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Governor's Message

To All Rotarians in District 7500

Bernard "Bud" Umbaugh
Centennial District Governor

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Spouses, Partners and Family,

October is vocational service month and I would like each of you to reflect on what that means to Rotary and you.

When Paul Harris first thought about starting a service club his idea of inviting someone from each profession was well thought out. I'm sure he envisioned building a strong, vital organization that would prosper because of the diversity of the membership. Here we are almost 100 years later, one million two hundred thousand members strong, serving mankind in 166 countries throughout the world.

Look around your club and survey the makeup of your membership. Is it a club that represents many vocations or is it a club that lacks the diversity that would make your club not only bigger but also stronger?

Why not take time during your next club assembly meeting and identify some of the obvious vocations that are missing? Maybe a barber, hairdresser, surveyor, builder or restaurant owner or manager. Do you have a major retail store in your area? Is the manager a member? Have you ever stopped by, introduced yourself and invited them to your Rotary meeting?

How many good people do you know who are missing the great opportunity of sharing Rotary and serving others? During this, our 100th year, why not ask someone to join Rotary. If every one brought in one new member, we would grow to over 3000 members in district 7500.

On Monday, October 25th please consider attending this year's Vocational Assembly. It will be held in Whippeny NJ at the Buttonwood Manor. Registration is 2 PM and the program begins at 3 PM. Dinner and awards will follow beginning at 6:15 PM. The cost is \$40. Tickets are available from your club president, area assistant governor or by contacting Phil Lucas, our district Vocational Service Director, by calling him at 732 920-9000 or pllucaslaw@aol.com. When you attend you will have the opportunity to meet International President Glenn Estees Sr., this years keynote speaker. Glenn is a very entertaining speaker and will have a few interesting stories about his thirty plus years in Rotary.

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Please join me in congratulating the following Rotarians who have been nominated for the 2004 District Vocational Service Award. Wilson R. Bradley, Marlton; Joseph P. Buttacavoli, Brick (lunch); Andrew J. DeMaio, Matawan; Dennis Dryburgh, Jackson; Charles Goldfarb, Brick (morning); William P. Hoey Jr., Point Pleasant Boro; Phillip L. Lucas, Brick (lunch); Allen R. Moore Sr., Medford/Vincetown; Bridget Murphy, Long Branch; and Harriet M. Primack, Red Bank. The winner will be honored at this year's Vocational Assembly.

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2004 Rotary UN Day

Registration is now open for the 2004 Rotary-UN Day on 6 November. This annual event offers Rotarians a chance to visit the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and participate in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the UN, UN-affiliated nongovernmental organizations, and Rotary International.

Because seating for Rotary-UN Day is limited, Rotarians are encouraged to submit their completed registration forms ahead of the 23 October deadline. The day's program also includes a tour of the UN (advance ticket purchase required).

Registration fees and UN tour tickets for adults are US\$30.00 and \$10.50, respectively. Organizers are developing a separate program for younger attendees, ages 8-18. For these school-age participants, registration fees and UN tour tickets are \$10 and \$7 per person.

A brown-bag lunch of a sandwich, beverage, fruit, and dessert is included in the registration fee and will be served in the main UN cafeteria overlooking the East River.

For registration forms or more information or to submit completed registration forms, contact:

[H. Bradley Jenkins](#), alternate RI representative to the United Nations, 908-766-4790.

Nominee for RI President, 2006 - 2007

The General Secretary has notified DG Bud that the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2006-7 has today nominated William B. Boyd of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand. If not challenged, Bill will become the President Nominee on December 1. For those who attended the International Assembly last February, Bill was the Moderator at Anaheim.

The Rise and Fall (and Rise) of Polio

The following information is disturbing. Based upon information from the World Health Organization and the CDC, Nigeria may be responsible for re-introducing the Polio Virus to 10 surrounding countries that were, less than a year ago, Polio Free. In a nutshell, beginning August of 2003, the Nigerian Government halted polio immunizations amid rumors that the vaccine was spiked with the AIDS Virus. The following Table was developed:

74 Million	Number of African children the WHO hopes to vaccinate during October and November of 2004 in an effort to eradicate the Polio Virus before 2005.
11	Number of months, beginning August, 2003 the Nigerian Government has halted the Polio Immunizations.
1,148	Polio cases contracted world-wide during that period.
616	Number of those cases that were in Nigeria.
161	Number of cases reported in Nigeria during the 11 months preceding August 2003
10	Number of Polio-Infected Countries surrounding Nigeria that were free of the Polio Virus prior to the outbreak.
\$ 3 Billion	Total amount spent attempting to eradicate polio since 1988.
\$ 100 million	Amount spent attempting to contain the Nigerian outbreak.
90	Percent of the total global Polio burden accounted for by Africa.

