



I would like to thank all the members of District 7500 for allowing me to serve as your Governor for the past twelve months. I truly had a wonderful and fulfilling experience. I loved visiting your clubs and getting to see my friends around the District (and even making a few new ones).

I was a little concerned about attendance this year as the economy was heading in the wrong direction when I took over as Governor. As usual, Rotarians always come through:

- Installation dinner at The Captains Inn (Forked River) – Sold out with 208 attendees.
- Foundation Dinner at the Holiday Inn (Toms River) - Sold out with 300 attendees.
- District Conference in Cape May - Sold out with another 300 attending.

We finished the year with the Clubs sending a record number of young adults to RYLA (165).

Speaking of RYLA, if you have not attended to see the RYLA Leaders (students) break boards, solve all the problems of the world or even just see the graduation ceremony, you have to get there next year. Dave GoWell and the RYLA committee run a great program. Please have the students your club sponsored speak at one of your meetings. You will hear them use words like “incredible” and “life-changing” in their description of the event.

I am also proud that our clubs took

advantage of our Rotary Foundation this year. The clubs submitted more than double the number of District Simplified Grant Applications previously received. We were able to award grants for all 26 applications giving out \$21,726.50. There were also a significant number of applications for the Ambassadorial Scholarships as normally we get one application (or none). Speaking of our Rotary Foundation, we will not have the final numbers until last July but the clubs and individuals of District 7500 have already contributed \$123,000 to the Annual Fund and another \$14,700 in restricted giving (polio plus).

Our district is also in the process of finalizing the applications and funding for three Foundation Matching Grants Projects. They are all water projects (336 Sand filters total). Two projects are in Lima Peru and will each provide 168 bio-sand filters. Forked River (Ocean County) and Tinton Falls (Monmouth County) are the lead clubs on these two projects. Mount Holly is the lead for Burlington County. The Burling project is for Water and Sanitation and is located Columbia. District 7500 is contributing over 30,000 in District Designated Funds. The three projects total about 70,000. The two Lima, Peru projects are being submitted for funding on or about July 1 and the Columbia Project shortly after. These projects will make a difference in the world as we all know what happens if we do not have fresh water.

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TOMS RIVER EVENING

ROTARY HERITAGE AND HISTORY FELLOWSHIP HALL OF FAME

A few years ago, on Rotary's 100th Anniversary, a small group of members conceived the idea of forming a fellowship within Rotary that would recognize and honor Rotarians with 50 years or more of service in Rotary. This elite group was named *Rotary Heritage and History Hall of Fame*, and currently has a special album listing those members, which is on display at the national Rotary Museum in suburbs of Chicago. The museum is the former home of Rotary founder Paul Harris.

Manny Hirshblond, a Charter Member of the Toms River Evening Club, will have his photo and a personal biography added to this album which will be on permanent display for those that visit the museum.



Manny Hirshblond (R) receiving his award from Toms River Pres. Frank Strucki

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It looks like membership has held steady this year in both our District and even in the whole Northeast. Not all the clubs update their membership as it changes online at Rotary International but based upon the latest data submitted we could be up 4 or 5 members. The Rotary Club of Asbury Park is setting the example with 13 new members this year. The Rotary Clubs of Belmar-Wall and Jackson have also had significant positive membership growth.

We also started our first provisional club in many years in Barnegat. They need another three or four members to officially become a Rotary Club (the minimum to start a new club is 20). My home club, the Rotary Club of Forked River is the sponsor.

I know it sounds like I am bragging about the accomplishments of 2008-2009 but I'm really just very, very proud of our District and its members. The Governor and the District Staff are just here to support the clubs. The clubs are the ones who make everything happen.

*District 7500 &
Rotary Club of Moorestown
cordially invite you
to attend the installation of
Kathleen Hiltner,
District Governor 2009/10
and
the Parade of Presidents
on
Friday, July 10, 2009
at the
Laurel Creek Country Club,
701 Centerton Road,
Mount Laurel, Nj.*

*Social hour begins at 6pm,
with dinner at 7pm.
Cost is \$65 per person.
Cocktail Attire.*

The District can't award Simplified Grants if there are not projects to fund. Members do not join or stay in Rotary because of the District Governor; they join because your clubs are attractive to them.

