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Larry's Libretto ---- Rotary's Contribution to Peace on Earth

Rotary International has recently revised the monthly themes of the Rotary calendar, and February's theme has been decreed to be Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. How timely that is, in light of all of the turmoil in the world...the violence, the terrorist attacks, the ongoing wars and civil unrest all over the world. Man's inhumanity towards man. How senseless....how futile.... how pointless...how tragic.

It's ironic that as I sit here writing this, I'm watching a History Channel program on the Manhattan Project and the development of the atomic bomb. If any good was to come out of World War II, it was that most of the nations involved in that enormous conflict have been friendly towards each other since. And also the creation of the United Nations...that international peace-keeping organization that was designed to prevent future world wars.

There are many Rotarians that don't know about the inception of the UN, and how Rotary played an important part in its beginnings. Without the support of Rotary International, the UN may have never come to be. For it was Rotary International that the founders of the United



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Nations turned to for help in building the bridges of understanding between countries of the world that became the foundation of that organization.

And while the United Nations is far from perfect, and is often less than successful in fulfilling its mission of preventing international conflict, think of how much worse off the world would be without it.

Rotary has, over the years, increased its efforts in promoting world peace. Through programs like the Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Ambassadorial Professorships, Global Grant Projects, etc., etc., etc.....Rotary continues to be a force for promoting peace between peoples of the world in all corners of the globe.

And we.....you and I.....are part of that.



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

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More than 16 years ago the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) in New York City needed a home for six months for a girl from Kosovo who had lost both legs to a landmine explosion, so that she could continue her medical treatment and perhaps get fitted for prosthetic legs to hopefully learn to walk again.

Montclair Rotarian Juliana Belcsak and her husband took Ibadete into their family. "We were delighted to watch her grow into the beautiful woman she is today. It was a long, difficult struggle for Iba; she needed to adjust emotionally and physically to a new life. Her nightmares were fierce sometimes."

The Montclair Rotary Club and the District Rotarians all welcomed Iba for many years to all their activities which was very important for her. Iba made lasting friends with many Rotary Exchange students and local Rotarians. She attended Montclair High School and graduated from Georgian Court University. Today, through the contiguous support from HSS, Iba, now 29, not only has "beautiful legs" but now also works as a Research Assistant at that Hospital. Without our Rotary Families, Iba would not have been able to stay in the USA.



Heartbeat . .

2-1/2 Year-Old Almir – Back Home Safe, Healthy & Happy

Nusetre Shala was a very frightened young mom when she arrived in this strange land in early December. Traveling from Prishtina, Kosovo with her young son Almir, she was putting the life of her little boy into the hands of strangers – strangers in a country that where she comes from is often thought to be the bad guys.

Almir was born with multiple congenital heart defects – defects that prevented him from living a normal life or having a normal life expectancy.

Those defects were corrected surgically by Dr. Sunil Malhotra of Children's Hospital of NJ at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Members of the Morristown Rotary Club sponsored Almir's surgery.

By the time Almir and his mother left for home on January 18th, they had been guests in the homes of four different Rotarian families: Brian and Becky Romanowsky of Whippany, PDG Jim and Susan Allison of the Madison Club, Rick Porter and his wife, Kate Davidson of Maplewood and Ed and Elsie Malicki of Morris Plains.

Another success story in the ongoing saga that is Gift of Life – "Saving the World – One little Heart at a Time."



Generous Contributions To The Rotary Foundation Are Essential To Securing And Growing Rotary Programs Throughout The World

Paul Harris Fellow

A Paul Harris Fellow recognition is an acknowledgement provided by The Rotary Foundation. There are several levels of individual recognitions given by Rotary International but the most frequent recognition is a Paul Harris Fellow. There are multiple ways in which an individual may receive a Paul Harris Fellow. Examples are listed below.



An individual can make an outright contribution of \$1,000 to the Foundation and receive a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

When an individual's cumulative giving reaches the \$1,000 level, Rotary International automatically sends a PHF recognition to the Club President for presentation. Additional PHF's are given for every \$1,000 contribution, i.e., PHF+1, PHF+2, etc.

A club may give a Paul Harris Fellow recognition by contributing \$1,000 in the name of the recipient. Many clubs use this recognition to recognize outstanding club service or a significant Rotary milestone i.e., anniversary, birth, memorial, etc.

