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Barry's Blog

District Governor 7470
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Barry Kroll

Can Our District Become a "First Class" District?

RI President Ron Burton challenged all 531 District Governors, the class of 2013-14, to become the "First Class" of Governors to 100% support The Rotary Foundation by making an individual contribution to The Rotary Foundation. It took six months to accomplish the goal and he was able to announce at the International Assembly that ever District Governor made an individual contribution to The Rotary Foundation totaling over \$631,000. I am proud to say that I am a member of the "First Class".

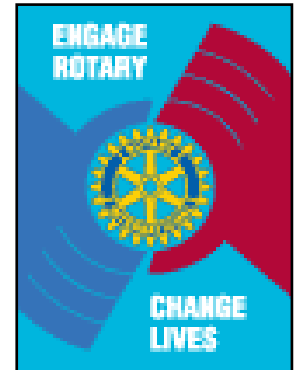
He furthered asked every District Governor to challenge all of the Club President's in their individual districts to become a "First Class" District by having 100% of Club President's make an individual contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

In December, I will be contacting every Club President to consider making an individual contribution to The Rotary Foundation. I plan to ask each Club President to consider making a \$1,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation and become a member of the Paul Harris Society. Some Presidents will be able to make a gift at this level and perhaps more; some won't be able to contribute at this level. Everyone has different circumstances and different financial obligations. Every contribution regardless of size will be greatly appreciated. We all know the wonderful work being accomplished by The Rotary Foundation both locally and internationally. The most visible and significant program is to eliminate Polio from the world. This is one of hundreds of program supported by the foundation.

Please consider making a gift when asked.



RI President 2013-2014
Ron D. Burton



In Memoriam:

PDG Avinash (Avi) Tilak

PDG Avi Tilak (2012-2013) passed away unexpectedly on Monday, December 3, 2013. He was an active member of the Rotary Club of Denville. Avi joined the Denville club in 2003, served as newsletter editor for 3 years, Club President in 2006-07, and as Chair of World Community Service Committee. Avi implemented 2 matching grant projects one in India and one in Turkey. Avi was an Assistant Governor for 2 years and served as Youth Exchange Chair for 2 years. He is PHF+3



Avi was a true humanitarian and exemplified Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". In his tenure as District Governor he was the driving force behind matching grants which brought to the district over \$180,000.

Avi was born in Mumbai India. His classification is marketing. Avi received his MS and PhD in Operations Research from Texas Tech University. Avi is survived by his wife Vasanti (Vee) and his daughter who just graduated from college and his son who is a junior in college.

Details regarding a "celebration of life" will be forthcoming.

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Interactors Day At The United Nations

On Saturday, November 2nd, the North Warren Regional Interact Club participated in the annual Rotary UN Day youth session with fellow Interactors, Rotaractors and Youth Exchange Students from around the world. The students listened to various speakers share their experiences in service and commitment to positive global change. Between programs, the students had opportunities to meet and talk with students from other Interact Clubs and exchange students sharing their own ideas and projects. Below, a few students share their perceptions and perspectives of the day's activities.

Gionna Rossi, a sophomore, "What inspired me about attending UN day was the different Interact and Rotary clubs that came together from different parts of the world... My favorite topic was when Yale visited India to experience the way they live and help out with the cultural and economic difference."

Dominique Voitek, sophomore "As my first time going to UD Day, I was able to learn about a lot of actions which can be done to make the world a better place... The first man who spoke on behalf of Interact Clubs... truly defined the credentials of Interact and its main principles... realize what we can do to fulfill these ideals and truly be a club for 110% dedication, student run, and support the international world."

Cole Palatini, freshman, states, "...one of the first speakers... talked about the Interact group he supervises.. this group every year goes to developing countries and help with water supply and building schools." Freshman Natalia Voitek reflected, "I really enjoyed this experience... I particularly liked the first man who spoke of his Interact Club. It made me realize how dedicated members can be and how eager they are to serve others.... our club needs to keep everyone involved ... our club can be a part of more international projects."

