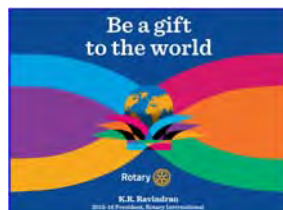




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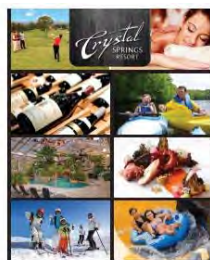
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District Golf Outing  
Black Bear Golf Course  
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District Conference  
Crystal Springs Resort  
Apr 22, 2016 – Apr 24, 2016

Webinar - Membership Development  
Online Webinar  
Apr 27, 2016  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Webinar - New Member Orientation  
Online - Webinar  
May 04, 2016  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## "From the Heart"

Posted by Frank Geraghty



This month there is only one subject that I would like to talk about - the upcoming district conference. A great deal of planning and effort has gone into making this an outstanding event and I would like every Rotarian in the district to know as much about it as possible. There are many activities available to all during the off hours around the conference and you will get an idea of what they are by reading on.

More importantly, you will hear from some great speakers during the conference. Not only will you hear about the great work going on in our Rotary district, you will learn about amazing things going on throughout the Rotary world. Please register now and come out and join in the fun.

Let me tell you about a few of the numerous activities in and around Vernon, New Jersey. For those of you who would like to stay active there will be hiking, mountain biking, and zip lining. If you are interested in the zip line, you must go to Mountain Creek's website [www.mountaincreek.com](http://www.mountaincreek.com) and sign up in advance.

For those of you who would like to play golf, the conference begins with our district golf outing on Thursday, April 21st at Black Bear Country Club. The rest of the weekend there are discounted rates to play all eight courses surrounding Crystal Springs and Mountain Creek.

The spa at Minerals Hotel is available for those who wish to be pampered. A nearby winery will be open for visits on Saturday afternoon. The trip to West Point is nearly full, but you may still be able to get a space by contacting Walter Fay at [wallyfay55@yahoo.com](mailto:wallyfay55@yahoo.com).

Crystal Springs has a free tour of their wine cellar each day at 3 PM which is first come first serve. On Saturday afternoon the district has arranged for a guided hike at High Point State Park. These are just a few of the activities available to those attending the conference, there is also ice-skating, paintball and shopping nearby. No doubt there will be something for everyone's interest please come out and join us.

This year's conference will feature some outstanding entertainment. On Friday night at the Foundation Dinner after awards have been handed out and all have eaten you will have the opportunity to dance the night away. "Uncle Rocco", a band that plays 60s, 70s, and 80s rock 'n roll music will entertain for nearly 3 hours, so bring your dancing

District Assembly  
 Hanover Manor  
 May 11, 2016  
 3:00 PM – 8:30 PM

RYLA - Multi District 7470 & 7510  
 Drew University  
 Jun 17, 2016 4:00 PM –  
 Jun 19, 2016 11:30 AM

Banner Exchange Dinner  
 Windlass Restaurant and Marina  
 Jun 22, 2016  
 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Camp Merry Heart Service Day  
 Camp Merry Heart  
 Aug 03, 2016  
 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Vocational Assembly  
 Pines Manor  
 Oct 05, 2016  
 3:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Club Events**

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**District Speakers Bureau**

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**Club Meetings Times/Locations**

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**Attendance Report**

February 2016

Club	#	YTD +/-	%
Blairstown	30	7	95.00%
Caldwells	40	2	93.00%
Morris Plains	60	-4	92.00%
Belleville	8	0	90.00%
Newark	25	3	90.00%
Belvidere	8	-2	88.00%
Whippany	25	0	88.00%

shoes. On Saturday night we will have a comedian from New York who performs nationally and is a very funny guy. Be prepared to laugh out loud.

After our sessions there will be the obligatory bocce tournament and of course hospitality suites. It appears that this year contrary to recent years, there will be at least four and possibly as many as six clubs hosting hospitality Suites. With this level of entertainment, I personally don't see how anyone can leave our conference without having fun.

On the more serious side you will hear from speakers on current hot topic issues such as active shooters and terrorism. Rotary clubs will present projects that they have initiated to help protect the public in these uncertain times.

You will hear the compelling story of a Rotarian who after over 20 years of work in America decided to return to her native Afghanistan and start a school. In spite of overwhelming odds, she began a school for girls starting with just seven and now serving nearly 450. It is amazing what one person with an idea can do to make the world a better place.

