

InFlight



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Larry's Libretto ----

Family of Rotary

As you probably know, each month has a different theme in the Rotary world, and December is "Family of Rotary" month. How appropriate this theme is, considering that we are entering the holiday season.

Between Thanksgiving and the New Year, many different religious denominations celebrate their respective holidays. The one thing that many of them have in common is that they are a time for families to come together. Often, these occasions of families being together are the few times during a year that relatives travel great distances to be with each other.

These are great traditions in our family lives. We often reminisce with fondness about particular relatives and their recent visits at holiday times as we recall the good feelings of being with our loved ones that we may not see that often.

These times that we're with our families are also good opportunities to smooth over ruffled feathers and "bury the hatchet", so to speak; to put our differences behind us and start fresh with a clean slate.

They're also a great time to establish family traditions of service...volunteer together at a soup kitchen, visit a nursing home as a family and sing holiday songs to the residents, invite someone who doesn't have a family to share



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holiday feasts in your home.

In other words, extend your family. Share the joyous feeling with others that you have when you're together. Combine your Rotary principles with your family's strengths and look for opportunities for your family to serve others during the holiday season. You will find even more holiday joy as a result.

Happy Holidays!

Upcoming Governor's Visits

December 11th	Denville
January 7th	Pequannock Valley
January 21st	Phillipsburg
January 22nd	Netcong
January 30th	Morris Plains

There are occasionally last-minute changes in this schedule.

Check with Governor Larry or Club President before planning to visit



*Wishing All A
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy and Healthy
New Year!*

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Good afternoon. My name is Elizabeth Rosa and I am a high school senior at James Caldwell High School in West Caldwell, NJ. Last year, I was sitting in the same seats you're in now, and I'm happy to have the opportunity to address you today. I would like to start my presentation with an extremely powerful poem that I recently heard during a school assembly.

YouTube video on PowerPoint

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42E2fAWM6rA>

Can anyone raise their hand and tell me what was going through their mind when the poem first started?

Response When I first read this poem, I felt angry that someone could make such harsh assumptions about our generation. I thought it was too judgmental. Then, when I read the poem in reverse, I realized that people might believe that our generation is lazy and selfish, but we have the power to change how people view us. We are the only people that have the power to change the future of our generation.

I think it's important for our generation to know our limits, who we've learned from and where we can get to.

- Our parents are considered the Gen X generation. They are adults born from 1960-1980. They are open to diversity and have had to learn to embrace differences such as religion, sexual orientation, class, race and ethnicity.

- Generation Y came after Generation X. Generation Y covers people born between the 1980's and the year 2000, and these individuals are sometimes referred to as Gen Y, the Millennial Generation, or simply Millennials. That's us. We are the Millennials. So, who are we? Gen Y grew up with technology, so being connected and tech savvy is in our DNA. Equipped with latest technology and gadgets, such as iPhones, and laptops, we are online and connected 24/7, 365 days a year.

So you are probably thinking why I wanted to add this into my address to you today. It's simple! We have access to as much information as we need. We often hide behind the face of a tweet or a text message. Ladies and gentlemen, WE, this room, isn't completely part of that group. We are here to help our society help one another. We take the time to put the phone away and talk to one another face to face to resolve a conflict, to improve a process, to simply work on projects that make our world a better place to live. We will use our tech savvy world to help us create an even better world. We have the ability to research 24 hours a day. What we need to remember that you can work independently or even better, become part of a group that helps you empower yourself and your society.

As a young, high school student, I know how difficult it can be to become involved and our time is limited. With sports, music rehearsals, and jobs, it is sometimes hard to find time for community service, but if you can dedicate your mind and motivate yourself, the reward is indescribable.