Kathleen Norton, sophomore, "I liked that [the program] didn't just focus on Interact, but featured a variety of different organizations. My favorite had to be UNICEF because I thought the presentation was interesting and inspiring."

André Hinchman reflects, "The most inspiring .. was the talk about how important and wide-spread Interact is. UN Day is a wonderful experience and it is a privilege to attend."



James (Ron) Kelly 2013-2014 ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

I joined the Rotary Club of Morris Plains on July 9th, 2004 after many years of encouragement from my older brother Bill. His sound reasoning for joining, "It's fun!"

My wife Barbara Robertson Kelly & I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary and have three wonderful children and four fabulous grandchildren all living in the area.

My background is construction and started working in my father's company when I was fifteen. I went on the graduate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy N.Y. with a bachelor's degree in building science. I served in the Navy during the ending of the Vietnam conflict and afterwards applied and was accepted in the Peace corps with a self-help housing project in the Dominican Republic. If you are looking to build with adobe brick; yes, I'm certified to test, make and build with adobe brick.

After my year as president of our club, I was an assistant governor working with Avi, and now under the capable hands of Barry, we are half way to just another goal or milestone. When I stand back and try and take in the magnitude of our organization and the many outstanding members who have stood the test of time and still contributing, I can't help but think this is only the beginning and looking forward to growing old with Rotary.



CALDWELL INTERACTOR AT ROTARY UN DAY



In the Assembly Room
L-R Interact PR Co-chair Peter King
Interact Co-Secretary Emily Shapiro,
Caldwell Rotarian Kevin Hersh
Interact President Elizabeth Rosa
Interact Treasurer Meredith Reilly, and
Interact International Chair Gary DeOliveira.

In the Assembly Room from L-R Gary DeOliveiro, Meredith Reilly, Peter King, Rotary International President Ron Burton, Elizabeth Rosa, Emily Shapiro.



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Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	October Attendance.
Denville Sunrise	11	-2	100.00%
Morris Plains	59	1	96.20%
Jefferson Township	10	-1	94.00%
Denville	47	0	92.00%
Belvidere	9	0	91.00%
Blairstown	24	1	91.00%
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Maplewood	21	-1	89.00%
Mount Olive	11	0	88.00%
Rockaway	23	2	86.30%
Whippany	24	0	85.00%
West Orange	41	0	84.00%
Branchville	31	2	83.15%
Dover	18	2	83.00%
Livingston	15	0	81.30%
Netcong-Stanhope	14	-1	81.00%
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Madison Rotary	80	0	79.50%
Wharton/Mine Hill	11	2	79.00%
Caldwells	34	4	78.00%
Butler/Triboro	14	2	77.14%
Walkkill Valley	22	-1	76.00%
Belleville	8	1	75.00%
Chester-Long Valley	8	0	75.00%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	75.00%
Glen Ridge	22	0	74.55%
Morristown	59	3	70.48%
Florham Park	12	0	70.00%
Phillipsburg	28	1	70.00%
Randolph	28	-1	70.00%
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Irvington	14	-1	67.00%
Boonton	14	3	65.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	7	0	65.00%
Mendham Rotary	20	-1	65.00%
Par-Troy Rotary	23	1	63.21%
Hackettstown	25	0	60.00%
Montclair	24	1	56.00%
Bernardsville	33	-1	48.50%
Newton	99	0	45.20%
Bloomfield	14	3	32.00%
Cedar Grove - NR	18	0	0.00%
Chatham Millburn - NR	9	0	0.00%
East Orange - NR	6	0	0.00%
Fairfield NJ - NR	0	0	0.00%
Hampton Township -NR	19	0	0.00%
Lake Hopatcong - NR	23	0	0.00%
Montville Township - NR	5	0	0.00%
Newark - NR	31	0	0.00%
Nutley - NR	25	0	0.00%
Pequannock Valley - NR	52	0	0.00%
Roseland Rotary - NR	4	0	0.00%
Roxbury - NR	22	0	0.00%
South Orange - NR	9	0	0.00%
Vernon Township - NR	1	0	0.00%
Washington - NR	15	-1	0.00%
total	1220	18	52.99%