This is serious! While the Government has "approved the immunizations to continue", there are no planned events yet scheduled. There has been too much hard work done to eradicate this disease to have one "rogue country" place the entire planet back at risk. If you have contacts in Nigeria, please communicate the gravity of this situation with them. Contact your Congressional Representatives to make them aware of this issue. You may also contact the Nigerian Embassy in Washington, DC to alert them to this issue and request their assistance in re-instating the Polio Immunization Program. Contact information: Email: www.nigeriaembassyusa.org. Tel: 202.986.8400 Fax: 202.775.1385 Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 3519 International Court, Wash. DC 90008

Related Article from RI President Glenn Estess Jr.

The Last Child: The Global Race to End polio

Beginning this October, a powerful new documentary "The Last Child: The Global Race to End Polio" will begin airing on public television stations across the United States. This one-hour program captures the dramatic story of the largest public health initiative in history - the global effort to end polio by 2005.

Just as volunteers drive the global effort to end polio, television viewers drive public television stations' program selection process. In certain markets, public television station programmers have not yet selected, or have declined to select, The Last Child, which is being offered to them free of charge through American Public Television (APT) Exchange, the U.S. distributor of the program.

A sample letter to stations and a list of the public television stations that have either committed to air The Last Child or are still undecided can be downloaded at: <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/support/publicrelations.html#lastchild>. If one of these stations falls in your area, please consider reaching out to the station programmer, and kindly edit and send the sample letter requesting that you would like to see The Last Child on air.

Furthermore, ask friends, family and colleagues to watch The Last Child. Local broadcast times and dates for the program will be posted at <http://www.lastchild.org/watch.html> as they become available. Please check this link periodically to determine when The Last Child will air in your area. Additionally, you can order DVD or VHS copies by going to <http://www.lastchild.org/order.html>.

The more educated and interested people become in polio eradication, the closer we are to literally reaching the last child. Thank you for your help in making this campaign a success.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
President, Rotary International

CLUB NEWS

NOT TOO EARLY To begin planning your Centennial Birthday Celebrations!

OCEAN COUNTY Centennial Celebration:

Deputy Governor Len Adams reports a Centennial Party planned for Sat., Feb. 26 at the Ramada Inn of Toms River. Len and two of his Assistant Governors, Jay Pierson and Michael Colasurdo, Jr., conferred to plan it. Meeting will be held next week among the 14 club presidents or their representatives, to develop this plan further.

Guarantee of 250 attendees is required. The room can hold a maximum of 300 people (with a dance floor). Tickets prices are expected to fall in the \$35 per head price range. It will be a festive night with both dinner and dancing. Details to follow as they become available.

The **Wrightstown Club** now meets at 5:30PM, instead of 6PM.

The **Mount Holly Club** has pulled out of the "**Rooster Project**" for lack of interest by other clubs. Only 6 were interested, and only 3 of those would commit. They are to be commended on their efforts to establish this as an annual fundraiser. Their similar Monkey Project did very well and raised in excess of \$ 6,000 for various charities and community programs throughout the District. The resin animals are based upon the Chinese Calendar. "Roosts" were purchased by businesses in the region the animals displayed for a set period of time (1 – 3 months). Then professional artists were commissioned to paint these (similar to the Cows in Chicago and Horses in Louisville) and the final products put up for auction with ½ of the proceeds going to the artists and the remaining amount split up among the participating clubs. It is a fun way to raise money and truly educates the public about Rotary. We can hope for better participation next year.

Seaside Rotary Casino Night Saturday, October 9, 2004, 6:00 PM

The Seaside Rotary is having their annual **Casino Night** at the Toms River Elk's Club on the corner of Washington Street and Clifton Avenue. Beginning at 6:00 PM, Patrons will be treated to a hot buffet dinner, 4 hours of gaming, \$75 in chips, door prizes and much more. There will be live entertainment by A Little Bit of Heaven for your Dancing and listening pleasure. Tickets are \$50 prior to the event and \$60 at the door. Please contact PDG Pam 732-793-2600 or 732-793-0029 for information and tickets.

