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SCHOLARSHIP DONATION



Thanks to the efforts of President Bill, the Club received a check from the Watchung Hills Youth Benevolent Association.

WHYBA is a non-profit group whose members come from Watchung and the surrounding area. Their mission is "to provide assistance to youth charities and associations through local area fund raising."

A review of their website reveals only some of the numerous activities of WHYBA, and the local charities that they support, including:

- ◇ Sponsorship of local sports teams
- ◇ Purchasing equipment for area

facilities and programs

- ◇ Endowing scholarships for students who require financial aid
- ◇ Supplying holiday meals to needy children and their families
- ◇ Worthwhile endeavors that require WHYBA time or financial assistance.

A recent article in one of the area's local weekly newspapers highlighted a \$3,000 gift to the community's "Adopt a Family" holiday program.

They also support many local and area charities, such as Children's Specialized Hospital, Good News Home for Women, Make a Wish Foundation, S.H.I.P. food program for the homeless, and many others.

President Bill explained that our Club was in danger of not achieving its goal of \$5,000 in scholarships after losing our Rutgers partners. He explained that our other primary fundraising effort was still being held, but that we faced a shortfall.

In response to his request, the WHYBA sent a \$500 check to help us reach our goal.

For more information about WHYBA, visit www.whyba.org.

What Paul Harris Said...

"Rotary is good for you, my friends. To the ill, it says, 'Take up thy bed and walk.' Rotary prolongs the life of hundreds of thousands of (people); Rotary makes for health and happiness."

Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary Message to the 1946 Rotary Convention in Atlantic City

Need more information? Have comments, questions or suggestions? All are welcome. Contact the Editor at 908-822-1441 or at RotaryPNP@comcast.net.

Why I Am A Rotarian

“I was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1980–81 and determined to give back something to Rotary, therefore I became a founding member of the Foundation Alumni in Western Australia in 1983.

I later willingly accepted an invitation to work on a District Literacy committee as a non-Rotarian and enjoyed the productive meetings and associated project work for many years.

In 1992 I approached local Rotarians and received their advice and assistance for a work related literacy research project but resisted invitations to become a Rotarian due to work and time commitments.

Thanks to one persistent Rotarian who did not know the meaning of “Thank you, but no!” I am now a member of the Rotary family.

I look forward to meetings and enjoy a supportive group of Rotarians, their partners and others who contribute new ideas and support local, district and international projects.



I had no idea until I became a Rotarian that there would be at least twenty-six club members for projects and that collectively we could make a difference for many.

The power of Rotary through Rotarians and partners who know the meaning of Service Above Self tells why I am a Rotarian.”

PDG Sylvia Byers
Rotary Club of
Mosman Park,
Western Australia



SERVICE Above Self

President Bill highlighted the Rotary motto of *Service Above Self* and current RI and District theme of *Lead the Way* at the opening of a recent Club meeting.

Speaking later to the Club and through an email sent to all members, President Bill urged everyone to “step up, get involved on committees, and participate in club activities.

“Currently we need people for this years Interact and Scholarship Committees.

“If you are not involved on a committee, please sign up, it really does not require much of your time.”

To set an example of *leading the way*, President Bill volunteered to chair the NPHS scholarship committee.

Scholarships

Time once again to gear up for our annual scholarship awards.

The Club presents scholarship awards in the name of F. S. “Matty” Mathewson, past president of our club and the first district governor of our district (then #751).

Matty was an inspirational leader, quietly promoting Rotary in his business and professional dealings and in his active participation in all Club activities until shortly before his death at the age of ninety-eight.

The Board of Directors has budgeted \$5,000 for the Mathewson Scholarships, with half available for each of the two local high schools.

Catherine Denning, trust advisor from PNC Advisors, recently informed the Board of Directors that we will have the following amounts available for award this year at Plainfield High School:

J. Wilbur Tovell \$3,000
PHS Alumni \$3,500

The Tovell scholarship awards are specifically limited to male students; there are no restricting criteria for the PHS Alumni awards.

In addition, we will have \$1,850 available for the Leo Albert Friese Scholarship. This award is limited to North Plainfield High School seniors who are pursuing a scientific course of study at a college or university.

We have a chairperson for the North Plainfield High School committee, but **we still need a chairperson for the Plainfield High committee.**



Who's Who and What's New

Linda Hawkins-Todman is available by email while in Aruba. She is at dltodman@aol.com.

Linda Persichino's knee operation was January 31; all went well.