Kathy Hiltner will be the District Governor when you read this final newsletter. I have been working side by side with Kathy and there is no doubt in my mind you are in for a great year.

New RI President John Kenny's Theme is "The Future is in your Hands". I know with the District in Kathy's hands, our Future is in Good Hands. I wish Kathy all the best (even if she did assign me a few jobs!!). The train does not stop with Kathy as next comes Horton Hickerson followed Gary Siciliano. We definitely have some great leadership in our district for the next few years.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as Governor. I hope to see everyone at the District Installation on July 10th.

Dan

BRICK TOWNSHIP

**The Rotary Club of
Brick Township
presents
THE 25TH ANNUAL
BULLET PROOF VEST FUND
DANCE**

Featuring Music By:
THE MIKE DALTON BAND

Friday, July 24, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
VFW on Adamston Road, Brick

Donation: \$30 per person
Hot/Cold Buffet / Cash Bar

**ALL PROCEEDS TO PURCHASE
BULLET PROOF VESTS FOR
BRICK POLICE OFFICERS!**
For ticket information call:
732-899-4493 or 732-262-1111

MEDFORD - VINCENTOWN



Medford-Vincetown Rotary presents a check to the STRA at the lighting ceremony on June 12, 2009. Pictured - Robert Moore, Mayor Jim Young, STRA President Frank Maggipinto, Medford-Vincetown Rotary President Mike Goetz and President Elect Chris Stokes

Medford-Vincetown Rotary helps Southampton Township's Youth Baseball "Light Up the Night"

The Southampton Township Recreation Association that plays Baseball at Memorial Field in Vincenttown began a new era on June 12, 2009. Prior to this time the youth baseball games would have to be canceled or called because of darkness. It was not uncommon for the teams to only play 3 or 4 innings of a game before it was unsafe to play. But now, thanks to the generous donations by the Medford-Vincetown Rotary and the hard work from many other supporters, the field is bathed in light. The new lights change the whole dynamics of boy's baseball, girl's softball and tee ball in Southampton. It will allow for more, not just the completion of games. It will also allow the Township to fully run a fall league which has in the past been abbreviated or forced to play all of the games on other town's fields.

According to Frank Maggipinto, president of the STRA, the project would not have been possible without all of the support and great cooperation within the community. "This project is huge, it will effect the township and the Medford-Vincetown Rotary's contribution of \$14,000.00 covered most of the installation costs.

JACKSON ROTARY

Jackson Rotary Club Raises \$19,000



- Musical concert on February 28, 2009, starring Wade Preston, star of the Broadway Billy Joel Musical "Movin' Out".
- A 2 hour presentation of Billy Joel music as well as an assortment of Preston's favorites.
- Showcasing the Liberty High School Jazz Band, and the Memorial High School Jazz Ensemble.
- The concert raised \$19,000 in funds for A.R.M.S. the "American Recreational Military Services", a public charity

BRICK LUNCH ROTARY



Recently, the Early Act Club at Midstreams Elementary School in Brick, NJ held an assembly to recognize our outstanding community members. Among them were the Brick Township Lunchtime Rotary Club members President Elect, Roger Doty and Sheila Hogan from the Early Act Club's sister Rotary Club. The Brick Township Lunchtime Rotary was invited to accept the student's recognition of club's many contributions to the community. After accepting, President Elect Doty and Ms. Hogan drove home to the students the important messaging of Rotary, "*Service Above Self*" and commended all of the students on their outstanding volunteer work.

The Rotary Club gratefully acknowledges the help and contributions of all of the volunteers and patrons that made this event a success. For contributions to A.R.M.S. please contact the Rotary Club of Jackson @ www.jacksonrotaryclub.org Or A.R.M.S at www.supportarms.org.

WILLINGBORO ROTARY

WILLINGBORO CLUB TO AGAIN HOST INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER

Submitted by: John T. (Jack) McHugh

Continuing a program active during the 1970's and 1980's, the club will again sponsor a county-wide International Festival on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Kennedy Center at 429 J.F. Kennedy Way in the center of the community from 10AM to 3PM. Admission is free.

