

# InFlight



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## Barry's Blog

District Governor 7470  
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Barry Kroll

### World Peace & Understanding Month

The month of February is special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on 23 February 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace."

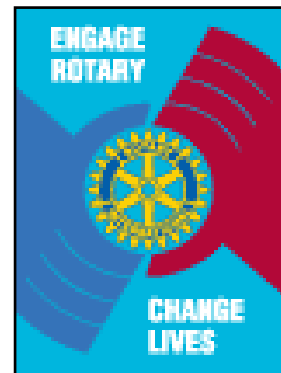
To observe this designated month, many clubs arrange international speakers, invite Youth Exchange students and international scholars from schools and universities to club meetings, plan programs featuring former Group Study Exchange team members, arrange discussions on global issues, present entertainment with an international cultural or artistic theme, and schedule other programs with an international emphasis.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service - Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

In addition to it being World Understanding Month let's all remember to keep membership development as a top priority. To increase the number of



RI President 2013-2014  
Ron D. Burton



members in your club, the time to start is NOW, Remember to qualify for a Presidential Citation you must achieve positive net membership growth by the deadline of March 30th. Details on the Presidential Citation is on the District website at [www.rotarydistrict7470.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7470.org).

## COMING SOON

District-wide 50/50 Raffle  
To Benefit our Clubs

\$20.00 per ticket

Drawing on April 26, 2014,  
at the District Conference

First Prize: \$33,333 or 1/3rd of all proceeds

Second Prize: \$8,333 or 1/12th of all proceeds

Third Prize: \$5,000 or 1/20th of all proceeds

Fourth Prize: \$2,000 or 1/50th of all proceeds

Fifth Prize: \$1,333 or 1/75th of all proceeds

Dollar prize amounts assume  
all 5,000 tickets are sold.

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## DANCES AT CARNEGIE HALL

Far Left: Mayu, Japanese Exchange Student attending Roxbury High School

### **Memories will be made this year**

***There is a special place waiting just for you!***

***Why you should attend the District Conference***

Hear RI President's Rep Cliff Dochterman, renowned speaker and author of 'The ABCs of Rotary'  
Be inspired by speakers and entertainment  
Expand your knowledge of Rotary  
Celebrate the accomplishments of your club  
Awards and recognitions for Areas of Service projects, bulletins, membership, and a new category added by Gov. Barry,  
Presidential Citation Awards for Clubs, Rotaract and Interact  
Recognize Rotarians of the Year from all Clubs  
Share your ideas and gain ideas from others around the District  
Be wowed by student projects  
Re-connect with long-time friends  
Meet new friends  
Enjoy music, or dancing or visiting or Bocce in the hall  
Honor Rotarians who are not with us this year during the Memorial Service  
Win Gifts and Foundation Gift Baskets  
And more!



*Come celebrate your "engaging" Rotary year and make your own memories*

Hal has been an active Rotarian for twenty years. He joined the Chatham Club in 1993 and moved to Madison a few years later. He has been Treasurer and President of the Madison Club as well as Assistant Governor for the past three years. He has received two Paul Harris awards.

Hal has lived in many places. Born in Illinois, he went to college in Pasadena, grad school in Cambridge, MA, worked in Houston, Sweden and Saudi Arabia, and finally Florham Park. He has experienced many cultures. Imagine receiving a wire in Sweden, telling him his next assignment was Saudi Arabia – what a switch.

Hal would like to raise two points about Rotary. The first is that Rotary's prime interest should be in Peace. Our Districts program of bringing Japanese students here and sending our kids there is extremely important. Our interaction with the kids spreads the word that we're all OK with one another. Our Youth Exchange Students really bring us together with people from other nations. Going to Conventions and Conferences also help us meet Rotarians from all over the world.

Secondly, Rotary has an issue with small versus large clubs. I transferred to Madison Club because more projects were occurring. But the small clubs are vibrant also. They can focus on fewer projects and still make a difference. You get to know everyone who belongs. But it's real important that the small clubs have an on-going fundraiser, so that supporting of local charities can continue.