Another of our speakers will tell us about the rewarding work of helping children with cancer lead a more normal life. The Valerie Fund provides robots that attend classes for these children so that they may interact with others during their treatment.

There will be many stories about the great work our little district is doing to make both our communities and the world a better place to live. A presentation will take us through the steps of a global grant that will help thousands live a better life. There will be information and subject matter interesting to all Rotarians.

Lastly, I can't tell you how much I look forward to celebrating the great work of our district and to talk about the level of cooperation between clubs and Rotarians that I have experienced this year. You will find a draft schedule for the speakers here in this month's Inflight as well as other information pertaining to this annual event in our Rotary year. The conference is in our district this year so that every Rotarian who wishes has the opportunity to come out and learn something new while experiencing the Fellowship of Rotary. If you have not looked at the conference package you can see that there are opportunities to come for just a day or to attend the entire event, please join in!

[Read more...](#)

**Mary Ann's Marquee**



*"Welcome Spring – even if we have had spring-like weather all winter. I can't wait to see all the photos and news about the 7470 spring conference."*

**Bernardsville** – Having your fund raising car show event in July during the 'Concerts in July' should be advantageous and create more public interest. Putting the article on the History of the Rotary Foundation is a reminder of this important part of

Denville Sunrise	13	0	85.00%
Lake Hopatcong	20	0	85.00%
East Orange	5	-1	80.00%
Fairfield, NJ	5	-1	80.00%
Montville	9	2	80.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	8	-1	78.00%
Rockaway	27	3	77.20%
Madison Rotary	75	-7	76.16%
Branchville	32	0	76.13%
Nutley	28	1	75.00%
Glen Ridge	19	-2	74.00%
Pequannock Valley	46	0	74.00%
Walkill Valley	20	2	74.00%
West Orange	42	1	74.00%
Livingston	14	0	71.00%
Denville	48	-5	70.00%
Irvington	10	-2	70.00%
Maplewood	20	-1	70.00%
Mount Olive	6	3	69.17%
Hampton Township	19	-1	68.00%
Jefferson Township	22	3	68.00%
Washington	13	2	67.31%
Livingston Sunrise	25	1	67.00%
Randolph	25	-2	66.00%
South Orange	8	-1	65.63%
Hackettstown	26	-2	62.50%
Dover	15	0	62.00%
Newton	93	2	61.00%
Montclair	18	-6	60.87%
Vernon	19	0	60.00%
Morristown	55	-5	58.33%
Netcong-Stanhope	17	0	56.00%
Phillipsburg	31	1	56.00%
Roxbury	25	1	55.00%
Chatham Rotary	11	2	54.55%
Bernardsville	29	0	53.04%
Florham Park	14	2	50.00%
Par-Troy Rotary	17	-3	48.89%
Mendham Rotary	22	-2	48.80%
Mtn.Lakes-Boontons	12	-1	42.00%
Chester-Long Valley	11	3	40.91%
Bloomfield	17	2	34.00%
Cedar Grove	15	2	28.30%
District 7470	1202	-4	66.84%



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Rotary.

**Branchville** – I'm sure you are looking forward to your Ukrainian visitors and learning about them.

**Caldwell** – Nice article on the "Rotary Anns". Many newer members don't know who they were. You have operated your 'willing hearts' shop for a long time which is an admirable commitment of your members.

**Denville** – You're almost there. It's almost time for your 35<sup>th</sup> Premier Denville Street Festival. June is just around the corner. Are you all ready? Hope for nice weather!

**Denville Sunrise** – Any date yet for the annual Duck Race?

**Glen Ridge** – I'm sure you enjoyed the Glen Ridge High School Student Government presentation on their annual Glen Ridge Service Day for middle and high school students which coincides with Rotary's Service goals.

**Hanover** – Are you getting ready for your big annual Duck Race? Are Brian and Bob going to follow the ducks down the river in the new canoe they made? Welcome new member Ross Long.

**Madison** – 100,000 meals is a lofty goal to package and distribute to the Salvation Army in your support of the End Hunger 3.5 program. These meals will be distributed to 40 sites in N.J. and N.Y. The more money that is raised will feed more people.

**Mendham** – I think your 'Reasons to join Rotary information scroll with quill' is very 'classy'. A must for your web page.

**Morris Plains** – Did I hear the trumpet sound the "Tally Ho" call for your 'Night at the races'? Who won? Who won? Next year the players should wear jodhpurs, boots, and carry a whip to get in the mood. Did you have both someone playing the bagpipes AND the children's Irish step dancers from the DeNogla-Ardmore School for St. Patrick's Day? You are so lucky!

