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*Sing
Rotary's Song*

District 7470 Governor
James R. "Jim" Allison

Dictionary Project

The DICTIONARY PROJECT in District 7470 will be celebrating its tenth year of service to our third grade students, students who have received dictionaries from Rotary Clubs throughout District 7470. There is no single word to appropriately characterize the upcoming decade, but the word that defines the first ten years is "persistence." The word "dictionary," as defined by Webster, is "the act of continuing to do something, not giving up." Thus, the Dictionary Project owes a debt of gratitude to both the Rotary Clubs of District 7470 as well as to the many individual Rotarians in our District who have worked diligently to reach as many children as possible.

District 7470 Rotarians would be pleased to know that as a result of much of our combined early efforts, more than 5 million children throughout the 50 United States have now received dictionaries from their respective Rotary Clubs. Let us all keep in mind that what we are doing is not only insuring the future of our Rotary Clubs but, most importantly, is insuring the future of our children. May the project continue for at least another ten years.

Source: PDG Bob Pityo

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RI President
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CULTURAL DIVERSITY

There is no formal statement of equality in Rotary philosophy, but as Paul Harris points out, it seems to be a natural consequence of the basic principles of fellowship and service. No one had to make it a rule; it just happened when people of goodwill and diverse backgrounds come together in the spirit of friendship.

"The postulate that all men had been created free and equal had so natural a part in the thinking of the first of Rotarians that it was accepted without discussion. Protestant, Catholic, and Jew; American, German, Swede, Irishman and whatnot, mingled together in happy accord. They had

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*Warm Wishes For A Happy And Healthy New Year
To All Our Fellow Rotarians - The InFlight Staff*

Sing Rotary's Song

Happy New Year! I hope you had a joyful time with family and friends during the holidays and you are now ready, willing and able to start the second half of this Rotary year with renewed energy and determination to serve.

There are a number of things I will be singing about during this second half of my year as Governor. It will be all about the goals set at the District Assembly and the areas I focused on at each of my club visits.

Number 1: We are going to become a Sustainable District. We must convince every Rotarian that our Foundation is a wise investment and an organization that each of us should adopt as one of our primary charities. We can all give just a little more to enable Rotary to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty in our country and the rest of the world.

Secondly, we must make our clubs stronger. As I traveled around the District during the first four months as Governor, I saw Rotary clubs that were young/old, rich/poor, small/large, strong/weak, energetic/lethargic. We need to make sure all clubs are strong. That is, every club must have good programs, good projects, good administration, good public relations and motivated members. Our regional meetings are helping to identify areas of concern and areas of hope. They have also identified opportunities to bring clubs together to help one another. It is this "coming together" that will be my focus with several clubs in the coming months. Hopefully, I will have more to report about this at the District Conference.

The third area of focus will be the District Conference. We are planning a shorter, closer, less costly extravaganza that will be the culminating event of this Rotary year. We will be celebrating your successes and honoring those who have made an extra effort. We will hear from our young people and recognize those who have served above and beyond the call of duty. We will showcase the details of the Conference as well as the pre and post events that

will supplement this grand finale, at our "Conference Kickoff" at the Heritage Grill in Denville on February 2, at 6:30 PM. Please come out and hear firsthand about the plans to make this one of the most well attended conferences in the history of our District. Your Club President will have a signup sheet for the Kickoff meeting or you can register on our Website.

Finally, I want you to know that District leaders are diligently working to make our website the "go to" place for information. Our goal is for every member to think of the website when a question arises about what, where and when things are happening in our District. And when a prospective member happens to hit on the site, we want to make sure that prospect finds everything she or he ever wanted to know about Rotary, the District and who to contact to visit a nearby club. We need your help to make this happen. If any of you have ideas to help in this effort, please call me, and we will get you involved.

The time is now; our future is here; there is not a moment to be lost. So pick up the tempo, pump up the volume, find the melody, join the chorus; harmonize, and Sing Rotary's Song!

