TEAM ROTARY



District 7510 Newsletter

The Capital District

July 2016

Governor's Message - All Because of Rotary!

July 1 is the start of our Rotary year, mine and yours, but for me it's also a great honor to start as your District Governor. Thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve.

I thought I would dedicate my first columns in *TEAM Rotary* to talk about the path to District Governor, to give insight to the members of our District, and to share my experiences that began three years ago. I thought you might enjoy reading about it.



Charles Minton Governor

I never realized how many new friends I would make, I didn't realize just how many people I would need to count on to start my year as Governor, and I never realized just how much time and effort is required.

I will make this a two-part column, good for summer reading. I will, of course, talk about what's ahead for 2016-2017 in future issues, but for now, I hope you enjoy my experiences....so far.

Rotary cured my fear of public speaking. When I became president of the Union club

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in 1999, I had a severe case of nerves each time I took the podium to conduct the meeting. In fact, when I gave my classification speech three years earlier, it lasted about sixty seconds! I got up, said my name, told what business I was in, and then I sat down. Now, thankfully, our classification speeches are really interesting, with several members using props to illustrate their lives before Rotary.

Give me a microphone now and I'll give you a short but meaningful message. **ALL BECAUSE OF ROTARY.**

I was one of those people that "got the elbow." Do you know what I mean? You have someone in your club, maybe it's you, that you think could be a district governor. I had PDG Michael Vieira 1990-91 in my club. If you knew Mike, you knew he was *Mr. Rotary*, and that's a high compliment. Whenever we had the Governor's Official Visit to our club, Mike would make a really big deal about it. He would have a special sign made up welcoming the Governor, placed at the entrance of the dining room. He always made sure the Governor was warmly welcomed and had a special seat

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Governor's Message (cont'd)

waiting. PDG Mike always had flowers on the tables and graciously introduced the Governor, making sure everyone stood up in a sign of respect for the office of governor.

But "the elbow" would come in when Mike would sit next to me. While the Governor was speaking, Mike would elbow me and say "Charlie, that could be you one day." I always said...."No way!" It was a daunting idea, one I never thought I could pull off. I wanted to serve but I didn't feel ready for anything other than being a good club member.

Fast forward thirteen years and here I am. Oh, I was asked a couple of times over the years, but I was focused on raising my children and running my business. The right person, in the right place, at the right time, caught me at the right moment and I said "Yes." I don't plan to let you down. **ALL BECAUSE OF ROTARY**

The path to governor starts with District Governor Nominee for a year, District Governor Elect for a year, and then one starts on his/her year as your District Governor. In the two years leading up to the governor year, I was expected to fulfill many roles, plan several events, put together a staff, promulgate a budget, and meet many other responsibilities.

The one aspect of the journey that has been the most rewarding so far was meeting my fellow classmates who were also on the path to governor this Rotary year. While there are approximately 535 individuals that took office July 1 2016, there are thirty-four governors in our "Zone." A Zone is a grouping of Rotary districts in a geographic area of the world. We are in Zone 32 and our geographic area is northeastern United States. We work together with Zone 24 and, when grouped together, we also cover all of Canada and Bermuda.

I needed to explain the Zone system because it goes to why I love this job. On our first meeting of my classmates in Toronto, we instantly took a great affection for each other. We had the very best trainers, Jeffrey Cadorette and Ian Feurgeson. You probably don't know who they are, but you should. They molded us into a very dynamic group who are true friends and who will serve Rotary well. Our spouses also bonded extremely well; they look forward to being with each other as do we governors. We even came up with a chant whenever our class is introduced. If someone says "The Class of 2016-17," all of us immediately respond very loudly with "HEY HEY!" I've asked my presidents to mimic that response whenever I introduce them, so be aware that it could happen at any gathering. This could not have been a part of my life except it's **ALL BECAUSE OF ROTARY.**

So I ask you, has your life been enriched *All Because of Rotary?* I'll bet the answer is yes, and I also would bet that you would like to share your experiences with another person so their life is enriched.

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This year, our Rotary theme is "Rotary Serving Humanity." Indeed, we need help in bringing that mantra to more and more people, and we need more Rotarians to do it. Membership is key this Rotary year. We must **meet our goal of 1116 members** by June 30, 2017. It's going to be "Sweet" to be 20"16," but we need 1116 to make it really sweet. Will you ask someone to join, then follow-up to get them an application and then make them feel so special that they stay in Rotary for more than one year? That's my challenge to you...prepare to replace yourself. Don't leave now, but know that, when you do, you have brought in at least one person to carry on your good work.