**Morristown** – You certainly made the most of St. Patrick's Day. You marched, you rode in those fantastic antique cars, and you Rotarians had the camaraderie which makes everything perfect – including the weather!

**Mountain Lakes/Boontons** – You must feel very good that you were able to help the Boonton students with a grant to start their student-run - "Paper B Gone" - paper shredding business. They will learn valuable job skills.

**Newton** – Wow! Who had to flip the pancakes for over 250 people at your pancake breakfast?

**Nutley** – Tom, you must have looked like an impish leprechaun in your green curly wig. Joanne, that was worth a happy dollar. Your annual golf tournament is fast approaching but your Beefsteak is first, isn't it? How did you do with you scouting for food drive?

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**Pequannock Valley** – Happy walking in your 5K race fundraiser. I like your 5K race logo – eye-catching and to the point! I wish you luck with your ‘wheels for hope’ project. 25 more wheelchairs to go.

**Phillipsburg** – ‘Corks and Forks’ – ‘Forks and Corks’, anyway you say it - it’s catchy. Good luck on this annual fundraiser in May.

**Rockaway** – How was Peter Cottontail at your annual breakfast? I hope you Rotarian readers didn’t rock yourselves to sleep in that rocking chair while participating in the ‘Read Across America’ in the local schools.

**Walkill Valley** – Hope your Wine Tasting fundraiser is a success. The profits will permit you to increase your donations to worth-while community projects. Then you will follow up this event with an auspicious ‘70<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Dinner’ in May. I hope other clubs’ Rotarians will join you and help you celebrate this event.

*“Another month has gone by. Where does the time go? Time to look at our planning guides and the goals we set; time to look at our budgets to be sure we spent our money as we planned; and soon it will be time to work on next year’s goals. We are just busy, busy, busy. I hope we all had a good Rotary year.”*

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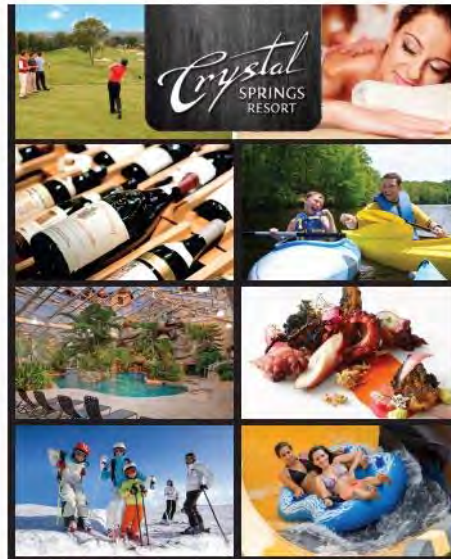
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### **District 7470 Conference**

**April 22, through April 24, 2016**

**Red Tail Lodge**

**Mountain Creek Resort, Vernon, NJ**

### **Conference Schedule:**

Friday, April 22, 2016

12:30 pm – Registration and welcome,  
refreshments

1:00 pm – Conference welcome and drawings

1:15 pm – First Plenary Session – Welcome  
RI Representative

1:45 pm – Break

2:00 pm – Parsippany Police Active Shooter

2:20 pm – Roxbury Police/FBI Rep. on Terrorism

2:45 pm – Choral Group

3:20 pm – Girls School in Afghanistan/ Razia Jan

4:30 pm – Session closing

5:30 pm – Cocktail Reception for



## Foundation Donors - Hawk Nest Lounge

6:00 pm – Formal Cocktail reception

7:00 pm – Formal Dinner (Music by UncleRocco's Band)

11:00 pm – Hospitality Suites

Saturday, April 23, 2016

7:00 am– Hotel Guests Breakfast

8:00 am– Registration, Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – Welcome and drawings

9:15 am – Second Plenary Session – Mark Von Hoelzendorfs PR

9:45 am – Break

10:00 am – State of the District by DG Frank Geraghty

10:25 am – Awards

10:55 am – Valerie's Fund –VGO Robot/Joann Seera

11:15 am – Youth Exchange/JimLaSala

11:30 am – Gift of Life –Laurie Braun/Brian Romanowski

12:00 pm – Free time and West Point Tour/Walter Fay

6:00 pm – Cocktails

7:00 pm – Dinner

8:00 pm – Entertainment Adults (Comedian John Pizzi)

8:00 pm – Entertainment Kids

9:30 pm – Bocce Ball Tournament

9:30 pm – Hospitality

Sunday, April 24, 2016

8:00 am– Memorial Services

9:00 am – Plenary Session-Drawings

9:30 am– District Secy. Stacey Borden/District Treas. Ray Freaney

10:00 am – Awards(newsletters, etc.)

