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DISTRICT 7500 NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



We are more than halfway through our year and we can't forget about our membership goals.

As a district, we are up about 20 members over the 40 clubs. It is also during this time of year when our Leadership Teams for the upcoming year get trained. The Presidents-elects attend our Multi-District PETS and then all of the Leadership Team attends the District Assembly.

The District Assembly will take place at Burlington County College. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 on March 21, 2009 with the program beginning immediately after. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend. I know District Governor Elect Kathy Hiltner and District Trainer Elizabeth Johnson are going to have a great District Assembly.

Getting back to membership, I'm pretty sure I know the secret after visiting your clubs and observing your successes. Here is the formula: Positive Membership Increases = Great Fellowship + Great Meetings (programs) + Great Projects. It is really that easy. What happens when you go to a restaurant and have an outstanding meal? You want to tell your friends and share your experience. We do this when we see a

good movie or maybe even when we drink a nice bottle of wine.

What happens when a sports team starts winning? Attendance goes up. When they lose, the opposite happens. Why? It is pleasurable to follow a winning team.

Why would the same not be true about our Rotary meetings? If meeting is interesting each week, we can enjoy each other's company and we accomplish something with our projects, the members of your club will want to share that with their friends.

There are lots of small parts that go into Great Fellowship, Great Meetings and Great Projects. How is the food at your meetings each week? Should I tell a prospective member that I would like he or she to join me at my Rotary Meeting, but suggest they eat before attending? Do your members have red noses from it hitting the table as they fall asleep during the meeting? What percentages of your members are involved in your projects?

Another opportunity for Fellowship is the District Conference in Cape May on April 24-26 at the Grand Hotel. We are quickly selling out and only have about 20 rooms left as of this writing. If you plan on attending, please get your applications in ASAP. We will have the

complete hotel to ourselves. Both the food and programs will be great. Our Presidents Representative is Ravindra Devalia. Ravindra is a past District Governor of 9210 which is located in the Southern half of Africa. He currently resides in Montreal, Canada.

If you are attending and plan to play golf at the Cape May National, please get your applications in ASAP. We have arranged for transportation to and from the Cape May National on the Cape May Trolley but need to let the trolley company know pretty quickly if we are going to need extra capacity.

See Everyone in Cape May

Yours in Rotary
Governor Dan

~ ALL ROTARIANS ~

**YOU'RE INVITED
to the
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 21, 2009**

Parker Center
Burlington County College
601 Pemberton-
Browns Mills Rd.
Pemberton, NJ 08068
8:30AM - 12:30PM

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Practical training for
Club Secretaries, Treasurers,
Chairs of
Club Administration
&
Public Relations

WE'RE MOVING!

**Rotary Club of Belmar Wall
The Draughting Table
416 Main Sreet
Bradley Beach
Tuesdays 6:15 pm**

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**Toms River Evening
The Quality Inn
Rt. 37 West
Toms River
Wednesdays 6:15 pm**

**2009 CAPE MAY
DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

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

BRICK LUNCH ROTARY

*Great Food!
Great Wine!
Great Fun!*

On Monday, May 4th, 2009, the **Brick Township Lunchtime Rotary Club** will be hosting a totally new "Taste of Spring" wine and cheese tasting event. This event will be replacing our "Great Chef's of the Jersey Shore." For 10 years now, because of the support of local businesses, the Brick Rotary has been able to contribute over \$200,000.00 to local charitable agencies. We hope this year's exciting new event will help us to provide generous support to our local charitable organizations.

We are looking to rally more support from local businesses in the area and invite them to join us at the event by showcasing to our more than 400 anticipated guests. If you would like more information on how to participate, please call Diane Haake at 732-240-4500 ext. 5401. Thank you for supporting the Brick Township Rotary and for joining us by participating.

A BIG WELCOME TO ...
the newest
provisional
Rotary Club.

**The Rotary Club of
Barnegat Bay**
meets
Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
at
Boone's Carriage House
543 Rt. 9 North
Barnegat, NJ

PALMYRA - RIVERTON - CINNAMINSON



Last summer, Jack Sitzler, PRC Rotary, a World War II veteran, traveled to the European fields he served. He brought along his wife, daughter and son-in-law. To follow up, Sitzler presented a program on his remembrance of his European Theater experiences to the PRC Rotary members.

Two weeks after graduating from Palmyra High School in 1943, Jack joined the Army and in December of 1944 he was shipped off to Europe. He was a member of the 354th Regiment, 89 Infantry, Third Army with a job in forward observation.

During the Rotary presentation, Sitzler discussed many memories of his tour. The most impressive fact was that his Regiment was the first to arrive at the abandoned concentration camp at Ohrdruf, Germany. So no one could later refute the atrocities that took place there, Generals Eisenhower, Patton, and Bradley were at Ohrdruf as well. The generals made certain the evidence was recorded in this and other concentration camps.

Many of Jack's family and friends were in attendance at PRC Rotary's meeting to view Jack's presentation. Some of his children and grandchildren were not fully aware of Jack's experience until they viewed the literature.

