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What Paul Harris Said...

"With so many capable, devoted friends feeling responsibility for the future of Rotary, we may reasonably expect to turn out a twentieth century mechanism which will constitute an agreeable surprise to ourselves and the rest of the world."

Paul P Harris in "The Rotarian",
Nov. 1911

Former Club President Rewarded

PSE&G Sends Will Carey on Trip to Super Bowl

Years of Service plus Perfect Attendance Yield Rewards

Will Carey hasn't missed a day of work since 1977, when he had a 105 degree fever.

He was rewarded by his employer, PSE&G, for that healthy streak recently when he received two tickets to Super Bowl XLII.

Not only did he receive the free tickets, but his airfare and hotel accommodations were also supplied by PSE&G.

Will was accompanied on his trip by his wife, Phyllis, and by another PSE&G employee with a similar record of good health. Mike Tuosto hasn't missed a day

of work due to illness since 1971.

Will received the good news at a company staff meeting with 150 co-workers in attendance. He got the good news when Ralph LaRossa, PSE&G's president, announced at the meeting that it had been 31 years since Will had taken a sick day, and that he was being rewarded with a trip to the Super Bowl.

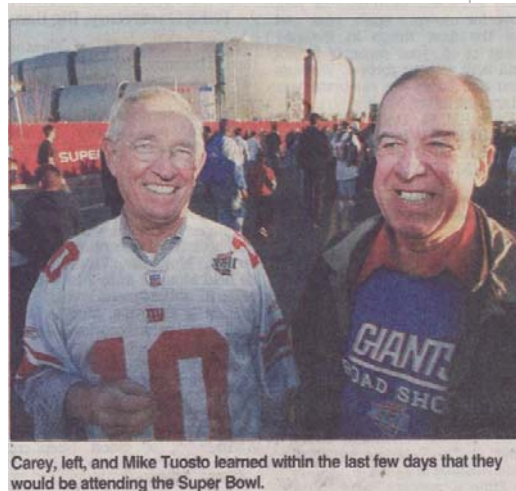
Ever the modest person, Will rose to recognize the acknowledgment. "I was totally shocked," said Will. "Everyone gasped when Ralph said it had been 31 years since I was out sick. I just stood up and gave him the thumbs up. I didn't know what else to do."

Will has been with PSE&G since 1963, when one of his first jobs was to engineer the relocation of gas lines to allow for construction of Routes 24, 78, and 287.

Will's secret to 31 years without illness? "The good Lord had a lot to do with it," he said. "And I always dress warmly when I go into the field."

Will was also instrumental in forming the One-Call system to prevent contractors from digging into underground utilities.

Will was president of our Club for the 1985-86 year. He attended our Past President's Day in 2004.



Carey, left, and Mike Tuosto learned within the last few days that they would be attending the Super Bowl.

Note: Excerpted from an article in the Star Ledger on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008/

Need more information? Have comments, questions or suggestions? All are welcome.
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Why I Am A Rotarian

I became a Rotarian some thirty-five years ago for the "usual reasons": Rotary met at noon, my mentor was a Rotarian, and it would not hurt to meet other professionals who might become patients in my dental practice.

I continued to be a Rotarian of sorts for nearly thirty years: I now am in my twenty-first year of Perfect attendance and enjoying the camaraderie of my fellow Rotarians. However, little did I know what was ahead when Past President of RI Cliff Dochterman spoke at District 6460 Convention in June of 2000?

Past President Cliff spoke to the question, "When did you become a Rotarian?" He opened my eyes to the "crawlers" of India, so crippled by Polio that all they can do is literally crawl or drag their bodies through squalid streets and spoke of the five thousand people, mostly children, who die every day due to contaminated water.

It is for these reasons and a thousand other reasons and the opportunity to make a difference that I truly became a Rotarian.

Dr. Richard W. Passmore
District 6460, USA

What is \$10,729?!

No, that's not your income tax refund. It's what hundreds of cups of soda, three hundred hot dogs, hundreds of candy bars, hundreds of servings of popcorn, and all of the dippin' dots, roast beef sandwiches, sausage and peppers, and hundreds of hot pretzels add up to at a rockin' and roarin' Rutgers basketball game.

On February 5th, #4 Rutgers women defeated #1 UConn. With a full house, we grossed the highest sales in our history of working at Rutgers concessions stands.

This number generated a profit of \$1,609 for the evening, which will push our earnings for the year to \$5,235, and we still have one game to go!

