

InFlight



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Larry's Libretto ----

Community Service – Where Rotary Begins

In keeping with Rotary International's monthly themes, May is "Community Service Month". For many Rotarians, this is the most important of the five Avenues of Service.

At my Governor's Official Visits earlier in the year, I talked about the impact our clubs have had on their respective communities, and how they would certainly be missed if they were no longer there, and how, if they had never existed at all, it would "leave an awful hole".

When we think about the things we contribute to our towns, and the quality of life of the residents, it's really something to be very proud of. The youth programs, beautification efforts, scholarships, citizenship awareness and recognition, programs for senior citizens, the homeless, food pantry support, etc., etc., etc.....

Early in the year, a Rotarian in a very small club said to me, "We can't do any service projects because we have no money". That got me thinking about all the things we can do in a community that cost little or no money, and still have a great beneficial result: sponsoring regular street cleanups, running blood drives, collecting used eye glasses and hearing aids, clothing

drives for the homeless, food collections at supermarkets for food pantries, and the list goes on and on.

And none of these projects cost a dime, and they all benefit the community and bring recognition and visibility to the Rotary Club.

Community Service – where charity begins at home.



Larry Ripley
District Governor

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Rotary International
President
2014-2015



District Conference Update

By the time you get this, the deadline for registering for the District Conference will have come and gone. That's not to say you can't still register, but the hotel only guaranteed our special rate until May 1st, so you may have to pay a slightly higher hotel rate.

We are absolutely thrilled at the response to this conference. We have a fantastic turnout, and have had to increase our room count with the hotel several times to accommodate everyone that wants to attend. What pleases me even more is the number of Rotarians that are bringing their kids or grandkids. I think that's just wonderful!

We've been notified that the R.I. President's Representative is PDG Robert "Robin" Shelley of Miami, FL and his wife Susan. We've been in communication with him and he seems to be a really nice, enthusiastic Rotarian. I'm sure we'll enjoy getting to know them in Washington.

The bus from Morris Plains is full with a waiting list, so if you were planning to take it, you'll have to make other arrangements. Several people are taking the train which goes into Union Station (right behind the Capitol Building). I understand it's a mere \$10 taxi ride from there to the hotel.

The Thursday night "Monuments in the Moonlight" bus tour of Washington has almost filled two buses at this point and looks to be a fun way to start the conference. Normally, we have only a small group on Thursday night, but this year all but four couples are coming on the first day, so we're going to be in "full swing" right from the start.

If you have any questions about the District Conference, please don't hesitate to reach out to either me (larryripley@verizon.net) or District Conference Chairman Ray Freaney (rfreaney@verizon.net).



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A true Jersey Boy, Morris Plains President-Elect Steve Rosenstein grew up in Hillside, the son of a real estate manager and homemaker mom. A CPA, Steve began his professional life with Price-Waterhouse until leaving the financial industry to start his own computer programming firm, Figtree Consulting, Inc. in 1983.

As his business and residence are both in Morris Plains, it was natural for him to join the Morris Plains Rotary Club 30 years ago this month. Over the years, Steve has held various offices in the club including Club Secretary (more than once) and chaired many committees and projects. And now, he is finally becoming Club President.

Steve's wife Abby is a very active supporter of Rotary, and they have two grown children: daughter Alix in Cleveland, and son Dave in the San Francisco bay area.



2015 Rotary Leadership Institute

The 2015 Rotary Leadership Institute was a great success with over 100 Rotarians in attendance. Classes were offered on a variety of topic including Membership Development, How to Make Your Club Vibrant, The Rotary Foundation, Effective Club Leadership just to name a few. Congratulation to the 50 plus members of District 7470 who attended. Feedback from everyone in attendance was very positive and all look forward to next year's program.

