

# TEAM ROTARY



District 7510 Newsletter

The Capital District

DECEMBER 2015

## Governor's Message - Rotarians are...

*From the hearts and minds of children...*

*Supporters who raise us toward a higher goal for the future ~ Like the soft ground that keeps us safe when we fall ~*

*Helpers who show the light to others ~ Genies who grant wishes ~*

*Food that nourishes our education ~ Providing scholarships, leading the way to opportunity ~*

*An army dedicated to fighting for the whole world ~ Standing up for what is true ~ An example of empathy in action ~*

*The dynamite that explodes, producing helpfulness and rays of sunshine ~ Role models with an interest in our success ~*



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*Zipper on the coat of life, that rise up to keep us warm ~ The filters that rid water of contamination ~*

*Brooms brushing away polio ~ Guardian angels who take those in need under their wings ~*

*Un-meltable icebergs guarding the gate of accomplishment ~ Works of art, inspiring us to do the impossible ~*

*The colors that make the rainbow ~ Citizens who value service above self ~*

*The crystal balls of possibilities for our futures.*

These are what Rotarians are, in the eyes and minds of Mary Howell's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students at the Edward J. Patten School in Perth Amboy.

To their profound perspectives, all I can add is: I wish I'd had the insight to write this.

Warm regards,  
Hal

## Foundation ..... Byron Miller, Director

### Grants Seminar Tips and Facts

- Each participating Club was given a Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU must be executed before any applications for future grants can be considered.
- Sharan Jain shared a well-developed PowerPoint presentation on Global Grants, [available here as a pdf](#).
- District grants of up to \$2,000 can be awarded in 2016-2017, and must be completed within that Rotary year.
- Final reports are due by June 15 of the grant year (2015-2016 grants due June 15, 2016).
- The District has \$102,000 available for Global Grants.
- District Grant applications are due July 15, 2016 - BE PROJECT READY!
- District Grants for 2016-2017 have a minimum award of \$500 guaranteed by DGE Charles Minton; awards over \$500 must be matched.
- EREY: *Every Rotarian Every Year* asks each Rotarian to personally contribute at least \$10 per year. These contributions fund life-lifting programs for the elimination of Polio, other childhood DISEASES, and projects in one of the *Six Areas of Focus*.

Cheers,

Byron

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## Youth Service ..... By Ken Richuso

### Youth Key to Elizabeth Club's Success!

At the Taste of Elizabeth, we were assisted by our Elizabeth High School Interact Club, who staffed a sorbet (palate purifier) table, serving cups of refreshing sorbets to revive our guests overworked taste buds. They arrived early and helped with set-up, assisted the vendors in bringing in their food, acted as greeters, and handed out the programs.

We were also assisted this year by our new Kean University Rotaract Club. The volunteers spent the evening selling 50/50 tickets in the Grand Ballroom. They did a fantastic job and really helped to increase our bottom line.

Another amazing group of students came from the Elizabeth High School Culinary Arts School. These budding chefs amaze everyone year in and year out with their professionalism and skill. Their table is a "must stop" for all our guests. On the Vocational Service side, the youngsters also assist the other restaurants who might be short handed, and many of the students have received job offers as a result of our event.

Lastly, we were assisted by a group of college interns from the Elizabeth Historical Society (one of our members), who ran our Tricky Tray raffle sales. Again, they were fantastic and the raffle was extremely profitable.

I believe *Youth Service* is our club's strong point. We will soon deliver 2500 dictionaries to Elizabeth students, provide scholarships to high school students in May, send both high school and college students to RYLA, and sponsor an Earlyact Club at a local grammar school.

If other clubs in the District are not participating in these projects and partnering with local youth, they don't know what they're missing!

Ken

Elizabeth Club Secretary

# Rotary Leadership Institute - A True Story

They gather around a u-shaped table at Lewiston-Auburn College introducing each other and how long they've been in the club. Leni Gronros stands in front of the group. Silhouetted against the beige walls, standing out in earth tone clothes and massive amounts of energy.

