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What Paul Harris Said...

"Love is mightier than hate. Give it one half the advertising that hate has had and there will be no more war".

Paul Harris, RI Founder

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Students of the Month Honored

Club Recognizes Three Recipients from NPHS

The Club presented Student of the Month awards to two of three recipients at our April 2 meeting.

We present these awards throughout the school year as a way to recognize the students' accomplishments and how well they are doing in their studies and in school activities.

NHPS choral music teacher and Interact Club advisor Amy Six introduced the students and summarized the students' achievements and activities.

Lindsay Miller, a senior, is the March 2008 Student of the Month. Lindsay has been involved in the school's Interact Club for the past three years. She has been a part of many club activities, including working at the Rotary Track and Field Meet, selling food at Rutgers games, helping with the Interact Clothing drive, and facilitating penny drives and many other activities. She has been a member of the school's choir for four years, and a member of her church choir from elementary

through high school. She has also taken part in the Marching Band Color Guard for the past two seasons. Lindsay is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the school's yearbook. Outside of school, Lindsay volunteers 10 hours a week as a kindergarten aide at Stony Brook School.



Amber Henderson and Lindsay Miller with their award certificates.

"I am honored to be chosen as the Student of the Month for March," said Lindsay. "Receiving this award values me for my hard work and effort throughout my high school years."

Amber Henderson, the February 2008 Student of the Month, is a newer member of the Interact Club and a freshman at North Plainfield High School. Since ele-
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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 am a Rotarian because back in 1988 someone asked me to join the Rotary Club of Kiama Australia.

Since accepting that challenge I have moved residences 4 times and each move has resulted in another invitation to join the local Rotary Club.

For me joining Rotary provided an opportunity to work with local Rotary people and learn the true meaning of "service".

That service opportunity has benefited me in large measure and I consider myself a better person more able to serve my

community.

At the same time I have learned the value of good club organisation and have made Club service my speciality.

I do not have the financial resources to take on many large monetary challenges (I am a Paul Harris Fellow) but I willingly donate my time and service to help make this world a more peaceful and better place through Rotary.

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Scholarships

We have 22 Tovell Scholarship applications being reviewed by Janice Allen and Bev Howard; 66 PHS Alumni applications being reviewed by Linda Persichino and Frank Rainear; and 33 F.S. Mathewson Rotary Scholarships being reviewed by Vicky Griswold and Michael Townley. Selections must be returned by April 11.

Bill Parenti has approximately 24 applications for the Friese and the Rotary scholarships. He is working with Dave Hollod and Bev Howard to review and return their selections.

NPHS Students of the Month

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mentary school, Amber has been involved in community and school activities, such as all of the high school instrumental ensembles, Marching Band, Interact Club, Winter Guard Crew and the drama crew. Amber also plays on the JV softball team, specializing as catcher and left fielder.

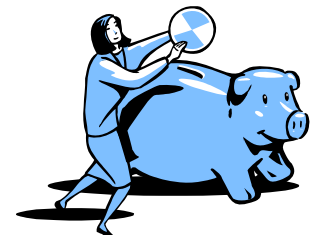
"Going into Interact I didn't know what to expect, but I had a feeling that it had something to do with helping people out and that's what I enjoy doing," said Amber. "Someone once told me that opening your heart and helping others could possibly turn out to stress and hurt you, but in the end it would be the most rewarding thing you would do. That's what I live by today. I am glad that I could be a part of Interact

and am very pleased to be chosen student of the month for February."

In addition to these two students, we also presented a Student of the Month Award to Antoine Terrell Porter, a junior at NPHS. Antoine has been an active member of the Interact Club since his freshman year. He is also involved in the Drama Club and all of the choruses at NPHS.

Upon graduating, Antoine would like to pursue a career in the culinary arts. He has been involved in almost every project that the Interact Club has been a part of and looks forward to continuing his service.

Antoine was unable to attend the luncheon because he was taking an algebra test.



Polio Piggy

After months of care and feeding, your piggy must be plump with cash! Well, it's time to gut that porker and send the contents to Marilyn Birnbaum. We need to get our Polio contributions to the District so they can be credited to us before the District Conference. Turn in your cash (or check payable to District 7510 Polio) to Marilyn today!!

District 7510 Water Project

Pure Water for the World is a non-profit corporation that was founded by Rotarians. For the past two years, we have supported our District's Water Project with donations that funded water filters for two families each year, provided through Pure Water for the World..

This year, the District project is targeting a broad-based effort to not only provide clean water but to also educate the children of Haiti. It is a co-operative venture between USAID, MSH (Management Sciences for Health), Haitian Rotary, church groups and PWW (Pure Water for the World).

Pure Water's strategic plan, in approaching their mission in Haiti to bring clean drinking water to the people, is to use schools as initial change agents in Haitian communities to help save lives through hygiene and clean water.

The children in the schools, in addition to receiving clean drinking water, will also learn about clean water and good hygiene.



The children will take bottles of clean water home together with the knowledge that they acquire about hygiene and sanitation and the importance of clean drinking water.

PWW's method for funding our projects is to pool sponsorships to create blocks of funding that can be applied to a project. A typical project will train teachers to work within a community, will produce and install a permanent hygiene curriculum and a water filter program for the students, and will provide the essential water testing and required follow-up services for the people we are serving.

In time, Pure Water expects to have seminars and promotions in the schools for parents to "catch up" with their children and learn the necessary tools so that their behaviors change. The ultimate goal, of course, is to spread the filter/hygiene program into homes so that safe water is used for drinking, for cooking, and for bathing.

The Club's Board of Directors recently approved a contribution of \$250 to this important, international project.

