



District 7500 Newsletter

Burlington-Monmouth-Ocean Counties



Rotary International

March 2003

Governor's Message

War, Rotary International, and District 7500



Dear Fellow Rotarians,
As of this writing, the strike on Iraq has begun and our country is at war. Our fervent hope now is that by the time you read

this, the action will have ended and that there will be few casualties on both sides. Our district's Rotarians are proud and loyal Americans and at the same time we have a humanitarian concern for people around the world whose lives become displaced and disrupted by conflict. In times of war, Rotary International has always acted to mitigate suffering through relief programs and to accelerate the peace process through programs dedicated to mutual understanding. After World War II, the existing Rotary International infrastructure for delivery of humanitarian services served as a model, along with the International Red Cross, for United Nations peacekeeping programs. This is why Rotary and the Red Cross were two private organizations that participated in the founding of the United Nations and they maintain offices in the UN today. In Bosnia, Rotary districts were actually split by the recent war and yet

clubs within these districts communicated and worked together to lessen the animosities that come from engaging in hostilities. I am sure that Rotary Clubs, internationally, will do the same as with Afghanistan to provide relief for victims of this current war.

We too, in District 7500, can do our part to help those in need that live within our district and immediate region. One initiative that I will be promoting will be to provide assistance for families of military personnel who are deployed in the war zone or otherwise on remote assignments. Fort Dix is in the geographic center of our district and there is a program on the base called *Hearts Apart*. This is a support group made up of parents, wives *and* husbands who are separated geographically and in need of assistance. Today's military is made up largely of reserves and National Guard personnel who give up their civilian jobs when their unit is called to serve. In most cases, their military pay is a fraction of their regular salary. The family left behind struggles to pay bills, provide childcare, do all the chores, and receive the emotional support that they have lost. We will

be raising some financial aid at the District Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. In lieu of expensive gifts such as flowers, gift baskets, and crystal that are given to the VIPs, the cost of these items will be sent to the *Hearts Apart* program. Not all district Rotarians will be attending the District Conference and I, therefore, invite the rest of the district's members too participate in this program. Look for the article in this newsletter and I will be communicating information to the clubs with instructions on how to give.

On September 11, 2001, we were caught totally by surprise and were in a state of shock for months. Since then, we have had time to assess our feelings of country and how we would act if another crisis arose. This is such a time. There are so many ways that we can do our part. We can increase our awareness of the true ideals on which our country is based, we can support those in harms way, and we can act as better persons and better Americans in our daily lives.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Lawrence Ninerell, Governor

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Larry's Time Management Tips

Don't Be a Perfectionist

Trying to be a perfect person sets you up for defeat. Nobody can be perfect. Difficult tasks usually result in avoidance and procrastination. You need to set achievable goals, but they should also be challenging. There will always be people both weaker and stronger than you.

Learn to Prioritize

Prioritizing your responsibilities and engagements is very important. Some people do not know how to prioritize and become procrastinators. A "to do list" places items in order of importance. One method is the ABC list. This list is divided into three sections; a, b, or c. The items placed in the A section are those needed to be done that day. The items placed in the B section need completion within the week. The C-section items are those things that need to be done within the month. As the B, C items become more pertinent they are bumped up to the A or B lists. Try it or come up with your own method, but do it.

Combine Several Activities

Another suggestion is to combine several activities into one time spot. While commuting to work, mentally organize what you want to do and say. When brushing your teeth, organize your medicine cabinet. When you watch a sit-com, laugh as you pay your bills. These are just suggestions of what you can do to combine your time, but there are many others, above all be creative, and let it work for you.

CLUB NEWS

At a recent meeting of the Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson Rotary Club, Leo Feeley, PRC District 7500 Gift of Life Committee Member, (left), and Bob Rodriguez, PRC Chaplin (right), welcome Shelly Morningstar, Community Education Coordinator for the Gift of Life Donor Program, and Rick Ford a heart recipient. Both guests stressed the importance of organ and tissue donations. Morningstar explained, one donor can save or improve the lives of more than 50 people. As of November 1, 2002, over four thousand individuals were on the local transplant waiting list. The Gift of Life Donor Program is a nonprofit organ and tissue donor program serving eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware. For more information call 800-Donors-1 or www.donors1.org.



