

InFlight



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Larry's Libretto ----

We Should Celebrate our Diversity

The beauty of Rotary is that it is an inclusive organization...as opposed to being exclusive. We welcome as both members and recipients of our programs people of all walks of life and all backgrounds. We have no religious or political affiliations, and subsequently we have members...even in this district...of many diverse ethnicities and religions. I personally know Rotarians who are Catholic, Protestant (of many different denominations), Jewish, Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, Mormon and Baha'i, as well as many different ethnicities, colors and sexual orientation. And unlike many other private organizations, they are all welcome.

When we're planning a project to help others, whether it's halfway around the world or right here at home, I don't ever remember hearing Rotarians ask, "But what religion or color are they? Are they like us?" And while the Gift of Life or Youth Exchange Committees may inquire as to the religion of an inbound child, the reason is so that they can be sensitive to that family's practices, and respect their dietary and cultural preferences, not to exclude them on that basis.

If you've ever attended a Rotary International



Larry Ripley
District Governor
2014-2015

Gary C. F. Huang
Rotary International
President
2014-2015



Convention or International Assembly, you've seen Rotarians gather from over 200 different countries...wearing their traditional garb and speaking their native languages.

This is one of the reasons that our organization has grown and succeeded all over the world.

It is Rotary's greatest strength.



Upcoming Governor's Visits

January 7th	Pequannock Valley
January 15th	Denville
January 21st	Phillipsburg
January 22nd	Netcong-Stanhope
January 30th	Morris Plains

There are occasionally last-minute changes in this schedule.

Check with Governor Larry or Club President before planning to visit



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Join us for the

District Conference “Kick-Off”



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

There will be Information on

The Registration Process,
Activities, Programs, Contests,
Washington Sight-Seeing Tours



January 22, 2015

**The Madison'Y'
111 Kings Road
Madison**

7:30pm

Do-it-yourself
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

All you can eat – FREE!

Join us for the

Mid-Year Assembly

On January 14th we will be coming
together to learn about all the
wonderful programs of our district

There will be Informative
Breakout Sessions on

Blood Donation Program	District Bowling League
Camp Merry Heart	Food Pantry Support
Rotary Foundation	Gift of Life Program
Group Study Exchange	Help the Children Hear
Interact Program	Membership Recruitment
Public Relations	Short-Term Exchange
Rotaract Program	Rotary Leadership Institute
End Polio Now	RYLA
Veterans Support	Walkfest
Youth Exchange	

Mark your calendar -----

January 14, 2015

The Hanover Manor
16 Eagle Rock Avenue
East Hanover

3:00 – 8:30

\$45 per person
Includes dinner & Cash Bar

RSVP to Governor Larry
at
larryripley@verizon.net

Group Study Exchange Members 1993

My name is Joseph Fagan and I participated in the Rotary Group Study Program in the spring of 1993. In addition to me our team consisted of Brenda Light, Kyle Sugarman, Mary Lynn Ryerson, Bill Shuler and our team leader, Lorenzo Mejia. We represented District 7470 and were hosted by District 4870 in Argentina, South American.

We spent 6 weeks traveling from the western end of Argentina to the capital city of Buenos Aires. We were transported from one town to another and sometimes over long distances by Rotarians. We would stay as guests in their homes and became quickly involved in their family life. On a few occasions we were paired with other team members; our average stay was about 3 days in any one location.

For me, it was a life altering event because it allowed me to establish friendships which have now endured for over 20 years. I have been back to Argentina on 4 different occasions including a trip with my own family and two separate trips to attend weddings of friends in Buenos Aires.

I firmly believe that there is no substitute for the experience of living in a foreign country. It will not only make you appreciate your own home but it will give you a renewed and accurate sense of the world we live in.

Since returning home rarely a week goes by where I still remember and relate some experience that happened in Argentina over 20 years ago.

Sincere heartfelt thanks to Rotary for changing my life and making the world a better place in ways they will never know.



