



District 7500 Newsletter

Monmouth – Ocean– Burlington Counties



Lend a Hand

Rotary International

February 2004

Governor's Message



World Understanding Month

Understanding the World doesn't seem like something that would be possible. Yet we, as Rotarians, dedicate a month to it. To understand what is going on in the World you must first get to know what other countries are all about. Most of us only see the Tourist Attractions, as those are the areas that we frequent when we do travel. Of course, to attract tourists every country puts their best foot forward. We see the beautiful beaches, the clean hotels, and the best restaurants. We stay where the food is good and the water is clean. As Americans, we only accept hot showers, flush toilets and air conditioning. But that is not really what many parts of the world are like.

We read about poverty and hunger. There are people dying from diseases caused by dirty drinking water and unsanitary conditions, but what can we do. We are just a small group of Rotarians; we want to help but are not sure of how to go about it. We have a dream of peace throughout the world where everyone has the same advantages as the next, but the difference between a dream and reality is a plan. Margaret Meade once said " Never doubt that a small group of dedicated people can make a difference-indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

One of the things that we, as Rotarians, can do is support our Foundation. Individually we have no leverage but together with 1,227,544 other Rotarians in 166 countries, we can develop a plan.

The RI Foundation has a "PLAN". Their plan is " Every Rotarian Every Year" and it means that they would be able to accomplish their goals since they would have the funds needed.

The eradication of Polio is the largest project that Rotary has ever started and it is close to being completed. You can support this project directly by making a donation to Polio Plus. Otherwise, a donation to Annual Giving will support many other projects in numerous countries. Also, 60% of an Annual Giving contribution comes back to District 7500 to be used towards our Ambassadorial Scholar, our GSE Exchange and our Simplified Grants. Any amount of donation is acceptable although RI would like to see \$100.00 from each Rotarian. That contribution would total \$150,000 from District 7500 alone. With that amount we could certainly help take care of many of the problems found in other parts of the world. We are part of the "PLAN" so lets make sure we follow through with the commitments made by our clubs.

Yours in Rotary

Pam Maguire DG

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Thank You,
Bruno Hornung
Newsletter Editor

BALTIMORE 2004 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Annual District Conference is being held at the Marriott Inner Harbor from April 23 to 25.

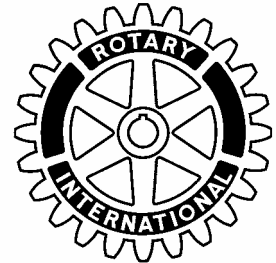
All registrations and payments are now due.

Please go to www.rotary7500.org for registration forms and past copies of District Newsletters for any information you may have missed.

Please don't wait.
Send your registration today!!!!

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- March 13, 2004** – President-Elect Training. (PETS) Burlington County College.
- March 27, 2004** – President-Elect Training II. (PETS) Burlington County College.
- April 23-25, 2004** – District 7500 Conference. Marriott Hotel. Baltimore, Maryland.
- May 8, 2004** - District Assembly. Burlington County College



MARLTON ROTARY CLUB New meeting location

Marlton Rotary Club now meets at the Lone Star Restaurant 500 Route 73 North Marlton NJ 08053 - 6:30 PM on Tuesday evenings. Located just a mile from the famous Marlton Circle. You-all come, chow down with some of the finest Rotarians west of the Mississippi.

www.rotary7500.org

Record Turnout for Mid-Year Assembly

The mid-year assembly held at the Holiday Inn in Tinton Falls on January 14 had nearly 70 Rotarians representing 29 clubs in attendance.

Eight speakers presented interesting topics concerning all areas of Rotary Service.

Mike Colusardo spoke on worldwide disasters and a unique system for providing immediate housing assistance using a new concept known as a "Shelter Box" which can supply warmth and shelter for up to 10 people at minimum cost.

Dick Isackson spoke on a Dried Milk Program for the children in Mukatchevo, Ukraine, where there is a shortage of whole milk and explained the advantages of using the dried milk. Clubs wishing to participate in this program, which qualifies for the Presidential Citation as a new International Service Project, may forward checks made payable to District 7500- Dried Milk to Dick at 151 Harrington Circle, Willingboro, NJ 08046-1825.

Governor Pam spoke about the critical need for organ donors nationwide and closer to home related the story of Dr. Joseph Fritz of the Rotary Club of Burlington. Joe's kidneys failed in December 2002 and he was placed on dialysis in January 2003. He was determined not to become a slave to a machine and set a goal for himself to find a kidney within one year. As the year was nearing the end the hospitals, for which he was on the waiting list, told him the average wait was 3-5 years. A friend of his from work, offered Joe a kidney, however, he was not a "match". His friend's wife volunteered and she was a "match". On December 3, 2003 Joe received his transplant and is home recuperating. He expects to return to work soon. What a wonderful way to LEND A HAND.

