**Pinion from The Rotary Club of Bernardsville**

**15 March 2016**

Rosemary offered the prayer for our food, our work and service as Rotarians, our chances to help those less fortunate than we are, and for safe return of our armed forces members.

Twenty attended including new member Al Lynn, and prospective members Lynne Applebaum and Jessica Bruno. Lynne and Jessica are both leaders at the Somerset Hills YMCA. Brian won the 50/50.

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***Rotary’s Four-Way Test***

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**President Al’s remarks and updates**

* Volunteers are needed for service at the Food Co-op for 6, 20 April. Jeff and Rosemary are doing March.
* Evening meeting is 22 March at the Claremont Tavern. Al will send Evites to us to track confirmed attendance.
* **Track meet will be 19 May. This will be the 66th year for the track meet.**
* Al welcomed the prospective new members.
* Al reminded us to remember and to do our meeting assignments.
* Brian – Dictionary day will be distributed at Bedwell Grade School on 29 March. We need at least eight Rotarians to give dictionaries to third-graders and help them to enjoy some of the ‘chapters’ in the book. St. James will be on 26 April. St Elizabeth will be on 19 April.
* **Trash cleanup of our mile of US 202** will be 2 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.

**Track meet update by Terry Berger**

The committee met and discussed plans for Rotary’s 66th annual Middle School Track Meet. We expect 10 schools and about 250 athletes to attend the meet on 19 May. Terry discussed some ways the ad book and the meet could be improved:

* Submit all ads early; publish book soon after meet; deliver book NLT first week of June.
* Electronic version of ad book will be on clus’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.
* All ad information should be submitted to Tim; Rotarians should solicit ads from their contacts of last year; ask merchants with whom you do business to support the meet.
* Ad sales/solicitation pages were provided – see attached.
* Matt will procure shirts and format the ads for meet-shirt sponsors; ads will be one color.
* Meet officials will again to hired to conduct each track event.
* A thank you page will be added to our club website.
* RERUN -- Registration forms are available for the District Conference 21-24 April. George is preparing the gift basket. The sports theme can/will include football signed by NFl player, baseball signed by Yankee outfielder, hockey item signed by NHL skater, tickets to local game(s), perhaps a four-some at local golf course, USGA contribution. Let George or Al know if you have a sports contact who could help with filling the basket. Funds raised by the basket will got to RI and be points in the club account.
* RERUN -- Election of officers – The nominating committee has proposed an officer slate for the next Rotary year-=- see below. President Al has agreed to perform a second term. John Carpenter will run for VP and replace Jeff Rogers. Terry will run as Director and replace George Burd. Tim, Brad, Cheryl, Rosemary, and Bill are returning.
* 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, we have a fine opportunity to stage the car show and execute a successful fund-raiser. We will 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.



* Adopt-A-Highway now moves to action. The sign has been produced and planted. Find it and see it on US Route 202. We will do our first roadside clean up 2 April. Stay tuned for the good weather.
* If you want to pick up road debris and trash, you need to receive safety training from Justin. Call him.

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

My son’s birthday is today To be here and talk about the track meet

My wife’s birthday is this week 4 x to be here

2 x To pay a late fee 5 x to welcome our new members

To list my house for sale and then a sad dollar as the water heater failed the next day

To welcome track meet weather 3 x to welcome spring and Al, Lynne, and Jessica

It is almost golf weather

**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.

**HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and was a distinct entity within Rotary International.

### GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of $500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into Easter Seals. When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

### EVOLUTION OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The [PolioPlus program](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/end-polio%22%20%5Co%20%22End%20Polio) was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to [Rotary Peace Fellowships](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships).

2013: New [district, global, and packaged grants](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants) enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world’s greatest needs.

Since the first donation of $26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than $1 billion.

 <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-foundation/history-rotary-foundation>

**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**

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**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

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Director Rosemary Goodman

**Membership**

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

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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 President Al, John Carpenter, and Dave Reiley.
* **Adopt-A-Highway project**. We have Mile 37.5 to 38.5 of US 202 south. We’ll advance north [facing traffic] as we clean the shoulder areas. Mile 38.5 is just north of The Vine; mile 37.5 is opposite the PNC bank in Bernardsville.
* 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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