The Mount Laurel Board of Education recently recognized the Mount Laurel Rotary Club for its cooperative effort with the school board in serving the community through the Holiday Food Basket and Gift program. Here, Program Chairman Angelo Butera is thanked by Superintendent and Rotarian Dr. Antoinette Rath as Board President Joanne Pelly is about to present a Certificate of Appreciation.



Paul Ferrigno, President of the Maple Shade Rotary Club, reads to early elementary school students of the Howard Yokum Elementary School as part of the Maple Shade Literacy Program. Several Maple Shade Rotarians have been reading once a month to the eager youngsters.

Eleventh Annual Maple Shade Pancake Breakfast. Several Maple Rotarians took time for this picture before they started flipping pancakes and preparing sausage and scrambled eggs for the large throng that shows up annually for breakfast and seeing old friends. The breakfast along with a silent auction is always a successful fundraiser that benefits the Maple Shade Scholarship Program.



Tom Battiste, President of the Burlington Rotary Club, receiving a 50th Anniversary Rotary International Certificate from Governor Larry Ninereil



Earnest Freestone, President, installing Mary Skidmore as an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Point Pleasant Boro



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6 March 2003

To: Representatives to the 2004 Council on Legislation
Re: Second Information Mailing

Dear Representatives:

I am a returning Rotary staff person, replacing SuAnne Schreiner as the Council Services Supervisor. It is a great pleasure to be able to work with all of you as we prepare for the 2004 Council on Legislation.

This letter includes some important updates and reminders concerning the Council. First, we are pleased to announce that President-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe has asked Past RI President William H. Huntley of England to serve as Chairman for the Council. Past RI Director Mark Daniel Maloney, of the USA, has agreed to serve as the Vice-Chairman, and Trustee Ray E. Klinginsmith, also from the USA, will serve as Parliamentarian.

Many of you are preparing to attend district conferences and councils in the upcoming months. As you know, any legislation clubs wish to propose must be reviewed at these meetings, or by a ballot by mail, and the district governor must certify the district's endorsement or non-endorsement of each piece. Those pieces that are endorsed should be immediately forwarded by either you or the district governor to World Headquarters or the RI office serving your area, accompanied by the appropriate endorsement form.

If a piece is not endorsed by the district, it should be returned to the club that proposed it, accompanied by the district non-endorsement form. At that point, the club must determine whether it still wishes to submit the proposed legislation. If it does, the club must send the proposed legislation, along with the district non-endorsement form, to World Headquarters or the RI office serving its area. The clubs may ask you to do this for them.

In addition, districts themselves can propose legislation, and there is a separate endorsement form for that. All of these forms are available on the RI website at www.rotary.org <<http://www.rotary.org>> and were included in the first information mailing you received from us.

All proposed legislation is due at World Headquarters or the RI office serving your area no later than 30 June 2003. Earlier submission is encouraged. If your district conference has already occurred, please forward any legislation proposed there to World Headquarters as soon as possible.

RI Board policy requires that each zone institute offer training to representatives and alternates for the Council on Legislation. Please plan on attending the zone institute in your area for this valuable training.

Finally, the Council on Legislation will take place 14-18 June 2004 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The RI Meetings Division will send registration materials for the meeting around November of this year. Please bear in mind that due to heightened security measures within the United States, it may take quite a bit longer than usual to obtain a visa (if required). Please plan accordingly.

That is all for now. If you have any questions regarding the Council, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to help.

