# **TEAM ROTARY**

**District 7510 Newsletter** 

The Capital District

### Governor's Message -

### It's Your District Conference!

That's right, this is YOUR District Conference. For 96 consecutive years your District Governor and team are charged with mounting an annual conference for ALL Rotarians in our District. This year, thanks to the efforts of our District Conference Chair PDG Andy Calamaras, and our Host Club Chair Tiffany Escott, plus a dedicated group of Rotarians from several clubs, YOUR conference for 2016 will be outstanding!

Saturday you'll meet world-renowned Dr. Geetha Jayaram, recipient of the TRF

Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award-the only such recognition ever bestowed on a Rotarian. You'll hear from DG David C. Forward, author of A CENTURY OF SERVICE-the history of Rotary International—and the just-published DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD—the 100-year story of The Rotary Foundation.

Six clubs earned the Presidential Citation this year-no easy endeavor! You'll enjoy these presentations and will want to congratulate the winners. Plus, one of these will

receive the coveted 2015-16 Governor's Cup.

The prestigious "Matty Mathewson" Rotarian of the Year Award will also be presented and you'll surely want to see who the recipient is!

This year at the conference we'll have another special recognition from Rotary International. It's the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Award.

Other awards will include Club Website, Club Newsletter, and Club Public Image.

Sunday morning you will hear from Rotaractors sponsored by Branchburg, Elizabeth, and New Brunswick Rotary Clubs. We're planning on several Interact Club presentations, too. Plus, you'll meet three exchange students - Marianna Braga from Brazil; Anne Coulondre from France; and Saeko Kurayama from Japan.

Friday night's there is straight out of "the summer of love" -WOODSTOCK! The ever-ebullient Steve Goldberg is putting this all together for you. So be sure to wear your tie-dyed shirt, your jeans and love beads or flowers, and plan on enjoying a great buffet dinner complete with (clean) brownies for dessert! Our DG will be playing hits from the era plus classic rock and great songs you know by heart!

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Saturday night is our "Parade of Presidents" with dinner and dancing, and it's a "black tie optional" night for all.

Into James Taylor, the Eagles, Elton John, Joni Mitchell, Jimmy Buffet, Eric Clapton, Billy Joel? Then you'll want to stay up late for the Governor's Hospitality Suite Friday night and enjoy singing along with Lovey Williams, guitarist. He's the brother of Plainfield-North Plainfield Club President Ravenell Williams.

Saturday afternoon includes a golf outing, casino hopping, trout fishing, or shopping at The Crossroads, a 100-brand designer outlet mall, to name just a few special activities you can enjoy.

It's not too late to sign up, so act NOW – pass the word and be sure you're coming, too. Just go to our home page on <u>www.rotarynj.org</u> and click on the registration brochure image.

We'll see you there!

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# PDG Adrienne Bzura Recognized by Rotary International

Past District Governor Adrienne J. Bzura, of the Rotary Club of Old Bridge-Sayreville, has been named by Rotary International President-Elect John Germ to serve as a member of the RI Constitution & Bylaws Committee. This three-year commitment will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> and continue through June 30, 2019.

This decision by RIPE Germ was made following a thorough review of more than 1,000 applications

received from clubs and districts worldwide. There was only one opening available on the committee, whose other three members are from India, Korea, and Columbia. Adrienne is not only the first Rotarian from District 7510 to serve on this committee, but she is also the <u>first woman in Rotary history</u> to do so.

Further, Adrienne has also been informed that in 2019 she will serve as the Chair of the Constitution and ByLaws Committee of the RI Council on Legislation. This constitutes two remarkable "firsts" in RI and District history.

Such exceptional service to Rotary isn't new to Adrienne. In 2000-01, she served as the first woman District Governor of District 7510, to be followed by

four equally outstanding women Rotarians: Marsha Carldon (2002-03), Frieda Applegate (2004-05), Julia Ann Juliano (2007-08), and Megan Jones-Holt (2011-12).