10:20 am – Presidents Representative Farewell

10:30 am – 2017 District Conference

11:00 am – Foundation Baskets drawings

11:30 am – Closing

[Read more...](#)**Rotary District Conference Awards**

Our annual District Conference is a time when every club in the district is encouraged to submit an entry for one of the awards that will be presented during the weekend of the events that are planned. A special new category has been added by DG Frank this year: The **Governor's Citation**. Clubs will be nominated by the Assistant Governor, and ALL clubs should be

striving to achieve this award. It will be based on the following criteria:

1. **One new member inducted this year**
2. **Participation in The Rotary Foundation (i.e., club donation, individual donations, grant project)**
3. **Participation in a community project**
4. **Participation in a cooperative project with another Rotary club(s)**

Additional awards include many of those that have become traditional in District 7470, including:

**Five Avenues of Service Club Display Boards:**

Bring a tabletop display promoting or demonstrating your club's activity for ONE each of the five avenues of service. These include **Community Service, Club Service, Vocational Service, International Service, and Youth Service**. Clubs are limited to one display per avenue of service per club. Five awards will be presented, one for each Avenue of Service based upon the information on the display. Poster Board must be no larger than a maximum size of 48"x36".

**Club Newsletter Awards:** How to apply: Bring copies of your 6 best newsletters. Following categories will be recognized:

- Best Club Newsletter – Overall
- Best Club Newsletter – Rotary Content
- Best Club Newsletter – Overall Content
- Best Club Newsletter – Format
- Most Improved Club Newsletter (from start of Rotary year until District Conference)

**Membership Development/Recruitment**

**/Promotion:** Submit a copy of your membership plan. What did you do? Did it work? Did you have an event and, if so, describe what your club did and how it impacted membership.

**Best Public Relations:** Submit a display of your press clippings, printouts of e-news coverage, videos of cable TV coverage, etc. Maximum size is a 48"x36" display on poster board.

**Club History:** Be creative and submit whatever best depicts your club history. This could be scrapbooks, photo albums, posters, etc. If using poster board, maximum size 48"x36".

**Best Conference Attendance – Overall:** No application process. This award will be based upon registration statistics.

**Best Conference Attendance-Percentage of Total Members:** No application process. Award will be given based upon registration statistics.

Our District Conference is just a little over a month away, and all clubs are encouraged to start planning to apply for these awards NOW. The awards are a highlight of the conference each year, and we look forward to lots of entries and some spirited competition!!

For questions or further information, contact District

Awards Chair Barbara Miller at  
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### District Golf Outing



This year's District Golf Outing will take place on Thursday prior to the District Conference!

Play golf and stay for the conference!

### **IMPORTANT TIME CHANGES**

***Lunch for the golf outing has been moved up 1/2 hr (from 12:00 PM to 11:30 AM) and the Shotgun Start has also been moved up 1/2 hr (from 1:00 PM to 12:30 PM) to allow the golfers to make it to Happy Hour.***



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### District-Wide 50/50 Raffle



We're coming into the last month of the raffle. The drawing is May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Year-End Assembly, so if your club is participating in this fund-raiser, get a push on!

Please don't wait until the last minute to get your sold ticket stubs and money in. Mail them along to:

Rotary District 7470  
 P O Box 25  
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### 2019 - 2020 District Governor

Congratulations to **Ray Freaney** who was unanimously selected by the District Governor Selection Committee to serve as the 2019 - 2020 District Governor. Ray is a member of the Rotary Club of Madison and has been a Rotarian for 25 years. His



experiences in Rotary includes 3 times as Club President, Assistant Governor, President Ball Chair, Foundation Event Chair, District Conference Chair, Group Study Exchange Chair, District Treasurer, member of the District Leadership Team as well as serving on numerous committees.



## District Assembly

### **YEAR-END ASSEMBLY**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

**HANOVER MANOR  
16 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover**

### **3:00PM - Check in and Registration**

Come out and learn more about Rotary!  
The upcoming year end assembly will be an opportunity for both club leadership and membership to learn more about Rotary and the operation of our District.  
A membership workshop, The Rotary Foundation seminar allowing clubs to qualify for grants, as well as a program on the RI website and Rotary Club Central will be provided.

Information on many of the important district programs including [Youth Exchange](#), [Gift of Life](#), [Interact](#), [Rotaract](#), [Rotary's WALKFEST](#), and [Polio Plus](#) will be available.

