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# DISTRICT 7500 NEWSLETTER

*Monmouth, Ocean &  
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**DISTRICT 7500**

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## **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**



It is halfway through the Rotary year and I hope it has been as fulfilling for the members of our district as it has for me. We

are up about thirteen members (net) as of this writing with 17 of the 40 clubs showing positive net membership growth and another 8 of the clubs working hard on retention, as they have zero net changes since July 1, 2008.

It is important that we all work on strengthening the membership in our clubs. If there is a member you have not noticed at a Rotary meeting lately, call he or she to make sure everything is OK. Frustrated because you had a few poor programs or none at all? Don't complain; find a way for the club's membership to help the program chairperson.

Your Presidents were handed or mailed a CD that contains a database for our District 7500 Rotarian Business Directory. What is the Business Directory?

We are putting together a directory of Rotarians and their vocations for use by our members. Whenever I need something (service, repairs, etc), I pick up my club's directory and look for a Rotarian in that vocation. Rotary Clubs do not meet weekly with the purpose of networking or trading business cards but we do become friends with those same members who we see each week. I'm comfortable using my friends when I need something. Espe-

cially when I see the way they conduct themselves as volunteers on our committees. In addition to that, what can be better than doing business with ethical people who use the 4-Way test as a guide principle both in their personal and business lives?

So how do you get into this directory? Your president will appoint someone in your club to collect and enter the data into a database. That database will be sent from the appointed person in the club to the district. You will also need to sign a form that says "I am the owner of the business listed below or have been authorized by the owners of the business to certify that the company uses the 4-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions as a guide to running my and/or the company I work for." The cost to be in the directory is \$10 and we will distribute the business directories to all the members. The \$10 is to cover the cost of the printing and any funds left over will be donated to our Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Program. We are asking the clubs to collect the money and send one check. The deadline to get us the database is March 1, 2009.

The District Conference in Cape May is approaching fast and I wanted to update everyone on a few of the activities we have planned during your stay in Cape May. There are plenary sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. This year we will be holding sessions for both newer Rotarians, spouses/significant others and for "seasoned" Rotarians. The Plenary sessions are a great time to learn about

Rotary and also what is happening outside our own clubs. Friday evening is a themed dinner. This year we are celebrating the culture of Rome on Friday (more info on the conference app). Saturday evening is a formal dinner with Black Tie being optional.

Saturday afternoon is free. We have an exciting Golf Tournament planned and have even arranged for transportation to and from Cape May National on a trolley. The Trolley will also be making a trip to the Cape May Zoo for those of you who would like to attend. We have also arranged for a Trolley Tour of Cape May and a "Calling Card Tour" of two of Cape May's finest inns for a tour of parlors, porches, dining rooms and more. You are also welcome to arrange for your own activities, as there are many other things to do in Cape May like visiting the museum or the Cape May Light House. Some of you just might want to walk around historic Cape May. You can also relax by The Grand Hotel's indoor heated swimming pool.

Please sign up today if you are planning on attending. For those of you who have already signed up, invoices will be mailed out soon. Please note that we need the final payments no later than February 10th as we need to give the hotel a final count and payment of the rooms on February 20th.

The conference is always a "great" fellowship event and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Yours in Rotary  
Governor Dan

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**MONTHS OF ROTARY****January - Rotary Awareness**

**FAMILY** - Include all generations of our own families, and the Family of Rotary including Interact, RYLA, Rotary alums and others connected to us through Rotary, in our December activities.

**ROTARY AWARE** - Make Rotary known in your area. Photos, articles and notes in the press, and Rotary's name in ads and on projects, are pro-Rotary Aware.

**ELECTION of OFFICERS**

Complete by end of December.

New Officers names *must* be sent to RI by the Club Secretary: use the online Member Access Portal, or the form you got in the mail. Due on 12/31/08. Choose BOOK or CD, for your club's copy of the Official Directory (July).

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
(SAR)  
and  
Dues Payments**

Club Secretary gets the SAR packet in early January. It includes the dues invoice. If in doubt, pay first and ask questions later. By the 3d week in January, if you have not received your Semi-Annual Report packet, send email to:

data@rotary.org.

Credit card payment is OK, or check.