Adrienne is the only Rotarian from District 7510 to have served on Zone Foundation Committees,

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first as a Permanent Fund National Advisor, followed by a term as a Major Gift Advisor. Now she is the first Rotarian from our district to be honored with a Presidential Appointment.

You can join in congratulating Adrienne at either [908] 872-9771 or AJBDQ2000@aol.com.

## **District Foundation Grants Ready to Roll!**

#### PDG D. Michael Hart

We had a great District Assembly on April 27 that was well-attended by representatives from many of our clubs. I want to share with everyone some of the information that we presented about what your club needs to do to participate in our Foundation activities and to receive a Foundation grant.

To follow up on the Foundation remarks at the District Assembly:

**1.** Club **Presidents**: Please appoint a Club Foundation Chair and register them in DACdb. (Also, connect your DACdb to rotary.org, so the two databases are linked.)

**2.** Club Presidents and Foundation Chairs: Please apply for a club grant of \$500. You can increase the grant by matching it dollar for dollar up to another \$500, for a total of \$1,500:

This would be \$1,000 from the District and \$500 from your club. Think of a worthwhile project in which to use the funds.

The Deadline is July 15th. The money is not helping anyone by sitting n the bank- let's put it to good use.

Log-in to DaCdb and click on the Grants tab. Filing your application is now paperless!!

**3. Club Boards of Directors**: Please add \$100 per member to your July 1st invoice of Annual Club Dues for a voluntary, optional, tax deductible donation to the Rotary Foundation. Add it to the total at the bottom. If the member does not wish to contribute, they can cross it off and deduct the \$100 from the total.

Half of the clubs currently include this with their annual dues; and almost everyone in those clubs contributes. The club treasurer can send one check to the Foundation with a letter telling them which members to credit.

This is our Charity as Rotarians. We all give to charities in general. We should all give to our Rotary Charity.

**4.** Club Program Chairs: Please ask Byron Miller to come to your club for a program on the Rotary Foundation. He is an excellent speaker and you will learn a lot about the Rotary Foundation.

Thanks for your help in these matters, Looking forward to a good next year with Charlie as Governor.

Sincerely Yours in Rotary Service,

PDG Michael Hart

**Rotary Foundation District Director** 

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## Foundation Grants Available ...... Byron Miller

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 are guaranteeing 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! But the even better news is that you can partner with another club or clubs and pool your rescources and your grant awards to accomplish even bigger projects. One club will complete the grant application on-line, and will identify the partner clubs in that application. If you want to partner with another lead club, simply make the committment to that lead club and they will do the rest.

At PETS 1, our Foundation Grants Subcommittee presented information on grant availability and answered questions from presidents-elect. The subcommittee also handed out the paperwork necessary for clubs to qualify for receiving grants.

The next phase of the project is for clubs to decide on their grant-eligible projects and submit their applications on-line at DaCdb – www.directory-online.com/Rotary.

Our friends at DaCdb have made a handy overview/guide available – you can download "District Grant Management Guidelines" on the District website under "About 7510" here - http://www.rotarynj.org/ forms-and-resources.php.

.After reviewing the guide, you can gather your information and then proceed to the Grants Module and follow the steps to submit your grants.

We have District representatives ready to review your applications and assist as needed in filing the correct information.

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

## Membership News ...... PDG Mel Kevoe

The Membership Committee has exciting news for our District and its future. You will recall that we were faced with a mandate from Rotary International to grow our district to a minimum of 1100 members. We set our goal at 1138.

As of now, the membership count is at 1065 and growing. Please continue the great work you are doing to increase the membership in your club. Remember, our goal for the end of June is 1138 or greater.

We have received good news from Rotary International and the Board of Directors. They have granted our district an exemption from redistricting until July 1, 2017. We still are flying high in the clouds but if we hit our goal of 1138 we will be flying in blues skies, more to come.