Growth Through Fellowship is my vision for this 2016-17 year. We are planning ways to help you accomplish this. Small club or large club, we need to grow and that means, in my opinion, having great fellowship events that are fun and informative to attract new members.

If we can do that, we will have a viable District going forward for many years. We will continue the good work and great traditions that this District 7510 has enjoyed and that have benefited Rotary International and the world, **ALL BECAUSE OF ROTARY**.

My next column will talk about the remaining events from the first training classes through to July 1 2016. It's been a great ride so far, and I hope you enjoy hearing why none of this could of happened without all of the great experiences I have enjoyed.....ALL BECAUSE OF ROTARY.

Till the next column...
Yours in Rotary Service
District Governor
Charles "Charlie" Minton
Rotary Serving Humanity
"Sweet" to be 20"16"-17





Rotary Foundation - Questions for July!

Question 1: How does my club enhance the good works that we do with our club project?

Answer: Apply for a District Grant! You only have until JULY 15 to file your club's application for a grant for 2016-2017. Just by filing the application, the District Grants Subcommittee will award at least \$500. Do it today!

Question 2: Since Rotarians are generous people, why don't we all give to our own Foundation Charity?

Become a Sustaining Club! Have your club treasurer add \$100 to your annual dues for a donation to The Rotary Foundation. It is optional and tax deductible.

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Bees are Buzzin' in Hillsborough

Article courtesy of TAP Into Hillsborough

Almost 15,000 bees imported from Florida recently took up residence in a specially-designed compound at Ann Van Middlesworth Park. Members of the Rotary Club of Hillsborough took the lead on the project, which was turned over to Boy Scouts from Troop 1776 who will become the bees' caretakers after the Queen Bee and her minions are settled into their hives, according to John Shockley, president.



Shockley and other members of the Rotary, along with Scoutmaster

Mike Ford and members of Troop 1776, attended a recent meeting of the township committee where

the project was officially unveiled.



The Rotarians prepared a small plot in the park where the hives are located and protected by an eight-foot fence. A maintenance and supply shed will be erected inside the fence, according to Joe Horner, a member of the Club.

The bee hives will be the focal point of an educational display emphasizing the critical and essential role that bees play in sustaining the food

cycle, according to Horner. Plaques will be installed explaining how bees pollinate and produce honey and why they are essential to the vitality of food crops nationwide.



A noticeable decline in the population of bees was detected beginning in 2006, raising concerns and prompting the White House to publish the first National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators, a 64-page policy framework for saving the nation's bees, butterflies and other pollinating animals.

The good news is that the decline has bottomed out thanks to a concerted effort by beekeepers to propagate and replenish their bee colonies.

The number of honeybee colonies has actually risen since 2006, from 2.4 million to 2.7 million in 2014, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 2014 statistics show that the number of managed colonies - commercial honey-producing bee colonies managed by human beekeepers -- is at the highest levels it's been in 20 years.



Members of the Scout troop are busy working with Rotary member Frank Martin refurbishing and painting the utility building that will be erected at the compound and the slats that form the framework of the hives. Eventually, the hives are expected to produce an adequate amount of honey to be harvested and sold, according to Shockley.

Honey produced in the first year of the hive's existence will be sufficient enough to sustain the bees through the winter, according to Shockley.

The Rotary Club was supported in its efforts by York Fence, Central Jersey Nurseries and Country Classics.

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The Rotary Club of Mountainside -55 years - July 31, 1961.



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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



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

How are we doing? Time to submit your Foundation contributions from your club and your members - our goal is \$20,000 and its crunch time!!

We have not heard from every club in the District, but almost all have contributed something. We should easily reach our goal if every club makes a polio donation.

Send your club's donations (memo line Polio) to my attention at this address:

B.B. Miller & Co. - 283 N. Broad St. - Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Rotary Foundation District Grants

Byron Miller, Director

The Rotary Foundation returns money to our District every year that the District then makes available in the form of grants for club projects. This should be "old news" to our clubs. However, what is "new news" is that the guaranteed minimum is \$500 per club for a qualifying project or projects, and the maximum is \$1,500. Also, for the next grant cycle, clubs will fill out their grant applications on-line in DaCdb, the District and Club database.