Jim Allison - Madison
Christina German - Whippany
Tim O'Donoval - Bernardsville
Rita Ambrosi - Denville
Doug Greenberger - Morristown
Mike Quick - Maplewood
Ellie Benz - Branchville
Cynthia Hadley Bailey - West Orange
Rick Rafferty - Denville
Lois Bhatt - Madison
Mark Hartmann - Netcong Stanhope
Pia Reich - Morristown
Tim Blattner - Caldwell
Carolyn King - Walkkill Valley
Shelby Rhodes - Netcong Stanhope
Jennifer Breuer - Glen Ridge
Jim Koons - Morristown

Bob Rinklin - Montclair
Damien Caillault -
Livingston Sunrise
Veronica Koons - Morristown
Jim Sheldon - Hackettstown
Clark, Perry - Jefferson
Valentina Kostenko - Whippany
Susan Simon-Spada - Rockaway
Geof Close - Morristown
Barry Kroll - Madison
Jonny Smith - Caldwell
Steve Colacurico - Caldwell
John Loughman - Morristown
Deb Starker - Madison
Jim Colavito - Whippany
Scott Maynard - Livingston Sunrise
Stacey Ann Swanson - Irvington

Jeff Dunst - West Orange
Andrew Miller - Madison
Alan Swider - Bernardsville
Mark Elbaum - Hackettstown
Eileen Miller - Madison
Pam Taylor - Maplewood
Missy Elias - Madison
Hal Moeller
Jeannie Tsukamoto - Madison
Robert Emert - Livingston Sunrise
Lynne Moronski - Morristown
Sharon Walsh - Walkkill Valley
Ray Freaney - Madison
Denise Nickel - Rockaway
Eric Yergan - Maplewood
Robbie Furman - Montclair
Ken Nickel - Rockaway
Peter Zarras - Morris Plains

Group Study Exchange Teams Outbound and Incoming



INCOMING - Jeancarlo, Alfredo, Cecelia, Glenny and Carmen



OUTBOUND - Monica, Hank, Grace, Do, Jeremy and Stacey

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Attendance Report

	Count	Loss	March Attendance.
Denville Sunrise	14	3	96.00%
Fairfield, NJ	6	1	93.00%
Morris Plains	66	5	93.00%
Whippany	26	2	92.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	9	-1	91.70%
Belvidere	10	0	91.00%
Blairstown	23	2	91.00%
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West Orange	40	-2	88.00%
Pequannock Valley	46	-4	86.90%
Caldwells	36	4	85.00%
Lake Hopatcong	24	0	85.00%
Newark	23	1	85.00%
Denville	54	5	83.00%
Jefferson Township	17	8	82.00%
Maplewood	22	2	82.00%
Nutley	27	0	82.00%
Rockaway	24	2	81.30%
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Branchville	32	0	78.07%
Walkill Valley	20	-3	78.00%
Madison Rotary	84	1	77.00%
Montclair	24	0	76.56%
Belleville	8	0	75.00%
Chatham Rotary	8	0	75.00%
Glen Ridge	19	-2	73.68%
Bernardsville	28	-3	72.58%
Livingston	13	-1	72.30%
Montville	7	1	70.00%
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Mount Olive Township	3	-2	66.00%
Randolph	27	-1	66.00%
Hampton Township	21	0	65.75%
Florham Park	12	1	64.58%
Morristown	58	-2	64.11%
Hackettstown	29	1	64.10%
Phillipsburg	31	1	61.00%
Washington	12	-1	60.00%
Vernon	19	1	59.00%
Newton	95	-4	58.60%
South Orange	9	0	58.33%
Chester-Long Valley	7	1	57.00%
Mt. Lakes - Boontons	12	-1	55.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	17	3	53.00%
Cedar Grove	13	-3	52.00%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	52.00%
Par-Troy	24	2	50.00%
Roxbury	25	-3	48.00%
Irvington	15	1	40.00%
Bloomfield	12	-1	37.00%
Dover - NR	17	0	0.00%
East Orange	6	0	0.00%
Mendham - NR	20	0	0.00%
TOTAL	1218	14	66.03%

RYLA - Multi District
 Districts 7470 & 7510
 Rotary Youth Leadership Award
 June 12, 13, 14, 2015
 Drew University

Register NOW
 Information Available
www.rotarydistrict7470.org

Registration Deadline
 May 31, 2015 or when
 120 capacity is reached
 \$265.00 per student



Mary Ann's Marquee

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"Isn't it nice not to have to cancel a meeting because of snow anymore? It's nice to see flowers, sunshine, and grass. Oh, don't complain because you have to mow it. It's better than shoveling snow."