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Saturday March 3, 2012

Rotarians in District 7470 have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills as well as increase their Rotary knowledge by attending RLI on Saturday March 3, 2012 at Seton Hall Prep., West Orange.

This institute is so convenient and so important for the growth and development of you, your club and your district.

Pre-registration is a MUST. Please go today to: www.rlinea.com to register and pay the modest fee of \$65.00 for breakfast, lunch and all materials.

Late registrations will incur an additional fee. And so unnecessary...Do it now.

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ENDPOLIONOW

The Cold Chain Rotary International Media and News

"When Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985, the "plus" signaled the belief that the polio eradication effort would increase immunizations against five other diseases prevalent in children: measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus. As time went on, the list benefits grew.

Polio immunization campaigns created an avenue for other lifesaving health inventions, such as the distribution of vitamin A supplements. New equipment for transporting and storing vaccines made it easier to combat infectious diseases in developing areas.

'The enormous network of laboratories and health clinic charged with identifying new cases of polio began to monitor the spread of other viruses as well. And the Global Polio Eradication initiative, which Rotary helped create, rose to international prominence as a model for public-private partnerships to address world health issues.

'The "plus" in PolioPlus means that Rotarians are doing more than stopping the spread of polio in the last four countries in which it is endemic: they are also building a legacy of infrastructure and partnerships that will support the fight against infectious disease long after polio is gone.

'Transporting vaccines to developing areas is no

Ending polio worldwide.



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easy task. From the time they leave the manufacturer until they reach recipients, vaccines must be kept between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius (though some may be frozen at -15 to -25 degrees). Vaccines of even a few degrees could spoil an entire shipment, leaving children without the protection they need.

'The "cold chain" created to distribute polio vaccine has been used to transport other vaccines, such as measles, tetanus, and diphtheria. An estimated one-third of the cold chain capacity in sub-Saharan Africa was implemented to support polio eradication".

Now, aren't you proud to be part of this legacy to END POLIO NOW? Your contributions make it ALL happen.

Thank you so very much,
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International Float

Did You Know. . .

- This is our 33rd Consecutive Float Entry.
- The float is funded by generous contributions from Rotary club members and friends in the U.S. and Canada. The float is not a project of Rotary International, and no Rotary International funds are used to build it.
- The Rose Parade is viewed by approximately 700,000 live spectators, a television viewing audience of 40 million in the U.S. and 300 million worldwide.
- 800 volunteers donate more than 6,000 hours in preparing decorations and applying them to the float.



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Attendance Report

November, 2011

	Number of Members	Attendance Percentage	Gain/Lost Since 6-30-11
Honor Roll 100% to 90% Congratulations!			
Maplewood	22	100.00	1
Whippany	30	98.00	0
Morris Plains	56	96.00	0
Pequannock Valley	46	95.00	0
Denville Sunrise	18	94.00	0
Lake Hopatcong	23	93.00	0
Belleville	7	92.80	0
Blairstown	25	92.00	0
Roxbury	19	91.00	0
Wharton	13	91.00	0
89% to 80%, Great Work Clubs!			
Phillipsburg	30	88.00	-1
Dover	17	87.00	0
East Hanover	10	85.00	0
East Orange	10	85.00	0
South Orange	10	85.00	0
Livingston Sunrise	21	84.00	0
Butler/Triboro	14	83.93	0
Glen Ridge	21	83.33	0
Rockaway	23	82.00	0
Nutley	31	80.65	0
Denville	48	80.40	-1
Caldwells	36	80.00	0
Hampton Township	18	80.00	0
Ironbound (Newark)	10	80.00	0
Roseland	5	80.00	0
79% to 70% Good Job!			
Madison	83	79.00	-1
Walkill Valley	25	79.00	0
West Orange	40	78.00	0
Bernardsville	32	75.00	0
Livingston	16	75.00	0
Par-Troy	21	73.47	1
Jefferson Township	16	73.00	0
Montclair	25	72.20	0
Branchville	34	72.13	0
Chatham Millburn	6	70.80	0
Florham Park	13	70.00	0
Netcong-Stanhope	13	70.00	0
Randolph	30	70.00	1
Mount Olive	11	65.96	-1
Morristown	65	63.08	-1
Newton	104	62.10	0
Mendham	22	60.00	2
Chester-Long Valley	12	58.00	0
Irvington	18	53.00	0
Boonton	13	52.00	0
Bloomfield	6	50.00	0
No Report...Really?			
Belvidere	9		
Cedar Grove	15		
Fairfield	11		
Hackettstown	22		
Montville	10		
Newark	37		
Vernon	18		
Washington	28		
Total	1318	65.62	0