The District is using a new "Grants Module" to help streamline the process of submitting, approving, and awarding grants for the 2016-2017 year. We guarantee that every club will receive a minimum of \$500 for a qualifying project. That is the minimum, and the maximum that may be awarded is \$1,500!

Don't wait! File your applications as soon as possible, but no later than July 15, 2016.

Our Sympathy

The District expresses its sincere regret and sympathy to Rotarian Christopher "Kip" Bateman of the Branchburg Club on the death of his father, Raymond Bateman, on Saturday, June 25, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on July 9 at Raritan Valley Community College Theatre.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to North Branch Reformed Church, The Ray Bateman Student Center for Student



Life and Leadership at RVCC, or the Pleasant Pond Protective Association. An on-line obituary is available at the following link:

http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mycentraljersey/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-henry-bateman&pid=180456819

Sympathy cards can be sent to Senator Kip Bateman at: Legislative District Sixteen, 36 E. Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Weekend

by Hal Daumé, iPDG

This year's RYLA weekend on the campus of Drew University over the weekend of June 17-19 was a record-setting success. A total of eighty-six high school junior class men and women participated; twenty-four students from District 7510 joined with sixty-two of their peers from District 7470.

The annual RYLA weekend is hosted by our friends at District 7470 and made available to our clubs on a first come, first served basis. We use TEAM Rotary and Facebook to publicize the availability of applications on our own District 7510 website; after





District 7510 Rotary Clubs that sponsored RYLA students this year were Berkeley Heights (2), Bridgewater-Bound Brook (5), Clinton Sunrise (2), Cranford (2), Montgomery-Rocky Hill (2), North Hunterdon (2), Plainfield-North Plainfield (2), Piscataway (1), Roselle-Roselle Park (4), and Westfield (2). Among these twenty-four students, seventeen were girls and seven were boys.

The RYLA weekend included leadership talks by experts, cooperative and team-building games and challenges, shared dining hall meals, recreational activities on the campus, and a taste of college dormitory living under the guidance of overnight adult chaperones. The RYLA facilitation team provided by Drew faculty and staff was top-flight and all students rose to the occasion.

Our 2015-16 District Chair for RYLA is Gerry Harris (908-405-9855 and gharris@blprinting.com). If you'd like information on how your club can get involved for next year, reach out to Gerry right now! He'll be happy to describe the event and how it benefits our high school students and sets the stage for our country's future leaders.

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Official visit schedule is on-line on the District Calendar - www.rotarynj.org.





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 Interact Club of Bound Brook High School recently participated in the Make Bound Brook Beautiful flower-planting project on Saturday, May 21. Red geraniums, white begonias and blue ageratum were added to the town landscape at five locations.

Five teams of students planted the annual flowers at the front of the high school, in front of borough hall and around three "Welcome to Bound Brook" signs. The signs are at Talmadge Avenue and the intersection of Tea Street; Union Avenue as you enter Bound Brook from Middlesex; and at the Mountain Avenue exit ramp from Route 22.

Alex Papanicolopoulos, Bound Brook High School English teacher and faculty adviser of the Interact Club, worked with Mike Schuyler of the Bridgewater-Bound Brook Rotary Club in organizing the event. Each student was assigned to a team that was responsible for a planting location. A brief lesson on how to plant the flowers was given by Bound Brook Garden Club member Mary Patten before the students set off on their tasks.

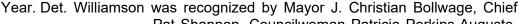
The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield held its 89th Annual Track and Field Meet for middle school students on June 1 at the Hub Stine Athletic Complex in Plainfield. Club members, family and friends and the members of the Interact Club at North Plainfield High School all served in various capacities as meet officials, including judges, timers, pit officials, and more.

Beautiful, custom made medals were presented to all the first, second, and third place finishers, except in the relays where ribbons were presented for second and third place. Nearly three hundred students were registered, and Mother Nature cooperated fully with a beautiful day.



The Rotary Club of Elizabeth awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to thirteen extraordinary students at their recent Davis Scholarship Luncheon. The awards bring the total presented through the Davis Scholarship Fund to \$500.000.

A packed house at the Garden Restaurant today as the Elizabeth Rotary Club honored Det. Darren K. Williamson as our City of Elizabeth Policeman of the



Pat Shannon, Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste, his family and friends, and a host of his fellow Police Officers.





And finally, proving that bowling is more than alive and well in the Elizabeth Club, President Bob Tombs presents Doug Harris with the District 7510 Bowling League Championship Trophy! This is the club's first bowling championship in 10 years! Congratulations to Doug and all of the Elizabeth Rotary keglers!

