# Larry's Libretto ---Fellowship – the "Fringe Benefit" of Rotary

June is "Fellowship Month" in the Rotary world, and of all the personal benefits of membership in Rotary, this might be the most apparent. Think for a minute of all the friends you've made in Rotary, both in your own club and around the district – and in some cases around the world.

When you're involved in an activity with other like-minded people, you're more than likely going to strike up friendships with others with similar interests to your own.



Larry Ripley District Governor

I know of many individuals and couples in our district that routinely socialize and vacation together – not because they have to, but because they truly enjoy the friendship with each other. This is the epitome of fellowship.

That camaraderie we enjoy with each other at our meetings, our work projects and our fund-raisers is a great part of what keeps bringing us back day after day; week after week....year after year, etc.



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



I believe that Rotary has developed a magic formula for success: a balance between the good work that we do (which also gives us a good feeling) and the fun we have together doing it.

Fellowship – it's the glue that holds us together and makes us strong.

# Service Club Day August 5, 2015

3:00 - 5:00 Carnival

5:00 - 5:30 "Thank You"

5:30 - 7:30 BBQ Dinner

For information and directions contact Bob Markman at rhmarkman@aol.com

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## **Spotlight**

### **LAURIE BRAUN**

A true Jersey girl, Laurie Braun grew up in Livingston and married a local boy, former Whippany Rotarian Tim Braun.

As the spouse of a Rotarian (and neighbor of others) she became aware of some of the work we do. While her business commitments didn't allow her the time to become a Rotarian herself, she began helping out with some of our projects, and that led her to what is now her passion — Gift of Life.

Even before a By-Laws change permitted non-Rotarians to become actual members of the GOL committee, she was helping with our Gala each year, and with a friend (another Rotarian spouse) was responsible for improving and raising the quality standards of our silent auction.

When the GOL Committee voted to allow non-Rotarians to be full participants on our project, Laurie officially joined the group. She is now Co-Chair and Treasurer.

Laurie lives in Whippany with her husband Tim and their son, Connor, where they have hosted GOL kids several times and, in her spare time is also very active in her church and other community programs.

And we haven't given up on getting her to join a Rotary Club.



#### **Membership: Every Member's Obligation**

By Wilf Wilkinson, past RI president

Like many Rotarians in Zones 24 and 32 I've been a member of Rotary for a long time, but I don't think I ever gave my responsibility to attract new members the emphasis it requires. I often explained how I never proposed a single member for my Club until I found that I would be losing the "Public Accounting" classification because in 1971 I had been selected as District Governor. I reacted quickly and proposed one of my business partners for membership in my Rotary Club.

The second time the question of Membership raised its head was when my Club agreed in the early 1990s, after much discussion, to welcome women members. It was agreed that we should not just welcome a token women but rather invite at least three to join our ranks. I was delighted when one of my women professional partners joined our ranks.

I confess that was the extent of my membership proposals after having been a member for almost 30 years. However, in 1995/96, Herb Brown from Florida became our International-al President and for the first time an International President started putting emphasis on the responsibility that each member has to share the ideals and work of Rotary with other qualified men and women. Since 1996 there have been very few years where I haven't proposed at least one member.

I believe that just as we encourage every member to contribute to our Rotary Foundation, every year we should encourage every member to propose one qualified person for membership in our Club or another Rotary Club. I am convinced that every member, if they stop and think about it, knows at least one person who would make a good member. However, just like in major fundraising efforts, you usually have to approach at least four persons in order to obtain one gift. Perhaps the time isn't right, but you sow the seed and that is important.

A new qualified women or man Rotarian is definitely a gift for the Club and for the Community that it serves. It may be your doctor, dentist, lawyer, or your pastor.

It may be the real estate broker, your insurance agent, the chief of police or the owner of the company that looks after your lawn care, air conditioning, furnace, or any of those other necessary duties that so many of us contract for each year.

And what about our sons and daughters, their husbands and wives — even our successful grandchildren who are in business or the professions? Perhaps they live in other cities or countries but could make a contribution to those communities.

We would be recognizing them and helping Rotary to stay young and vibrant.

## **Recognition of Paul Harris Society Members**

I would like to publicly thank Paul Harris Society members for their support of our Foundation. The Twenty three Rotarians listed below have committed themselves to a contribution of at least \$1,000 for this Rotary year. That means that an additional \$23,000 will be available to fight disease, provide clean water, protect mothers and children, support education, grow local economies, and promote peace throughout the world.



The contributions made by Paul Harris Society members represent about 20% of our District's contribution to our Foundation.