Gronros, a past district governor, will spend the day going from one classroom full of Rotarians to another, as part of the Rotary Leadership Institute, which is a multi-district grassroots leadership program that is meant to help Rotarians develop the knowledge to be leaders in their clubs. Faculty members, pictured above, come from Rotary clubs far and wide. DG Hal and wife Linda (pictured center) traveled to Maine to assist in this program.

Gronros and other instructors will teach Rotarians from throughout Maine about the service, membership, leadership, structural and communication components of Rotary. Denise Adams organized the Saturday, October 24 session at the college. She peers into each session with interest and a smile, at the end handing out notecards so that the Rotarians can assess their advisors.

Hal Daumé, visiting and sitting Governor of District 7510, starts off his session with a handshake, "Hi, I'm Hal," and presents his card. He's tall with a button-down shirt and tie, closely cropped gray hair.

"What makes a good Rotarian?" he asks in a booming, take-no-prisoners voice. "I'll start you off. Shows up. A good Rotarian shows up." In scrawling blue marker, he writes on a white board all the things that students think make a quality Rotarian. "Knows the four-way test. Involved. Participates. Gives money. On time??? Brings ideas. Brings knowledge. Shares Rotary with others." He steps away, viewing the list with his students. "Is that good? Yes, it is. I like that."

He peppers his talk with interactive questions. "When you meet a fellow Rotarian do you think to yourself, 'Here's a guy or a gal who gets the four-way test?' Why do we care if someone maintains the four-way test?" One of Rotary's guiding principles, the four-way test is a list of questions every Rotarian is basically an ethical guide for Rotarians as they enter any sort of relationship. The questions are: Is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build goodwill and better friendships, will it be beneficial to all concerned? Part of the four-way test is about the reputation of Rotary. The most often mentioned reason for being in Rotary is friendship and fellowship. Like attracts like. For Hal, meeting with other Rotarians is important because there is an aspect of implicit trust.

Rotary is about getting things done and service," Amanda Mogridge, a Bar Harbor Rotarian suggests. "Why is Rotary and attendance important in your club?" he asks.

"You can accomplish more as many people," explains Kristen Lindquist of Camden, "than you can as one. You don't join a service organization if you just want to sit around and have lunch with people."

Rotary is anything but a place where people just "have lunch with people." According to Rotary International, the organization's humanitarian thrust pushes individual clubs to work on both local and international service projects, including the goal of eradicating polio. Rotarians donate their energy and time toward projects concerning water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, literacy, economic and community development, maternal and child health as well as peace and conflict resolution. The goal of the Rotary Leadership Institute's sessions, such as the one in Lewiston, is to give Rotarians the tools and information to go out and make a difference in their clubs, local communities and across the globe.

"Anything you want to do, any project, any good service, you have to have a foundation to do it with. Most of the time that foundation is money," Amanda says while explaining the aspect of Rotarians supporting their clubs with fundraising, dues, and giving. It isn't only about financial giving.

"One of the basic premises of Rotary is bringing your knowledge and skill via your vocation and applying it to service projects," says Carl Lusby, a former Ellsworth educator who currently works in real estate.

"Where in your communities do you find people who are potentially good Rotarians? This is a session on attracting members part of it is how busy and active your Rotary Club is and part of it is about being proactive. Where do you find the next member of your club?" Hal asks. "Everywhere you go," Lusby blurts.

And Rotarians are everywhere, Hal observes. The club unites diverse groups of people worldwide. Approximately 1.2 million people belong to Rotary and they live in more than 200 countries, making a difference. The Rotary Leadership Institute, sanctioned by Rotary International but not a part of it, helps make that difference by building its students' knowledge of exactly what it is to be a Rotarian. They do it with fun and humor and patience, one Rotarian at a time. Hal is one Rotarian who "gets it."

