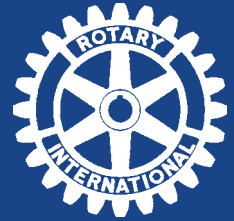


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District 7510 Newsletter

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July 2017

Governor's Message - What is Rotary?

In 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley's theme, Rotary: Making a Difference. "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."

Ian H.S. Riseley took office on July 1, becoming our 107th Rotary International President. In his 2017-2018 Theme Reveal address to Governors-elect at the International Assembly last January, Riseley urged Rotarians to be mindful of the three strategic priorities of Rotary International.

"We are here to help maintain and build a Rotary that is sustainable, and that keeps sustainability and continuity at the heart of its focus and its planning from now on.

And that is why all of us here must see the year ahead not just as our year of leadership, but as Rotary's year. Not the year that Rotary has given us to shine, but the year that we will give to Rotary, so that its light will shine ever brighter.

Our service will be guided, as it should be, by the three strategic priorities our Rotary International Board has set for all of Rotary in our current strategic plan:



Robert Zeglarski
Governor

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- To Support and strengthen our clubs
- To focus and increase our humanitarian service
- And to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness

Here in District 7510, I've just had the honor of being installed as your Governor for 2017-2018. My year as Governor will be guided by the same priorities. My plans include:

- Enhancing our public image by making Rotary the talk of the town in communities across our district by means of a small number of publicity generating strategic initiatives;
- Dramatically increasing membership through district membership marketing initiatives;
- And increasing our humanitarian impact by mobilizing large numbers of district residents to join our clubs in humanitarian endeavors.

By now you are aware that this is the final year of District 7510. Due to declining district enrollment we will consolidate with District



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Governor's Message cont'd

7470 just to our north to form District 7475 which will include 89 clubs and

almost 2,200 members. So why should we worry about membership?

As Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar once said, "Rotary is made up of over 35,000 vessels in the ocean of Rotary International." He called them "member-ships," reminding us that club membership is at the heart of our Rotary endeavor. The more members we have, the more good we can do in the world.

Consolidation is not the issue. The issue is to support and strengthen our clubs, while enhancing our public image and awareness, thereby, enabling us to focus on and increase humanitarian service.

Bob Zeglarski, Governor

Foundation News PDG D. Michael Hart

Foundation grant applications are due by July 15. Your club's president and foundation chair and your Board of Directors should have formulated a plan for how our District Rotary Foundation Committee can support your club's projects through available grant money.



Every club is guaranteed a \$500 district grant. All you have to do is ask by applying on DaCdb. If you want more than \$500, the district may match up to another \$1,000, depending on what we have available. The maximum grant would look like this example:

\$500 non-matching grant from District DDF
\$1,000 funds from the club
\$1,000 District DDF matching funds
\$2,500 total (\$1500 grant + \$1000 funds from club)

After all the applications are in to DaCdb on July 15, we will calculate who is eligible, how much grant funds are available, and decide on the allocation. Then you will be informed on how much grant money you will receive.

If you have trouble negotiating DaCdb, please ask Michael Townley. He is an expert on the website. (Secretary7510@Rotarynj.org or 908-822-1441)

As a reminder, the DDF Grant funds come directly back from what we donate to the RI Foundation. One quarter of our donations come back to the district to be used as District Grants. Please continue to encourage you club and members to give to the RI Foundation.

Instructions for closing out grants and for initiating new grants are posted on the District website Grants page - <http://www.rotarynj.org/trf-grants-subcommittee.php>.