The next time you see one of these Rotarians thank them for their generous contribution.

If you would like to become a member of this elite group of Rotarians please contact me at JRA188@aol.com or 201-213-6382.

Thank you.Jim Allison, Chair Paul Harris Society

#### Paul Harris Society Members

1	Christos Alevras	West Orange
2	Jim Allison	Madison
3	ElenoraBenz	Branchville
4	Camper	BullMadison
5	RobertCoultas	Morristown
6	FrankGeraghty	Phillipsburg
7	SharonHosking	Wallkill Valley
8	Sven G.Johnson	Belvidere
9	Mike Kambourakis	Caldwells
10	BarryKroll	Madison
11	DianeMann	Madison
12	JohnMeek	Madison
13	BarbaraMiller	Newton
14	AshwinParikh	Caldwells
15	StephenPriola	Parsippany
16	Rodney Seifert	Rockaway
17	SheilaSeifert	Rockaway
18	BarbaraSoriano	Bloomfield
19	WilliamSoriano	Bloomfield
20	TomUhlman	Madison
21	JohnWilson	Newark
22	JoyceWilson	Boonton
23	KarienZiegler	West Orange



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# RYLA - Multi District Districts 7470 & 7510 Rotary Youth Leadership Award June 12,13,14, 2015 Drew University Register NOW Information Available www.rotarvdistrict7470.org Registration Deadline May 31, 2015 or when 120 capacity is reached \$265.00 per student

# **Attendance Report**

	Count	Loss	April Attendance.
Pequannock Valley	46	-4	93.90%
Fairfield, NJ	6	1	93.90 %
Lake Hopatcong	24	0	92%
Morris Plains	65	4	92%
Wharton/Mine Hill	9	-1	91.70%
Belvidere	10	0	91%
Whippany	26	2	91%
Blairstown	23	2	90%
Denville Sunrise	14	3	89.50%
Wallkill Valley	20	-3	89%
Denville	54	5	84%
Caldwells	36	4	82%
West Orange	40	-2	81%
Mendham Rotary	23	3	80%
Nutley	27	0	80%
Rockaway Rotary Club	25	3	80%
Glen Ridge	21	0	77.11%
Branchville	32	0	77.01%
Belleville	8	0	75%
Jefferson Township	19	10	74%
Livingston	14	0	73.20%
Madison Rotary	82	-1	72.40%
Hampton Township	21	0	71.40%
Maplewood	22	2	71%
Dover	15	-2	70%
Montville	7	1	70%
Phillipsburg	30	0	70%
Bernardsville	29	-2	69.75%
Hackettstown	30	2	67.80%
Washington	12	-1	66.67%
Mount Olive Township	3	-2	66%
Randolph	27	-1	66%
Livingston Sunrise	24	0	65%
Vernon	19	1	65%
Chatham Rotary	8	0	62.50%
Morristown Rotary Club	59	-1	60.53%
South Orange	9	0	55.56%
Florham Park	12	1	55.55%
Montclair	25	1	55%
Netcong-Stanhope	17	3	51%
Roxbury	26	-2	49%
Newton	94	-5	46.90%
Par-Troy Rotary	24	2	45.61%
Chester-Long Valley	7	1	40%
Bloomfield	12	-1	36%
Mountain Lakes - Boontor		-1	33%
Cedar Grove	NR	16	0%
East Orange	6	0	0%
Irvington	NR	14	0%
Newark	NR	22	0%
Totals	1226	22	63.86%



# Mary Ann's Marquee

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"Do you believe that our Rotary year is almost over? Many of us shared our Rotary excitement with others and, thus, new members! But now, let's see what's on the Marquee -- "

Bernardsville – You sound as if you are wrapping up this Rotary year. Volunteers have helped you with the Food Pantry service, you've had your blood drive, your track meet, worked at Charter Day, had a 50/50 fund raiser, planned another one for fall, and PDG Brad is still pushing for 100% R.I. Foundation club status. "EREY"

Boonton – PDG Joyce reports that the "Paper Be Gone" grant report is in and the money has been received but they still have to finish the bus shelter for the other grant to be finalized.

Branchville – Did you get rid of, oops, sorry, sell all the valuable treasures at your yard sale?

You know the old saying, 'one man's junk is another's treasure'. How exciting that you will have \$18,000 to give away to charities from your fund-raising efforts.

Caldwell – Your Charitable Request Procedure is very precise and apparently handed expertly by your committee. Your charities are varied and worthwhile. Congratulations Mike K. on your honorary doctorate from Caldwell University.

