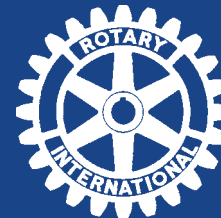


# TEAM ROTARY



District 7510 Newsletter

The Capital District - www.RotaryNJ.org

June 2017

## Governor's Message - We're this close...to several things!

That's how I ended our District Conference, a video titled "**Thanks for the Memories.**" It's a compilation of my Official Club Visits, and we have the link on the District website for you to view it in case you were not at the Conference or that you just want to look for yourself. It has many other pictures of all the fun we had together over this past Rotary year, including me throwing a strike as I threw the first ball at our District's bowling league's opening night.



Charles Minton  
Governor

Indeed, this has been a tremendous year, despite having some unusual and first-time, very serious problems to deal with. As you probably know, because our membership has been below the required 1100 membership count for several years, RI has now pushed up the re-districting of New Jersey. We will be merging D7470, with the district just north of us. The preliminary planning and approval took place this Rotary year, and the implementation and execution falls to next year and DGE Bob Zeglarski. I have had meetings with the D7470 leadership and anticipate a friendly and smooth merger.

So many great memories this year, all thanks to the kindness and willingness of so many clubs and Individuals to make my official visits special. I seem to have become the "Cupcake Governor," as I received that gift from three clubs. I truly enjoyed receiving all the gifts, each of which is precious to me, gifts that I will have and display proudly.

I received a champagne toast for the start of the year, with the support of five Past District Governors at my first visit to the Elizabeth Club, a tradition in our District. I had the great honor of having PDG Ken Tillman install me as Governor and having PDG Pat Growney attend the *Changing of the Guard* last June. I even won the 50/50 four times during my club visits! I would not keep the money and was happy to donate the proceeds back to the club. However, I did keep the cupcakes that I won in Princeton, as their prize for winning the 50/50 is a dozen cupcakes. And, at my last official visit, which is always the Governor's Host Club, they had cupcakes for me with my "Sweet" to be 20'16" logo on them.

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Kindness was not only showered on me. My Kathy, our First Lady of the District, received several standing ovations at the District Conference. Several club presidents not only invited Kathy to their events but they told me not to come unless I brought Kathy. I can tell you that she really enjoyed being your First Lady! A great big *thank you* to her for all she did for everyone but especially for me. I could have not done this job without her.



Of course, a great staff was essential. A huge *thank you* to our District Secretary Michael Townley and District Treasurer Joe Steiner, my Assistant Governors, the Past District

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## Governor's Message cont'd

Governors who shared their experience and words of encouragement, and for all

those who embodied "Service Above Self" in supporting the 2016-17 year - there are too many to name individually.

We made a record donation to Polio Plus and to the Rotary Peace Centers. The money was sitting idle in an account and, with the currently available four-times match, District 7510 will be credited with over \$225,000.00 for polio eradication, along with \$25,000.00 to fully fund a Peace Center group.

We had a successful *Eat Drink and Share* thanks to a great and hardworking committee, allowing us to send \$30,000.00 to our Rotary Foundation.



The culmination of the year is, of course, District Conference. Over 200 attendees; nineteen Rotaractors slept over and participated; forty Interactors joined us for lunch, arriving by bus and packing over 100 bags for the Nepal earthquake relief project. Uncle Floyd made everyone laugh, the Juke Box Legends entertained and serenaded everyone, and it was my honor to surprise our own PDG Dr. Julie Ann Juliano with the Rotary International *Citation for Meritorious Service Award*. It's a very special award that Julie truly deserves for all her support of our District every day....every year.

Not a dry eye in the house for the Jim Murray tribute video that was made for him as he retires as our twenty-year Youth Exchange Chair. We surprised him by bringing in his children and his infant granddaughter.

The Friday Tribute Luncheon for PDG Ken Tillman and Dee, "My Governor," was attended by over eighty people and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Trenton. It was truly gratifying to see the looks on the Tillman family faces as they heard of all the great memories and stories of their dad and mom.