Mary Ann's Marquee

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Holiday music everywhere – on the radio, in the stores, and in our Rotary Clubs. Many clubs were entertained and inspired by the voices of our high school choral groups. 'Twas the season to be jolly and now 'tis the new year.

Bernardsville – As your speaker said, and has since become her credo – “stuff happens, accept it, deal with it, and move on.” That’s the way to overcome obstacles.

Boonton – Reminded its members of the 31 word answer to the question – “What is Rotary”. Do you know the answer?

Branchville – How lov-e-ly. Some of your members and your exchange student Marie planted greenery in the flower pots in Branchville Park. Did you also tackling lighting? Ah! The holiday spirit abounded in your club.

Caldwell - That 103 year old Santa Sleigh that you help restore is beautiful – but will the reindeer pull it?

Cedar Grove - PDG Bob Pityo must be a happy Rotarian knowing that almost all the clubs in our district did the “Dictionary Project.” Now he’s working on a ‘Webster’s Atlas’ book which will be great for the high school students. I don’t know about you but I don’t know

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Spotlight

District 7470 Pushing Diversity As A Goal... Just How Diverse Are We Really?

by George Hayman
Madison Rotary

Paul Harris believed that it is much easier to hate people you don’t know than it is to hate people you do know. Therefore, from the very beginning it was his goal to bring people together in friendship, or as he put it, “to promote intercourse between members of different sects and citizens of different nations.” Mainly, Rotary International has done just that—with one major exception—from the very beginning of its existence. The group left out, significantly, is women, a situation only recently rectified. It took our nation over a century and a half to begin rectifying liberties for its own women.

District 7470 has set as a goal for the upcoming year to increase diversity in the district, and this article is meant to assess how we have been doing up to now. We do have geographic diversity, as our district encompasses urban centers, suburban communities, exurban and highland communities, and to the far west even some Delaware River towns. Some of our clubs have been around long enough to have seen broad changes, or have seen a growing population expand around them.

Take Newark, for instance, the oldest club in District 7470, 99 years young, about to celebrate their centennial year, and their President, Sophia Smith, is a woman of African-American descent, as many recent Presidents have been. But the club still maintains many of its longtime professional (and white) members from its original heyday.

District leadership has lagged a little. Although there have been several women District Governors including Karen Ziegler and Karen Costara, Janice Tietzell informed me that when she was DG, she was the first person of color elevated to that honor. We are moving ahead, as next year our first District Governor of East Indian descent, Avinash Tilak from the Denville club, takes the helm. Even today only one of our area governors, AG Cassandra Graham of Area 8, is a person of color, although she did replace Georgia Martin, AG the previous three years. Any perusal of the district website demonstrates that our district has turned the corner when it comes to women’s participation at the leadership level.

At the club level, our diversity patterns pretty much follow the ethnic makeup of our particular communities. East Orange’s member-

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where all these new countries came from. What happened to Persia?

Chester - Still collecting bikes? Loved the endings the first graders inserted in those proverbs, i.e. 'You can lead a horse to water but _____(you can't make him drink). Too true.

Denville - Did you work on Santaland again? You took a prize for your parade float, too...

Denville Sunrise - That's the BIGGEST duck I've ever seen. However did you make that float with the big duck for the parade? Dare I say 'you must be a bunch of quacks?' Nah! I wouldn't say that.

Glen Ridge - Was Megan Borlase, Ambassador Student from New Zealand, at your meeting?