I want to talk to you about an experience that I had almost two years ago. Since middle school, I had been working with a local Rotarian to send supplies overseas to impoverished villages in the Dominican Republic. I would work for hours and hours, conducting drives for school supplies, clothing, hygiene supplies, shoes, and more to help these villages recover from the devastating earthquake that Haiti and the Dominican Republic suffered in 2010. During my freshman year of high school, I was looking at some pictures I received from the Rotary; pictures of faces that were lit up with emotion while holding the supplies I was able to ship them. That's when I fell in love. I fell in love with a feeling of gratitude. My body was flooded with emotions realizing that I can make a difference in someone's life. And as I continued working toward helping these people, that emotion and satisfaction became an addiction.

During my sophomore year, I planned a mission trip to one of these in the Dominican Republic. My local Rotary

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Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	October Attendance.
Morris Plains	62	1	94.70%
Caldwells	33	1	94.00%
Jefferson	11	2	94.00%
Denville Sunrise	11	0	92.00%
Lake Hopatcong	24	0	92.00%
Belvidere	10	0	91.00%
Blairstown	21	1	90.00%
Newark	14	-8	90.00%

Pequannock Valley	38	-12	88.18%
Nutley	27	0	88.00%
Whippany	24	0	88.50%
Fairfield	5	0	84.25%
Maplewood	20	1	85.00%
Livingston	13	-1	82.70%
Dover	17	0	82.00%
Denville	50	1	81.00%
Irvington	14	0	81.00%
Rockaway	22	-1	81.00%
Madison	79	-4	80.10%
West Orange	41	-1	80.00%

Wallkill Valley	23	-3	78.00%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	77.50%
Branchville	33	1	75.89%
Wharton/Mine Hill	10	0	74.00%
Mendham	22	2	71.00%
Belleville	8	0	70.00%
Glen Ridge	22	1	70.00%
Randolph	28	0	70.00%

Morristown	57	-3	69.89%
Hackettstown	27	-1	69.20%
Cedar Grove	16	0	68.99%
Hampton Township	20	-1	68.75%
Chester-Long Valley	6	-3	67.00%
Montclair	24	0	65.17%
Bernardsville	30	-1	62.50%
Phillipsburg	30	0	62.00%
East Orange	5	-1	60.00%
Montville	6	0	60.00%
Washington	13	0	59.62%
Newton	98	-1	57.80%
South Orange	9	0	57.78%
Ironbound (Newark)	7	0	57.00%
Florham Park	11	0	56.00%
Mount Olive	4	-1	50.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	16	2	46.00%
Roxbury	24	-4	49.00%
Par-Troy	24	2	45.43%
Mountain Lakes - Boontons	13	0	45.25%
Bloomfield	130	0	36.25%
Vernon Township	19	1	42.75%
Chatham Millburn	8	0	25.00%
Totals	1191	-20	68.79%

Election of Officers

Once again it is the time for each club to choose their Officers for the next Rotary year. It is an honor to be selected to help manage your club. You may be chosen by community leaders (your club) to lead them. Rotarian's often joke about someone having missed a meeting and being elected president, however nothing could be further from the truth. Those who serve as officers must have earned the trust and respect of their peers.

Rotary International and District 7470 need to know who will lead the club so that they can be list in directories, get training, and receive communications to better serve their club. New Officers can be entered in Club Runner, as long as your club has integration both RI and the District will receive the update. If you cannot enter the information you may send it to barrykroll@aol.com and PDG Barry will enter it for you.



Mary Ann's Marquee

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"HAPPY HOLIDAYS!" To all the new members that have joined our Rotary Clubs this year, we welcome you to the Rotary family. This column, Mary Ann's Marquee, is to let you and the other clubs know what you are doing in district "7470". So, let's see what happened recently.

Bernardsville - Your brainstorming meeting for service projects was not only a good idea but produced many good suggestions - now, which to choose? How nice that the YMCA honors local volunteers such as Rotary.

