



Rotary District 7500 Newsletter

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Governor's Message

To All Rotarians in District 7500

Bernard "Bud" Umbaugh
Centennial District Governor

Clubs celebrate Rotary's 100th With FUN, Dance, Music and Giving

If you attended one of the three magnificent centennial celebrations you know what I mean. I had the pleasure to go to all three and it was truly a ball for all and me.

Congratulations and thank you for supporting Rotary and attending. A special thanks to our district Deputy Governors, Rob Kee III, Lenny Adams and Rich Hart. These three Rotarians worked very hard for many months and it showed! It was the centennial presidents who had voted overwhelmingly at PETS to hold these celebrations on or near the 100th anniversary of Rotary. Many others helped the DG's, so please excuse me for not naming everyone. I'm sure I would miss a few and that wouldn't be fair to all concerned so let me just say thanks Rotarians, spouses, partners, friends and family.

The highlight of each evening was the 50/50 drawings that produced \$2700 from the three events, enough money to provide three shelter boxes for victims of the tsunami and other world disasters. We had FUN and our efforts will provide for those less fortunate.

This year is going by fast. PDG Pam told me this would happen and she is right. It has been a terrific year for District 7500 with many accomplishments on the part of each club. I took great pleasure and pride reading the forms for presidential citations before I signed them and forwarded them to RI.

Some of the highlights include:

Rotarians and their families helping thousands of people in need by participating in walks, runs, auctions, sales, dinner dances and other fundraisers benefiting Rotary charities and other organizations such as the American Cancer Fund and the American Heart Association, just to mention two.

Our members have mentored hundreds of students by inviting them to their business to share their work environments. Some clubs recognize outstanding students by inviting them and their teachers to Rotary where they are introduced and recognized.

In addition our clubs have worked hard to make their communities better and safer places to live. One club provided needed emergency equipment to a fire company, another club provided equipment to their EMS, another, police life-protection vests and others have provided park equipment, a bus shelter, walkways and more. Two of our clubs donated a handicapped van to a student so she could attend college and two other clubs installed centennial clocks in honor of Rotary's centennial year.

We have celebrated Rotary internationally by continuing to provide funds and goods to orphanages in several countries and by providing nearly 50 shelter boxes to help the tsunami victims and other victims of world disasters.

Celebrate & Have Fun in Rotary!

We still have several months before we close the books for Rotary year 2004-2005. Before I leave office I would like to see a district "In Memoriam" committee established. The members of this committee would attend funeral services for deceased Rotarians to honor them and recognize their contribution to Rotary. If you are interested and willing to serve on this committee please contact me as soon as possible. We will need Rotarians from several clubs to cover our district area. You can E-mail me at RotaryBud@aol.com or write to me at PO Box 3110, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Have Fun and celebrate Rotary.

Governor Bud

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

Frank Devlyn will be our Keynote Speaker!!!!

Previous RI President and Current Foundation Chairman, Frank Devlyn will be our Key Note Speaker at our Centennial Birthday Party on Friday Night!

In addition, Frank will be presenting the Paul Harris Fellow Awards to anyone wishing to have that honor bestowed at this meeting. What an honor!! Please contact your Club's Foundation Chairperson and get the paperwork completed ASAP so you can participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

There will be Photo Opportunities with Frank both prior to and at the Dinner. Frank will also be signing his Books.

GSE Team

Japanese Tea Ceremony

The Japanese GSE Team has graciously offered to present the Formal Japanese Tea Ceremony to those interested on Saturday Afternoon. Dating back over 700 years, the Japanese tea ceremony (cha-no-yu, chado, or sado) is a traditional ritual influenced by Zen Buddhism in which powdered green tea, or matcha (抹茶), is ceremonially prepared by a skilled practitioner and served to a small group of guests in a tranquil setting.

Chado emphasizes four principles -- wa, kei, sei, and jaku. Wa means harmony or peace. One must achieve harmony with people, with nature and with everything that one comes in contact with. Kei means respect. One must respect all things that surrounds us. Sei means purity. One must strive to have purity in his/her deeds and spiritually. Jaku means tranquility or peace of mind. These four principles appeal to the universal values in human nature that is common across all cultures.

This too is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in this sacred Japanese Ritual.

