

# Rotary Review

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## Rotary Shares

### by RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson

I have always felt that the essence of Rotary is about sharing. Every day, in every club, Rotarians share with others in too many ways to count. We share our time, we share our talents, and we share our resources. We share our kindness, and we share our love.

In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away things you don't need yourself. It means giving of yourself, freely, for the good of others. It means taking the time to see what our communities need and to decide which of those needs we can meet most effectively. It means sharing what we have with those around us, as well as with those we will never have the chance to meet.

All of us come into Rotary to share what we have with others, and to share our friendship and fellowship with other Rotarians. We share Rotary with others through bringing in qualified new members, and we share Rotary with the next generation by focusing on youth.

Rotarians have so much to share, and there is so much that

the world needs from us. Our vocational classification system ensures that every club contains a full range of business and professional skills. Within every Rotary club, there is a world of talents, skills and abilities. Each club has the resources to tackle nearly any obstacle - if there is the will and the commitment to do it.

This year, I ask every Rotarian to say “yes” to the challenges that being a Rotarian will bring to you. Through this year's emphasis on health, literacy, water, and the family of Rotary, we have an enormous range of opportunities for service. Those projects, those possibilities, those open doors all await us in the months ahead. All we need to do is say “yes”.

Yes, I will turn that idea into a project, and I will lead it to completion.

Yes, I will share my skills, time and resources with my club and with those who need my help.

Yes, I will share Rotary with others, bringing a qualified new member into our club.

I look forward to this year in which we demonstrate that *Rotary Shares*, by sharing the best of ourselves with our clubs, our communities, and the world.

### What Paul Harris Said...

*“At our fireside (chats), scores of friends from all corners of the globe have delighted us by their presence. They have come as the result of my planting a sapling in 1905. The first Rotary Club was that sapling. It has grown into a mighty tree in whose shade it is delightful to dwell.”*

From *My Road to Rotary*, 1947

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

For 30 years, our printing shop was in downtown McAllen, Texas (population 125,000). Homeless people would often come into our store or sleep in our entrance. I dealt with them everyday, and often every way. In Rotary, we are able to help so many needy people.

Rotary has made it possible for me to travel worldwide and to meet wonderful people and Rotarians in Scotland, Belgium, Sweden, South Africa and Mexico. Rotarians have lovingly hosted us.

My daughter was able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange to Spain and Belgium. We have hosted young people from Belgium, South Africa, Latvia, Sweden, Philippines, New Zealand, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, and Germany.

Our daughter enjoyed and learned so much from RYLA that she did not want to return

to her dull high school.

Rotary gives us the opportunity to have friends beyond our church and our business.

Rotary provides social opportunities for my wife and I beyond our church activities. Many of the activities we volunteer to do in Rotary have parallels in our business and home lives.

Rotary gives me a chance to talk with and relate to other business owners.

Our weekly Rotary Club programs give me a window on the life of our community, and give me ideas on things, which need to be improved.

My life has become fuller because of Rotary.

**Tom Moore**

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## Who's Who and What's New



**Michael and Janet Townley** are proud grandparents of identical twins Amanda Marie and Erin Barbara Townley, born to their son Brian and his wife Ann (Heisenbittel) in South Plainfield.

They are also proud grandparents of Daria Marie Mazza-rese, born to their daughter Sarah and her husband Michael in Easton, PA.

**Rick McNally** transferred his membership to the Rotary Club of Watchung-Warren. We will miss his infectious enthusiasm.

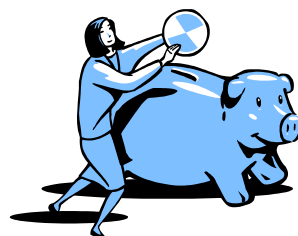
**Helena Alparone** has resigned due to her transfer to the South Plainfield PNC Bank. Helena was unable to make many meetings, but pitched in for a number of our projects.

**Mindy Scarlett** resigned. She reported she is too over-committed to keep up her membership. We thank her for chairing the Dictionary Project.

**Bill Parenti** received an *Officer of the Year Award* from the National Latino Police Officers' Association on October 20th. Congratulations, Bill.

**Jackie Glock's** mom is ill and has been having some difficulties recently.

**Janice and Harry Allen** are proud grandparents again, granddaughter Sophia by their son Lee and his wife (sorry, don't know her name) in Oakland, California.



