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Governor's Message

To All Rotarians in District 7500

Bernard "Bud" Umbaugh
Centennial District Governor

And Now the End is Near!

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we end Rotary's centennial year, I too end a year that will never be forgotten: my year as Governor of district 7500.

It's seems like yesterday when I sat at an intersection in Jackson asking a police officer if he knew where the MUG Rack was located. Oh my god, I thought to myself, I can't be late for the first official breakfast meeting. I made it with a minute to spare. This is how my year began and now it comes to end with fond memories and new friends.

I wished I had space to list everyone I should thank, but we don't. There are a few groups of people who deserve special mention. First is of course my Rotary club, Marlton. Thank you for your nomination, vote of confidence, your support and for staging a wonderful district conference. Second is the deputy and assistant Governors. Without your help it would be impossible for anyone to be an effective Governor. You are the cause of any success that is contributed to us during this centennial year. And last but not least, this year Rotary presidents. You served with dignity and class during the year that Rotary celebrated its 100th year.

Please join me in congratulating the following people who were selected to receive our top District 7500 awards:

Jack McGough, Archie Award, outstanding service to the Governor; **Rob Kee III**, PDG Bill Skidmore Award, outstanding service to Rotary in general; **Wilson Bradley**, Vocational Service Award, best exemplifies the principles of Vocational Service; **Dan Cortese**, District Service above Self Award, best exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service above Self" to District 7500; **George Broom**, International Commitment to Service Award, contribution to club and Rotary service for 25 years or more; **Elizabeth Johnson**, Outstanding Officer Award for 2004-05; **Ron Lynch**, Governors Special Award, outstanding District Newsletter; **Joe Masington**, Governors Most Valuable Player Award, most valued TEAM player for 2004-05 and **Deborah Horner**, District Award for outstanding service as Special Events Director. **John Penberthy**, district conference co-chair and **PDG Dick Isackson**, District Trainer, received awards for their contribution to District 7500.

A special award was presented to **Franz Schneider** for outstanding service to the Group Study Exchange program.

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The PDG James M. Davidson Foundation Award and the PDG Mike Kittis Community Service Award has not been presented at press time, as well as four other commitments to service awards. They will be announced after the presentations are made.

As I turn over the leadership of District 7500 to a very competent person, Governor Nick Michaels, I thank him for being a great DGE and I pledge my "*Service Above Self*" to him as Governor 2005-2006.

Thank you for giving me 365 days as your leader and 1500 reasons for having Fun and Celebrating Rotary.

Have FUN and celebrate Rotary!

Gov. Bud

WHAT A WONDERFUL DISTRICT CONFERENCE!!!!

Great Plenary Sessions, Camaraderie, Good Food, Camaraderie, Fun Games, Camaraderie, Super Hospitality Suites, Camaraderie and Hermit Crab Races in the New York Mountains!

More on all of this later. Now we have a small event in Chicago to discuss.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

Go here first!!!! www.RotaryHost2005.org

Upon your arrival in Chicago!

- [My Chauffeur](#), The Official Limousine Company to the Host Committee for the 2005 Rotary International Convention, welcomes all Rotarians with special convention rates with direct transport to your hotel. Advanced reservations preferred which will receive an additional discount. Just click on the Centennial Rotary Logo on the site for this special service and look for Host Rotarians upon your arrival in their Rotary Blue vests who will be happy to assist you.
- Come to the [parade](#) on Saturday Morning.
- Join the fun on Sunday morning and [run or walk](#) to help eradicate polio.
- Monday night at the Field Museum for the [Centennial Celebration](#).
- Tuesday evening at the [Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals](#) baseball game.
- [Tours and more tours](#). See our beautiful city and Rotary World Headquarters.
- [Commemorative Centennial Plate](#)

Information for the 100th Convention

- [Preliminary Program](#) for the Convention is located in the Special Announcements Section at the end of the News Letter.

For details on all the Host events click this link [INFO](#) or visit our website www.RotaryHost2005.org

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ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARADE**Saturday, 18 June 2005 10:00**

To commemorate Rotary's landmark century, a rare Rotary parade is planned to enhance the celebration. Set in downtown Chicago, more than 150 entries from around the world will march in this colorful and lively 2-hour parade. From floats to musicians to national delegations in ethnic costume, the parade represents Rotary's primary public event in the city of its founding. The afternoon event will be the perfect prelude to the evening's Home/Host Hospitality.