# Gift of Life Gala March 28, 2014 The Villa at Mountain Lakes

**R&B Band  
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from the President's Ball**



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# Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	December Attendance.
Denville Sunrise	11	-2	100.00%
Maplewood	21	-1	100.00%
Morris Plains	58	0	0.00%
Denville	49	2	97.00%
Jefferson Township	10	-1	97.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	11	2	93.00%
Whippany	23	-1	93.00%
Lake Hopatcong	24	1	89.00%
West Orange	41	41	89.00%
Dover	18	2	88.00%
Nutley	26	1	87.00%
Livingston	14	-1	85.70%
Newark	25	-6	85.00%
Butler/Triboro	14	2	83.93%
Glen Ridge	22	0	83.33%
Wallkill Valley	22	-1	79.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	7	0	78.00%
Rockaway Rotary Club	23	2	78.00%
Branchville	31	2	77.91%
Madison Rotary	82	2	77.20%
Chatham Millburn	9	2	77.00%
Florham Park	12	0	75.00%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	75.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	14	-1	75.00%
Randolph	28	-1	72.00%
Morristown	60	4	70.35%
Caldwells	32	2	69.00%
Chester-Long Valley	8	0	69.00%
Par-Troy Rotary	22	0	68.85%
Mendham Rotary	20	-1	65.00%
Phillipsburg	28	1	65.00%
Belleville	8	1	63.00%
Montclair	23	0	62.00%
Hackettstown	26	1	60.00%
South Orange	10	1	60.00%
Newton	101	2	54.50%
Bernardsville	31	-3	45.16%
Boonton	14	3	38.00%
Bloomfield	13	2	32.00%
Irvington	14	-1	14.00%
Belvidere - NR	9	0	0.00%
Blairstown - NR	23	0	0.00%
Cedar Grove - NR	18	0	0.00%
East Orange - NR	6	0	0.00%
Fairfield NJ - NR	0	0	0.00%
Hampton Township - NR	19	0	0.00%
Montville Township - NR	0	0	0.00%
Mount Olive Township - NR	9	0	0.00%
Pequannock Valley - NR	52	0	0.00%
Roseland Rotary - NR	4	0	0.00%
Roxbury - NR	22	0	0.00%
Vernon Township - NR	0	0	0.00%
Washington - NR	16	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2414</b>



**BOWLING TEAM SCORES**

Morris Plains	781
Denville B's	759
Margit's Club	724



## Mary Ann's Marquee

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Don't think of the snow, don't think of the ice, think of Valentine's Day. When I think of Valentine's Day I hear Frank Sinatra singing "My Funny Valentine" and then my thoughts drift back to Mario Lanza singing "Be My Love". And now, my friends, you know how old I must be. Oh, you remember those renditions? And now I know how old you must be. So, get out the red ties and red blouses and enjoy the day. (A bouquet of flowers for your sweetheart might be nice.)

**Bernardsville** – Your recognition of the 5 branches of our military service and all the statistical information about each one was very interesting, well done, and meaningful. Thank you.

**Boonton** – You made a nice promotion in your bulletins of many of the important Rotary programs. Your explanations and synopses were very informative.

**Branchville, Newton, Vernon, and Walkkill Valley** – How did the United Way Chili Open Golf Classic turn out? Were you all busy working while those hardy golfers golfed in the snow?

**Branchville** - The SCMUA program that you had on the facility's new electronic disposal system and more recently on their flag disposal system sounded very interesting.

**Caldwell** – You now have a Facebook page. I wonder how many clubs have one. You mention donating unused hearing aids to

## H Y P E R L I N K

"http://www.helpthechildrenhear.org/" <http://www.helpthechildrenhear.org/> - good reminder.

**Denville** – HYPERLINK "http://www.denvillerotary.org/2013/12/14/jersey-battered-womens-service/" How generous it was of your members to donate \$1000 to Gearheart Chevrolet owner at their fundraiser for the 'Jersey Battered Women's Service'. Your gesture to include other Rotarians in your quest to make our dear DG Avi a major donor posthumously in the Rotary Foundation was unifying.

**Denville Sunrise** - Who were all those Christmas-attired people at your Party? Good looking young men, warbling smiling lovely ladies, santa-hat clad gentleman - just fun for all.

**Dover** – You are thinking of fundraisers. Will they be chocolate or spaghetti? Why not both? Spaghetti followed by a chocolate. Yum, Yum, and finally – Yum.

**Glen Ridge** – Good idea collecting those bicycles for the "Pedals for Progress" at the town's yard sale. How many have you recycled? You have run this project for quite a while.

**Madison** - Carmela, your report on all the things your club did last year makes one tired just reading about them. You are all to be congratulated on your service to your community and to Rotary – and - you donated \$44,000 to Local charities and non-profits groups.

**Mendham** – Your gift exchange at your party had some pretty big boxes. Who 'stole' the big ones? Guess your plans for your annual spring antique show must be moving along.

**Morris Plains** – How was Lou and the chicks' and Dennis' rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas at your Christmas soiree? Were there feathers (partridge, hens, swans, geese) floating all around? It must have been a 'sight (and sound) to behold'. Hey Hank! Cosmic Latte? Sounds like a Starbucks coffee.