Paul Henry has sold his business and now works for Gilman & Ciocia of Poughkeepsie, NY. The good news - he will be at the same location in North Plainfield.

Dave Hollod has accepted a new 5 year term as Community Scholarship Fund trustee, responsible for Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship.

Track Meet Ad Journal Progress

The Board of Directors has decided to renew the detailed Program and ad journal for the Annual Track and Field Meet. We plan to publish the new, color version in-house.

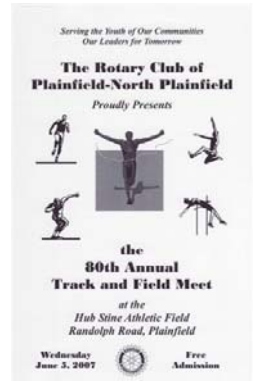
The layout and appearance will be very much like the original, with ad space available as follows:

- Full page\$100
- Half page.....\$75
- Quarter page.....\$40
- Back cover\$150

Each member was given a copy of the sample booklet, the ad contract, and two "What is Rotary?" cards.

The Board anticipates that enough ads will be sold to cover the \$1200 +/- cost of the Track and Field Meet.

At the time of publication of this newsletter, we have received two ad contracts and two more are promised. All sales must be turned in no later than 4/15/07, earlier if possible, to Robin Mathews (732-321-7000, x 61506) or to Michael Townley (908-227-6782).



Four Way Test

Of the things we say and do...

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Four Avenues of Service

Based on the [Object of Rotary](#), the Four Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

JANUARY 2007

Rutgers Basketball Game #2 - Completed - earned \$1307.50.

Game #3 - Women v. UConn - February 26.

Blood Drive - Addy Bonet will chair the drive at the YMCA. More to come...

Dr. Seuss Birthday

The Club will meet at Holy Cross Nursery School on 3/7/07, and read to the children immediately thereafter. A box lunch will be provided by Sodexo, Muhlenberg Hospital's food service company.


Jack Townley's Words of Wisdom



After opening his Christmas presents, he said "I guess as you get older you get fewer presents." This was before his siblings arrived with their gifts, when he said "This was the best Christmas ever!" Oh well.

Recent Meeting Program Summaries

PAWS FOR PEOPLE

*Animal-Assisted
Therapy Program* 



*Enriching
the Lives of
Animals and People*

St. Hubert's
Animal Welfare Center



www.sthuberts.org

Carolyn Currey, director of the Paws for People program at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, gave an enlightening talk about the benefits of animal therapy for hospital patients and nursing home

residents, among others.

St. Hubert's has a program that certifies the pet and handler after an 8-week course. There are currently 175 certified pets, from dogs to cats to rabbits and even an alpaca!

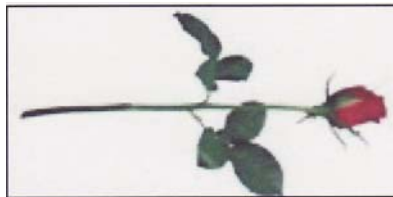
"To hear the laughter of a sick child or see hope brighten the faces of the elderly and infirm is to know the power of the presence of animals."

Not all animals can be certified. During their testing, the animals are

poked (gently), hear loud noises, get touched all over, and hugged tightly to see how they react. They must also follow basic control commands.

Not all patients want to see an animal, but when they do, the results can be remarkable.

Carolyn recalled one visit where an unresponsive pediatrics patient at Morristown Memorial was up and out of bed playing with a therapy pet within 45 minutes of the visit.



The Scarlett Foundation

Mindy Scarlett was our guest speaker at the regular meeting on January 24. Mindy is a Plainfield resident, and has started a foundation to assist young people in crisis in their search for direction in life, and in helping them discover their personal gifts and talents and how to use them.

The Scarlett Foundation will offer a 12-week course, consisting of three hour sessions on two evenings a week. The first four weeks will focus on participants -finding their passion is life— finding their aptitudes, skills, interests. According to the Foundation "the bottom line is if you enjoy what you do for a living you will never "work" another day in your life."

The Program will introduce the participants to business world as they develop their "Life Plan". Then they will partner with a local business mentor for 12 months, helping them over the rough spots, with follow-up available through the Foundation.

If you would like additional information or are interested in mentoring, contact Mindy at (908) 444-8916.

July 2006
Rotary Club of Plainfield North-Horseshoe

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Calendar Don't forget to check the website for your speaker assignments. December and January assignments are listed on the next page.

One source for speakers is the local papers; the local section of the Courier News, for one. Another source is the District list in the Members Area on the website (www.RotaryPNP.org). Remember - speakers are potential members, so give some thought to your choices.

