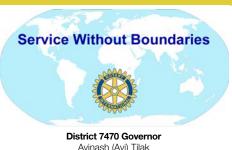
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## Avi's Agenda

#### March is the Literacy Month.

UNESCO defines literacy as the "ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society."

This is quite a mouthful and a very ambitious definition.

For me literacy means something very simple: learning to use the language and other skills so we can function productively in our society.

In many places illiterate farmers end up signing documents that put them in perpetual bondage to local money lenders. For children of these farmers road to literacy starts with 4 bamboos and a thatched roof where they can learn to read.

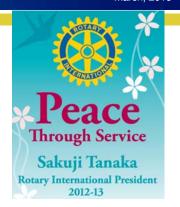
For a young girl in Afghanistan, the road starts at a more basic step . . . her ability to walk to that thatched hut without someone killing her or throwing acid in her face.

In some countries, providing a latrine for girls is the solution to keep them in school after they turn 10 or 11. In some places, providing clothing to poor children may be necessary so that can come to school.

In USA, we think of literacy as distributing dictionar-







ies in 3rd grade. It is a very worthy activity. But what else can be done? Can Rotarians support early enrichment programs? Can we provide books to local libraries, especially when Sandy has destroyed many local libraries? Can we provide computers to local schools so that our next generation has a leg up on computer literacy?

I believe we should do all of the above and many other things. Custom fit the solutions to each situation.

Let us do everything we can to educate our future generations.

Avi

#### **February Contest Winner**

Question: When was the RI Constitution changed to eliminate the "male only" clause?

Answer: 1989 Council on Legislation

Winner: The winner (chosen randomly) is Jim Thomas from Mendham Rotary. He will receive a \$100 gift certificate towards District Conference.

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Reading Across America Reading Project

In the month of March, Reading Across America is a nationwide mission promoted by the National Education Association. One of the goals of this project is to involve parents and other adults to communicate with schools in order to promote and motivate children to read.

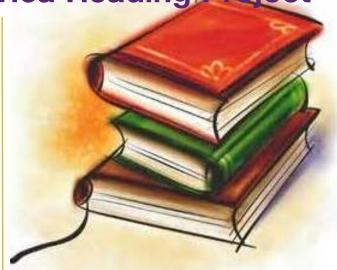
The Madison Rotary Club makes arrangements to send members into all the elementary schools in the community to carry out a project of reading to second graders. In the selection of a book, we have found a way to share the Four-Way Test with children in the community through the use of a colorful picture book with a motivating story.

This picture book is available from the Fairborn Rotary Club of Ohio. It makes the Four-Way Test come to life as a result of its entertaining and unique story. "Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" is a delightful tale of a young entrepreneur who with the help of a mysterious voice teaches the values of truth-



Find out what changes are being voted on at this years Council on Legislation that will affect your club. It is being held April 21-26, 2013 in Chicago. Go the District Web Site and click on 'Proposed Legislation COL' under Avi's 'Service without Boundaries' banner.

PDG Ted Krisanda, D-7470's delegate to the council is available to come to your club to explain any of the legislation and to find out how you would like him to vote on items that will affect your club. Call him at 973-452-7305 or email him at pdg7470@optonline.net to set an appointment. He will be available all during the month of March and only April 8th through 18th. He will be away the week after Easter.



fulness, fairness, goodwill and partnerships that benefit everyone involved.

The book itself can be previewed—in a page-bypage mode--as well as its accompanying array of supporting materials such as a custom bookplate template, a Four-Way Test Bookmark and a coloring and activity book on the internet by visiting

www.andyandelmer.com/projectoverview.html.

This activity will provide a mutually-rewarding experience for both second graders as well as their Rotarian readers! Try it, you'll like it!

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### **Spotlight**

### **George Hrobuchak**

Born, raised, and educated in the coal mining town of Old Forge, Pennsylvania, George Hrobuchak always had a passion for sports. Awarded an athletic scholarship to the University of South Carolina, he earned a B.S. in Education. An M.S. in Science from FDU and graduate studies at Montclair followed. After a year of science teaching in Maryland, George journeyed to N.J., accepting a position with the Morris Hills Regional School District in Rockaway. It is here where he spent the rest of his 37 years in education -- teaching, coaching, supervising, and administrating. He feels fortunate to have led the 1971 Morris Hills undefeated football team. However, his ties to that District go well beyond professional as this is where he met his wife of forty seven years - Lorraine – and where their two children, Jodi and Darren, were educated. Along the way, George served ten years as an adjunct professor at CCM.