Madison - What a coup having Past Rotary International President Rick King as your speaker for your Holiday Luncheon this year. Wonder if you had some pull because of club members PDG/PRID Bob Coultas, PDG Mike Rabaska, and DG Jim Allison???

Mendham - You're TV stars??? We'll have to check out Ch. 22 on Verizon Fios or Ch. 29 on Comcast. There may be a Brad Pitt in your midst.

Newton - Whew! Too bad those Happy Dollars weren't all Happy

Fives - your piggy would be overflowing.

Nutley - Donating \$500 to Nutley's Holiday Treasure Chest was generous but adopting a family was even nicer. Look around - says Nutley - someone you know would make a good Rotarian.

Pequannock Valley - So you have an annual Chef's contest! But is the food edible? I didn't see an 'Emeril' look-alike in that photo. Paul - I love that Blueberry Pie!!

Rockaway - When you set your sights on a project, you sure do pick a good one. Your latest venture will be raising funds for the playground at the Lincoln School. You'll have some happy children when it's done.

Roxbury - You made 'what' on your fruit sale? \$6000? That's a lot of fruit and pies.

Walkill Valley - You adopted your new Constitution, your new By-Laws, and elected your new slate of officers - by Dec. 15th. Getting ready for the best part of this Rotary year?

West Orange - The students in the Orange schools are very fortunate to have you West Orange Rotarians give them dictionaries. And on another note - how many

bricks did it take to finish the 25'X 25' courtyard?

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose....." Yes, my friends - the year is over and it is wintertime. Hopefully there will be no more earthquakes, hurricanes, or flooding. Blizzards? Hey! It's New Jersey. You can't wish for everything. Get out your snowshoes - be prepared. Happy New Year!

REGIONAL MEETING IN EAST ORANGE

The Governor will be holding a regional meeting at the East Orange General Hospital, 300 Central Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018, at 6:00 on Tuesday, January 10, to offer club members an opportunity to speak with District leaders on their own turf. The idea is for the Governor and his leadership team to learn what clubs are doing and what the District can do to support their efforts. Rotarians from the East Orange, Ironbound, Irvington, Newark, Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Fairfield, Glen Ridge and Nutley clubs are invited to attend. For more information contact you Club President or Assistant governor.

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You Make A
Difference*



Spotlight

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ship is mostly black; in towns west of Route 287, mostly white. Irvington's club actually has a few white members, but it is mostly a black club, although it is difficult to separate by just looking at surnames who is a traditional American from who got here because their ancestors had been forced to make a stopover in the West Indies for a generation or two.

Interestingly, much of the diversity in our mostly white areas comes from people of East Indian descent, or India's various neighbors. The reason for this is more than likely the strength of Rotary International in the various nations, and the higher level of education in those areas to which many of our major corporations have reached out for talent. Many get here having taken good jobs, and join Rotary because that's what their family members have traditionally been doing back home in the 20th century. Not only in Denville, but in Dover and Bernardsville and probably other clubs, Rotarians of sub continental descent are active forces in their respective clubs. Next year when Avi is District Governor, we shall find out more about this, and the intensity of this can only be heightened by the fact that when he becomes DG, the Rotary International President will still be Kalyan Banerjee, who rose out of the Rotary Club of Vapi in the state of Gujarat in India. But is this not one of Paul Harris's visions for Rotary? He said "Rotary brings men [and women] differing in social status, religious beliefs and nationality together in order that they may be more intelligible to each other and therefore more sympathetic and friendly."

We should probably revisit this laudable goal of District 7470 at a later date for a status report, and we would like to thank Janice Tietsell for all the good help she provided in preparing this article.

Sing Rotary's Song

Our Conference has gone local

The Madison Hotel



**May 18 - 19, 2012
Save the Date**



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embarked upon a glorious adventure.”