Bernardsville – May will be busy for you. You plan a blood drive and a track meet for middle school students. Good luck with both. I note PDG Brad is trying to get your club to be a 100% R.I. Foundation donor club. A Rotary welcome to your new members Tim O'Donovan and John Carpenter.

Boonton – Your Country Breakfast must really have been successful because you raised enough money for your share of the two District grants that you received. One was for the Special Needs Students in the Boonton High School. The equipment purchased with your grant will teach them life work skills.

Branchville – Well? How much money was donated to the R.I. Foundation from your club Lose-a-Thon contest? Did everybody lose a notch or two on their belts since the beginning of the year?

Caldwell – You must be busy planning your 44th annual golf classic. PDG Karien Ziegler was all smiles when you handed her that \$2500 check toward the Polio Plus program. More than 2.5 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries because of this program. Total polio eradication is not far away.

Chester – Don't you like Monday nights anymore? You will now meet on Thursday at 11:30 at Redwoods Grill & Bar on Main Street in Chester and other Rotarians are invited to join you for lunch.

Denville – How many scholarships do you give at your awards dinner?

Was your progressive dinner exciting? Did you travel here and there and eat this and that? Hope your food drive was as successful as the Rockaway Club.

Glen Ridge – You will have a joint "Golf Classic" in June with Belleville, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge and Nutley. The weather should be perfect, Jefferson Township – Congratulations on your 50th anniversary and having PDG Bob Button install your new member Alice Szigethy.

Livingston – You gained a new member, Pat Montefusco, at your first Meet & Greet. Wouldn't it be nice to gain another member at your next one? You're already working on your October Awards Dinner. Good advance planning.

Madison – How was your Taste of Madison and your wine and cheese get together? You Madisonites sure must love food! Welcome to your new members Joan Goss and Josephine 'Jo' Gallo but sorry a couple of members moved away.

Mendham – Hope your Antique Show was again successful. You received a generous \$2000 donation toward your India Grant. Aren't people wonderful?

Newton – All right, John! What's a Pennsylvania Dutch style welcome? I didn't hear about any mishaps, so I guess your volleyball game with the SCCC students was successful - but did you win?

Morris Plains – Was "Gidyap" the word of the evening for your "Night at the Races"? Glad you had a good time but now it's time to get ready for a day on the golf course at your annual golf classic.

Nutley – Wow! You made over \$18,000 on your beefsteak dinner. Everybody did a stupendous job. That will go a long way to funding some club projects.

Pequannock Valley – Do you have a club of salesmen? You sold more than 60 books of tickets to the district 50/50 raffle. Impressive!

Rockaway – I'm sure Earl Sauvain would have been pleased with your \$300 donations to the music clubs of two local schools. You collected 50 bags of groceries again for the local food pantry. Welcome new member Cheri Foster.

Walkill Valley – How exciting hearing about Bridget Hobart's swim across the English Channel. I understand your Grapes & Hops event will be elegant.

Washington – How was your pancake breakfast at Applebees? You personally served the pancakes, didn't you?

Whippany – You have committed to several very worthy causes. Your anticipated donations to the fire department, Urban Cancer Care, and the Old Breed Rugby Club's scholarship will be appreciated.

"By the time you read this Inflight many of you will be filled with national pride and Rotary pride if you attended the conference in Washington, D.C. For those of you who couldn't attend, I hope you will ask the attendees to relate their wonderful District 7470 Conference so well planned by D.G. Larry."