Rotary Members are thankful for the commitment and sacrifices Jack Sitler (and all soldiers) made during this historic time in American History.

By Jack McGough and Sue Renzi

BEVERLY ROTARY

Jacquelyn M. Beykirch joins Beverly Club



Jacquelyn M. Beykirch joined the Beverly Rotary Club on Feb. 17. She is a manager for Torcon, Inc., a construction firm with offices near Princeton. (L-R) Jacquie, welcomed by Rotary Club President Reuben Tucker and sponsor Elizabeth Johnson. Ceremony was conducted by Bill Szychoski, Club Membership Chair.

VALENTINE PARTY - Beverly Club sponsored entertainment personality 'Cowboy Phil' (Philip Mesthos) & his horse 'Big Fella', to serenade residents at the Home for Aged Women on Feb. 10. Rotarians & Friends of Rotary visited with the residents, and presented each with a heart-shaped box of candy. Shirley Rossi, event chair. Photo: Yvonne Meli, Friend of Rotary



POINT PLEASANT ROTARY

Point Pleasant Rotary Supports Local Food Pantry

The Point Pleasant Rotary Club has expanded their support of St Gregory's Food Pantry of Point Pleasant Beach.

In 2009, the club has teamed up with the Point Pleasant Branch of the Ocean County Library System to facilitate a year round pantry staples collection. The food pantry publishes a monthly 'wish list' of much needed pantry staples. The Point Pleasant Beach Library staff will then publicize this list to branch patrons and the community at large. They also will provide a central drop off location within the library. Rotarians will then collect and deliver the food to the pantry at the end of each month or as needed.

For many years the Point Pleasant Club has supported St Gregory's food pantry with significant annual monetary donations for food and other assistance. In 2006-2007, the club donated 8 long tables that the food pantry needed to replace the old tables being used to accomplish their holiday 'supermarket' distributions. In 2007-2008, the club donated both a refrigerator and freezer to replace old equipment used to store fresh food for daily distributions. Rotarians also volunteer year round at the food pantry.

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

Are you reporting new members to the district, as well as Rotary International? What about your Club's attendance?

BEVERLY ROTARY CLUB



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. Local banks and Rotary donated the items. Catholic Charities received 70 gift bags. L-R, Pauline DiFilippo, Gary Centinaro, Mike Morton, Bob Notigan, Denise Logan, Project Chair Bill Szychoski, Gene DiFilippo. Not shown: John Schoen, Reuben Tucker, Elizabeth Johnson.



GENE DIFILIPPO

Passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2009, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at Presbyterian Hospital, at age 65.

Gene joined the Beverly Rotary Club on September 30, 2002. He was installed as Club President for 2005 - 2006 by District Governor Bud Umbaugh. Gene's Presidential year coincided with the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. He later chaired the International Service Committee. For the last 2 years, he was Service Projects Director, a position he held at the time of his death.

Gene was respected by his fellow Rotarians for his ability to lead through consensus, and for his view that no service was too small or too large. Gene towed the Club's Rotary float in all the parades, including those in Beverly and Edgewater Park - and in the 100th anniversary year of Rotary International, in Riverside and Riverton.

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT - DISTRICT 7500

	Number Members	% Meetings	Change Mmbrs
Area 1 - Jerry Clark			
Bordentown		<i>no report</i>	
Burlington	39	79	+1
Mount Holly		<i>no report</i>	
Pemberton	28	62	
Wrightstown	21	96	-2
Area 2 - Brian McCormick			
Maple Shade		<i>no report</i>	
Marlton		<i>no report</i>	
Medford/Vincetown		<i>no report</i>	
Moorestown	98	73	
Moorestown B'kfast	57	90	
Area 3 - Jack MCGough			
Beverly	19	73	-1
Mt. Laurel	27	56	
Palmyra/Riverton/ Cinnaminson	28	97	
Riverside/Delran/ Delanco	11	45	
Willingboro	55	65	

	Number Members	% Meetings	Change Mmbrs
Area 4 - Nasncy Schott			
Forked River		<i>no report</i>	
Great Bay		<i>no report</i>	
Long Beach Island	16	78	
Southern Ocean	29	60	
Area 5 - Geraldine Oliverie			
Beachwood/Berkeley		<i>no report</i>	
Central Ocean		<i>no report</i>	
Lakehurst/Manchester	23	63	
Seaside		<i>no report</i>	
Toms River		<i>no report</i>	
Toms River Sunrise	31	67	
Area 6 - Diane Rotondelli			
Brick Township		<i>no report</i>	
Brick Morning	26	77	
Jackson	26	62	+1
Lakewood	16	78	
Point Pleasant	32	88	+1
Point Pleasant Boro	40	59	

	Number Members	% Meetings	Change Mmbrs
Area 7 - Russell Anderson			
Asbury Park		<i>no report</i>	
Freehold		<i>no report</i>	
Red Bank	60	63	
Spring Lake/Brielle	34	53	-1
Tinton Falls		<i>no report</i>	
Area 8 - Joan Vas			
Hazlet	19	50	
Long Branch	65	41	+1
Matawan		<i>no report</i>	
Wall	10	40	-1