Rotary Leadership Institute Breaking News

The Rotary Leadership Institute in our area will be on Saturday, April 11, 2015. The location has changed from Seton Hall Prep High School to the West Orange High School. Our new facility provides a better location, a more modern facility, better food and more comfortable classrooms.

Why is it important to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute? One of the prerequisites for Clubs to be successful is to have club members that have an understanding of the principles of Rotary, an understanding of leadership skills, motivational techniques, membership development, great meetings, and ability to develop quality leaders, community involvement and more. All of this training occurs at a Rotary Leadership Institute.

Another name for Rotary Leadership Institute is Rotary School. There will be six fast paced sessions covering a multitude of topics. There are 4 levels, beginner, intermediate, advanced and graduate. Participating in a Rotary Leadership Institute will provide clubs with members who will become knowledgeable and have learned the techniques to make clubs successful. Mark your calendar.

Election of Officers

Once again it is the time for each club to choose their Officers for the next Rotary year. It is an honor to be selected to help manage your club. You may be chosen by community leaders (your club) to lead them. Rotarians often joke about someone having missed a meeting and being elected president, however nothing could be further from the truth. Those who serve as officers must have earned the trust and respect of their peers.

Rotary International and District 7470 need to know who will lead the club so that they can be listed in directories, get training, and receive communications to better serve their club. New Officers can be entered in Club Runner, as long as your club has integration both RI and the District will receive the update. If you cannot enter the information you may send it to barrykroll@aol.com and PDG Barry will enter it for you.

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Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	October Attendance
Jefferson	11	2	97.00%
Morris Plains	66	5	96.00%
Newark	23	1	95.00%
Caldwells	34	2	94.00%
Belvidere	10	0	91.00%
Blairstown	23	2	91.00%
Denville Sunrise	13	2	90.25%
Lake Hopatcong	24	0	90.00%
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Whippany	26	2	86.00%
Fairfield	5	0	85.00%
Maplewood	21	1	84.00%
Nutley	27	0	84.00%
Wallkill Valley	20	-3	83.00%
Dover	17	0	82.00%
West Orange	41	-1	82.00%
Denville	50	1	81.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	10	0	80.00%
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Pequannock Valley	46	-4	79.16%
Hampton	20	-1	78.75%
Livingston	13	-1	76.90%
Madison	82	-1	76.40%
Belleville	8	0	75.00%
Montclair	25	1	74.74%
Glen Ridge	22	1	74.20%
Rockaway	25	3	73.30%
Washington	13	0	73.08%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	73.00%
Hackettstown	27	-1	72.10%
Cedar Grove	16	0	71.87%
Branchville	31	-1	71.76%
South Orange	9	0	70.37%
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Morristown	58	-2	69.18%
Mount Olive	3	-2	66.00%
Randolph	28	0	66.00%
Mendham	22	2	65.00%
Bernardsville	30	-1	64.17%
Montville	6	0	60.00%
Phillipsburg	32	2	59.00%
Chester-Long Valley	7	1	57.00%
Par-Troy	24	2	56.52%
Roxbury	25	-3	56.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	13	-1	55.00%
Florham Park	11	0	54.00%
Chatham Millburn	8	0	50.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	4	-3	50.00%
Newton	92	-7	48.80%
Irvington	15	1	46.42%
Vernon	19	1	46.00%
Boonton	13	0	44.00%
East Orange	5	-1	40.00%
Bloomfield	13	0	32.00%
	1210	-1	69.56%

Membership Development Workshop Exclusively for your Club

Does your club have a formal plan to identify, source and recruit new members for your Rotary Club. Is there a plan in place to help acclimate new members getting them involved, learning about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation?