As an officially chartered eClub of Rotary International, we offer all of the benefits of Rotary: vocational fellowship; participation in a global community of concerned business people; and, most importantly, the opportunity to contribute to community service and charitable giving at the local, regional, and international levels.

We are now available to new members from all over our District. We all have an opportunity to bring new members into Rotary and our District through the eClub of District 7510 Horizon.

By participating in weekly online meetings on engaging topics (our "eMeetings"), we eliminate the travel, scheduling, and extra meal and facility costs of weekly in-person meetings. At the same time, members of the Rotary eClub of District 7510 Horizon enjoy online interaction and in person community service opportunities. eClub members are also eligible to visit any Rotary Club internationally, whether a traditional "in-person" meeting or another online club. We receive Rotary International magazine, enjoy fellowship with other concerned business owners, and have opportunities for vocational networking and community service.

As an eClub, we are on the horizon of new and exciting changes in traditional Rotary membership. Our "make-up" meetings are easily available to all Rotarians. As we grow, we are creating opportunities for both online and in-person community service.

Please note that, because our website is used for online meetings and member sharing, some sections of the website are private and restricted from public viewing. Anyone participating in online meetings is required to abide by the club's Terms of Use which, quite simply, are best captured in the Rotary 4-Way test.

- Benefits of eClub Membership
- Rights and Privileges of a Rotarian in a traditional Rotary Club
- Flexible meetings ie: website is available 24 hrs/day, 7 days a week (a Club that never sleeps)
- Reduced cost of membership
- A network to perform service
- Updates on club projects and Fellowship opportunities
- Local and international service project opportunities
- Joining a club of forward-thinking, "outside the box" Rotarians
- Can attend any Rotary meetings and events, locally and internationally!

Know someone who could benefit from Rotary but just can't fit into the regular weekly meeting schedule? Then ask them to <u>Join now and their dues will provide them with a membership</u> <u>through June 30, 2017!</u> That's two months of FREE membership!

#### Visit www.horizonrotaryclubhouse.org today!



# **One Year After Nepal Earthquake**

# A message from Anil Maharjan on the first year of Homes of Hope - Nepal, our month in Nepal, and the future.

Nearly a year after the earthquake, our team had the opportunity to spend a month traveling Nepal. There are obvious reminders of the disaster when you see temporary shelters, buildings being held up with wood beams, caved in roofs, and piles of debris. There are also less obvious reminders, parts of everyday life that have been altered due to the political instability following the disaster: hundreds of cars queueing for gasoline, people burning wood to cook their dinner, and endless youth waiting for visas to work abroad.

Yet, there is still the endless positivity of the Nepali, which, coupled with their pride in and love for their nation, provide the sort of optimism that is needed amongst these reminders. For every negative distraction, there was a group of Nepalis looking to make the country a better place.

It is with these individuals that will we be partnering, not only over the next year, but as far as the foreseeable future might bring us. While we were able to provide some money for these projects, we can only be there so many days out of the year. The legacy that we hope to leave is one that empowers other Nepalis to make their communities as perfect as they can imagine them.

This is why we will be expanding our project beyond just home building. We will be extending our focus to include: micro-credit lending, education, and home building. We want to provide hope at every major junction in one's life.

We will continue to evolve with the changing situation in Nepal, but we will do so with the guidance of our friends and partners in the country. We recognize that we will never be the largest organization, but we will always be the one that ceaselessly inspires.

Our Rotary friends have been a part of our success and I cannot begin to thank you for all that you have done to support our cause.

# Council on Legislation 2016 Report #1

#### PDG Andy Calamaras

The Council on Legislation is held every three years with representatives from every Rotary district gathering to consider proposed Enactments (rule changes) and Resolutions (recommendations to the Rotary International Board). The recent Council on Legislation has been tagged as possibly the most progressive in history. There were many enactments passed that will reshape how Rotary functions. I would like to give you an overview of two that will make a difference to all of us.