Burlington and Mount Holly Flood Relief Benefit Update

We (Mt. Holly and Burlington Rotary) raised \$16,000 from the event. Donations of goods and services were received which equated to 98% of the cost of the event. We would like to extend a Thank You letter to all of the folks that helped out:

On behalf of the Township of Lumberton, New Jersey, the Mt. Holly Rotary Club and the Burlington Rotary Club extend a sincere "thank you" for your contributions to the August 22nd Dadz Bar & Grill "Concert and Cookout" Benefit for the Lumberton flood victims.

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Through sales and monetary donations, the event raised over \$15,000 to contribute to the Lumberton Township Disaster Relief Fund. In addition, Rotary International District 7500 will award a grant of over \$9,000 to the project, which will also be donated to the relief fund.

Rotary's "Concert & Cookout" at Dadz was truly a community event. Even more impressive than the dollars raised is the number of individuals and organizations who contributed time, talent, goods and services toward the project, keeping expenses at a bare minimum. Over 98% of the revenue from the event will be donated to the relief fund. And to top it off, volunteers and guests at the event had a wonderful time in the spirit of community service.
LumbertonFloodBenefit@yahoo.com

We could not have done this without your assistance and generosity. You truly help to make this a wonderful community in which to live, and we thank you for showing that you care!

For updates on the flood relief efforts or fund, you can visit www.LumbertonENews.com or www.lumbertontwp.com on the Internet. Email us with questions or feedback about the Concert & Cookout event, or for information about our Rotary Clubs.

Thanks for getting the word out. Gregg Gravenstine Mt. Holly Rotary

Jackson Rotary Club

On Sunday October 17, 2004, the Jackson Rotary Club will sponsor an **Atlantic City Bus trip to The Tropicana Casino**. The bus leaves Brook Plaza Parking Lot (Corner of County Line Road and New Prospect Road) at 12:00PM for Atlantic City. The return trip leaves the Tropicana Casino at 7:00 PM. This is a Great Deal! Spend \$20 GET \$14 BACK at the Casino. To sign up or for more information call Helen or Bob Paneque 732.363.7271.

Marlton Rotary Club

The Marlton Club has a new Web Site. This provides a good overview of the Club as well as a number of special events and projects. Please visit us at www.marltonrotary.org.

Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson (PRC) Rotary Club

The Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson Rotary is proud to announce its presentation of " **Beatlemania Again** ". Please join PRC Rotary in celebrating 40 years of music from the "Fab Four". Enjoy a night of family entertainment, complete with costumes and instruments with the sights and sounds of the National Touring Co. **When:** 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 23, 2004. **Where:** Cinnaminson High School Auditorium Riverton Road Cinnaminson, NJ. **Tickets: \$20.00** All proceeds benefit P.R.C. Rotary Charities. For information and tickets please call Dr. Anthony Cherico at 856.786.8070.

Long Branch Rotary Club

October 1st is also our fundraiser dinner for our International Project to be held at the Rodeo Grill, Oceanport Avenue, West Long Branch. The proceeds will go toward purchasing wheelchairs, beds, physical therapy equipment and furniture for the Trios (Brazil) House of Friendship School for the Handicapped. Our Vocational Chairman, Gordon Heggie, who's wife is from Trios, is the Chairman for the event. We have already raised over \$2,000.

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Zone Institute Meeting

Zone Institute on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is the weekend of Oct. 9-10. Club Presidents are invited to attend. Contact Mike Colasurdo, Sr. (732.286.9574) for more information.

Membership

Chair Larry Ninerell reports that he tracks membership in the District. That requires the clubs to report it. Attendance reports as of June 30 showed 1,525 members. This is a Good number but not a GREAT Number given the population in our District.

Impetus from the Global Quest program a few years ago continues. Larry recommends use of The ABC's of Rotary, The District Newsletter, and with Gov. Bud's approval, a possible Membership Rally in November, using role playing and other teaching techniques.

Larry is visiting the clubs with a motivational presentation on membership. He recommends the 'Be My Guest' card that entitles prospective new members to attend a club meeting. (Samples will be handed out at each meeting.)