Service Club Day

August 5, 2015

3:00 – 5:00 Carnival

5:00 – 5:30 "Thank You"

5:30 – 7:30 BBQ Dinner

For information and directions contact Bob Markman at rhmarkman@aol.com

Rotary World Peace Fellow to Give Keynote Address at District Conference Saturday Night

Courtney Matson, a former Rotary World Peace Fellow, will give the keynote address Saturday night at the upcoming District Conference in Washington, DC.

Courtney Matson is a Program Officer in the U.S. Global Development Lab at USAID and the Program Manager for the Lab's Ebola Task Force. Courtney has been with USAID for 4 years, and has been working in international development for over 10 years. She has worked on HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis in China and Africa, and development in conflict and post-conflict regions, especially Afghanistan and Pakistan.

She received a graduate degree with Distinction in Peace Studies with a concentration in International Politics and Security Studies from the University of Bradford in Yorkshire, England where she was a Rotary World Peace Fellow. When not working, Courtney enjoys cooking, climbing, biking, running, hiking, skiing, and generally spending time outdoors with her husband.



CLUB CERTIFICATION

Club certification under The Rotary Foundation's rules requires annual participation in a Grant Management Seminar so you will be eligible as a club to apply for Rotary Foundation grants, be they global grants or district grants. This is the third year that District 7470 has been conducting a Grant Management Seminar and this year it was incorporated into President-Elect Training (PETS).

The training takes place in the year prior to applying for grants. Those clubs being qualified now will be eligible to apply in the 2015-2016 Rotary Year that begins in July. To date 36 of the 50 Rotary Clubs in the district have participated. Not all have returned the Memorandum of Understanding that is the end process of the training. The leaves 14 clubs in the district that need to participate in training session.

Fortunately, District-Elect Frank Geraghty has provided that opportunity when the District Training Assembly is held at the Hanover Manor on Wednesday, May 13. I encourage all clubs who have not become grant qualified for the next year to participate on May 13 and earn your qualification.

Thank you.

Programs of Note

If there's anything that almost every Rotary Club has in common, it's the need to increase our membership. It's not rocket science, but it does take strategy and an ongoing effort to be successful. PDG Barry will develop a customized plan for your club that takes into account your particular situations and community. It's time to take growing your club seriously. Call him today.

Contact PDG Barry Kroll at
barrykroll@aol.com or 973-476-2772

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

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

Induction Ceremony on March 26, 2015 at Glen Ridge & Bloomfield.



L-R PDG Karien inducts Dick Gersh into the Glen Ridge Club and sponsor Larry Stauffer

L-E PDG Karien inducts Blossom Vernon into Bloomfield Rotary Club and PP Bill Soriano



L-R PDG Karien Inducts Ravi Mehrotra into Glen Ridge Rotary Club and sponsor Michael Rohal



THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



Rotary has been serving communities here at home, and around the world, for over 100 years. Your continued support of The Rotary Foundation brings lasting and positive change to communities in need, and inspires others to join our efforts to do good in the world.

Our district current has 24 Paul Harris Society members. Our goal is to have 50 Paul Harris Society members. We are looking for others to join this elite group of dedicated Rotarians. We want to identify those who see our Foundation as the life blood of Rotary; those who are willing to give at the level of \$1,000 per year to help promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, protect mothers and children, support education and grow local economies in our District and throughout the world.

The good news is you don't have to make your contribution all at once. By committing yourself to an \$85 a month tax exempt gift, you will become a member of the Society. So make that commitment now and your generosity will be recognized at the District Conference.

Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society recognizes those who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or an approved Foundation Grant.

To join the Paul Harris Society:

1. Contact PDG Jim Allison, Paul Harris Society Chair at jra188@aol.com or 201-213-6382 and he will guide you through the easy process of becoming a Paul Harris Society member.

2. You can also contribute online at www.rotary.org/contribute or contact Jim who can help you set this up. Rotary Direct, Rotary's recurring giving program, is a great way to join the PHS in a safe, secure and easy way. This can be done monthly, quarterly or even annually. For less than \$85 per month you can become a member and it is tax deductible.