Following retirement, he looked for ways to "give back" to his community. Rotary is now an integral part of his life. A member of the Denville Club for eight years, George has served as club president, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and was awarded the club's prestigious Claude Dickerson Award. For the past two years he has served as the club's sponsorship chair for



the annual Street Festival, is the PR chair, and is currently the District Scholarship Sub-committee Chair. A continued sports enthusiast and an avid reader, George enjoys time with his family, including his granddaughter and newly born twins.

#### ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, APRIL 20, 2013 SETON HALL PREP, WEST ORANGE, NJ

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a recommended unofficial affiliate of Rotary International, but not an official program of R.I. nor under its control. Clubs and district looking to train Rotarians as leaders at local levels can access online a wide array of resources developed by RLI.

RLI was established in 1994 by Past Rotary International Director (PRID) David Linett to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of future leaders of clubs and districts. The institute offers a training program in three full day sessions, followed by graduate seminars. Trainers are carefully selected from among Rotarians with outstanding abilities and prepared to conduct innovative and participatory course sessions. To quote PRID Linett, "Rotary is blessed with members of high quality, but all Rotary clubs depend on outstanding leadership to harness the talents and skills of our membership to high levels of accomplishment. The annual turnover of club presidents and other club officer's places great pressure on our clubs to maintain a high level of leadership every year. Only through excellent education in Rotary and leadership skills can we develop the quality leadership we need to keep Rotary in the forefront of world service organizations."

Membership growth, according to Linett.is dependent in large part on the quality of Rotary clubs, as clubs with good leadership are more likely to involve their members in exciting service activities and programs and, consequently, to retain their members and attract new ones.

"Quality education can best be presented on a multi-district basis" according to Linett.

We invite all district clubs and those of our member districts to join us on April 20.2013 at Seton Hall Prep in West Orange.

# Sandy Relief Fund

(for March 2013)

We collected a little over \$40,000 for Sandy Relief. During February Leadership meeting, the committee chose 2 organizations and gave them \$5,000 each:

- a) Project Paul located at 211 Carr Ave. Keansburg NJ 07734, and
- b) Union Beach Memorial School Educational Foundation, Union Beach, NJ

The committee also recommended that we keep aside \$20,000 and use it to create long term rebuilding project through a matching grant.

We will continue to disburse remaining funds in March Leadership meeting. Please submit your recommendations through your club presidents and AGs. The requirements are that it must be a 501c3 organization; and it must have already helped Sandy victims or has plans to help in long term rebuilding after Sandy damage. Submit by March 8:

Exact legal name of the organization EIN

Amount you are recommending.

Description (50-60 words) as to why we should give to this group and not someone else, and Verification that it is a 501c3 (either from IRS data base http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/; or a copy of IRS letter to the organization).

# Win a \$100 Certificate Towards District Conference (the certificate is transferable)

Answer the following question:
Who were the first FOUR Rotarians to start
Rotary Club of Chicago?

Answer is in this newsletter

Send your answer no later than March 20, 2013

to DG Avi at avitilak9@gmail.com

We will hold a drawing to select one winner among all the correct entries.

# The Rotary Foundation

The only real differences between Rotary and a run of the mill fraternal organization are our humanitarian work through The Rotary Foundation and our emphasis on Vocational Service.

Our Foundation helped us implement 14 projects in our district totaling \$154,000. In additional, we were able to provide \$110,000 for 8 international projects. There was an article in last issue of In-Flight describing these projects.

I am appealing to all of you to support our Foundation so that we can continue this good work in future. Please give generously. During the district conference, clubs will be recognized with "Governor's Award for Foundation Support and Polio Eradication". Your club president has the application form. Help him / her win the award for the club by giving to the Foundation.

We also need your support for a matching grant. We have submitted a proposal to help our Homeless Veterans get back on their feet and reintegrate in local community. This is a District Sponsored project in collaboration with Lyons VA. I am inviting our clubs to participate in this project by contributing \$100 each, minimum acceptable contribution by TRF.

All we can use from clubs is \$2,000; and we already have 5 clubs offering to cover the whole amount. However, I would rather have 20 clubs contribute \$100 each and be proud of their association with this project, than have 5 clubs provide the entire \$2,000.