Attendance requires no formal ticketing, although we ask your assistance in helping the HOC estimate the crowd size. Please complete the appropriate section on the [♦Host Organization Ticket and Directory Form](#). Parade marchers are advised that entries are limited, but inquiries are being handled by contacting parade organizer Major Graham Allan at e-mail address MajorGPA@aol.com.

RACE TO THE FINISH RUN / WALK EVENT**Sunday, 19 June 2005 07:30-10:00**

The Chicago Lakefront is the unforgettable setting for a beautiful summer morning of group walking and running. Rotarians and their guests are encouraged to lace up their jogging shoes and contribute to good health and fellowship for the first activity of the official opening day of Rotary's 100 anniversary convention. Some 3,000 participants representing over 100 countries are expected.

Proceeds from this 8k-run / 5k-walk event go to Rotary's global fight to eradicate polio, and signs along the route will cite the year in which individual countries became polio-free. The 8k race will start at 08:00, with the 5k walk starting 15 minutes later. Registration tables will be set up at the start/finish area as will a gear-check station. Awards and refreshments will be provided after the races, which will be a Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) registered event.

Participants are requested to sign up in advance by completing the [♦Host Organization Ticket and Directory Form](#). All participants will receive an event T-shirt, so please circle size desired on the form. To participate, all registrants are required to complete a waiver included with this form. The registration fee is US\$25.

So come out for fellowship, fresh air, a panoramic view of one of the world's great skylines, and a "Race to the Finish" of Rotary's long-time nemesis of polio—the competition we all will win.

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CHICAGO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Monday, 20 June 2005 19:00-22:00

Chicago's magnificent Field Museum, home to one of the world's most celebrated natural history collections, will serve as an enchanting locale for the 2005 Host Organization's biggest gathering: the Chicago Centennial Celebration! Exclusively for Rotarians & guests, the C³ event will be held in one of the grandest spaces that this architecturally focused city has to offer. Set amid a world-class harbor view and skyline, attendees will revel at the Field's massive marble columns and sweeping halls, not to mention its countless special and permanent exhibits.

The evening reception will include a gourmet box dinner, drinks, live entertainment, exhibits, special docent tours, and plenty of fellowship honoring Rotary's first century. The event is timed to permit convention goers, after the 16:30 close of other official activities that day, to get refreshed back at their hotels. Shuttle-bus transport is provided from official convention hotels.

The Field's impressive Stanley Field Hall is at the center of the evening's activities, with its prehistoric sentry "Sue" (the world's most-famous t.rex dinosaur skeleton) rising above the crowd. Few Chicago venues will have as much for every culture as The Field, which prides itself in country exhibits from Japan to Egypt and depicts heritages as diverse as Maori and Eskimo. Gems, fossils, and plant and animal habitats also are on display—all of which will factor into a planned scavenger hunt for prizes.

The 700-seat James Simpson Theatre will be a popular spot for entertainment, which will be found in several locations and in distinctly Chicago-influenced styles—from mariachi to blues to acrobatic acts—throughout the museum complex. The museum's various terraces also will be in use, affording the option of outdoor ambience for those who seek city vistas.

To learn more about The Field or to enhance your C³ experience, visit the museum's website at <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/>. Event capacity is limited to 8,000, so participants are requested to sign up in advance by completing the [Host Organization Ticket and Directory Form](#).

The registration fee for the Chicago Centennial Celebration is US\$80. If you have not been to the Field Museum, this is a MUST DO! If you have been there, then I know we will see you on Monday Night!!

Rotary Night at the Ballpark

Rotary clubs around the world love to cheer on their hometown team, whatever the sport. Here in Chicago, we follow baseball in the summertime--even in the middle of an annual convention! It's been America's pastime since before the founding of Rotary, so it's fitting that the sport of baseball should enter the lineup in celebrating Rotary's Centennial.

Join your fellow Rotarians on the first day of Summer 2005, Tuesday, June 21, for Rotary Night at the Ballpark. The hometown Chicago White Sox will play the Kansas City Royals in what promises to be an American League Central Division slugfest. The evening will be highlighted by Rotary tributes: JumboTron videos will depict Rotary service in action, a Rotarian will throw out the game's first pitch, and other Rotary flourishes will be announced.

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Special ticket prices and preferred seat locations are available, including a pre-game patio party. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to the 2005 Rotary International Host Organization Committee. Tickets in each price category will be filled on a best-available basis and are distributed first come- first served at the Host Activities booth at the convention. Your seating options:

Patio Party—Groups will enjoy an open bar and an all-American dinner buffet (including burgers, hot dogs, chicken, and ribs) prior to the game. This 2-hour pre-game package includes a lower-deck reserve ticket. (Sections 104 - 108) - \$55/person. Patio party starts at 17:30 (5:30 PM).