The night cap was the "Hospitality Suite Crawl" where five cottages and one hospitality room in the hotel were transformed into fun places to visit. Each was decorated with a theme by the host club of the suite. We had a winner who visited ("crawled") the most suites. She made all six.



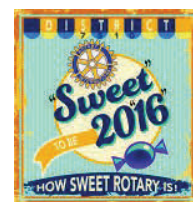
It was well done and well run because of my club, the Rotary Club of Union. Having Sharon Patel as Host Club Chair and the twenty-one club members attend and work tirelessly, along with their spouses and partners, gave me great pride in their efforts and accomplishments. Without them, the Conference would not have been possible.

So as the days wind down, I feel confident that we had a good Rotary year. We truly embraced and lived ***Rotary Serving Humanity***, and it was most especially ***"Sweet" to be 20"16"-17.***

**As the last column as your Governor...**

Yours in Rotary Service

Charles "Charlie" Minton  
District Governor



## District Assembly .....DGE Bob Zeglarski

Thanks to all who attended and participated in our District Assembly on Thursday, May 18, at the Somerset Holiday Inn. We had something for everyone, from Public Image tips and pointers to guidelines for our in-coming club officers. Special thanks to the Watchung-Warren Club for hosting the recipient of our Jean Harris Award, Sgt. Michael Boll of the Union Police Department and his guests. Read all about him in a separate article this month.

Another shout-out to those great Interact Club members from the Middlesex County Academy at Edison. What a great presentation they gave, and you can read it on-line at [www.rotarynj.org](http://www.rotarynj.org) in the TEAM Rotary webpage. Read their presentation and enjoy a few photos. Great job...well done!!

I look forward to working with everyone as we begin our new year on July1, but FIRST there's the *Changing of the Guard* ceremony and dinner on June 29 at the Palace at Somerset Park. Register now by using this link -<http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/index.cfm?EventID=77304772>.

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## Foundation News .....PDG D. Michael Hart

Foundation grants were awarded this year (2016-2017) to many of our clubs to assist you in undertaking worthwhile and qualified projects. Our Foundation Stewardship Chair, Joe Steiner, reminds us that annual publication of grants is a requirement of the Rotary Foundation. Please see the list of grants awarded in 2016-2017 elsewhere in this issue.

The deadline for next year's district grant application is July 15 at midnight. 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)

There are 17 clubs with district grants that are still open from the current Rotary year. You need to close these to be eligible for next year's grant. Club officers have received several emails with instructions. If you do not close the current grant, you cannot get next year's grant.

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.

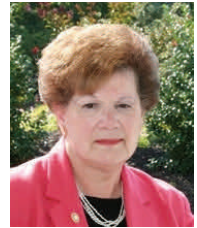
If you have trouble negotiating DaCdb, please ask Michael Townley. He is an expert on the website. (Secretary7510@Rotarynj.org or 908-822-1441)

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>.

# Jean Harris Award..... M. Ann Walko, Director

I had the distinct honor and privilege to introduce Sgt. Michael Boll of the Union Township Police Department as the recipient of the *District 7510 Jean Harris Award* at the recent District Assembly. This truly remarkable man not only served his country as a United States Marine and serves his community as a police officer, he also serves veterans and community members in need through programs of his own design and initiative.



Sgt. Boll exemplifies the Rotary motto of Service Above Self as he spends countless hours in promoting the ideals set by rotary in terms of honesty, fairness, building friendships and working on a host of programs to benefit a wider community. He is a graduate of Union High School and has completed an associate's degree in criminal justice from Rutgers University. He is a veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm as a United States Marine.



During his time at the Union Police Department, our recipient has organized numerous events to raise money for the awareness of autism, disabled veterans, special olympics, multiple sclerosis-to name only a few of the many programs he has initiated and supports.

He started the Santa-in-Blue program which is an annual drive to collect thousands of toys and gifts for less fortunate families. He spearheaded the Super Storm Sandy Toy Drive and was able to collect over 30,000 dollars and gift cards and fill three 18 wheelers with gifts and bicycles.

Seeing the need to help veterans, he became the event coordinator for the Operation Rebound racing team which benefits disabled veterans and first responders by empowering them to compete in various sport competition events.

