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Larry's Libretto ----

Rotary's Contribution To The Level of Learning on the Planet Earth

So think about this – most Rotary Clubs give scholarships, right? It's a tradition in most clubs that goes back for many, many years. It fits into two different Avenues of Service: Community Service and Youth Service. And if your club is like my club, your scholarships go to college-bound students.



Larry Ripley
District Governor

But there are other scholarships. For many years, The Rotary Foundation gave a scholarship they called the Ambassadorial Scholarship. This was given to a student who was pursuing higher education, usually post-graduate study, but was also available for undergraduate study. This highly-competitive program was only available to students who would study in a foreign country.

At some point a few years ago, the Ambassadorial Scholarship was replaced by the Global Grant Scholarship. This is a program strictly dedicated to post-graduate study with a Masters Degree as a goal, and the student must be already enrolled in a university overseas.

However, there's a whole 'nother dimension to this scholarship business that we in this country know very little about. In many underdeveloped countries, public educa-



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tion goes only to the sixth grade. If you want to go on to middle school or high school, it's only available in private schools. And these schools can cost \$200 to \$400 per year – not much money for you or I, but in Liberia, Nigeria or the Sudan, it's an amount that is simply out of reach. But here come the local Rotary Clubs to the rescue, providing scholarships, not for college study, but for basic education; education that allows these kids to earn a middle or high school diploma.

When you think about the power of Rotary in the world, think about 34,000 Rotary Clubs in over 200 countries that have been providing scholarships for all levels of study for many decades. We have elevated the level of education on this planet exponentially. And in the process, helped peoples of the world become better citizens, better partners, better parents, better wage-earners, etc.

And we.....you and I.....are part of that.



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Spotlight

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR KEVIN HERSH

I am serving as the Assistant Governor (AG) for District Governor Larry. I am honored to represent my fellow Rotarians in the Fairfield, Caldwell, Montclair, and Nutley clubs. Thank you DG Larry for the opportunity

My vocation is Video, graphic, web, and print design at mfxinc.com. Boiled down, we define who you are to your customers and competitors.

My bride Rita, newlywed Dr. Daughter Kelly and my Mom Eileen inspire me.

I have proudly served Rotary for 12 years. For many Rotarians I am new to Rotary, for newer members—I'm an old dog, an old dog that embraces new ideas.

As we encourage newer/younger members to attend RLI, mentor and energize them, new ideas are only natural. We then begin to understand that all the service you and I have given so far was really for the future of the club. And that future is newer and younger members.



“BE A
GIFT
TO THE
WORLD”



“Be a gift to the world” is Rotary International President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran’s theme for Rotary year 2015-2016 announced at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California. The assembly is a gathering of the 528 district governors elect from around the world so that they might have a chance to meet each other, learn from each other, and get a greater understanding of the true internationality of our organization. Headline speakers each day outlined ideas that will carry the Rotary world forward in this next year. They spoke of each and every district sponsoring a global grant scholar to promote education around the world. Polio, Rotary’s signature program was spoken of often, including the fact that Nigeria one of the three endemic countries has not seen a new case of polio in the last six months. Although much time was spent on Rotary projects that are working there was a call to action for new projects such as sustainable microloans, water projects, and disease control. Rotary can only continue to make a difference in the world by adapting and changing its methods.

Frank Geraghty, District Governor Elect

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM SELECTED

The Group Study Exchange Team for this year has been selected and is in the process of training for their trip to District 4455 in Peru. The travel dates for the outbound exchange are April 23 until May 21, 2015.

We are fortunate to have the ability to send a slightly modified Team structure for this exchange. Stacey Borden from the Rotary Club of South Orange will be the Team Leader. Grace Do, from the Rotary Club of Montclair, will be the Assistant Leader. With this model, additional time can be spent focusing on needs and project opportunities in the host district. The hope is to develop a lasting relationship with an international partner.

The Team consists of: Monica Kristen, Social Worker, Graduate Student, Sponsored by Morris Plains
Hank Lyon, Restaurateur & Elected Official, Sponsored by Montville
Jeremy Slate, Personal Trainer & Teacher, Sponsored by Vernon

The team is currently 2 weeks into their training. There will be a minimum of 12 hours of training over 6 sessions. The purpose of the training is to provide the team with a sound, basic understanding of Rotary, Team building, cultural awareness related to the host district, language training and to prepare (and practice) on the Team's presentation that they will give on numerous occasions during their exchange.

