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Barry's Blog

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What a wonderful year!

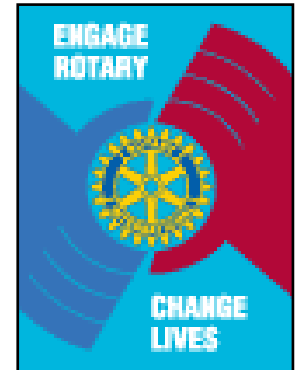
My person thanks to the District Leadership Team, my Assistant Governors, Committee Chairs, Club Presidents, Club Officers and all Rotarians in the District for a year that I will cherish for a lifetime. Thank you doesn't sound like much but it is very heartfelt. Judy and I will always remember what you do for the district as we continue to Engage Rotary – Change Lives.

There are two things that I will especially remember, the first is all of the great Rotarians from all of the Clubs that I had the opportunity to meet over the course of the year. It is heartwarming to know that there are so many Rotarians dedicated to making a difference in their communities both locally and internationally. The second is the amazing number of projects, programs and services achieved by all of the Clubs. Collectively we positively affected the lives of thousands of people – and we had a lot of fun while strengthening our Rotary fellowship.

A special highlight for me was the District Conference held in April. We were fortunate to have Cliff Dochterman as our Rotary International



RI President 2013-2014
Ron D. Burton



Representative. It just doesn't get any better than having Cliff. He was motivating, inspirational and had a great sense of humor. Every who heard him speak agreed he delivered several powerful Rotary messages motivating us all.

My year as District Governor is coming to an end and I am looking forward to continuing to serve as a Past District Governor. I am excited when I look at the line-up of incoming District Governors. We have a very strong line-up and I know that you will join me in supporting Larry Ripley as he begins his year as Governor. I am excited that he plans to continue an emphasis on membership development, foundation giving and enhancing all that we do in the District.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make Rotary year 2013-2014 the best ever.

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Don Schuld

Roxbury Rotary Club

Roxbury Rotarian Don Schuld shares his hobby with us and how he became involved



It began some 30 years ago when my sister asked if I would make her a sleigh to hang on her front door. It was a simple "belly flopper" that I made in 30 minutes.

Not long after that I began to make "horse drawn" sleighs out of thin plywood they were nice but nothing like I would build in the future.

I started buying special woods from catalogs and also picked up wood from maple furniture that people put out for the trash. In the early years I had to do a lot of "filing" so I bought a special sanding machine with different size drums that save me a lot of time.

My sleighs are my own design and when I am pleased with a certain design I might make 6 or 7 sleighs of that design. Some are as large as a "breadbox and some the size of a "loaf" of bread. Some are stained and some are painted. My favorite is a black sleigh with gold trim.

Over the years I have made perhaps 80 or more sleighs, and have given twenty away to special friends. Some people have "asked" for one but I usually don't abide. I also don't build them for money although people have asked for that as well.

Perhaps 15 years ago or more I entered one in the District Conference Craft Show and won best in category and best of show.

What happened to the District Conference Craft Show? Where did it go? How many other Rotarians have such neat skills/hobbies?

Support the Rotary Foundation

Remember the mission of the Rotary Foundation is simple. "Doing Good In the World".

June of every year historically is the month when most individuals and clubs make their contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Please when it comes time to write you individual of club check to the Foundation be generous as you can. Your support is needed to continue to life saving work of the foundations.

We have all heard and seen the stories of the accomplishments of our foundation – all you have to do is go to [HYPERLINK "http://www.rotary.org"](http://www.rotary.org) www.rotary.org and see for yourself.

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Promote your Club Events

Does your Club have an upcoming event or fundraiser that you would like to communicate to all Clubs in the District?