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The Rotary Club of Flemington awarded scholarships to five students at their June 1 meeting. The club also recently sponsored a bike collection for Pedals 4 Progress. The collection netted 52 bicycles and two machines, along with \$270 in donations toward shipping costs. These bikes (along with others) are destined to go to Nicaragua. This shipment will put the total number sent to that country to over 25,000 (over many years) making it the most prolific project where Pedals 4 Progress has a presence.





The Rotary Club of Plainsboro-North & South Brunswick is an active supporter of their communities' needs.

On Friday, April 08, club members volunteered to build two houses in Somerset, in collaboration with *Habitat for Humanity* and the AT&T corporation. The club donated money to buy the supplies to build house.

The Rotary District 7510 Horizon E-Club has a new name (as indicated) and a new website (http://www.horizonrotaryclubhouse.org/) and Facebook presence (www.facebook.com/groups/ horizonrotary/). To go along with their new look, they've jumped onto a great project for Native Americans.

This August, Sean Jaeger (age 14) and Wyatt Jaeger (age 12) want to share their favorite summer game, *GaGa Ball*, with the Fort Peck Reservation's Native American children in Poplar, Minnesota. They are raising funds to purchase a GaGa Ball Pit, which will be shipped to Montana,

where they will personally teach and play the game of GaGa with the Fort Peck children. Funds are needed by mid-July to purchase the GaGa Ball Pit. One hundred percent of funds raised go toward the cost of the GaGa Ball Pit, with any remaining funds donated to *Love Has No Color*, a non-profit that works to benefit the people on the Reservation, including the purchase of nutritious and healthy packaged foods. Sean and Wyatt are traveling to Montana with their mother, Nicole Voigt, and Dr. Michelle Gardner (both members of the Club) to help with the Fun Dav.





The Rotary Club of Union hosted its Annual Eloquence Soiree to honor Union High School student winners of the Marvin Orella Speech Contest. In addition, Gregory Tatum, Superintendent of the Union Township Board of Education and Manny Figueiredo, the Mayor of the Township of Union, were presented with the Rotary Excellence in Education Award. Guests were privileged to hear the speeches of the top three finalists who were not aware of the winning outcome. Scholarships were presented to Luis Pina-Rodriguez (\$2500), Jake Momanyi (\$1500), and Nikka Jarabe (\$1000). The

award recipients addressed the crowd and were thanked for their continuing connection and support of the community. The Club was very excited to have students from Kean's University's Rotaract and Union High School's Interact club help with the evening's festivities.

The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton held its spring Bike Drive, collecting used bikes for donation to the Boys & Girls Club Bike Exchange. After refurbishment by volunteers, the bikes are sold to the public for modest prices, raising funds for after-school programs. Over five years the Club collected hundreds of bikes and in-kind donations, worth thousands of dollars to the Boys & Girls Club of Mercer County.



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The Rotary Club of Branchburg values education and supports academic achievements. To encourage the advancement of their educational endeavors and to honor the efforts of talented students, the Club awarded nine scholarships to well-deserving students heading to college in September 2016. The Scholarship Awards ceremony is the culmination of the Club's yearly efforts to support education. This year's scholarship awards for Immaculata High are Genevieve Wietecha and Julia Brawley. Raritan Valley Scholarship



recipients are Manuel Ramirez and Solmayra Ruiz. SCVTS recipients are Jacqueline Gassler and Michael Giorello. The scholarship awards at Somerville High School were presented to Dominique Pisani, Nikolas Korzoun, and Debbie Vergara. And finally, the John Pastre Scholarship award was presented to Dominique Pisani.



The Rotary Club of Cranford will host it's 26th Annual Golf Outing at Echo Lake Country Club on Monday, July 25, to benefit the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence (CFEE) and the Rotary Charitable Fund. The annual Rotary Golf outing offers a great day of golf and fellowship on a fantastic golf course while supporting many worthy causes. This year the proceeds will benefit the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence and the Cranford Rotary Charitable Fund. We hope that you can join us on the golf course, as a hole sponsor, or both!

The Rotary Club of Kenilworth recently welcomed and installed three new members into the club. Pictured, I-r, are Robert Zeglarski, District Governor Elect 2017-2018, who officiated at the ceremony; Club Treasurer Mary Orella; new members Natalie Manata (real estate), and Patrick and Kristin Boyle (Directors of Kenilworth Recreation Department); and Club President Ceu Manata. The club has been serving the needs of the Kenilworth community for almost seven decades, and recently had a very successful casino night fundraiser that benefits student scholarships and camp scholarships.





