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DISTRICT 7500 NEWSLETTER

Rotary International

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Governor's Message

by William Skidmore

Fellow Rotarians

By the time you read this, District 7500 will have had their sixth district conference. I know that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. It was a great place to hold a conference. At this time, I would like to thank the Point Pleasant Boro Rotary club for the great job they did hosting the conference. It was a great job done by everyone on the conference committee.

Our GSE team from Austria has arrived and I would like to thank all the clubs that are hosting them for the great job they are doing. The GSE team presented a great program at the conference and they actively shared their culture with all the Rotarians.

We were honored to have two outstanding Rotarians, PDG Karen Swaim Babin and her husband E.J. as RI representatives. I would like to thank everyone in the District for a great conference and a great year.

Yours in Rotary,

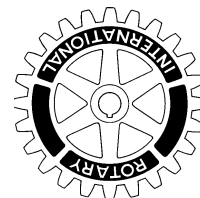
William Skidmore
District Governor

2000 District Events Calendar

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5-17	Cabinet Meeting
5-20	District Assembly
6-3	International Convention
6-21	Cabinet Meeting
7-13	Change Over Dinner

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Membership Challenge Accepted!

The Maple Shade Rotary Club has accepted a membership challenge from the Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson Club. Several weeks ago the PRC Club's membership team approached the Maple Shade Club about the idea of stimulating interest in membership through a competition between the two neighboring clubs. Both clubs felt that this would be a good inter-city activity for the two clubs with similar numbers of members. As of March 31st, PRC had 40 members, with Maple Shade having 42. The membership challenge runs from April 1st through June 30th. The club that has the highest percentage increase would be the winner. The losing club's penalty is to contribute \$10 per current member to the Gift of Life Program. Both clubs are taking the challenge seriously and are actively recruiting new members in order for their "Rotary Friends" to dig deep for that \$10 for a good cause.



First Annual Motorcycle Meeting Make-Up

Sponsored By
Beachwood-Berkeley Rotary Club

Open Make-Up Meeting
to be held at the Anchor Inn
Ocean Gate, NJ
June 20, 2000 at 6:30 pm
A Special Guest Speaker
will be featured

Call Glenn Mills
at 609-693-2800
for reservations

Area 1, 2, 3 Intercity Meeting

Date:	July 31, 2000
Location:	Liberty Lake
Time:	4:30 pm Swimming, paddle boating, hiking, etc.
Dinner-Meeting:	6:00 pm The Pemberton Club will bring the meeting to order. & dinner will start (all food and beverages will be included)
Cost:	No charge: 0 - 14 yr. 15 -over: \$10.00 pp
Format:	The picnic/Intercity Picnic-meeting will be open to all Rotarians and their families. Each club will be asked to share at least one activity that they have planned for the coming year.

RSVP to Asst. Dist. Gov. Rosemary Kay at: 609-267-8135 or 609-702-0550
RSVP by July 15, 2000 to reserve a space. Pay at the door.

Spring Lake/Brielle Rotary Club Community Service Project

The Spring Lake/Brielle Rotary Club has found a need at the local hospital (Jersey Shore Medical Center). As one of our members was waiting for the birth of a grandchild, a volunteer came by with only one magazine to read. He inquired and found a need for magazines for the hospital for those who visit and are patients.

A project was started to collect current magazines and deliver to the hospitals. During the past year the Spring Lake/Brielle club has collected over 1500 current magazines from the members for the hospital. The feedback from the hospital has been very positive. Each magazine has a label with the following message:

"Hope you are feeling better, Compliments of the Spring Lake/Brielle Rotary Club"

This works. Several of our members have visited the hospital and found the magazines. We get the magazines from members, barbershops and recycling centers.

Another community project that has proven successful has been the collection of eyeglasses for "New Eyes for the Needy". The club collects used prescription glasses and sunglasses for this program, run from Millburn, New Jersey. Over 150 pairs of glasses have been collected from members - especially optometrists.

These are two programs, which do great deeds, with no cost to the club.

Contact William Flynn @ 732-974-6706.

Central Ocean Contributes \$6,500 to Gift of Life Foundation

The Central Ocean Club of Toms River conducted a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance last February for the benefit of the Gift of Life Foundation. On April 18th, Club President Mark Wagner, presented a check to the Foundation in the amount of \$6,500, representing the profits generated by the Dinner Dance.

President Elect and Dinner/Dance coordinator, Barbara Greco announced that the Club has already reserved Saturday, February 10th, 2001 for next year's event.

Attendance Report For the Month Of April 2000

Rank	Club	% attend	#Meetings	Members
1	Wrightstown	92	4	29
2	Moorestown Breakfast	87	4	45
3	PRC	86.03	4	39
4	Spring Lake Brielle	84.82	4	32
5	Point Pleasant	83.33	4	27
6	Seaside	78.12	4	16
7	Point Pleasant Boro	78	4	38
8	Hazlet	76.2	4	21
9	Riverside Delanco Delran	75	4	14
10	Bordentown	74.67	4	30
11	Matawan	74	4	25
12	Brick Lunch	70	4	66
13	Willingboro	69	4	67
14	Tinton Falls	68.75	4	23
15	Central Ocean	68.5	4	34
16	Toms River Sunrise	64	4	34
17	Burlington	64	4	44
18	Asbury Park	50.86	4	41
19	Jackson	50.33	4	19

Gift of Life Foundation Helps Two More Children

On Sunday afternoon, April 16th, Rotarians Joe Miller of the Beverly Club and Jerry Jerome of the Pemberton Club and their respective wives, Susan and Peggy anxiously awaited the arrival of two critically ill infants at Philadelphia International Airport. Three-month-old Sidoni Goddard and his mother, Margaret, along with seven-month-old Daniella Charles and her mother, Virginia, arrived safely, but because of the seriousness of their heart ailments were taken directly to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

On Monday morning April 24th, Dr. Marshall Jacobs, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at St. Christopher's operated on little Daniella. As of this writing, she is still considered in critical condition, but all vital signs are great and a speedy recovery is expected. Young Mr. Goddard was scheduled for possible surgery on Tuesday, April 25th, but because of a collapsed lung had to be rescheduled.

The Foundation wants to express its appreciation to the host families and their respective Clubs for helping to save the lives of these two children.

Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson helps AIDS Coalition of Southern New Jersey

At a recent meeting of the Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson Rotary, Kristen Bainger of the Aids Coalition of Southern New Jersey spoke of the work the Coalition was doing in the four county area of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem. The coalition provides 17 direct programs and services for people affected by HIV/Aids. Bainger stated that New Jersey spends the least amount per capita than any other state in the treatment of Aids. Yet New Jersey leads the country in new cases of heterosexual transmission to women.



91-r) President Jim Cross & Kristen Bainger