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 - HYPERLINK "mailto:barrykroll@aol.com" barrykroll@aol.com
 and it will be posted on the District Website



Mary Ann's Marquee

seeko@embarqmail.com

“Imagine what fun we will have going to our club’s holiday party. Imagine how good we are going to feel knowing that we gave food to those that need it? Imagine the excitement of all the children that will receive our holiday gifts? Imagine how we would feel if we didn’t know each other? Well, we don’t have to imagine any of these things. We can go to our club’s party; we can give the gifts to the children; and we do know each other. What great gifts – for US!”

Bernardsville – How proud you must have been to meet member Eileen’s son, Paul, a Navy Seal, at your meeting. You also recognized The U. S. Navy whose motto is "Not for self but for country." Reminds us of our Rotary motto – ‘Service above self’. You also purchased and presented five flags to honor the five military services at the ‘Field of Honor’ ceremony.

Boonton – You have expanded on the dictionary project. You also gave Thesaurus to 4th grade students. PDG Bob Pityo must be very pleased.

Caldwell – Glad your street fair was successful. It requires a great deal of work and planning. Good report, Kevin, on your day at the United Nations with Rotarians and your Interact students. How inspiring to hear all the speakers, especially R.I. President Ron Burton.

Chatham – Your collaboration with

the Madison Rotary Club helped produce a lot of groceries and cash for the ‘Action Against Hunger Food Drive’

Denville Sunrise - Denville Social Services must be so grateful for your check for \$1,500 from your Pennies for People campaign which will seed their heating/energy program for those in need.

Glen Ridge – Good luck on your frozen turkey collection and canned goods collection for the Community Food Bank Turkey Drive. Thanks to your collaboration with the Glen Ridge Library 315.5 pounds of candy was shipped to benefit Operation Gratitude.

Hackettstown - How was your food drive? I see the Beater Board will meet with the Washington Rotary Club but curious minds would like to know what the Beater Board is.

Madison - My goodness! You’ve been busy. You had your ‘Action Against Hunger Food Drive’ which produced 850 pounds of groceries plus \$257 in cash and gift cards; your Autumn Shred-it day; your bake sale for “Doctors Without Borders”; and “WOW” that was a huge welcome home sign for the District Governor Barry – signed by your members.

Mendham – Your continuing support of the Interfaith Pantry is heartwarming and you already have your date for your spring antique show.

Morris Plains – Halloween window painting was fun – but was cleaning up the windows afterwards also fun? By the way, your club committee assignment list looks like a telephone book. You must have a committee for everything.

Morristown - New Year’s Eve is a fun family time in downtown

Morristown. Buy a ticket by Dec. 7th to the event and Morristown Rotary gets a donation.

Newton – Congratulations on receiving a \$1500 District Grant for your joint WWII project with Sussex County Community College (SCCC) and RotaAct. Good luck on your quest for a Global Grant for another project. May the Newton American Legion fly the flag high on their new flag-pole with your generous donation.

Nutley- How was our “Christmas for Farm Children Fund Raiser”? Did the warbling Nutley Rotarians serenade everyone with the Karaoke?

Parsippany Troy Hills - How was your Beefsteak Dinner? Did you have a good turnout? Congratulations on your successful ‘Diaper Drive’. With your District Grant and donations you will donate \$1500 worth of diapers – now – the next step, to buy and deliver them.