# Club News!

All the Club news that's fit to print! And we'd like to print it all, so please send the Editor your news articles and we'll be sure to post them for all to read. Include photos, captions, web addresses, and any other information to make your story complete. Editor7510@verizon.net.

**The Rotary Club of Hillsborough** presented dictionaries, the gift that keeps on giving for a lifetime, to all third grade students in Hillsborough. The Club continued its annual tradition this year by presenting each student with a Webster's Dictionary. Triangle School third-graders show off their new resource as Rotary Club members and their teachers look on. The children were asked to look up the definition of the word "charity" to help them understand the Rotary Club's mission, which is "Service Above Self."



**The Rotary Club of Dunellen-Greenbrook** continued their annual Dictionary Project recently. Pictured are John P. Faber Elementary teacher Cheryl O'Neill, with Dunellen-Green Brook Rotary Club members Theresa Talian and William M. Robins, distributing dictionaries on November 10, 2015

**The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield** gives a free dictionary to every third grade student in the North Plainfield and in the Plainfield school districts. A total of seventeen schools are visited and 1,200 dictionaries are presented to the students by teams of Rotarians. The club is thankful for the grants received from District 7510's Foundation Grants Subcommittee and from the Plainfield Foundation.

**The Rotary E-Club of Hunterdon-Horizon** will sing Christmas carols at the Hunterdon Care Center in Flemington on Tuesday, December 8th from 4-6 p.m. Feel free to join us! Jeff Schneider will be making another appearance as Frosty the Snowman! This is a fun and easy way to "build goodwill and better friendships," as described in *The Four-Way Test*.



**The Rotary Club of Cranford** offered a community service project that resulted in the donation of over 100 movie DVDs to both young and old patients served by Trinitas Regional Medical Center. Approximately 125 DVDs will augment the recreation program at Trinitas' Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health inpatient and outpatient program, and the hospital's Residential Treatment Center. In addition, senior patients served by the Hospital Elder-Life Program (HELP) at Trinitas will benefit from the DVDs. The HELP program works to prevent the cognitive and memory decline often experienced by seniors during hospitalization.

"Each month, the Cranford Rotary Club runs a different community service project designed to help people close to home," explains Maureen Strazdon, club president. "This project was easy – everyone has old DVDs that are gathering dust," said Joe Carney, chair of the project, who added, "We placed a collection box in the Cranford Community Center and then put out the word. Soon, the box was full."

The Cranford EarlyAct Clubs at Hillside Avenue and Orange Avenue schools held a joint collection of essentials for homeless veterans in New Jersey. Unfortunately, there are thousands of homeless Vets in our state that need our support.

The students named their campaign "Be a Hero, To a Hero" and helped round up collections from both of their respective schools. The Interact Club of Cranford High School also participated. The clubs were very eager to help our Vets and are hopeful that their efforts make it a little easier for them. They also thank all who were able to donate to the program.



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**The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield** presented *Student of the Month Certificates of Achievement* to three seniors at North Plainfield High School. The seniors, who are also very active members of the school's Interact Club, received their certificates at a club luncheon meeting.

Each student gave a brief presentation on their time at NPHS, and each complimented Alexandra Pereira, their Interact Club adviser, not only for her leadership but also for helping them become more mature and caring individuals.



Genesis Ramirez, Marisol Hernandez, and Helen Pazmino-Nunez are pictured with Ms. Pereira



**The Rotary Club of Hamilton** gave students at Hamilton's Pace Charter School a new reason to smile. Members of the Club presented the children of Pace with brand new playground equipment after a recent theft, which left the students without soccer and basket balls, hula hoops, Nerf toys, jump ropes, etc. Principals of the school, Deborah Pontoriero and Wendy Smith, along with Pace teachers, were filled with gratitude for the generosity of the Rotarians. Pictured with the young students are Hamilton Rotary President, Ty

Robinson; Rotarian project chairperson, Yolanda Stinger and Rotarian Krystal Gunning.