Paul Harris Society

Membership in the Paul Harris Society is based on a gift of \$1,000 a year to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation. Although there is no ongoing obligation, Rotarians are encouraged to renew their membership each year until they become a Major Donor. These annual donations to the Paul Harris Society may be made as a single gift of \$1,000 or as installments. Payments must be complete by the end of the Rotary year, June 30th.

You don't have to be a Paul Harris Fellow first in order to become a Paul Harris Society member. If you are not already a Paul Harris Fellow you will become one as soon as you fully fund your initial Society pledge.

2015 Rotary Youth Leadership Award

RLYA information and applications are now available on the district website. Plan to send student(s) this year. Registration limited. Register early to guarantee you space is reserved.

Leaders Needed for Youth Exchange Program

Rotary District 7470 needs two strong leaders to accompany 28 students, ages 16 to 19, to Japan for three weeks this summer under the Ross Redmond Youth Exchange. The trip will depart June 28 and return July 20. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. You will live with four families, tour southern Japan and Hiroshima and have a unique opportunity to experience the Japanese culture. The cost is \$2,000.

Applicants must have some youth leadership experience. We will consider qualified people outside of Rotary. For more information call me at 201-213-6382 or send an email to JRA188@aol.com.

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Attendance Report

	Count	Loss	December Attendance.
Maplewood	21	1	100.00%
Denville	50	1	93.00%
Morris Plains	66	5	92.40%
Pequannock Valley	46	-4	91.30%
Belvidere	10	0	91.00%
Blairstown	23	2	91.00%
Newark	23	1	90.00%
Nutley	27	0	89.00%
Whippany	26	2	88.00%
Lake Hopatcong	24	0	87.00%
Fairfield, NJ	5	0	85.00%
Wallkill Valley	20	-3	85.00%
Denville Sunrise	13	2	84.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	10	0	83.30%
Caldwells	34	2	83.00%
West Orange	40	-2	83.00%
Livingston	13	-1	82.00%
Dover	16	-1	81.00%
Montville	6	0	80.00%
Madison Rotary	81	-2	78.40%
Branchville	30	-2	77.91%
South Orange	9	0	77.78%
Morristown	56	-4	76.88%
Belleville	8	0	75.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	4	-3	75.00%
Jefferson Township	16	7	75.00%
Montclair	25	1	73.00%
Chester-Long Valley	7	1	71.00%
Hackettstown	27	-1	71.00%
Bernardsville	27	-4	69.77%
Hampton Township	21	0	68.50%
Rockaway Rotary Club	25	3	68.30%
East Orange	6	-1	67.00%
Mendham Rotary	22	2	67.00%
Phillipsburg	32	2	67.00%
Glen Ridge	22	1	66.67%
Washington	13	0	66.15%
Mount Olive Township	3	-2	66.00%
Randolph	27	-1	66.00%
Roxbury	25	-3	61.00%
Cedar Grove	16	0	60.41%
Chatham Millburn	8	0	56.25%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	56.00%
Netcong-Stanhope	15	1	55.00%
Par-Troy Rotary	23	1	50.75%
Newton	93	-6	49.30%
Vernon	19	1	46.00%
Irvington	15	1	43.00%
Florham Park	12	1	41.00%
Mountain Lakes - Boontons	13	0	39.00%
Bloomfield	12	-1	32.00%
	1209	-3	72.00%

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.



Mary Ann's Marquee

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"Valentine's Day is in February. Will you don your red clothes and/or accessories and join the club parties with your significant other? We have to 'partee' (party) once in a while. I wonder .. would mistletoe be appropriate at these parties?" But now, let's see what else is brewing in the Rotary cauldron.

Bernardsville – Your 'brainstorming ideas' meeting produced a few 'rerun programs'. Some old programs and ideas are still good and worth doing again. 'Increase in service involvement' provides many opportunities – Service Above Self.

Branchville - 'Lose-a-Thon' – What a great incentive to lose weight and donate your winnings from lost pounds to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Ellie Benz – Paul Harris plus 7. Nice way to start out the Rotary year.

Boonton – 'Celebrate our Diversity' – thank you for reminding us of our DG Larry's Libretto column in the Inflight in which he reminds us that we are an all inclusive organization as opposed to an exclusive organization. This is one of the reasons our organization has succeeded all around the world.