Cedar Grove – What an impressive history you have. You hosted and honored 100 students of the month and parents for over 12 years, the dictionary project for 15 years, teachers night for 55 years, scholarships for 52 years, and sponsored the Interact club for over 50 years. How nice that the school staff, et al, honored you and expressed their appreciation of your efforts.

Denville – Interesting hunger facts, Pres. Rick, which should encourage people to donate to the food pantries. Did you have many people donate blood at your recent blood drive? Almost time for the Denville Street Fair – are you ready?

Glen Ridge – Your Barbeque Bash must have really been fun. The food must have been delicious and the commentaries on the different types of food in barbeques in varied locations were interesting.

Madison – How many of you will "Walk the Brooklyn Bridge" on May 31st to raise money for PolioPlus? What a great year for your club. You distributed \$40,000 to 40 different charities. How is your 'Friends of Rotary' program progressing?

Mendham – Now that your Antique Show is over and was successful, are you getting ready for the July 4th Food Booth at the Brookside Parade?

Morris Plains - Are you moving your club meetings, too? So, Folks, if you're looking for DG Larry and club, go to the Village Food Garden in the ShopRite on East Hanover Avenue in Morris Plains. But don't look for him during the conference. He'll be rubbing elbows with the Washingtonians. Morristown - Your cleanup crew at Camp Merry Heart looked pretty clean in that picture - you sure they were working? Seriously, I know they were and now you will plant 100 barrels of flowers around town. I can already envision the lovely blooms. Welcome, new member David Cai.

Newton – Oooh- it will be a 'Red, White, and Blue' Garden Party this year. How very patriotic. May you be enveloped in sunshine. Welcome new members Helen Moch and Bill Zinky. Nutley – Did that restaurant lock their doors? Good thing you recovered your flag and badges. Now you're meeting where? Oh, at The Franklin Steakhouse, 238 Franklin Avenue in Nutley. Beware of the parking meters! By the way, what were all those red noses?

Pequannock Valley – Your annual 'Race for Marge' has quite an historical background. Its evolution is incredible as is what is done with the

money from the race. From a simple focus to one expanded by need and challenge, this is so much more than a simple race.

Phillipsburg – How was the "Corks and Forks"? Did everybody eat too much?

Rockaway – What great bike racks with the Rotary emblem on them! They will be installed soon – just in time for the summer fun at Park Lake in Rockaway. Get ready and "Run, don't walk, to fight hunger", June 20th, Rockaway Rotary's 5K race

Wallkill Valley – What a treat the senior citizens had at your annual breakfast for them. They were entertained by the GSET. Barbara Miller introduced them to the gathering and the team, which had already ingratiated themselves to the seniors, told all about themselves. They also helped serve the breakfast.

Vernon – How was your annual golf tournament in Sussex County?

Whippany – It's that time again! Time for the big Duck Race. Have you sold many tickets?

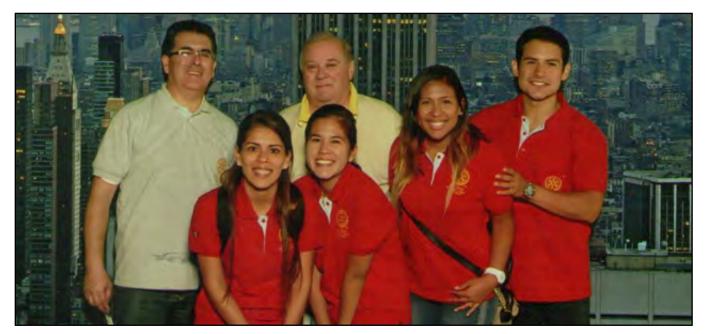
"For those of you who have been sending bulletins all year – thank you. We all have been very fortunate to have had wonderful speakers at our club meetings. It is so gracious of speakers to take their time to come and enlighten us. If you have a great program that you feel others would enjoy, tell DG Larry and he'll let us know about it in "Programs of Note" in the Inflight. Bye for now, Mary Ann."

#### 2016 Rotary Leadership Institute

Save the Date Mark your Calendar

Saturday, April 9, 2016 West Orange High School

## **Group Study Team From Peru**



As we go to press, we are approaching the end of a month-long visit from the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Lima, Peru.

GSE is a decades-long program of The Rotary Foundation, that typically involves four young professional non-Rotarians accompanied by a Rotarian "Team Leader" who travel to another Rotary District for a month to learn about life in another land.