Send email to DG Avi (avitilak9@gmail.com) asap and let us know if your club wants to join. We have place only for 15 more clubs (\$100 each).

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# THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

**PLACE** 

HANOVER MANOR, EAST HANOVER 3:00 to 8:30 pm

The Assembly will provide training for club leaders and provide information for clubs to be more successful in the coming year More Details to Follow in April

### **Attendance Report**

	Member	YTD Gain/	January
	Count	Loss	Attendance.
Denville Sunrise	13	-1	98.00%
Denville	48	3	96.00%
Morris Plains	56	-1	96.00%
Pequannock Valley	52	5	91.20%
Belvidere	9	0	91.00%
Blairstown	24	-2	91.00%
Lake Hopatcong	22	22	90.00%
Wharton	10	-1	90.00%
West Orange	42	0	88.00%
Dover	16	0	87.50%
Whippany	27	-3	86.00%
Caldwells	31	0	85.80%
Hampton Township	20	0	85.00%
Jefferson Township	12	1	85.00%
Maplewood	23	0	85.00%
Phillipsburg	28	0	85.00%
Hackettstown	25	1	84.00%
Chatham Millburn	8	2	82.50%
Belleville	7	0	82.00%
Nutley	28	-1	82.00%
Livingston Sunrise	25	-1	81.00%
Glen Ridge	21	-1	80.00%
Livingston	15	-1	80.00%
Roseland Rotary	5	0	80.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	14	0	78.00%
Randolph	29	-1	78.00%
Irvington	15	-1	77.50%
Wallkill Valley	24	-1	76.76%
Ironbound (Newark)	9	-1	76.00%
Branchville	31	-2	75.86%
Butler/Triboro	14	1	75.71%
South Orange	9	0	74.47%
Madison Rotary	83	3	74.10%
Rockaway Rotary Club	24	4	73.60%
Montclair	23	-2	68.47%
Par-Troy Rotary	21	1	65.31%
Bernardsville	30	-4	65.00%
Morristown	57	-5	64.09%
Mendham Rotary	21	-3	64.00%
Cedar Grove	16	0	60.00%
Newton	100	-7	57.80%
Newark	39	-5	57.58%
Washington	17	0	55.88%
Bloomfield	13	0	53.00%
Boonton	11	1	43.00%
East Orange	9	9	40.00%
Chester-Long Valley-NR	12	0	0.00%
East Hanover-NR	12	-8	0.00%
Fairfield NJ-NR	7		0.00%
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Montville Township-NR	0	^	0.00%
Mount Olive Township-NR	9	0	0.00%
Roxbury-NR	20	0	0.00%
Vernon Township-NR	16	0	0.00%
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# Mary Ann's Marquee

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BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH .... Followed by a Little Green Leprechaun swinging his Shillelagh. But where or where is his Pot of Gold?

Bernardsville. – You have organized a track meet for 63 years? Bet you don't have any of the original runners. Your suggestions for a FUN meeting really sound like FUN.

Blairstown – Sounds as if you had a wonderful, informative program on the "Help the Children Hear" project. From old, used hearing aids, children are given the gift of hearing.

Branchville – When Newtarian Bob gave that history of women in Rotary – was he a'Yea' or a 'Nay' for Women? Did he confess?

Caldwell - My, my! Your members looked so festive on your Valentine meeting day - all outfitted in red.

Denville – A Progressive Dinner will be a fun evening. I always wonder what time you get to the home that will serve dessert.

Denville Sunrise – You need how many empty paper towel rolls for your Centennial Float???? Hmmmm – whatever are you making?

Hackettstown –.Did you march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade? Erin go Bragh!

Glen Ridge – Your 'High Honors Dinner' is such a nice annual recognition event and it will be coming soon.

Madison – Are you planning a 90th club anniversary this April? Congratulations!

Mendham – You honored 5 Rotarians

by presenting them with Paul Harris Fellow Awards for their service to the club, their hard work at events and dedication Rotary. Sandi and Jim, you looked so pleased to see your visiting former exchange student. Miyu Sakamoto.

Montclair – A new member – yes! You'd best be prepared to 'straighten up' with your new ex-West Point instructor member. Welcome aboard, Brian.

Morris Plains – Your collection of \$3300 in cash and clothing for the victims of the storms was so needed and then a few of you actually went down to the shore to give hands-on assistance. Certainly – Service Above Self. Very inspiring.