Enactment 16-21 was passed by a vote of 392 for and 82 against. This enactment will provide flexibility in the clubs' bylaws to determine the provisions for meeting frequency and attendance.

Enactment 16-36 was passed by a vote of 386 for and 75 against. This enactment will provide Rotary Clubs the flexibility to remove or modify the membership classification system in their clubs bylaws and to modify some of the provisions regarding membership.

Please visit the TEAM Rotary page on the District website for details - www.RotaryNJ.org/?p=stories.



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 Watchung-Warren** enjoyed a presentation by U.S. Congressman Leonard Lance (center, red tie) at a recent club meeting. The Congressman talked about the political climate, how the two-party system works and answered questions posed from the members who constitute his constituency. It is interesting to note that the congressman's brother is a Rotarian. Congressman Lance noted the good work done by Rotarians around the world.





**The Rotary Club of Hamilton** is working hard to increase its membership and help our District reach the mid-1100's for total members. The month of April brought the installation of SIX new members!!!! President Ty Robinson and Rotarian Sponsors, Joyce Cantalice, Frank Mancino, and Len Nemeroff helped pin their recruits, while PDG Joe Scandariato performed the installation honors. The new Rotarians are: Curt Baker, Nathalie Cassion, Deborah Gray, Dena Oravsky, R. Antonio Rodriguez and Kathleen (Kit) Underwood.

**The Rotary Club of Kenilworth** sponsors an annual Casino Night to benefit local 8th grade and high school students. This spring's fundraiser will take place at the Kenilworth VFW, 33 S. 21st Street, Kenilworth on Friday, June 3 from 6:30 p.m., to 11:00 p.m. Tickets will cost \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door and will entitle each person to \$100 in casino chips and to refreshments.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will give 10-12 local 8th grade students and high school seniors in Kenilworth the opportunity to qualify for one of two programs – "Send Our Children to Summer Camp" or the "Kenilworth Scholarship Program". The summer camp program is offered to 8thgrade students, whose families cannot afford the cost of sending their children to summer camp. The Scholarship program provides financial help to Kenilworth's high school honor roll seniors, transitioning from high school to college.

Please contact Club President Ceu Manata at 908-400-5033 or email Doceuamor@hotmail.com

**The Rotary Club of Metuchen** and the JFK Adult Medical Day Program understand the affect that Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders can have on the individual and his/her caregivers. They sponsored a Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, April 16th, at Stelton Lanes located at 1665 Stelton Road, Piscataway. The proceeds of the event will be used to supplement the cost of attendance at the JFK Adult Medical Day Program for financially needy participants who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia related disorders.

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**The Rotary Club of Piscataway** will hold their Sixteenth Annual "Taste of Piscataway" Fund Raiser on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel, 21 Kingsbridge Road, Piscataway, from 6 to 9 P.M. Come sample food from local restaurants and Wine from around the world. Vendors committed at this time, with more to come, are: Brick House Tavern & Tap, Buzzy's Restaurant & Pub, Cedar Grove Café & Catering, Dunellen Hotel, Ellery's Restaurant & Catering, Hometown Heros, Jozanna's Fine Italian Restaurant, La Bonbonniere Bakery, Middlesex County Vo Tech/Pisc. (Hors D'Oeuvres & Desserts), Petrucci's Dairy Barn, Radisson Hotel/Fusions, Red Lobster, and Sigiri Sri Lanka Restaurant. There will be a silent auction. Funds raised will be used for many local projects, such as dictionaries for all 3rd graders, FISH food bank, High School Scholarships, Little League, Career Day for High School students, and International projects like Pure Water for the World and Homes of Hope. Tickets are \$35. For Tickets or info call 732-699-1431.