The District Membership Committee is ready to provide your club with a Membership Development Workshop specific to your needs. The workshop is approximately 2 hours long and can be scheduled at a time convenient for your Club. (evenings/weekends) A minimum of five or more participants are need to conduct the workshop. Smaller Clubs may want to join together to have the required number of people. Workshops are available in December and January. For additional information or to schedule a workshop for your club, contact Barry Kroll at barrykroll@aol.com or 973-476-2772



Mary Ann's Marquee

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"My goodness! January 1st may be the beginning of the calendar year but it is only the halfway mark of our Rotary year. Have we finished half of the projects and programs that we planned to do this year? I bet not. But take heart we have six months to catch up. I realize that our New Jersey winters are not conducive to any outdoor projects but it does give us plenty of planning time."

Bernardsville – Sending Christmas cards to soldiers is such a heart-warming service project. Heartworks will take the cards, pray over them, and send them to active duty soldiers. The YMCA started this and you joined them.

Boonton – Good luck on your quest for two of the district grants and perhaps another dollar for dollar grant from a local community foundation. Go for it!

Branchville – Can you now recite Scrooge's monologue after hearing Paul Meacham from the Tri State Actors' Theater perform for you?

Caldwell – What a handsome group you had at the Foundation Ball. Congratulations, Ash, on joining the elite Paul Harris Society.

Denville – I'm sure the Jersey Battered Women's Service appreciated your generous \$1000 donation given at a fundraiser given by Gearhart Chevrolet. How was Santa Land? Did you get everything up and ready for the festivities?

Denville Sunrise – Nice photos of all the bowlers but I didn't see any scores. What 7470 team is winning? When does the season end? Did I miss the whole bowling scene?

Glen Ridge – You had three lucrative drawings at your Holiday Party from your President's Club. Who were the winners? You looked cold at your food collection table in November.

Livingston – That was a nice summary in your newsletter of your 2014 projects, President Jeanne. Allan Feid, wow – 50 years in Rotary. You join an auspicious bunch.

Madison – Brrrrr! I hear 9 or 10 of you brave Rotarians participated in the Madison Holiday parade. Did you wear your Rotary mittens? Hi Ed Kalinka! I see you are trying out your third Rotary Club and Madison (and you) are the winners.

Montville – Did you wear your reindeer antlers or Santa hats when you and your Interact Club gave your melodious renditions of the Holiday Carols to the senior citizens of The Chelsea in Montville, an assisted living facility?

Morris Plains – Yummy hot chocolate at the Holiday Tree Lighting – what could be better. Everybody loves a hot beverage on a cold night and it's even better when served by the 'Service Above Self Rotarians of Morris Plains Rotary'.

Morristown – Lovely photographs from 'Project Joy's Cocktails and Classical Music' evening – looked like a posh 'black tie' affair.

Newton – you had a busy December. You had so many guests at your meetings, plans for new projects next year, a new (old) member, John Hannum (former A.G. in District 7470). Nice to have him back in the fold. "Attitude with Gratitude" – nice presentation by E.T. Holland.

Nutley – Your "Holiday Treasure Chest Adopt a Family Project" is yet another way to help a family at the

holiday time. Last year you gave \$1000 in gift cards to a local family - truly a treasure to them.

Pequannock Valley – Well, how was your fruit sale? Fresh citrus in December is such a treat. Another new member – Hi Bob Jackson. Hmmm, don't we remember you from the Montclair Rotary Club? You just can't get away from Rotary.

Rockaway – What a nice holiday present – a home-cooked dinner for the homeless purchased, prepared and served by your club at Homeless Solutions in Morristown. By the way, who won all the games at your 'fun' night?

Wallkill Valley – How nice it is that a Florida Rotarian visits your club when he is town and he doesn't even complain about the cold weather. Did the school children love the gifts you brought to them?

Whippany – . Sounds like you had an interesting program on the Whippany River. Welcome to the world and Rotary, Luke Daniel Mihalko, born December 5th. How timely – born in Rotary's Family Month – December

"As I read all your holiday bulletins my heart filled with happiness that so many of our clubs had the opportunity to hear our high school choral groups. How blessed we all are that these young people give of their time and talents to entertain us and how fortunate they are to have such wonderful, talented choral directors. May they continue to grow, learn, and be nurtured by their parents and our school teachers. Have a happy and peaceful holiday."

