

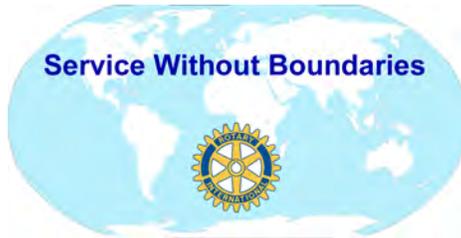
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District 7470 Governor
Avinash (Avi) Tilak

Avi's Agenda

To say that November turned out to be the most unexpected is an understatement. Hurricane Sandy devastated New Jersey coastline. We were fortunate that most people in our district lost only the power, not their homes. All 8 districts along NJ-NY coast have been working together to help Sandy victims. I have a status report inside.

We will soon be at the half way mark of my year as district governor. I started the year with 2 highest priorities: to do humanitarian projects locally and internationally and to publicize Rotary.

After 2008, we realized that not only is there a worldwide need for humanitarian projects, but we have major needs right here in our communities. Now Sandy has magnified our needs.

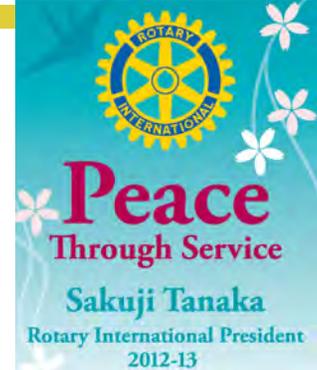
So far we have funded 8 humanitarian matching grants to be done in the district, and plan to fund 6 more. These 14 grants will spend over \$150,000 to help our towns. We also provided \$110,000 to support humanitarian grants worldwide. In addition, there will be 12 District Simplified grants of \$1,000 each.

Most of this money comes from The Rotary Foundation. As I have been explaining during my club visits, our Foundation gets the money from us, the Rotarians, through our contributions to Annual Fund. Please give generously to our Foundation, so that we can continue doing humanitarian projects locally and worldwide.

My second most important priority was to publicize Rotary. We established our presence in the new media, Linked-In,



RI President
Sakuji Tanaka



Facebook and You Tube. We have started updating the district website.

We have been running ads on WCBS 88-FM, and on billboards. We had first set of billboards in Sussex county in September, and 2nd set in Essex in November. We will have 3rd set in Morris county in February and the last set in April (location undecided). Currently we are advertising in every edition of Patch in our 4-county area. All of this is made possible with 2 public relations grants from RI and support from district funds.

We are also placing free public service announcements on other radio and TV stations serving our area. Patch has

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*Wishing All A
Happy Holiday
and a
Happy & Healthy
New Year!*

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Activate Data Integration

It is time for all Clubs to activate member data integration. Rotary International and ClubRunner have established a partnership to integrate membership data entered in district/club membership database with Rotary International.

This means that once the feature is turned on and the setup is complete, all member data updates (which your club chooses to share) will be automatically updated on Member Access at RI's Headquarter databases within minutes, without the need to send any email notifications or enter the data via rotary.org.

The old method was to enter information twice. Once at the district/club level and once at RI through member access. Once Integration is activated, the information only needs to be entered once.

In order to begin using Data Integration, there are two steps that need to be completed by your club.

1. Opt in at Rotary International's Member Portal at [HYPERLINK "http://www.rotary.org/" www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org/). Login as either Club President or Secretary and look for the Partner Organization section. Select ClubRunner as your authorized partner then click on the I Agree button to indicate acceptance of the terms and conditions.

Here is a direct link to the Partner Organization page: [HYPERLINK](http://www.rotary.org/en/secureselfservice/Pages/AddVendorOrganization.aspx)

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2. Opt in within your ClubRunner Site. Login to your ClubRunner site and click on "Switch On RI Integration" link on the Admin page. If you are logging into your District site, you will find this link under the "For Clubs" section. Select the checkbox to switch on integration and agree to the ClubRunner terms and conditions. Clubs choose which fields to share with Rotary. Note that the name and at least one address is the minimum that has to be shared.