We are extremely fortunate this year, as the group from Peru is one of the nicest exchange teams we've ever had the pleasure to host. Rotarian Team Leader Alfredo Oporto is an educator, and his team includes Jeancarlo Duran (an engineer), Carmen Quispe (a customer service administrator), Cecilia Franco (a veterinarian) and Glenny Vildoso (a marketing professional).

We've enjoyed the month we've spent showing them around our district and NYC perhaps even more than they have! Kudos to GSE Chairman Ray Freaney for an outstanding job pulling this all together. It was an enormous job, and one that he volunteered to undertake on top of being District Treasurer and Conference Chairman.

### **Programs of Note**

Homeless Bus, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides fresh food with hot soup and hot chocolate to over 200 homeless people in NYC every Saturday yearround. It is a family project begun by the Langrebe family of Montville over 22 years ago.

The web site is www.homelessbus.org

Contact Anna Landgrebe at homelessbusinc@gmail.com or 973-886-6844

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".

# Life Around 74.70 The District

## **Bowling Season Is Coming To A Close**





Well as predicted it appears that Denville Bzzz with their consistent rising scores each week is poised to take home the trophy this year. My guess is will stand at McCarter's Towing owned by their captain. Morris Plains Rotary and Captain Ron Ceglia & teammate John Claffey still hold most of the high scores whether individually or as a team.

On the ladies side, Margit Rahill, Terry Felts & Liz Castillo have made their mark with scoring.

As of this past week, Morris Plains and Rockaway are tied for 2nd, Bernards in 3rd and Up Schlitts Creek & Margit's Club in 4th and 5th. Almost sounds like a horse race lineup.

If you would like to see the closing games and passing of the trophy, it's Wed. night Boonton Lanes, 720 Myrtle Ave, Boonton.

Your friendly Ghost Writer



Nutley Rotary Club celebrates Red Nose Day at one of their regular meetings.

Looks like a lot of "red noses" and a fun loving meeting.

# Life Around /4/() The District

# **Rotary Club of the Caldwells**

The Rotary Club of the Caldwells presented the Paul Harris Fellow award to visiting scholar Megan Borlase. Ms. Borlese, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from New Zealand, recently received her PhD in Applied Behavioral Analysis from Caldwell University.



Megan and Family



PDG Karien pins Megan



Tim and Megan

#### THE KIWIS CELEBRATE

Karien was Dr.Borlase's counselor during her academic years.

Four years ago Megan Borlase arrived in District 7470 as an Ambassadorial Scholar hosted by the Rotary Clubs of the Caldwells.

Now, four years later Dr. Megan Borlase will leave District 7470 having earned a Master degree and earned a Ph.D. at Caldwell University.

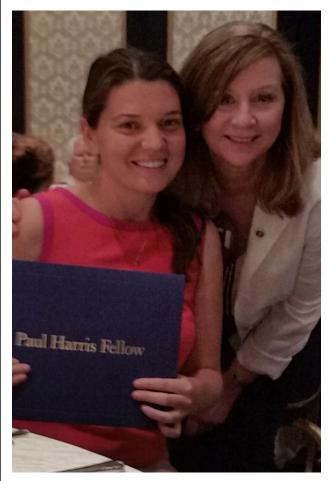
Rotary supported Megan for her Master's degree and her family supported her to her Ph.D., and now, as she goes forward with her work on unlocking the many keys to Applied Behavioral Management with the focus on Autism we all wish her continued success.

Megan's family came in from Nelson, New Zealand: Father Phillip, Mother Fiona, Sister Mykalic and Dr. Megan.

Caldwell President Tim Blattner and his wife, Dr.Nancy Blattner, President of Caldwell University were Dr.Megan's USA parents.

Karien had the honor of presenting Dr.Borlase with a Paul Harris Fellows pin given by the Rotary Clubs of the Caldwells.

# Life Around 74.70 The District



Maggie Doyne receives Paul Harris Award from Deb Starker, President of Madison Rotary Club.

# "Ladies Night Out" At Branchville Rotary

The Branchville Rotary Club held a "Ladies Night Out" Zumba Fundraiser on Thursday, May 7th to benefit DASI (Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Intervention Services) of Sussex County. The event was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Branchville and taught by Zumba instructors Theresa Hough and Michelle Herring. There were 26 ladies in attendance and a total of \$275 will be contributed to DASI. It was a fun night of shakin' our booties and working up a sweat for a great cause!



You are cordially invited to attend

District 7470

Banner Exchange

Wednesday, June 17th
Cocktails 6pm
Dinner 7pm
Flynn's on the Hill
341 Pursel Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Please reply on or before June 12th

Contact Amy
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or graphicaction.prosign@verizon.net

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