Phil Lucas discussed Job Shadowing in February and how it can benefit the youth in our area.

Jack Chesbro and Franz Schneider discussed the status of the Group Study Exchange Team and Ken Garrett gave a presentation on Foundation reporting.

Nick Stranieri gave an update on Early Act in the District and Rob Kee III discussed the Presidential Citation and how clubs are already doing many of the

requirements but are not documenting their actions.

A special thanks to Marianne Solano, District Events Coordinator for providing the logistical support for this very successful event.

District Farewell Dinner For GSE Team

Thursday May 13, 2004

The Ramada

Corner of Rt #9 & #70
Toms River, NJ

Buffet Dinner from 6:30 to 10:30 PM

Cost is \$30 PP Cash Bar

*GSE Team from Brazil will present program
For all Rotary Club Members and their families
Come meet these great people before they leave
Or Come say goodbye if you hosted*

Send your check & reservations to:

Lakehurst-Manchester Rotary
C/O Geraldine Oliverie
2925 Ridgeway Rd Manchester, NJ 08759

Or call 732-657-4900 / Fax 732-657-4990

E-Mail fdgerio@aol.com

Makeup's will be given

DISTRICT 7500 Monthly Attendance Reporting January 2004

Club	Attend %	# Mem.	Net Gain Loss
Wrightstown	95	23	-1
Maple Shade	90	45	0
Great Bay	90	16	0
Marlton	88	22	0
Moorestown	87	92	1
Lakewood	85	41	0
Medford	82	33	0
Beverly	81	18	0
Willingboro	80	57	0
Brick Morning	79	43	0
Brick TWP	76	50	0
T. R. Sunrise	73	35	0
Tinton Falls	70	19	0
Point Pleasant	70	25	0
Red Bank	67	64	-4
Pt. Pleasant Boro	65	40	0
Seaside	63	23	0
LBI	63	47	0
Matawan	62	29	0
Pemberton	60	30	2
Jackson	60	29	-1
Holmdel	60	10	0
Asbury Park	60	53	0
Long Branch	58	59	0
Lakehurst-Manchester	55	25	0
Mt. Holly	53	27	0
Southern Ocean	47	38	-2
Wall Sunrise		No Report	
Wall		No Report	
Toms River		No Report	
Spring Lake-Brielle		No Report	
Riverside/Delran/Delanco		No Report	
PRC		No Report	
Mt. Laurel		No Report	
Moorestown Breakfast		No Report	
Hazlet		No Report	
Freehold		No Report	
Forked River		No Report	
Central Ocean		No Report	
Burlington		No Report	
Bordentown		No Report	
Beachwood-Berkeley		No Report	
Net Gain			-5

REMINDER:
Attendance reports are due on the 5th of
the following month.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Fleet Bank, soon to become Bank of America, will be receiving recognition at April's Baltimore District Conference. Patricia Wiener, President of the Long Beach Island Club, is responsible for obtaining the \$1500 sponsorship from Fleet Bank.

Commerce Bank has chosen to become a sponsor at the "Base Hit" level. Nancy Rhinesmith, of Point Pleasant Boro Rotary, is responsible for the sponsorship from Commerce Bank.

The District Conference is fast approaching. If you or your firm need information with regard to sponsorships call George Szlasa at 732-830-8553.



Army Community Service's Hearts Apart program received a \$300 gift from Rotary International District (RID) 7500 on Jan. 27. From left to right are: Lawrence R. Ninerell, RID 7500 governor from 2002-2003, Richard "Dick" Isackson, RID 7500 governor from 1996-1997, Pat Selmon, Amada Espinosa, Laura Cribb, Maria Selmon, Kristen Dzamba and Jeanette Martinez.

OPERATION HANDS OVER SEAS

Sponsored by Jackson Rotary Club

By Jackson Club member Chuck Boudreau

Thanks for your support of the Jackson Rotary Club's Lend A Hand – Operation Hands Over Seas Holiday Giving Drive for the New Jersey Reservists' families and children of the 253rd Transportation Unit and for our brave men and women overseas who are defending our freedom.

The "support and generosity" by the Jackson community has been "overwhelming" with the collection of non-perishable food items, toys, gifts and monetary donations. The Jackson Rotary Club collected over 400 toys and gifts for the children of the New Jersey Reservists, three 4x4x4 crates of non-perishable food items and \$700.00 dollars in donations during the six week Holiday Season. We have "exceeded" our goal and "thank you" for your support. Special mention and thanks to the residents of the Westlake Adult Community for their participation and generous support.

