant opens, there are three steps to completing the grant - the "Final Report," the supporting "Documents," and updating the "Budget" with final amounts.

The "How to" for District grants can be found in the *Secure files* section under the "Files" tab in DaCdb.

Close out your current grants as soon as you can, and then submit your requests for next year's grants. DGE Bob Zeglarski has just over \$23,000 available for grants - apply!

Contact me at 908.377.5071 with questions.

District PETSDGE Bob Zeglarski

Presidents Elect Training Seminars

Reminder to all presidents-elect that our special training seminars (PETS) will be offered again this year as an evening event (PETS 1) and a one and one-half day event (PETS 2).

PETS 1 - March 2 at 5:30 PM for photos at the Somerset-Bridgewater Holiday Inn -[register by clicking here](#) or go to DaCdb.com, login, and select the event from the Calendar tab.

PETS 2 - March 24 (all day) and 25 (half-day) at the Hanover Marriott. Register by going to www.petsmidnortheast.org. Stay overnight at the Marriott for \$100 per night - go to www.tinyurl.com/PETS2017NJ for reservations.



Look forward to seeing you there!



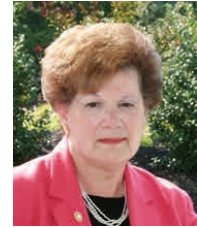
The District extends best wishes to Gus Pushparaj of the Summit-New Providence Club who has been ill but is now recovering. Neela Pushparaj offered Gus' location for cards and notes to help cheer his days and speed along his recovery. "Just want to let friends and family know that Gus has been moved to the Resorts at JDT,499 Pinebrook Road, Lincoln Park, NJ. This a sub-acute rehab facility."

Gus is a great Rotarian and deserving of our support!

Awards and Recognition..... M. Ann Walko, Director

It is time to review our preparations for upcoming awards. It is my hope that you have not only reviewed the deadlines and criteria for awards and citations, but that you've also begun work on submitting your nominations.

One of those awards is our prestigious F. S. Mathewson Rotarian of the Year Award. You only have until the end of February to get your nomination to Dave Breidinger.



Information was sent out to all club presidents at the end of January for the **F. S. MATHEWSON ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**. Any questions concerning the award can be directed to David Breidinger at dbreidinger1@comcast.net. This special award recognizes that one person in our District whose service to community and District is simply outstanding. Award criteria and nomination form are available [by clicking here](#) or by emailing Dave.

Preparing the paperwork for **THE GOVERNOR'S CUP** which will be selected by District Governor Minton? All club presidents and secretaries received a letter from the District Governor as to procedure. Participating clubs need to follow the goals outlined in the Rotary International Presidential Citation. Go to My Rotary for the requirements. This is a guide as the DG also will consider other factors based on your accomplished plan of action. DG Minton has set **April 1** as the deadline date to submit your application for the Governors Cup. The award will be announced at the District Conference on Saturday night, May 6.

The **JEAN HARRIS AWARD** letter from Pamela Singh will be going out to all club presidents to request applications which must be returned by **March 30**. This award committee will review the applications and make a decision by April 21 and the award will be presented on May 18. Contact pamelarsingh@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

My thanks for all you do to recognize deserving Rotarians.

F. S. Mathewson Rotarian of the Year Award

In 1982, Rotary District 7510 established this award to recognize and honor those Rotarians in the district who have, over a period of time, best exemplified Rotary's motto of "**Service Above Self.**" Earning this award is the **highest honor** that can be bestowed on a Rotarian by our District.

Without exception, every Rotary Club in our District has the opportunity to nominate one member who is worthy of this honor. A committee appointed by the District Governor will meet and select the Rotarian to receive this distinguished award which will be presented at the District Conference in May 2017.



John Lutz (right) receives last year's award, presented by past recipient Michael Townley, District Secretary

Nomination forms were emailed to all club presidents. Contact me if you need another copy.

Dave Breidinger

dbreidinger1@comcast.net



The Rotary Club of celebrates 79 years of service with a charter date of February 15, 1938.

The Rotary Club of Princeton celebrates 75 years of service with a charter date of February 12, 1942.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton celebrates 48 years of service with a charter date of February 5, 1969.

The Rotary Club of Princeton Corridor celebrates 31 years of service with a charter date of February 21, 1986.

District Foundation

After years of work and due diligence, our District has formed a tax exempt foundation titled "The New Jersey Rotary Capital District Foundation." The non-profit is a 501 (c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code.

This foundation is available to any club for fundraising purposes.

Please go to [Our Foundation page](#) listed in the *Our Focus* menu of the District website for the details (www.rotarynj.org).

The direct page link is: <http://www.rotarynj.org/our-district-foundation.php>

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DISTRICT 7510

Mark your CALENDARS

FOR THESE IMPORTANT ROTARY DISTRICT EVENTS!

