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Barry's Blog

District Governor 7470
2013-2014
Barry Kroll

First, I want to specifically thank Immediate Past District Governor Avi for the fantastic job he has done over the past year. His knowledge of Rotary is exemplary, and the tireless work he performed for this District needs to be recognized. Avi has definitely left District 7470 better than when he found it. I would also like to thank Avi for all of the help and guidance he has given me in the transition. I know Avi will be of tremendous help as the year progresses and I thank him for his friendship and advice.

I am excited and humbled to be your District Governor for 2013-2014. We still have a lot of work to do and my primary focus this year will be to help clubs attract new members and improve member retention. Clubs must be successful and progressive to do this. A progressive club has all of its members engaged, future leaders are being developed, there are local and international projects, fundraising is increasing, weekly meetings are exciting, Rotarians are being recognized for their efforts and the spirit of "Service Above Self" is pervasive. My other focus will be to work with clubs to increase support of The Rotary Foundation. We are very close to eliminating Polio from the world. Wouldn't it be great if this were

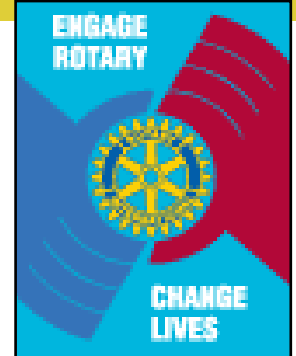
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RI President 2013-2014
Ron D. Burton



Ron D. Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Cleveland County Bar Association. He also is a member of the American Bar Association. He was vice president of the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver Award. He also received the Norman United Way and Junior League Volunteer of the Year Civic Awards.

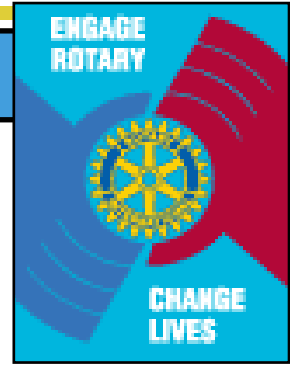
A Rotarian since 1979, Ron is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma. He has served RI as district governor, Council on Legislation representative (1992 and 1995), International Assembly group discussion leader and moderator, zone trainer, RI president's representative, and aide to the RI president. He also chaired the 2011 New Orleans Convention Committee.

Ron has received the RI Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

He and his wife, Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society, and Arch C. Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation.

Ron believes all Rotarians got involved to make a difference. In 2013 - 14, our theme and his challenge is "Engage Rotary, Change Lives."

RIP Ron Burton Theme Message



The Rotary club meeting you walk into today might, at first glance, seem very different from the weekly meetings of 50 years ago. And if you could pay a visit to every one of Rotary's 34,000 clubs, you'd see men and women from all different backgrounds, speaking just about every one of the world's languages, involved in service projects from the local to the global. You'd see clubs that are getting together to repair a neighborhood playground this weekend, while working in partnership with other clubs to install sanitary facilities in a school thousands of miles away. And you'd see a group of people who are absolutely committed to making the world a better place, in ways large and small.

There's a lot that's different about Rotary today. But the foundation that Rotary is built on hasn't changed. Rotary is based, as it's always been, on our core values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. These are the values that define us as Rotarians: they're the values we live by, and the values we strive to bring to the communities we serve.

Every one of us in Rotary is here because we were

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the year that we could announce that we accomplished this goal.

Rotary International President Rob Burton asks us all to "Engage Rotary – Change Lives." When Rotarians get engaged, lives change. We make a difference in our communities and in the world. Collectively we positively affect thousands and thousands of people who come in contact with our Rotary clubs.

Be sure to check the Rotary district website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.rotarydistrict7470.org"](http://www.rotarydistrict7470.org) www.rotarydistrict7470.org on a regular basis to see all of our upcoming events, accomplishments, stories and more. We must all embrace technology as an effective method of communication if we are to be successful.

invited, and because we made a choice to accept that invitation. Every day since then, we've been faced with another choice: whether to just be a member of a Rotary

club, or to truly be a Rotarian. Being a Rotarian is a commitment that goes far beyond just showing up at meetings once a week. It means seeing the world, and our role in it, in a unique way. It means accepting our communities as our responsibility, and acting accordingly: taking the initiative, making the effort, and doing what's right, not what's easy.

All of us came to Rotary to get involved, and to make a difference. And in Rotary service, as in just about everything else in life, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. If you only put in a token effort, you won't accomplish very much, and you won't find very much satisfaction in what you do accomplish. But when you make the decision to truly engage Rotary — to bring Rotary service and Rotary values into every day of your life — that is when you start to see the incredible impact that you can have. That's when you find the inspiration, the excitement, and the power to truly change lives. And no one's life will be changed more than your own.

