**Pinion from The Rotary Club of Bernardsville**

**1 March 2016**

Bob gave thanks for our food, its preparers, the security our armed forces offer, and asked for their safe and prompt return to home. Bob also won the 50/50.

Our guests were Suzanne Cerminara and Al Lynn. Suzanne is an officer at Provident Bank. Al runs his own financial consultancy business. Fourteen attended.

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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 in March. Work is done between 11:30am and 1pm.
* Evening meeting is 22 March at the Claremont Tavern. Al will send Evites to us to track confirmed attendance.
* Keller Williams will host the **second joint blood drive** with Rotary on 4 March. Save your blood for this date. This year can electronically. Many slots remain vacant in the donation schedule between noon and 6 pm. Tell your friends and neighbors Last year we had 40 successful donors and hope to top that this year.
* Track meet will be in May. Date is TBD and needs to be reserved soonest. At an early March meeting the track committee chair Terry and committee members will host a club forum to explain: what events are run and tossed, how the meet was conducted last year, areas for improvement, ideas for shirts, how each of us can be involved in planning or meet events that favor our motivated abilities, and how to have a better ad book. This will be the 66th year for the track meet.
* 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.
* Will Vandeveer briefed us on the use of our FaceBook page. Ad space is available and could evolve and be profitable for advertiser and the club. Electronic pay facilities will be on FaceBook and allow payment of dues, car show registration, track meet fees, …Madison has done all of these and found the page and the methods to be efficacious.

**Laura Begg spoke to us about The Adult School**. During the past year 4000 students took advantage of the chance to learn, have fun, and grow personally and professionally. Each semester the curriculum offers about 300 courses arranged into 26 themes. Summer programs, trips, and tours are also being encouraged. Laura’s goals today were to

1. Educate – tell us about the Adult School. It meets two nights weekly at BT High School. Other courses use local business, churches, libraries for classrooms.
2. Partner – local clubs can help, school boards do help,
3. Support – any program that could use grant money, English as Second Language is very popular
4. Ask for assistance – you can become a Friend, volunteer to give time or money, attend the Friends of The Adult School Celebration on 12 March. See page 5.
* 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.
* RERUN -- Remember the ‘End Hunger 3.6’ project of the Madison Rotary’s Charity Foundation. Volunteers will assemble at St. Vincent’s Church in Madison on 16 April. This one-day event will require 400 volunteers from Rotary, churches, colleges, community organizations, and individuals. Volunteers are needed to package 150,000 meal packets for use at forty food distributions sites in NJ and NYC. For further information contact ellsworthhavens@icloud.com.



* Adopt-A-Highway now moves to action. The sign has been produced and planted. Find it and see it on US Route 202.

**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**

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

Feb            Lynch                    Berger                Cariello                 Scalaro                Forbes

Mar            Swider                  Berisha              L Jenkins               Carpenter            Duffy

**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.

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

5 x To be here today To feel the weather breaking

6 x To offer welcomes to our guests 3 x To see the blood drive moving along well

4 x To welcome the prospective members To be late but be here

To be here with friends and Rotarians

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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%.
* Help develop and execute our next Fund Raiser. Excellent progress on Car Show by President Al and Dave Reiley.
* Participate in the Adopt-A-Highway project. FYI – we have Mile 37.5 to Mile 38.5 of US 202 south bound. We will advance north [facing traffic] as we clean the shoulder and near areas. Mile 38.5 is 0.2 miles 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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**ET CETERA – contributions to this space are welcome**