Help Wanted

Have you thought about getting involved with Rotary beyond your local club?

The district is looking for qualified Rotarians to serve on District Committees

**If interested contact
Frank Geraghty, District Governor Elect
at fgeraghty@verizon.net**

**District Committees for the
2015-2016 Rotary year are
currently being put together**

Light Up Rotary

The Rotary Foundation Rises On Expert List Of Top Nonprofits

The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

The Foundation recently earned a 4 star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundations expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. The Foundation funded \$23.6 million in district grants and \$47.3 million in global grants. These grants support local and international humanitarian projects as well as scholarships.

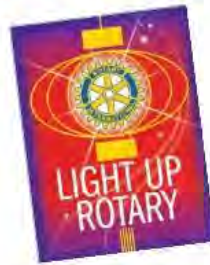
Youth Exchange Trip to Japan

Rotary District 7470 is looking for 28 students to represent the region in a cultural exchange with Japan. The Ross Redmond Short Term Youth Exchange Program, now in its thirty-sixth year, offers students ages 16 to 19 the opportunity to learn about Japanese culture, interact with Japanese students and form friendships that will last a lifetime.

This three week trip, tentatively departing on June 25, 2015 and returning on July 16, 2015, will visit major cities in southern Japan including Osaka, Kyoto and Nara. There will also be a separate trip to Hiroshima to visit Peace Memorial Park and the Holocaust Museum. The group will stay on the island of Shikoku, the smallest of the four main islands in Japan. Each student will meet and live with four host families in each of the island's four prefectures.

The total cost of the trip including food, lodging and airfare is \$2,900. Students are selected through an interview process that occurs during February and March. Applications are now being accepted. To apply, visit our website at <http://rrstye.rotarydistrict7470.org/>. The Ross Redmond Short Term Youth Exchange Chairman, Jim Allison can be contacted at JRA188@aol.com or 201-213-6382 to answer any questions.

Rotary New Member Orientation Webinar



District 7470 has developed a new member orientation program that will be delivered via Webinar. The Orientation is designed for new Rotarians who have joined in the last year. Additionally it will be a great refresher for any Rotarian regardless of how long you have been a member.

Rotary as an organization is evolving with many changes including Future Vision, technology, branding, new website, administration, and more - all of these items will be discussed in the webinar.

What equipment do you need to participate in a webinar? You will need a computer and access to the Internet. (If your computer can receive sound - Great, if not you can optionally dial into the webinar via telephone)

WHEN: Thursday, January 8, 2015

WHERE: Wherever is convenient for you

TIME: 7:00 PM

REGISTER: [Register below](#)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6624533731160797698>

NOW WHAT? Once registered you will receive a confirming email with a link and instructions for the webinar. Save this link. On the day of the webinar, click your saved link about 5-10 minutes before webinar start time. It will take a minute or two to get set up to participate.

QUESTIONS: Call or email Barry Kroll, PDG and Orientation Facilitator at barrykroll@aol.com or 973-476-2772.



The Montclair Rotary Club

presents with gratitude the

Montclair Community Service Award
for

"Service Above Self"

to

Stuart Keil



for his work to make life better and more meaningful
in our community, and for his vision to help protect,
educate and nurture
the less fortunate among us.

We salute Stuart for 40 years of outstanding
Volunteer work in Rotary

December 2014
Montclair, New Jersey, USA

Our destiny is shaped by our thoughts and our actions.
We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails.

We're Going to Washington!

Plan Now to Attend
the District Conference

May 28 – 31, 2015



At the newly-renovated
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(Within walking distance of the Mall)

"Bring the whole family!"