Sincerely,
Abby McNear, Council Services



ROTARY CLUB OF FORKED RIVER PRESENTS

9th ANNUAL

BARNEGAT BAY 5K RUN
and 1-MILE FUN RUN (Walkers Welcome)

Sunday April 27, 2003 10:00 am Fun Run / 5K to follow
Race begins at Bayshore Drive in front of the Barnegat Bay Municipal Dock

All proceeds from this event will go towards charitable needs in the Townships of Barnegat, Ocean and Lacey

- T Shirt to the first 200 registrants for 5K
- T Shirt to the first 50 registrants for 1-mile fun run
- Trophies to the overall male and female 5K winners
- Awards to top three male and female winners in the following 5K categories 12 & under, 13-17, 18-30, 31-34, 35-40, 41-45, 46-55, 56-64 & 64+
- Refreshments served at both races
- Timing & Results by L&M Computer Sports
- Race details available at www.forkedriverrotary.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BILL RIDGEWAY @
(609) 660-0628 or email us at 5kruninfo@forkedriverrotary.org



ENTRY FEES	
• 1-Mile Fun Run	\$5.00 - all ages
• 5K Run	\$10.00 - Age 17 and under
	\$15.00 - Age 18 and over

REGISTRATION & RELEASE Method of Payment CASH _____ CHECK # _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ BIRTH DATE ____/____/____

PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks involved in participating in a road race. I hereby waive the Forked River Rotary Club, the Township of Barnegat and L&M Computer Services from any liability arising from the active participation of this event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER

SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____
(PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED IF LESS THAN 18)

Please return this form with a check to:
FORKED RIVER ROTARY CLUB • PO BOX 211 • FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731

Matawan Rotary Club



3RD Annual

Casino Night

"No one will go home a Loser!"

Play or Learn

BlackJack • Craps • Roulette • Big Six

Friday, April 25, 2003 @ 7 - 11 p.m.

Don Quixote Inn

762 State Highway 34, Matawan, N.J. 07747

Cost: \$30.00

(Includes \$60 in Chips, Hors d'oeuvres, Door Prizes)

Tickets: Jim Murray at (732) 290-9040 x125

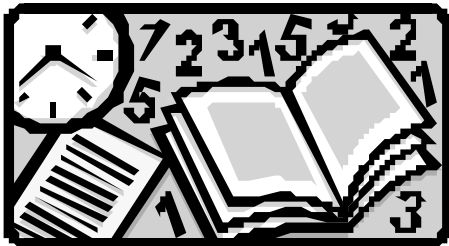
MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP

One of our main goals this year is **membership development**. This means an incremental improvement from last year. This year, a strange thing happened. There was a sharper than normal drop off from the June 30, 2002 attendance report. We got hit with two things. One was the normal change from June 30 after dues were sent to the District and Rotary International. Clubs normally drop members who haven't paid their dues. The other was the drop off from the tremendous membership drive that we had in 2001-2002. Several clubs took in such large numbers of new

members that most clubs could not retain this huge influx and many of the new members didn't stick. Once, our membership levels settled down, we began to increase. I am pleased to report that there is a nine member gain from January to February. With a third of the year remaining we have the opportunity to focus on the all important **goal of membership** and reach our stated levels. I ask each Club President to announce the goal that you reported to me on my official visit and that you are reiterating to the Assistant Governors as they are making follow up visits to you

clubs. I ask each club member to ask and attract members of your community that have the potential to become good Rotarians. I would like to see steady increases in the March, April, May, and June attendance reports. **Secretaries, please report your attendance the same as you have been. There is no change in the attendance reporting procedure.** We are on schedule for meeting our Foundation goal and we need to do equally well with our membership goal to have a truly successful year. ***Recruit, Attract, Retain.***

Larry Ninereil



BARREL O' BOOKS

As part of our ongoing District and Maple Shade Literacy program, we will be collecting books that range in age level from preschool to grade five. There will be a barrel next to the Registration Desk at the District Conference in which books can be

donated. These books can be new or slightly used. Our intention is to present these books to an elementary school in the Ocean City area. We are currently receiving recommendations of schools to which we will make the donations. All Rotarians going to the Conference are asked to search around your house or ask your friends and club members for books that you can bring and toss into the barrel. The conference committee will see that the books are given to a local Rotarian who will deliver the books for us.

For those who are not attending the Conference, we invite you to participate in this project also. Please communicate by e-mail to me your intention to contribute books and I will see that we get them.

This is a great opportunity for all Rotarians in the district to participate in a wonderful project the will enhance early childhood interest in reading.

See my address on the inside page of this Newsletter.

Larry Ninereil



District 7500 Conference - May 2, 3, 4 Princess Royale Hotel and Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland

Registrations are still being accepted at the current price but time is running out.