Newton – .Good idea having students from your Interact Clubs (Kittatinny and Newton High Schools) visit your club and tell you what they are doing. Many Interact Clubs are very active.

Nutley – You are seriously into 'trash'. You will have a shredding day, a Trophy Recycling Day,

Techno Trash day, Rigid Plastics day, and now Prom Dress recycling.

Parsippany .- So – when you replayed the Super Bowl at your meeting who was the quarter back and did the Falcons win?

Rockaway –.PDG Joyce Cougle, "you done good" when you encouraged the MHHS Interact Club to sponsor a G.O.L. child from Uganda in 2009 and now they are sponsoring another child which the GOL recognized at their annual dinner. Young people are very resourceful.

Wallkill Valley – Be sure you don't get tipsy at your Wine Tasting Event in April.

Whippany –.Wow! You have 58 members in the Whippany Park Interact Club! They raised money for Hurricane Sandy relief, the Market

Street Mission in Morristown where they paid for 71 Thanksgiving dinners. You go – Interacters!

A personal plea: Many of you do not send out club bulletins and some rely on the club website to disseminate information but not all that information is current. Please share your joys or woes with the district by sending your bulletins or notes to us so we can chat about them in your 7470 Inflight. We like to hear about your events, your new ideas, and your accomplishments There are so many diversified ways of running a club and so many innovative projects to be proud of - share with us, please.



#### **April 29th, 2013**

Walkfest is celebrating their 19th year. Our committee is looking for your club's support by joining us at Loantaka Brook Reservation on Sunday, April 28th, 2013.

In the last 18 years together we have raised over \$200,000.Of the money raised, 50% has gone back to the local clubs for their community projects, while the other 50% went to the Rotary Foundation.

Information can be found on our website – www.walkfest7470.org, brochures are available by contacting any WALKFEST committee member, or on the District website.

50% of all pledges collected will be returned to your club or your nonprofit group.

Pledge sheets, corporate sponsor forms and additional info available at www.walkfest7470.org (973) 361-2810

# Around 7470 The District

### **HELPING HANDS HACKETTSTOWN ROTARY**



St Kitts Fire Department wearing fire retardant clothing for the first time in their career.

Since 2003, Hackettstown Rotary has been collaborating with St Kitts Rotary to help J. N. France General Hospital and The Alexandra hospital in St Kitts. Along the way they recruited Hackettstown Regional Medical Center and several local Fire Departments for help

Over the years, they donated 2 ambulances, many patient beds, diagnostic equipment and other supplies to St Kitts hospitals. They have also collected, cleaned and delivered 40 sets fire retardant clothing to St Kitts Fire Department. And, gave a school bus to a special development school for children.

This is a perfect example of what Rotary can do with long term collaboration between two Rotary clubs and help from our local groups.



A container of equipment and supplies being unloaded in St. Kitts

### Mark your Calendar Banner Exchange

June 20, 2013 - 6:00 pm

Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres Dinner and Open Bar \$55.00 Per Person

Mayfair Farms 481 Eagle Rock Avenue West Orange



One of the two ambulances donated by Hackettstown Rotary and St. Kitts Rotary.

# Life Around /4/() The District

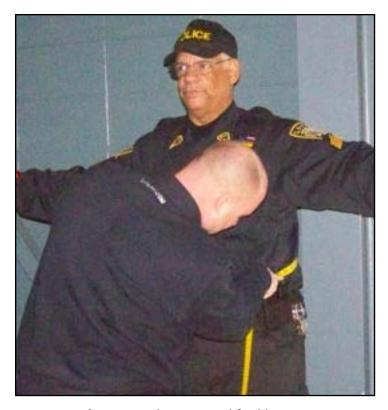
### **COMPLETED IN-DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT**

As all of you know, we are expecting The Rotary Foundation to fund 14 matching grants and 12 district simplified grants in our district. We are proud that the first of these 14 matching grants was completed during February 2013.

The application by Jefferson Rotary with International partner RI District 3230 from India was granted \$11,000 to help provide bulletproof vests for the New Jersey State SPCA (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Police Department in NJ, USA. The grant was cosponsored by Cedar Grove, Chatham / Millburn / Short Hills, Lk Hopatcong, Irvington and Morristown. Several other clubs and a district from Hungary provided additional funds separate from the matching grant.



