

# InFlight



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## Larry's Libretto ----

Rotary's monthly theme for October is Vocational Service. And in keeping with the Rotary Motto, "Service Above Self", it's a good idea to remind ourselves every once in a while that a good Rotarian uses their vocational and professional skills as a means to provide service, as well as a method to earn a living.

We all know lawyers who offer pro-bono services to the poor and elderly who can't afford them otherwise, and dentists, doctors, accountants, pharmacists, educators, contractors, farmers, etc., in our Rotary family who give of themselves quietly and selflessly, using their professional training to help those less fortunate. Right?

When we have skills that we've invested in training and education for, are we supposed to only apply those skills to making money? Or are we, as Rotarians, supposed to answer to a higher calling than that? Whether you're a college professor or a ditch-digger, there is someone who can benefit from your skills but can't afford them. Look for opportunities to serve, and to use those abilities that make your service that much more special.

And congratulations to Margit Rahill of the Jefferson Twp.



Larry Ripley  
District Governor  
2014-2015



Gary C. F. Huang  
Rotary International  
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2014-2015

Club, this year's winner of the district's Vocational Service Award. She's a Rotarian who does just that – puts service above herself.

## IN MEMORIAM

### PDG ROBERT R. WILSON, SR.

Age 93 Nazareth, PA

"Bob" who served as District Governor 1981-1982 died peacefully in his home Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014 with family by his side. He was the loving husband of the late Wanadell Wilson and the late Gudrun Wilson.

Robert is survived by 2 daughters, 3 sons, 3 step-daughters, 16 grandchildren, and 17 great-grand children who loved him dearly.

While serving District 747 his logo was "In The Spirit of Rotary". Bob wrote, "As District Governor, I had the opportunity to serve Rotary and the many friends that I made and have enjoyed their continued friendship to this day. When you serve others there is a certain reward that comes to you that cannot be explained. There is no greater love that we have than in helping other, for that's what makes life worthwhile. I believe Rotary is the vehicle that meets this need."



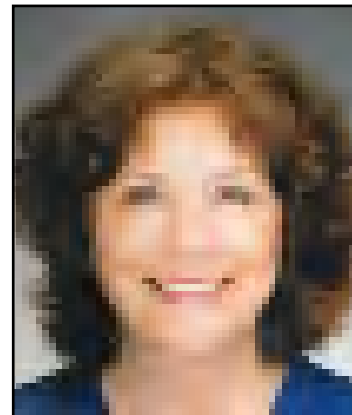
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Janet Storti is a first-year Assistant Governor with responsibility for helping out four Essex County clubs. Her devotion to her own club, Chatham-Millburn-Short Hills, led to her appointment as an AG in order for her to share her enthusiasm with other clubs.

She is a teacher of English at Livingston High School and LaGuardia Community College. She has two passions, the performing arts and human rights. Her goal as a Rotarian is to work on behalf of human rights in the U.S. and abroad as a teacher of English with displaced persons and refugees or anyone in need of the language.

She lives with her family in Cranford and travels to Italy to visit the rest of her family as often as possible. She is very proud that one of her daughters is also interested in human rights activism.



## PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

On November 22, 2014, District 7470 will be recognizing members of this year's Paul Harris Society. You are invited to be part of this year's Paul Harris Society. To qualify you must commit to contributing \$1,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation in the current Rotary year, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.



Support of The Rotary Foundation enables Rotary to provide programs and services through clubs that affect the lives of thousands of people. One of the most notable programs is the elimination of polio from the world. We are close but still have a ways to go and this can't be done without the support of generous donors. Here is a link to the Paul Harris Society Brochure with complete information [HYPERLINK "https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com"](https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com).

### To join the Paul Harris Society:

1. Contact PDG Jim Allison, Paul Harris Society Chair at [HYPERLINK "mailto:jra188@aol.com"](mailto:jra188@aol.com) 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 [HYPERLINK http://www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute) 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

To be recognized at the Foundation Ball, all we need is your pledge/commitment to contribute \$1000.00 to the Foundation before June 30, 2015