Paul Harris Society gifts advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by supporting Rotarian initiated activities both locally and internationally.

I sincerely hope you will consider joining this growing group of Rotary Foundation supporters.

PDG Jim Allison
Paul Harris Society Chair

Join the Paul Harris Society
Make a Difference

President Elects Training 2015

This year's president elects had the opportunity to meet over 200 of their counterparts in neighboring districts as well as to learn more about Rotary. There were several outstanding speakers who addressed the president elects about their upcoming year and more importantly about some great programs that Rotary is providing communities.

Lt. Dario Pace of the Philadelphia Police Department gave a wonderful presentation on the benefits of the Rotary Peace Scholars program. He feels that the Rotary Peace program can help police departments communicate and empathize with the diverse cultures in their communities.

Another outstanding presentation was given by past District Gov. John Capps about preparing for and succeeding as the Rotary club president. John spoke passionately about leading a Rotary club and as always instilled new ideas and enthusiasm in all those present. Everyone in attendance learned something new and exciting about Rotary.

Ross Redmond Youth Exchange Needs Host Families for One Week in August

To volunteer to be a host family, contact Jim Allison at
jra188@aol.com or 201-213-6382.

On July 30, twenty eight students and two leaders will arrive in our Rotary District from Shikoku, Japan as part of the Ross Redmond Short Term Youth Exchange. We are looking for hosts during their 3 week stay. This is your chance to learn about Japanese culture, develop new friendships, and make a positive difference in the life of a student. It is also great fun and easier than you may think.

On weekdays, you will provide breakfast and then drop the two students at a designated location near your home. The students board a Rotary bus and spend the day visiting attractions in and around our District, including New York and Philadelphia. At the end of the day you will pick them up at the same location and learn all about their adventures at your evening meal. On weekends, the students are with you for two entire days so you can plan activities and show them your community. Having high school aged students of your own is not a requirement to participate in the program.

Host families are responsible for meals, accommodations, activities, supervision and care. We will provide training and answer all of your questions. A background check is required.

Hosting dates are as follows:

Section 1 (Sussex, Warren and western Morris Counties)

From July 31 to August 6

Drop off in Phillipsburg or Mt. Arlington

Section 2 (Morris County and Bernardsville)

From August 6 to August 12

Drop off in Florham Park

Section 3 (Essex County)

From August 12 to August 18

Drop off in West Orange

This is the 37th year that our District and District 2670 in Japan have participated in this exchange. Since its inception thousands of students from both countries have taken part in this program, building goodwill and fostering international understanding. Now you have the opportunity to get involved and help in this cause. With your involvement the bond between these two countries can grow stronger.

To volunteer to be a host family, contact Jim Allison at jra188@aol.com
201-213-6382.

Rotary Ross Redmond Youth Exchange Needs
Host Families in Essex County for One six days in August from
August 14 to August 20

If you know of anyone who may be interested or you are able to volunteer to be a host family, contact
Jim Allison at jra188@aol.com or 201-213-6382.

P.S.. It is great fun and easier than you may think. Call me for more information.

Jim

Confusion Exists About What Rotary Is and What It Does

Below Are The Top 10 Myths About Rotary

Myth 1 - Rotary is for men only

Rotary International began in 1905, and for the first 84 years of its existence, it is true that women were not admitted into membership. But as the prevalence of female business leaders began to grow, and in response to a ground swell of demand for female admission, Rotary changed its legislation in 1989 to admit women. Today women represent approximately 34% of Rotary membership in United States.

Myth 2 - Rotary is for old people

Some believe that one's age is just a number, and it is one's attitude that is important. So I guess that depends on at which age you believe "old" cuts in, but you can join Rotary at 18 or 118!. Either way, Rotary welcomes "younger" members with open arms. We are depending on them to keep our organization vibrant.

