

# Governor's Message



August is Membership and Extension month in the World of Rotary. Why now? It is nice out, people don't want to do anything, why think about membership, lets wait. Or can we?? We need to take this seriously as new members are essential to the progress, growth and longevity of Rotary.

A club of 10 motivated members can certainly be a good Rotary Club with great projects. However, with 20 members you have doubled your resources, with 30 tripled them and so on. It is NOT just extra bodies, but in the true spirit of Rotary these members represent new professions, new contacts, and new ideas. These can turn into improvements and expansion of your existing projects. With an open mind you may also gather some new ideas for other areas of service for your club.

Most service organizations in the US are suffering from a membership loss. The ideal of "Service Above Self", and the RI theme of "Rotary Shares", are being lost in the hustle and bustle of today's frenzied life. As an organization if we stick to the goals of improving the condition of the world, understanding and peace through acquaintance and the eradication of Polo we can expand our base and teach and re-ignite these ideals in people.

As a District we will help with your membership goals by running the New Member Breakfast program, a 4 part series of basic Rotary Education and fellowship for new members from every club. Anyone who has joined in the past 6 months is invited to be part of this new and supportive program. See inside for more details.

We need to Share Rotary with as many qualified people as possible. Our goal is to double the size of our District, 2000 members by the year 2009. That is 7-8 new members per club for the next two years. This is very attainable IF EVERYONE works at it. We are doing great things, and we are having fun doing it. Invite someone to join and become part of it.

Last year we were the first in the world for 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs, this year let us be first in the world for Membership Growth and Retention!!! Let's get noticed – WE CAN DO IT!!

Yours in Rotary,  
Julie Ann

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

- 2 - DG to New Brunswick
- 6 - DG to South Plainfield
- 7 - DG to Watchung-Warren
- 8 - DG to Kenilworth
- 10 - DG to Hamilton - Washington
- 21 - DG to Bound Brook - Middlesex
- 22 - DG to South River - East Brunswick
- 23 - DG to Metuchen
- 25 - New Member Breakfast (See back page)**
- 27 - GSE Team Leader Applications to Gwen Williams
- 31 - Vocational Service Application Deadline Mail to DGE Joe Scandariato

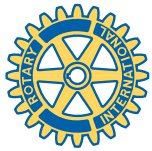
## A LOOK AHEAD - SAVE THE DATE!

- September 26**  
Homes of Hope Dinner
- September 29**  
Foundation and Membership Seminars
- November 12**  
Eat, Drink and Share Foundation Fundraiser
- May 2-4**  
Mystic District Conference

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# TEAM ROTARY



## Membership

by Director Hal Daume

### MEET YOUR NEW DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP TEAM

This year's District Membership Team, led by Director Hal Daume, is among the best we've ever had. PDG Andy Calamaras is chairing the new Club Growth Task Force; DGN Alexander Cauwels and DGE Joe Scandariato are chairing Extension and Retention, respectively; and PDG Elly Ezra chairs Membership Awards. Their contact information is in your new DISTRICT DIRECTORY & RESOURCE GUIDE. Reach out to Hal, Andy, Alexander, Joe, or Elly on any membership-related question you might have! They're there for YOU!

Mark your calendars right now for two excellent upcoming events: A district-wide New Member Breakfast on August 25th, and the District Membership Seminar & Workshop on September 29th! The New Member Breakfast is for all Rotarians who have joined clubs between January 1st and now. The Membership Seminar is for all club presidents and your membership chairs!

### DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

Sat, Sept 29th, 2007  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Quality Inn, Somerset  
Cost \$ 20 per person  
Breakfast included

Each club should send two people - Club President and Membership Chair. All Rotarians are welcome  
RSVP to District Secretary Cheryl Delgado rotary7510@aol.com

## Vocational Award

by DGE Joe Scandariato

### THE VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Last year as DGN, it was my first opportunity to sit in on the decision process to select a Rotarian from 7510 to receive the District Vocational Service Award to be presented at the Vocational Assembly along with recipients from 4 other NJ Districts and one from eastern PA. It was both a wonderful and sad occasion. Wonderful because of the amazing quality and accomplishments of the applicants and sad because there were not 43 applications.