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**Attendance Report**

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	August Attendance.
Mount Olive	3	-2	100.00%
Denville Sunrise	11	0	94.00%
Jefferson	10	1	94.00%
Morris Plains	63	2	92.40%
Belvidere	10	0	91.00%
Caldwells	32	0	91.00%
Blairstown	22	1	90.00%
Newark	14	-8	90.00%
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Pequannock Valley	44	-6	88.00%
Denville	49	0	87.00%
Whippany	25	1	85.00%
Dover	17	0	82.00%
Irvington	14	0	81.00%
Fairfield, NJ	5	0	80.00%
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Hampton	21	0	76.00%
Glen Ridge	21	0	75.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	4	-3	75.00%
Maplewood	20	0	74.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	10	0	74.00%
Rockaway	26	4	73.80%
Walkkill Valley	21	-2	73.00%
Livingston	14	0	71.40%
Cedar Grove	16	0	70.00%
Mendham	22	2	70.00%
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West Orange	42	0	67.20%
Montville	6	0	67.00%
South Orange	9	0	66.67%
East Orange	6	0	66.00%
Randolph	28	0	66.00%
Washington	13	0	65.38%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	65.00%
Chatham Millburn	8	0	63.00%
Nutley	27	0	62.00%
Branchville	32	0	61.82%
Madison	81	-2	60.50%
Newton	100	1	59.90%
Belleville	8	0	59.00%
Montclair	26	2	58.65%
Hackettstown	26	-2	57.00%
Morristown	57	-3	56.94%
Phillipsburg	30	0	56.00%
Roxbury	26	-2	56.00%
Chester-Long Valley	6	0	54.00%
Florham Park	11	0	54.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	15	1	51.00%
Bernardsville	31	0	45.96%
Boonton	13	0	40.00%
Vernon	18	0	40.00%
Par-Troy Hills	24	2	35.82%
Bloomfield	13	0	33.00%
Lake Hopatcong	24	0	No Report
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>66.26%</b>

**New Members Needed**

Why is it important to continually recruit new members for your Rotary Club?

Membership growth increases Rotary's capacity for service.

New Rotarians bring fresh ideas, new interests, and increased energy to clubs.

More members increase the volume of support for The Rotary Foundation.

Diversity in membership ensures that the club is relevant to the entire community.

Service-minded individuals are given the opportunity to help their communities through Rotary.

More members create a larger network for both local and international fellowship.

New and younger members ensure the future of Rotary and its work.



## Mary Ann's Marquee

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“Autumn is such a nice season. The weather is comfortable, the trees are colorful, and the hectic holiday season has not yet started. But, when I hear Nat King Cole sing “The Autumn Leaves”, I get nostalgic, and then my mind reverts to realism and I wonder if the composer ever had to rake up those falling leaves.”

**Bernardsville** – Is your Giving Garden still giving or has it given all it had? Who will have the honor at the ‘cork pull’ at the Taste of Bernardsville? Welcome to Rotary, Noah.

**Boonton** – It’s that time of year again- “Boonton Day” - and you will sell some Italian Ice and sell some Rotary. It’s a nice way to work on Membership.

**Caldwell** – A Midsummer’s Night Meeting at the Caldwell College Campus sounds lovely. First you dined then, thanks to Pres. Tim and Nancy, you toured the impressive campus facilities. How’s your grant application coming along for the DRRO?

**Denville** – Pres. Rick, it sounds like you’ve given a great deal of time to promote your Facebook page. It’s easy to get the youngsters to connect with Facebook but it will take some time to get the ‘more mature’ members to catch on.

**Denville Sunrise** – That Haunting Spirit Preview sounds intriguing. What is it? Were you successful with your emergency blood drive in answer to DG Larry’s call for help? I see you have another one scheduled in a month or so. Livingston – Good luck with your Pedals for Progress which you work on with the

Sunrise Club. There’s more work on that project than meets the eye. How nice that you will honor a business owner Tim McLoone, the Livingston Fire Department, and the Livingston First Aid Squad at your High Honors Dinner.

**Madison** – Is it really possible that 10,000 people might attend Madison’s annual festival a/k/a Bottle Hill Day? Hi Simran – you arrived just in time for the festivities, food, entertainment, and shopping.

**Mendham** – What a nice change of pace playing miniature golf in lieu of your meeting. I don’t suppose you were warming up for the district golf event, were you? You had a busy September – blood drive, and co-hosting a blood drive.

**Montclair** – ‘Rotary Committee Day’ – good idea. Its purpose is to keep committees working and on track toward a positive completion of events. When you have a food drive, citrus sale, holiday party, Taste of Montclair, it requires many committees.

**Morris Plains** – Did you have fun at the block party? Who ate all the baked goods? Better yet, who baked all the baked goods? Good luck with another blood drive. Hi Jakob!

**Morristown** – Your ‘tribute card’ program seems like a unique way to pay tribute to someone by way of a donation to your endowment fund. Did you wash your garden gloves and trowel for this year’s fall barrel planting?