Note: During the setup, there is a 24 hour delay from the time a club opts in to the time the authorization takes effect. Authorizations are processed by a database procedure that is scheduled to run once a day. Once the setup is complete, the member profile updates will take place within minutes moving forward.

If you experience any difficulty you may contact ClubRunner support at 877-469-2582 or by contact Barry Kroll, district database manager at [HYPERLINK "mailto:barrykroll@aol.com" barrykroll@aol.com](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com) or 973-476-2772.

So far the following clubs have completed data integration: Belvidere, Bernardsville, Bloomfield, Branchville, Chester, Denville Sunrise, East Orange, Glen Ridge, Hackettstown, Madison, Mendham, Montclair, Morris Plains, Morristown, Newark, Newton, Parsippany, Phillipsburg, Rockaway, Roseland, South Orange, Vernon.

Change A Life Uganda

In 2011 and 2012, The Rotary Club of West Orange donated a total of \$6000.00 to Change A Life Uganda, which is dedicated to improving the lives of orphaned and disadvantaged children and their families in Migyera and Nabbingo, Uganda This is a pure water project. Before 2012, the children of the St. Lawrence school in Mygera had to travel miles by foot to collect filthy water in jerry cans from a contaminated water source, carry the cans back and boil the water in order to consume it or wash themselves.

The money we donated helped the school to drill a new well, build a pump house and a water tower. Once we solve their water problems, then we can focus on education. Father Lawrence, the man who runs the St. Lawrence school in Mygera, said recently "Education is the greatest gift you can give to Africa."

Our involvement with Change A Life Uganda is far from done. The Rotary Club of West Orange plans to continue supporting this important clean water project with funds we raise from our annual Taste of the World event as well as an ongoing Quarters for Water collection program.

Hurricane Sandy: Status Report



Juliana Belcsak (right) of Montclair Rotary presents a check for \$5,000 from Austrian American Council West (LA chapter) for Hurricane Sandy Relief to DG Avi Tilak (center) and Montclair President Margaret Banich (left).

Avi's Agenda

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been giving coverage to all stories submitted for posting.

My priorities for the second half of my year is to raise funds for our humanitarian work and to grow membership.

To continue our humanitarian projects, please give generously to our Foundation. Clubs who give \$100/member or clubs where most of the members give \$100 individually will be recognized during my district conference by Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar (RI president 2005-2006, and Chair of the Rotary Foundation trustees 2010-2011). Contributions made by March 31, 2013 will count towards this honor. So do not wait till June 2013.

At the same time, remember that we still need substantial amount of money for Polio eradication. As I have been saying during my club visits, if we do not eradicate Polio, it will come roaring back. With reluctance of parents to inoculate their children and the speed of air travel, no child anywhere is safe from Polio unless every child is safe everywhere.

We must grow our membership by attracting new members and engaging current members. DGE Barry Kroll and DGN Larry Ripley are leading the charge to establish and roll-out a multi-year strategic plan to grow membership. Stay tuned

I wish you all a pleasant holiday period.

Avi

Hurricane Sandy hurt all 5 Rotary Districts in New Jersey and 3 in New York along Atlantic coastline. All 8 district governors were determined to work together to avoid duplication and waste. Our district and the one immediately south of us, were the least damaged. So I and DG Dwight Leeper (D7510) suggested that we help the other 6 districts first.

In the first week, we set up 3 warehouses in Bergen and Passaic to collect and distribute necessities like food, warm clothing, blankets, baby supplies, etc. In late November we established 2 forward distribution points in District 7500 (south Jersey) and in District 7250 (Long Island). We collected over 50 truckloads in November.