**The Rotary Club of Flemington** has announced that this year's Christmas Tree lighting will take place on Friday, 12/4 at the monument on Main Street Flemington near the Presbyterian Church. Rotarians will be helping Santa Claus to handout candy canes and oranges to the attending children. Santa Claus will arrive at the Christmas Tree between 7 and 7:15 pm; the arrival will be preceded by the formal Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Carols that is organized by Flemington Cub Scout Pack 61.



The club also shares photos from their annual Pancake Breakfast which was held in conjunction with Halloween. A sampling of photos below can also be found at <https://picasaweb.google.com/102739099163427978167>.

**The Rotary Club of Branchburg** presented Student of the Month Awards to Katherine Dailey (right) and Megan Fitzgibbon, both students at Branchburg Central Middle School. Student of the Month started in 1995 and has been a wonderful partnership between Rotary and the Branchburg Middle School. The students write an essay reflecting their goals for the future and the steps necessary to achieve their goals. The program has many benefits including students learning how to plan ahead and to research what steps are necessary to pursue their chosen career. They also gain confidence and public speaking skills as they present their essay to a team of Rotarians and school officials. Katherine is planning to study Astronomy and Megan's career goal is to become a Marine Mammologist.



The girls were awarded a Rotary Certificate, a Gift Certificate to Barnes and Noble and a special Rotary coin that is inscribed with the Rotary 4 Way test. This coins reminds all Rotarians to conduct their lives by the 4 way test which says, "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 Westfield** completed a major fundraiser, *Small Plates for a Great Cause*, on the evening of November 12 at Lord & Taylor, Westfield. Appetizers donated by local eateries were served along with wine tasting and the strains of live music and a fashion show with models from the Westfield HS swim and soccer teams. In addition to the venue, the store also donated a percentage of its sales for the evening back to Rotary. About 300 persons attended and more than \$10,000 was raised for college scholarships, the Back Pack program and community grants.

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**The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights**, in response to an urgent need at the Berkeley Heights Food Pantry which is managed by volunteers at the Church of the Little Flower, the Berkeley Heights club dedicated this year's 35th Annual Pancake Breakfast to that need. On Saturday, November 7th, members of the club plus Interact Club students from Governor Livingston High School and the Boy Scouts of Troops 68 and 368 (sponsored by the Club) held one of its most successful breakfasts ever. This year, there was no set "price" for breakfast. Instead, they were free to all who came, with voluntary donations of any amount welcomed with warm smiles and thanks. As a result, with the Rotary Club absorbing all expenses, the Club donated 100% of the more than \$3,000 in gross proceeds received.



**The Rotary Club of Union** and the **Rotaract Club of Kean University**, sponsored by Union and Elizabeth clubs, worked together to help out at the Union club's event "Automobilia." The event was held on November 20 at "The Herb Singe Museum" in Hillside. The proceeds from the event will enable the Union club to purchase a hospital bed for Max, a 15 year old boy from Union with Cerebral Palsy. The Automobilia Committee was Chaired by Laura Bretzger, assisted by: Rob O'Connell, Genie Weisz, John Sasieta, Sharon Patel and Norman Woolley. A special

thank you to Rotarian Herb Singe for donating the use of his museum.

**The Rotary Club of Princeton** set out to raise \$5,000 dollars to assist the Channapatna School (India) to transport more than 80 more students to school daily. Currently these students do not attend school (State is a 75% literacy rate which is below India's average).



The transport will also allow other schools in the state to visit the award-winning science lab for 1-day workshops. The evening was a great success raising the necessary funds to support the School and surrounding communities.



**The Rotary Club of Elizabeth's EarlyAct Club at Our Lady of Guadalupe** worked with all of the students of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy to hold their annual Thanksgiving food drive. The students collected food items during the month, and with a little financial help from our Club, put together 15 complete Thanksgiving food baskets which are being distributed to

St Joseph's Social Service Center, as well as St. Anthony's and St. Mary's parishes. How thankful we should be that our district clubs are able to sponsor Earlyact, Interact and Rotaract Clubs.