**Newton** – Sounds like you had the whole family involved in your fair booth this year, i.e. children, grandchildren, and how generous of the Lentini Farm to donate the corn for your food booth. Und finally – Auf Wiedersehn!

**Nutley** – Paying ½ of the dinner for your Rotarians to attend the Presidents’ Ball is a good way to

encourage attendance. And - you should march in the Columbus Day Parade. After all if John Gizzo is Nutley’s ‘Man of the Year’ – he’s right up there with Columbus. Hey, Steve, you’ve got some good ideas for the club.

**Pequannock Valley** – Your generous \$1500 donation will certainly help the “New Bridge Services Jobs Plus Program”. This program helps more than 10,000 people meet challenges and live better. Oh, by the way, I understand a ‘girl’ caught the biggest fish on your fishing trip. Way to go young lady!

**Rockaway** – Four new members, wow! Do they know they’ll have to jump right in and help with the Rockaway Street Fair and your clean community’s project? Welcome to the Community Avenue of Service. Four more avenues to travel.

**Roxbury** – Our District 7470 mourns the loss of your member Bob Wilson who was a PDG in 1981-1982.

**Wallkill Valley** – How did your Rotary Brew Fest turn out? We understand the bratwurst, pretzels, and potato salad were delicious. Did you have bad weather again? You really must make up with Mother Nature.

**Whippany** – Congratulations on your new member Nancy. Your scheduled donations to various community charities will be appreciated. You answered the call of the DG and held a successful blood drive. Good luck on the next one, too.

“Me thinks I have babbled enough - so whilst I am still of sound mind, I wouldst utter a fond farewell until next month.”



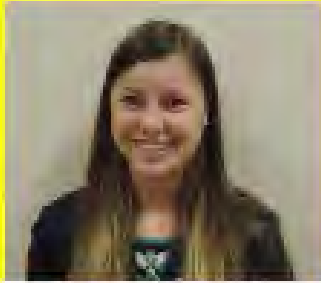
The Dictionary Project is a non-profit charitable organization based in Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., and was founded by Mary French in 1995 to provide personal copies of a dictionary for third grade students in the South Carolina public school system. It has grown into a national organization. To date, over 19 million dictionaries have been donated to children in the United States and internationally.

District 7470 has participated since its inception in 1995. All clubs are encouraged to participate in this Club Service Project. Let's have 100% District participation. School has begun and is in full swing. Students need their dictionaries now!



*On Tuesday, September 9th, the Rotary Clubs of Denville & Denville Sunrise provided all third grade students at Lakeview School, Riverview School and St. Mary's Prep with their own dictionary. Both clubs have sponsored this joint Club Service Project for the last 14 years have distributed over 3,500+ dictionaries.*

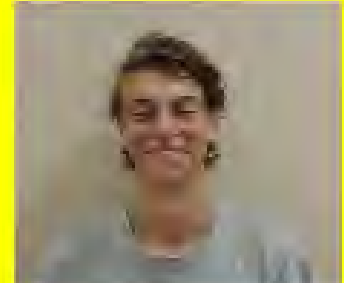
## Welcome to Rotary District 7470 2014 – 2015 Long Term Youth Exchange Students



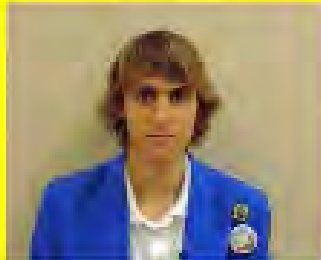
Clara Saint Rem  
Belgium  
Newton Club



Ellie Park  
South Korea  
Roxbury Club



Jakob Steuerwald  
Germany  
Morris Plains Club



Leo Plso - France  
Denville, Denville Sunrise  
& Pequannock Clubs



Natalla Barrera Fernandez  
Spain - Mount Olive and  
Caldwell Clubs



Simran Karnik  
India  
Madison Club

For information regarding Long Term Youth Exchange Program  
Contact Judy Frank, Program Chair, [jfrank@franksbooking.com](mailto:jfrank@franksbooking.com)

### PROGRAMS OF NOTE

This month we came across a program given by A.G. Rick Rafferty from the Denville Club. It is entitled "The Road back from Posttraumatic Stress Disorder". (PTSD)."

The program explains a therapy which concentrates on reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories in the hope of finding a way to greatly reduce the symptoms, potentially cure PTS with a drug free, non invasive, non stressful therapy.

