



# Rotary Review

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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  
The Rotarian, Feb. 1924**

## Somerset Patriots Win

### Rain Delays Interrupt Club Outing

Twenty club members, relatives and friends enjoyed the luxury box accommodations at Commerce Bank Ballpark for the May 27 game between the Somerset Patriots and the Camden River-sharks.



Despite an initial rain delay that pushed back the opening pitch until nearly 7:30 PM, the Patriots took the field and played a tight game.



*Fans enjoying our balcony seating just outside the luxury suite.*

With a 1-0 lead into the fourth inning, the game was delayed again for rain. With the delay lasting past 9:15, our members and guests left for the evening.

Even without us their to cheer them on, the Patriots resumed play shortly thereafter, and won the game 6 to 5.



*Sparkee visited the suite to say hello to Jack - what a lucky guy.*

We all enjoyed standard baseball fare - hot dogs with 'kraut, hamburgers and cheeseburgers, plus delicious french fries and soft drinks, all supplied by the Club.

We also enjoyed a visit from Freeholder Director Peter Palmer, giving us an opportunity to thank him and the Freeholders for allowing us to use their suite.

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

## ~ District Conference Briefs ~

Continuing our article and report from last month's issue, here are some highlights of the Conference.

- The District's Club fundraising for Polio resulted in \$19,000 contributed by 26 clubs, \$4000 over the goal, with more money coming.
- Polio Plus - \$45,500+ raised overall so far this year, exceeding last year's \$35,687.
- The Group Study Exchange Team gave their presentations, followed by a past Ambassadorial Scholar who had spent a year in Spain. Very exciting to hear of her successful trip.

- Adopt a Life/Safe a Child Project in Brazil - what began as a project funded 80% by US \$, the program is now funded 80% by Brazilians. 90% of the street children who enter the program get through successfully.
- Eat Drink and Share, the District fundraiser for Rotary Foundation, raised \$66,000. This is more money than raised any other year in 12 year history.
- Foundation Giving - ours was the only District in Zones 31 and 32 to submit our contributions on time.
- Paul Harris Fellow recognition

was presented by DG Julie Ann to Barbara Evans for her work on the Ambassadorial Scholars. This is Barbara's 4th PHF.

- Foundation Annual Giving - funds not dedicated to Polio reached \$122,100.
- DG Julie Ann presented awards to a number of her officers and directors for their contributions and achievements.
- If we do not eradicate polio but only "control" the remaining countries, there will still be 200,000 new cases each year.
- Fighting Malaria - 500 million people contract malaria yearly. Each \$5 bed net protects two people and lasts 7 years.
- Mentoring Program - three clubs (Elizabeth, Branchburg, and Hamilton Township) have a mentoring program in place during and/or after school hours.
- Youth Exchange - 15 kids are in the program, with eight clubs participating.
- Interact Clubs - there are 42 clubs, supported by 28 Rotary Clubs in the District.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Weekend - forty-nine high school students attended.
- Conference Report - 329 people registered, including 167 Rotarians representing 38 Clubs. 20 current and 26 incoming Club presidents, 12 current and 5 incoming secretaries, 55 past presidents, 11 past district governors, 54 Paul Harris Fellow Rotarians and 13 PHF non-Rotarians.

## Why I Am A Rotarian

In 1976 I was invited to become a Rotarian. I did so because I appreciated the idea of serving our community and the needy by using all resources available.

Additionally, I also appreciated the opportunity to develop long life friendships and the ability to apply high ethical standards while spreading good will and peace.

The more you are involved in Rotary, the more you enjoy it, because it is about people who give and people who need.

About 1.2 million business and professional men and women in leadership positions within their respective vocations, are making decisions and get things done.

True Rotarians are unique individuals who are "movers and shakers" in their communities. Rotary clubs are different from other clubs, because they are considered to be "banks of ideas and service."

Imagine, what would our communities be like without Rotary? Could we succeed to eradicate polio if there were no Rotary?

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GOVERNOR DISTRICT 2450, 1991 /92  
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## Business Card Exchange

A successful networking event was held on May 14 at North Plainfield's Vermeule Mansion.