Boonton - Good promotion of the new Rotary webinars for Rotary information; shopping on [HYPERLINK "http://www.amazon.com"](http://www.amazon.com) www.amazon.com for donations to Rotary; and seeking applicants for the Rotary GSET which will go to Peru next year;

Branchville - Did you get enough fresh air when you worked the Walpack Wilderness Challenge with 87 racers? You did very well with your booth this year and will have thousands of dollars to donate to worthy causes. I understand all the costumes at your Halloween meeting were 'bootiful' or scary.

Caldwell - Incredible! Your club and the Kiwanis club each made \$40,000 from your street fair? Also wonderful is your 17 year affiliation with the Willing Hearts shop and the continued dedication of your volunteers.

Chester Long Valley - We hope your farmers market was successful?

Denville - This month is when you have your "Santa Land", isn't it? Your Interact Students will enjoy manning the event with you. Your own 'not so little' elves.

Denville Sunrise - Was that DG Larry in

shorts at the Walkfest while the rest of you were bundled up with winter coats?

Glen Ridge - You and the Bloomfield Club shared the D.G. at your meeting. What a nice picture of D.G. Larry, Bloomfield Pres. Bill and Glen Ridge Pres. John.

Lake Hopatcong - PDG Bob Buttons, do you also shoot clay birds in addition to being a great golfer? Great photo of your group presenting donation, raised from the Clay Bird Shooting event, to the Looey Dietz Syndrome Foundation.

Livingston - Another successful awards dinner - how many awards did you present? Good luck on your turkey drive. Those food baskets are needed.

Madison - You had two truckloads of paper shredded on your "Shred it Day". Way to go Carmella, and you made \$2400. You also had a productive food drive. Did you receive answers from the 300 letters you sent for the sale of raffle tickets?

Mendham - What a great photo of your club in the last Inflight for the benches you made and donated to the Girl Scout camp. Very photogenic bunch!

Montclair - That was a generous \$1500 donation given to the Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair. Your 'Can Art Contest' at the Healthy Food Drive was an innovative competition and Alicia won the trophy for her can art sculpture of an "R" for Rotary. Support from Kings Super Market was also appreciated.

Morris Plains - Did you wash off all the Halloween paintings from the store fronts? Squeaky clean? Good! Now you may enjoy your Santa breakfast with the children. It sounds as if your 'bring a friend' to Rotary was successful.

Morristown - So, Allen, you visited the Florence, Italy Rotary Club. Who translated the meeting for you? Are people using your club Tribute cards

for the holidays?

Newton - Glad you had a wonderful Oktoberfest complete with German music by the Hontz family. Another good idea - honoring your Paul Harris Society members on the 5th meeting in a month.

Nutley - D.G. Larry must have been "Proud to be a Rotarian" as he presented a 4 sapphire pin to Barbara Hirsch and a 5 sapphire pin to Bob Peters.

Pequannock Valley - Neil, you paid \$20 for your club to sing Happy Birthday? Some club members would pay \$20 for their member NOT to sing. A Christmas Party Cook Off - sounds delicious. The photos of the GOL children make the GOL very personal knowing we helped those children live and your recent \$6000 donation will help others.

Phillipsburg - Good luck on your annual holiday sale of those beautiful Poinsettias to adorn our homes and businesses. What a nice fund raiser at this time of year.

Rockaway - Condolences on the loss of your 97 year old member, John Beeman who was the longest serving active member in your club.

Wallkill Valley - You really must all decide on one key to sing your songs otherwise cacophony is the descriptive word that comes to mind.

Whippany - Operation Ho Ho Ho is a nice concept. Whippany 'folks and friends' suggest that hosts of holiday parties ask for unwrapped gifts for the Ronald McDonald House on Christmas in lieu of presents for the host. The gifts are then brought to the drop-off centers in December.

"Without further ado, I bid you 'Adieu' for this month. Enjoy the holidays."