Now we are collecting supplies to restock food banks and shelters in our own district that were exhausted in the weeks following Sandy. Two weeks ago, we distributed around 30 cubic yards of supplies to our Rotary clubs in Caldwell, Irvington, Jefferson, Lake Hopatcong and Randolph. DGN Larry Ripley is coordinating the efforts to collect and distribute the supplies.

Since mid-November each district is collecting funds for rebuilding in their areas. To rebuild in our district, Finance, Strategic Planning and Leadership committees quickly approved establishment of a 501c3. Using The Rotary Foundation infrastructure, we established the account in 3 days. So far we have collected about \$15,000 with another \$22,000 in promises. Effective immediately, DGE Barry Kroll is in charge of efforts to collect donations.

Write checks to: "TRF - DAF" or "The Rotary Foundation - Donor Advised Fund"
Memo field: "Rotary District 7470 Charitable Fund, Acct # 445"

Mail checks to: DGE Barry Kroll, 27 Laurel Way, Madison, NJ 07940

Avi - DG 2012-13

Born in Newark and a lifelong resident of New Jersey, I have many fond memories of life in the Garden State. I met my wife 39 years ago here, raised my son and daughter while living in Somerville who both graduated from college with honors and have given me two grandsons.

While going to college I worked as a union carpenter working on many of the icon projects built in the 70's, 80's, 90's when corporate America made the migration to New Jersey. It provided an education that no textbook or university could ever explain. I started a construction and development business in 1994 concentrating in the commercial sector and working with a diverse group of customers, employees and contractors that made work interesting to say the least. It has been an interesting road over the years working with the most interesting people. Some of the experiences are what books are written about, some trying and mostly funny now I look back. I joined Rotary three years ago which have gone by like a flash, meeting many new friends and people along the way.

When Storm Sandy knocked on our door it gave us a one-two punch but not a knockdown blow. The metal of our members and other came forth to handle the immediate tasks at hand and to plan the rebuilding of the future.



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Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/June	October
Denville Sunrise	14	-1	100.00%
Morris Plains	57	0	97.00%
Pequannock Valley	47	1	93.20%
Caldwells	31	-1	92.50%
Livingston Sunrise	26	0	92.00%
Belvidere	9	0	91.00%
Blairstown	26	-2	90.00%
Denville	48	-3	90.00%
Mount Olive Township	0	9	90.00%
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Whippany	30	-2	87.00%
Phillipsburg	28	2	85.00%
Rockaway Rotary Club	20	3	85.00%
South Orange	9	1	85.00%
Butler/Triboro	13	0	84.62%
Wharton	11	0	84.00%
Branchville	33	-2	82.46%
Jefferson Township	11	0	80.00%
Vernon Township	0	16	80.00%
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Livingston	16	-1	79.70%
Madison Rotary	80	6	79.10%
Maplewood	23	-1	79.00%
Walkkill Valley	25	0	79.00%
Irvington	16	0	76.25%
Montclair	25	-2	76.09%
Randolph	30	-1	76.00%
Florham Park	13	0	75.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	10	-1	75.00%
Glen Ridge	22	0	72.73%
East Hanover	8	-1	72.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	14	0	70.00%
Morristown	62	0	65.71%
Par-Troy Rotary	20	0	62.63%
Cedar Grove	16	0	60.93%
East Orange	0	10	60.00%
Mendham Rotary	24	-2	60.00%
Washington	17	0	57.35%
Bernardsville	34	1	55.50%
Newton	107	-7	55.00%
Bloomfield	13	0	53.00%
Boonton	10	1	46.00%
Belleville	NR	7	00.00%
Chatham Millburn	NR	6	00.00%
Chester-Long Valley	NR	12	00.00%
Dover	NR	16	00.00%
Fairfield NJ	NR	0	00.00 %
Hackettstown	NR	24	00.00%
Hampton Township	NR	18	00.00%
Lake Hopatcong	NR	22	00.00%
Montville Township	NR	25	00.00%
Newark	NR	39	00.00%
Nutley	NR	30	00.00%
Roseland Rotary	NR	5	00.00%
Roxbury	NR	20	00.00%
West Orange	NR	42	00.00%
TOTAL	1264	18	54.27%

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 Your Club benefits and
 The Rotary Foundation benefits.