Seats Only (food & drink available at concession stands)

- Lower-deck Box Seats - (Sections 110 & 111) - \$30
- Lower-deck Reserve Seats - (Sections 156 - 159 & 100 - 103) - \$26
- Upper-deck Box Seats - (Sections 522 - 542) - \$18

Game time is 1905 hours (7:05 PM). So come on down to the home of the Chicago White Sox, cheer on the teams, and celebrate Rotary under a midsummer sky!

Limited Edition Rotary Centennial Commemorative Plates

Our limited edition 11 3/4 inch Rotary Commemorative Plate has been designed by Pickard China America's finest porcelain. For over 100 years Pickard China has set the standard for fine quality and is recognized the world over for its flawless porcelain body and brilliant glaze. This plate is skillfully hand crafted and decorated by their master artisans, using only the very richest materials and pure 24K gold.

Pickard has the honor today of gracing the tables of elegant homes, prestigious restaurants, country clubs and corporate boardrooms. Dignitaries that wish to give a gift of distinction look to Pickard china for that touch of elegance. When dining in American embassies around the world or with the President aboard Air Force One or at Camp David, the tables are set with Pickard This Rotary International collectors edition plate will have a limited edition of 3000 and will be individually numbered. It comes with a special gift box and is affordably priced at \$250.00 USD including delivery

TOURS Way too many to list here! Go To: www.RotaryHost2005.org

The Preliminary Program is available in the Special Announcement Section of this Newsletter.

There have been additional Hotels and Transportation opportunities opened up both in Downtown as well as the O'Hare area. In addition, Mobility Services will have Wheelchairs and Scooters available at the Convention as well as making them available for outside use. Go to the web site for more information.

We hope to see YOU at this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!!

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Centennial Bell

Similar to the traveling Olympic torch, five Rotary Centennial bells are circulating to clubs in every Rotary country, starting at the RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia, in June 2003. The bells' journeys will symbolize the internationality of Rotary as they crisscross the globe.

One bell will travel to the first 100 clubs to join Rotary International, while the others will travel to the first Rotary club formed in each country of four regions, according to RI archives: Asia and the Pacific; Latin American and the Caribbean; Africa; and Europe. Due to differences in shipping systems between countries in Africa, individual bells will be delivered by the district governors to the first clubs chartered in each country.

The bells' journeys will end in Chicago in June 2005 when they ring in the start of the centennial RI Convention.

CENTENNIAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

If you weren't there, then you really missed a great opportunity to join in our own Centennial Celebration, learn how to successfully submit Matching Grants, hear stirring presentations on the Gift of Life, RYLA, our Foundation, the Community Project Award Winners, a behind the scenes look at the writing of A Century of Service, a touching Memorial to Deceased District Rotarians and much more!

You also missed the opportunity to meet Frank Devlyn, past RI President and soon to be RI Foundation Chair as well as our RI Representative Thomas Branum Sr. PDG.

We also had the opportunity to meet the Japanese GSE Team up close and personal. They had a blast!

You also missed the Golf Tournament, Miniature Golf Tournament, Bocce Ball, Hiking Trails, Singing by the Piano with Boots, Arts and Crafts, the SPA, Dancing to some really good music and way too many other activities to mention.

You also missed 11 GREAT HOSPITALITY SUITES! All of the Clubs really outdid themselves! From Mexico to the Shore to the Ball Park, anything you wanted, you could find. There was even some On-Track Wagering on Hermit Crab Racing.

From all reports, everyone had a great time, met some new folks, made some new friends and learned some new stuff that will be valuable in Fund Raising and Matching Grant Submissions.

This really is what it is all about!!

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The District 7500 Centennial District Conference and YOU!

Rotary Foundation

Individuals in District 7500 raised over \$21,000 at the District Conference for the Rotary Foundation as a combination of monies raised for Paul Harris Fellowships, an auction for a signed copy (Forward, Devlyn) of the Century of Service Book (\$2,500), donations for signed copies (Forward, Devlyn) of Frank Talk and Frank Talk 2 (\$ 1,200), pledges at the Conference as well as a \$10,000 challenge contribution. GREAT JOB!!!!!!

The Good News is we have Pictures! The Bad News is we have Pictures!

Please visit the District Website to view and download those pictures you want for your photo albums. Rob Kee III has made a CD ROM containing all of the pictures shown at the District Conference. Please contact Ron Lynch at ronlynch@comcast.net if you would like a copy of this disk.