REGISTER NOW!!

We invite you and your family to join us in Ocean City, Md. for a celebration of our wonderful Rotary year. At the *Princess Royale*, you will enjoy fine dining and activities in the magnificent atrium, socializing at the poolside, and cocktails as we watch waves breaking over the white sandy beaches. The locale features the wild horses of Chincoteague and Assateague and the outlet malls, both a short drive away. Right in Ocean City, the season's activities begin on the Boardwalk. For golfers, a top-notch course has been reserved. Also reserved, are those special Maryland crab cakes, available both at the hotel and in the numerous local restaurants.

Use the registration form on the back of this Newsletter but don't wait! We will be announcing the deadline for the current price in a few weeks.

ARMANDO ROSENBERG ORPHANAGE UPDATE



Many things have happened over the past six months at the Orphanage. The number of children resident is now 143, from the low of 102 a year ago due to the lack of funds and food supplies. Sister Nurys, the Director of the Dormitory, is in Puerto Rico being treated for cancer. She has successfully received chemo and is expected back within a few months. Sister Primi, the school principal, has been running the School and the Orphanage during Sister Nurys' absence.

The President of the Dominican Republic, Hipólito Mejía, along with the Secretaries of Education and Public Health, visited the Orphanage and school during February. The outstanding achievements made by the children and teachers at the school and the ever-presenting need for education beyond elementary school for the poor in Sabana Perdida, persuaded President Hipólito to order the final completion of the two high schools, located on the orphanage grounds. Completion and occupancy is scheduled for this September. This is major commitment from the Government for a project that has been sluggishly underway for the past five years.

The Matching Grant for the Generator has been completed and is providing the Medical Clinic with a constant supply of electric power.

Unfortunately the Clinic was broken into in November and a variety of items stolen. This is the first break-in in the history of the clinic, now more than 8 years old. Since then, stronger bars on windows and doors have been installed along with new steel gates and improved fencing. The new cistern for water for the Clinic has been installed and is operational. Also, the new daycare center has been completed and is a lively place filled with young children. The new computer center has also been installed and is being used extensively to train students for careers in the world of technology.

Orchid Foundation President Woody will be spending the month from April 16 to May 15 in Santo Domingo attending to Orphanage business. In addition, we have groups from four Colleges/Universities, Rider, Univ. of California at San Diego, George Washington University, D.C. and Colorado U., spending their Spring Break working at the Orphanage. One student is the granddaughter of PDG Lou Joyce III of District 7640, a long-time member of Orchid. They will be refinishing playground equipment, working with the children and teaching English. Each group/individual pays his/her own expenses. Their objectives are to give back to the community, improve their Spanish and work with children in depressed areas. If you go to the Orchid web site (orchidfoundation.org) and click on **PROJECTS**. You will find the most recent newsletter from Rider with details of their visit currently being formulated.

Unemployment continues in the 60% range within the immediate surroundings of the Orphanage. Inflation in the Dominican Republic has been running around 20% annually for the

past three years. The Peso was 16 to the dollar then and today it is 23:1. All goods and supplies have risen in price and times are tough. **HOWEVER**, the kids are happy, they have food, shelter, love, discipline and education. Your contributions have, over the past 6 years, provided significant support for this *Oasis in the middle of a Desert of Poverty*.

Recently, The Seafood Festival presented to Harold Wooden Jr., President of the Orchid Foundation, a check in the amount of \$8,606.40 which will be used for the acquisition of food, clothing, and other needed items at the Orphanage, and shipped via Container #8 in late August this year.

The importance of the **SUPPORT** that we, as Rotarians, provide to the Orphanage was very well outlined in a recent letter to Woody from Mother Superior Cecilia of the Avemarianas Order. In her letter, she indicated that the contents of our containers and ongoing support have carried the school and orphanage through turbulent times that otherwise would have forced the closing of the Hogar as a result of budget shortages from the government. She expressed her great appreciation for our continued involvement in helping the children of poverty in the Dominican Republic and sends her **"THANKS"** to Rotary and to the college and high school students for their dedication to the children of poverty. We can be proud of our participation in this International Service Project.

