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What Paul Harris Said...

"If Rotary ceases to be a responsibility and becomes a mere relaxation or pastime, its usefulness will cease".

Paul Harris, RI Founder
Message to the Houston
Convention in 1914

Club Receives Awards

Website and Newsletter Honored at Conference

For the second year in a row, our Club was recognized at the annual District Conference.

Held at the Marriott in Groton, Connecticut, the Conference was our District's opportunity to celebrate a successful year.

During the first plenary session (that's the business portion of the Conference), President

Linda was called to the dais not once but twice to receive awards.

Our Club received the first place award for small club newsletters and the second place award for small club websites.

Congratulations to our webmaster, Bill Parenti, for his work in building and maintaining our website. And the Editor thanks everyone for working so hard on our projects and events, making it easy to publish this newsletter.



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 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 professional people 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.

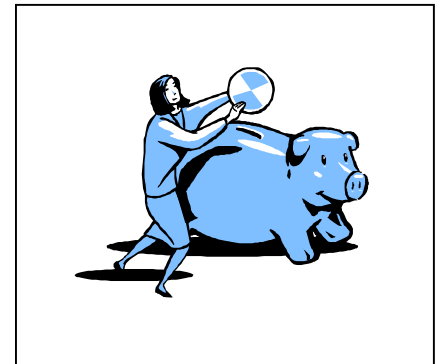
He also spoke of the five thousand people, mostly children, who die every day due to contaminated water.

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

Polio Piggy

Polio Piggy money was submitted to the District just before the Conference. Between members contributions, the Club piggy, and the money raised at the Wine Tasting Dinner, we turned in a total of \$680.53. That is just a little short of our \$800 goal. But don't worry - we'll be feeding the piggies for two more years to help Rotary reach \$100 million!



~ District Conference Briefs ~

President Linda, Bev, Paul and Michael attended the District Conference in Groton, CT on May 2, 3 & 4. This was the first conference in quite some time to have so many members of our Club in attendance.

The Conference is the last big



Michael & Janet, Bev, Joan and Paul, and Linda and Frank at the formal dinner on Saturday night.

event of the Rotary year for the District Governor and her officers, a chance to celebrate their successes and to enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of fellow Rotarians from the District.

Presentations during the business sessions included the Group Study Exchange team from Italy, Ambassadorial Scholars, Youth Exchange students from Spain, update on Polio Plus, and many other committees and speakers.

PDG Eddie Blender, the RI president's representative, complimented DG Julie Ann on a terrific conference, "one of the best" he had ever attended.

While at the Conference, the



The Club's display table, including our posters, two old minutes books, several awards and citations.

Club picked up five gift bags for homeless children. The bags were filled with personal items and toiletries, pens, stuffed bears, and were given to the YMCA for children in their homeless shelter.

More details to come in our next newsletter.

Scholarship \$\$

The PHS scholarship committee, led by Frank Rainear, Jr., interviewed over forty seniors. The following students received awards:

F. S. Mathewson Rotary:

Sherrie Hanson \$1000
 Lateefah Stembridge \$1000
 Janifer Do \$500

PHS Alumni Association:

Charnelle Bailey \$800
 Tiffany Baskerville \$1000
 Robert Williams \$1000
 Janifer Do \$1000
 Gerthy Israel \$1000
 Chantelle Parker \$1000

J. Wilbur Tovell:

Robert Devarona \$800
 Christopher Garces \$1000
 Keath Gerald \$1000
 Malcom Moye \$1000
 Christian Payne \$1000

The NPHS scholarship committee, led by Bill Parenti, selected the following recipients:

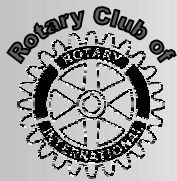
F. S. Mathewson Rotary:

DeVaughn Gordon \$1000
 Michael Lefanto \$1000
 Tracy Mamuric \$500*

Leo Albert Friese:

Kunwar Kaur \$1500
 Allison Sarfati \$1500*
 Eric Castillo \$1500

* - Interact Club members



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Business Card Exchange and Networking Event May 14 - 5 to 7 PM at the Historic Vermeule Mansion in North Plainfield



Come to this special event for Plainfield and North Plainfield businesses only.
Your business card is your free admission to promote your business!
Free Admission & Refreshments ~ 610 Greenbrook Road, corner Clinton Ave.
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield

Over 150 invitations were mailed to North Plainfield businesses to encourage attendance at our Business Card Exchange and Networking Event at the Vermeule Mansion on May 14.