In an effort to better publicize our Club and its activities, invitations were mailed to businesses and our own advertisement appeared twice in the Courier News.



Mary Pollio, manager of the Wine Country of North Plainfield, presented five wines and a summer cooler for everyone's enjoyment.

The wines included an Aliwen Sauvignon Blanc Reserve, a Millaman Chardonnay, Cottage Road Merlot, Vixen Syrah, and a Sipino Pinot Noir.

The summer cooler was a Mionetto Prosecco Red, a combination that gave the slightly bubbly Prosecco a fruity taste. The Prosecco proved to

be a popular item.

Mary also mentioned that wine pricing is increasing, due to increased costs for transportation.

Our guests also enjoyed cheese and crackers, a platter of fresh fruit and a vegetable platter, along with bottled water and soda for those who did not drink wine.

We had use of the entire first floor for the event, with most activity in the larger meeting room and the Club's display table set up in an adjoining room. Guests included:

- Bob Longo of Bob Longo Consulting
- Joe Plakowski of Somerset Savings Bank
- Joe Tevlin of Watchung Mountain Messenger Service
- Karen Marino and Joanne Horwitz of Smart Shopper
- Grace LaRosa of Wachovia
- Elissa Cohen of Suburban Jewelers
- David Persaud of Concord Equity Group
- Robert Graham (who introduced himself as "Mr. Plainfield") of Re/Max Classic Group
- Mindy Scarlett of the Scarlett

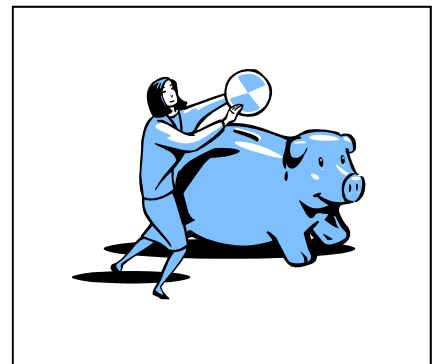
Foundation

- Elayne Hodgson of Greenbrook Gardens
- Michael Harris and Colin Mapp of Primerica Financial Services
- Nate Beasley of DTP International Real Estate Investment
- Harmond Financial Services

Each person attending the event received a club brochure, *20 Reasons Why You Should Join Rotary* brochure, and a *Join Us for Lunch* ticket.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the event and helped make it a success.

### Polio Piggy



*Feed your piggy every day  
And you will be surprised  
How quickly its big belly fills  
Up to its beady eyes.*

**2008-05-16**

#### **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**



When asked what would be a good gift for his new nephew, Jack said "How about a watch?" (Maybe Jack could use it until Aidan gets older?)



### Room 711 — Rotary's Birthplace

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, USA, was the birthplace of Rotary.

It was in that historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, where Paul Harris first met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

It took extensive research and dedication by a few Chicago Rotarians to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity.

For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed annually to the Paul Harris 711 Club, which provided funds for leasing, maintenance, and preservation.

In 1989, when the Unity Building was about to be torn down, members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when it found a permanent home at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston, where this piece of Rotary's heritage is preserved.

### The Classification Principle

Virtually all membership in Rotary is based upon a

"classification." Basically, a classification describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service that the Rotarian renders to society.

In determining the classification of a Rotarian, it is necessary to look at the "principal or recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company, or institution" with which an active member is connected or "that which covers the active member's principal and recognized business or professional activity."

It should be clearly understood that classifications are determined by activities or services to society rather than by the position held by a particular individual. In other words, if a person is the president of a bank, he or she is not classified as "bank president" but under the classification "banking."

The classification principle also permits businesses and industries to be separated into distinct functions such as manufacturing, distributing, retailing, and servicing.

Classifications may also be specified as distinct and independent divisions of a large corporation or university within the club's territory, such as a school of business or a school of engineering.