The Marlton Rotary Club wants to thank everyone for their help in making this such a successful meeting!!

A Letter from Tom Branum, PDG and RI Representative at the District Conference

Dear Governor Bud and friends in District 7500.

Linda and I have selected an outstanding person to receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition as a result of the generous check you presented to us at the conclusion of your district conference. The recipient is Shubha Dubey, the wife of Dr. Awadh Dubey. He is an ophthalmologist in Kanpur, India with whom we have been cooperating for 15 years to support surgery for poor blind cataract patients. Shubha has a post graduate degree in Psychology, as well as being an MBA with a Specialization in Personnel Management. She is CEO of their General Hospital. She is also the Administrative head of Sight Care India activities and personally supervises hospitalization of poor surgery patients. Through this program, thousands of poor blind people have regained their sight to again become useful members of their families.

Their elder son Dr. Gaurav is also an Ophthalmologist. Gaurav's wife Suprabha has a Masters in Hospital Administration and also works in the family hospital. Their younger son Vaibhav is an MBA from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and UCLA (U.S.A.). Dr. Dubey and Mrs. Dubey have two grandsons named Avinash & Anant.

Both Shubah and Awadh Dubey are members of Kanpur Central Rotary Club. This surprise award will be presented to her at the installation dinner for new officers in my club on the evening of 29 June, while they are in our district for two weeks following the Chicago Convention. The source of the gift is already widely known in District 6560, but we have not divulged the name of the recipient to anyone. Please help us keep it a surprise until the end of June.

Thomas and Linda Branum

Please visit the District Web Site to see pictures of Shubha Dubey and Dr. Awadh Dubey.

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From the GSE Team Leader

Dear Governor BUD

It took 6 days when I came back to Japan. One month in New Jersey was one of my dreams. I met many people, talked many things and saw many places. Of course, I ate many foods.

I was really happy to visit New Jersey and meet you.

Especially, District Conference was the most exciting event for me. I will never forget you.

I thank you for your kindness, hospitality and leadership.

Sincerely Yours,
GSE Team-Leader Yuji Tsuyuki

RED BANK ROTARY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Red Bank, NJ - May 27th, 2005 - Warren H. Tockerman, chair of the Red Bank Rotary Scholarship Committee, announced today that the Red Bank Rotary Club has selected three recipients for it's annual graduating senior scholarship. Each student will receive a stipend of \$2,000.00 which will be used to offset the cost of their college education.

The nominees are as follows: Kathleen Camile from Red Bank Catholic High School, Jennifer Brush from Red Bank Regional High School and Jennifer Cohen from Rumson-Fair Haven High School. Students were selected on the basis of a variety of categories, including grades, service to their school and an interview by the Scholarship Committee. Interviews of the candidates took place at the executive conference room of Schwartz Chrysler Mazda, in Shrewsbury.

Other members of the Scholarship Committee included Alfred Campanella, a retired educator, Robert DeSantis, architect and member of the Red Bank firm of Kaplan Gaunt & DeSantis, and Addie Schmidt, Chief Financial Officer for the Town of Hazlet.

The actual presentation of the awards will take place at a luncheon ceremony to be sponsored by Red Bank Rotary at their regular weekly meeting, on Thursday, June 23rd, 2005, at 12:00 Noon.

The Red Bank Rotary Club was established in 1921. Red Bank Rotary Club carries out a variety of projects that address critical issues, including poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and pollution. Service to youth is a major emphasis. Working with and for tomorrow's leaders; Rotary sponsors service clubs for youth and young adults as well as offering mentoring programs.

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A Letter from a Scholarship Recipient; What It Is Really All About!

Each of our Clubs that participate in the Scholarship Programs have similar stories to tell, but this young lady truly exemplifies the Character of Rotary's Scholarship Winners.

Dear Mr. Bradley and Marlton Rotary Club Members,

I would like to thank you wholeheartedly for your generous award! It is truly a blessing to know that there are special people like you, who support and recognize hard work and commitment. I graduated from Cherokee High School with Honors and began my summer at Xavier University of Louisiana as a Biology Pre-Med Major. I was selected to be in the Howard Hughes Biomedical Honor Corps which was an intensive 6-week summer Program in which I received an "A" and college credit in Chemistry and visited local Medical Centers.

My Fall Freshman Semester was exciting and fulfilling. I had General Biology and Biology Lab, Gen. Chemistry I Lab, Gen. Chemistry II and Chemistry II Lab, Drill, English Composition & Rhetoric, World Civilizations to 1500 and a Freshman Orientation Class.