I have, over the last 5 years, visited most clubs in the District as part of my responsibilities as District Membership Director and I must tell you that each and every club in this District has outstanding Rotarians and many who could qualify as applicants for this award *if their applications were submitted.*

Each club President has received a letter of explanation, a set of guidelines and an application. I know it takes some work but I urge you to take the time and worthwhile effort to complete the application and return it to me by Aug. 31, 2007. Share with us the wonderful accomplishments of your members. Share with us the high ethical standards of your members in their professions and their lives. Share with us the way these people observe the **4 Way Test**; fulfill the **Objects of Rotary** and how they have adopted the **Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions**. Let them be a model for all of us.

Remember... *Rotary Shares.*

## Of Interest

### EASY CHARITABLE GIVING TO THE DISTRICT

Do you, or any one you know, have an account at Commerce Bank? If so, please sign up for their "Affinity Membership Program". They will donate a small amount to the District based on the balances you have in your account. For checking it is 1/2 of 1% of your average balance. No funds are withdrawn from your account, and you are not put on any marketing lists.

Contact Brian Fischer of the Clinton Sunrise Club (908-735-4000) for information on how you can participate.

### GSE (GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE): TUSCANY AND BEYOND!!

Enthusiastic Rotarians who believe that through positive international interaction and person to person experiences we can make the world a "better" place; read on....

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) **WANTS** you!!!

**Who?** One Rotarian LEADER  
Four Professionals (25-40)  
NON-Rotarians

**What?** Cultural/Vocational Exchange with intensive language training provided

**Where?** Italy

**When?** Applications NOW

**FOR Details** ask your Club President OR Gwen Williams 908-369-4042 OR Barbara Evans 609-620-0988

### DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR

Sat, Sept 29th, 2007  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Quality Inn, Somerset  
Cost \$ 20 per person  
Breakfast included

Each club should send two people - Vice President and Foundation Chair. All Rotarians are welcome

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### CLUB NEWS

The Berkeley Heights Club ran a successful Rubber Ducky Race. Only 12 Rotarians raised a profit of \$10,000, which is an inspiration to all small clubs.

The North Hunterdon Club dedicated its Centennial Park in Clinton this June. DG Julie Ann attended.

Somerville-Bridgewater awarded \$15,000 in scholarships at a luncheon in June. Four of the scholarships were based on merit, with the applicants submitting essays on the topic "Service Above Self."

# Foundation

by Director PDG Elly Ezra



# Rotaract

by ADG Tulsi Maharjan

**RESULTS.** The unofficial totals for Foundation giving 2006-2007 for District 7510 are:

Annual Giving	\$154,984.46
The per capita Annual Giving is:	\$117.06
Permanent Fund	\$83,600
Total Giving	\$274,271.46 (Includes Restricted Giving)

*These numbers are the highest we have achieved in all four categories in at least the last seven years.* Congratulations go to PDG Michael Hart, his entire staff and to every Rotarian in the District for a superb job.

**ALUMNI.** During the month of August, Membership Month in Rotary, in order to assist our membership through the Foundation, I will be sending names and addresses of Rotary Alumni to each President via email. Alumni include former Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange Team members, Rotary World Peace Scholars, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies participants, and recipients of Grants for University Teachers and Volunteer Service Grants. Call these people and invite them to join your club; they should make some of the most outstanding members for your Rotary club.

In September, I will include the entire list on the District web site so all clubs can call on these Alumni to speak at their clubs on a myriad of topics.

**NEED TO APPLY FOR A ROTARY GRANT?** There are various types of Grants depending on the amount of money needed for the project.

