**Pinion from The Rotary Club of Bernardsville**

**5 April 2016**

Al gave the invocation and enjoined us to recognize and act on the opportunities we have as Rotarians and community leaders, to value life today and to build a better world for future generations.

Sixteen attended. Jessica won the 50/50.

P1 President-elect Eric’s updates

P2 Montessori school and education Honorable Leonard Lance on Congress today

P3 Track meet update The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and some of its history

P4 Happy Dollars Membership Club Officers Meeting assignments

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***Rotary’s Four-Way Test***

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**President-Al’s remarks and updates**

* **Dictionary Day** at St. James will be 26 April. St Elizabeth will be 19 April.
* **Trash cleanup of our mile of US 202** will be 9 April. Meet at 8 AM in the King’s parking lot. Contact Justin if you need training on the safe protocol to pick up trash beside a major highway. Still room for you on the team.
* George **District 7470 Conference** update: we have a football jersey and helmet signed by NFL quarterback Boomer Esiaison; a signed Nascar picture; a baseball signed by Yankee outfielder Bret Gardner; and are looking forward to a football signed by NFL Hall-of-Famer Bart Oakes. Maybe a member knows a Rutgers, Yankees, Mets, Rangers, Devils, … ticket holder who could donate a pair of tickets. Our sport-themed basket looks more tantalizing and valuable each week.
* **Track meet will be 19 May. This will be the 66th year for the track meet. Plan to be there.**
* Food Co-op service being done in April by Rosemary/ Jeff and Rosemary/Eric.
* **Track meet** – Ad forms were provided by Cheryl and the track meet committee. Tim reminded and urged us to contact local merchants and businesses and professionals and ask for their support by buying an advertisement. Tom later remarked that Rotary labor is needed to officiate and staff several of the field events – so we need all feet on the BHS track for the meet. Terry briefed us on the history and purpose of the meet and the schools that participate.
* Al -- Car show is moving along. We are meeting hurdles and with cooperation and tact will get over them. Some other points – primary host for the evening is the Bernards Township Recreation Committee that is sponsoring the concert; Rotary is collaborating with the Township; the Y is helping and collaborating with Rotary; some of the proceeds will go to support YMCA summer camp scholarships; Rotary will be the food vendor the event; Rotary will manage the car show registration and trophy winning; the band for the evening will be Reminisce.

Randy Krogoll has graciously offered to help with the food provisions.

This event requires all Rotarians to help with time, energy, talent, or funds. Put it on your calendar for 5 July.

Rosemary and Al ***inducted Jessica Bruno, Lynne Applebaum, and Al Lynn*** as new members.

Jessica is a director at the Y and head of marketing. Lynne is also a director at the Y and leads the several Wellness programs. Al is a financial consultant and instituted the local flag football leagues.

***The many ways our club and members have volunteered and served***

**Members recalled the service work they are aware of or have done in recent years. Please read and emend by adding any lost memories or services.**

* **Organized and managed Rotary track meet for 66 years.**
* **Conducted two blood drives with Keller Williams and drew blood to save lives.**
* **Awarded scholarships to seniors at Ridge and Bernards High.**
* **Served as club officer for multiple years.**
* **Awarded prizes to local middle school students.**
* **Selected and invited speakers to club meetings.**
* **Sponsored flags at Field of Honor.**
* **Sold ads for track meet.**
* **Packed food bags at the food cop-op for distribution to needy local citizens and veterans.**
* **Attended and supported Charter Day, Sounds Around Town, and Unity Day.**
* **Catered and cooked for the Farmstead Arts square dance party.**
* **Acted as UN representative from Rotary International.**
* **Funded students to attend UN Day and district leadership camps.**
* **Submitted and gained Rotary grants to buy bedding and toiletries for battered women’s shelter.**
* **Applied and won grant from TRF to build the Giving Garden at the YMCA.**
* **Attacked and defeated polio, over three decades, in dozens of countries. Polio is now extant in only two countries. Fight was by The Rotary Foundation, the UN, and the Melissa and Bill Gates Foundation.**
* **Built nature trail at Matheny School for students to traverse in wheelchairs.**
* **Visited and played with Matheny School students.**
* **Attended other clubs as makeup and exchanged banners.**
* **Distributed and managed Medical Alert units for 120 local residents.**
* **Provided dictionaries to several hundred local third-grade students.**
* **Waded and salvaged rubber ducks for Farmstead Arts fund raiser duck race.**
* **Planted daffodils for Bernards Township beautification committee.**
* **Awarded Rotary citation and Boy Scout portrait to local Eagle Boy Scouts.**
* **Loaned our raffle license [TY Rosemary] to Market Street Mission for their fund-raisers.**
* **Picked up trash from I287 interchanges and will soon clean up trash from our mile of US 202.**