Remember *two events* coming up within the next several months. **Container #8 will be shipped in late August and the 2nd Annual International Service Seafood Festival will be held on September 6th at Historic Tuckerton Seaport.**

HEARTS APART

Please refer to the second paragraph of *The Governor's Message* on the front page of this Newsletter. I have undertaken this initiative in order to give District 7500 a quick response to the military action that our country has taken. At the District Conference, we will be diverting funds that normally would go for expensive VIP gifts, to assist family members of deployed

soldiers from Fort Dix. I am inviting *all* district Rotarians to participate in assisting those in need right here in the geographic center of our district. You can begin by sending in personal donations to our District Treasurer. More information will follow as the events unfold. After the District Conference we will go to Fort Dix and present a check to help support the

services performed by *Hearts Apart*.

Send your donations to:
Marie Santore, Treasurer,
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I am proud to recommend this project and I hope that you will demonstrate the same through your support.

Larry Ninereel

Attendance Report for the Month of January 2003								Attendance Report for the Month of January 2003									
Rank	Club	% Attend	# Mtgs	Base #Mbrs	+	-	Net YTD	Current Mbrs	Rank	Club	% Attend	# Mtgs	Base #Mbrs	+	-	Net YTD	Current Mbrs
1	PALMYRA RIVERTON CINN	96	4	36	0	0	-1	35	22	TOMS RIVER SUNRISE	72	4	30	0	0	0	30
2	WRIGHTSTOWN	96	4	25	0	0	-2	23	23	MATAWAN	68	4	36	0	0	-4	32
3	RIVERSIDE DELRAN DELANCO	86	3	14	0	0	-1	13	24	BORDENTOWN	68	3	26	0	0	-2	24
4	MAPLE SHADE	85	4	42	1	0	-1	41	25	WALL	68	4	10	0	0	0	10
5	MARLTON	83	3	22	0	0	-1	21	26	BRICK MORNING	68	3	57	0	0	-8	49
6	MOORESTOWN BREAKFAST	82	4	46	1	0	1	47	27	MEDFORD-VINCENTOWN	66	3	27	0	0	4	31
7	FORKED RIVER	80	3	49	1	0	7	56	28	GREAT BAY	65	4	18	0	0	-1	17
8	WILLINGBORO	80	4	63	0	2	-5	58	29	SEASIDE	64	4	24	0	0	-1	23
9	POINT PLEASANT	80	3	27	0	0	-4	23	30	PEMBERTON	62	3	36	0	0	-2	34
10	JACKSON	79	3	29	1	0	-2	27	31	POINT PLEASANT BORO	62	4	40	0	0	0	40
11	SPRINGLAKE-BRIELLE	78	4	41	0	0	-2	39	32	TINTON FALLS	60	4	24	0	0	-5	19
12	TOMS RIVER	78	4	51	0	0	2	53	33	LONG BRANCH	56	4	58	0	0	0	58
13	BRICK TOWNSHIP (Lunch)	77	4	80	30		-16	64	34	HOLMDEL	55	3	13	0	0	-2	11
14	MOORESTOWN	76	4	96	1	0	-6	90	35	ASBURY PARK	55	4	42	0	0	6	48
15	MT. LAUREL	76	3	29	1	0	-4	25	36	BEACHWOOD-BERKELEY	54	4	16	0	0	-1	15
16	FREEHOLD	75	4	51	0	0	-4	47	37	LAKEHURST-MANCHESTER	53	4	27	0	0	-1	26
17	CENTRAL OCEAN	75	4	25	0	0	0	25	38	WALL SUNRISE	51	4	20	3	0	4	24
18	LONG BEACH ISLAND	73	4	50	3	0	-2	48	39	HAZLET	47	3	25	0	0	-3	22
19	LAKEWOOD	73	4	26	0	0	-1	25	40	MT. HOLLY	37	4	74	0	1	-1	73
20	BURLINGTON	73	4	44	0	0	0	44	41	SOUTHERN OCEAN	NO RPT	52	0	0	-12	40	
21	RED BANK	72	4	70	2	0	-1	69	42	BEVERLY	NO RPT	16	2	0	2	18	

CLUB NEWS



\$25,000 CHECK GOES TO ROTARY: FORKED RIVER ROTARY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

By **CAROLYN GORSKY**
Staff Writer

LACEY — The Forked River Rotary Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary Tuesday at the Captain’s Inn restaurant.

