



Governor's Letter

My Dear Rotarians,

October is Vocational Service Month. We have gotten off to a fantastic start with the Vocational District Assembly that was held at the Taj Mahal on Monday, October 8th. Over 200 people from six districts attended and participated. I am proud to announce Jay Pierson from the Forked River Club was the recipient of the award from our District. We had nearly one fourth of the clubs submit candidates. It was a very difficult choice. I thank Steve Smith, PDG Pam Maguire and PDG Nick Michals for serving on the Selection Committee. Thanks also go to Phil Lucas who serves on the Planning Committee for this event. The theme for the day was "Legacy of Leadership" and we heard Sen. Stephen Sweeney, David J. Socolow, Commissioner of NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development, Dr. Herman Saatkamp, the President of Stockton College and our own Pres. Wilf Wilkerson as well as the Atlantic City Gospel Choir.

Another successful Interact Event was held at Great Adventure on Oct. 6th chaired by Mary Jane Thompson and her husband, Bill. About 150 of our Interactors enjoyed the day.

Prior to the Atlantic City Event several of us from the District attended the Zone Institute in Mystic, Conn. We had the privilege of spending the time with Pres. Wilf and his devoted wife, Joan. Wilf continues to encourage us to "Share Rotary" as well as grow Rotary. As of this writing I have visited 36 of the clubs and I have put down challenges to each of you with a specific number to reach by the end of my term. Keep on asking, and asking, and asking. Keep this Rotary thing close to your heart and your enthusiasm will spill out to those in your daily life.

The GSE Team is just about to be announced. What another fantastic experience for four young people from our District! Four weeks in the Sydney, Australia area learning about music and fellowship and Rotary.

Share Rotary - Grow Rotary - Love Rotary - Speak Rotary - Sing Rotary!

Rotarily yours,

Governor Boots

Rotary Day at the United Nations, Saturday, November 3, 2007

**PROGRAM RUNS FROM 9:30, TILL 4:30PM.
THE REGISTRATION FEE IS: \$35.00.**

This unique opportunity will offer both a visit to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and participation in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the United Nations, UN affiliated Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Rotary International.

Lunch is included in the registration fee and will be served in the main United Nations Cafeteria overlooking the East River. Lunch will include a sandwich, beverage and dessert.

Please mail this reservation as soon as possible, as seating for UN Day is limited. Spouses and friends are also invited. We look forward to seeing you at the United Nations. High School age and above only, please .

UN Tours will be available on UN Day. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Please Note: All registration forms must be received no later than October 20, 2007. Because of SECURITY at the UN, there will be NO on site registration.

Registration Forms can be found at :
<http://www.rotaryzones31-32.org/un2007.pdf>

High school students, please use this form:
<http://www.rotaryzones31-32.org/YoungRotarians.PDF>

All forms should be mailed to Ted Krisanda, PDG, UN Day Registrar. Ted's address is on the bottom of each form.

Governor Boots asked that, if you are attending, to send her an e-mail letting us know that your registration form has been mailed in. In the past, we have coordinated our transportation and we would like to do so again. Her e-mail address is KWBoots@aol.com.

Local Hero Honored by Wrightstown Rotary



Last night, at the Wrightstown Area Rotary Club meeting and dinner held at the Garden State Diner, local marine Staff Sargeant Andrew Robinson was honored as a 2007 Local Hero and a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his exemplary service to our nation. Assemblyman Dancer, who is also the mayor of New Egypt where Andrew Robinson grew up, was on hand to present a joint legislative proclamation to SSgt Robinson to honor his service