Well bowling is in full swing with six teams this season (looking forward to Madison Club returning next year, we miss you}. Denville Bzzzz is on fire and has captured first place by a large margin. Morris Plains, hot on their heels has moved up from 5th place to 2nd and anticipated match for December 17th, they hope to close the gap.

Don't count the other teams out; Rockaway and Bernards Bankers tied for 3rd; Schlitt Happens in 4th and Margit's Club close fifth place.

Captain Ron Ceglia from Morris Plains club bowled a perfect 300 point game and sets the bar high with high games, series and average. Question is at this stage can he keep it up.

Well that's all the news to print, and if you're looking for a night out with excitement, feel free to drop in and see the action.

Ghost Writer



Almir, our GOL child from Kosovo is scheduled for open heart surgery at Beth Israel, Newark on January 6,2015.

Prior to surgery Amir and his mother, Nusetre vist with Santa Claus.

Foundation Seminar At Mid-Year Assembly

On January 14th District 7470 will hold a Mid-Year Assembly. The Foundation Grant Seminar required for your club to qualify for Foundation Grants next year will be one of the programs offered that day. Those who attend will gain a greater knowledge of how The Rotary Foundation works, where the money given goes, and how to apply for a grant. This Seminar is required for both District Grants (which provide money's that can be used in your community) as well as Global Grants that can be used for large international projects. This year there were 17 District Grants given to clubs, and two Global Grants have been submitted for preliminary review. There are still District Designated Funds as well as Global Grant Funds available to clubs for this Rotary year. Please come and learn more.

TRAINING SEMINAR MARCH 20th and 21st

President Elect's Training Seminar will be held March 20th and 21st at the Hanover Marriott. This event will provide President Elect's with the opportunity to meet their peers from six nearby Rotary Districts and share ideas.

There will be sessions on effective club management, and leadership. District 7470 will hold a Membership Workshop on Saturday morning for both the President Elect's and Assistant Governors. The PETS training will give those who attend the tools, and information to lead their club, making their job that much easier for the next Rotary year. To help prepare for PETS there will be a pre-PETS webinar held on February 26th at 7pm.

The webinar will cover what information is needed at PETS to set club goals and identify the things which the President Elect should be doing now to ensure a smooth transition July 1.

PDG Luncheon to be held in January

In keeping with a tradition established several years ago, we will be holding a luncheon for all Past District Governors on January 20th at The Heritage Grill in Denville.

Please join us at noon on January 20th for a buffet lunch and informal get-together. The cost is \$20 per person and spouses are welcome as well. Please RSVP to DG Larry at: larryripley@verizon.net

Programs of Note

"Coupons for the Community" is a non-profit organization that collects coupons and money, then either turns them over to various local food pantries, or shops for groceries, etc., using those coupons and donations to save money for the food banks.

Suzanne Stigers is the spokesperson.

She can be reached at 973-347-8737 or suzannesprich@verizon.net and is happy to visit your club and give a presentation.

Coupons for the Community's web site is www.couponsforthecommunity.org

To learn about interesting and available programs for your Rotary Club, or to suggest one for this column, contact

Mary Ann Seeko at:
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Interesting programs of both Rotary and non-Rotary topics can be found on the District Web Site under "Speakers Bureau".



Rotary 

2015
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in the
Rose Bowl
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NID DATES – INDIA

◆ 18th January 2015

◆ 22nd February 2015

March & April dates TBA

Highlights

*First 30 participants globally get US\$100 Polio sustaining membership gift certificate**

*Polio Eradication, Rotary Meeting and Rotary Projects
Distribute flyers, Polio drops, take part in the Polio Rally/Road Shot*

Home Hosting with Rotarian's

Excursion to Taj Mahal , Agra Fort , Jama Mosque , Raj Ghat, Amber Fort, City Palace

It's known for amazing Indian food and best shopping experience for Handicrafts

Participation starting from One person (Traveling alone)



PDG Brian Thiessen & Team

Trips Dates

16 th – 20 th Jan'15	20 th – 24 th Mar'15	March & April - TBA
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