Interact

Chair Bruce Jones reports that Sat., Oct. 2, is the 8th Annual Training Seminar at Great Adventure. For \$30, attendees receive breakfast at 8AM, followed by the seminar and an afternoon at Great Adventure. As many Club Presidents and other Officers as possible are requested to attend.

Group Study Exchange

Co-Chair Franz Schneider reports that the Japanese GSE Team will be here April 23, 2005 - May 21, 2005. Hosts are needed for this group. Please discuss this with your clubs and contact Franz for more information (856.722.5337) or franz@fsmfgnet.com. To have our current returning GSE Team speak to your club, contact Franz or Bob Hazlett.

The Outbound GSE Team will be in Kanagawa, Japan October 23, 2005 – November 21, 2005. If you have nominations for the Team, or to get additional information, please contact Robert Hazlett (732.270.1987) or rhazlett@stfrancisbi.org.

FOUNDATION

Director Dick Ritchie says we have \$12,545 this year for District Matching Grants.

The District TEAM discussed that amount will go far if we use it to match clubs' donations for flood relief in Burlington County. Dick has met with clubs from the affected areas, researching needs, how to implement aid, and accountability for the end result. They will meet again on Sept. 23. Many clubs have already made generous donations. Gov. Bud and RI have agreed to use this Matching Grants Fund, for all the \$12,545. No objections have been raised. Gov. Bud says this is how we show people what Rotary is about.

It was noted that this may disappoint clubs who have planned to apply for Simplified Grants this year. Dick advises that they may apply in another year, or fund this year's projects in another way. Please email Dick about any relief projects your club has started.

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For example, Jeff Donoghue notes a \$2,000 donation was made to Camp Ockanickon [in Medford] to help replace the pool & dams.

P.E.T.S. Just Keeps Getting Better!

Compliments on the P.E.T.S Program keep coming in. There has been a question as to whether there can be a P.E.T.S.-type offering for clubs' presidents-elect, in addition to P.E.T.S. for club presidents?

Gov. Bud says leadership is crucial. He notes that **Rotary Leadership Institute** is good to develop new leaders within the clubs. DG-Elect Nick is revising P.E.T.S. to include a social, and early networking among club presidents. This invites the Question: should we have a new training session for club presidents-elect? Let your Club Presidents know your feelings on this one.

Hurricane Charlie / Frances / Ivan Relief Fund

My Fellow Rotarians,

While sitting here waiting for Frances and Ivan, I'd like to provide you with an update of the District 6960 Hurricane Charley Relief effort. To date, we have received \$95,000 in checks from Rotary Clubs in 14 states, Canada, Virgin Islands and Mexico. This figure does not include donations of financial assistance, supplies and manpower by individual Rotarians and Clubs directly to relief agencies or to the needy. As of Sept. 4, of the \$55,000 that have been distributed, approximately \$11,000 have been given to District Rotarians who lost homes or businesses. I am happy to report that we are not aware of any Rotarians who were physically injured or killed. There is a Rotary committee in place to assist me in validating the need once a request for assistance is received. We are using District Rotarians to assist in this process. A written request for assistance from any Rotarians or non-Rotarians may be forwarded to a Rotary Club President or an Area Governor, who then validate the request, sign the request and forward the request to the 5-person Committee located in Sarasota. There is a telephonic review by the committee (the DG is the Committee Chair) and the request is either approved as requested, the amount requested modified, or disapproved. There have been no disapprovals to date. I, as District Governor, retain the authority to immediately approve a verified emergency request. We anticipate that some of the Clubs/Districts that have sent donations to our District will be affected by Hurricane Francis. We will closely watch that situation and respond accordingly. Denise and I were in the hurricane affected areas all last week and will be returning there next week. I am receiving multitudes of e-mails daily. Please forgive me if I don't get back to you quickly. My cell phone is (941) 704-6627. YIR, Jerry Hearn, Centennial Governor, District 6960

DISTRICT CALENDAR

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact #</u>
October				
Deadline: DG Nominations 07-08		10/1/04		
Interact Great Adventure	Great Adventure	10/2/04	9:00 AM	
Leadership Forum	Chesapeake Bay, MD	10/5/04		
TEAM Meeting	Garden State Diner Birchwood Whippany,	10/13/04	6:00 PM	
Vocational Assembly	NJ	10/25/04	2:00 PM	
November				
Load Orchid Foundation Cont		11/9/2004	9:00 AM	
TEAM Meeting	Garden State Diner Regency Palace, Mt.	11/10/04	6:00 PM	
Foundation Dinner	Laurel	11/12/04	6:30 PM	