13 CLUBS RECEIVE DISTRICT GRANTS

District 7470's Foundation Committee approved the following \$2,000 (\$500 matched by the club) District Grants for 2014-15:

Belleville—Community WASH PROJECT FOR 10 HOMES IN Bouda Chita, Haiti sponsored by Pure Water For The World. The objectives are to reduce the incidence of waterb

Boonton—Install a bus stop shelter to be located at 125 Chestnut St., Boonton, NJ

Boonton—Purchase supplies and equipment for the Multiple Disabilities class at Boonton High School

Cedar Grove—Purchase of 4 portable pulse/oxygen units @ \$600 each for the Cedar Grove Ambulance & Rescue Squad.

Denville Sunrise—The club will initially purchase four fire-proof Wood Frame Science Tables at a cost of \$408. Each, a basic mobile lab station at a cost of \$1,136., and will purchase an Eye

Dover—Purchase computer and related equipment for the Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs.).

Lake Hopatcong—The club will purchase special medical supplies, construct handicapped projects that the VA does not supply for the Armed forces Relief Committee of Hopatcong, NJ.

Newark—The club seeks to award scholarship funding to Christ the King Preparatory School, 239 Woodside Ave, Newark. Christ the King is a Catholic, college

The following \$1,000 District Grants were also approved:

Denville—Science Lab Supplies and Education for Celebrate the Children.

Livingston—Each year at holiday time, the Livingston Club provides support for needy families in our community. This year we would like it to be the Pediatric Health Center at St. Barnabas Medical Center.

Mendham—The club is applying for a grant for materials to make benches for the girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey campgrounds in Jockey Hollow of Leddel Road in Mendham Township.

Montclair—Purchase bags that will be used to organize, store and distribute non-perishable and fresh groceries to families and individuals in need by the Montclair Human Needs Food Pantry.

Parsippany Troy Hills —Specifically, the club is seeking funds to create a "hands on" discovery center for elementary school aged children.

Rockaway's—After accessing the needs at Parks Lake it was decided to replace an existing Bike Rack that was in disrepair

South Orange—Participate in the Darkness Into Light program. It is a child abuse prevention program to educate the public about child abuse and child abuse prevention.

IMPORTANT

Although the grants have been approved by the district they must also be approved by The Rotary Foundation in order for money to flow to the district to fund the grants. We hope to complete this process quickly and will advise clubs when it is done.

PLEASE VISIT HYPERLINK "<http://WWW.rotarydistrict7470.org>" WWW.rotarydistrict7470.org for more comprehensive description of the grants.

PDG Luncheon to be held in January

In keeping with a tradition established several years ago, we will be holding a luncheon for all Past District Governors on January 20th at The Heritage Grill in Denville.

Please join us at noon on January 20th for a buffet lunch and informal get-together. The cost is \$20 per person and spouses are welcome as well. Please RSVP to DG Larry at HYPERLINK "mailto:larryripley@verizon.net" larryripley@verizon.net

Spotlight: Elizabeth Rosa

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Club helped me choose a location and had an escort available to help me, since the area I visited was extremely close to the Haitian border. I hopped on a flight to the DR with my dad on February 15, 2013. I had fundraised and planned to build two public restrooms in this village that didn't have any electricity and water. Through months of phone calls, I had contracted local laborers to purchase some materials and begin the process. When I arrived with my dad, we bought the rest of the materials and were able to complete the final product. The pictures you see behind me are mostly from my trip, and you can see that the two bathrooms they now have are simply 30 foot holes in the ground, covered by cement. Although these conditions don't seem like they would make much of a difference, for these people, it was a step in the right direction. They used to have to go to the bathroom behind a dirt hill. This project afforded them the one thing that the money couldn't buy. It afforded them DIGNITY. Shortly after I returned from my trip, my local Rotary Club began a project to build a Health and

Education Clinic in another nearby village.

As president of the James Caldwell High School Interact Club, I have been working with the Rotary to find ways that the Interact Club can assist in this effort. The Rotary hopes to sponsor a number of Interact Club members' travel to the clinic in early 2015.