I was thrilled to make the Dean's List with a 3.82 GPA and humbled to receive an award for Superior Academic Achievement during the Fall 2004 Semester. Xavier honored the freshman on the Dean's List at an Honors Convocation and Celebratory Brunch in February. I have remained active in the community as I am a part of our college Gospel choir, a local church choir and 'Habitat for Humanity. Through my honors speech class this spring, we have reached out to local middle school students and helped them with writing and speaking to them about community concerns and continuing their education.

I am truly enjoying my college experience. I love being here at Xavier and in New Orleans.

This summer will be especially rewarding as I have been accepted into a summer medical internship program. For 6 weeks, I will be attending Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. The program features an extensive biomedical science course with an approach similar to that of a year at medical school. It will also feature lectures, small group problem solving, reading / writing workshops, study skills sessions, medical seminars and clinical experiences that will give a sample of modern medicine and education at a major medical center. I will be living in a dorm and will be provided with meals and a small stipend at the end of the program.

Again, I thank you for believing in me and just wanted you to know that your kindness has not been in vain.

Sincerely,

Kristen D. Buxton

CLUB NEWS

Everybody's on Vacation!!!

DISTRICT NEWS

RYLA 2005

June 25 – 28, 2005

Georgian Court University

Lakewood, NJ

What is RYLA?

District 7500 Rotary Youth Leaders Academy (RYLA) is an intense four-day leadership conference run by outstanding Rotarians and older youth who have demonstrated their extensive leadership ability through high achievement in their communities.

Many alumni have other definitions of RYLA. Some say RYLA is a family of incredible personalities united in a single goal. Others have called RYLA a profoundly moving experience, something that no one can understand unless they have been through it. Some senior members of the staff have compared RYLA to a drug that requires them to get a yearly "fix."

No matter which definition is more accurate for students, RYLA will almost certainly change the students who attend. The lessons learned, the friends made, and the love shared will last a lifetime in their lives.

Officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, RYLA is one of the most significant and growing programs in Rotary Service. Each year thousands of young people take part in the program worldwide. Their influence spreads even further as they take their skills and knowledge back to their schools and communities and put them into practice.

A Brief History of RYLA

Adapted from the letter "The Origin of RYLA" by Eric Blackford, a member of the first RYLA committee

RYLA's beginnings can be traced to Queensland, Australia in 1959. For Queensland's centennial, a Festival Week in Brisbane was planned for young people in the same age group as Princess Alexandra, the official representative for the Queen. This week was called "Gundoo" which is the aboriginal word for "festival" or "fun together".

The government extended an invitation for two young people, between the ages of 17 and 23, from each Shire to attend "Gundoo". The Queensland government approached the Rotary Club of Brisbane to assist with the organization of the week's activities and the guests' living accommodations.

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Approximately 300 people from around the country attended "Gundoo". There were many problems with the festival, but the "Gundoo" committee felt that Rotary should take it over and run it as an annual project.

The first Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) seminar was held in Brisbane from July 8-15, 1961. There were only 26 leaders present from District 260 that year, but it was felt that the week had served a good purpose and was worth continuing.

In 1962, the program changed slightly so that the youth leaders would spend two of the days at the YMCA "Camp Warrawee" in Petrie, outside of Brisbane. Due to poor support at the District and Club levels, there were only 35 registrations. It was then decided that if the clubs did not give reasonable support the following year, RYLA would be abandoned.

Over the next year, the RYLA committee made arrangements to fully acquaint District Governor Frank Sanders on all aspects of RYLA. Due largely to his support, the third RYLA had 64 registrations. This encouraged the committee and RYLA was on its way to becoming firmly established.

After the third seminar, RYLA spread rapidly to many other districts in Australia and then New Zealand. In 1971, at the Rotary International Convention, RYLA was approved as an international project. Since that time, RYLA has spread worldwide to Rotary Clubs in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portugal, Switzerland, Thailand, and the United States among others.

RYLA spread to North America when a representative from District 709 was sent to observe the RYLA sponsored by the Heidelberg Club. Subsequent to that visit, RYLA was approved as a project in 1977.

The District 7500 RYLA has its roots in District 7640's first RYLA held in 1980 at Stockton College in Pomona, New Jersey. It was here that Pete Heberling from Bordentown Rotary first encountered RYLA. Pete served on the District RYLA Committee almost continuously from 1980 onward.