GSE Leader Stacey Borden

Assistant Leader Grace Do

The Inbound team from District 4455 will be in our District from May 2 until June 1, 2015. Details on the Team from Peru will be in next Month's In Flight

Rotary Leadership Institute - New Location

Rotary Leadership Institute to be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 has a new location in our area at the West Orange High School. Plan now to attend with a team from your club. Rotary Leadership Institute is "rotary school" everything you need to know about being a successfully Rotarian how to make your club successful. It is designed for all Rotarians but especially for Rotary Leaders. Courses are held at 4 different Levels, Parts I, II, III, and Graduate. Individuals who have finished all 4 levels may apply to participate in Faculty Certification training.

The West Orange High School is located at 51 Conforti, in West Orange. The cost of the Rotary Leadership Institute is \$75.00 which includes breakfast, lunch and course materials. The day begins at 7:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm.

Registration is now available
on the district website
www.rotarydistrict7470.org under Events.

We're Going to Washington!

Large Turnout Expected For District Conference

Over 180 people have signed up for the White House tour so far, and the registration/security forms are still coming in. There is a lot of excitement building for this District Conference, the first ever from our district to Washington, DC.

Designed to be affordable and family-friendly, the four-day, three-night event will be marked by two characteristics: a celebration of a great Rotary year, and lots of free time for sight-seeing in our nation's capitol.

Beginning Thursday evening with a casual BBQ buffet, and followed by an optional "Monuments in the Moonlight" bus tour of the highlights of Washington, the conference proceeds to Friday morning, with a welcome address by the R.I. President's Representative, and then the first Plenary Session.

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Attendance Report

	Count	Loss	January Attendance.
Lake Hopatcong	24	0	94.00%
Denville Sunrise	13	2	92.00%
Blairstown	23	2	91.00%
Pequannock Valley	46	--4	90.20%
Caldwells	34	2	90.00%
Fairfield	6	1	90.00%
Morris Plains	66	5	90.00%
Newark	23	1	90.00%
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Denville	52	3	89.00%
Branchville	31	--1	88.10%
Belvidere	10	0	88.00%
Whippany	26	2	88.00%
Nutley	27	0	82.00%
Walkill Valle	20	--3	81.00%
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Livingston	13	--1	79.40%
West Orange	40	--2	79.00%
Hampton	21	0	78.50%
Morristown	56	--4	78.06%
Jefferson	16	7	78.00%
Glen Ridge	22	1	76.25%
South Orange	9	0	75.00%
Maplewood	22	2	73.00%
Bernardsville	28	--3	72.29%
Hackettstown	28	0	71.10%
Madison	80	--3	71.10%
Belleville	8	0	70.00%
Rockaway	24	2	70.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	10	0	70.00%
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Netcong--Stanhope	15	1	68.00%
Mount Olive	3	--2	66.00%
Randolph	27	--1	66.00%
Phillipsburg	32	2	65.00%
Cedar Grove	16	0	64.00%
Montclair	27	3	62.96%
Ironbound Newark)	4	--3	62.50%
Dover	16	--1	62.00%
Mendham	23	3	62.00%
Livigston Sunrise	24	0	61.00%
Montville	7	1	60.00%
Chester--Long Valley	7	1	57.00%
Vernon	19	1	57.00%
Washington	13	0	56.41%
Chatham	8	0	50.00%
Mountain Lakes--Boontons	12	--1	47.00%
Par--Troy	23	1	45.45%
Newton	93	--6	44.60%
Bloomfield	12	--1	41.00%
Florham Park	12	1	41.00%
Irvington	15	1	40.00%
Roxbury	25	--3	40.00%
East Orange	6	0	0.00%
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**TRAINING SEMINAR
MARCH 20th and 21st**

President Elect's Training Seminar will be held March 20th and 21st at the Hanover Marriott. This event will provide President Elect's with the opportunity to meet their peers from six nearby Rotary Districts and share ideas.

There will be sessions on effective club management, and leadership. District 7470 will hold a Membership Workshop on Saturday morning for both the President Elect's and Assistant Governors. The PETS training will give those who attend the tools, and information to lead their club, making their job that much easier for the next Rotary year. To help prepare for PETS there will be a pre-PETS webinar held on February 26th at 7pm.