Margit Rahill made a symbolic presentation of a bullet proof vest to NJ-SPCA on Feb 9, 2013 at the Super Pet Expo in Edison.



A sergeant is measured for his vest.

# ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

# Saturday April 20,2013 ALL NEW CURRICULUM

Rotarians in District 7470 have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills as well as increase their Rotary knowledge by attending RLI on SaturdayApril 20,2013 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 \$75.00 for breakfast, lunch and all materials.

Late registrations will incur an additional fee. And so unnecessary...

Do it now.

# Life Around 74.70 The District



Left to right Caldwell Rotary President Jonathon Barrett, North Caldwell Fire Chief John D'Ascensio and North Caldwell volunteer fire fighter John Intili.



Morris Plains President John Harper holds cupcakes made to mark Rotary's 108th "Birthday" as club members sing Happy Birthday to Rotary. The club enjoyed this celebration on February 22 at their Friday morning meeting.

Answer: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris



#### District Conference May 16-19, 2013 Live It Up In Lancaster

#### "Meet Some Of The District Conference Presenters"



Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Goteborg, Sweden, is pictured with his wife Monica. Carl-Wilhelm is a Past RI President, 2005-2006. A Rotarian since 1974 with involvement in all levels of Rotary - - Club, District and International, Carl-Wilhelm will be our District Conference RI Representative.

David Forward is a Rotary historian and author who takes audience members on a journey through the organization's historic growth - - from four businessmen in Chicago in 1905 to 1.2 million members worldwide today.





Jeanne DelColle, is a History teacher at Burlington County Institute of Technology and the 2011-2012 New Jersey Teacher of the Year. DelColle has been teaching for 15 years at the middle and high school levels. She has traveled extensively and has participated in environmental projects for Earthwatch and archaeological digs in Jordan.

Courtney Matson is a Peace Scholar at the University of Bradford. Courtney has been working in international development and global health for more than 10 years, focusing her efforts on HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis in China and Africa. More recently, Courtney has focused her work on development in conflict and post-conflict regions, especially Afghanistan and Pakistan.





Leo Redmond was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar representing District 7470 in Istanbul, Turkey during 2008-2009. Presently, Leo is serving as Program Manager - Environmental Health in the Peace Corps, Panama.

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Conference Schedule of Events
Rotary District 7470

Comedian Rick Starr draws upon his heritage and his childhood experiences for most of his material. His humor is intended to be no more offensive to the conservative listener than to that of latenight television. "If You Work Clean," Starr says, "You Can Work Anywhere."



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#### "Top Five Things To Do"



**Strasburg Rail Road Today...** Strolling through the historic East Strasburg Station and the neighboring town of Strasburg, exploring the engines and rail cars upclose and riding beautifully restored trains are so much fun that you'll almost forget that you're immersed in a richly educational experience — learning about steam railroading

Welcome To The Amish Experience... Take a 45-minute train ride through some of the most beautiful, peaceful and productive Pennsylvania Dutch Countryside, with a stop in Paradise, PA. From this unique vantage point you'll see Amish farmers working in their fields, Amish children Paradise, PA. From this unique vantage point, you'll see Amish farmers playing nearby; livestock grazing and farm produce waiting to be harvested. You'll come to appreciate why so many people choose to live in Lancaster County. PA and raise their children here.





Our recipe for great Pennsylvania Dutch shopping is simple... It starts with a tour of Kitchen Kettle Village with over 40 local shops in one outdoor shopping village, filled with homemade Lancaster County food, fresh baked goods and tasty canned goods.

Central Farmers Market... The country's oldest farmers' market, in the heart of Amish country occupies a beautiful 120 year old red brick building chock-full of local character. Regional food specialties include Pennsylvania Dutch sausage, scrapple (a breakfast meat of pork scraps and cornmeal), and headcheese (like scrapple, an acquired taste). You'll also find preserves, including chowchow (pickled vegetables in a spicy mustard sauce), and bread and butter pickles.





Bird in Hand Farmers Market... 30 stand holders offer delicious selections of fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables, meats and cheeses, jams and jellies, health foods, fresh baked goods, candy, homemade fudge, homemade Good 'N Plenty ice cream, canned goods, quilts and handcrafts, and more. Plus, glassware, books, clothing outlets, and locally-made furniture. A delightful country shopping experience!

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Inspirational Plenary Presentations
Foundation Baskets/Club Displays
Great Time For Fellowship

Fun, Fun and More Fun