To properly compare our

earnings this year against prior years, we need to reduce our profits by the amounts earned at the high school lacrosse and the college soccer games. That brings our basketball earnings to \$4,257, well over the \$3,530 we earned in 2005-06. We expect to earn another \$1,000 in our last game on February 19th.



Feed your Polio Piggy every day! We're counting down to our April 15 deadline.

Who's Who and What's New



Addy Bonet has asked for and received a three month leave of absence. Faced with staff vacancies and a push to increase membership at the YMCA, Addy found it necessary to step aside temporarily and focus on her work responsibilities. We look forward to her return after the first quarter of the year.

Scholarships

Frank Rainear has volunteered to again chair the Scholarship Committee for Plainfield High School. He will be looking for volunteers to help with interviews.

In North Plainfield, Bill Parenti will again chair the Scholarship Committee, assisted by Dave Hollod. Bill will also be looking for help with his committee.



Famous Painting Travels to Chicago

Looking Over the Cliff, a watercolor by American painter Winslow Homer and one of the finest and most noteworthy in the fine art collection of the Plainfield Public Library, is being featured in an exhibit mounted at the Art Institute of Chicago entitled 'Watercolors by Winslow Home: The Color of Light.'

Former Rotary Club President and current Library Executive Director Joe DaRold and board members Anne Robinson (board president) and Carol Anderson-Lewis are traveling to Chicago at their own expense to preview the exhibit and take part in ceremonies honoring lenders to the exhibit.

Joe and the Library Board have been working with the exhibit curator at the Art Institute since October of 2006. The library's painting will be one of 130 watercolors, drawings and oil paintings in the exhibit.

Under tight security, the painting left Plainfield last week and arrived in Chicago on Wednesday in the middle of a winter storm that delivered 15



Joe DaRold and Anne Robinson with Winslow Homer's famous painting "Looking Over the Cliff"

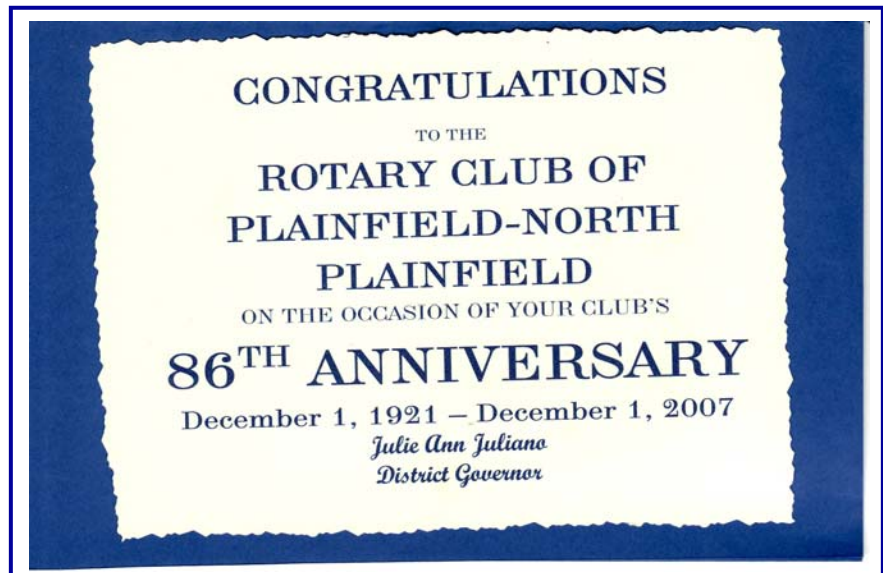
inches of snow.

Homer's imagery of two women standing together is repeated in many of the works from his Cullercoats (England) series. This painting from the Library's

collection has found great popularity in art circles and has been exhibited widely, including the *National Gallery of Art* in Washington, D.C., the *Whitney Museum* in New York City, the *Virginia Museum of Fine Arts* in Richmond, and the *Center for the Fine Arts* in Miami.

Joe says that he and the Board are especially proud to be participating in this exhibit because the *Art Institute of Chicago* is recognized as one of the great museums of the world.

[Note: This article appeared 2/12/08 on Dan Damon's blog, Plainfield Today.]



2008-2009

YMCA Dinners -

- March 3 - Bev and Michael
- June 2 - Frank
- Sept. 16 -
- Dec. 1 -

.Sign up at any Club meeting - minimum of three people needed for each event.