Another initiative is the "We Are Union Community Coalition" where the recipient works to foster good relationships between the community and the police department. Nearly every community group and club provides town wide events for all residents. Our recipient has a presence in the community.



How do we measure benefits of all that he has started? Although he has received more than 62 citations for his work- he will tell you that one person can make a difference-but working together creates more synergy and provisions for others in need.

Our recipient answers a part of the Four-Way Test, for what he does is beneficial to all.

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## Insurance

Rotary International recently sent out a **Required Renewal Notification** to current Presidents, Incoming Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, District Governors, District Governors Elect and District Insurance Representatives to inform all that current liability policies will expire 1 July 2017. Renewal policy terms and conditions may reduce coverage or be more restrictive than the expiring policy based on the underwriting information provided to insurers.

New insurance policies will be purchased to provide continuous coverage, and RI will make every effort to provide the same broad coverage as per the expiring policy. to help with budgeting for 2017-2018, RI will provide renewal premium/rate information to clubs in June. Read more on-line at <http://www.rotarynj.org/?p=stories>.



## Voting in Atlanta?

Each club president and secretary received an email recently from Rotary International with their club's voting credentials attached as a pdf. These credentials are used to authorize a club delegate to vote on behalf of the club at the RI Convention in Atlanta in June. The Convention gathers Rotarians from around the world and, for at least part of the action, voting is key.

No one going from your club? No problem! You can designate a proxy. Read the full story online at [www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Story/more.cfm?1260](http://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Story/more.cfm?1260).



## Happy Anniversary!

### Congratulations to our Anniversary Clubs!!

The Rotary Club of Carteret celebrates 54 years of service with a charter date of June 12, 1963.

The Rotary Club of Edison celebrates 51 years of service with a charter date of June 15, 1966.

The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights celebrates 51 years of service with a charter date of June 24, 1966.

The Rotary Club of Clinton Sunrise celebrates 28 years of service with a charter date of June 2, 1989.

The Rotary Club of Plainsboro-North & South Brunswick celebrates 15 years of service with a charter date of June 24, 2002.

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"the calendar"

<b>PETS 1</b>	3/2/17
<b>PETS 2</b>	3/23 to 3/25/17
<b>District Conference</b> Shawnee Inn	5/5 to 5/7/17
<b>District Assembly</b>	5/18/17
<b>International Convention</b> Atlanta Georgia, the 100th year anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Celebration	6/10 to 6/14/17
<b>Changing of the Guard</b>	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 Hillsborough** will host their 10 th Annual Hillsborough Rotary Fair on August 15-20 at the field adjacent to Lowes in the Hillsborough Promenade, 315 Route 206, Hillsborough. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights are Wrist Band Nights, and a great fireworks display will take place on Friday (rain date Saturday). This is a major fundraiser for the club and a very popular event. They also offer a GIANT 50/50 Raffle, with tickets sold all week and the winner announced on Saturday. There are food, games, rides, events, and plenty of vendors. Come out for a great time! Call Anthony Franchini at 908-334-9304 for more information.



**The Rotary Club of Montgomery-Rocky Hill** once again hosted their famous "Run With Rotary" event. The annual "Run with Rotary" was held at Skillman Park in beautiful Montgomery Township. This is the signature event of the year for the Montgomery/Rocky Hill Rotary Club. Co-Chairs Jeff Gould and Tony Parziale commented that it was one of the "best events ever." Shooting off the starting gun was our very own Charles

Minton, District Governor.

**The Rotary Club of Clinton Sunrise** held its annual community fishing derby this past April with over 65 kids in attendance ranging in age from 3 -14 years old. The event brought out many members and community volunteers to assist in baiting hooks for those new to fishing including a volunteer from NJ Wildlife. In conjunction with the derby, a bike and sewing machine collection took place for Pedals 4 Progress and Sewing Peace. Over four thousand dollars in bikes and sewing machines were collected.