*Feed your Polio Piggy every day!*

## Too Busy for Meetings Every Wednesday?

### On-line Make-Ups are Quick and Easy!

Rotary International has set a new minimum attendance requirement at 50 percent. This means that, over the course of six months, you need to attend one-half of the weekly meetings. With our various information managers, such as handheld computers, phones with calendars, desktop systems and the old reliable pen and paper, every Wednesday's meeting can be blocked out on your calendar. That doesn't mean that there won't be interferences, and that's where the opportunity for "make-ups" will help keep your percentage above the 50% minimum.

Make-up a meeting by going to another Club, anywhere in the world. What could be easier? Some people have trouble freeing up time for make-ups, so Rotary made it even easier - go to one of the on-line Clubs and "make-up" at your convenience. Here is eClub One's guide.

#### HOW TO OBTAIN A MAKE-UP...

You **DO NOT** need to register for anything to obtain a make-up.  
Please follow these easy steps to obtain your makeup.

AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

### ECLUB ONE HOW TO MAKE UP



- 1** Read a variety of current articles in our Programs section and/or choose articles from our Archived Programs list and/or information from our Avenues of Service pages. You will be **required** to answer questions. There is space on the makeup request form for up to three articles to be reviewed, however you will need to read more than three to meet your 30 minute visit obligation.
- 2** At the end of your 30 minute visit click on **Make-up Request Form** from the drop-down menu at top of page **OR** the bottom of each make-up program.
- 3** Read **Makeup Request Form** carefully, and follow instructions. A Make-Up Form will appear once you press the **SUBMIT** button (one time only) and an email copy will be sent to the email address you provided.  
**PRINT YOUR MAKE-UP FORM**

Once your make-up appears, if you know the email address, you can also click on **File, Send** and email a copy to your club secretary.

#### From eClub One Webmaster...

It is a mandatory requirement that Rotarians spend at least 30 minutes on the Rotary eClub One website to qualify for a make-up credit. Please use your 30 minute visit to review a variety of articles from our Programs section and/or information from our Avenues of Service pages. As always, Rotarians should apply the 4-Way Test to the time they spend on the eClub One site for a make-up.

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#### YMCA Shelter Dinner -

Next dinner is Monday, December 3rd - co-chairs Linda P. and Beverly will again have a great dinner arranged. Volunteer now to help with this important community service project.

#### RU Basketball -

the football team may be getting all the press, but the basketball teams are our favorites. The season will start in early November, and we will be staffing the concession stand again this year. Be ready to volunteer.

#### Jack Townley's Words of Wisdom



Jack and one of his twin nieces, Erin, at three days old.

Jack told us that he's afraid that he won't be the "span of attention" now that there are babies in the family.



**November/December Meeting Schedule**

**Rotary "Firsts"**

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on 23 February 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary Convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.

service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business, and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

The Object of Rotary has not always been expressed in this manner. The original constitution of 1906 had three objects: promotion of business interests, promotion of good fellowship, and the advancement of the best interests of the community.

By 1910, Rotary had five objects as increased emphasis was given to expanding Rotary. By 1915, there were six objects. In 1918, the objects were rewritten again and reduced to four. Four years later, they had again grown to six and were revised again in 1927.

Finally, at the 1935 Mexico City convention, the six objects were restated and reduced to four. The last major change came in 1951 when the objects were streamlined and changed to a single object, which has four parts.

- ◇ Nov. 7 - Wine Tasting Dinner - no regular meeting
- ◇ Nov. 14 - Speaker by Jackie Glock
- ◇ Nov. 21 - No Speaker
- ◇ Nov. 28 - Speaker by Marilyn Birnbaum
- ◇ Dec. 5 - Club Assembly - Students of the Month
- ◇ Dec. 12 - No speaker
- ◇ Dec. 19 - Joint Meeting with Fanwood-Scotch Plains for a program of holiday songs
- ◇ Dec. 26 - NO MEETING

[**Note:** Please let Michael know when speakers are arranged so certificates can be prepared and ready.]

**Object of Rotary**

In some areas of the world, weekly Rotary club meetings begin with all members standing and reciting the Object of Rotary. This statement, which comes from the constitution of Rotary, is frequently seen on a wall plaque in Rotarians' offices or places of business.

