

**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST HARTFORD
YEAR END REPORT 2014-2015
PRESIDENT MARY MARTIN**

Highlights of the past year that helped us to fulfill our motto of “Service Above Self” included:

- Staffing a Water Station at the Greater Hartford Marathon in October of 2014;
- Holding a “Job Shadow Day” for high school seniors in November of 2014; and
- Ringing the Salvation Army kettle bell in front of Stop & Shop in December of 2014.

In addition to these projects, we held a number of successful social and fundraising activities:

- 27th annual Golf Tournament in September of 2014 netted \$25,000;
- 4th annual Duck Race in June of 2015 netted \$12,000;
- We marched in the May 2015 Memorial Day Parade with our duck-themed float;
- We held our first Potluck Dinner in March 2015; and
- Four members attended the Rotary International Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil in June 2015.

Some of our newest members were super-involved in our activities, particularly: Bob Buettner, Susan Hansen, and Michael Kerrigan, all as Board members.

Long-term members continued their contribution to the Club: “King Duck” George Agnelli, Treasurer Bill Saunders, Past President George Schoen, and Bob Wood.

Individual members in many cases single-handedly made some projects happen with little or no fanfare:

- Dan Firestone and the Soap Project;
- Mary Sullivan and the Dictionary Project;
- Sheryl O'Connor acted as our Trustee and fund manager for the Scholarship Trust Fund;
- and
- Susan Hansen acted as our Geek Goddess Supreme!

We were awarded the Presidential Citation.

Almost \$40,000 in financial support was provided to help meet local and international needs:

- \$12,000 for 6 scholarships to graduating high school seniors;
- \$10,000 for a computer classroom at the newly renovated Raymond Library;
- \$ 4,000 in support of the East Hartford YMCA's "Campaign for Kids";
- \$ 4,000 to assist with a clean water project in Guatemala; and
- \$ 2,266 to the East Hartford public schools so 50 children could utilize bus transportation to a summer science camp called "Star Base".

As President, I was most proud that we were able to increase our commitment to the Coats for Kids program by receiving a \$2,740 District grant. The grant paid two-thirds of the cost of providing 102 needy children with new winter coats. A number well above last year's participation rate of 65 children.

Best of all, Marc Glass begins his year with money in the coffers and 4 new members awaiting induction.