The overall campaign by the Operation Hands Over Seas organization during the Holiday Season was "extremely successful", in that, they distributed 2,000 gifts and toys to the children of New Jersey Reservists and 325 food baskets of non-perishable food items with either a turkey or ham were given to New Jersey Reservist families. Also, 75 care packages were mailed out to our men and women serving in the Gulf Region. Several thank you notes have been received that reads; "I wanted to extend my gratitude for your generosity. Playing Santa without a Daddy proved to be much easier due to the kindness of you and many others. Thank You for supporting the families of America's heroes. May God Bless you all." "Thank you for your generosity. The world is a better place with people like you." "... As ISG of this unit it is my responsibility to make sure that my soldiers are taken care of. The items you sent were divided-up and given to soldiers in all 5 platoons. My soldiers and I appreciate your support and the citizens of our great State."

The Jackson Rotary Club became involved with Operation Hands Over Seas once it was determined that the program would be ongoing in supporting our troops and fit within our overall Rotary mission and this year's slogan of Lend A Hand in 2004.

We appreciate your continued support of this program in 2004 of non-perishable food items and basic items of necessity for the benefit of our troops in the Gulf Region and their families here in New Jersey. All food items are greatly appreciated and accepted at the following convenient Jackson drop-off locations; Allstate Insurance Agency 305 Whitesville Rd., Shop Rite 260 N. County Line Rd., Dunkin Donuts Manhattan Plaza, Bella Terra 2 Kathleen Dr., Fleet Bank 2284 W. County Line Rd., Jackson Library 2 Jackson Dr., The Jackson Township

Municipal Building 95 W. Veterans Highway and ShopRite 1001 Route 70 West in Manchester.

The Jackson Rotary Club's Lend A Hand – Operation Hands Over Seas program has been successful because of the residents of Jackson and surrounding towns that are caring, generous and wish to help support our troops who are in the Gulf Region defending our freedom.

If you wish to become involved to help support the troops overseas or the New Jersey Reservists' families please call Chuck Boudreau at 732-833-0897, Jackson Rotarian, or by e-mail; chb1234649@aol.com.

All help is welcomed and appreciated.

You have brightened-up many faces during this difficult time of separation from a parent or loved one being overseas looking out for us.

DISTRICT 7500 PROFILE

No. of Clubs	42	
No. of Members	1488*	
Male	1150*	78%
Female	329*	22%
Average Age	51	
Members:		
<1 Year	122	9%
1-3 Years	238	17%
3-5 Years	146	11%
5-10 Years	278	21%
10-25 Years	356	27%
>25 Years	202	15%

* Data listed is compiled from monthly planning guide which wasn't completely filled out by each club. The 10/03 monthly attendance report lists 1509 members.



Registration Form

District 7500 – Conference 2004

April 23, 24, 25, 2004

Baltimore Marriott – Inner Harbor

110 South Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201



Lend a Hand

Please Print or Type

Rotary Club: _____

Rotarian's Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip _____

Phone# (home) _____ work: _____

E-mail Address: _____

No. of Persons in Room _____

Others Attending (Indicate if a Rotarian)

Partner _____ Rotarian _____

Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Children's Names _____

Check All That Apply

You	Partner	
()	()	Club President
()	()	Club President-elect
()	()	Club Secretary
()	()	Assistant Governor
()	()	District Staff
()	()	Past Club President
()	()	Past District Governor
()	()	Paul Harris Fellow
()	()	GSE Team
()	()	Interact Student
()	()	Exchange Student
()	()	Other: List Below

First Conference ? Yes _____ No _____

White original: District Conference Chairperson
Yellow copy: Club Conference Chairperson
Pink copy: Your Copy

Package Rate Includes

Conference registration: Lodging, Friday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 24th 2004. 2 Breakfast buffets per person, 2 dinners per person, one hour open bar per person and one hour of crudites and cheese per person.

Room (2 occupants)	\$695.00	\$ _____
Room (1 occupant)	\$550.00	\$ _____
Additional Night	\$190.00	\$ _____
Children in room (under12)		<u>Free</u>
Food for children (2 breakfast, 2 dinners)	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
Hospitality Suite	\$200.00	\$ _____

Total Conference Cost \$ _____

Deposit \$200.00 (due by 12/01/03) \$ _____

Total Balance (due by 02/28/04) \$ _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Signature _____

Please Indicate

Smoking () Non-Smoking ()
 Physically Challenged ()

Please Note

To register and reserve a room, please send this registration form and \$200.00 payment to the Registration Chairperson below before 12/01/03. Make check payable to:

Rotary District 7500 Conference 2004

Bob Pastine
 802 Main Street Suit 4A
 Toms River, NJ 08753
 Work: 732-240-9090 Fax: 732-240-9097
 E-mail: Pastine@americom.net

Cancellation refund policy: \$200.00 deposit minus registration fee is refundable by March 1, 2004. Alternate individuals may be substituted. No credit cards please.

Check with Conference Chairperson for further information on arrangements.

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