Most grants filed in our District are District Simplified Grants or Matching Grants. If you have an urgent need to apply for a grant, you can obtain the DSG information from our District web site [RotaryNJ.org](http://RotaryNJ.org). For Rotary International Matching (\$5K to \$25K) or Competitive Matching Grants (\$25K to \$150K) go to: [www.rotary.org/foundation/grants/matching/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/grants/matching/index.html)

On Saturday, September 29th. From 8am to 1pm at the Quality Inn in Somerset, our District will be presenting a comprehensive program on "Understanding and Using the Foundation to Build your Membership." I urge every club to send at least two representatives to this training session. This program will have hands on training on the Application process, Grant Maintenance process and Closing process. Participation by members of your club will provide you with the expertise to help finance those humanitarian projects that will build excitement in your club and grow your membership.

To register for the course go to [RotaryNJ.org](http://RotaryNJ.org).

Members of the 2007 Rotary Homes of Hope trip assemble for a group shot. This year's work effort included construction of 2 homes, medical/dental clinic for 10 days, construction



of specialized vegetable gardens, self improvement educational classes, design/construction of home water filters, and painting of the local grammar school.

## RVCC ROTARACT CLUB OFFICERS PARTICIPATES IN 2007 RI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Two RVCC Rotaract Students, Jacqueline Tangtrakul and Tatyana Koscheeva, had a great opportunity to further their leadership skills while participation in The 2007 RI convention in Utah. This was a special collaborative support between the RVC College, Branchburg Rotary, District 7510 and Clark Travel to make this trip possible for students. The goal of the program was to help young Rotaract members to become educated about Rotary and Rotaract programs and engaged them to various programs and projects. In addition to participating in 2007 RI convention they also participated in USCC 2007 conference at the University of Salt Lake and Rotaract pre-convention programs as well. During their USCC conference students also presented about their special fund raising projects.

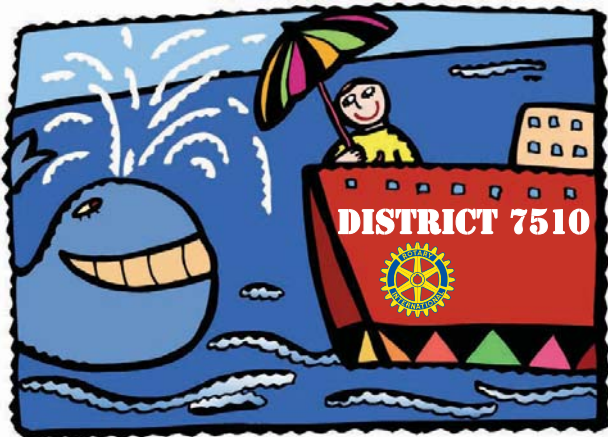
Rotaractors learned about many possible future projects like literacy, water, hunger and polio projects. They had opportunity to hear the RI current president Bill Boyd and incoming President 2007-08 RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. Students learned many new skills useful not only for civic participation but also for life. Students had opportunity to learn about projects through a combination of meeting the project leaders, special activities, and an authentic dialogue.

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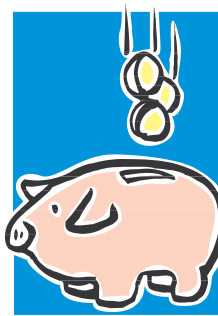


### District Conference

May 2-4, 2008, Mystic Connecticut

[www.ahaleofatime.org](http://www.ahaleofatime.org)

**Rotary District 7510**  
**88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**



### Polio Piggy's

Put a Polio Piggy out at your place of work. People will ask "What is Rotary?" "What are you doing about Polio?" This will give you an opening to talk about Rotary and Polio; plus illustrate the importance of your work as a Rotarian.

Another way to use the Polio Piggy is to pass it around the club at each meeting, and ask for coins or bills. We are near the end of Polio. Let's finish what we started, and eradicate Polio.

If you need a piggy, contact Bill Mealia, District Polio Chair, at 908-352-7300 or [billm@bbmiller.com](mailto:billm@bbmiller.com).

### New Members

Come to a free breakfast and Learn about Rotary.

If you are a new member since Jan 1st, 2007, Come and Join us.

Midland School  
North Branch, NJ  
Sat, Aug 25, 2007  
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Free if you RSVP to District Secretary Cheryl Delgado  
- [rotary7510@aol.com](mailto:rotary7510@aol.com)  
or \$10 at the door.