In 1994 David GoWell was a new Rotarian in the Mt Laurel Rotary Club. He was a motivational speaker and personal development trainer who had previously worked with Anthony Robbins. David was working with the Lenape High School Interact Club when he first heard about RYLA. He immediately knew that he wanted to get involved and contacted the RYLA Chairperson of District 7640 to offer his services as a speaker.

One of the young men who heard David speak at that RYLA in 1994 was Brad Clements. That same year, District 7510 held their RYLA at the Scanticon Conference Center in Princeton, New Jersey where Jill Eberle was a participant.

That following year Rotary International decided to re-district the Rotary Clubs in New Jersey. As part of that process Districts 7640 and 7510 were both split up, with Burlington County from District 7640 joining Monmouth and Ocean Counties from District 7510 to form a brand new district: District 7500.

David GoWell volunteered to develop a new RYLA program for the brand new district, and he formed a committee with Jeff Donoghue and Pete Heberling and a few others. The first District 7500 RYLA was held in 1995 at Georgian Court College in Lakewood, New Jersey. The first few years they hired high school teachers as Advisors, but they brought in 10 RYLA graduates, including Brad Clements, Jill Eberle and Jody Gersh, from the previous year's programs at Stockton and Scanticon as a Counselor team. Each Counselor was put in charge of a team of 12 participants. The Counselor training program that year consisted of getting to RYLA a couple hours before the participants and helping to assemble the registration bags!

The following year Brad, Jill and Jody returned as Senior Counselors, in charge of 10 new Counselors from RYLA 1995. Eventually the Support Counselor program was added to more fully prepare the Lead Counselors for their duties and the Counselor training program has grown more sophisticated each year. In 1997 the high school teachers were replaced with volunteer Rotarians, and they were eventually replaced by RYLA grads who had once been Sr. Counselors. Our team of Directors, Staff members, Advisors, Senior Counselors, Lead Counselors and Support Counselors now numbers about 45 people each year – almost every one of them a past RYLA Graduate. They train for about 40 hours every year – in between RYLA's – to prepare to change the lives of 140 new participants each June.

From its early roots at the "Gundoo" festival to its present complex form, our RYLA has grown to be one of the preeminent leadership training seminars in the entire world.

RYLA Still 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

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE NOTICE**Candidates Needed**

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

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>
JUNE					
	Deadline GSE Member Applications		6/1/2005		609.494.8861
	RI NATIONAL CONVENTION	Chicago	6/18-25/2005		
	RYLA 2005	Georgian Court University	6/25-28/2005		www.RYLA7500.org

On a Personal Note

This is the last District Newsletter of this Administration. I want to thank all of you who have commented so favorably on the format and content throughout the year.

I hope everyone learned a little something about Rotary, the Wheel Chair Foundation, Our District, Our Clubs and especially about the commitment of Our District's Club Members in making a difference in the world.

Thank you for the privilege!

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Rotary honors CDC, USAID chiefs for leading roles in polio effort

16 May 2005

Rotary International has honored Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Andrew Natsios, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), with the Polio Eradication Champion Award for leading the two government agencies in their support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. They were recognized by RI President Glenn Estess Sr. at a reception honoring U.S. champions of polio eradication in Washington, D.C., on 11 May.

"In America, three generations have passed since any mother feared polio for her child. Polio didn't disappear here all by itself — it was conquered by dedication, generosity, and hard work," said Estess. "And now, America and Rotary International are continuing that fight, so that every single child, everywhere in the world, will be safe from this terrible disease."

Under Gerberding's leadership, the CDC, a spearheading partner with Rotary in the initiative, has provided crucial technical and financial support. Gerberding's recent travels to the polio strongholds of India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan have encouraged her counterparts in those countries to intensify their efforts against polio.

The CDC deploys expert staff to polio-endemic countries and operates the world's leading specialized polio reference lab. Last year, the organization funded vaccinations in high-risk countries.

Fellow award recipient Natsios was recognized for his commitment to eradicating polio. Under his leadership, USAID provided crucial support for the synchronized polio immunization campaigns launched in 2004 in 23 West and Central African countries, including critical work to reach children in the previously inaccessible areas of Darfur, Sudan, and northern Nigeria.

In Southeast Asia in 2004, USAID grants supported immunization activities that affected more than 200 million children. Worldwide, USAID is contributing \$32 million to aid in the development and maintenance of polio eradication infrastructure and fund immunizations, surveillance, and social mobilization activities.

As the largest donor to this global endeavor, the U.S. government has contributed more than \$1 billion to polio eradication since 1995. "U.S. leadership is crucial to ensure that the threshold of victory over polio is crossed," Estess said.