Check the District website www.RotaryNJ.org

For details & updates click "the calendar"

District Conference	
Inn at Pocono Manor	5/13-5/15/16
International Convention	5/28 to 6/1/16
Seoul Korea	
Changing of the Guard	6/30/16
Official Governor club visits begin	9/7/16
NJ State Vocational Assembly	10/5/16
Eat Drink and Share	11/14/16
PETS 1	3/2/17
PETS 2	3/23 to 3/25/17
District Conference Shawnee Inn	5/5 to 5/7/17
District Assembly	5/18/17
International Convention Atlanta Georgia, the 100th year anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Celebration	6/10 to 6/14/17
Changing of the Guard	6/29/17



Club News!

All the Club news that's fit to print! And we'd like to print it all, so please send your news articles to the Editor 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 New Brunswick is offering a new and very exciting event to raise funds for the club's foundation (to help various local projects) and for the *Prevent Child Abuse* organization of New Jersey. On Thursday, March 2, 2017, student teams in fashion and costume design programs in area high schools and colleges will compete in a unique fashion show called "Rags to Runway" ([click here for flyer](#)). Students will create designs from materials purchased at local thrift shops; professional designers will be the judges. The event will also have catered food by area restaurants, and there will be music and other entertainment in between the fashion show segments. The event is being held at The George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick from 6 PM to 9 PM. To support Rotary, the Playhouse is making their facility available for this event free of cost. Tickets can be purchased on-line at georgestreetplayhouse.org for \$60 each. If you make reservations, please let club president Sharan Jain know (jainsh.sj@gmail.com). Sponsorships are also available and will benefit the club's foundation as well - [click here for a sponsor form](#). (Note: Flyer and form can be obtained from Sharan Jain - email address above.)



The Rotary Club of Union invites all to come help them celebrate 75 years of service. It's going to be an awesome evening – with an unbelievable cocktail hour with seafood bar, carving stations, and passed hors d'oeuvres, open bar all night, choice of dinner entrée, Viennese table, music and dancing. And, of course, it's our governor's home club!! The evening takes place on Friday, February 24, at the Galloping Hill Inn, with cocktails at six o'clock and dinner and dancing to follow. Tickets are available at \$75 per person through the club Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1317580941633144/>.



The Rotary Clubs of Hunterdon County will once again host their fabulous Soup Cook-Off at Hunterdon Central Regional High School, 29 Junction Road, Flemington, on Monday, February 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. An admission fee and a food donation to the Food Pantry entitles you to enjoy sample-size cups of any and all entered soups, plus the opportunity to vote for your favorite. At the end of the evening, two trophies will be awarded, one for PEOPLE'S CHOICE and one for JUDGE'S CHOICE and each champion will have the honor of displaying the coveted SOUPER BOWL TROPHIES in their restaurant for the year. An additional award will be presented for the BEST VISUAL PRESENTATION so be creative in your table presentation. [Click Here](#) to visit the website for more information - www.flemingtonrotarynj.org/soup-cook-off

The Rotary Club of Branchburg has always had education as a top priority on their community service efforts. They will be hosting a Comedy Night on Thursday, April 27, at Raritan Valley Community College to support scholarships for local students. Doors open at 5:30 with free pizza and other light fares. Come enjoy some food and special times with friends. The show starts at 7:00. Tickets are \$35 online and \$40 at the door. You can reserve a table of 10 to bring your friends

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and co-workers as a group to enjoy the show with together! Individual tickets are on sale online at www.jerseynightlive.eventbrite.com or call 855-JNL-LIVE, 855-565-5483. For further information or to reserve a table of 10, call event coordinator Doug Bateman at [908-581-5034](tel:908-581-5034).

The Rotary Club of Westfield offers an ongoing *Project Hunger* service outreach. Members of the club collected and sorted easy to prepare food items for consumption by children at risk for “food insecurity” during the Christmas and Hanukkah school holidays. Backpacks were filled during the club’s December 19 club meeting. Project co-chairs Rotarians Byron Miller and Liz Ensslin reported that 31 children in need were served.



The Rotary Club of Montgomery-Rocky Hill is doing its part proudly inducted five new members in the Fall of 2016.

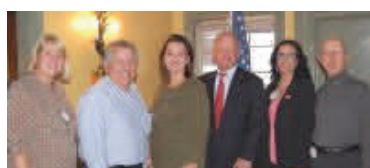
Pictured from left to right: vice president Doug Merritt, new members Dennis Helms, Shreesh Tiwari, Nancy Gartenberg, Minky Chenette, Jim Tropp and club president George Jarvis.

The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton's PASTA FEST, an annual family dinner and fundraising event, will be held Friday, March 24 at the Nottingham Ballroom, 200 Mercer Street, Hamilton Square from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Menu Items include linguine, pencil points, several sauces (including a meatless variety), salad, dinner rolls, desserts and refreshments. Live entertainment will be provided by Bob Orłowski of Top Shelf Entertainment. Super 50/50 Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds from the event fund the Club’s annual High School Scholarship program as well as local charitable causes. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, visit www.rhrotary.org or call (609)-915-3224.