Caldwell – How nice that, for decades, you have continued to support the West Essex First Aid Squad including the entire proceeds of your golf outing. And, Aldo would be so pleased that grant funds in his name, are being used for domestic and international projects.

Denville – Did everyone enjoy Santa Land? What a wonderful tradition from your club. A great deal of work but so fulfilling. Do you have a 'Ladies Christmas Party' AND a 'Men's Christmas Party'? I'm confused.

Glen Ridge – Sounds as if your

Presidents' Club is gaining momentum. Your town wide mailing is also doing very well. That 'Virtual Food Website' is an interesting concept in this computer generation.

Madison – Your generous \$2000 check to Maggie Doyne, founder of the Kopila Calley School in Nepal, will be used toward the purchase of water pumps for the high school there. Good luck with your 'New Friends of Rotary' program. Many people cannot join Rotary but are willing to help.

Mendham – What a nice holiday party you had at June's with her spectacular table settings. You had guests, a former exchange student, Miyu and her brother, collected money for an orphanage and a school in Nepal, AND had a fun gift exchange.

Montclair – Did you get four (4) new members last month? What a great way to ring in 2015. Welcome Rotarians Linda, John, Bob, and Kevin.

Morris Plains – Santa here, Santa there – he shared your Holiday Party and the tree lighting. Who took all the wonderful nature (fauna) photos on your website?

Newton – Why did you have so many guests at your December meeting? Oh, I know – Santa was there! Remember, Santa knows who was good or bad. The Hannums were there in force. Who had to make all the introductions?

Nutley – How nice that one of your scholarship students, Irene Kim, visits you once a year and updates you on her academic progress. (She brought you wine from Greece?) Congratulations Jim and Roberta on your Paul Harris pins.

Pequannock Valley – Well? Will your president Jenn have her baby for your Valentine's Party?

Phillipsburg – Wow! The Phillipsburg Football Team won the State Championship. They deserved the plaques you presented. And 'Hello Audra and Eric' your

two new club members.

Rockaway – Children from the Little Learner Academy were your guests at the Annual Children's Holiday Party and they, and the Copeland Middle School Chorale entertained you. And then - there he was – the jolly old man in the red suit bearing gifts for the students. Condolences on the loss of your member John (Jack) Borris.

Sussex County Rotary Clubs – How was the 'United Way Chili Open Golf Tournament'? Rotarians worked the whole event, i.e. cooking, serving, taking photos with United Way. Cold outside – but warm smiles all around inside.

Wallkill Valley – Thanks to new member Brian, you have a new website – 'way to start 2015'. Plans for your big fund raisers are in full swing.

Whippany – What a nice surprise – a visit from long-time and still active Rotarian Babette Sabia. She left New Jersey but she belongs to some other lucky Rotary district. Personal note: we shared the 100th Rotary Convention in Chicago in 2005 with other 7470 Rotarians.

"The new year is here and we are already in full swing with many service projects in the works or ready to begin. We're all busy but try to incorporate your Rotary work into your daily lives. Invite others to join us – you know what they say "Many hands make light work" – and – we should share our love for Rotary."



PDG's Get Together For Lunch



Twelve Past District Governors Meet for Fun & Fellowship

In what is becoming a tradition in our district, the available PDG's gathered for a casual luncheon recently at The Heritage Grill in Denville.

Jim Allison, Bob Button, Bob Coultas, Brad Jenkins, Stuart Keil, Ted Krisanda, Barry Kroll, Maurie Mader, Bob Pityo, Bob Sherman, Dick Wallace and Joyce Wilson all came together on January 20th to enjoy each others' company and share updates and reminiscences of their personal and Rotary lives.

While there was no official agenda, we learned from each other what has transpired in their lives as well as certain former youth exchange students and Gift of Life kids. Joining the PDG's was current DG Larry Ripley and DGD John Wilson. Governor Larry commented that having served under all but two of them, he appreciated the opportunity to learn from them and benefit from their experience.