The webinar will cover what information is needed at PETS to set club goals and identify the things which the President Elect should be doing now to ensure a smooth transition July 1.



Mary Ann's Marquee

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"Hi All – what have you been doing? I've been trying to stay warm – Br-r-r-r! Winter begone! (No back talk from the skiers, please.)"

Bernardsville – That was a very insightful article in your newsletter on the reason and the need for blood drives as has been pointed out by DG Larry. Are you still having evening meetings in addition to your morning meetings? Welcome new member, Tim O'Donovan.

Boonton – Thank you PDG Joyce for a very interesting and comprehensive explanation of the new "Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club 2015-2017 Pilot Guidelines". The program will be expanded from 200 to 1000 clubs next year. A welcome to new member Bud Peterson

Branchville – I see PDG Maurie & AG Peg helped you dish out the food that you provided for those quirky golfers at the snowbound "Chili Open Golf Tournament". Br-r-r-r!

Caldwell – Ah, yes, Kevin! The Rotary Wheel goes round and round and finally ends with 6 spokes and 24 cogs and a keyhole. Congratulations on your successful Super Bowl pool, thanks to hard-working Anthony.

Denville – President Rick you expressed your gratitude at being a Rotarian and touched on many Rotary issues, both personal and club related.. Many of these issues are dealt with at PETS and assemblies and you encouraged members to get involved in Rotary issues as well life issues. And yes, DG Larry – we are all proud to be a Rotarians.

Glen Ridge – How was your antique show? Did it snow that day?

The guided tour of the gothic-styled Glen Ridge Congregational Church must have been very interesting and inspiring.

Jefferson – Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary. We know your cele-

bratory dinner was enjoyable.

Livingston – How nice that your 'Meet and Greet' was successful. It might get you three new members.

Your premise to let more people know about Rotary and gain new members was 'on the mark' (as they say).

Madison – Good luck with your 'Meet and Greet'. Livingston's was a success. Your collage of pictures of "Rotarians Having Fun" in your bulletin was cute. "Yes, World – we Rotarians work but we also have fun doing it." You have your big 'Taste of Madison' March 30th, YUM! Hi, new member Eileen Miller.

Mendham – Good luck Jim T. with the club's paperwork for the Global Grants. Grants with other countries are very interesting but also very precise. A big Rotary "Hi" to two new members Dan Biery and Yessy Acevedo-Bilao.

Montclair – You're keeping your new members Leslie Farber, John Lubernesky, and Linda Cranston busy at the podium at your meetings telling about themselves and Montclair..

Morris Plains – Did our D.G. Larry finally come home to roost for a while? But ... now he's got you working on commitments for the 7470 Conference in Washington, D.C. Take heart, his year only lasts 12 months then you can breathe a sigh of relief and share a feeling of pride.

Newton – How were the pancakes? Hope those bears that you learned about didn't join you for breakfast. That would have been over 'bear'ing. Your 'Volley Ball' classic in SCCC should leave some of you breathless and with a few sore muscles – assuming that you play against the young (and in better shape) college students.

Nutley – Your 'Adopt a family' project this year helped six families. Sounds like you might, once again, have your famous 'motorcycle run' with some outside help.

Pequannock Valley – We have Rotary – Rotaract – Interact – Earlyact – and now you have Babyact. Congratulations President Jenn on the birth of your twins. Your Valentine party looked fabulous and well attended.

Phillipsburg – My goodness! This is your 8th Corks and Forks fund raiser. The food and wine sound delicious and you will honor Jeffrey E. Finegan, Sr., a local celebrity. P.S. – I still love the title "Corks and Forks".

Rockaway – "Here comes Peter Cottontail" arriving again for your annual Easter Bunny Breakfast. A Bunny Tale breakfast for the kiddies and money for food for the Food Basket.

Sussex County Rotary Clubs – You brave, hardy, members worked the United Way Chili Open Golf Tournament despite the snow and frigid temperatures. Kudos! (As always PDG Maurie and AG Peg were there)

Wallkill Valley – Your roving photographer Fred Kattermann took pictures, with the assistance of club Rotarians, and gave each golfer a photo moment to at the United Way Chili Open Golf Tournament. Good luck with your 3rd annual wine tasting event.

Washington - Good luck with your first wine tasting event. Congratulations Joe on your Paul Harris award. Welcome new members Laura and Marcie.