The Rotary Club of Watchung Warren had a delightful time with Rabbi Ronald Kaplan of Temple Har Shalom in Warren who presented a brief history as to the celebration of Hanukkah in anticipation of World Understanding Month which will be held in February. Rabbi Kaplan also explained the lighting of the candles. Everyone received a bag of gold coins and a dreidel.

The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains participated in the MLK Day of Service on January 16. Club members went to the Scotch Plains Jewish Community Center and assembled fifty *Welcome Bags* for families at Children’s Specialized Hospital. They also donated various items including: water bottles, pretzels, pens and notepads, and travel size toiletries. Participants included the Interact Club and Boy Scouts.



In October and November of 2016, the club inducted two new members - Janette Hernandez and Darren Lacy - ending 2016 with a total of fifty-five members! New members were photographed with Secretary Kim Decker, Vice-President Steve Goldberg, President Carmela Resnick and Treasurer Don Rosenberg.

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Club News cont'd

The Rotary Club of Lambertville-New Hope was one of the clubs that took up DG Charlie's suggestion to thank our public safety officers on Christmas with an edible gift. Assistant Governor Al Varga, a member of the club, brought donuts to the Lambertville Police Department and presented them to Lt. Brown as a way to recognize the officers for their service to Lambertville



The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights' own Linda Sausville and husband PDG Hal Daume didn't miss a meeting while traveling when they attended the Tarpon Springs Rotary Club meeting at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club (two clubs in one!).

Two make-ups times two clubs equals four make-ups?? Not in the Rotary world where we follow the Four Way Test!! But they had fun and enjoyed fellowship with other Rotarians.

Polio - the fight continues!!

As of December, the year-to-date total donations for Polio Plus are \$10,175.53. This amount comes from fifteen clubs and our District 7510. Please remember - the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is now matching your donations 2 for 1!!

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, we would like to challenge every Rotarian in this district to donate a minimum of \$26.50 to END POLIO NOW. Why \$26.50? - that was the amount of the very first donation to the Rotary Foundation 100 years ago!

Speaking of 100 years ago (the "good old days"), we would like you to read a short piece about polio. It may satisfy any longing for the "good old days."

Polio 100 Years Ago

A statewide outbreak of infantile paralysis, later known as polio, led the Bernards Township Board of Health to post a large front-page legal notice to parents on Thursday, July 6, 1916, in which all children 16 and under were barred from "all public gatherings."

On Monday, July 10, a four-year-old girl from Hoboken was diagnosed with infantile paralysis while visiting New Vernon (NJ), prompting the Board of Health to post a guard at a border road to prevent anyone from New Vernon from entering Bernards Township.

The next day, a Board of Health inspector boarded each train at Summit and questioned everyone who had a ticket to stations in Bernards Township. A "number of families with children were sent back to New York, having been refused permission to enter the township."

Note: The above appeared in a column in the Bernardsville News last summer.

Every Club Can Have Paul Harris Society Members

By now you know that the *Paul Harris Society* is a group of people who commit to donating \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation. The actual donations can be made in a lump sum or in scheduled payments throughout the year.



For some, this charitable donation is relatively easy; for others, it is a struggle.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club is partnering with the Rotary Club of Somoto in order to provide potable water and sanitation to 100 farm families and two schools in northern Nicaragua. A recent delegation met with the leaders of the Rotary Club of Somoto.



This young club is only eight years old. Currently, it has twenty-seven members (photo), including two Paul Harris Society members. You might say that two out of twenty-seven is not really a remarkable number. However, you should remember that per capita income in Nicaragua is about 10% of New Jersey's per capita income. And the club has implemented \$450,000 in projects in its eight years!

Rotary is about finding great partners here and internationally to seek to build a better world.

Service above Self.

Brooks Smith

District 7510 Paul Harris Society Coordinator



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Don't Forget the Governor's Cup!

DG Charlie Minton will present this prestigious award at the District Conference!

Satisfy the requirements by earning the RI Presidential Citation and submitting your letter/email to DG Charlie explaining all of the great things done by your club this year.



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Top Ten Clubs in Attendance December 2016

Congratulations to the #1 club for December - Summit-New Providence - with 89.40% attendance for the month! We count attendance at meetings and participation in club events, District events, committee meetings and the like in our definition of "attendance."

The rest of the top ten? Princeton (86.67%); MountainSide (86.66%); Woodbridge-Perth Amboy (84.62%); South Amboy-Sayreville (81.80%); Plainfield-North Plainfield (80.88%); Berkeley Heights (75.00%); Lambertville-New Hope (75.00%); Hillsborough (74.22%); Montgomery-Rocky Hill (72.97%).

Secretaries, contact the District Secretary (Michael Townley) if you need help entering your club's attendance in the District and Club database (DaCdb). Email Secretary7510@RotaryNJ.org.

And thank you to the twenty-four club secretaries who took the time to report attendance/participation for December.

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