The Rotary Club of Hillsborough is once again hosting the terrific Hillsborough Rotary Fair. Dates for the Fair are August 16 through 21, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM weeknights, Friday and Saturday nights from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, and on Sunday from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

There will be plenty of fireworks on Friday night (rain date Saturday), and Wristband nights will be held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. The

Club is also raffling a 2016 Harley-Davidson motorcycle at \$25 per ticket, and a Giant 50/50 raffle at \$10 per ticket – only ONE winner will be drawn for the BIG prize.

Also, invitations are available for the Family Fund Day for children with special needs. There is limited availability, so contact John Shockley NOW for those tickets (johnzr1@aol.com). And finally, the Hillsborough Club has folding tables and chairs available to rent for your own club's event. Contact the Club for more information.

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The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights has awarded scholarships to exceptional Governor Livingston High School graduates, in collaboration with the Rotary Clubsponsored Interact student service club faculty advisors, Sharon Leahy and Doreen Ladinski.

Among the impressive group of 2016 scholarship candidates, four scholarship recipients are Cassandra Anzalone, Alexander Glen, Colin Hegarty, and Sama Manchanda. Each received \$1,000.00 from Fred DaVeiga, Scholarship Chair, and Linda Sausville,

President, at the club's annual scholarship family dinner at the Chimney Rock Inn. (PHOTO—from left: Linda Sausville, Sama Manchanda, Colin Hegarty, Cassandra Anzalone, Alexander Glen, Fred DaVeiga)

The Rotary Club of Summit-New Providence awarded \$20,900 in scholarships to seven graduating high school seniors from the two communities. It is the 91st consecutive year that the group has awarded scholarships. Criteria for the awards are academic achievement, community and school involvement, and financial need. Most of the scholarships go to students at Summit and New Providence high schools, but, for the second year, one award also went to a student at the Union County magnet schools.



These students received Rotary scholarships: Samantha Hanley, SHS, who will attend the University of Indiana; Juliana Nociara, SHS, going to NYU; Lorik Berisha, NPHS, Rutgers; John Berardi, SHS, College of New Jersey; Ife Campbell, SHS, University of New Haven; Aila Poticano, SHS, Rutgers; and Cindy Weng, Union County Magnet School, NYU.

The Rotary Club of Clinton Sunrise will offer two Clinton traditions: the 36th annual *Sprintin Clinton*, a 5K race and 1 mile fun run/walk scheduled for Saturday, July 16, and the 27th annual *Rubber Ducky Race* scheduled for Sunday, July 17. This year's Sprintin' Clinton will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday – an early race start that began two2 years ago to take advantage of the cooler morning weather. "The time change was successful last year in attracting more runners so we have decided to continue with the early morning start," stated Lu Ann Aversa, Race Director. Online registration is available at https://sprintinclinton.itsyourrace.com

The Great Hunterdon Rubber Ducky Race will be Sunday in downtown Clinton at the falls. The duckies zoom off at 2:00 p.m. "Last year we had a great race outcome," said Lynn Arnold, Rubber Ducky Race Director, "raising over \$15,000. We hope to have even more ducks in the race this year and raise even more money for charity!" Individuals can sponsor a duck for \$10 and have the opportunity to win one of several great prizes. First prize is a four-day, three-night Walt Disney World Package for two (includes airfare for two, hotel, & Park Passes) or a trip of equivalent value. Proceeds from this event benefit the *American Cancer Society* and the *Cancer Support*



Community CNJ. Information about both events is available from Lu Ann at 908-483-4327 or laversa@ hymca.com or on the Club website here – http://www.clintonsunriserotary.org/

And thank you to the 22 club secretaries who took the time to report attendance for May.

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.

The rest of the top ten? South Amboy-Sayreville (83.08%); Summit-New Providence (81.50%); Woodbridge-Perth Amboy (80.76%); Montgomery-Rocky Hill (75.00%); Robbinsville-Hamilton (71.43%); Plainfield (67.91%); Hillsborough North Plainfield (65.80%); Union (65.00%),

Congratulations to the #1 club for May - Mountainside - with 93.18% attendance for the month.

Top Ten Clubs in Attendance for 8102 VsM

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