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Shelter Box Update

WOW!!!! 42 Boxes Sponsored 6 More in the Pipeline SHOOTING FOR 50

As of March 15, 2005, 1,250 USA Shelter Boxes have been sponsored with 1,000 shipped to disaster zones in Sri Lanka (103), to Indonesia (707), to Grenada (46), to the Philippines (28), to Uganda (27), to India (14) with the remaining 75 going to Iraq, Iran, Uganda, Algeria, and Liberia. Web site: www.shelterboxusa.org

Rotarians of District 7500, working with compassion and dedication are responsible for 48 Boxes to date, including 10, sponsored pre-Tsunami. AN OUTSTANDING EFFORT

DONATING CLUBS INCLUDE:

Medford-Vincentown: (14) Paul Zetts Jr, President of MV is HOT. He has Club, Club members, Interact, and businesses involved: GREAT EFFORT PAUL!!

Toms River: (5), Moorestown Luncheon: (4), Long Beach Island: (3), Brick AM: (3), Asbury Park: (2), Point Pleasant: (2), Beachwood Berkley: (1), Forked River: (1), Lakewood: (1), Mt. Holly: (1), Beverly: (1), Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson: (1), Seaside: (1) Wrightstown: (1), MS Donovan HS Interact: (1). District 7500 (3) Pt. Pleasant Boro (1), Burlington (1) and Red Bank (1) are in the pipeline.

The situation in Asia is one of tremendous needs that will last for a long time. By providing shelter to 10 people for up to six months, we can be comfortable with knowing that our efforts are bearing tangible fruit.

Let's not stop now – we are only two away from our goal of 50. Talk it up with your club, friends, interact, businesses, offer to match funds, give a challenge. "Let's do" – "2 more"

Rotary International Water Week Follow - Up

The Challenge

About 97 percent of the world's water is in our oceans -- and saline. More than 2 percent of the rest of the water is frozen in icebergs and glaciers, leaving less than 1 percent of all water available for human use. If it were possible to fit all the water on Earth into a gallon (4 liter) jug, the relative quantity of water available would be about one tablespoon (4 fluid drams).

Fresh drinking water and water for food production and waste disposal are essential and increasingly threatened. Population growth and megacities have increased demand six times since the beginning of the 1900's. Pollution contaminates available supplies. Today, almost half of the world's countries have severe water problems.

Rotary Solutions

Recognizing the vital importance of safe water, Rotary International policy encourages all Rotary districts and clubs to support efforts which help people to provide themselves with safe water. The safe water projects are to be reasonably close to homes using simple sustainable technology. This policy is reflected in projects of all sizes in all parts of the world.

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Indicative of Rotary activity are the number of Matching Grants awarded by The Rotary Foundation for water-related projects. The trustees of The Rotary Foundation have made clean water as one of three priorities for major Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants.

In recognition of Rotary's work to provide safe water in communities around the world, the International Water Resources Association presented the **1997 Crystal Drop Award** to Rotary International. Rotary was cited for its projects in Senegal, Haiti and Thailand.

The Rotary Foundation awards Matching Grants to projects coordinated by Rotary clubs throughout the world for wells, water tanks, school or hospital water systems, and lavatories.

Multi-Continental Efforts

In choosing Water Management as an area of emphasis, RI President Glen Estess has targeted an essential need. More than one billion people worldwide lack access to clean water, and according to United Nations estimates, more than five million die of waterborne illnesses every year. In Africa, where the problem is most severe, only about 55 percent of the population has access to safe water.

To illustrate the extent of Rotary's involvement in the provision of safe water, Denham cited water projects ranging from initiatives worth more than \$300,000 to efforts that cost just a few thousand dollars. Such projects include sinking water wells near Kisumu, Kenya; fighting water loss and desertification in Senegal through an eco-friendly technique that helps trees tap water from deep below the saline soil layers of the Sahel; raising funds in Britain and Ireland to support the construction of water wells in southern Africa; harvesting rainwater for drinking and irrigation in India and Thailand; rebuilding a dam in Haiti to supply clean water and prevent flooding and soil erosion; and supplying aquabox water purifiers to prevent the outbreak of epidemics among victims of disaster and war.

In addition, the Rotary Safe Water Project has resulted in the construction of 710 wells -- 565 in India and 145 in Guatemala. The project was initiated by three Rotary International Directors from India, Guatemala, and the United States, to increase Rotary awareness and support for providing safe water to communities in developing nations.