CLUB CALENDAR

<u>Club</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact #</u>
October					
Great Bay	Night of Cash	Creevy's Atlantis	10/1/2004	6:30 PM	609.978.8933
Long Branch	International Project	Rodeo Grill	10/1/2004	6:30 PM	Gordon Heggie
Marlton	Fall Festival	Marlton NJ	10/2/2004	10:00 AM	856.810.0798
Bordentown	Cranberry Festival	Bordentown	10/2-3/04	10:00 AM	609.291.9701
Seaside	Casino Night	Elk's Club, TR	10/9/2004	6:00 PM	732.793.2600
Jackson	Handicapped Picnic	Katay Farm	10/10/2004	11:00 AM	732.363.7271
Jackson	Atlantic City Bus Trip	Tropicano Casino	10/17/2004	12:00 PM	732.363.7271
Forked River	Windfall of Cash	Captain's Inn, FR	10/17/2004	4:00 PM	609.693.1100
Brick Lunch	Casino Night	Brick PAL Bldg	10/23/2004	7:00 PM	732.262.1619
November					
Marlton	Prayer Breakfast	Radisson, Mt Laurel	11/23/2004	7:30 AM	856.983.1005

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MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORTING

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Club	Attend %	# Members	Monthly Net Gain Loss
Wrightstown	97	23	0
PRC	90.9	33	0
Tinton Falls	89.5	16	0
R-D-D	85.45	11	0
Beverly	83.16	19	0
Lakewood	82	43	0
Maple Shade	80.91	44	1
Marlton	79.03	25	0
Point Pleasant	78.58	22	0
Moorestown	78.57	90	-1
LBI	77	50	0
Willingboro	76.74	59	0
Toms River	76.39	47	0
Great Bay	76	16	0
Burlington	74	44	0
Point Pleasant Boro	73.87	37	0
Bordentown	73.6	25	-1
Medford-Vincentown	73.4	33	0
Asbury Park	71.6	44	2
Beachwood-Berkeley	70.59	17	0
Forked River	69.84	60	-1
Toms River Sunrise	68	38	0
Matawan	65.9	22	-6
Holmdel	65	10	0
Spring Lake-Brielle	65	32	0
Brick Lunch	63.68	53	0
Jackson	63	28	0
Central Ocean	62.22	27	0
Mount Laurel	60	31	0
Seaside	58.14	22	0
Brick Morning	57	39	0
Long Branch	55.7		2
Freehold	55	43	3
Pemberton	55	27	0
Red Bank	55	65	0
Wall Sunrise	50.18	15	-3
Lakehurst-Manchester	48.5	22	0
Hazlet	47.36	23	0
Southern Ocean	44	44	0
Mount Holly	41.04	67	-1
Moorestown Breakfast		No Report	
Net Gain/Loss			-5

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

District 7500 would like to welcome these new members to our Rotary Family!

Asbury Park Rotary Club

**CARLO SESTITO
DARRELL PAINTER**

Financial and Insurance Services
Civic Promotion

Long Branch Rotary Club

**ERICH HAFNER
ED HERSCH**

Sales
Real Estate Agency Owner

Maple Shade Rotary Club

MARK TILGHMAN

There were a number of other New Members of various Clubs this month. We will celebrate their joining next month!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Clubs forge new path for Rotary

By Joseph Derr
Rotary International

Among the legislation proposed at the 2004 Council on Legislation in June was item No. 04-18, "to allow attendance credit for a 30-minute interactive club Web site activity."

The passing of this item significantly expanded the definition of make-up meetings, and by extension, Rotary activity. Now, if a member misses a meeting, in order to receive attendance credit, he or she can go online. This offers an alternative to making up a meeting at another club.

The Council's recognition both attests to the number of Rotary club Web sites — estimated at 4,000 and growing — and highlights a recent trend in the Rotary world: Web-based clubs that are not merely Web sites of physical clubs but legitimate clubs that exist exclusively on the Internet.