**The Rotary Club of Plainsboro-North and South Brunswick** offered a community service project showed their support for the environment. On Saturday 11/07, club members, Women of Rotary, and South Brunswick Interact club students volunteered in constructing a new hiking trail at Thompson Park Conservation Area in Monroe Twp. Thanks to all Rotary family members for making this event very successful. The event organized by Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation and paved nearly quarter mile of new hiking trail with nearly 30 volunteers.



On November 14, the club rolled out a great community service project '**Free A1C Now test – Health Campaign**'. The event has proven to be one of the club's most enjoyable and valuable service projects. Members served more than 110 people from 9 AM – 3 PM with their A1C reading and educated them about how best they can control their blood sugar level in the future. The event was well-received by all. Due to the overwhelming response, the entire team stayed beyond the 1 PM end time to patiently serve people until 3 PM.

**The Rotary Club of Clinton Sunrise** will host its third annual Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday, December 5, at the Clinton Holiday Inn. Enjoy this holiday's premiere benefit event with good food, drinks, dancing, making new friends and, of course, TREES! Rotary is seeking help for this event in a variety of ways. As a Tree

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Sponsor, we invite businesses, community groups or individuals to sponsor and decorate a 6' Christmas Tree in any theme or fashion you desire – imagination is encouraged! For a \$100 sponsorship fee, Rotary will provide the tree and the stand. Throughout the evening's event, attendees will have the opportunity to drop raffle tickets tricky-tray style in the bucket of the Tree they want to win the most. Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, Most Popular and Most Outrageous. If you want to sponsor a tree but choose not to decorate it, Rotary can decorate the tree for you for an additional fee. Other sponsorship opportunities are also available.

During the afternoon, from 1-4pm, Santa will visit the Clinton Holiday Inn to see all of the beautifully decorated trees. Bring your children by while he's there and they can have a picture taken with him, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and see all of the trees also. Your family may find the tree of your dreams – already decorated for you. Raffle tickets will also be sold during the afternoon. Please bring a canned good donation to help build our can tree for The Food Pantry.

The day culminates with the cocktail party and dinner in the evening from 6-10 pm. Enjoy great food, great music and a great time. Attendees will have an opportunity to view the trees, vote on their favorites and participate in a silent auction. The trees will also be raffled off during this time. Tickets are \$50 each or \$90 per couple. Proceeds benefit The Food Pantry, local Rotary projects and the YMCA Angel Patrol program. For more information, to sponsor a tree or buy event tickets, visit [www.clintonsunriserotary.org](http://www.clintonsunriserotary.org). For questions contact Tom Kowal at 908-963-5945.



**The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton** recently honored Frieda Applegate, club founder, key contributing member, past club president and past district governor, as she retired from the Rotary Club of Robbinsville Hamilton to move west and be nearer to her family. Frieda was honored with a plaque commemorating her 23 years of service to Rotary, service above self, tireless volunteering, global grantsmanship, and especially for her friendship and goodwill. Club president Tom Lanigan read aloud a tribute letter to Frieda from district governor Hal Daume and members spoke eloquently about how much Frieda has meant to them and the club.

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## **BOOK REVIEW: *THE BOYS IN THE BOAT***

by District Governor Hal Daumé

Five of our six grown children—David, Gretchen, Hal III, Kenneth, Lori, and Patti—were able to attend the *Changing of the Guard* this past June; but daughter Gretchen, a minister, couldn't leave her congregation at that time. Shortly afterward, I received a letter from her.

"Dear Hal," it began, "I've pondered what book I would get you in honor of your Governorship—something you'd find funny, heart-warming, tear-jerking in a masculine way, historical, and something you could pass on, perhaps to a fellow Rotarian or even a young Scout and say, 'You've got to read this.' It was a tall order and your reading knowledge is vast. But then I found this book and knew it was the right one."