**Heard During Happy Dollars I’m happy –**

10 x To welcome our three new members No trees fell during recent high winds

To know plants are surviving this spring freeze We avoided the snow forecast for today

To be here 2 x To join Rotary

Spring will come back Villanova won the NCAA basketball championship

To have met Antonio at his restaurant and got favored attention from the owner

**RERUN -- Track meet update by Terry Berger**

Rotary’s 66th annual Middle School Track Meet -- expect 10 schools and about 250 athletes to attend the meet on 19 May.

* Submit all ads early; publish book soon after meet; deliver book NLT first week of June.
* Electronic version of ad book will be on club’s website and offered to each school’s web site
* Schools will be invited to pay an admission fee; school parents can place TY ad.
* Submit All ad information to Tim; solicit ads from your contacts of last year; ask merchants to support the meet.
* Ad sales/solicitation pages were provided and are available on web site.
* Matt will procure shirts and format the ads for meet-shirt sponsors; ads will be one color.
* Meet officials will again be hired to conduct each track event.
* A thank you page will be added to our club website.
* RERUN -- Bernards Township Recreation Department and Rotary will collaborate to host a concert (Recreation Dept) and an Antique Car Show (Rotary) on 5 July 2016. Pleasant Park is the venue for the regular concert series; 3-500 people attend; this will be the first concert of the season. So our opportunity to stage the car show and execute a successful fund-raiser is stellar. We’ll sell food and are open to other ideas for raising funds that day. All who attended the first planning meeting tagged this as a win-win and are happy to be working together on it. Put this date on your calendar, phone, tablet, and refrigerator. Al updated last week with – planning for 50 cars to be shown – preference will be given to local car owners – Township is preparing the banner – about 3-500 people are expected at the concert and another 200 attracted to the car show – Dave and Joel Shenman are collaborating on the trophies for the winning car/truck in each category. Rotary has the food concession; this is our chance for major success raising funds. All hands will be needed on deck to help organize and conduct this event.

**Club Updates**

* Rotary Shirts are available at $25.00. Wear yours at Rotary events.
* Remember the **tip** **box** at The Olde Mill Inn for our waitress, Blanca.
* If you do a makeup meeting or attend via E-meeting makeup, let Tim know of your attendance.

**RERUN -- The Rotary Foundation and EREY – PDG Brad Jenkins**

Rotary’s purpose is **Doing Good in the World**. Our Mission is to promote world understanding, good will, and peace. Grants are regularly developed and awarded to further the six focus areas:

Peace and conflict resolution Disease prevention and treatment

Maternal and child health Clean water and sanitation

Basic education and literacy Community and economic development

**MEETING ASSIGNMENTS**

**Set-Up                        Greeter            Invocation            Sgt@ Arms            Clean-Up**

**APRIL Cariello Burd Lynch Wallace Cross**

**MAY Deem Folkart Scalaro Vandeveer B Jenkins**

**JUNE Delgado Duffy Carpenter Berisha**

**Officer Nominations for 2016-2017 year**

President Al Swider

President-Elect Eric Zalis

Vice President John Carpenter

Treasurer Brad Jenkins

Foundation Treasurer Al Olsen

Secretary Tim O’Donovan

Immediate Past-president Cheryl Delgado

Director Terry Berger

Director Bill Deem

Director Rosemary Goodman

**Membership**

We have some prospective members interested in our club. Membership is being emphasized by President Al.

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**Club Officers for 2015-2016 year**

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**Bernardsville Rotary’s Service Work in the Works**

* Appear and do the meeting assignments we receive from President Al. Can do better here.
* Help with food distribution at God’s Co-op Food Pantry. Doing this at 100%.
* Track meet will be 19 May. This is a fun day. Don Ellis and Fred Waziak are invited should either be in the area.
* Help develop and execute our next Fund Raiser. Excellent progress on Car Show by Al, John, Will, and Dave.
* **Adopt-A-Highway project**. We have Mile 37.5 to 38.5 of US 202 south to clean up.
* We have open nominations for local ‘sweat equity’ service projects. Bring ideas to Board meeting or Club meeting.

**Continuing Business**

* John Carpenter heads the Program Committee; alert John and Al Swider when you find a speaker for our meeting.

**Our club serves**

**Basking Ridge             Bernardsville**

**Far Hills Liberty Corner**

**Peapack-Gladstone**

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