In the 2013-14 Rotary year, our theme, and my challenge to you, will be Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

You've chosen to wear a Rotary pin. The rest is up to you.

Ron Burton
Rotary International President



Spotlight

STACY BORDEN

2013-2014 ASSISTANT GOVERNOR



Stacey's first connection with Rotary was in 1988 when she became a Rotary Ann. Her husband Dennis (married in 1985) was a member of the South Orange Rotary Club. Being a Rotary Ann, Stacey volunteered her services in many capacities to the South Orange Club. She officially joined the South Orange Club in 2005. She has served in numerous positions including Club President. Stacey has been an Assistant Governor for the last 2 years. Beginning, July 1, 2014, she will be the District Secretary as Larry Ripley becomes District Governor.

Stacey was raised in Montclair. She got the volunteer bug from her mother with her participation in Junior League, PTA and more. Stacey has two children and was very active in supporting their activities throughout their school years.

She continues to be active in sports and fitness. She serves as a high school sports official in a number of sports.

Stacey has been a part of Stacey Electric Services for 23 years and retired in 2008. In January 2013 she came out of retirement to work for a friend in the

financial advisor capacity. She supports the marketing and sales development of individual wealth management and the corporate retirement plan (401k) business Stacey and Dennis have been speakers at numerous groups and Rotary Clubs in the area on the topic of "electrical issues facing new home owners".

She is involved in numerous community activities including chair of the Neighborhood Association, American Heart and Cancer Associations, Community Workshop in NYC, prevention of domestic violence, and more.

She became a member of the South Orange YMCA Board of Managers and was chair of the board for 4 years. Prior to being board chair she was Chair of Development and Fundraising for 6 years. On May 13, 2013, the Metro YMCA of the Oranges recognized her as the Youth Development Volunteer of the Year.

Stacey truly exemplifies Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.

Vocational Service Award

Each year, our district honors a Rotarian of our district who uses their vocation as a means to promote the ideals of Rotary – in other words, someone who truly lives the Rotary motto: Service Above Self.

This Rotarian is nominated by their peers as one who uses the skills and contacts they've developed in the business life and career to help society at no reward for themselves.

Do you know such a person? Is there a member of your club who uses their professional skills and abilities to benefit the community? Someone who gives of themselves above and beyond their "job description" and helps others without thinking "What's in it for me?"

The NJ State Rotary Vocational Assembly will be held on October 7, 2013 at The Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. This is the occasion where Rotarians from all of New Jersey come together to promote Vocational Service as an important aspect of Rotary, and to honor those who have been selected by their Rotarian peers as one who exemplifies the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self".

Be thinking about who fits these criterion. Nomination information will be forthcoming.



R.Y.L.A.
is an acronym for
**Rotary Youth Leadership
Award**

Our district conducts an annual RYLA conference in early June targeted at high school juniors in our district. The purpose of RYLA is to emphasize leadership, citizenship and personal growth and aims to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth, provide a conference for selected youth, encourage leadership of youth by youth and to recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their community.

This year the RYLA conference was held from June 7th to 9th on the campus of Drew University. It gave the participants a flavor of what it is like to live on a college campus. There were over 60 students sent by 30 rotary clubs in our district. The program consisted of motivational lectures, group activities, leadership development, a time for fellowship and time to "hang out" and meet new friends.

Camper Bull of the Madison Club has been leading RYLA in our district for the last 25 years. The theme for this year's RYLA event was "overcoming your fears and accomplishing your dreams." At the end of the conference students were interviewed to get their impression and it was clear that the weekend was an overwhelming success. Lisa Jenkins stated, "I didn't think my life could be changed in a weekend but it was." "I can't believe how we came together as a group of strangers and now we have built lasting friendships." Sarah Bittner, Long Term Exchange Student for Germany, hosted by the Madison Club said, "This is one of the best things I have done in my stay in the United States."

Clubs can choose their own students or work in conjunction with high school guidance departments to select students. Now is the time plan and budget to send a student or two from your club in June of 2014. Cost is \$295.00 for the entire weekend. After all, these young people will be our future Rotary leaders.

Save the Date!