I continue to be privileged to work with my local Rotary. I benefit from life lessons that I can never learn in any book, school or lesson that someone teaches me; life lessons that I have to learn through my experiences.

Our purpose here today is to stop our busy world. Stop and think about what some have to go through in life, just to survive. Our Millennium generation will make a difference because I see it in the 700 faces before me.

Before I leave you today, I want to share a story that most of you know. With a show of hands, how many of you have heard of the story of Alex's Lemonade Stand?

For those of you who don't know, Alex's mission was to have a lemonade stand to help raise funds for Cancer

Research

Alex was born with this horrible disease. At the age of four, she approached her mother and asked to have a lemonade stand. Her mom's thought process was that this was an opportunity for Alex to do something on her own. She could stir the lemonade, pour the glasses, offer a smile and sell her lemonade. Her mission became contagious, similar to the recent Ice Bucket challenge to raise awareness of ALS.

Alex raised over a million dollars within four years. She lost her battle to cancer at the age of 8.

What we need to take away from her lesson is that it's not necessarily the funds that she raised. It's knowing that SHE could make a difference. Alex had a passion. She had others buy into it. They shared that passion and her legacy continues.

Life is all about paying it forward. We are privileged to sit here in the UN. In a place that world leaders come together to help make life better. I am humbled that the group that invited us here today thought enough of my small contribution and saw its impact that we'd all be able to learn a lesson of helping society live better.

At this time, I'd like to know if anyone has questions that they like to ask about my project or anything that I've shared today.

Thank you for your time!

Help Wanted

Have you thought about getting involved with Rotary beyond your local club?

The district is looking for qualified Rotarians to serve on District Committees

If interested contact
Frank Geraghty, District Governor Elect
at fgeraghty@verizon.net

District Committees for the
2015-2016 Rotary year are
currently being put together

Light Up Rotary



Programs of Note ----

DGN Margit Rahill of the Jefferson Club gives a fascinating program on her three-generation family business in book binding and the restoration of antique books.

She can be reached at [HYPERLINK "mailto:TURUL1@aol.com"](mailto:TURUL1@aol.com)
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or at 973-361-2810.

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"](mailto:seeko@embarqmail.com) seeko@embarqmail.com

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

ROTARY CLUB OF MORRIS PLAINS



Four New Members for Morris Plains

Four new members were inducted into the Morris Plains Rotary Club recently. They are (left to right) Mark Maire, Mike Contreas, Gil Zweig and Maria Scott.

Membership Development Workshop Exclusively for your Club

Does your club have a formal plan to identify, source and recruit new members for your Rotary Club. Is there a plan in place to help acclimate new members getting them involved, learning about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation?

The District Membership Committee is ready to provide your club with a Membership Development Workshop specific to your needs. The workshop is approximately 2 hours long and can be scheduled at a time convenient for your Club. (evenings/weekends) A minimum of five or more participants are need to conduct the workshop. Smaller Clubs may want to join together to have the required number of people. Workshops are available in December and January. For additional information or to schedule a workshop for your club, contact Barry Kroll at [HYPERLINK "mailto:barrykroll@aol.com"](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com) barrykroll@aol.com or 973-476-2772

ELECTION of OFFICERS
Please submit next
year's club officers to
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by Dec 31.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

JANUARY	ROTARY AWARENESS
FEBRUARY	WORLD UNDERSTANDING
MARCH	LITERACY
APRIL	MAGAZINE
MAY	COMMUNITY SERVICE
JUNE	ROTARY FELLOWSHIP



It was a chilly October morning at Waterloo Village. Hot coffee was flowing, chili was boiling, hot dogs were flying off the grill, children were lined up for face-painting, and Walkfest 2014 went off without a hitch. Join us next year for a morning of fun, comradery and fitness!



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