In 1972, Rotarians Edwin Messey, Millie Gama and Hal Reeves hosted the large number of "warbrides" who brought their cultures to the area with their menhusbands at Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base. They and a very active committee organized a day long program highlighting international foods, exhibits and entertainments. So well received was the initial program, it attracted an over-flowing audience in most of the years from that inception to 1988.

Fortunately club members, Betty Kelly and Jill Cyrus, headed up a revival in 2007 and are inviting participants and attendees to join them again this year. Individuals or groups seeking information on how to provide an international-themed program or exhibit, or vendors considering how to rent a table(s) must contact Ms. Betty Kelly at epkelly38@yahoo.com or Ms. Jill Cyrus at jeyrus@willingborotwp.org or at (609) 871-5700, ext. 1110 prior to August 31st.

Note: While handicapped parking at front is limited the area is level and kept clear throughout the day. There is extensive free parking at front, side and rear of the building.

BEVERLY ROTARY



Renée Borstad, center, was the Beverly Club's representative on April 19 at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, hosted by the Burlington County Council, BSA. Beverly resident William E. Sherwood, Jr., was honoree. Friend of Rotary Yvonne Meli created the special commemorative gift. A Certificate of Achievement signed by Club President Reuben Tucker, bearing the Rotary Wheel and the *'Service Above Self'* motto, was the central design element of the gift.

PALMYRA - RIVERTON - CINNAMINSON

At a recent Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson Rotary meeting twelve graduating high school seniors from Cinnaminson and Palmyra High Schools were awarded scholarships named for past PRC Members. These students and members of their families were dinner guests of the PRC Rotary at the Riverton Country Club. The total dispersal of \$14,000 in scholarships was distributed to these honorary graduates.



Pictured, back row, Left: Fred Van Istendal, President PRC Rotary, Molly Rollins, Ryan Haddon, Dan Brahl, Patrick Hayes, Andrew Cohen, Sam Greenwood, Front row, Left: Kathy Hennelly, Interact Advisor, Cinnaminson High School, Samantha Hopkins, Jenna Niedermayer, Jeaniter Seiverlich, Michelle Hicks, Kate Salvo, Interact Advisor, Palmyra High School

Every year, the city of Beverly has a Memorial Day Parade. Every year our club is ready. We have a cookout & pizza bash & decorate our float. The bash replaces our regular meeting. No one complains about that. We like a little change.



Some Beverly Rotarians gather for float prep. (L-R) Pres. Reuben Tucker, Elizabeth Johnson, Bob Jenkins, Joe Miller, Renee Borstad, Jacquie Beykirch, Bill Szychoski.

This year was rainy, so we had to cut the party. Everyone gathered on Memorial Day morning to decorate. Pres. - Elect John Schoen hosts at his vehicle yard.

Joe Miller is our hero. He built the float's Rotary Wheel from scratch, honoring Rotary's 100th Anniversary in 2005. That year, the Rotary Wheel



Float is adorned with kids and American flags

toured with "100 Years of Rotary" as its theme. It traveled through our towns of Beverly and Edgewater Park, and also in Riverside, Delanco and Riverton parades. The Rotary Wheel got lots of applause - from other Rotary Clubs as well as from the public.

Many of our members and friends of Rotary walk the route. The rest ride in the tow vehicle. We like to give out candy to the kids along the route. Our club has kept this tradition for many years. We all enjoy it as a club outing and we get a great turnout!

MEDFORD-VINCENTOWN

Rotary Hosts Resume Writing Workshop

The Medford-Vincetown Rotary extended a hand to help with the growing number of unemployed. The Rotary spearheaded the project and teamed with the Lenape



School District and elicited support from the Seneca and Shawnee Interact Clubs. True to its motto, "Service Above Self," the Medford-Vincetown Rotary Club gave of their talents and time to help with resume and job search skills. To add expertise to the workshops, Mr. Jack Bland, Employment Counselor from the New Jersey Depart-

ment of Labor and Workforce Development provided seminar's at both schools that included recommendations on improved resume development and the correct content of cover letters. He also provided information on tuition free courses, educational grants, and the training and counseling that are avail-

able through the Department of Labor. Mr. Bland's background included more than 40 years of experience in private industry and degrees in related fields of business and counseling. Then Rotary Club members who are business professionals in a number of occupations were available to provide advice to improve a person's chances of being hired.