Gretchen was right: This is a "must read."

*THE BOYS IN THE BOAT*, by Daniel James Brown, tells the true story of nine American eight-oar crewmen and their epic quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. A book review from "The Seattle Times" sums it up: The astonishing story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar varsity crew and its rise from obscurity and fame.

The individual stories of these young men are almost as compelling as the rise of the team itself...all

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culminating in the 1936 Olympic Games... The narrative rises inexorably, with the final pages whipping by with white-knuckle suspense as these all-American underdogs succeed in the unimaginable against odds of ferocious magnitude.

The key is teamwork: "The perfectly synchronized flow of muscle, oars, boat, and water; the single, whole, unified, and beautiful symphony that a crew in motion becomes, is all that matters... It is an exquisite thing when it all comes together."

This is a story, and a lesson in life, for every Rotarian because it's ultimately about what we can achieve when we share the same vision and all pull—not "with" but *for*—one another in the direction of that vision. Yes, it's truly a "must read."

Hal

## Happy Anniversary wishes to these clubs:

The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield -  
94 years - December 1

The Rotary Club of Dunellen-Greenbrook - 93  
years - December 31

The Rotary Club of North Hunterdon - 77 years  
- December 30

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

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## Save the Dates

**February**

**02/24/2016**

**Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS 1)**

**Bridgewater Marriott Hotel  
700 Commons Way, Bridgewater**

**6:00 P.M. - Register on [DaCdb](#)**

**March**

**03/18 - 03/19/2016**

**Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS 2)**

**Hanover Marriott Hotel  
1401 Route 10, Whippany**

**Register on**

**<http://www.mid-northeastpets.org/>**

## Election of Officers

DGE Charlie Minton reminds us all that Clubs are required to hold election of officers in December, and then report those results to RI.

Club secretaries can update your officers in DaCdb, and the system will automatically notify RI.



# Clubs Recognized at Foundation Seminar

District Governor Hal presented recognition awards from the Rotary Foundation to clubs in our District that met certain goals in Foundation Giving in 2014-2015.

Today we honor ten clubs, in four specific recognition areas:

- The Rotary "End Polio Now" Challenge
- Per Capita Foundation Donations
- EREY - Every Rotarian Every year
- The 100% Sustaining Member Award

## **End Polio Now:**

Seven Clubs in our District contributed \$1,500 or more to the End Polio Now Challenge.

- Berkeley Heights
- Flemington
- Hillsborough
- Montgomery-Rocky Hill
- Roselle-Roselle Park
- Union
- Whitehouse

## **Per Capita Donations to the Rotary Foundation:**

To qualify for this recognition, a club must have given at least \$50 per-capita to the Rotary Foundation. The top three clubs:

- No. 1 - Springfield
- No. 2 - Roselle-Roselle Park
- No. 3 - Springfield

## **EREY - Every Rotarian Every Year:**

The Club will contribute a minimum of \$100 per capita and every member has made a personal contribution.

- Berkeley Heights
- Dunellen-Greenbrook
- Princeton

## **100 % Sustaining Member Award:**

To qualify for this award, every active member of the club will have contributed \$100 or more to the Rotary Annual Fund.

- Berkeley Heights
- Dunellen-Greenbrook

These clubs should be proud of their accomplishments and deserve our commendation.

Congratulations!

# Thanksgiving Celebration with Interfaith Community Leaders

A candlelight vigil was held on Saturday at the 14th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving dinner to remember victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

The event, organized by the Branchburg Rotary club, Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition, local houses of worships and other local Rotary clubs, was held at the Raritan Valley College Grand Conference Room.

Many Interfaith leaders from the community participated in this gathering to pray for peace and healing. Rotary Club of Branchburg's exchange student from France, Ms. Anne Coulondre, was one of the speakers.