This is a powerful subject and PTSD is a global problem caused by all the wars which also impacts women and children, not only military service people. If you would like to hear this presentation, contact Rick Rafferty, 201-207-7811 or e-mail him - [HYPERLINK "mailto:raffertyric@gmail.com" raffertyric@gmail.com](mailto:raffertyric@gmail.com)

To learn about interesting and available programs for your Rotary Club, or to suggest one for this column, contact Mary Ann Seeko at [HYPERLINK "mailto:seeko@embarqmail.com" seeko@embarqmail.com](mailto:seeko@embarqmail.com)

## Non-profit Founder Katie Meyler Returns To Ebola-Stricken Liberia

Rotarians who attended PDG Barry's Conference in May 2014 had the opportunity to hear Katie Meyler, a Bernardsville resident speak passionately about the "More Than Me Foundation" she founded in 2009 to get the young Liberian girls off the streets and into classrooms.

In the few short years since the founding, the More than Me Foundation has established its own Academy which enrolled 124 girls free of charge. The numbers this year are now at 210.

Due to the outbreak of Ebola the Academy had been shut down and the students quarantined from the rest of the city in an overpopulated, unsanitary slum. None of the locals have access to toilets or sanitations.

Katie returned to Liberia August 21 and along with her volunteers re opened the Academy so the girls can continue their education.

Katie and her volunteers are also working to educate the population about Ebola and how terribly dangerous it is. [www.https://morethanme.org/donation](http://www.https://morethanme.org/donation)



## Margit Rahill Named Recipient of Vocational Service Award

DGN Margit Rahill of the Jefferson Club will receive the 2014 District Vocational Service Award at The NJ State Vocational Assembly on October 7th at The Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.

Margit was chosen from among nine candidates from around the district; all very qualified for their dedication to the ideals of Rotary and service to the community.

Margit and her family operate Turul Book Binding, and third-generation family business that specializes in the restoration of antique and collectable volumes, especially old family Bibles.

Margit's service to the community has been recognized many times and by many organizations as well as Rotary from her early days as an immigrant to the U.S. from Hungary, where her family fled communist oppression when she was just a child.

The cost to attend the NJ State Vocational Assembly is \$50 per person. For reservations, contact Frank Geraghty at [FGeraghty@verizon.net](mailto:FGeraghty@verizon.net)



## October is “Bring a Friend to Rotary” Month

In an effort to increase our membership, every Rotarian is encouraged to bring a friend to Rotary during the month of October.

We all know we should be asking our friends if they would be interested in joining Rotary, but we don't. Because altruistic people can tend to be somewhat bashful, we just can't seem to bring ourselves to broach the subject.

We're also concerned that our friends and neighbors don't have the time or money to be a Rotarian, so we just don't mention it to them at all. Why is that our decision to make? Suppose your sponsor all those years ago never asked you to a Rotary meeting because they didn't think you could afford the time or the money? You wouldn't be a Rotarian today if they had let that stop them.

So this is your big chance! Just invite your friends to breakfast/lunch/dinner for a Rotary meeting – no commitment or obligation – just friends sharing a meal.

See how many of them end up joining!

### Save the Date

Sat., April 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am to 3:30 pm

### Rotary Leadership Institute

#### What is Rotary Leadership Institute?

It is a series of fast-paced, interactive courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in Rotary and in their professional careers. Courses are offered at basic, intermediate, advanced and graduate levels. For additional information contact Barry Kroll at [barrykroll@aol.com](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com)

## CALL for DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Rotary District 7470 will be seeking applications from Rotary Clubs for District Grants in the amount of \$1,000 or \$1,500 with a club match. The smaller amount is an outright grant from District Designated Funds and the larger amount requires a club match of \$500 for a \$2,000 project.

District Grant Committee Chair Mike Rabasca of the Madison Rotary Club has communicated the request for proposals to all the club presidents in the district. The deadline for applications to be back to Mike is Saturday, November 1, 2014. Included in this communication was the eligibility statement for what can and cannot be accomplished with the grant. For example, you cannot pass the grant money through to another organization nor can you build a structure in which people can stay overnight. The list of eligible projects has not changed significantly from past years.

The District Rotary Foundation Committee will be reviewing applications at its November meeting and the outcomes will be communicated to the clubs soon after that. The next step will be for the District to apply for a “block grant” from Rotary International and funding will be contingent on obtaining that grant. Once that is completed clubs will be advised to begin work on their grants. The projects will be re-imbursed to the clubs in the late winter or early spring as the grants must be concluded with reports back to the District by mid-April.