**The Rotary Club of Roselle-Roselle Park** put together a coalition of Rotarians, Abraham Clark High School ROTC students, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts that converged on Girl Scout Camp Letico on Saturday, May 20, wielding paint scrapers, brushes, hammers and other implements of construction. When it was over about five hours later, this workforce of more than 50 people had put a new coat of paint on the entire exterior of the frame house, repainted the interior substantially and removed some interior partitions, increasing usable interior space.



The Club has already pledged \$3000 to upgrade electrical and masonry work on the house. "An old proverb says that 'many hands make much work light'" said club president Paul Mickiewicz. "That was certainly true today." The club has supported Letico for years, contributing both funds and "sweat equity" to the facility. The project in May was one of the largest such efforts, bringing together

volunteer and service organizations from across the community.

Photo caption: New members Lila Montoya and Keyanna Jones-Lovett having too much fun while rehabilitating Girl Scout Camp Letico.

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The Rotary Club of Flemington presented a \$3400 check to the Flemington Area Food Pantry. The donation was made possible by the proceeds raised by the 2017 Hunterdon County Rotary Soup Cook-Off, which is a joint-effort of the Hunterdon County Rotary Clubs. The 2017 event was held on February 27. Pictured from left to right are: **Jeannine Gorman** (Executive Director of the Flemington Area Food Pantry) who is receiving the donation check from **Mick Schaible** (Past-President and Soup Cook-Off Chair for the Flemington Rotary Club).



**The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton** Second Annual ROTARUN 5K & 1 Mile Fun Walk will take place on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, 9:00 a.m. at Veteran's Park in Hamilton. Registration begins 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Kuser Road (South Entrance) Picnic Pavilion. Race entry donation fee is \$30 on the day of the Race. All proceeds benefit the NJ National Guard State Readiness Council. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are

welcome to attend. This is a USATF certified 5K Race by B&L Race Timing. Please register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or visit our web page at [www.rhrotary.org](http://www.rhrotary.org) for more information.

The Rotary Club of Elizabeth is in the midst of celebrating 100 years of Rotary (Yay!!) and continues to serve the community with their many projects and activities. Recently, their annual Pancake Breakfast was a big hit with the hungry, turning no one away and serving delicious pancakes and sausages. Pictured below are club members in the *en garde!* position, ready to fight off the heat of the grill while turning out stacks and stacks of pancakes!



The Club also recently awarded \$30,000 in scholarships to fifteen Elizabeth High School students. This brings their total since 1986 to \$538,000 in scholarships to 353 students.

The Rotary Club of Cranford sponsors a golf outing every year, much to the delight of area duffers. The Annual Golf Tournament offers you the opportunity to enjoy a fun day of golf and fellowship while supporting worthy causes. In 2017, the proceeds of the Golf Tournament will benefit Cranford Police Athletic League (PAL), the Cranford Police Chaplain Program, and the Cranford Rotary Charitable Fund. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Check-in after 10:30 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Your registration fee includes lots of stuff - you'll have to check the flyer for more information, including how to register. The event will be held at the Echo Lake Country Club, with individual golfer fees at \$295 each. Questions and registration forms available from Gene Matics (908) 377-1036 or Bruce Bergen (908) 276-8855.

The Rotary Club of Hillsborough's Annual Golf Classic will be held on June 19 at the Royce Brook Golf Club. The registration form below is available at the club's website - [www.hillsboroughnjrotary.com](http://www.hillsboroughnjrotary.com). Please contact Tricia Marciano for more information - 908-578-7125.

Remember to send your Club News to the editor for publication. We especially like to receive post-event pictures and details that highlight the activity or project - [Editor7510@RotaryNJ.org](mailto:Editor7510@RotaryNJ.org)



## Princeton Rotary International Service

Princeton Rotary sent a team to Mérida, Mexico this April. The group of Rotarians and Princeton Public School employees coordinated a four day English Language Camp at a local high school (UABIC) that supports the poorest students in the city.



The Princeton team lead 65 students in “get-to-know you” activities (everyone loves the chicken dance!) and assisted the students with creating a book about their school completely in English. The UABIC school is unusual due to its focus upon service activities in the classroom and in the afternoon following classes. Students were excited to explain the purpose of the projects they had chosen for the semester and quickly became comfortable using English with the team.



