

BOOTS' BITS

Newsletter of Rotary District 7500

September 2007

Governor's Letter

My Fellow Rotarians,

It has been a real pleasure to travel about the District meeting with you. You are such a dedicated, fun-loving group of people intent on "Rotary Shares". You do it so well and in so many ways.

I hope you have Saturday, September 29th marked on your calendar to attend the exciting Membership Workshop that has been so enthusiastically prepared by our Membership Team led by Bill Szychoski and Elizabeth Johnson. I'll look for you there at Burlington County College in Pemberton at 8:30 to enjoy a cup of coffee and some other goodies followed by a dynamite presentation by PDG Ray Streib, Larry Solow, Fred Brody, and David Legg. Your attendance at this event will also promote my "family in harmony with Rotary" as you get to meet your District Rotarians and grow the family. We're working on that 1500 member district by June 30.

The applications are in for the Vocational Service Award. Ten were submitted from a cross-section of the District. Plan to be in Atlantic City on Monday, October 8 at the Taj Mahal to cheer on our District Recipient as well as the opportunity to hear our International President, Wilf Wilkerson.

The plans for the Foundation Event in November are still in progress. Stay tuned!

Dick Isasckson, PDG is looking forward to his trip to Australia as GSE Team Leader. Now we are looking for team members. Persons with an interest in music from the age of 25 - 40, non-Rotarians are eligible for this experience. They will leave here March 29, 2008 and return April 25th.

Have a great month!

Rotarily yours,

Governor Boots



District Membership Workshop

SAT., SEPT. 29, 2007

**Parker Center
Burlington County College
Pemberton, NJ**

7:30-8:30 AM Registration/Continental
Breakfast
8:30AM-Noon Program

RAY STREIB, PDG
Rotary District 7620

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Willingboro Scholarship Winners for 2007



The Willingboro Rotary recently awarded \$1,000 in scholarships to local high school graduates based on the number and scope of their extracurricular activities in high school, leadership experience and awards and excellence in academic and community relations. Rotary scholarship chairman, John Celani (r), presented the scholarships to (from left) Earnestine Rich, Perpetue Cadet and Michelle Collins, graduates of Willingboro High School, Samatha Butchin, a graduate of Burlington County Institute of Technology and Christina Hansen, a graduate of Holy Corss High School.

Maple Shade - McCormick Receives Gift from Bollinger



New Maple Shade Rotary President Michael Bollinger (right) recently presented outgoing club President Brian McCormick with a special gift for his outstanding leadership of the club during the 2006-2007 year. The Maple Shade Rotary meets every Thursday, 12:15 p.m. at Sensational Host Caterers, 3030 Route 73 North in Maple Shade.

Who, What, Why, Where & When?

E-mail your club news...
Attach your photos to...:
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What's Happening

Willingboro Rotary Endorses Ethics Program For Primary School Children



(l-r) Dick Isackson, Willingboro Rotary District 7500 Liaison; Greg Gunsch, Member of Fairborn, Ohio Rotary Club and John Beltz President, Willingboro Rotary Club

Willingboro Rotary has begun a multi-faceted ethics program for primary school children. By utilizing the motto of Rotary International, "The Four Way Test", it is hoped that children from kindergarten to the fifth grade will become better grounded in basic values.

This project, consisting of two segments, an essay contest about the "Four Way Test" and a literacy effort using Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling reading program, will provide to children a focus on basic ethics. Those things we need to understand and use in everyday life.

Gregg Gunsch, a member of the Fairborn Ohio Rotary Club, originator of the Apple Dumpling Adventure Literacy program recently traveled to Willingboro to present the story to more than fifty Rotarians and community leaders. His presentation illustrated the strong worldwide demand for a literacy project that would build upon the precepts of Rotary using:

THE "FOUR WAY TEST"

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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IN MEMORIUM

Our condolences are extended to the family of Lenny Christoforo, 59, co-President of the Seaside Rotary Club, who passed away on Thursday, September 13th. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, 2 sons, 2 daughters, and 11 grandchildren. One of his greatest pleasures was when the club made him a Paul Harris Fellow. Memorial donations can be made to the Seaside Rotary Club or the Lavalette Municipal Alliance.

Our condolences are also extended to Joan Vas, Area 8 Assistant Governor at the passing of her brother, Buddy Vas.

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Future Events

G'Day Presidents, International & Foundation Chairs., Asst Governors, District Staff, Rotarians

On behalf of District Governor Boots and the Team Leader to District 9680 (me) I am asking you to rally your people around this project and provide us with some excellent candidates for 30 days of total immersion into the customs and culture of Australia.

District 9680 is comprised of 68 Rotary Clubs with more than 2000 Rotarians. Their geographical area starts in the northern part of Sydney and heads north and west. Our **TEAM** this year is unique because it is an **ALL MUSICAL TEAM**, except for the leader who figures he can handle the MC's slot.

Right now the Aussies are asking a lot of questions - like, *"What instruments are we bringing?" "Will they be vocalists, instrumentalists, solo artists?" "Will they be interested in church music, light opera, symphonic music, jazz, pop, etc?"* We don't know the answers!!

So here is the scoop! We need to identify twenty (20) musically oriented candidates between the ages of 25 and 40 to interview. From that number we will select four (4) Team members and two (2) Alternates. Then we will begin

a comprehensive training program to get ready for our departure in the end of March.

This year our selection process runs about 60 days earlier than before, primarily because of the three month delay in obtaining passports. So to beat the system, we are closing out Applications on the 15th of October. Interviews are scheduled on October 25th.