Foundation Grant Report - 2016-2017

Project Name	Lead Club Name	Lead Grant Signatory	Funded Amount	Project Budget
<u>Back Pack program</u>	Somerville and Bridgewater	Andrea Thorne	\$880	\$2,000
<u>Book Donations</u>	Robbinsville-Hamilton	Scott Biondi	\$1,260	\$2,000
<u>Community Garden at Frazee</u>	Fanwood-Scotch Plains	Carmela Resnick	\$500	\$4,000
<u>Cornerstone Foster Home</u>	Flemington	Robert Newland	\$1,260	\$5,000
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Carteret	Tracey Sussman	\$425	\$850
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Cranford	Bruce Bergen	\$690	\$1,020
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Elizabeth	Jim Duffy	\$1,260	\$6,000
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Mountainside	Daniel Falcone	\$519	\$550
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	New Brunswick	Sharan Jain	\$690	\$3,500
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Piscataway	Fred Cassaday	\$800	\$1,800
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Plainfield-North Plainfield	Michael Townley	\$750	\$4,000
<u>Dictionary project</u>	Springfield	Seth Hammer	\$400	\$800
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Summit-New Providence	Susan Haig	\$500	\$1,000
<u>Dictionary Project</u>	Union	Laura Bretzger	\$880	\$2,000
<u>Environmental Education</u>	Lambertville NJ-New Hope Pa	William Buchanan	\$590	\$750
<u>Feed the Hungry Pancake Breakfast</u>	Plainfield-North Plainfield	Michael Townley	\$500	\$1,000
<u>FEEDING THE NEEDY</u>	Old Bridge-Sayreville	Adrienne Bzura	\$1,260	\$5,000
<u>High School Students Scholarships</u>	New Brunswick	Sharan Jain	\$190	\$20,000
<u>Holocaust Genocide Remembrance Proj</u>	Princeton	Andrea Dinan	\$1,260	\$3,780
<u>Home Front Playground Project</u>	Berkeley Heights (*) and Princeton	Hal Daume	\$500	\$500
<u>Peace Day Celebration</u>	Branchburg Township	Tulsi Maharjan	\$880	\$1,500

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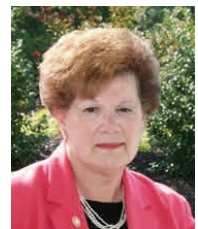
Foundation Grant Report cont'd

Project Name	Lead Club Name	Lead Grant Signatory	Funded Amount	Project Budget
<u>Public Image Rotary Awareness Campaign</u>	Clinton Sunrise (*), District 7510 Horizon, North Hunterdon	Megan Jones Holt	\$3,682	\$10,000
<u>Rotary HomeFront Playground</u>	Hillsborough Township, Montgomery/Rocky Hill, Plainsboro - N. and S. Brunswick, Princeton Corridor, Trenton	Steve Portrude	\$6,000	\$152,676
<u>Rotary Vocal Showcase - Voices Up!</u>	Summit-New Providence	Susan Haig	\$380	\$2,400
<u>Rotary Youth Development</u>	Westfield	Marta Alexandre	\$880	\$1,500
<u>RU Smarter Than A 5th Grader</u>	Cranford	Maureen Strazdon	\$152	\$1,200
<u>Sandwich Project</u>	Plainsboro - North & South Brunswick	Satish Vamburkar	\$880	\$1,500
<u>Scholarship Program</u>	Summit-New Providence	Susan Haig	\$380	\$20,000
<u>Shredding Day in Dunellen, 2016</u>	Dunellen-Green Brook	Bill Robins	\$576	\$700
<u>Stop Hunger</u>	Branchburg Township	Michael Forrestal	\$380	\$10,000
<u>Students of the Month</u>	Roselle-Roselle Park	Paul Mickiewicz	\$1,260	\$2,500
<u>Veterans Scholarship Project</u>	New Brunswick	Sharan Jain	\$375	\$1,000
Total Grant Applications	31		\$30,059	\$268,526

Public Image & Awards M. Ann Walko, Director

As we come to a close of another Rotary season, I wanted to take this opportunity to THANK YOU all for being part of work accomplished during the 2016-17 year. Both directorates met with success and we could not have completed our responsibilities without your dedication and participation.

We worked as a TEAM which is a key ingredient to our success. It has been a pleasure to have worked with all of you and I am extremely appreciative with the way in which you handled your areas. It made my job easier because you implemented our plan of action for presenting awards and highlighting our image.



Kudos to the following:

Michael Townley

Roz Shaw

Steven Portrude

DG Charles Minton

DGE Robert Zeglarski

Pamela Singh

Joseph Scandariato, Sr.

Michael Toscani and committee

David Breidinger

I am looking forward to thanking you again as we gather for the Changing of the Guard ceremony.