For three days the students worked several hours creating pages for each of the school projects and introductory and conclusion pages. One group assembled the book using publishing technology. The Princeton team will publish the book at home and send back to UABIC school. A group of students at Princeton High School will work on creating an analogous book about Princeton to share with their new friends.

The teaching team also brought 100 pen pal letters that were exchanged between Princeton High School Spanish classes (in Spanish) to the Students of UABIC who answered in English. Students in both schools were connected electronically through Skype while writing the letters.



During the service activity on Thursday, Princeton High School Biology and Research class students were able to take a virtual tour of the UABIC Aquaponics program which includes a tilapia pond and pesticide-free greenhouse. The students participating in the English Camp provide the translation for both participating groups. The Bio Research class already has the preliminary materials to create a similar project and looks forward to continued consultation with UABIC.

At the conclusion of the program, the Princeton Team presented the students and teachers with t-shirts and three laptop computers and plans to return next April! Princeton Rotary President Andrea Dinan stated, “The program was an ideal experience to connect our club and our school district with the people of Mérida. We can both benefit from each other and I look forward to further collaboration.”

Princeton Rotary will be working with Club Rotario Mérida Itzáes on a global grant that promotes computer literature in the poorer states of Mexico (Chiapas, Oaxaca and some work in the Yucatan) and welcome your participation and interest. Please contact President Andrea Dinan if interested.

**More information:** <https://tinyurl.com/creatingglobalconnections>

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## Email Scam Still Alive!!

Several clubs have reported receiving the following email (or one very similar), attempting to get club officers to send unauthorized payments using a friendly email, allegedly from one club officer to the other. Upon replying to the email, the recipient is given instructions to transfer funds to a specific account, sometimes with the proviso that a follow-up invoice will be sent later. Of course, it is all a SCAM. Be cautious always with any requests for sending money. Always verify with a phone call.

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## Polio Plus Committee Report.....Bill Mealie, Co-Chair

To date, our District clubs have donated \$18,543.28 through the end of May to the Rotary Foundation in the annual Polio Plus campaign. Please send your club and members' contributions to me, Polio Plus Co-chair Bill Mealia (billm@bbmiller.com), so the money can be properly credited to your club and our District.

### Rotary's Polio Efforts Praised by Bill and Melinda Gates

Every year, Bill and Melinda Gates publish an annual letter to broaden awareness and interest in key global health and development programs. This year's Annual Letter mentioned polio among their foundation's ongoing efforts to fight disease and inequality, specifically, the incredible progress that's been made towards polio eradication. Melinda Gates offers these kind words to reaffirm the important role Rotary has had leading the way to a polio-free world:

"We're awed by the teams of vaccinators who take risks to reach each child. And we're inspired by the infinite persistence of Rotary International. They were leading this fight long before we joined it, and they've just kept moving forward."

She goes on to say, "They know going from 350,000 cases to 37 is amazing, but success is zero." Even though a handful of polio cases have been reported this year, there is a chance these are the last cases of polio in history. This June, Bill Gates will speak at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA to discuss how we can — and will — end polio together.

### Africa Hosts One of the Largest Vaccination Campaigns

On 25 March, more than 190,000 polio vaccinators traveled by foot and bike to immunize more than 116 million children under the age of 5 throughout 13 countries in west and central Africa. The goal was to increase childhood immunity against polio and stop the disease for good. In August 2016, four children were paralyzed by polio in the Borno state of Nigeria, an area widely considered to be the last remaining stronghold of the disease on the continent. African public health ministers from five Lake Chad Basin countries declared the outbreak a regional public health emergency and have committed to multiple synchronized immunization campaigns.



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## Polio Facts!

### We are "this close!"

In 2015, there were 74 reported cases of polio.

In 2016, that number dropped to 37.

So far, in 2017, that number has dropped even further – to single digits!

See updated facts here: <http://tinyurl.com/MayPolio>

## Top Ten Clubs in Attendance & Participation - April 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%); Mountinside (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 (Database). 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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