Myth 3 - You have to attend every week

Most Rotary clubs meet on a weekly basis, and members are encouraged to attend whenever possible, but we understand that there are many demands on the time of today's business professional. In addition to regular club meetings, Rotarians have other ways to become involved, such as fundraising activities, community service projects, leadership training events and social activities.

Myth 4 - Rotary is only for Doctors, Lawyers and CEOs

Rotary's membership base is a broad cross section of people from diverse backgrounds, cultures and professions. Our diversity is our strongest asset. Teachers, bankers, accountants, retailers, students, plumbers, electricians, health care workers, farmers... you name it, they are all represented in Rotary. Work from home? Just starting out in business? Moving up through the ranks? Made it to the top? Retired? There is a role for you in Rotary.

Myth 5 - Membership is by invitation only

Anyone can visit and join Rotary club. There are no secret handshakes or "member only" rituals in Rotary. We accept members from all walks of life, and have no cultural or religious barriers or expectations. Meetings are open and everyone is welcome.

Myth 6 - Rotary is a religious organization or a secret society

Rotary is non-religious and non-political. We have no secret handshake, no secret meetings and no secret rituals. It is an open organization of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

Myth 7 - All Rotarians do is cook barbecues

We often cook hamburgers at community events to raise funds. Rotary clubs adopt many initiatives for raising funds to support their projects. Barbecues are a part of life and it's true that they are one of the more visible methods by which Rotary clubs raise their funds, but behind the scenes there are many less obvious ways that hard working Rotarians raise their funds and contribute to the community.

Myth 8 - You've seen one Rotary club, you've seen them all

There are over 34,000 Rotary clubs in the world and no two are the same. They are all unique, with unique members, unique projects, and unique culture. Each has its own board of directors who administer the club autonomously. One of them is just right for you!

Myth 9 - You cannot discuss your business or profession in Rotary

The first ever Rotary meeting, 110 years ago in Chicago, was initiated to serve the professional and social interests of its members. But as Rotary grew, members began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. Rotary is now the world's premier humanitarian service organization, but its roots are firmly embedded in business networking.

Myth 10 - Rotary is an "old fashioned" organization, with boring and ritualistic meetings

As a century old organization, it's reasonable to expect that there are some long observed traditions in some clubs. But the very highest levels of Rotary leadership, both at global and local level, are encouraging clubs to innovate and become more progressive in the way they do things. Every club is different. Some are more progressive. But let there be no doubt, Rotary is changing for the better.

Help Spread the Rotary Word

The End is Near!

The end of the Rotary year that is, and that means that Rotary Clubs all over the world will be sending their annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation and naming Paul Harris Fellows. And every year, a couple of clubs in our district miss the deadline, and their contribution is not credited to this year, but next year, and they didn't get the materials in time to award their PHF's at their installation dinner.

And why is this? Because at this time of year thousands of clubs are sending in their contributions to The Foundation at the same time, and the staff in Evanston is overwhelmed.

So what can we do about it? Send your donations in earlier – by June 1st to be on the safe side. Don't fall prey to the evils of procrastination! Contact Roland Basinski at empbenguy@aol.com .

District Training Webinars

District Training Webinars are now available to all Rotarians in the district. Below is a summary of the upcoming webinars. Complete information and registration links are available on the district website www.rotarydistrict7470.org. Registration is required. Once registered you will receive email confirmation and reminders of your upcoming webinar.

Summary of upcoming webinars

Intro to RI Website and Rotary Central
May 05, 2015
New Members Orientation
May 07, 2015
Club websites – Best Practices
May 19, 2015
Assistant Governor Webinar
May 21, 2015
Entering Attendance into the District Website
June 02, 2015

We're Going to Washington!

**Plan Now to Attend
the District Conference**

May 28 – 31, 2015



**At the newly-renovated
Holiday Inn Capitol
(Within walking distance of the Mall)**

“Bring the whole family!”

**2016
Rotary Leadership Institute**

**Save the Date
Mark your Calendar**

**Saturday, April 9, 2016
West Orange High School**