Synchronization of Polio Immunizations

Polio Plus

The first round of a synchronized polio immunization campaign across 22 African countries targeted 100 million children. Launched on 25 February, the effort came on the heels of reports that a child contracted polio in Ethiopia, the country's first case in four years. In the past year, the continent saw a fierce resurgence of polio, endangering global eradication efforts. The 2005 series of joint National Immunization Days are aimed at halting the spread of the disease. With polio now in its low-transmission season, the next few months are critical to stopping the virus.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, and Ethiopia joined the synchronized NIDs for the first time. Côte d'Ivoire rejoined the effort since civil unrest halted anti-polio activities last November, causing months of concern after the country was re-infected in a regional outbreak originating in Nigeria. Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Central African Republic, Chad, the Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, and Togo are repeat participants.

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"By reaching children cut off from the eradication effort by insecurity and the threat of violence, African leaders have a real opportunity to halt polio's advance," said Dr. Ezio Murzi, UNICEF regional director for West and Central Africa.

In the wake of the Nairobi peace accord by warring parties in Sudan, health officials in the country are cooperating to immunize children in both the north and south. Earlier in February, Sudan convened nine neighboring countries to discuss cross-border immunization coordination. Next door, Ethiopia is concentrating on activities along its northern and western borders, where the new case was found.

"Eradication in Africa requires not only reaching all children in the newly infected areas but, most importantly, immunizing every child in those countries which have never interrupted transmission — Nigeria and Niger," said WHO Regional Director for Africa Dr. Luis Sambo. "It is gratifying to note that both countries are fully committed to the polio eradication drive."

In a reminder of the ease with which the virus travels, two recent cases in Saudi Arabia appear to be related to virus originating in Nigeria and entering via Sudan. Nigeria accounts for more than 60 percent of cases worldwide. Health officials said that progress made since the first response to the outbreak in Africa — massive coordinated immunization campaigns in October and November 2004 — has been positive but fragile. Success in the second phase of this intensified eradication effort, coupled with improved access to routine immunization, is critical to stopping the epidemic, they said.

To finance the 2005 immunization rounds, US\$75 million is needed by July; some \$200 million will be required in 2006.

African leaders have redoubled their commitment in the face of the epidemic, as evidenced in recent declarations at the African Union summit by the AU's top leadership. "Polio eradication has the unswerving commitment of all Africans, from leaders to parents and children themselves," said Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, National PolioPlus Committee chair for Côte d'Ivoire.

The mass immunization drive also was an opportunity to address other health concerns of African children. Vaccinators delivered vitamin A drops with the polio vaccine in many places. The vitamin doses are an immunity-boosting strategy that has saved an estimated 1.2 million lives on the continent over the last 12 years.

Further mass polio vaccination campaigns in Africa are scheduled for April and May and again late in the year

Every Rotarian, Every Year

We Need YOUR Help!!

District 7500 is now at only 20% of our annual goal for this important initiative. That means we only have \$ 30,000 of our Goal of \$ 150,000. This Goal was put forth and agreed to by Club Foundation Chairpersons and represents the total of \$100 per Rotarian per year. A number of Clubs have been creative in achieving their goals by holding special fundraisers, allocating Club Budgets (allowing members to offset or double their contribution) and of course good old fashioned lobbying for the cause. Any ideas for helping us achieve our Goal would be appreciated. Please forward them to Foundation Chair, PDG Dick Ritchie or to Gov Bud.

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What your Gifts Can Do!! Just some examples of what your Foundation Contributions DO!

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| \$ 100.00 | Text Books for 1 Elementary School in Zambia
Cataract Operations for 3 Blind Individuals in India
Mosquito netting for 35 homes in Bangladesh |
| \$ 500.00 | A watch repair mini-business for 6 disabled workers in the Philippines
Carpentry tools for a vocational workshop that trains 150 deaf children a year in Gambia
5 small sewing businesses to give poor mothers in Mexico the ability to lead more self-sufficient lives |
| \$ 1,000 | Materials to construct a deep bore well in India supplying clean water to 300 people
Establishment of a tree nursery in Jamaica producing 5,000 seedlings annually and helping 700 farmers
Parasite and Anemia prevention materials for needy children in Brazil |
| \$ 5,000 | Vaccine to fully immunize 10,000 children against polio
A mobile eye clinic to screen and treat patients with visual disabilities in India |
| \$ 11,000 | Cleft lip and palate surgery and rehabilitation for 55 patients
A fully equipped ambulance
Travel expenses for a special focus Group Study Exchange Team to facilitate a humanitarian project with a Rotary Partner District |
| \$ 25,000 | Life-saving neonatal equipment to a hospital for newborn babies in Argentina
A water system, sanitation, fishing gear, trees for reforestation, banana trees, roof-top gardens, flooring for huts, goats and a hen house for 6 underdeveloped Haitian Villages |
| \$ 100,000 | Education about the dangers of AIDS to more than 800,000 youths between the ages of 11 and 19 in Burundi
Funding for 2 Rotary World Peace Scholars for the full two-year graduate program |