The Polio Eradication Champion Award was established in 1995 to recognize world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of eradicating polio. Past recipients include former U.S. President Bill Clinton; former prime ministers John Major, of the United Kingdom, and Ryutaro Hashimoto, of Japan; presidents Chen Shui-Bian, of Taiwan, Pervez Musharraf, of Pakistan, Olusegun Obasanjo, of Nigeria, Mamadou Tandja, of Niger, and Jose Eduardo dos Santos, of Angola; Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands; UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan; German Economic Cooperation and Development Minister Heidemarie Wiecek-Zeul; Dutch Development Cooperation Minister Eveline Herfkens; and Egyptian First Lady Suzanne Mubarak.

The Global Eradication Initiative

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is recognized worldwide as a model of public and private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. In the words of United Nations General Secretary Kofi Annan, "Rotary's PolioPlus program is a shining example of the achievements made possible by cooperation between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations."

Donor Profile for Received and Confirmed Contributions, 1988-2008			
As of 1 February 2005			
Contribution (US\$ million)	Public Sector Partners	Development Banks	Private Sector Partners
> 500	USA		Rotary International
250 – 500	Japan, United Kingdom		
100 – 249	European Commission, Canada, Netherlands	World Bank	
50 – 99	Germany		Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
25 – 49	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden, UNICEF Regular Resources, WHO Regular Budget		United Nations Foundation
5 – 24	Australia, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Russian Federation	Inter-American Development Bank	Aventis Pasteur, IFPMA, UNICEF National Committees
1 – 4	Malaysia, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Advantage Trust (HK), De Beers, Pew Charitable Trust Wyeth

Rotary is the largest nongovernmental financial contributor to the global polio eradication effort. By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed US\$600 million.

Every Rotarian, Every Year**We Need YOUR Help!!**

District 7500 remains short of our annual goal for this important initiative. 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!

\$ 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

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MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORTING

APRIL, 2005

Club	Attend %	# Members	Monthly Net Gain Loss
Wrightstown	98.25	22	0
PRC	95.45	31	0
Mount Laurel	89.72	30	0
Riverside-Delran-Delanco	88.46	13	2
Freehold	85.00	29	0
Beverly	84.17	19	0
Brick Lunch	82.00	53	-1
Lakewood	81.00	47	0
Toms River	80.98	46	-1
Jackson	76.50	27	0
Burlington	76.15	44	2
Seaside	75.00	20	0
Maple Shade	74.51	53	2
Asbury Park	74.04	46	0
Marlton	74.00	24	0
Central Ocean	73.00	23	
Forked River	73.00	64	0
Point Pleasant Beach	72.45	23	0
Toms River Sunrise	72.30	38	0
Willingboro	71.81	63	0
Point Pleasant Boro	71.30	32	0
Moorestown	66.78	92	0
Lakehurst-Manchester	66.00	25	1
Beachwood-Berkeley	65.23	16	-2
Matawan	65.20	24	1
Brick Morning	63.64	33	0
Tinton Falls	62.82	20	1
LBI	61.20	49	0
Pemberton	61.11	27	0
Red Bank	58.00	66	2
Southern Ocean	57.31	41	0
Medford-Vincentown	56.00	32	1
Long Branch	55.70	60	0
Bordentown	51.00	25	0
Mount Holly	39.04	73	0
Hazlet	38.89	22	0
NO REPORT			
Great Bay			
Holmdel			
Moorestown Breakfast			
Spring Lake-Brielle			
Wall Sunrise			
	Net Gain/Loss		0

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Burlington Club

John Clawges
Banking

Sherry Knight
Education

Maple Shade Club

Mark Olstein
Chiropractor

Al Rubin
Tele-Com Owner

Moorestown Club

Rick Jagodzinski
Financial Advisor

Lakehurst / Manchester Club

Kenneth T. Palmer
Attorney

Red Bank Club

James Cusick
Investments

Mike Teter
Banking

Long Branch Club

V. Icasiano
Attorney

Matawan Club

Betty Costello
Banking

Medford / Vincentown Club

Chris Stokes
Communications

Tinton Falls Club

Joseph Michalkowski
Commercial Real Estate

Toms River Sunrise Club

James J. Gluck
Attorney

Lyman A. Hopper, III
Title Insurance

Arthur J. Macarias
Dental Management

Freehold Club

Michael Page
Restaurateur

Stuart Sussman
Banking Management

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROTARY'S CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