Polio ReportBill Mealia, Co-Chair

Club donations to the Polio Plus campaign continue to roll in. Within the last weeks, I received four more donations from clubs, bringing our annual total to \$21,247, exceeding our goal of \$20,000.

I believe some of our clubs sent their contributions directly to Rotary International. Those numbers will show up sometime in July, so we will hold off on announcing a final amount for 2016-2017 until we can review those figures.

You may have read about polio outbreaks in Syria and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These cases were are not caused by the wild polio virus, but rather are known as vaccine-derived polio cases.

I cannot explain all of the ins and outs about the vaccine-derived polio outbreak, but I can point you to a very good, brief article that will explain it for you.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/understanding-vaccine-derived-polio-outbreaks>

Until our next report, THANK YOU to all who have contributed to Polio Plus, and keep those dollars coming in! We're getting more matching money from the Gates Foundation - let's use it ALL!



IN MEMORIAM

The District extends its deepest sympathy to Flemington Rotarian Chris Phelan and his wife Antoinette on the death of Maria Barbieri, Antoinette's mother. D. J. Wright, President of the Flemington Club, writes to his members "Most of you know Antoinetta, and I am certain that most likely many of you have met her mom at some function over the years. You do not find many people as sweet and gracious as Maria. She certainly will be missed."

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to our Anniversary Clubs!!

The Rotary Club of Somerville-Bridgewater celebrates 95 years, chartered on July 1, 1922.

The Rotary Club of Edison celebrates 51 years of service with a charter date of July 31, 1966.

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 Mountainside participated in the Sixth Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 29 in Mountainside. The Club has participated in the event each year since its inception. The club had members on the parade committee, participated in all the preparations, made a monetary donation, marched in the parade, distributed prizes, and provided convertibles for the veterans who are unable to walk the parade route to ride in. The event started with a ceremony to honor the Veterans. From there the parade proceeded through the streets of Mountainside to Our Lady of Lourdes Church property. Spectators lined the streets and applauded the Veterans as they passed.



The Rotary e-Club District 7510 Horizon recently donated many items to the Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter in Easton, PA.

Club members did a great job collecting and donating many items needed for this shelter. They were excited to arrive with a jam packed van filled with needed goods on June 6, 2017.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton Township held a recent meeting where the Rotarians, many of whom are Robbinsville residents, were enlightened about what is new in Robbinsville by Township Council President Dan Schuberth. A lively question and answer period ensued and Mr. Schuberth was very informative and forthcoming with information. The Hamilton Rotarians were very impressed and honored by Mr. Schuberth reaching out to the club in order to inform the membership. It appears he truly has an open door policy.



The Rotary Club of Union hosted its Annual Eloquence Soiree to honor Union High School's student winners of the Marvin Orella Speech Contest. The speech contest celebrated its 20th year and has given out over \$100,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1997. In addition, local educators and administrators were presented with the Rotary Excellence in Education Award. The evening was a



huge success, attracting Rotary members and their families as well as Union educators, professionals and residents. After the cocktail hour, guests were privileged to hear the speeches of the top 3 finalists who were not aware of the winning outcome. After the outstanding orations of the young students, scholarships were handed out to Sabrina Prevost (\$2500), Sienna Bucu (\$1500) and Nikka Jarabe (\$1000).

The evening was capped off with a Basket Auction and Super 50/50 which helped to fund the scholarships for our esteemed students. The Union Rotary is grateful for the opportunity to challenge and reward the fine students of Union High School and thanks to the community for lending its support of this cause.

The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton will collect new, used, broken or unwanted bicycles on Tuesday, August 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Robbinsville Municipal Complex, 1117 Route 130 in Robbinsville for donation to the Boys & Girls Club Bike Exchange during the Robbinsville Police Department's Annual National Night Out event. Since its founding in 2009, the



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Bike Exchange has sold more than 12,000 bikes and raised more than \$670,000 for the Boys and Girls Club and their After School Programs. All of this is made possible, in part, through Green Community Bicycle Recycling efforts such as this Summer Bike Drive. For more information about donating a bicycle, please visit us online at www.rhrotary.org or call Bill Coleman at (609)-577-2536.