Pequannock Valley – How nice that you invited the Butler-Tri-Boro and Pompton Lakes Rotary clubs’ veterans to your Veterans’ Rotary Lunch at the Salvation Army’s Star Lake Conference Center. What a pleasant surprise when you read the gracious welcome on their entrance sign. You had a great participation for a great lunch and program. As we all say, “Thank you Veterans”.

Rockaway – What a ‘Service Above Self’ endeavor, feeding the homeless at Homeless Solutions. You will not only prepare the dinner but will provide the food. Hey George! I see you are still giving a

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Why Join Your Rotary Club?



Perhaps the number one question from a prospective member is, "Why Should I Join Rotary?". My short answer is because it is fun, you will meet some great people and be part of an organization that gives back to the community both locally and internationally. Below is a more formal list that outlines the benefits of membership.

Mary Ann's Marquee

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'ball by ball' update on the bowling league. Two good strikes for you.

Wallkill Valley – You never got to hold your Oktoberfest this year but take heart = you have a whole year to plan for next year's.

Whippany – What a timely, comprehensive and concise article in your bulletin on the 'Evolution of Rotary's Foundation Programs'. You were also fortunate to have PDG Karien Ziegler speak and give you an update on Rotary's Polio Plus Program.

"Once again the holidays are upon us. But unlike many people, Rotarians think about how to help people and give all year long, not just during the holidays. Our Rotary year is only half over. Have we accomplished what we expected to for this half of the year? Not to worry! We still have more time to reach our goals for this year. Don't forget to send me your tidbits of club information if you are not sending me a bulletin. [seeko@embarqmail.com] But for now, I wish you all a happy, healthy season of joy."

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances.

Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

International Awareness

With more than 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships.

Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

Family Foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange,

educational exchange, and scholarship programs.

Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules.

Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days.

Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

Diversity in Membership

Rotary's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Denville Rotary's Santaland 52 Years of Community Service



Santaland is considered by many the most outstanding community service project the Denville Rotary Club has ever undertaken. Many stories and tales have been shared regarding Santaland. For 52 years it continues to be an attraction for both the young and the old. Annually, Denville Rotary marks the beginning of the Christmas season with its tree lighting ceremony, always held on the Saturday night following Thanksgiving at 7:00pm. The official opening of Santaland always takes place on the following day, Sunday, as part of the Township's parade. Santaland has evolved into an attraction not just for Denville residents, but for many throughout Morris county as well as neighboring Sussex and Warren counties. The 52 years have seen many generations of families sharing their Christmas lists and wishes with Santa Clause as well as enjoying the many Christmas figurines assembled on the grounds of Santaland.



Wishing All A Happy Holiday and A Happy and Healthy New Year!

Rotary District 7470 Long Term Youth Exchange Students



Name: Mayu Tanino
Host Club: Roxbury
Country: Japan



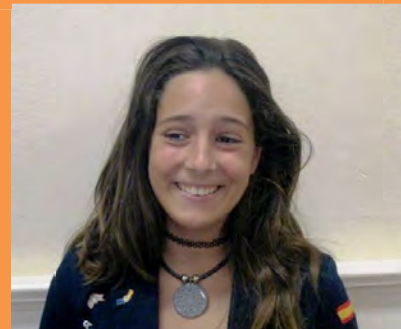
Name: Luana Debastiani
Host Club: Blairstown
Country: Brazil



Name: Jerome Bernard
Host Club: Morristown
Country: Belgium



Name: Hubert Hardy
Host Club: Denville Sunrise
Country: France



Name: Myriam Bueno
Host Club: Madison
Country: Spain



Name: Frederica Polini
Host Club: Randolph
Country: Italy



Name: Santiago Lelevier
Host Club: Bernardsville
Country: Mexico



Name: Anne Werner
Host Club: Mt. Olive/Phillipsburg
Country: Germany

For additional information regarding District 7470
Long Term Youth Exchange Program
Contact Judi Frank, Program Chair, frankassoc@optonline.net

How Can We Build Rotary Membership?