**Newton** – You must be a happy bunch of Rotarians from the looks of all those happy \$. Children getting married, notes from exchange students, members who have many former family members in the club, etc. etc. Happy, happy, happy...

**Nutley** – Guess you had a nice Christmas party. Now it's time to get out the red ties and blouses for your Valentine's Social. Oh, and 13 need not be ominous number – in your case it's a good number (after all – it could have been only 12).

**Parsippany-Troy Hills** – That was a very tender poem for 'Bridget'. We have all lost ones that we cared for and will miss. Wonder if your RYLA students will tell you all about their experiences when you have them for lunch.

**Pequannock Valley** – Another Valentine's Fundraiser for you. You must have quite a following. It sounds like your club really enjoys its fellowship in addition to working all your projects. What a lovely complimentary letter you received from DG Barry – and well-deserved..

**Rockaway** – Was that Bart holding that pan of biscuits when you helped feed the homeless at Homeless Solutions in

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# Membership Events

We watched the people waving and smiling at the St Patty's Day parade. People of every different ancestry became a descendant of the Green Isle at least for several hours that morning. They enjoyed the smiles of their neighbors. The sunshine warmed the chilled spring air as the floats, bands and bagpipers lined up in preparation for the grand march. Among the throng was a group of Rotarians walking next to their float. Each of them was wearing a green hat, or a white woolen sweater, or carrying a funny wooden stick; I

## Mary Ann's Marquee

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**Morristown?** What a nice synopsis of all your club speakers' programs and you have another new member – welcome Adrien.

**Walkill Valley** – You, Branchville, and Newton were entertained by those wonderful young singers from the High Point High School. Their musical director Theresa Riccardi does magical, musical things with the students. Congratulations on your two new members.

**Whippany** – I enjoyed your report and quips, Ken, on the annual Holiday 'Jeopardy' meeting. It sounded like a fun meeting. Where did you find the Mickey Mouse Santa Hat?

"Well, folks, I hope most of you had a happy holiday, I did. I'm always happy when I'm surrounded by my loved ones. I, too, miss the ones that are no longer around but cherish the memories of the years we spent together. Last year was a good year and hopefully this year will be even better. Happy Valentine's Day."

guess to prod leprechauns if found. The world was one that morning and they all enjoyed the sharing of a tradition; one not naturally their own.

So it is throughout the year. The sharing brings the smiles; the smiles from the understanding that despite our differences and the languages our different great grandparents spoke, we all know one another. We all are more similar than different. We all want love, comfort, security and peace; things not needing a language to be communicated.

The most important community service you can perform is to share your smile. The highest service you can achieve is to share the ideal of building goodwill and better friendships. Let your worthy acquaintances in on your secret. Don't hide it. Make it your personal goal not to find a well to dig or to pay for a road or shelter. Make it your goal to raise humanity in your town to the next level. Share your smile and both of you will find the warmth making your club stronger and we all will benefit.

## Youth Exchange Trip to Japan



Our District is looking for 28 students and 2 leaders to represent the region in a cultural exchange with Japan. The Ross Redmond Short Term Youth Exchange Program, now in its thirty-fifth year, offers students ages 16 to 19 the opportunity to learn about Japanese culture, interact with Japanese students and form friendships that will last a lifetime.

This three week trip, tentatively departing on June 26, 2014 and returning on July 17, will visit major cities in southern Japan including Osaka, Kyoto and Nara. There will also be a separate trip to Hiroshima to visit Peace Memorial Park and the Holocaust Museum. The group will stay on the island of Shikoku, the smallest of the four main islands in Japan. Each student will meet and live with four host families in each of the island's four prefectures.

The total cost of the trip including food, lodging and airfare is \$2,700. Students and leaders are selected through an interview process that occurs during February and March. Applications are now being accepted. To apply, visit our website at <http://rrstye.rotarydistrict7470.org/>. The Ross Redmond Short Term Youth Exchange Chairman, Jim Allison can be contacted at [JRA188@aol.com](mailto:JRA188@aol.com) or 201-213-6382 to answer any questions. To apply, visit: <http://rrstye.rotarydistrict7470.org/>



## Morris Plains Celebrates 10,000th Blood Donor

*Volunteer blood donor Bob Spinosa is surprised to learn that he is the 10,000th Blood Donor since the local program has been operated by the Morris Plains Rotary Club. Left-to-right, Morris Plains Rotarian Larry Ripley, Morris Plains Charter Member (and Mayor), Frank Druetzler, Blood Donor Bob Spinosa, Morris Plains Rotary Club President Jim Kaag and Morris Plains Council member Suzanne McCluskey.*

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## Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians

Online Business Directory  
available on the District Website  
[www.rotarydistrict7470.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7470.org)

If you need a product or service, check  
the online directory to see if a Rotarian  
can be of service to you.