The classification principle is a necessary concept in assuring that each Rotary club represents

## June thru August Meeting Schedule

- ◇ June 4 - Track and Field Meet
- ◇ June 11 - Track Rain Date
- ◇ June 18 - Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers - 6 PM - Guest speaker Bill Melia, District Polio Plus Chair
- ◇ June 25 - Last meeting of year
- ◇ July and August - no speakers scheduled during summer months. We will have our regular meetings!

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

## Annual Dinner

Save the date - June 18, 2008 - for our annual dinner and installation of officers for the 2008-2009 year.

Cocktail hour (cash bar) begins at 6 PM, with dinner following at 7.

This event is for members and spouses/partners/guests, so please plan to be there. More information will be sent to members via email.

a cross section of the business and professional service of the community.

**Ed. Note:** Current RI by-laws allow five members with the same classification, except "media" and "clergy", which are unlimited.



*Michael and Janet Townley are the proud grandparents of Aidan Michael, born May 16 to Michael Jr. and his wife Angela, who live in Middlesex. Aidan joins the three granddaughters - the twins, Amanda and Erin of South Plainfield, and Daria of Easton, PA. Jack finally has a nephew!*

*Bev Howard's father, Robert A. Howard, 86, passed away on May 28 after a long bout with Alzheimer's disease. A beloved father and devoted church leader at Mountain Ridge Bible Chapel, Mr. Howard was remembered with eloquence at a memorial service on May 30.*

His brother, son-in-law, a granddaughter and a friend each spoke lovingly of a man of deep faith and an abiding belief in the good that is in all people. We who did not know him missed knowing a great man.

**The Plainfield Area YMCA  
Board of Directors  
cordially invites you to the**

**131<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
Monday, June 16, 2008  
6:30 pm**

at

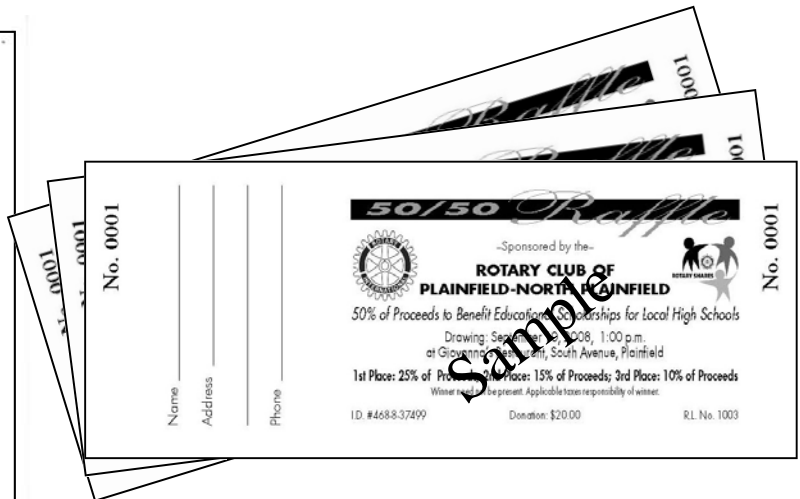
**Café Vivace  
1370 South Avenue  
Plainfield, NJ 07062  
908-753-4500**

**Entertainment: Joe Bonini-  
Jazz Standards**

**Cost per person \$50.00**

**Please respond by June 11, 2008  
to Pamela Nelson at  
(908) 756-6060**

**Please make checks payable to the  
Plainfield Area YMCA  
518 Watchung Ave  
Plainfield NJ 07060**



Get your tickets now for our latest fundraising effort to benefit our scholarship program.

Janice Allen has agreed to chair the project, and will distribute tickets to each member.

Priced at \$20 each, Club members will get 3 books to sell.

Prizes are 25%, 15% and 10% of total sales.

The drawing is set for September 10 at our regular weekly meeting.

# Rotary District 7510

**Leading the World in 100% Paul Harris Clubs**

**Current Members and Classifications**

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

**Join us for a free lunch!**

Clip this coupon (or bring the newsletter) and use it as your invitation to meet our members and to learn more about our Rotary Club and about Rotary International.

**Any Wednesday at 12:15 PM  
Giovanna's Restaurant  
1462 South Avenue  
Plainfield, NJ**

**THE 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 Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?



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