RU Basketball -

The season is nearing conclusion, and we have earned just over \$4,500 with our first five games. Our last game is Tuesday, 2/19/08. If you're not already signed up, email Michael now. You'll have a great time!

Jack Townley's Words of Wisdom



Jack: Why's my bookbag so heavy?
Mom: Your clarinet is in there.
Jack: Oh, I thought I was carrying two anthologies around.



First Names or Nicknames

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Miss, the Honorable, or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Mary, Karen, or Charley by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step that opens doors to all other opportunities for service.

Four Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" refers to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Ro-

tary, many Rotarians use this concept to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

- Club Service involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully.
- Vocational Service describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club, as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.
- Community Service pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the disabled, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.
- The fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Interna-

February/March Meeting Schedule

- ◇ Feb. 5 - 7 PM - RU B'ball
- ◇ Feb. 6 - Bd. Mtg. & Club Assembly
- ◇ Feb. 13 - Speaker by Linda
- ◇ Feb. 19 - 8 PM - RU B'ball
- ◇ Feb. 20 - Speaker open
- ◇ Feb. 27 - Speaker open
- ◇ Mar. 5 - Club Assembly
- ◇ Mar. 12 - Speaker by Michael
- ◇ Mar. 19 - Speaker by Bill
- ◇ Mar. 26 - Speaker by Tom

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

tional service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. When a Rotarian understands and travels down the four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.

District 7510 Events/News

Feb. 2	President Elect Training Seminar I, Raritan Valley Community College - 8 AM to 1 PM
Feb 9	PR & Fundraising Seminar, Quality Inn, Somerset.
Feb. 16	New Members' Breakfast
Feb. 23	Rotary International's 103rd anniversary
March	Literacy Month
March 29	PETS II, RVCC, 8 AM to 4 PM
May 2 - 4	District Conference, Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa, Groton, CT.

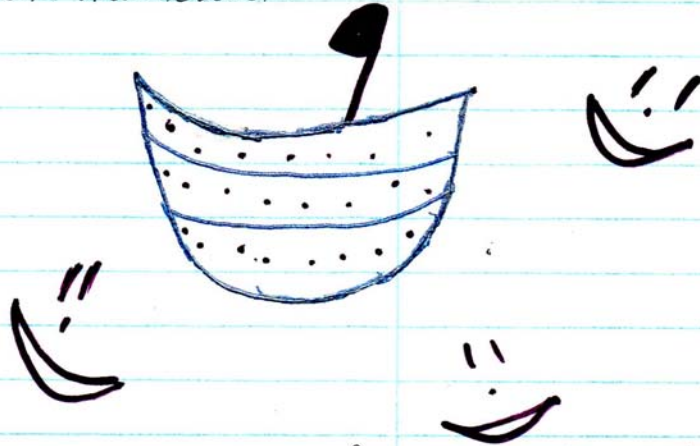
Club Renews *Homes of Hope* Sponsorship

Guayaquil 4 de Enero del 2008

De: Carlos Santana
Para: Mis Padrinos

Queridos Padrinos:

Un cordial Saludo esperando que se encuentren bien de Salud. Soy Carlos Santana, vivo en Jaramijo, Manabí - Ecuador y tengo 8 años. Se escribo esta carta para agradecerle las cosas que he recibido: Utiles escolares, Uniforme, medicinas y cremas y los regalos que me dieron en Navidad.



Espero Conocerlos muy Pronto.

From: Carlos Santana

To: My Sponsors

Dear Sponsors:

A cordial greeting hoping you are well. I am Carlos Santana, I am 8 years old and I live in Jaramijo, Ecuador.

I am writing this letter to thank you for all the things I have received, school supplies, medicines and creams and the presents you sent for Christmas.

I hope to meet you soon.

For the third year, we joined with other Rotarians to sponsor a child in the Ciudadela Rotaria Rio Guayas village in Ecuador.

Aleida Mejia, project coordinator at the village, reports that "the children enjoyed a wonderful holiday party at the Community Center. In addition to a pageant, games were played and presents distributed to all the children. They had a wonderful time, eating hot dogs and other goodies.

"After the party, the children wrote letters to their sponsors. They were very happy and genuinely grateful.

"The children are actively participating in school, enjoying healthy breakfasts every day. Starting this month, medical and dental check-ups will begin.

"The school year has just concluded, and materials will soon be ordered for the next year, which begins April 1."

Congratulations, Rotarians! It makes you feel good, doesn't it?

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

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

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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