Info: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/Administration/Pages/Dues.aspx>

Rotary International, Gates Foundation, United Kingdom, and Germany pledge critically needed funds and urge donor and endemic country governments to help end crippling childhood disease

San Diego, Calif., U.S.A (Jan. 21, 2009) -- Rotary International, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the British and German governments today committed more than \$630 million in new funds to fight polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa and Asia and threatens children everywhere. In addition to pledging needed funds, leaders urged additional donors and leaders of countries where polio still exists to join them in aggressive push for eradication.

The Gates Foundation is awarding a \$255 million challenge grant to Rotary, which Rotary will match with \$100 million raised by its members

**WE'RE MOVING!**

Toms River Evening  
is meeting at  
The Quality Inn, Rt. 37, Toms River  
Wednesday at 6:15 pm

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Central Ocean (Toms River)  
is meeting at  
Basil T's  
Hooper Avenue, Toms River  
Tuesday at 12:15

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**The rooms are  
going quickly!  
Don't get left out  
in the sand!  
Sign up today!**

over the next three years. At the same time, the United Kingdom is giving an additional \$150 million (£100 million) and Germany is giving an additional \$130 million (€ 100 million), both to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Contributions from the U.K. and Germany over the next five years will not count toward Rotary's match of the Gates Foundation challenge grant.

As a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Rotary's chief role is fundraising, advocacy and mobilizing volunteers. The announcements came during the Rotary International Assembly, the humanitarian service organization's annual leadership conference.

"Rotarians, government leaders and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment so polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation. "However, complete elimination of the polio virus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

In accepting the Gates challenge, Rotary Foundation Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe said the funding partnership will inspire other polio eradication allies, both current and new, to ramp up their support.

"With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we are on the brink of eradicating one of the most feared diseases in the world," Majiyagbe said. "This shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation should encourage governments and nongovernmental organizations to ensure that resources and the will of the world are available to end polio once and for all."

## BRICK LUNCH



Recently, we held a TV Raffle that offered one lucky Brick Township resident the chance to win a 52" television from Rands Camera and High Fi in Toms River, NJ. The lucky winner, Joseph Fahey, is shown in the attached picture accepting his prize from the Chairman of the Brick Rotary Foundation TV Raffle, Roger Doty. Right now, our club is raising money with a 20 Week Raffle. For this particular fundraiser, participants have a chance to win a prize every day for 20 weeks starting February 1 through June 13. There are unlimited chances to win during this raffle because if you win, your ticket goes back into the pool and can be drawn again. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be drawn on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the Woodlake Country Club in Lakewood, NJ. For further information on how you can help, please contact Diane Rotondelli at 732-961-3908.

## BEVERLY ROTARY



Beverly Club Rotarians and families gathered at the Home for Aged Women in Burlington for the Club's annual holiday gift-giving and caroling, on Dec. 17. Standing, L-R: Bob Jenkins, Lynn Johnson, John Schoen. Front, L-R: Lori Wareham, Elizabeth Johnson, Club Pres. Reuben Tucker, Event Chair Shirley Rossi.



**BEVERLY SCHOOL PARTY PREP**  
Beverly Rotary met to fill gift bags for Beverly School children's party on Dec. 19. Catholic Charities received 70 gift bags. L-R, Pauline DiFilippo, Gary Centinaro, Mike Morton, Bob Notigan, Denise Logan, Project Chair Bill Szychoski, Gene DiFilippo.

## Gift-of-Life Heart and Snow Ball

**Honoring Mike Beyers and the Gift-of-Life Foundation**  
**Saturday, February 14, 2009 at The Mansion, Voorhees, NJ**  
**\$100 per person • Black Tie requested**

**Reservations Required**

**All proceeds benefit the Gift-of-Life Foundation**

**For further information call:**

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## JACKSON ROTARY

### The "Piano Man" is coming to Jackson

The Jackson Rotary Charitable Foundation Inc. in support of American Recreational Military Services (ARMS) is enthusiastically presenting a one night performance by **Wade Preston, the star of Billy Joel's Broadway Production "Movin Out"**, on February 28, 2009.

Both organizations are 501 C-3 public charities and all net proceeds will be donated to ARMS. ARMS supplies a broad array of services to assist our deployed military personnel and their families. Over the past 5 years, ARMS has provided the following to deployed military women and men: 800,000 pounds of personal necessities, 22,800 pre-paid calling cards, over 38,250 presents for dependent children, meals and snacks for over 95000 family members, 165,000 meals to military members and provided over \$55,000 direct financial aid to families.