Scouting for Food

Patriots Path Council represents Boy Scouts in Union, Somerset, Morris and part of Sussex counties.

The Board recently received a request from Todd Lamison of Patriots Path Council, seeking donations to help pay for the brown grocery bags that Scouts distribute to collect food for the needy.



The Scouts use 70,000 bags to help approximately 50,000 families in the four counties. Total cost for the bags is \$4000.

Two Rotary districts cover the counties, and our district was asked to contribute \$2,000. The bags will have a printed acknowledgment for Rotary's contribution. District Governor Julie Ann does not have any District \$ available, so she forwarded the request directly to her Clubs.

The Board of Directors authorized a \$50 contribution to this worthy event.

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YMCA Dinners -

June 2 - Frank, Vicky, Paul
Sept. 16 -

Dec. 1 - Bill, Dave

Sign up at any Club meeting - three people needed for each event. Responsible for getting and serving food.

81st Annual Track and Field Meet -

With membership at a low point, it is important that everyone block out the dates of June 4th and 11th (rain date) for our youth service project. Begin to look for helpers now so they can arrange their schedules, too.

Jack Townley's Corner



Jack is in baseball now, and recently told his coach "Coach! Coach! Catching is one of my specialties!" Just one of many...



Sponsor a New Member

The bylaws of Rotary outline the procedure for proposing someone for Rotary club membership. The “proposer” or sponsor is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary. Without a sponsor, an individual will never have the opportunity to become a Rotarian.

Individuals must be asked to join Rotary; thus, it is every member’s responsibility to identify and invite prospective members.

The task of the sponsor should not end merely by submitting a name to the club secretary or membership committee.

Rotary has not established formal responsibilities for sponsors; however, these procedures are recommended in many clubs.

The sponsor should:

1. Invite a prospective member to several meetings prior to proposing the individual for membership
2. Accompany the prospective new member to one or more orientation/informational meetings
3. Introduce the new member to other club members each week for the first month
4. Encourage the new member to become involved in any club service projects underway
5. Invite the new member to attend meetings of the Interact or Rotaract clubs sponsored by the club

6. Provide opportunities for the new member to get involved in international program efforts, such as Group Study Exchange or Youth Exchange
7. Invite the new member to accompany the sponsor to neighboring clubs for the first make-up meeting to learn the process and observe the spirit of friendship
8. Ask the new member and spouse to accompany the sponsor to the club’s social activities, dinners, or other special occasions
9. Urge the new member and spouse to attend the district conference with the sponsor
10. Serve as a special friend to assure that the new member becomes an active Rotarian

When a new member becomes involved and connected, both Rotary and the new member become stronger.

February/March Meeting Schedule

- ◇ Apr. 2 - Club Assembly
- ◇ Apr. 9 - DGE Joe Scandariato
- ◇ Apr. 16 - Meeting cancelled
- ◇ Apr. 16 - Intercity Meeting, Bridgewater Manor
- ◇ Apr. 23 - Speaker by Bev
- ◇ Apr. 30 - Speaker by Frank
- ◇ May 7 - Club Assembly
- ◇ May 14 - Speaker by Paul
- ◇ May 21 - Track Meet training
- ◇ May 28 - Speaker by Vicky

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



District 7510 Events/News

April 12	Rotary Leadership Institute, Seton Hall Prep, West Orange - Parts I, II, III
April 14	Group Study Exchange Team arrives from Italy
April 16	Intercity Meeting, Bridgewater Manor - meet and greet GSE Team from Italy
May 2 - 4	District Conference, Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa, Groton, CT.
May 21	District Assembly, Pines Manor, Edison
June 15-18	RI Conference, Los Angeles, CA

Interact Club Pizza Party



Interact Club members are joined by their advisor, Amy Six, and our own Marilyn Birnbaum, superintendent of schools, at the "thank you" pizza party. The party was thrown by the Club to express our appreciation for the Interactors hard work with us at Rutgers basketball concession stands.

Joint Meeting at Giovanna's

There was nothing "regular" about our regular weekly meeting on April 9. We were joined by members of the Rotary Club of Dunellen-Greenbrook and by members of the Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains. The 44 Rotarians came together to celebrate Rotary friendship and fun and were not disappointed.

Our club has met previously with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains members, and has participated in events with the Dunellen-Greenbrook club, but we have not met jointly with both clubs, at least not in anyone's recent memory.

Rotarians were treated to an informative and lively presentation by District Governor Elect Joe Scandariato (pictured), who spoke about his participation in a 2007 Wharton School of Business Leadership Trek to the Hi-



malayas. We all enjoyed hearing about DGE Joe's success, which he told us came not in the trek, which came up a little short, but in meeting people in mountain villages and enjoying their hospitality and Rotary friendship in the mountains of India. Thanks, DGE Joe, we enjoyed your presentation.

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?

District Project

One of our current District 7510 Projects is to collect and then distribute personal items for homeless children. District Governor Julie Ann has 200 stuffed bears and 200 pillowcases. We will fill them at the District Conference with the following items:

- Toothbrush & travel container
- Hairbrush
- Toothpaste
- Trial Size Mouthwash
- Washcloth
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap & travel container
- Chapstick
- Tissues-Personal packs

Attention Club members and friends - collect these items now and bring them to any meeting, or drop them off at the South Plainfield Funeral Home, 2456 Plainfield Ave, South Plainfield. Put them in the Flower Room, which is at the right front corner of the building - the door is always open.

Current Members and Classifications

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Allen, Janice	Child care administration
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
Parenti, William	Municipal police service

Persichino, Linda	Banking
Rainear, Frank	Funeral home
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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