CLUB NEWS

Freehold Rotary Club

The Freehold Rotary Club invites you to enjoy fellowship, fun and Breakfast (Brunch or Lunch) at its **Annual Family Pancake Day** held at the First Presbyterian Church, 118 West Main Street, Freehold, on **Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The other highlights are the 50/50 on-site raffle drawing and a really terrific auction table that will include golf outings, Phillies tickets and various other gift baskets. The tickets are only \$5.00 (children 5 and under are free). Contact Linda Moldenhauer at (732) 409-2888 for tickets or any additional information. Proceeds will benefit the club's community charities.

The Freehold Rotary Club will be hosting **Ross Galleries' Art Auction** on **Friday, May 6, 2005** at the Freehold Borough YMCA Community Center located at 41 Center Street, Freehold. Preview is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the auction immediately follows the preview. Hors d'oeuvres, wine & cheese, as well as coffee and cake will be served. The cost per ticket at the door is \$10.00, but if you reserve with Jack Marin at (732) 303-8400 by April 30, you receive the discounted ticket price of \$5.00, which can also be applied to any purchase. Proceeds will benefit the club's community charities.

Tinton Falls, Red Bank, Long Branch and Asbury Park

Inter-City Rotary Club Meeting - District 7500

April 7, 2005

The Inter-City Club Meeting will be held Thursday, April 7, 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Tinton Falls, NJ. The Holiday Inn is located at Route 36 and Hope Road (southwest corner) at exit 105 of the Garden State Parkway. The welcoming and hospitality hour is from 5:30-6:30 pm with the Assembly/Dinner/Meeting from 6:30-7:45 pm.

The guest speakers will be New Jersey Secretary of Commerce Virginia Bauer and Centennial Year comments by District 7500 Governor Bud Umbaugh.

Host clubs Tinton Falls, Red Bank, Long Branch and Asbury Park.

A count is needed by April 2, 2005. The cost is \$ 25.00 with advance payments to the Rotary Club of Tinton Falls, P.O. Box 1271, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. For more information:

Tony Kaczynski, Tinton Falls 732.544.5578 or 732.241.2111 (mobile). Email: amkaczynski@a-m-k.com

Wall Sunrise

Pop Warner's Casino Night

Ready for a FUN Night? The Wall Sunrise and Wall Pop Warner groups are having their Annual Casino Night on April 22, at the Barkley in Belmar, NJ. For your \$ 50.00 ticket, you will be treated to an Open Bar from 7:00PM - 8:00 PM, Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert, Coffee Tea and \$ 100.00 in Casino Chips. There will be 20 Gaming Tables including Poker, Blackjack, Craps and Roulette. Prizes include a Plasma TV, Furniture, Sports Tickets, Gift Certificates for area Restaurants and Salons as well as a special Door Prize! For more information, contact Frank Garruzzo at 732.974.5028. Proceeds benefit Wall Rotary Charities.

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If you want more FUN or if you just missed this one, here are two more opportunities to "Cash In".

Lakewood Rotary Club

Casino Night

The Lakewood Rotary Club is holding their Casino Night on April 29 at the View Restaurant on the Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Lakewood. Your \$ 50.00 ticket includes \$ 150.00 "Lucky Money" and the chance to win several really nice prizes. Door Prizes will be given out every 30 minutes with a \$ 100.00 Grand Raffle Drawing at 10:00PM. The festivities begin at 7:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Lakewood Rotary Charities.