This is an excellent way for local Rotary Clubs to do good things in the community. All clubs are encouraged to apply for a District Grant.



## Our Clubs Step Up to the Plate to Help with Severe Blood Shortage

If you've read a newspaper or watched the news lately, you know that there is a severe blood shortage in northern New Jersey. Several of our clubs were already involved with running public blood drives in their communities, and many more stepped forward to set up and run blood drives to help with this crisis.

The following clubs sponsored public blood drives in their communities over the past two months, or have them scheduled in the near future: Boonton, Caldwell, Chester-Long Valley, Denville Sunrise, Glen Ridge, Mendham, Morris Plains, Morristown, South Orange, Vernon Twp, Wharton-Mine Hill and Whippany. Some of these Rotary blood drives were co-sponsored by other community organizations, and many were the result of the club's effort alone.

Northern NJ is traditionally the worst area of the US for blood shortages. Our normal supply is about a day and a half, and during the summer months and around holiday times, that supply can shrink to half a day.

For more information on how your club can get involved with running blood drives, please contact AG Audrey Gorlich, chair of the district Blood Donation Program Committee, at 973-610-6124 or [algorlich@yahoo.com](mailto:algorlich@yahoo.com)

## DG Official Visits for September

October 8, 2014	Newton
October 21, 2014	Hampton Twp
October 21, 2014	Livingston
October 21, 2014	Maplewood
October 23, 2014	Bloomfield
October 23, 2014	Glen Ridge

There are occasionally last-minute changes in this schedule. Check with Governor Larry or Club President before planning to visit.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

OCTOBER	VOCATIONAL SERVICE
NOVEMBER	THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
DECEMBER	FAMILY
JANUARY	ROTARY AWARENESS
FEBRUARY	WORLD UNDERSTANDING
MARCH	LITERACY
APRIL	MAGAZINE
MAY	COMMUNITY SERVICE
JUNE	ROTARY FELLOWSHIP



*Past Assistant Governor Ellie Benz of the Branchville Rotary Club experiences her first Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia*

## RI National Conference

The trip of a lifetime with the bonus being the 2014 RI International Conference in Sydney. Yes, dear fellow and sister Rotarians, it is a long trip, but my hardy travel companion and sister Branchville Rotarian, Eileen Diehl and I made it. First impressions are always a good indicator of what was to come. We arrived in Sydney airport to find Rotary help desk and Rotary volunteer everywhere. With our Rotary logo clothing making us visible, we were scooped up and helped to transportation to our hotel. There we found that the Sydney Rotarians had made their presence known by have a welcome banner in the concierge area and directions to the light rail and then to Central Station and onto the Rotary Special Express trains to Olympic Park. This spirit endured throughout the conference. Great smiles, friendly people, fantastic speakers and events. Eileen and I highly recommend that every 7470 Rotarian attend a Rotary International Conference. It is a life-changing event.

Show your support for the Rotary Foundation  
by attending the

### *2014 Foundation Ball*

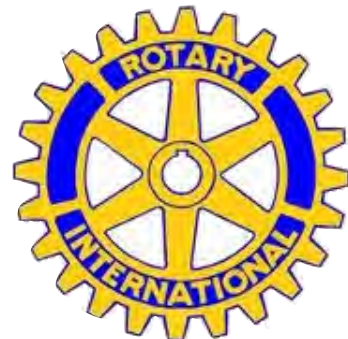
Dancing to the music of the seven-piece  
"George Lang Orchestra"

**November 22, 2014 6:00 to 11:00**

Black Tie Optional \$75 per person  
The Villa, 90 Route 46, Mountain Lakes, NJ

RSVP by November 15, 2014  
larryripley@verizon.net

Mail reservations and payment to:  
Rotary District 7470  
c/o Larry Ripley  
P O Box 25, Morris Plains, NJ 07950





# *Gift of Life*

**Annual Meeting  
Monday, October 27th**

Featuring a presentation  
by Dr. Rodrigo Soto of the International  
Children's Heart Foundation

Ravello Ristorante  
138 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, NJ