(Paul Harris, This Rotarian Age, page 57)

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An Embarrassing Oversight

These newsletter nuggets largely are devoted to celebrating the wisdom and humanity of Paul Harris and the other men who created the movement that we call Rotary. At a time when, even in the melting pot of America, there was extensive cultural segregation, early Rotarians embraced the concept of breaking down those barriers. Paul Harris explained the rationale for this deliberate diversity in Rotary clubs.

“Clubs with memberships based upon racial and religious qualifications there were in plenty. To begin with, there were clubs composed entirely of those of Protestant ancestry, to which neither Jews nor Catholics need apply. Jews and Catholics, also gregarious in nature, had clubs of their own. The Turnverein societies supplied the needs of the Germans, and innumerable other racial groups formed in all parts of the city. In business, sports, and to a great extent in the schools, the melting-pot was working; but in social life it fell short.”

(Paul Harris, This Rotarian Age, page 58)

Rotary brought people of diverse backgrounds together, and in doing so, it fostered better cultural understanding. In this way, Rotary was well ahead of its time. However, it did overlook a major cultural group: women. If today, men and women are thought of as coming from different planets (Mars and Venus), in 1905, they might as well have been from different universes. We have come a long way, and women are now a welcome part of Rotary.

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The Cost of Cultural Ignorance

Paul Harris believed in the simple principle that it is much easier to hate people you don't know than people you do know. Bringing people together promotes fellowship and understanding, which in turn promotes efforts to peacefully resolve differences. It may not be a perfect recipe for peace, but it is a great start.

“In the clashes between ignorance and intelligence, ignorance is generally the aggressor. To attempt to superimpose its views through the exercise of force, is seldom the part of intelligence; it is frequently the part of ignorance. The less one knows, the more he thinks he knows, and the more willing he is to employ any and all measures to enforce his views upon others. The stocks, and the many other means of inflicting physical and mental anguish were the devices of ignorance. The story of the aggressions of ignorance against intelligence can never be told.”

“The way to put an end to these indefensible practices is to promote intercourse between members of different sects and citizens of different nations.”

(Paul Harris, This Rotarian Age, page 60)

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Segregation

The goal of Rotary from its inception was to bring people of diverse backgrounds together in the spirit of friendship. Paul Harris believed that this was the first step in understanding.

“Segregation never brought anyone anything except trouble. If there is discord in a community, be it religious or racial, the most certain way of fomenting it is by saying, You remain on your side of the deadline and we will remain on ours. Ours is an Anglo-Saxon community, and we want to keep it just that. We will continue to live on the east side of the tracks, you on the west. There you may build as many churches as you please and have things all your own way, so you leave us alone.”

(Paul Harris, This Rotarian Age, page 60)

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Celebrating Diversity

Although Paul Harris believed that it would be wise to avoid potentially divisive topics at Rotary meetings, such as politics, he did not believe that Rotarians should be homogeneous in their makeup. In fact, he believed that clubs should represent and embrace the diversity of their communities.

It is not the purpose of Rotary to make social, religious, or racial composites of its members. To attempt to do so would be to attempt a disservice rather than a service. To attempt to erase social, religious and racial differences would be an attempt to deprive civilization of one of its most promising methods of progress. Under existing conditions, each social, religious, and racial group constitutes a proving ground on which to test its theories, with the result that civilization is enriched and thought raised to higher levels.

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 87)

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The Joy of Diversity

One of the great talents of Paul Harris was the ability to recognize and appreciate what others often overlooked. For Harris, diversity was not a problem to overcome, but rather was a source of delight.

What a pity it would be, for instance, if the colorful lives of the various European nations were blended into one. Where then, could be found the fascination of travel?

Who would be interested in a garden containing flowers of one species or one color only? Variety has been truly said to be the spice of life. Sameness is monotonous, depressing.

Rotary brings men differing in social status, religious beliefs and nationality together in order that they may more intelligible to each other and therefore more sympathetic and friendly.

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 87)

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One Size Does Not Fit All

Rotary meetings and Rotary customs vary from country to country. That should not be surprising because cultures differ on how they express the core value of Rotary: Friendship!