Send a flyer to Barry Kroll - barrykroll@aol.com and it will be posted on the District Website

Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	April Attendance.
Denville Sunrise	11	-2	100.00%
Morris Plains	59	1	95.80%
Pequannock Valley	51	-1	94.80%
Denville	49	2	94.00%
Belvidere	10	1	93.00%
Blairstown	24	1	91.00%
Jefferson	10	-1	91.00%
Caldwells	31	1	90.00%
Whippany	25	1	90.00%
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Rockaway	22	1	89.10%
Branchville	32	3	84.09%
Walkkill Valley	24	1	83.00%
Nutley	26	1	82.00%
Livingston	14	-1	81.40%
Maplewood	20	-2	80.00%
Newark	25	-6	80.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	11	2	80.00%
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Irvington	14	-1	79.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	7	0	78.00%
Glen Ridge	22	0	77.27%
Hackettstown	26	1	75.00%
West Orange	41	41	75.00%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	71.00%
Phillipsburg	29	2	71.00%
Chatham Millburn	9	2	70.00%
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Madison Rotary	82	2	69.70%
Netcong-Stanhope	14	-1	67.00%
Hampton Township	21	2	66.60%
South Orange	10	1	65.00%
Randolph	28	-1	64.00%
Florham Park	11	-1	63.60%
Montclair	24	1	62.50%
Morristown	60	4	59.93%
Belleville	8	1	59.00%
Chester-Long Valley	8	0	59.00%
Mendham Rotary	20	-1	59.00%
Boonton	13	2	53.00%
Newton	101	2	52.80%
Par-Troy Rotary	24	2	44.55%
Bernardsville - NR	34	0	0.00%
Butler/Triboro - NR	12	0	0.00%
Cedar Grove- NR	18	0	0.00%
Dover - NR	16	0	0.00%
Fairfield NJ - NR	6	0	0.00%
Lake Hopatcong - NR	23	0	0.00%
Montville Township - NR	5	0	0.00%
Mount Olive Township - NR	6	0	0.00%
Roxbury - NR	22	0	0.00%
Vernon Township - NR	18	0	0.00%
Washington - NR	6	0	0.00%
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Totals	1222	-102	65.87%



Mary Ann's Marquee

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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! You sent so many bulletins this month I'll have to get another pair of reading glasses. I guess all these wonderful district Rotary functions have inspired us to memorialize our club events, in addition to the district events. Those of us who managed to attend the 7470 functions had a great time, didn't we? How about PRIP Cliff Docterman? And we would be remiss if we didn't tell our district leaders what a impressive job they did. Kudos – District 7470 leaders.

Bernardsville – That 'know your Fellow Rotarian' concept is a cute idea and a great way to fill a program with no scheduled speaker. You really get to know your 'fellow' Rotarians, i.e. likes, dislikes, home life, work, etc. At the conference, your (our) PDG Brad donated a spectacular photograph he took and it raised a nice sum of money for the Foundation. Thank you Brad.

Boonton – Your Italian Ice probably didn't melt this month but I bet it will at your July sale. My, you're busy – ice/pancakes/ice and congratulations on your \$2000 Foundation grant for your technological education project in the local district.

Branchville – How was your field trip to the new Branchville Municipal Building on your "Building and Historical Display Tour?" Did A.G.Peggy keep you posted on all the district meetings and events?

Caldwell – Your donation of \$1000

will buy a nice amount of food for the Caldwell Food Pantry. You will donate the revenues from your Golf Outing toward the construction of a visitor's center honoring President Grover Cleveland's birthplace in Caldwell. You did a lighting system to illuminate it in Rotary's Centennial year, didn't you? Keep in step as you march in the Memorial Day Parade.

Cedar Grove – Your PDG Bob Pityo is on the move again. Not only is he reporting on his favorite 'dictionary project' but also favorably elaborating on the up-coming Vocational Assembly. Look out, everyone, here comes Bob!

Denville – It's that time again. It's time for your 33rd Premier Street Festival with live music, beer garden, rides, and other fun things. Have a good event.

Denville Sunrise – Was a quack heard behind the duck proceeding into the room with your club banner at the conference? Be careful, don't let a truck run over a duck at your 'touch a truck' during the street fair in June.

Hackettstown – Well – how was your shredding project? Did you shred enough to have a ticker tape parade at your Motor Madness event?

Jefferson – I see your DGD Margit is still working hard for the "Hope for Veterans" program helping the homeless veterans.

Mendham – You've had some interesting programs lately, i.e. wine, 'relief bus'. Good luck on your consideration of a proposal for a Global Grant for Africa Surgery, Inc with the Rotary Club of Makeni, Sierra Leone
Morris Plains – Something's fishy ..

oh, that was your 39th annual fishing contest. Those youngsters must have been thrilled with all the fish they caught – a record number. Roll up those sleeves! DGE Larry is already putting you to work at the Assembly in preparation for the club's year as the 7470 District Governor's club.