6:30pm.....Cocktails (cash bar)  
7:30pm....Dinner and Program

\$35 per person

RSVP by October 20, 2014  
larryripley@verizon.net

Mail reservations and payment to:  
Gift of Life Inc. of NJ  
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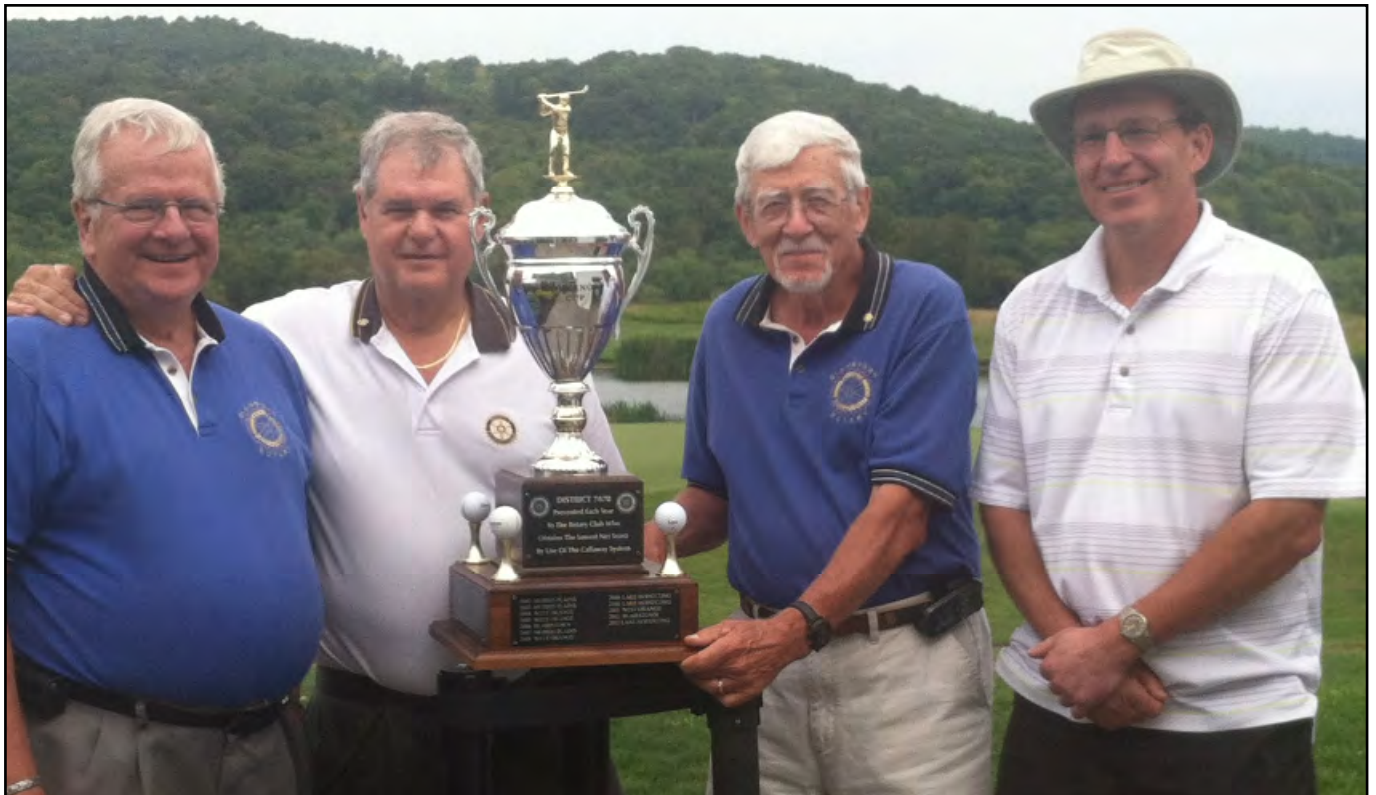
## **District Golf Outing - A Fun Day**



September 8th saw 74 Rotarians and their friends out for a day of fun in the sun at Architect's Golf Club in Phillipsburg. The day of challenging golf at this designer golf course was complimented by a continental breakfast and an all-you-can-eat BBQ lunch.

The Lake Hopatcong Club bravely defended the tournament trophy, but was barely beaten by the Blairstown foursome. In a squeaker sudden-death "Score Off", the two tied four-somes were subjected to a scoring decision by the club pro who matched the teams hole-by-hole until the Blairstown team won by a single stroke.

Much thanks to the committee: Chairman Bob Sherman and his mates, John Maxman, Dick Wallace and Bill Schroeder (also the winning foursome). And special thanks to Bob Wood of the Lake Hopatcong Club for donating a new trophy!



# SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2014  
**WORLD POLIO DAY**

Join in.  
Speak out.  
Donate.  
Be a part of history.

Watch our Livestream event at  
[endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org)



TAKE ACTION: [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org)

# *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!”**