Rotary
Vocational Assembly

October 7, 2013

The Pines Manor, Edison, NJ

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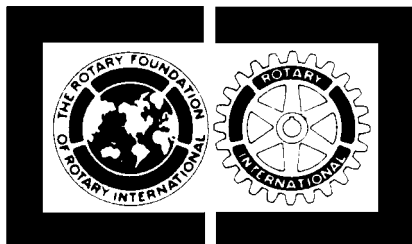
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Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	May% Attendance.
Denville Sunrise	13	-1	100.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	10	-1	100.00%
Livingston Sunrise	24	-2	98.95%
Morris Plains	5	1	96.00%
Pequannock Valley	47	0	96.00%
Denville	48	3	92.00%
Jefferson Township	11	0	92.00%
Blairstown	23	-3	91.00%
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West Orange	39	-3	87.00%
Hampton Township	20	0	85.00%
Nutley	26	0	85.00%
Whippany	24	-6	85.00%
Chester-Long Valley	8	-4	83.00%
Butler/Triboro	12	-1	81.67%
Caldwells	27	-4	81.00%
Rockaway Rotary Club	21	1	80.40%
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Walkill Valley	22	-3	79.00%
Madison Rotary	81	1	78.00%
Glen Ridge	22	0	77.27%
Ironbound (Newark)	7	-3	76.00%
Chatham Millburn	9	3	75.00%
Bernardsville	35	1	74.26%
Morristown	56	-6	74.05%
Irvington	16	0	73.75%
South Orange	9	0	72.22%
Livingston	15	-1	71.60%
Netcong-Stanhope	15	1	70.00%
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Randolph	30	0	68.00%
Cedar Grove	17	1	67.05%
Florham Park	12	12	67.00%
Maplewood	22	-1	67.00%
Boonton	10	0	59.00%
Newton	103	-4	55.00%
Par-Troy Rotary	21	1	53.00%
Mendham Rotary	21	-3	51.00%
Roseland Rotary	4	-1	50.00%
Belleville	7	0	42.00%
Branchville	29	-4	35.45%
Belvidere-NR	9	0	0.00%
Bloomfield-NR	13	0	0.00%
Dover-NR	16	0	0.00%
East Hanover-NR	0	-8	0.00%
East Orange-NR	9	0	0.00%
Fairfield NJ-NR	5	0	0.00%
Hackettstown-NR	25	0	0.00%
Lake Hopatcong	23	0	0.00%
Montclair-NR	24	0	0.00%
Montville Township-NR	0	0	0.00%
Mount Olive Township-NR	9	0	0.00%
Newark-NR	36	0	0.00%
Phillipsburg-NR	27	0	0.00%
Roxbury-NR	19	0	0.00%
Vernon Township-NR	16	0	0.00%
Washington-NR	17	0	0.00%
Total 1222		-34	





Mary Ann's Marquee

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Get Ready! Get Set! GO! We're all ready for our new Rotary year. Have you set your goals for this year? Well then – GO! You've all worked in the five avenues of service. You should have evaluated your progress in all your projects for last year and are ready to embark on old standbys and try some new tactics. But right now – let's see what happened last month.

Bernardsville – PDG Brad is working hard with EREY. He's pushing for 100%. Your members' efforts down the shore helping Hurricane Sandy victims is more than appreciated.

Bloomfield and Montclair – How did your challenge golf game go? What service club won the coveted trophy?

Blairstown – There'll be a hot time in the old town for the July 4th fireworks when you assist with the festivities.

Branchville – Last Marquee I told you not to get sausage drippings on your new aprons at the state fair. P.S.-if you do, you're in the wrong booth (unless you're helping the Newtonians.)

Caldwell – Rotarian Sam Kent, 47 years perfect attendance? Outstanding! Glad you had another successful golf outing. Thank you for your tidbit about

one of our Rotary banners (given by Buzz Aldrin to Frank Gorman) orbiting the moon.

Cedar Grove – How wonderful that your first Community Awards dinner was a success. You shared the accolades with other service people and organizations. And, you lucky people, you will share an evening with Mary French, the esteemed 'Dictionary Lady'. Her dictionary program is now national, from its humble beginning in Charleston, South Carolina – orchestrated by Mary.

Denville – For 32 years you've run the Street Festival in Denville. Well? How did it go this year? Did your residents have a wonderful time, as always?

Denville Sunrise – Your 'Touch a Truck' looked like a fun event and you made a tidy sum for Rotary. What a handsome group you were at the conference.

Dover – Consolations to your club on the loss of your very active member, Mary Mulholland. She was a very compassionate and active woman in the community.

Glen Ridge – You've been plagued by event cancellations this year but you managed to run the joint golf event (finally) and your police department appreciated your donation to their children's finger printing program.

Hackettstown – Beep! Beep! How many cars did you have at your car show?