Pilot projects planted the seeds

The first e-club, Rotary eClub of District 5450 (Rotary eClub One), was initiated in June 2001 as part of the New Models for Rotary Clubs pilot project and currently has 13 members. The Rotary eClub of District 7150 NY1 and the Rotary eClub of District 7890 followed under the three-year Rotary eClub Pilot Project (formerly known as Cyber Rotary Clubs Pilot Project).

Twenty-six clubs are now participating in the eClub project, which was adopted by the 2001 Council on Legislation to help extend Rotary to those who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to meet traditional attendance requirements.

(Note: see sidebar at left for complete list, as well as links to various clubs.)

"The majority of our members are folks who believe very strongly in Rotary and all that it stands for but find that business demands prevent them from meeting traditional club-meeting percentages," says Marlene Brown of Rotary eClub of District 7150 NY1, which has seven members.

Chris Joscelyne, president of eClub One, adds: "Our members have given a total of 150 years of service to Rotary, and eClub One provide the opportunity for them to continue to serve. Without eClub One, these folks would be lost to Rotary."

A new attendance experience

Joscelyne views the passing of the attendance-credit item in June 2004 as a victory for an idea that the club has championed for some time.

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"It's an endorsement of the information-rich attendance experience we offer Rotarians who visit our club online for 30 minutes or more," he says. We hope that the Council on Legislation enactment will encourage Rotary clubs everywhere to embrace the concept of an online make-up as a valid attendance credit."

To earn an attendance credit, Rotarians usually log on to the Web site, read online material on a range of subjects, post comments, and submit a form to the club secretary. "The overwhelming comment from visitors is that our online programs educate, inform and inspire. That's a great outcome for an investment of a 30-minute visit to our Web site," Joscelyne says.

Joscelyne says in a typical week, eClub One welcomes some 2,375 visitors, 715 of whom participate in a meeting program and apply for a make-up credit.

More than just a make-up

But full-time members of Rotary eClubs like to emphasize that their clubs offer more than just a quick make-up. "A make-up visit to Rotary eClub One is not a 'quick fix' but a real opportunity to become a better informed Rotarian," Joscelyne says.

As fully functional and legitimate Rotary clubs, e-clubs pay dues, participate in community projects, and function much like any other traditional club, except that a Web site serves as the only meeting place.

This virtual gathering has some Rotarians criticizing online clubs as lacking fellowship, while others fear the replacement of weekly Rotary meetings altogether with online activity.

John Minter, the founding president of Rotary eClub One, answered critics of the cyber clubs recently on his club's Web site: "We do not advocate the online make-up venue to replace anything but rather to expand and enhance the wonderful world of Rotary."

Attracting new blood

The e-clubs are also attracting new kinds of full-time members, who enjoy opportunities for service they would have otherwise missed.

The Rotary eClub of District 7890 currently has 10 members and is made up of Group Study Exchange alumni who were inspired to join Rotary following their experience.

"I had an incredible experience and was excited to continue my involvement in Rotary when I got home," says Ruth Ursone, a member of the D-7890 club. "That I can communicate with my fellow Rotarians through the Internet, at times convenient with my work and school schedules, is a perfect fit."

The club's membership is a diverse group of young Rotarians, all new to Rotary, says EmmaLee Smith, president of the D-7890 club. "Our members come from a wide variety of professions — teachers, journalists, graduate students, entrepreneurs."

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Full-time eClub Rotarians counter concerns of lost fellowship online, saying that the unique nature of e-clubs actually encourages greater interaction among members.

"We have daily contact with each other online, and in many ways we interact to a greater degree than a traditional Rotarian who only meets with his or her club once a week," says Smith. The club meets socially at once a month and club members participate on a regular basis in community service activities, individually and with other Rotary clubs.

Going above and beyond

E-club members are so excited about the new way to experience Rotary that they are going beyond minimum requirements for membership.

"Several of our members exceed the minimum 12 hours personal service per calendar quarter by many hours each quarter, a tangible demonstration of commitment to our ideal of service," says Joscelyne of eClub One, currently involved in projects ranging from youth skills training in East Timor to foster parent support and Vocational Service teams. The club also is participating in the Ranfurly Library Book Aid project for the Pacific Islands.

The future of eClubs seems bright, especially to members who are hooked on the concept. "I'm sure the numbers of e-clubs will grow throughout the world, but I don't see them replacing the regular in person meetings. I see e-clubs as more of an option to keep extremely busy professionals involved in Rotary," says Brown of Rotary eClub of District 7150 NY1. "As more and more folks become aware of the e-club option, the membership of, and involvement in, Rotary will increase dramatically."