To make this **TEAM** the Best Ever, we ask your immediate support. Distribute the information far and wide and let's get **20 MUSICALLY ORIENTED CANDIDATES** by **OCT 15TH**

Call me at 609-877-3355 or e-mail risackson@comcast.net for applications. Or, our Outgoing GSE Chair, Fred Gibbs at 609-893-0900 or ggelaw@verizon.net. Or, our MUSIC GOV- "BOOTS WHITE". She's in the directory

Oh, by the way, the Aussie Team will focus on Banking and Finance.

Thanks for your help.

Dick Isackson, PDG,
Team Leader to 9680

Meet the GSE Team From Korea

Members of any club in the district are welcome to come to our meeting at the Riverton Country Club on Thursday evening September 27th and meet the GSE team that we sent to Korea last spring.

However, they should let me know, ASAP, if they are coming so that the Country Club will be prepared to accommodate them.

We meet at the Riverton Country Club, 1416 Ave., in Cinnaminson. Activities will start at 6:15PM with a cash bar. Team members will be available for those who would like to have a personal conversation with them. The formal meeting and dinner will start promptly at 6:45PM.

Our meeting cost is \$15.50/person. If possible, our treasurer would appreciate it if your club could provide one check to cover everyone who is coming from your club. That does not mean that she will not take payments from individual last minute attendees.

So that we can make plans, I would appreciate a general expression of interest from you by September 4th and a more precise commitment by September 20th.

This should be a great opportunity for you to introduce a potential candidate for our 2008 team to the Group Study Exchange program.

Let's all make an effort to find some good candidates.

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Future Events



**Participate
in the 61th
Annual
Medford-
Vincentown
Rotary Club
Halloween Parade !!!**

**Saturday October 27th, 2007
-- Main St. Medford--
Fun • Fellowship • Promote Rotary**

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HALLOWEEN THEME. (FLOAT LINE-UP @ 5PM)**

Marching/String/Bag Pipe Bands,
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(For details contact Bob Harriett @ bharriett@harriettsoil.com,
phone 609-654-5739 x21 or fax 609-714-0506)

PRC Rotary "5K Run for Life"



Area runners will participate in the PRC Rotary Twelfth Annual 5K Run for Life on Saturday, September 22, 2007, rain or shine. The race will begin at 8:30 am at the Riverton School on Fifth and Howard Streets. Paul Coward, Race Director and Past PRC President, indicated that registration will begin at 7:00 am. Refreshments, T-shirts, and thank you bags will be provided. Trophies will be given to male and female winners and awards for the top three male and female finishers in each age category. Last years 11th Annual Run attracted more than 100 runners. Paul is pleased that Nick Manuzzi, a past winner will compete this year. Manuzzi recently completed the Mt. Washington run and has competed in over 26 marathons. Proceeds benefit the Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson Rotary Charities. For more information, call Greg Constantini at 856-829-7412.

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What's Happening / Attendance

Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar to Argentina

Stephen Fafulas, a 2006-2007 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, spoke about his experiences in the program to the Brick Morning Rotary Club. Stephen's education began in the Brick school district but after his sophomore year he moved to Toms River and graduated from Toms River North. Wanderlust at the age of 20 took him to Miami, FL and exposed him to the Hispanic community there. After graduating from Broward Community College, Stephen continued his studies at the University of Florida in Gainesville graduating with a BA in Spanish with Certificates in Government Translation and Latin American Studies.

Stephen heard about the Ambassadorial Scholar program through the university and contacted the Rotary representative who started the paperwork process. The application process was rigorous for the available scholarships, proceeding from the local to the district level. Stephen feels he invested about six months of time between forms to be filed out, essays in English and Spanish and interviews. He also feels it was well worth the effort. He chose Argentina because he wanted to experience South America and had heard much about Argentina while living in Miami. While attending

college in Buenos Aires, he lived with his host family and then with various locals and other foreigners. Stephen felt the biggest challenge he experienced in the program was the difficulty of integrating into a foreign culture and speaking a second language fluently. Those challenges helped him develop confidence in public speaking and self-respect at being able to live abroad. He was able to witness first hand how Argentineans conduct their everyday lives and how they view the world and the United States.

When asked what he would like to tell other people about Rotary, Stephen replied, "It is one of the few organizations truly dedicated to improving the world we live in, fostering cross-cultural understanding and founded upon simple principles which we all can employ in our daily lives: honesty, open-mindedness and willingness."

Stephen feels his participation in the Ambassadorial Scholar program directly resulted in his selection as an Associate Instructor in Spanish at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. He plans to work toward his Masters Degree in Hispanic Linguistics while he teaches.

Club Attendance Month of August 07

<u>Club</u>	<u># Members</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#Mtgs Change</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># Members</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#Mtgs Change</u>	<u>Net</u>
Asbury Park	53	71	5	+1	Medford				
Beverly	22	85	4	-1	-Vincentown	32	74	4	
Bordentown	34	72	4		Moorestown	92	66	4	+2
Brick	47	64	5		Mount Holly	68	35	5	
Brick Morning	88				Mount Laurel	22	49	4	+1
Burlington	43	54	5	-1	PRC	30	97	5	
Hazlet	18	42	4	-1	Pemberton	33	55	4	
Lakehurst-					Pt Pleasant	27	86	4	
Manchester	23	54	5		Pt Pleasant Boro	46	69	5	
Lakewood	21	65	3		Southern Ocean	31	54	5	
Long Branch	68	46	5	+3	Spring Lake Brielle	37	63	4	+1
Long Beach Is.	50	61	5		Tinton Falls	9	100	4	
Maple Shade	52	49	5		Toms River Sunrise	37	62	5	
Marlton	26	46	3		Willingboro	61	62	5	
Matawan	23	65	5		Wrightstown	22	99	5	