The Rotary Club of Branchburg awarded ten scholarships to deserving students heading to college in September 2017. The Scholarship Awards ceremony is the culmination of Rotary's yearly efforts to support education. The event was coordinated by Mike Forrestal and was held on June 14. This year's scholarship winners are Courtney Johnson (Somerville), Jordan Lees (Somerville), Karyn LaCanna (SCVTS), Volodymyr Kunderevych (RVCC), Katie Majorossy (RVCC), Jill McGovern (Immaculata), Emma Gara (Somerville), Codie Bartow (Somerville), Emily Heathcote (SCVTS), and



Jack Carro (Immaculata). The John Pastre Scholarship winner was Courtney Johnson. The Ray Bateman Scholarship is a new award presented this year in honor of Ray Bateman, a longtime supporter of education and a strong advocate for community colleges. For twenty-six years, Senator Bateman was actively involved in advancing Raritan Valley to one of the best rated community colleges in the country. The recipient of the Ray Bateman Scholarship for 2017 is Jordon Lees.

The Rotary Club of Kenilworth recently installed its newest member Regina Kelly of Edward Jones (2nd from right).. I-R club President Ceu Manata of Connect One Bank, upcoming District 7510 Governor Robert Zeglarski, Regina Kelly and Toncia "Toni" Sosnosky, recent member and President of the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club.



The Rotary Club of Montgomery-Rocky Hill recognized their annual scholarship recipients who, with their parents, visited the club to share in the excitement of their achievements. Pictured from left to right: Yesh Datar, Daniel Soper, Sydney McAlister, Michela DiMeglio, Matthew Weirzbicki, Sophia Sharpless, Veronica Elghazaly, Sarika Bhattacharjee.

The Rotary Club of Dunellen-Greenbrook awarded scholarships to four Dunellen graduating seniors and four Green Brook students graduating from Watchung Hills Regional High School. Dunellen-Green Brook Rotarian Bill Mundy, left, presented the students to the club, assisted by Dunellen High School Guidance Counselor Randi Axelrad. Over the past 44 years, the Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club has awarded over \$270,000 in scholarships to 410 graduating seniors so that they can attend college or technical schools. Our Club considers education a number one priority and we are pleased that we can help so many deserving young people.



The Rotary Club of Roselle-Roselle Park added three new members in the first few months of 2017. The trio includes the local fire chief, a registered nurse from an area hospital, and a member of local municipal administration. The gains came in part to the club's adapting to new RI guidelines regarding attendance and dues, which make it possible for newcomers to participate in the Rotary mission, even if they can't attend every meeting. As a partial result of this growth, the club was able to initiate a sizable renovation project on a local Girl Scout facility, and revive a high school ethics panel program that had lapsed for several years. "The new flexibility certainly helps us to bring in and retain members," says club president Paul Mickiewicz. "We've substituted community outreach and service projects regular service projects in lieu of a breakfast meeting, giving the members the chance to participate in our mission, even if they can't join the club at the regular sit-down."

Dare to be great!!

At the end of our recent District Assembly, a number of Interact students got up and challenged all other Interactors, Rotaractors and Earlyactors everywhere (and even us Rotarians) to *Dare to be great*. They challenged us all to do audacious things and dared us to "try to keep up" with them. Well, they have taken their first step to show the world how really audacious Interact students from Rotary District 7510 can be.



These energetic, enthusiastic, and dynamic Interactors are challenging Rotary Youth worldwide to join in making the biggest Rotary initiative ever. They are calling on Rotary Youth and Rotarians around the world to mobilize as many young people in the world as possible to turn Rotary Literacy Month (March) into the biggest read-a-thon in history. Through that effort, they plan to raise enough money to cut in half the number of children worldwide that are not in school due to hunger and extreme poverty. (Did someone say, "Dare to be great"?)

Please support this initiative by Interactors from our own District. It's very easy. Just go to:

<https://www.Facebook.com/RotaryYouthForABetterWorld/>

Watch the video and share it to all your friends. Then "like" and follow the page so you will be able to watch the reaction coming in from around the world. Finally, tell everyone you know, Rotarian or not, to also go to this Facebook page and "like," share and follow the page (especially young people and relatives anywhere in the country and the world). These Interactors hope to have a million "likes" by the end of September. Let's help them make it happen. Let's show them that we also "Dare to be great!" Comments of encouragement on the Facebook page would also be welcomed.