Rotary does not function alike in all nations. Climatic differences frequently account for temperamental differences. Sunny skies are conducive to light-heartedness, buoyancy, and impetuosity; dull skies to thoughtfulness, reticence, and reserve. The use of given names is an overture of friendship in some countries; the use of family names an overture of friendship in others. Such considerations are not of the essence of Rotary. Friendship is of the essence of Rotary, and customs best calculated to promote its growth are encouraged.

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, pages 87-88)

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International is More than an Adjective

The "I" in RI is not just an adjective; it is an underlying philosophy of Rotary and has been since its inception. In his 1935 book (*This Rotarian Age*), Paul Harris comments on how this underlying philosophy guided the hiring of RI staff during those early years of rapid growth.

A number of the staff have been recipients of degrees from universities. Educational requirements have increased as the movement has expanded, cultural education naturally being given first rank. Some members of the staff have three, four, a half dozen, languages at their command. A majority have knowledge of at least two languages. Foreign born and educated members of the staff insure the correct use of idioms in their respective languages.

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 101)

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Past RI President King At The Madison Rotary Club

Richard D. King, Past Rotary International President, addressed the Madison Rotary Club at Rods Ranch house at noon on Thursday 1st December 2011. Many people attended from around the District, and the New York area, that wanted to hear the Past President talk of some of the Rotary programs and other subjects. District Governor Nominee Barry Kroll gave thanks for the many Past District Governors that attended including PDG Bob Pityo from Cedar Grove, PDG Dick Wallace from Blairstown, PDG Brad Jenkins from Bernardsville, PDG John Dinan from Nutley, PDG Ted Krisanda from Morris Plains, PDG Mike Rabasca from Madison, PDG Robert Sherman from Blairstown, PDG Janice Teetsell from South Orange, and PDG Maurine Mader from Parsippany. Some Staff of District 7470 also attended including Art Powell, District Treasurer, District Governor Designee, Larry Ripley, District Governor Elect, Avi Tilak, and of course our current District Governor Jim Allison from Madison. President King was introduced by Aide Robert Coultas from the Morristown Rotary club.

President King mentioned that for the year



Left to Right: Cathie Coultas, Cherie King, PRIP Rick King and PRID Bob Coultas.

his team had set some very high standards for Foundation Fund Raising and for Membership Development. High Standards were set for the whole organization, especially for his staff, and it was revealed that at the Presidential Conference in Taipei, Taiwan President Rick had chartered 24 new Rotary clubs in just one evening, the most at one time. At the end of the 2002 Rotary year, a world record of over 75,000 new Rotarians joined our ranks. This remarkable record is still standing. The Total Rotary Foundation giving also set new highs.

President King mentioned that many benefits are acquired by members joining the largest service organization in the world. It was mentioned that there are some 33,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries and geographical regions of the world.



Left to Right: PDG Ted Krisanda, Denny Morrison, Past President Morristown Rotary Club, PRIP Rick King, and PDG Janice Teetsell.

NEW MEMBER IN MENDHAM

Mendham Rotary President Ray Altenburger along with PDG Karien Ziegler inducted two new members into membership in the Club. (Left to Right): Ray Altenburger, Victoria Solodare, Robert Solodare and Karien Ziegler.



From The Editor...



I encourage all Rotary clubs within District 7470 to continue to forward newsworthy information and accompanying photos (with a cut line) to my attention no later than the first Friday of each month. I can be reached at (973) 625-1362 or ttoriello@yahoo.com. Please join with me in helping to make Governor Jim's newsletter both informative and inclusive of all Rotary clubs within District 7470.

Is your Rotary club sponsoring an event? Would you like to get the word out to all district Rotarians? If so, forward your club name, the event name, date, location, time, cost and contact information to the Editor.

Thank you,
Tony Toriello, Editor



RENE GABBAL FOUNDATION – Rene Gabbai, member of the Belleville Rotary Club since 1973, has set up the Rene Gabbai Foundation in memory of his wife Enza. Rene, a four diamond Paul Harris Fellow, is also very active in Rotary's Gift of Life program.