The Object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." The statement then lists four areas by which this "ideal of service" is fostered: through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for

**District 7510 Events/News**

- Nov. 7 Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts I, II, III and Graduate level - Pines Manor, Edison.
- Nov. 5-11 World Interact Week
- Nov. 12 District "Eat, Drink and Share" at the Pines Manor, Edison.
- December Family Month
- Jan. 13-20 Rotary International Assembly, San Diego
- Feb. 9, '08 PR & Fundraising Seminar, Quality Inn, Somerset.
- Feb. 23 Rotary International's 103rd anniversary
- March Literacy Month

## Interact Club

The North Plainfield Interact Club was granted a thousand dollars by the local Wal-Mart in Watchung Square Mall.

Although currently undecided as to what it is specifically we will be doing with this money, we are sure it will be going to a service project within our own community.

On Thursday, October 11, 2007 a group of six Interact members, along with Advisor Mrs. Six, and Principal, Mr. Stephenson went to Wal-Mart.

When we arrived, we were given a behind the scenes tour of the Wal-Mart offices. We were later escorted to main office where we watched a short movie on the history and development of the Wal-Mart Corporation.



Afterwards, we were greeted by the store manager and discussed Wal-Mart's future goals for the community as well as college aid opportunities for their employees.

As Interact members we really gained an understanding of what Wal-Mart does, has accomplished, and still plans to do.

Thanks to Wal-Mart, the North Plainfield High School Interact Club now has a chance to better serve its community.

*Submitted by Interact Club*

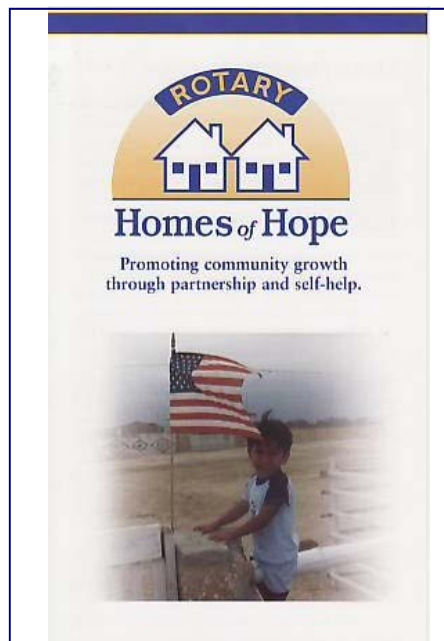
## Interesting Wine Trivia

Our guest speaker on October 10 was Charles Lepore, adjunct instructor at Union County College, who spoke about wine appreciation. We learned some interesting facts about wines, some of which he shares below.

- How many acres are planted for grapes worldwide? *20 million*
- Among the world's fruit crops, where do wine grapes rank in number of acres planted? *Number one*
- How many countries import California wine? *164*
- How long before there is a commercial harvest from newly planted vines? *4-5 years*
- How many varieties of wine grapes exist worldwide? *10,000*
- How much does it cost per bottle to age wine in a French oak barrel? *90 cents*
- How much does it cost per bottle to age wine in only new

French oak barrels? *\$2.50*

- What is the average cost of grapes used to produce a \$20 bottle of wine? *\$3.04*
- Portugal has 1/3 of the world's cork forests and supplies 85-90% of the cork used in the United States
- California produces approximately 80% of the U.S. wine crop
- Ninety-two percent of California wineries produce fewer than 100,000 cases of wine per year. Sixty percent produce fewer than 25,000 cases
- Wine has so many organic chemical compounds it is considered more complex than blood serum
- To prevent a sparkling wine from foaming out of the glass, pour an ounce, which will settle quickly. Pouring the remainder of the serving into this starter will not foam as much.
- Old wine never turns to vinegar. It spoils by oxidation.



## 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?

***Current Members and Classifications***

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Allen, Janice	Child care administration
Birnbaum, Marilyn	Public education
Bonet, Addy	Social service
Burgos, Ivan	Banking
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
Parenti, William	Municipal police service
Persichino, Linda	Banking

Rainear, Frank	Funeral home
Reedy, Thomas	Social service
Townley, Michael	Stained and leaded glass
<b>Honorary Members and Former Classifications</b>	
Harvey, William	Clergy - presbyterian
Gindin, William	General law
Herting, Frank	Public education
Perrone, Ralph	Social service
Ridzy, Edward	Mortgage banking

**THE FOUR WAY TEST** of things we say and do... 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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