Spring Lake – Brielle Rotary Club

Casino Night

The Spring Lake Brielle Rotary Club is holding their Casino Night on April 29 at Doolan's on Highway 71 in Spring Lake Heights. Your \$ 50.00 ticket includes \$ 50.00 in Gaming Chips and the chance to win several really nice prizes. The big Door Prize will be given out at 10:00PM. The festivities begin at 7:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Spring Lake - Brielle Rotary Charities.

If your Club is having a special event, please send that to ronlynch@comcast.net so we can put that in the Newsletter!

District News

RYLA Looking for a Few Good Rotarians from Ocean County

The RYLA committee currently has 2 people from Burlington County, 2 People from Monmouth County, and NO people from Ocean County. Four members is a little light. We'd like about 6. We thought having 2 people from Ocean County would really even things out and make it easier to connect with Clubs in all areas.

I know you already know most of the following, but let me briefly summarize the job description, in case you want to forward this note to someone who might be interested, but doesn't know all about RYLA:

The District 7500 RYLA conference is a 4-day youth leadership training program held at the end of every June at Georgian Court University in Lakewood. The RYLA Committee is composed of 4-8 Rotarians who meet about 6-8 times per year (for about 90 minutes each time), to oversee the finances and general logistics* of the event. In addition to the meetings, Committee members occasionally make a few phone calls to Clubs, to remind them to get their paperwork in, or to arrange donations of things we need. Committee members are warmly welcomed and appreciated at all RYLA training events (about 7 per year now) but are not actually required to be at any of them. Of course, if they show up, we can usually find something to keep them busy!

*All the detailed program planning and presentation is done by a small group of young adults (all previous RYLA participants) who we call the "RYLA Staff". That group, headed by me, decides all the programs, assigns speakers and facilitators, gathers the materials, produces the handouts, etc.

If you think of any Rotarians in your Club, or any of the Clubs in Ocean County, that you feel would be a good fit to be on the RYLA Committee, I would very much appreciate it if you let me know. Please let me know if you think of anyone who would be good on the RYLA Committee. Thank you, David GoWell 856-439-1610 Cell: 856-313-7771

International Service:

Dick Isackson

Shelter Box: 47 Shelter Boxes have been donated. The Medford-Vincentown Club has donated 14 of those. Donors include Interact Clubs, Rotary Clubs, middle-schoolers linked to Rotary Clubs, business people and others. Our goal is 50 Shelter Boxes.

Washing Machines, Children's Hospital in Ukraine: This project is nearing completion. Decision is to buy the machines within the next 45 days, & install them after the generator is in place.

Dried Milk, Children's Hospital in Ukraine: \$3,000 was given to the Hospital in January. Dick is still accepting contributions for dried milk. This assistance to kids in the Hospital will be continued.

Orphanage: College students have gone to work at the Orphanage at their own expense, most recently in January. Rider students will work over spring break on the Orphanage's baseball field, and helping students with English language skills. Sixth-graders in Cherry Hill collected baseball equipment for the students.

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Community Service:

Paul Coward

Director Paul Coward reported that 7 clubs have applied for the Community Service Significant Achievement Award, to be presented at District Conference. All 7 projects will receive awards & will be showcased at Conference.

The Brick Club is prominently featured on p. 2 of RI's Community Service e-newsletter, March edition. Brick President Marianne Solano submitted the article highlighting Brick's \$250,000+ donations to Brick's police department, over the years.

Congratulations to all 7 Clubs for your Community Service Activities!

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE NOTICE

Candidates Needed

This year's exchange is with **District 2590, Kanagawa Japan**. Their team will be here **April 23, 2005 through May 21, 2005**

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

Our team will be there **October 24, 2005 through November 21, 2005**. This represents a great opportunity for someone in your community to experience a truly remarkable adventure. And, the costs are minimal!

Clubs with CANDIDATES for our team should contact Robert Hazlett ,PO Box 319, Island Heights, NJ 08732. Telephone 609-494-8861 Fax 609-494-3956 E-mail rhazlett@stfrancislbi.org

CENTENNIAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The News Is Out!! Past RI President and Current Foundation Chairman, Frank Devlyn, will be the Keynote Speaker!!!