Livingston – What a great deal of work in your 'Pedals for Progress' project. You and the Livingston Sunrise club worked hard and

removed pedals and handlebars of 88 used bikes so they could be stored before shipping them to needy recipients.

Madison – Now THAT'S A FLAG!! What a Rotary honor having your huge flag, for your 90th anniversary, flying underneath the American Flag by the Borough Hall for the month of May and Madison's Borough Council designating the month of May as Madison Rotary Club Month. What an honor!

Mendham – Are you ready to dish out the food at your booth during the Brookside July 4th parade? By the way, did Koko, the Labradoodle, enjoy his visit at your club? Therapy dogs are so soothing to their patients

Morris Plains – You must be busting with pride after winning seven district awards at the 7470 conference. Putting together the displays takes a great deal of time but doing the projects takes even longer. Congratulations!

Newton – With all the rain this month, did you have 'dry' days for your Trash to Treasures and your annual Garden Party? We can't wait to see your commemorative book and newspaper ad for your 90th club anniversary.

Nutley - You have your new budget adopted already! You are right on top of things. Your list of scholarship awards is impressive. How nice that some of you walked/rode in your town's Memorial Day Parade. Anyone for Dr. Scholls?

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Parsippany – Cedar Knolls – My! You certainly have an active Interact Club and how nice that you keep in close contact with them to encourage them. Glad your 'Car Seat Check' with the town and their EMS went well and you had the chance to promote your diaper drive, too.

Rockaway – Busy weekends ... one weekend a successful food drive, the next a 5K race to Fight Hunger and in between your avid bowlers finished in 3rd place behind Livingston and Denville (first place). Work and play – way to go! How proud you must be – you received 4 district awards at the conference including the Governor's Citation for overall excellence in Rotary.

Walkill Valley – Your senior citizens enjoyed their annual Pancake Breakfast. And what did we hear? Your PDG Ken Meredith received an award from the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee for all his many years of service? Isn't that nice and well deserved.

Whippany - Is it true? Did you help build a house in two days? By the way, did you have your 'duck' race? It appears as if everyone finished the Rotary year with a bang. Rest – take a breather – ok your five minutes is up – now let's get started for a new Rotary year. Abientot PDG Avi – Bonjour DG Barry.

District 7470 Club Membership

Every year we talk about the current membership condition of every 7470 club. This year we remain in about the same place as in recent years, however one thing has changed. Rotary headquarters has added District 7470 to a list of districts that are in jeopardy of being merged into another district. This is an effort to create a larger district. This change is only a possibility at the present time but it is under consideration.

So, - What should we do?

Each and every District Rotarian knows someone who would make a good Rotarian if asked, so first make a list of possible additional members and then, ask each one of them to attend your club.

The district already has the 5P program for membership growth along with the 10 step program. The district membership committee is ready to help with a short talk or in any way, just ask any one of us! You also have your own club programs to help build membership, make sure your membership committee is actively working on growth.

The Rotary web site also has many good membership ideas. Just look them up.

< [Rotary.org/membership](http://www.rotary.org/membership) >

"<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Multimedia/Graphics/Pages/RIArchiveLogos.aspx>" Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One," the membership slogan approved by the RI Board of Directors, is a reminder that every Rotarian is responsible for inviting new members and keeping clubs active and vibrant. It also stresses that retention is an essential component of a strong club and membership base.

We need to continue to beware of losing any of our present members, so we need to make sure all members are happy and working on projects that will help the club grow.

We can build membership and make our District 7470 even better; together let's all work on this very important project.

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Wallkill Valley Puts Out The Welcome Sign

*"Come on in!
Rotary meets here!"*

Paul Kattermann and Ken Wentink, Wallkill Valley Rotarians put up a new Rotary sign in front of the Bella Vita Restaurant - their club's meeting place.



BowlingNews **First Place - Denville B**

First place team
in the
district bowling
league.
David Richards
Bill Roberts
John Sanders
Bruce McCarter



2013 Banner Exchange Between Avi Tilak, Denville Club and Barry Kroll, Madison Club



**Rotary International District 7470
Camp Merry Heart Committee
Service Club Day
(Our annual “Thank You” party)**

**Please Join Us On
Wednesday, August 7th
at 3:00 pm**

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the camp while it’s in session. Meet the campers and the staff...see the results of your hard work and fund-raising efforts...watch the campers laugh and play at the carnival in the afternoon...enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner cooked by your friendly neighborhood Rotary Clubs!

Please be our guests for the afternoon and evening and allow us to say “Thank You” for all your help throughout the year!

For questions, or directions to the camp, call:

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