In honor of its anniversary, the organization donated \$25,000 to the Rotary International Foundation’s PolioPlus Program.

Rotary members brought family and friends to help make the special evening a memorable celebration.

Rotary established the program in 1985 to protect children across the world from polio and in 1988 the World Health Assembly proposed a challenge to rid the world of polio entirely.

The efforts of Rotary along with several partner agencies have resulted in a 99 percent reduction in the number of

polio case in the world.

The goal of the Rotary Club is to eradicate polio in the year 2005.

During Tuesday’s celebration, Forked River Rotary Club President Veronica Laureigh commended the members for all their efforts in helping to erase polio from the world.

“We have grown not only in number but in spirit and ability to help others,” she said. She then presented a giant, mock check to Rotary District Governor Larry Ninerell in the amount of \$25,000.

Ninerell was extremely surprised at the presentation.

“I am completely flabbergasted,” he said.

Ninerell praised the efforts of the

Forked River Club, stating that the organization is “what it is to be a good, effective Rotary club.”

The Forked River branch is part of District 7500, which consists of 42 clubs from Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean counties.

The Forked River branch received an award for the 2001-2002 year for having the highest per-capita donation per member in the entire district.

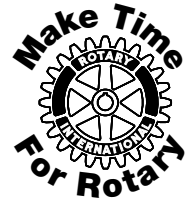
Ninerell added that Rotary is headed in the right direction of achieving its goal to eradicate polio in 2005.

“We are well on our way to achieving our goal,” he said.

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**Registration Form
Rotary District 7500 –Conference 2003
May 2, 3, 4, 2003
Princess Royale**



**Oceanfront Hotel and Conference Center
9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland**

Please Print or Type

Rotary Club: _____
 Rotarian's Name _____
 Badge Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip: _____
 Phone # (home) _____ (work) _____
 E-mail address: _____
 No. Persons in Room _____

Others Attending (Indicate if a Rotarian)

Partner ___ Rotarian ___
 Name: _____
 Badge Name: _____
 Children's Names _____

Check All That Apply

You	Partner	
()	()	Club President
()	()	Club President-Elect
()	()	Club Secretary
()	()	Assistant Governor
()	()	District Staff
()	()	Past Club President
()	()	Past District Governor
()	()	Paul Harris Fellow
()	()	GSE Team Member
()	()	Interact Student
()	()	Exchange Student
()	()	Other: List Below

First Conference Yes ___ No ___

Make three copies

One each to: District Conference Chairperson, Club Conference Chairperson, and your copy.

Package Rate Includes

Conference registration. Lodging, Friday 5/2 and Saturday 5/3. 2 Breakfast buffets per person, 1 lunch buffet per person, 2 dinners per person, 1 hour butlered hors d'oeuvres per person, 2 one hour open bar per person, and one hour of crudites and cheese per person.

Suite (2 occupants)	\$650.00	\$ _____
Suite (1 occupant)	\$425.00	\$ _____
Additional night	\$120.00	\$ _____
Children in room (under 12)		<u>Free</u>
Over 12 (\$18.00 per night)		\$ _____
Hospitality Suite	\$150.00 / night	\$ _____

Total Conference Cost

Deposit \$200.00 - Due by 12/1/02 \$ _____
 Balance - Due by Feb. 28, 2003 \$ _____
 Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Signature _____

Please Indicate

Smoking () Non Smoking () Physically Challenged ()

Please Note

To register and reserve a room, please send registration form and \$200.00 or payment in full to the Registration Chairperson. Make check payable to:

Rotary District 7500 Conference 2003

Mail to:
 Marie Santore,
 Registration Chairperson
 345 Conger Avenue
 Collingswood, NJ 08108
 Phone: 856-854-4745
 Fax: 856-858-9283

Cancellation refund policy: \$200.00 deposit minus registration fee is refundable by February 1, 2003. Alternate individuals may be substituted. No credit cards please.