According to Dr. Tulsi Maharjan, "Our community is deeply saddened by the recent terrorist attacks in Paris. We have and will continue to remember those who were killed and wounded and express our support for and solidarity with the people of Paris and France."

The service included music and readings from interfaith community leaders, followed by a shared meal to create a sense of community among people who experience the sacred in different ways but also who share much in common.

At the event, 2015 Diversity Awards were presented to the following individuals and organizations.

World Volunteer: Doug Merritt, Rotary Club of Branchburg - Homes of Home Ecuador Founder.

Since 2002, Doug has traveled to Ecuador many times to build homes, village buildings and infrastructure for impoverished inhabitants of San Pablo, a small village outside of Guayaquil.

Community Service: Dr. Charles Brine, Friends of Nepal-NJ.

Dr. Brine has been helping many nonprofit organizations to support their humanitarian projects. He has dedicated his time and effort to improve the quality of life.

Faith Community: Indian Health Camp of NJ.

Since 1999, IHCNJ, a non-profit organization, has been conducting health screening fairs throughout the state, and has served more than 7,000 uninsured or under-insured individuals in the New Jersey.

Youth Leaders: Somerville High School Interact Club.

The Interact Club has been very active in promoting humanitarian activities in their school and community since the club was chartered in 2012. The club has been making a difference in their community and communities around the world.

This program was made possible by a grant from Rotary District 7510 and another grant from the Branchburg Rotary Foundation.

# Membership News

PDG Mel Kevoe, Membership Director

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, I need your support in this new plan of action.

The plan requires each club to have a Membership Director. The Club Membership Director will work collectively with the District Membership Team to create and execute an action plan to engage new members. The Director will educate club members how to attract new potential members.

The District Membership Team is structured as follows: Club Membership Directors, 12 Assistant Governors, 6 Past District Governors and 1 District Membership Director. This Team will develop a manual to attract and obtain new members. The goal of the team will be to assist clubs in growing membership by providing the necessary tools for the clubs to attract new members.

If your club does not currently have a Club Membership Director, please encourage your president to assign one. The Assistant Governors will follow up with club presidents to process your selection.

We are excited to create this team and grow membership within District 7510. Thank you in advance for your support.

PDG Mel

## Display Rotary Proudly



[www.state.nj.us/mvc/Vehicle/commorg.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Vehicle/commorg.htm)

A poster for the Rotary District 7510 Annual District Conference. The top section is purple with the Rotary logo and the text "Rotary Be a gift to the world". Below that, it says "POCONO ESCAPE WEEKEND" in large red letters, followed by "Rotary District 7510 Annual District Conference • May 13-15, 2016". The bottom section is light blue and contains text about the event: "Be a Gift to the World" is our International Theme for 2015-16. Our gift to you—our fellow Rotarians—is a fun-filled weekend escape in the Poconos for a phenomenal rate you won't find anywhere else! Join Linda and me for a classy, festive, and exciting weekend at the stately INN at POCONO MANOR on the May 13-15, 2016 weekend. We'll have festivities, good food, dancing, skeet-shooting, spa treatments, fitness, fishing, gaming, riding, a nearby designer outlet mall, indoor and outdoor pools, nature trails, and more awaiting you and your family at our POCONO ESCAPE WEEKEND!

# Top Ten Clubs in Attendance for OCTOBER 2015

*Congratulations to the #1 club for October - Carteret - with an amazing 100.00% attendance.*

The rest of the top ten? Roselle-Roselle Park (97.00%); Plainfield-North Plainfield (87.00%); Berkeley Heights (84.00%); South Amboy-Sayreville (81.25%); Plainsboro-North & South Brunswick (81.00%); Robbinsville-Hamilton (72.94%); Somerville and Bridgewater (67.83%); Woodbridge-Perth Amboy (66.15%); Hillsborough (65.82%).

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

And thank you to the 17 club secretaries who took the time to report attendance for October.

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