On March 1, twenty-four Piscataway High School students were picked up at the school by hosts or club members to go to the work place of their hosts. All students were members of theFuture Business Leaders of America. For 2½ hours, they shadowed their hosts and learned about their professions. Hosts represented eighteen different career fields. Students, hosts, several teachers, Rotarians and the Superintendent of Schools met for a buffet lunch at the Piscataway Public Library Meeting room. Speakers were from the business club, PBL at Rutgers University. Given an opportunity to comment on their day, students were very appreciative and positive about their experience. Hosts were also very positive and are looking forward to participating next year

**The Rotary Club of Mountainside** will sponsor a sewing machine collection for "Sewing Peace" on Saturday, May 21st. Unwanted and or used sewing machines can be dropped off at the Deerfield School parking lot located at 302 Central Avenue in Mountainside between the hours of 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Sewing Peace has shipped 3,272 sewing machines since 1999. In 1999, Pedals for Progress sent its first sewing machines and discovered that these machines are in demand in the same places where our bicycles have changed so many lives for the better. Plenty of unwanted sewing machines exist in people's homes. And like the bicycles, they're often headed for a landfill. By collecting these sewing machines, P4P can piggyback them onto the bike shipments. Then seamstresses and tailors can acquire their most valuable tool and begin a business. Students can learn to sew—many of these machines will outfit programs in schools, teaching people a valuable skill they can use anywhere.

For additional information contact: Daniel Falcone, Secretary, Mountainside Rotary Club. (908) 789-1010 or danfarchitect@aol.com.

**The Rotary Club of Union** supports their third grade students by distributing free dictionaries to all of the third graders in the Township's eight elementary schools. This year, 640 dictionaries were distributed by teams of club members.

The club recognizes Jim DiGiovanni who chaired the event and set up the schedules for all of the schools. In the picture on the left is Laura Bretzer, President-Elect 2016-2017 and Julie D'Aloia, President 2015-2016 (right).



**The Rotary Club of Plainsboro-North & South Brunswick** held their fundraising, dance competition called "DanceFrest 2016" on April 23 at Plainsboro High School. Club President Balram Chinta explained the club's many support project, including clean the Old Bridge Waterfront Park (Continued on page 10)

beach, Fundraise for Military/Veteran Appreciation Day, Free A1C Now test – Health Campaign, constructing a new hiking trail at Thompson Park Conservation Area in Monroe Township, Operation Shoebox for Holiday Gift packing event, volunteered for MedShare, donating required food supplies to South Brunswick Food Bank, Wool to Plainsboro Senior Centre and contributions to "HomeFront" project to name a few. He spoke about the club's support for international projects, such as the Jaipur Limb camps, conducted every year in Bangalore to provide



artificial limbs to people who are in need of a limbs; donating money to build house in Nepal; support for Chennai flood victims; and the Cape Town, South Africa school library project, to name a few.

The dance competition took place between professional Bollywood dance schools. There are 3 segments (Minor, Junior & Senior), 20+ dances and 200+ participants compete with unique styles, formations, rich colorful dresses with melodious and contemporary music compositions. It was definitely a unique and rare experience of perfection and joyful celebration.

**The Rotary Club of Branchburg** is on a roll! In addition to their Comedy Night event, they've also reached an important milestone with the Enabling Garden project at Raritan Valley Community College. After testing materials and building techniques over many months, this past weekend, BSA



30" Gabion Planter Installation

Life Scout Patrick O'Rourke and Patrick's Dad, Brian completed the first of what will ultimately be 50 modular gabion structures. These gabions will be used in a variety of configurations as planters and benches in the installation.

The remaining gabions will be constructed during two work sessions to be held during the month of May. The first of these sessions will be held on May 7th, with the second to be scheduled later in the month. This construction phase of the project presents a great opportunity for members of the club and fellow Rotarians in the District to get out in front of the community, roll up your

sleeves, and support Patrick's Eagle Scout project, all while giving back to our friends in the RVCC community.