Get your business listed by filling out the  
request form on the website

# **Plan Now to Attend the District Conference April 25, 26, 2014**

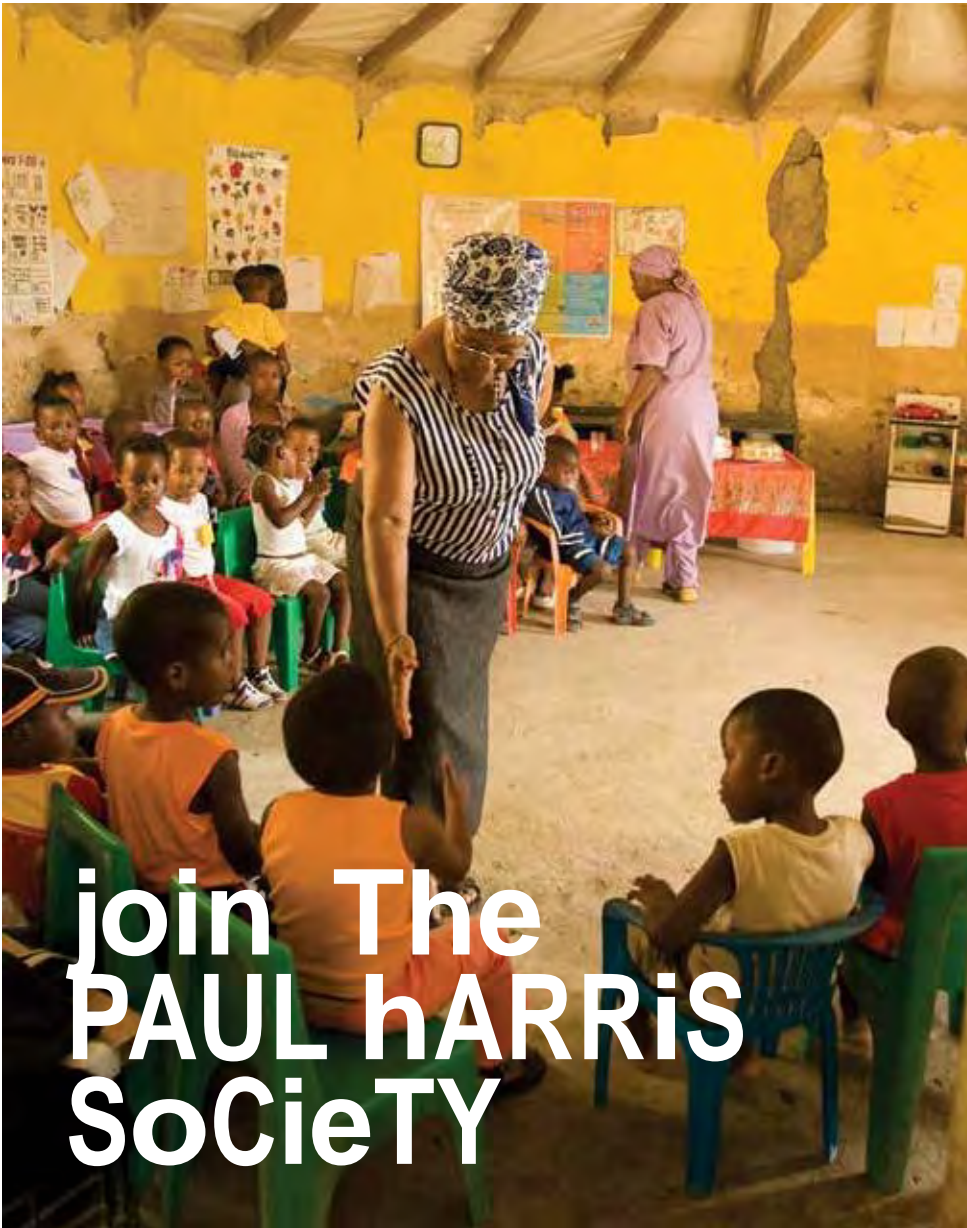


## **Hanover Marriott** **Whippany, New Jersey**

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period, involves youth, focus  
on Clubs and more!**





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Club Number _____		

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- Check enclosed (payable to "The Rotary Foundation (Canada)" for Canadian contributions).
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Annual Fund – SHARE    PolioPlus Fund    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Gift amount (USD)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your contribution to the Rotary International office serving your region.

Contributions may also be made at [www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute) or by calling +1-866-976-8279.