Whippany – That was a nice article in your bulletin on Rotary's Innovative Tribute to Polio Eradication in India which broke a Guinness World Record. 40,000 people created the world's largest human national flag which was a tribute to the polio eradication effort . R.I. President Gary Huang and his wife participated in the event . Looks like you had fun on your Casino Night. Congratulations to your new member Kelsey Mulholland.

"What fun it was reading all your bulletins and looking at all the photos of Rotarians bedecked in tuxedos and Valentine attire and just enjoying each other's company. It was also interesting reading about all your plans for the rest of the year. Every club is the same – yet so different. We can all learn from each other. Going to Rotary assemblies, conferences, and conventions add to the bond we share – Rotary."

Gift of Life Super Bowl Raffle Winner

Joe Fornarotto of Vernon Goes To Phoenix!

The winner of the annual Gift of Life Super Bowl raffle was Joe Fornarotto of Vernon. Joe bought the ticket "from a woman in a costume at a Halloween party. I don't even know who she was." Joe and his friend Bob Donald went to the game and had a great time.



Bob Donald celebrates going to the Super Bowl in Phoenix on February 1st. His friend Joe Fornarotto won the tickets in the Gift of Life raffle, which included airfare and hotel for two.

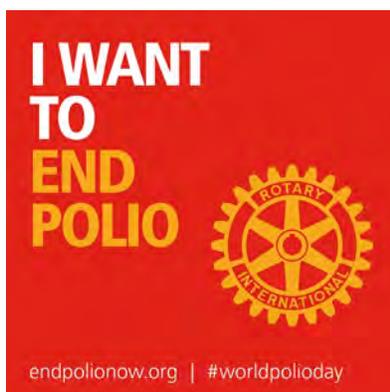


Rotary Club of the Caldwell's Foundation Chair Jon Wohlgemuth presents District Annual Chair Rolan Basinski of the Denville Sunrise Club a check for \$5,000.00.

The First To Be Injected With The New Polio Vaccine

February 23, 2015 marked the anniversary of the date in 1954 that a group of children from Arsenal Elementary School in Pittsbutrgh, Pa received the first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. The initial success rate was between 60 and 70%. By August 1955, some four million shots had been given. Cases of Polio in the United States dropped from 14,647 in 1955 to 5,894 in 1956, and by 1959 ninety other countries were using Salk's vaccine. There is still no cure for Polio once it has been contracted, but the use of the vaccine has virtually eliminated Polio worldwide.

From an idea fostered by a single Rotarian from the Philippines grew the Polio plus Project. Due to our hard work millions of lives have been spared from this dreaded disease. Michael H. Karu, West Orange Rotary Club





Kathy Kremins and
PDG Bob Button

FIRST ANNUAL LIGHT THE PATH 5K

On Saturday November 15, 2014, the Rotary Club of Randolph and Research Down Syndrome Foundation hosted the first annual Light the Path 5K. Both walkers and competitive runners had fun on the course. The USATF certified course is rolling yet fast with 70% on the roads and 30% on the beautiful Randolph Trails. Despite the chilly weather, we had 180 participants and over 30 volunteers. It was exciting to see how many people were passionate about the causes. The most important takeaway from this event is that it is possible to try new things, think outside the box, change it up; and you might be pleasantly surprised by the results.



District Wide



Returns By Popular Demand!

After the initial success and acceptance of the District-Wide 50/50 last year, we're bringing it back!

This is a project of the newly-created District Foundation – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed by your district to help clubs with their fund-raising efforts.

The raffle is simple – we're printing 5000 tickets and hoping to sell all of them at \$20 apiece. And, in keeping with NJ raffle law, 50% of the proceeds will go to five winners as follows:

1st Prize	\$33,333 or 1/3 of all proceeds
2nd Prize	\$8,333 or 1/12 of all proceeds
3rd Prize	\$5,000 or 1/20 of all proceeds
4th Prize	\$2,000 or 1/50 of all proceeds
5th Prize	\$1,333 or 1/75 of all proceeds

Your club gets the other 50% less a small percentage to cover the expenses (license fees and printing costs).

This fund-raising project is completely voluntary. Your club can choose to participate if you wish. No club or Rotarian is required to sell these tickets. And there is no commitment. Your club can take as many (or as few) tickets as you think you might be able to sell, and as long as you return any unsold tickets, there is no penalty for not selling them all.

Each Club President was e-mailed an explanation of this fund-raising project, and has the opportunity to request tickets.