Frank will join us on Friday and be our Key Note Speaker at our Centennial Celebration. In addition, he will be presenting the Paul Harris Fellow Awards to anyone wishing to have that honor bestowed at the District Conference. Please get your requests in to your Foundation Representative ASAP so the paperwork can be completed in time for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

In addition, the GSE Japanese Team will be presenting the Japanese Tea Ceremony on Saturday Afternoon. This is a Japanese Ritual that extends back over 700 years that helps practitioners and guests to achieve an inner tranquility. The ceremonial dress and presentation is truly fascinating. We are honored to have the opportunity to participate in this time honored tradition with our GSE Team.

Location: Hudson Valley Spa and Resort, Kerhonkson, NY

Dates: May 13, 14, 15, 2005

Registration: NOW!!!!

Theme: CELEBRATE AND HAVE FUN WITH ROTARY

Registration has been extended until April 8, 2005

The District 7500 Centennial District Conference is for YOU!

There has been a great deal of excitement concerning the Centennial District Conference. There are already over 300 people signed up! We have 11; yes count them, 11 Hospitality Suites. This year, while a bit of a drive, offers something for everyone. Besides the camaraderie and fellowship that is at the core of these Conferences, there will be a number of other activities suitable for the whole Family in a truly World Class Facility!

Key Note Speakers: High Energy Speakers representing the District and Region will be providing their insights and working plans on the Four Areas of Service as well as Membership Retention and a number of other exciting topics.

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Educational Sessions and Workshops: You asked for, you got it! There will be hands on sessions that will address those areas most requested by our District's Clubs. These include multiple year Club Planning and Implementation Strategies, How to obtain various Grants and Matching Grants from the District and RI, as well as a number of other key topics you have requested over the years. **Register Now!**

Centennial Celebration: There are a number of activities for everyone surrounding the Centennial Celebration of Rotary. Plans include some very interesting (and different) activities on Saturday afternoon and evening. Clubs will have the opportunity to "Strut Their Stuff" with a Centennial Table Decorating Contest for Friday Night as well as their own Hospitality Suites supporting the theme: Celebrate and Have Fun in Rotary. Yes, there will be Prizes!! **Register Now!**

SPA Activities: There are a number of activities both on the grounds and in the nearby area that will satisfy anyone's fancy. These include complete SPA facilities, Indoor Pool, Tennis, Golf, Rock Climbing, Ice Skating, Hot Air Balloon Rides, Wineries, Historical Tours, Game Room and Arcade, Miniature Golf and the list just keeps on growing! **Register Now!**

Hospitality Suites: There are currently 11 Hospitality Suites booked for the Conference. Each will all have their own Theme, (some have been pretty interesting in the past). Rumor has it that these may be the best yet. These truly provide the opportunity for all Rotarians to meet and greet each other in a purely social setting and support the theme of **Celebrate and Have Fun in Rotary**.

Golf Tournament: Speaking of Golf, there will be a Rotary Golf Tournament on Saturday with a shotgun start beginning at 12:30 PM. Get this .. For only \$45.00, you will receive a cart, greens fees, a box lunch, 18 holes of golf on a beautiful mountain course, prizes, and of course, the unlimited fellowship this type of event provides. **Register Now!**

The District Conference is an excellent opportunity to get the **NEW MEMBERS** in your club engaged in Rotary. As Chairperson Masington has been emphasizing at Club Visits, this is an excellent forum to learn about Rotary and to begin thinking about ways "I" can become more involved. Presidents and Club Chairpersons should find a way to get as many new members to this event as possible. **Register Now!**

Due to the reservations policy at the Hotel and SPA as well as the Golf Course.....

WE NEED YOU TO REGISTER NOW!!!

PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN TO JOE MASINGTON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

Doug Reynolds has also asked that anyone interested in the **Golf Tournament** please get their registrations to him as quickly as possible. We need this information in order to reserve the course as well as the Carts and other equipment.

REGISTRATION FORMS are available at www.rotary7500.org as well as through your Club President.

LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VIA EMAIL DURING THE COMING DAYS.

Let's all make this Centennial District Conference the best ever!!

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Communications Want to get the word out .. Quick?

Communications Director Dan Cortese says he can send to any mailing list. Just type your desired email message into the body of an email, and send to him, along with your requested recipient group. Better not to send your email as an attachment, which can be removed by the filters in different systems.

CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

Governor-Elect Nick Michals recommended that if you want to go to Centennial Convention, you should sign up as soon as possible. Attendance is predicted to be 50,000. The October issue of The Rotarian has registration forms. It may take 7 – 10 days to receive your registration response. Costs are \$375 for registration, plus hotel, plus plane fare (may be \$350). Some ticketed events will cost \$80 per ticket, but many events are free. A train may run from New York or Philadelphia. There will be no District hospitality room.

