

Projects/Programs of the Rotary Club of Forked River

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Gille Park Improvements

The Rotary Club of Forked River and Lacey Township have partnered several times for Community Projects in the township. The Rotary Club of Forked River has contributed \$60,000 toward the completion of a new playground area in Gille park, \$6,000 toward a paver walkway to the park pavilion, and \$15,000 towards exercise equipment in the park (the \$15,000 included a \$5,000 donation from Wal-Mart earmarked for this project). The Park and Exercise Station are enjoyed by all in the community.



Digital Sign

12,000 electronic sign announcing town events. The Digital sign is available to display community messages for Recreation Groups, Service Organizations, Township Sponsored Organizations, Churches and Schools



American Flag Program

Each Year, the Forked River Rotary Club puts out American Flags (3' x 5') along Route 9 and East Lacey Road for any local business or resident who participates in this great fundraiser. The flags are put out between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm during the following six days: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day (July 4th), Labor Day, A Day of Remembrance (September 11th) and Veteran's Day. We put out and take in over 450 flags on each of these days listed.

Ground Hog Shadow Day

Each year, The Forked River Rotary Club participates in the national Groundhog Job Shadow Day held in February.

What is Groundhog Job Shadowing Day? -Job Shadow Day, February 2, is a nationwide effort to introduce young people to the world of work by giving them an up-close look at the workplace. More than one million young people and 75,000 businesses will participate each year.

Why was Groundhog Job Shadowing Day started? - Many middle school and high school kids just don't have the opportunity to explore various career options. In 1997, the first national Job Shadow Day was created by America's Promise, Junior Achievement, School-to-Work, and the American Society of Association Executives to get young people into the workplace to find out what skills and education are needed to make it in today's job market.

Scholarship Program

The Rotary Club of Forked River has been providing graduating high school students from our service area with scholarships for both 2 and 4 year colleges. To date, we have given out about 500,000 in scholarships since the program started. Since 2002, we have been providing about \$25,000 annually in scholarships.





Thanksgiving Food Program / Holiday Elf Program

Each November, The Rotary Club of Forked River provided 200 families with Thanksgiving Meals. The program take place at the Lacey Food Bank. All the meals were assembled by The Lacey Township High School Interact Club. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Our local club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Forked River.

In December Our Holiday Elf program provides gifts and food baskets for 500 children in over 200 families in our service area of Lacey and Waretown. We spend about \$25,000 annually on this program

The Lacey Township High School Interact club shops the families and also assembles the Food Basket consisting of Hams purchased by our club and food collected during the months November and December though our food drive (our Rotary Club places food collection barrels at the Shop Rite of Lacey, NJ). The Food Baskets and Gifts were delivered by Rotarians and Interact students to the families.



Lacey Day

The Rotary Club of Forked River regularly supports Lacey Day. Pictured is the presentation of a \$5,000 check for the event to Lacey Township in 2011

Membership

Although Rotary membership is by invitation only, we are always looking for service oriented business and community leaders. Please bring the attached "Be My Guest" form to one of our meetings. One of our members will be more than happy to talk to you about Rotary and all the good work we do in our community. We meet every Tuesday for lunch at the Captains Inn (details on form). You can also contact our membership chair, Rosa Mazzei at (609) 242-6005

BE MY GUEST

The Rotary Club of Forked River

Please join us for lunch and learn more about Rotary.

*Lunch meetings are every
Tuesday @ 12:15pm*

The Captain's Inn
304 East Lacey Road
Forked River NJ 08731



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