YMCA Dinners

The Club will be offering a hot meal to shelter residents at the YMCA in Plainfield each quarter in 2007 as one of our service projects.

Bev Howard and Linda Persichino are chairing these quarterly events.

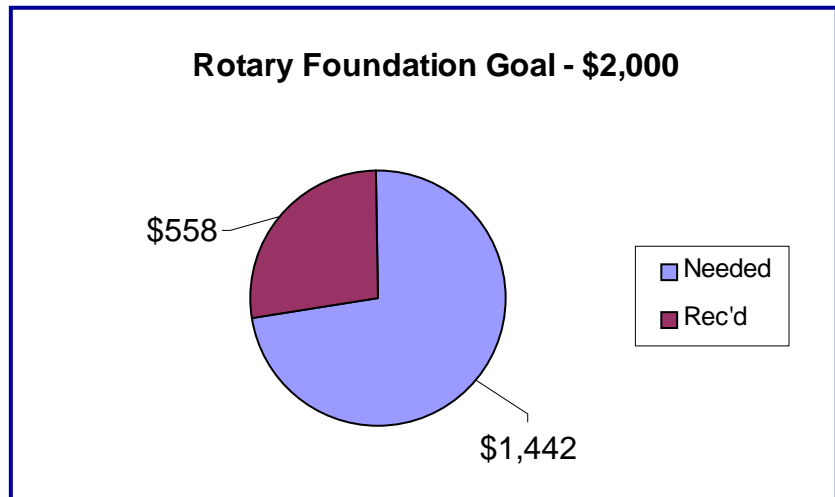
Plans include asking the local Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises to provide meals for at least some of these dinners. There are two in Plainfield and one in North Plainfield.

Here are the dates for 2007: March 19, June 18, September 17, and December 3. Please mark your calendars now, and be ready to help with this service project.

Rotary Foundation

The Club is working on reaching a contribution goal of \$100 per member for the Annual Programs Fund.

Please get your contributions to Paul Henry soon - cash or checks accepted. We're moving toward our goal!



Note: More information about the programs and achievements of the Foundation can be found at <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/newsletter/index.htm>. Click on the "Feb. 1" listing to read the latest newsletter.

Interact Club

Interact is RI's service club for young people ages 14-18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting.

Our NPBS Interact Club advisor, Amy Six, spoke at the 1/31 meeting. Pictured with NPBS



principal Jerard Stephenson, Amy updated us on recent and planned activities of the Interactors.

Allison Sarfati also spoke at

the meeting. She was one of two of our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants at last year's RYLA weekend.



Allison told us about her activities at RYLA, and spoke enthusiastically about her experiences.

Marilyn Birnbaum has answered President Bill's call to "Lead the Way" and is now liaison to the NPBS Interact Club.

Feb/March Meeting Schedule

- ◇ **Feb. 7** - Club Assembly
- ◇ **Feb. 14** - Helena Alparone responsible for speaker
- ◇ **Feb. 21** - Janice responsible for speaker
- ◇ **Feb. 28** - Bev Howard responsible for speaker; also a Board Meeting
- ◇ **Mar. 7** - Club Assembly
- ◇ **Mar. 14** - Ivan is responsible for the speaker
- ◇ **March 21** - Dave is responsible for the speaker
- ◇ **March 28** - Robin is responsible for the speaker; also a Board Meeting

<i>Current Members and Classifications</i>	
Allen, Janice	Child care administration
Alparone, Helena	Banking
Birnbaum, Marilyn	Public education
Bonet, Addy	Social service
Glock, Jackie	Social service
Griswold, Vicky	Music retail
Hawkins-Todman, Linda	Real estate
Henry, Paul	Financial planning/CPA
Hollod, David	Public administration
Howard, Beverly	Cardiac care
Kosin, Ivan	Chiropractic
Manning, Denise	Medical support education
Mathews, Robin	Health care administration
McNally, Richard	Office machine sales

<i>Current Members and Classifications</i>	
Mulligan, Patricia	Humanitarian services
Parenti, William	Municipal police service
Persichino, Linda	Banking
Reading, Lori	Continuing care
Reedy, Thomas	Social service
Townley, Michael	Stained and leaded glass
 Honorary Members and Former Classifications	
Harvey, William	Clergy - presbyterian
Gindin, William	General law
Herting, Frank	Public education
Perrone, Ralph	Social service
Ridzy, Edward	Mortgage banking

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