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Mary Ann's Marquee

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"I hope you all got a quick glimpse of our beautiful foliage before Madame "Sandy" decided to blow the leaves off all the trees. Not only did she blow off all the leaves, she blew down the trees, too."

Bernardsville – Those Field of Honor Flags that you flew for the Veterans Day holiday showed many people that you care about the sacrifices made by our soldiers. Good luck getting the two Interact Clubs started and congratulations on another new member.

Blairstown – FORE!! You won the district Golf Tournament again. I notice you had two PDGs on the team. You beat Lake Hopatcong by only two strokes? That must have been from those two PDGs.

Branchville – What was the Walpack Wilderness Challenger that you helped with? The day sure looked beautiful. By the color of the leaves it was before the hurricane.

Caldwell – Your "Open House" inviting the public to help you celebrate your 60 years of community service was a great idea with the intent on membership development and retention. Hope it was well attended.

Cedar Grove - Did you really let Peter distribute dictionaries by himself to all the third grade students at both the North and South End schools? For shame! What a guy!

Denville – I can't wait to hear where you went on your mystery bus ride? Did you wisk DG Avi away to give him a little break from his governor's duties?

Denville Sunrise - Well how did the 'March of the Duck' go in the holiday parade? Did you Rotarians ride on the float or did you march proudly by the big yellow duck?

Glen Ridge - Did you go to The Haunted Glen Ridge Library on October 28?? Did the "Headless Horsemen leap out of the pages of Sleepy Hollow?" Boo!

Hackettstown – President Bob, we hope that you, Sandi, and Stella had a safe journey to meet the latest container loaded with hospital equipment and supplies for the hospital in St. Kitts.

Livingston – How generous of Shop Rite of Livingston to once again donate 10 turkeys for your Thanksgiving project to help 10 families this holiday season. What a warm feeling your will have when you put the baskets together.

Madison – You have been busy. You had a concession at Madison's 'Bottle Hill Day'; you had another successful 'Shred It' day; you have another new member; and you had innovative collection of food, i.e. giving a wish list to patrons of the Shop Rite before they started their food shopping. Busy, busy, busy.

Mendham - What a nostalgic meeting you had with Adrienne's "walk down your club's Memory Lane" . All her photo albums and posters from various events just brought a

host of memories, didn't they?

Morris Plains – Didn't you all look 'neat' in your Rotary aprons at the town's community breakfast. Rotary – 'Making a Statement' – Service with a Smile.

Newton - Your Foundation Giving excelled last month. Between your members' contributions, your Trash to Treasures fund raiser, PDG Bill Hall's memorial bequests, very generous.

Nutley – Well, your 4th Annual Gift of Life Motorcycle Run was a success. How about those firemen using their talents with fire to cook all the meals? And that huge American Flag hanging between those extended, elevated ladder trucks - Wow!

Parsippany/Troy Hills – How was your beefsteak /tricky tray dinner? You planned that just in time – Just think you could have said "Hi" to Sandy if it was a couple of weeks later.

Phillipsburg – How was your first Annual Oktoberfest? Partnering again with the Phillipsburg Education Foundation must have been a very good alliance. Your two groups have been successful with your Computer Assisted Reading Literacy Solution program.

Rockaway - What a handsome – no, gorgeous – no, great looking group you had at the Presidents' Ball !! At least all your hard work

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Mary Ann's Marquee

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packing the Halloween candy didn't go to waste because of Madame Sandy. You distributed it at one of the shelters in Rockaway.

South Orange – Good community storm report in your S.O. Express. Enjoyed article on Houdini, PDG Janice, timely for Halloween. Good luck with the weather for your awards dinner.