Morristown – Good luck 'Team Rotary' in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. It is nice that you also promote community events in your bulletins/website. By the way, why are you planting barrels? You said you were busy barrel planting.

Newton –The program you had on Bertrand's Island, the playground of Sussex County for so many years, must have been very interesting. And now your annual happy Garden Party is nigh which will finish your Rotary year on a joyous note.

Nutley – You may have had some small numbers at your meetings because of the bad weather but your gang came through visiting the Rutherford Club, attending Glen Ridge Beefsteak, and attending the Conference. Nice friendships you have.

Parsippany-Cedar Knolls – Congratulations! You and your Interact Club both received Presidential Citations. Good luck with your Beefsteak and Tricky Tray.

Pequannock Valley – Good luck with your Golf Outing and Run for Marge. Hi Jay!

Phillipsburg – "Cork and Forks" fundraiser honored Lou Reda, filmmaker, born in Phillipsburg.

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Marquee

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Did you have a good turnout?

Rockaway – Your tent at the "Change the World" event at the United Methodist Church in Rockaway invited attendees to join in "Fighting Hunger" which will assist the food closet in helping area families. Your conference display received an award for this project. What? Bart Moriarty retiring? Impossible! He's a fixture in your club.

Walkill Valley – Condolences on the loss of your member Arthur Smith who had been an active member since 1971. You will miss your song leader.

Washington – Are you still doing your town sign replacement project?

Whippany – Wow, that Duck Race, your 23rd annual, is more than just a Duck Race. It sounds like a huge fun day with buggy rides, face painting, and lots of other 'fun' stuff. Happy swimming, duckies.

"I would like to end today's Marquee with a statement made by PRIP Cliff Dochterman. 'He said if he had to give the meaning of Rotary in a single word it would be OPPORTUNITY. Rotary offers opportunities beyond your wildest imagination.' Have you taken your opportunities for Rotary this year?"

Join the Paul Harris Society Make a Difference



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.

At the Foundation Brunch and the District Conference this year we named 20 Paul Harris Society members. Now we are looking for others who wish to join this elite group of 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.

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. , Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, is a great way to join the PHS in a safe, secure and easy way. This can be done monthly, quarterly or even annually.

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 special group of Rotary Foundation supporters.

PDG Jim Allison

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BANNER EXCHANGE

Welcome Larry Ripley As The Incoming Governor

JUNE 17, 2014 - 6 PM

Brentton Wood Manor, 161 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains

Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres, Dinner and Open Bar

\$50.00 Per Person

RSVP to larryripley@verizon.net

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Rotarians Help Fund Agricultural Program for Students

The Branchville Rotary is proud to announce that they have been chosen to receive \$1000 grant earmarked for the AG Bag Program. This program is one of the many free educational programs offered through The Agricultural Learning Center at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. The program, making its debut this Spring, was created to help educators teach about agriculture through literature.

AG Bags are a tool for teachers of children that are either primary or elementary level students and are available on a variety of topics. Each "Bag" has an age appropriate non-fiction anchor book that is meant to be read aloud. Supplementary



Pictured Left to Right: Lynn Snyder, Secretary - Eric Snyder, President - Kathy Cafasso Director of the Agricultural Learning Center.

picture books (fiction and non-fiction) and a notebook with activities are included as well as puppets, posters, games and materials as necessary. Primary AG Bags have the option of an AG Home Sack – a bag with a book to be read aloud at home and an accompanying activity for the student to do. All of these are geared to educate the children about agriculture in general, and New Jersey and Sussex County agriculture specifically.

Kathy Cafasso, Director of the Agricultural Learning Center, is a former educator. She has brought her expertise into her current position and her enthusiasm about the AG Bag program is contagious. She was thrilled to accept the donation from the Branchville Rotary Club and complimented the club members who volunteered their time to help with the shopping and accumulation of all the AG Bag contents. Ms Cafasso urges teachers to check the HYPERLINK "<http://WWW.NJStateFair.org>" WWW.NJStateFair.org website to find out about this program and all the other programs available through the Agricultural Learning Center. The web site will post a catalog of all the available topics covered by the AG Bags, which can be borrowed for 2 weeks at no cost. Teachers can reserve their choice of AG Bags by contacting HYPERLINK "<mailto:Kcafasso@njstatefair.org>" Kcafasso@njstatefair.org or call 973-948-5500 x 259.