Paul Harris could have never imagined e-clubs when he founded the first Rotary club nearly 100 years ago. Whatever the future holds, no one can doubt that e-clubs are providing a whole new way to experience Rotary and bring new members into the Rotary world.

For a complete list of eClubs please go to www.rotary.org and type eClub in Search Function.

Meet the 2004-2005 District Team

District Governor 2004-2005

Bernard R. "Bud" Umbaugh

District Governor Elect 2005-2006

Nicholas Michals

District Governor Nominee 2006-2007

John Hammer

District Officers/Staff

Secretary

Elizabeth Johnson

Treasurer

John Hammer, DGN

Communications Director

Dan Cortese

District Trainer

Dick Isackson, PDG

Internet Director

Robert Kee, III

Music Director

Kathleen "Boots" Rife White

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Donald Cooper

Assistant Treasurer

Marie Santore

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Maureen Murray

District Events

Deborah Horner

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Ronald Lynch

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Photographer

Paula Lee

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P. Richard Hart

Ocean County

Lenny Adams

Monmouth County

Robert Kee, III

Assistant Governors

Area 1 - Jack McGough
Bordentown
Burlington
Mt. Holly
Pemberton
Wrightstown

Area 4 - Connie Becraft
Forked River
Great Bay
Long Beach Island
Southern Ocean

Area 7 - Joseph "Jody" Gilpin
Asbury Park
Freehold
Red Bank
Spring Lake-Brielle
Tinton Falls

Area 2 - Wilson Bradley
Maple Shade
Marlton
Medford / Vincentown
Moorestown
Moorestown Breakfast

Area 5 - Jay Pierson
Beachwood / Berkley
Central Ocean
Lakehurst-Manchester
Seaside
Toms River
Toms River Sunrise

Area 8 - Joan Vas
Hazlet
Holmdel
Long Branch
Matawan
Wall Sunrise

Area 3 - Harry Donnon
Beverly
Mt. Laurel
Palmyra / Riverton
/Cinnaminson
Riverside Delran Delanco
Willingboro

Area 6 - Michael Colasurdo, Jr.
Brick
Brick Morning
Jackson
Lakewood
Point Pleasant
Point Pleasant Boro

Service Directors



Club

Richard Strobel



Community

Paul Coward



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Celebrate & Have Fun in Rotary!

GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISITS

DATE	CLUB	TIME	B - L - D	AREA
September				
1 Wednesday	Moorestown Breakfast	7:15AM	B	2
1 Wednesday	Point Pleasant Boro	6:15PM	D	6
9 Thursday	Toms River Sunrise	7:30AM	B	5
9 Thursday	Matawan	12:15PM	L	8
14 Tuesday	Forked River	12:15PM	L	4
14 Tuesday	Point Pleasant	6:15PM	D	6
28 Tuesday	Great Bay	8:30AM	B	4
28 Tuesday	Central Ocean	12:15PM	L	5
29 Wednesday	Wall Sunrise	7:15AM	B	8
30 Thursday	Spring Lake/Brielle	7:30AM	B	7
30 Thursday	Long Beach Island	12:15PM	L	4
October				
4 Monday	Pemberton	6:15PM	D	1
12 Tuesday	Freehold	12:15PM	L	7
12 Tuesday	Beachwood/Berkeley	6:30PM	D	5
14 Thursday	Wrightstown	6:00PM	D	1
19 Tuesday	Riverside/Delran/Delanco	12:15PM	L	3
20 Wednesday	Mt. Laurel	12:15PM	L	3
26 Tuesday	Maple Shade	12:15Pm	L	2
28 Thursday	Moorestown Lunch	12:15PM	L	2
28 Thursday	Seaside	6:15PM	D	5
November				
2 Tuesday	Tinton Falls	7:30AM	B	7
2 Tuesday	Hazlet	12:15PM	L	8
3 Wednesday	Brick Morning	7:30AM	B	6
3 Wednesday	Asbury Park	12:15PM	L	7
4 Thursday	Lakehurst/Manchester	7:30AM	B	5
4 Thursday	Red Bank	12:15PM	L	7
11 Thursday	Wall	6:30PM	D	8
18 Thursday	Burlington	12:15PM	L	1