Andrew Robinson, a 2001 graduate of Northern Burlington High School and life long resident of New Egypt, has always been a role model for his friends. A marching band drum major who also played Prince Charming in the school musical, his spirit has always been infectious. Upbeat and optimistic, his willingness to help others has always been paramount. Following graduation, Andrew decided to join the Marines. It was during his second tour of duty in Iraq that the course of Andrew's life was changed dramatically. On June 20, 2006 Staff Sergeant Andrew Robinson decided to take the place of a fellow soldier on an excursion to investigate several roadside bombings in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. He volun-

teered for the assignment because the soldier assigned was leaving to go home soon, and SSgt Robinson wanted to give him time to prepare. While riding to investigate the roadside bombs his vehicle was attacked by an IED containing seven high explosive artillery rounds. Three of the men in his vehicle were killed; one of the other men was slightly injured. For SSgt Robinson, the injuries were extensive. His fifth vertebrae bone was completely annihilated, and both tibia

bones were broken, along with his right fibula bone. His right leg required some of the calf muscle be moved to the front of the leg where flesh had been destroyed during the blast. Thankfully, his spinal cord was not severed. Although he has impaired movement from his chest down, no one knows how much he may regain.

Despite the volume of challenges facing Andrew during his recovery, his spirit never dampened. He sent encouraging emails to friends and family, reassuring everyone that he was fine and would not be down for long. He never forgot those he fought with, always keeping the names of the three who died in that attack with him. Almost immedi-

ately he started encouraging the other wounded soldiers in the hospital to strive for excellence, always work harder. He became an even greater source of inspiration to everyone who knew him. Not once did he complain to anyone, not once did he become angry or bitter about his situation. At every turn he found a way to make his life even more purposeful. He started working with a friend to raise money for a bike race meant to raise awareness for Challenged Veterans. According to Andrew, there is nothing 'disabled' about him; life is simply a little more challenging. Already Andrew is looking to the horizon, to see what new project he can take on to improve his world. An inspiration to everyone who meets him, Andrew certainly isn't done yet. He is just getting warmed up.

Wrightstown Area Rotary Awarded 2007 Scholarships

At a recent Wrightstown Area Rotary Club meeting and dinner held at the Garden State Diner, the following students from were awarded 2007 scholarships: Northern Burlington HS students: Karson Marie Schmidt, Ssauren Anderson, Anna Hermesmann, Veronica Nicole Dunbar; New Egypt HS students: Rosario J. DiGangi and Scott Vierling; Challenge Program participants: Stephen Toliver and John McDonough.

What's Happening

Mount Laurel Club Maintains Historic Facility

The Mount Laurel Rotary Club has been instrumental in keeping up the grounds for the Alice Paul facility (called Paulsdale) and these pictures show signs that were installed on Saturday, 9/22 at Paulsdale by three of our Rotarians – Jarry Jones, Past President, Angelo Butera, Past President and Peter Ponzio (as well as Peter's daughter, who's dressed in the 'RV' sweatshirt).



The handsome Alice Paul Facility Grounds are called "Paulsdale".



Volunteers maintain the grounds at the Alice Paul Facility in Mount Laurel.

Just to give you a brief background on Paulsdale, the facility was the home of Alice Paul, who was a leader in gaining equal rights for women, and much of her work led to the establishment of the Equal Rights Amendment. Paulsdale is on the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places and was designated a National Landmark in 1991.

The Paulsdale farm was purchased

by Alice's parents in 1883, with a farmhouse on the grounds that dates back to circa 1800. The property is currently owned by the Alice Paul Institute, which purchased the property in 1990. More information may be found on its website at www.api.org/paulsdale.htm.

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in the
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What's Happening

Sailfest



A beautiful day at Sailfest '07 along River Avenue in Island Heights - Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Toms River

The Rotary Club of Toms River held its 16th Annual SAILFEST along the Toms River in Island Heights on Saturday, September 8. Started in 1992 as a sailboat regatta and shore party, Sailfest has grown to become one of the premier events in Ocean County. The all-day event includes a sailboat regatta, a 50/50 cash raffle, an art raffle for 2 original watercolor paintings, inflatable rides for children, a craft fair that included over 100 craftsmen and women, food vendors of all varieties and a shore party with live entertainment which runs until 10:00 PM. According to Len Adams, the crowd is estimated to be in excess of 20,000 people throughout the day and evening.