Preliminary Program

Wednesday, 15 June - Preconvention Activities

- 1200-1600 • RYLA Registration
- 1600-2200 • 2005 International RYLA

Thursday, 16 June - Preconvention Activities

- 0800-2200 • 2005 International RYLA
- 1500-1900 • International Institute Registration
 - Rotaract Meeting Registration
 - Youth Exchange Officers Registration
- 1730-1900 • International Institute Welcome Reception
 - Youth Exchange Officers Meeting Welcome Reception

Friday, 17 June - Preconvention Activities

- 0800-1800 • Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing
- 0800-1600 • Youth Exchange Officers Registration
- 0800-1700 • Rotaract Meeting Registration
- 0800-1715 • International Institute Registration
- 0800-2200 • 2005 International RYLA
- 0900-1700 • International Institute
 - Rotaract Meeting
 - Youth Exchange Officers Meeting
- 1230-1400 • International Institute Luncheon (RI-ticketed event)
- 1730-1815 • International Institute Evening Fellowship
- 1815-2030 • International Institute Closing Dinner
- 1900-2200 • Youth Exchange Officers Banquet (RI-ticketed event)

Saturday, 18 June - Welcome to Chicago

- 0800-2000 • Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing
- 0800-1200 • 2005 International RYLA
- 0800-1700 • Rotaract Meeting Registration
 - Youth Exchange Officers Meeting Registration
- 0900-1700 • Rotaract Meeting
- 0900-2000 • House of Friendship
 - Secretariat Services/Licensed Vendors
- 1000-1230 • Centennial Parade
- 1200-1800 • Rotary Fellowship Exhibits/Club and District Projects Exhibition
- 1300-1700 • Rotary Foundation Seminar on Humanitarian Grants
 - Youth Exchange Officers Meeting
- 1500-1800 • Rotary Foundation Alumni Seminar & Reception
- 1700-2200 • Host Hospitality Evening (HOC-Ticketed Event)

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Sunday, 19 June 2005 - *Celebrate Rotary*

- 0730-1000** • "Race to Finish" Run/Walk (HOC-Ticketed Event)
- 0800-2000** • Registration/Ticket Sales
- 0900-1900** • House of Friendship/Gift Bags/Secretariat Services/Licensed Vendors
- 0900-1000** • Interfaith Service
- 1200-1400** • Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon (RI-ticketed event)
- 1200-1800** • Rotary Fellowship Exhibits/Club and District Projects Exhibition
- 1230-1300** • Pre-plenary Entertainment
- 1300-1500** • Opening Plenary Session
- 1630-1830** • Opening Plenary Session (second seating)
- 2000-2200** • Opening Plenary Session (third seating)

Monday, 20 June 2005 - *The First 100 Years*

- 0800-1800** • Registration/Ticket Sales
- 0900-1800** • House of Friendship/Gift Bags/Host Hospitality/Secretariat Services/Licensed vendors
- 0900-0930** • Preplenary Entertainment
- 0930-1200** • Plenary Session II — The First 100 Years
- 1200-1800** • Rotary Fellowship Exhibits/Club and District Projects Exhibition
- 1300-1430** • President's Centennial Luncheon (RI-ticketed event)
- 1300-1800** • Workshops/symposia
- 1500-1630** • Centennial Book Signing
 - Discussion Workshops (Theme-related topics)
- 1900-2200** • Chicago Centennial Celebration (HOC-ticketed event)

Tuesday, 21 June 2005 - *Rotary Today*

- 0800-1800** • Registration/Ticket Sales
- 0900-1800** • House of Friendship/Gift Bags/Secretariat Services/Licensed Vendors
- 0900-0930** • Preplenary Entertainment
- 0930-1200** • Plenary Session III - Rotary Today
- 1200-1800** • Rotary Fellowship Exhibits/Club and District Projects Exhibition
- 1300-1430** • President-elect's Leadership Luncheon (RI-ticketed event)
- 1300-1815** • Workshops/symposia
- 1500-1630** • The Rotary Foundation Update Workshop
- 1900** • Chicago White Sox baseball game

Wednesday, 22 June 2005 - *The Next 100 Years*

- 0800-1300** • Registration/Ticket Sales
- 0900-1800** • House of Friendship/Secretariat Services/Licensed vendors/Gift Bags
- 0900-0930** • Preplenary Entertainment
- 0930-1200** • Plenary Session IV — The Next 100 Years
- 1200-1800** • Rotary Fellowship Exhibits/Club and District Projects Exhibition
- 1300-1430** • Future/2nd Hundred Years Luncheon (RI-ticketed event)
- 1600-1800** • Closing Feature
- 1930-2130** • Closing Feature (second seating)

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