There will also be sessions specific to the incoming club presidents, secretaries and treasurers' roles. The event will be held at the Hanover Manor and registration will begin at 3 PM on Wednesday, May 11. Following the break out sessions dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

***Cost of the event is \$45.00 per person.***

To register forward check to:

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*Make checks payable to **Rotary District 7470***

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## New Member Orientation Webinar



This webinar is designed to provide a New Member Orientation for Rotarians who have joined Rotary in the last 12 months. Additionally, it will be a good refresher for any Rotarian. Rotary continues to evolve and there have been many new additions and changes to the traditional Rotary way of doing business.

Please register for New Member Orientation on May 4, 2016 7:00 PM EDT at:

### **REGISTER**

Included in the Webinar will be an overview of how clubs operate, and orientation to District 7470 and overview of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and the programs and service offered.

When finished you will have a better understanding of the significance of Rotary in the world as well as

having a better understanding of how Rotary operates locally.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### "Heart Beat" - News from Gift of Life



Fifteen year-old, Joseph Fajardo of Panama, is our Gift of Life program's most recent success story. Joseph & his mom, Maria, arrived in NJ in early January and were graciously hosted and loved by Morris Plains Rotarian, Ed Malicki, his wife Elsie and daughter Desiree Arroyo for the next 8 weeks (Ed & Desiree are both trustees of the GOL program).



Since birth, Joseph's family was told there was nothing that could be done for his congenital heart defect, but the family refused to give up hope. Thanks to the family's persistence, the GOL program in Panama presented Joseph's case to our

District 7470 GOL program and the medical team at Westchester Medical Center accepted this very high-risk surgery.

Thankfully, on February 11<sup>th</sup>, Joseph received a new Mitral Valve during an 8-hour open-heart surgery. The news of a successful surgery brought mom Maria to tears as she heard for the first time since birth that her son now had a chance at a normal, healthy life. She could not even express the depth of her gratitude to the perfect strangers in another country who cared enough to help save her son's life.

Post-surgery, Joseph experienced some minor complications and challenges, but none that could stop this determined young man from returning to his anxious family in Panama. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Joseph and Maria said farewell to the people who had opened their hearts and home for 2 months and were warmly greeted by their "real" family in Panama.

All of us at GOL NJ thank the Malicki family and all of our GOL supporters for their kindness and generosity which continue to allow us to save the lives of children like Joseph, one little heart at a time.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit [www.giftoflifenj.org](http://www.giftoflifenj.org)

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### **Rotary Youth Leadership Award**



An amazing adventure is coming in June!

June 17 – 19, 2016, our District will host the annual RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). This three-day intensive program is designed to teach high-school juniors leadership skills. They will be able to use these skills for the rest of their lives. RYLA is known District wide for changing people's lives and helping them understand how they can partner with Rotary to make a difference in this world. 100 juniors from high school are expected to converge on Drew University, not only to learn from the best and brightest in our District, and also to learn from each other and figure out how they can support each other in their ongoing projects.

RYLA Starts Friday night with a series of welcome remarks, and drives right into making sure the students get to know each other well. On Saturday morning they get up and are immediately treated to several motivational and inspiring speakers. The speakers will help the students to not only see what they can do, they will give them actionable takeaways to improve themselves and the ideas that they are passionate about.

In the afternoon the entire agenda is designed to be experiential learning. Some ideas that are presented in a classroom setting are not as effective as taking those same ideas and putting them to work in an experiential learning environment. These events have been specifically designed for the RYLA students. They will intentionally push them and will have them achieve excellent outcomes

while learning.

The highlight of the weekend is a speech given by a motivational speaker who truly teaches the students, in a unique way, how to "break through your fears". This fundamental experiential learning, coupled with positive groups of people, never fails to excite and inspire the youth. It teaches them the values that Rotary holds so dear.

The next morning, we talk about what they can do by providing them with opportunities within Rotary to continue to serve and work together. These include Interact clubs, short-term and long-term exchanges as well as opportunities throughout the District to become leaders who are capable of making changes in the world.

Rotary clubs around the District say that this is one of their favorite events because it changes people's lives. Mark, a past attendee said, "*This was the most amazing experience of my life!*" Pam from Moorestown said: "*What I learned here I will use for the rest of my life.*" Jason said it was "*amazing*".

RYLA still has a few vacancies left, so if you have a student who is interested please see the President of your Rotary club for an application. All students are sponsored by the Rotary club for \$275 inclusive.

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