Sailfest 50/50 Recipients



President Greg Wallace (R) presenting a check to Brian Gabriel, President of the Island Heights Fire Company, one of the recipients of the 50/50 Cash Raffle held recently at the Toms River Evening Rotary Clubs annual Sailfest.



Greg Wallace, President of the Toms River Evening Rotary Club, presenting a check to Karen Kier, Vice President of the Island Heights First Aid Squad. The check represents the proceeds of the clubs 50/50 Cash Raffle held recently at Sailfest.

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What's Happening

Membership Workshop Saturday, September 29, 2007



'On to Hershey!'



Attendees



Deputy Area Governors for Membership: (L-R) Fred Brody, Russ Stephenson, Ed Messey, Don Cooper, Charlie Goldfarb.



PDG Ray Streib, Speaker

Power Troika Plays Golf Classic To Raise Money for Rotary Scholarships



Kristi Howell-Ikeda, CEO of the Burlington County Chamber, John Worley, CEO of the Burlington County YMCA and Pat Taylor, Administrator of Douglas H. Sell, CPA were among more than 100 golfers to play in the Rotary Club of Burlington, 9th Annual Gerson Wexler Memorial Golf Classic. The event took place at the Rancocas Country Club on September 27.

Since the inception of the Golf Classic, the club and the supporting players and sponsors have raised in excess of \$85,000 for High School Scholarships.

According to Club President, Rich Lewis, "this year's event was our best ever, having raised in excess of \$10,000 all of which is scheduled for our scholarship programs in Burlington City and Township."

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What's Happening / Attendance

Robert Edwin Featured Artist at District Conference April 11-13, 2008 *A Master Teacher With Global Influence*



Robert Edwin to perform at District 7500 Conference.

Robert Edwin has gained international recognition as a singer, composer, teacher, and writer. He has sung Bach cantatas in church cathedrals and rock songs in Greenwich Village coffeehouses, recorded for Avant Garde and Fortress Records, and toured extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He has performed in New York

credits include several NBC Christmas specials as well as commercials for everything from politicians to hot dogs.

An ASCAP lyricist and composer since 1967, Mr. Edwin has written a wide variety of music ranging from children's songs to music theater scores. An active and ecumenically-minded ELCA Lutheran, he has worked with and for all the major Christian denominations. His songs, hymns, and choir anthems are sung in churches around the world.

His diverse performing career is matched by an equally diverse teaching career. A leading authority on Contemporary Commercial Music (nonclassical) and child voice pedagogy, Robert Edwin preaches what he practices at his large private studio in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, where classical singers interact with music theater performers, rock and pop vocalists, child singers, and pageant contestants.

City's Carnegie Hall and Town Hall, and has appeared with such outstanding artists as opera star Jerome Hines, jazz legend Duke Ellington, and actor-director Ossie Davis. His TV and radio

Club Attendance Month of October 07

Club	#Members	%	#Mtgs	Net	Club	#Members	%	#Mtgs	Net
Asbury Park	53	70	4	0	Medford				
Beverly	22	65	4	0	-Vincentown	32	70	4	0
Bordentown	34	68	4	0	Moorestown	95	76	4	+3
Brick Morning	33	77	4	0	Mount Holly	68	39	4	0
Forked River	57	77	4	0	Mount Laurel	22	96	4	0
Great Bay	14	65	4	+1	PRC	30	96	4	0
Hazlet	18	55	4	0	Pt Pleasant	27	86	4	0
Lakehurst-					Pt Pleasant Boro	43	57	4	-2
Manchester	24	61	4	+1	Southern Ocean	29	58	4	-2
Lakewood	21	92	4	0	Spring Lake Brielle	37	65	4	0
Long Beach Is.	50	64	4	0	Tinton Falls	9	100	4	0
Maple Shade	50	45	4	2+	Toms River Sunrise	34	63	4	-2
Marlton	26	39	3	0	Willingboro	61	56	4	0
Matawan	23	70	4	0	Wrightstown	22	99	4	+1
					Net Change				+1