Members of the Branchville Rotary Club come from all over the county. Helping promote agriculture is just one of many ways they contribute to the community. Their major fundraiser is the Roast Beef Booth that they run each year at the State fair. Eric Snyder, President explains that the group works hard but has fun doing so. He explains that, "The Roast Beef Booth provides an opportunity for members and their friends to socialize by working together in the fun filled atmosphere of the Fair. It is a great way to enjoy one another, while feeling good about the fact that you are helping to raise funds that are funneled back into scholarships, and many of the areas non-profits and service organizations, as well as projects of Rotary International." Along with the Roast Beef Booth, Branchville Rotarians and their friends and family enjoy working the annual United Way's Chili Open "Golf Tournament". They provide lunch to all the participants of this entertaining event that takes place each winter at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. Those interested in finding out more about the Branchville Rotary Club can stop in at the Upper Deck of the Third Base Pub any Friday at 12 noon. Or they can contact President, Eric Snyder at 973-670-0461.



West Orange Rotary Club Food Drive Interactor



Rockaway President-elect Janice Christensen presents check for Polio to PDG Karien at District Training



West Orange Rotary Club members attend Rotary Leadership Institute

L-R President Christos a Graduate student, John, completed Part 3, Cynthia completed Part 2, PDG Karien, David completed Part 1 and Megan completed Part 2.

New District Committees

When the District Directory comes out this week, you will notice two new committees on the list:

The Veterans' Support Committee and the Food Pantry Support Committee.

Both of these committees came into being because of a recognized need. Like most of our other program committees, someone saw that a job needed to be done and stepped up to lead the effort.

The functions of these committees will be to collect and disseminate information. For instance, if your club is not currently involved with supporting a food bank, but would like to learn more about the need, the Food Pantry Support Committee is a place you can turn to learn who the food banks are in your area, who to contact and what their needs are.

Likewise, the Veterans' Support Committee will be collecting information about different veterans' support organizations, how to contact them and what their specific focus is. Some veterans' groups concentrate on housing, some on financial support, others on particular medical issues.

For more information, feel free to contact the following committee chairs:
Food Pantry Support – Marc Lebowitz (Whippany)
marcleb@yahoo.com

Are We Having Fun Yet?

Well, if we're not, what are we doing here?

Let's face it. We're all busy people, and when we decide how we're going to spend our valuable time, whether or not we're enjoying ourselves is a big factor.

So I would venture to assume that since most of us have been Rotarians for many years, we must be having a good time. And you know what? That's important!

The fellowship aspect of Rotary has long been held to be a vital piece of the puzzle that makes up our Rotary experience. After all, if we weren't enjoying ourselves, I think most of us would have quit years ago. Think of the many friends you've made through Rotary over the years.

Which brings me to the next question: If this is so much fun, why aren't we asking our friends to join us?

Most people are reluctant to ask their friends and acquaintances to do anything that they feel might be an imposition on them. But you know what? If somebody hadn't thought highly enough of you several years ago to think that you might enjoy becoming a Rotarian, you wouldn't be here reading this today.

World Polio Day Friday, 24 October 2014

JOIN IN. SPEAK OUT. DONATE. BE PART OF HISTORY

October 24th Rotarians around the world will observe "World Polio Day", a day dedicated to bringing fresh awareness to the efforts to rid the world of this dreadful crippling disease.

WHAT WILL YOU; YOU'RE CLUB AND YOUR DISTRICT DO TO END POLIO NOW?

Start your planning now, set your goal and work to achieve it by 24 October.

Invite your Interactors, Rotaractors, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to join with you in ensuring a polio free world.

"The Polio End Game Plan" is dedicated to eradicating polio completely by 2018. New partners are joining the fight, countries have made this their main health concern, the Red Cross has joined forces and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have announced a new 3-to-1 matching program for every dollar donated; all to help finish this job forever. Polio cases have gone down more than 50% from this time last year showing that efforts are working.