If you can help out for either shift on Saturday, May 7th please let Mike Forrestal or Laura DePrado know (mikeforr@comcast.net or laura@finaltouchplantscaping.com. Thanks for your support of this truly worthwhile project

The Rotary Club of Clinton Sunrise held their annual fishing derby on April 23. The winner of the

Derby was 9 year-old Zachary Moore of Bethlehem Township (pictured right), who caught a 14.25" bass. Despite the rainy morning, all one hundred area kids who came out with their parent(s) were winners. Taking second place, Logan Dobbins, 8 years old from Hampton with a 13" inch fish and taking third place was Nicholas Santopietro, 10 years old from Asbury with a 12.5" inch fish. The first catch of the day was 9 year-old Ben Herman of Clinton. Staying 'til the bitter end and catching the last fish was Nathan Shaw, 5 years old from High Bridge. The youngest fisherman in attendance was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  year-old Ryan Aquino from Flemington. The strangest catch of the day - 11 year-old Liam Akers of Clinton caught a 8" turtle. All ages 16 years and under are eligible to cast off, and all attendees receive a bobber, hook and a ticket to win prizes.



## Rotarians Are...Learners and Leaders ...... DG Hal

The ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ("RLI") is a multi-district, grass-roots leadership development program of over 370 member districts (that's 70 percent of all Rotary districts world-wide). RLI is organized into regional divisions; District 7510 is a member district of RLI of Northeastern America (the website is http://www.rlinea.org/).

RLI's Founder and International Chair, David Linett, is a Past Governor of this District (1991-92), and former member of the Rotary Club of Somerville & Bridgewater. He is also a Past RI Director and recipient of both The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award and TRF Citation for Meritorious Service. (David presently resides with his wife, Penny, on Cape Cod.)

RLI in our area conducts sessions throughout the year for Rotarians displaying exceptional leadership or leadership potential, and offers them quality advanced learning of both Rotary and leadership skills so important in business and volunteer organizations today. (Uniquely, all sessions are facilitated—there are no "lectures"!)

At the most recent RLI session, in West Orange on April 9<sup>th</sup>, our district was solidly represented by **Laura Bretzger**, Union RC; **Balram Chinta**, Plainsboro-North & South Brunswick RC; **Joe Horner**, Hillsborough RC; **PDG Mel Kevoe**, Springfield RC; **Fred Saide**, Plainfield/North Plainfield RC; and **Joe Spera**, Dunellen/Green Brook RC.

Congratulations to all! The more you advance your Rotary knowledge and leadership skills, the more you become *Gifts to the World*!

# **Save the Dates**

#### 05/13/2016 - 05/15/2016

District Conference Pocono Manor Resort Registration form in this issue!

#### 05/19/2016

DaCdb University - On-line Training How Secretaries Use 'My Data' Tab Registration on the District Calendar

Www.RotaryNJ.org

#### 06/30/2016

Changing of the Guard Installation of District Officers for 2016-2017 1251 Rtes 202/206, Bridgewater 6:30 PM - \$60 per person Register on the District Calendar!

## Happy Anniversary

#### wishes to :

The Rotary Club of Lambertville NJ-New Hope PA celebrates 94 years of service with an anniversary date of May 1, 1922.

The Rotary Club of Kenilworth celebrates 69 years of service with an anniversary date of May 6, 1947.

The Rotary Club of Old Bridge-Sayreville celebrates 56 years of service with an anniversary date of May 13, 1960.



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## Top Ten Clubs in Attendance for 8102 Abreh 2016

Congratulations to the #1 club for February - Plainfield-North Plainfield - with 90.00% attendance for the month.

The rest of the top ten? Berkeley Heights (85.00%); Mountainside (83.33%); South Amboy-Sayreville (83.33%); Summit-New Providence (82.50%); Clinton Sunrise (78.00%); Westfield (74.44%); Roselle-Roselle Park (73.00%); Woodbridge-Perth Amboy (70.76%) Park (73.00%);

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

And thank you to the 23 club secretaries who took the time to report attendance for Marc..

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Give us a call for more information.

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