Walkill Valley – I don't believe it! You actually just beat the hurricane with your annual Roast Pork Dinner. Last year you 'bingoed' on the major October blizzard and you were snowed out.

Walkill and Whippany - You both had road cleanups but Walkill had to be protected from 50 mph speeding motorists by the police. Good work - everybody.

Whippany – Sounds like Harvey Gilbert gave you good advice on membership. Ooh! You're having a Casino Night with a Super Bowl theme in January. Does that mean you have to dress in football uniforms and your significant others in short skirts with pom poms?

"Halloween was blown away this year. For those of you that lost so much because of the hurricane, we hope that you recover, rebuild, and know that you are in our thoughts and hope that you receive the help you need to start anew. Happy Holidays!

SAVE THE DATE: Upcoming Events Around the District

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 Saturday April 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.

Foundation Seminar Club Certification

Rescheduled from
December 8, 2012

to

February 2, 2013

Club Certification is mandatory for

Any club wishing to apply or
participate in a Rotary International
Foundation Grant

Club Reminder

**Election of Club Officers
should occur in December.
Deadline for reporting new
officers to RI
is early January, 2013**



"If you want to see your club's story here, you must submit the story first. Submit to PDG Karien Ziegler."

Greater Essex Rotarians Networking

Six Essex County Rotary clubs: Livingston Sunrise, Irvington, East Orange, Parsippany, South Orange and Newark met on November 26 at McLoones in West Orange for their first Greater Essex Rotarians Networking Event.

Five prospective members were also invited and they had the opportunity to get to know the various Rotary club representatives, watch an ongoing video of one of the club's various club projects, ask questions about Rotary and get answers.

The cost per person was only \$15.00 and included passed hors d'oeuvres and two house drinks. If you work with your chosen restaurant in terms of their available night, food, drinks and are a NFP 501c3 you could also have a fun filled evening, come away with money to donate to your favorite Rotary program and get new members.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Greater Essex Rotarians Networking group you can contact Stacey Borden at 973-454-6272.



Three New Members for Pequannock Valley Rotary Club

ENTHUSIASM RULES! One week after sponsoring a Veterans' Appreciation Lunch with Butler Tri-Boro and Pompton Lakes Rotary with over 80 present at Star Lake Conference Center in Upper Bloomingdale, NJ, Pequannock Valley Rotary installed three new, enthusiastic members who participated in that event. The installation was performed by W. Jay Wanczyk, Past President at left, together with current President Doug Cook and at right, new members Craig Walenta, Patti Odenbrett and James Cramer.

Pequannock Valley Rotary Storms Back With Community Dinners

Sandy, a visitor and not a guest, brought a new type of disaster to our scenic Pequannock Valley this month. Already tested by record floods in the past few years, Pequannock Valley Rotary was ready, willing and able to rise to our communities needs, this time a virtual total loss of electric power.

On Monday, November 5, with about half of the Township still dark, PV Rotary provided and served complete dinners for well over 450 residents in the Township of Pequannock - including Pompton Plains, at the First Reformed Church's Friendship Hall which was provided at no cost. It took considerable effort to find restaurant quality dinner items such as Chicken Marsala, Cavatelli and Broccoli and more, on such short notice!

Comments received afterward from Rotarians included, "The Pequannock Valley Rotary Club should be very proud of the meal served last night." Another, "Great food, great help, great company." And yet another, "It's amazing how a community service function turns into a social in our club!" Best of all, emailed by a member in his third decade of service, "This is the type of event that keeps me in the club."

But as they say on TV, "That's not all!" Two nights later, PV Rotary once again was able to respond



to our area residents needs and provided the means for fresh cooked dinners in Lincoln Park, which experienced even longer power outages. About 250 residents in Lincoln Park were served at the American Legion, who cooked and provided the space.

Good planning, prior budgeting and total club support made this all possible. The total estimated cost of \$2,600 seems small when reflected in the eyes of the appreciative residents and of our Rotary members. W. Jay Wanczyk.