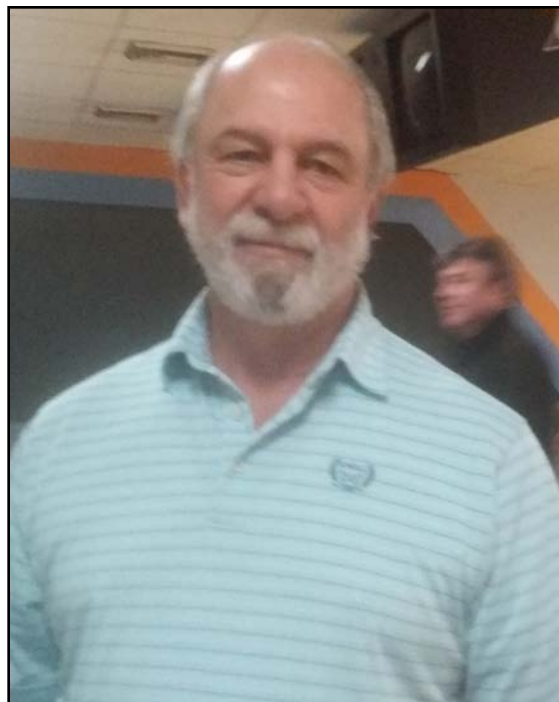


Bowling Highlights

Ron Ceglia Sr. recently scored a perfect 300 point game. Not that it has to take 40 years to reach this level of skill which is how long Ron has been bowling. In the early 80's Ron owned the Morris/Essex Lanes in Florham Park with his parents for 2-1/2 years ; we can only assume he had free privileges to practice the art of bowling (after his long hours at work).

Over these 40 years, Ron has (5) 300 point games and (3) 800 point series (series is 3 game set normal for competition and basis for our competition in Rotary Bowling league). His average over the last 20 years is over 200, currently at 229 this year. If you would like to see consistency and classic bowling style, stop by on Wed. nights at Boonton Lanes around 6pm and enjoy the show.

Your friendly Ghost Writer



Programs of Note

TransOptions is a transportation-oriented non-profit that provides programs and services that improve mobility in northern NJ. They promote commuter options such as carpooling, mass transit and the safe use of bicycles as a viable method of transportation.

They also feature educational programs on safe bike riding for all ages, and especially children

Contact Bill Feeney at

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TransOptions' web site is at
www.transoptions.org

To learn about interesting and available programs for your Rotary Club, or to suggest one for this column, contact Mary Ann Seeko at seeko@embarqmail.com

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

Rotary Leadership Institute New Location

Rotary Leadership Institute to be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 has a new location in our area at the West Orange High School. Plan now to attend with a team from your club. Rotary Leadership Institute is "rotary school" everything you need to know about being a successful Rotarian and how to make your club successful. It is designed for all Rotarians but especially for club Rotarians who wish to further develop their leadership skills. Courses are held at 4 different sequential levels: Parts I, II, III, and Graduate. Individuals who have finished all 4 levels may apply to participate in Faculty Certification training.

The West Orange High School is located at 51 Conforti, in West Orange. The cost of the Rotary Leadership Institute is \$75.00 which includes breakfast, lunch and course materials. The day begins at 7:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm. Registration is now available on the district website www.rotarydistrict7470.org under Events.



District Wide



Returns By Popular Demand!

After the initial success and acceptance of the District-Wide 50/50 last year, we're bringing it back!

This is a project of the newly-created District Foundation – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed by your district to help clubs with their fund-raising efforts.

The raffle is simple – we're printing 5000 tickets and hoping to sell all of them at \$20 apiece. And, in keeping with NJ raffle law, 50% of the proceeds will go to five winners as follows:

1st Prize	\$33,333 or 1/3 of all proceeds
2nd Prize	\$8,333 or 1/12 of all proceeds
3rd Prize	\$5,000 or 1/20 of all proceeds
4th Prize	\$2,000 or 1/50 of all proceeds
5th Prize	\$1,333 or 1/75 of all proceeds

Your club gets the other 50% less a small percentage to cover the expenses (license fees and printing costs).

This fund-raising project is completely voluntary. Your club can choose to participate if you wish. No club or Rotarian is required to sell these tickets. And there is no commitment. Your club can take as many (or as few) tickets as you think you might be able to sell, and as long as you return any unsold tickets, there is no penalty for not selling them all.

Each Club President was e-mailed an explanation of this fund-raising project, and has the opportunity to request tickets.

The tickets will be available for distribution around the second week of February, and the drawing is May 8th in Morris Plains.

For questions or to order tickets,
contact Larry Ripley at larryripley@verizon.net

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