Mr. Preston is a world-class performer and he is performing gratis to support this very deserving cause. The award winning Jazz Bands from Jackson Liberty HS and Jackson Memorial HS will also perform and enhance the evening's entertainment. The event will be held at the Fine Arts Center at the Jackson Memorial High School.

Tickets and additional information are available at:

[www.oceancountyevents.com](http://www.oceancountyevents.com)

All major credit cards are accepted

Or, you may contact one of the following: *Tom Barchie 732-928-4500; Pat McGoohan 732-275-5851-1126; Luke Stango 732-379-8060 for ticket sales.*

The ticket prices are only \$20 General Admission and \$50 Preferred (first 10 rows) Seating. Seating is limited and a rapid sell-out is anticipated.

## DECEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT - DISTRICT 7500

|                                  |                  |     |    | Number                             |                  |        | Number                           |                  |        | Number                   |          |        |  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----|----|------------------------------------|------------------|--------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------|--------|--|
|                                  |                  |     |    | Members                            | %                | Change | Members                          | %                | Change | Members                  | %        | Change |  |
|                                  |                  |     |    | Members                            | Meetings         | Mmbrs  | Members                          | Meetings         | Mmbrs  | Members                  | Meetings | Mmbrs  |  |
| <b>Area 1 - Jerry Clark</b>      |                  |     |    | <b>Area 4 - Nasncy Schott</b>      |                  |        | <b>Area 7 - Russell Anderson</b> |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
| Bordentown                       | 27               | 74  | +1 | Forked River                       | 57               | 67     | Asbury Park                      | 60               | 71     |                          |          |        |  |
| Burlington                       | 27               | 100 |    | Great Bay                          | 18               | 65     | Freehold                         | 35               | 67     |                          |          |        |  |
| Mount Holly                      | 65               | 43  |    | Long Beach Island                  | 47               | 72     | Red Bank                         | 60               | 55     |                          |          |        |  |
| Pemberton                        | 28               | 55  |    | Southern Ocean                     | 29               | 60     | Spring Lake/Brielle              | 35               | 70     | -1                       |          |        |  |
| Wrightstown                      | 21               | 98  |    | <b>Area 5 - Geraldine Oliverie</b> |                  |        | Tinton Falls                     | <i>no report</i> |        |                          |          |        |  |
| <b>Area 2 - Brian McCormick</b>  |                  |     |    | Beachwood/Berkeley                 |                  |        | <i>no report</i>                 |                  |        | <b>Area 8 - Joan Vas</b> |          |        |  |
| Maple Shade                      | 51               | 66  |    | Central Ocean                      | <i>no report</i> |        |                                  | Hazlet           | 19     | 48                       |          |        |  |
| Marlton                          | 19               | 70  |    | Lakehurst/Manchester               | 23               | 60     | Long Branch                      | 63               | 35     |                          |          |        |  |
| Medford/Vincetown                | 34               | 67  |    | Seaside                            | <i>no report</i> |        |                                  | Matawan          | 26     | 61                       |          |        |  |
| Moorestown                       | 98               | 68  |    | Toms River                         | <i>no report</i> |        |                                  | Wall             | 11     | 50                       |          |        |  |
| Moorestown Breakfast             | <i>no report</i> |     |    | Toms River Sunrise                 | 32               | 65     |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
| <b>Area 3 - Jack Mcgough</b>     |                  |     |    | <b>Area 6 - Diane Rotondelli</b>   |                  |        |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
| Beverly                          | 15               | 78  |    | Brick Township                     | <i>no report</i> |        |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
| Mt. Laurel                       | 23               | 61  |    | Brick Morning                      | <i>no report</i> |        |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
| Palmyra/Riverton/<br>Cinnaminson | 29               | 95  |    | Jackson                            | 26               | 66     |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
| Riverside/Delran/<br>Delanco     | 11               | 55  |    | Lakewood                           | <i>no report</i> |        |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
| Willingboro                      | 55               | 66  |    | Point Pleasant                     | 31               | 76     |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |
|                                  |                  |     |    | Point Pleasant Boro                | 40               | 62     |                                  |                  |        |                          |          |        |  |