Over the history of Rotary, we have built membership by encouraging Rotary Club membership involvement. We believe in an inclusive approach.

We have developed many ways to grow (forming a NEW club), by creating satellite clubs (same club but meeting at different times), Early Act, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, The Dictionary Project, other student Programs, Club Projects and Programs. Every way we interact with our community and District, can be useful to becoming better, and at the same time develop more membership possibilities. It is the active involvement of our Rotary Club when we include the Mayor, Fire Chief, School administrator, and other leaders in our town and asking them, to be Members and or Speakers.

Ideas from the present membership should be used at each and every meeting so that GROWTH becomes a real possibility to insure our future. When we have a visitor at the club, be sure we all welcome them in a friendly way with a smile or welcome handshake. Remember to tell others about the wonderful things we do everyday all over the world. Our GOAL is "A World that works for everyone with no one left out"

Speakers Bureau

Need a speaker or program for you club?

Go to the District Website at www.rotarydistrict7470.org

Over 20 speakers are available to speak at your club on a variety of topics.

Do you know a great speaker or program that would be of interest to a club?

Fill out the Speaker Referral Form on the website and your speaker will be listed.

It's Election Time

That's right – it's that time of year again; time for Rotary Clubs all over the world to elect their officers for the coming year.

Each Rotary Club must elect a slate of officers before the end of December and report the results of that election to Rotary International and District 7470.

And there's a process for this (of course).

First, according to the By-Laws of most clubs (check yours), after your nominating committee develops a slate of proposed officers, you must announce that slate to your membership at your regular weekly meetings each week beginning with your first meeting in the month of December.

On the last meeting of December, you ask for any additional nominations from the floor. If there are none, you entertain a motion to close the nominations, and then vote.

Once your new officers are officially elected, you must submit the names with appropriate contact information to both Rotary International and District 7470 (forms will be forthcoming).

If you do not submit this information in time, your club's information will not be correctly listed in either the R.I. Directory or the District Directory.

For questions or additional information, feel free to contact DGE Larry Ripley at larryripley@verizon.net

Interact Club Essay Contest

Rotary District 7470 invites students who are members of an Interact Club sponsored by a Rotary Club in District 7470 to write an original essay on the topic of the "Rotary Four-way Test". The purpose of the Four-Way essay contest is to foster ethics in everyday life. The contest is designed to introduce high school students to the Rotary principles of ethics and service.

1st Prize is an HP Laptop Computer, 2nd prize is \$100, 3rd prize is \$50.00. Complete information and essay competition rules are on the District Website. Deadline is March 30th. Winning students will be invited to the District Conference on April 26th to receive their awards and read their essays.

Rotary Day at the United Nations

On Saturday, November 2, 2013, over 1300 Rotarians from around the world came together at the UN Headquarters in New York. Our district had over 20 adults and 20 youth participating in the program that was designed to inspire and educate all participants as well as provide insight into the relationship between Rotary and the United Nations.

There was a special program on humanitarian service for youth including Interact, Rotaract and RYLA participants. Youth had the opportunity to hear about a model UN program, the Shelter Box project, some projects that Interact Clubs are working on, and an overview of the UN and much more.

Lunch was served in the cafeteria overlooking the East River. . Rotary maintains and furthers its relationship with a number of UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies through our representative network. This network consists of RI representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

Everyone in attendance commented that it was a great day with a wonderful opportunity to see the UN.



Every dollar you give to End Polio Now
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**PLEASE DONATE NOW SO ALL
CHILDREN CAN PLAY**

District Foundation Brunch Save the Date Sunday, January 26, 2014

11:30 am to 2:30 pm - \$35.00

Hanover Manor, East Hanover

Registration information on the District Website

www.rotarydistrict7470.org

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



Hanover Marriott
Whippany, New Jersey

**We have listened to
your suggestions:**

**The conference is local,
reasonable cost, shorter time
period, involves youth, focus
on Clubs and more!**