The tickets will be available for distribution around the second week of February, and the drawing is May 8th in Morris Plains.

For questions or to order tickets,
contact Larry Ripley at larryripley@verizon.net



Camper Bull was at a recent Mendham Club meeting speaking about RYLA. Maggie Doyne, a former RYLA student happened to be in town with her son, Ravi and joined the meeting. Maggie Doyne has built an orphanage and school in Kopila Valley, Nepal, Maggie and Ravi have returned to their home in Nepal.



Governor Larry receives CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD from the Mayor of Morris Plains at his homecoming.

Rotary Offers Global Grant Scholarship

Our District is seeking candidates interested in international, graduate level study, whose career goals support one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus: peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. Candidates must be accepted to a university at the time of application.

The main factors considered are a scholar's experience, the graduate program of study, and career goals. Those applying must live within the boundaries of Rotary District 7470 (Essex, Morris, Sussex, and Warren counties). Additional information may be found in the Rotary Foundation Section of www.rotary.org. Those interested should send their resume, college transcripts, and proposal (to include the program of study and a description of a career path) to George Hrobuchak, 292 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, New Jersey 07834 or email to GHrobs@aol.com. The deadline is May 1, 2015 with interviews to follow.

District 7470 Recruits Future Leaders For Peace Fellowship

The Rotary Peace Centers have recently announced the availability of applications for the 2016 Rotary Peace Fellowship. Our district is now actively recruiting applicants for this program. The goal is to seek fellows who will be given the opportunity to obtain professional development certificates or master's degrees in peace and conflict resolution. This is a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievement. Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders who promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, their careers, and service activities. The Peace Centers are located in England, Japan, Sweden, Australia, and Thailand. The application, as well as additional information, is available at the Rotary website, www.rotary.org/rotarycenters. Completed applications must be received by May 30, 2015 with scheduled interviews to follow.

For further information contact George Hrobuchak at 973-625-1449 or GHrobs@aol.com.

Pequannock Valley Valentine's Party



Pequannock Valley President Jenn welcomes twin daughters Addison and Savannah

Programs of Note

Our district's Gift of Life program is the second oldest and second largest of the seventy or so GOL programs worldwide. Founded in 1985, eleven years after GOL was begun by a Long Island Rotary Club, we have saved the lives of approximately 1,700 children since then. Learn how this wonderful Rotary program came to life and how you and your club can become part of its success.

Contact Shant Harootunian at shantv@optonline.net or 917-273-2627.

To learn about interesting and available programs for your Rotary Club, or to suggest one for this column, contact Mary Ann to: seeke@embarqmail.com"

Interesting programs of both Rotary and non-Rotary topics can be found on the District Web Site under "Speakers Bureau".

President Elects Training Seminar

Calling all president-elects, please join me for your President Elects Training Seminar on March 20th and 21st at the Hanover Marriott Hotel. This will be an opportunity for you to meet over 200 of your peers, those who will serve their club as President in 2015-16. There will also be several informative speakers including a Peace Fellow from the Rotary Foundation, our Rotary International Director, and a gentleman so motivated by Rotary that he will infuse you with enough enthusiasm to last your whole presidential year. You will also receive important information about membership, the many Rotary programs of our District, and the Rotary Foundation that will help you. To register please log on to: www.midnortheastpets.org and select our district 7470. Thank you in advance for registering and serving your club. I look forward to working with you and providing you with tools

We're Going to Washington!

**Plan Now to Attend
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◆ 18th January 2015

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March & April dates TBA

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*Polio Eradication, Rotary Meeting and Rotary Projects
Distribute flyers, Polio drops, take part in the Polio Rally/Road Shot*

*Home Hosting with Rotarian's
Excursion to Taj Mahal , Agra Fort , Jama Mosque , Raj Ghat, Amber Fort, City Palace*

It's known for amazing Indian food and best shopping experience for Handicrafts

Participation starting from One person (Traveling alone)



PDG Brian Thiessen & Team

Trips Dates

16th – 20th Jan'15

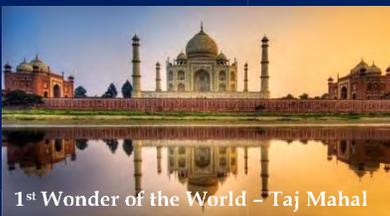
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March & April - TBA

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