Rotary International Centennial Convention Deadlines

The yearlong celebration of the Rotary Centennial will culminate at the 2005 RI Convention, 18-22 June, 2005 at McCormick Place in Chicago. This promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime gathering of Rotarians from around the world. But time is running out for registration and numerous other deadlines are looming. Pre-registration is open until March 31. By pre-registering, you will receive a number of discounts. In addition, March 31 is the deadline for RI Ticketed events (many are already sold out), the District Incentive Rebate Offer, and inclusion in a special Centennial Directory that will list clubs in attendance.

Other Deadlines: 15 April- Group Housing Deadline

30 April- Host Events Registration, Registration Cancellation, RI Tickets

13 May- Hotel Reservation Cancellation through One-Stop Chicago

If you are planning to attend .. Register Now!

DISTRICT CALENDAR

See Club Calendar Below

CLUB CALENDAR

<u>Club</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact #</u>
APRIL	Inter City Meeting	Holiday Inn Tinton Falls	4/7/2005	5:30 PM	732.544.5578
	TEAM Meeting	Garden State Diner	4/13/2005	6:00 PM	
Wall Sunrise	Casino Night	The Barclay, Belmar	4/22/2005	7:00 PM	732.974.5028
	District Assembly	Georgian Court University	4/23/2005		609.877.4734
	GSE Team Arrives		4/23/2005		
Lakewood	Casino Night	The View@ Eagle Ridge	4/29/2005	7:00 PM	732.363.0125
Spring Lake Brielle	Casino Night	Doolan's	4/29/2005	7:00 PM	732.224.0444
MAY	Deadline GSE Applications		5/2/2005		
	College of Governors Meeting	TBD			

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MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORTING

FEBRUARY, 2005

Club	Attend %	# Members	Monthly Net Gain Loss
Wrightstown	98.10	23	0
PRC	94.65	31	0
Freehold	85.00	26	1
Mount Laurel	82.76	30	0
Lakewood	81.00	47	2
Toms River	79.86	47	0
Medford-Vincentown	79.25	31	-1
Spring Lake-Brielle	78.00	32	0
Tinton Falls	76.31	19	0
Point Pleasant Boro	76.00	32	0
Beverly	75.80	19	0
Maple Shade	75.51	49	0
Beachwood-Berkeley	75.00	18	0
Point Pleasant Beach	73.90	23	0
Willingboro	72.87	63	0
Asbury Park	72.22	47	0
Marlton	72.00	24	0
Jackson	71.40	28	0
Toms River Sunrise	71.10	38	0
Forked River	66.90	63	0
Moorestown	66.84	92	3
Burlington	66.40	42	-2
Matawan	66.21	23	0
Central Ocean	65.00	28	0
LBI	63.14	49	-1
Great Bay	62.00	16	0
Red Bank	62.00	64	1
Brick Lunch	61.57	56	0
Holmdel	60.00	10	0
Brick Morning	59.39	33	0
Bordentown	57.69	26	0
Long Branch	56.80	59	0
Seaside	54.72	20	0
Lakehurst-Manchester	53.43	24	2
Pemberton	50.00	27	0
Mount Holly	47.26	73	1
Southern Ocean	43.50	42	0
Hazlet	40.79	23	-1
Moorestown Breakfast		No Report	
Riverside-Delran-Delanco		No Report	
Wall Sunrise		No Report	
	Net Gain/Loss		5

Celebrate & Have Fun in Rotary!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Forked River Club

Catie Siegelski
Commercial Banking

Patti O'Donnell
Counseling – Family Aid

Lakehurst - Manchester Club

Raymond P. Storey
Professional Risk Manager

Mary P. Storey
Teacher - Elementary

Lakewood Club

Ray Soto
Health Care Administrator

Darrin Simone
Industrial Maintenance

Grace Lahotay
Interact Advisor

Barbara Wright
Banking

Moorestown Club

Kathleen Fererici
Banking Manager

Nicholas Ricciutti
Banking Administration

Carol Arthars
Chiropractor

Mount Holly Club

Dawn Lacey
Community – Social Service

Wrightstown Club

Jacqueline Beykirch
Construction Management

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