Reflections from Atlanta

A First-Time Conference Attendee's Perspective

By: Ann Walko, District Governor Nominee



I was apprehensive at first, not knowing what to expect. But armed with information from the Rotary International office, I was able to absorb the immensity of the conference. More than 40,000+ attendees from all over the world was daunting! The first day was a little confusing but the staff was ready for first-timers! Just by asking a few questions and following the crowd, I quickly learned the lay of the land.

The speakers were excellent and the parade of flags from all nations was a wonderful display of Rotarian pride from a host of countries. During the conference, I was able to see those who make decisions for the clubs at the international level. A number of countries came forward to make pledges to eradicate polio. Along with Bill Gates and the Gates Foundation, a total of 1.2 billion dollars was pledged to help eradicate polio.

I enjoyed the many workshops to enhance my knowledge of how to help clubs succeed. One area that needed several days to really absorb was the House of Friendship...I was overwhelmed, but I came away with a better understanding of all that goes on in Rotary across the world.

This was my first conference and I can't wait to go to Toronto. If you have not been to one, you should definitely plan to attend. It is strongly suggested that as many Rotarians as possible



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become a part of the excitement and learning that takes place. I had a wonderful few days, taking away information that I can use to sharpen my leadership skills and to help make my club become a vibrant one. Many thanks to those who encouraged me to attend and who supported me in this quest. It was a conference I am not likely to forget as part of my Rotary experience.

District Merger? Consolidation?

What's the story?

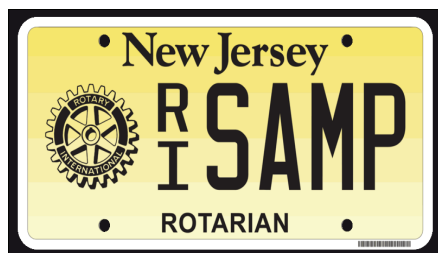
DGE John Wilson, D7470

Rotary International has determined that, among many other changes around the world, the five districts in New Jersey cannot continue to function effectively as separate entities. Rotary membership is on the decline across the United States, and New Jersey districts are no exception. But a plan is in the works to strengthen the Rotary presence here, and your District 7510 is working with the other four districts to make that happen effectively.

Rotary International is working with Rotary Districts 7470 and 7510 to effectuate a new combined district stretching from High Point in Sussex County to the I-195 corridor in Mercer County. We expect the RI Committee on Districting to recommend approval of the merger in July and for the Rotary International Board of Directors to vote on it in September. If the process stays on that schedule, the districts will be merged on July 1, 2018, over a year away.

To begin planning for the integration of the two cultures, a working group of district leaders from both districts has started to meet to look at how best to accomplish the changes needed to make the merger succeed. Among the many aspects under study are finances and budgets; technology; bylaws, committee structures; programs; websites; newsletters; and a host of other topics shared by the districts. It has become evident that there are many similarities between the two districts that smooth the process.

This working group first met in the winter and had a second meeting recently. The next meeting will be in July, with further meetings held as the topics arise. The working group has established small committees to look at singular topics and report back to the group in July.



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Rather than sharing progress step by step, our next communication will most likely be to announce that the merger has been approved and that the two districts are working on actual implementation so we meet the July 1, 2018 start date for the new district.

This is an exciting time, as some eighty-three clubs with almost 2,200 Rotarians will comprise the new district. Thank you for your patience with the process.

If you have any questions, please [contact District Governor Bob Zeglarski](#).

Enjoy the summer!

Top Ten Clubs in Participation - May 2017

Congratulations to the #1 club for March - Roselle-Roselle Park - with 92% 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 (89.36%); Plainfield-North Plainfield (81.00%); Summit-New Providence (78.40%); Mountainside (77.77%); Bridgewater-Bound Brook (75.00%); Lambertville-New Hope (75.00%); Union (74.00%); Robbinsville-Hamilton (72.79%); Old Bridge-Sayreville (63.00%).

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 seventeen club secretaries who took the time to report attendance/participation for April.

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