In addition to the mailing, the above ad appeared in the Friday May 9 and Monday May 12 editions of the Courier News.

The Board explored using a commercial mailing service to reach businesses in Plainfield and North Plainfield, but the total cost would have exceeded \$1500.

The Courier News ads cost \$150 each, an expense the Board felt was reasonable considering the exposure that the Club would receive.

The purpose of the event is to expose businesses to Rotary and the services that we provide to our community and to our world.

We will have refreshments, including a wine tasting with cheese, crackers and veggies.

All members are encouraged to attend the event to meet local business people and talk up Rotary.

We will have our Club brochures available to handout as people leave the event. Included in the brochures will be our "free lunch" tickets and a pamphlet giving "20 Reasons to Join Rotary."

The most common reason that people join Rotary is because someone asked, it's as simple as that. We will have a pool of people there, ready to be asked. Come out and do the asking!

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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



"When I die, I want everybody to bury me with all my jerseys - baseball, football, soccer."



May/June Meeting Schedule

- ◇ May 7 - Club Assembly
- ◇ May 14 - Meeting Cancelled
- ◇ May 14 - Business Card Exchange & Networking Event
- ◇ May 21 - Track Meet training
- ◇ May 28 - Speaker by Vicky
- ◇ June 4 - Track and Field Meet
- ◇ June 11 - Track Rain Date
- ◇ June 18 - Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers - 6 PM
- ◇ June 25 - Last meeting of year

[**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.

Women in Rotary

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only.

In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, invited three women to become members. The RI Board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI constitution.

The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law that prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations.

The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club.

The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. Since that time, women have become members and leaders of clubs and districts throughout the world.

More Rotary Firsts

- Rotary established the Endowment Fund in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.

- Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922, when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

- Rotary first established Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in 1957 for contributors of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna convention.

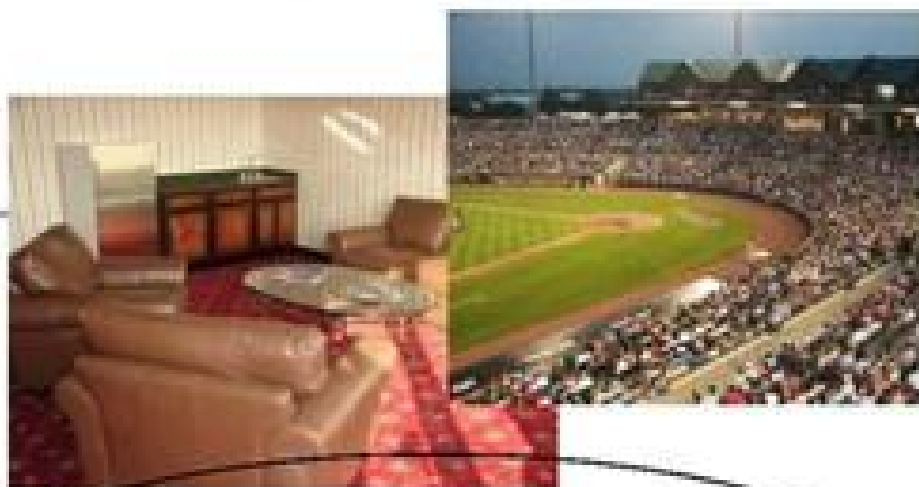
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center Rotary club) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.

- The first Rotary Convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.

- The first head of state to address an RI Convention was U.S. President Warren G. Harding in 1923 at St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

District 7510 Events/News

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



**Enjoy a Somerset Patriots
Baseball Game in Style!
Tuesday, May 27 @ 7:05 PM!**

We have 30 tickets and a reserved LUXURY SUITE for this game, a \$775 value, FREE!! Food provided by the Club. Club members and family will receive first preference for the tickets, and the rest will go to the Interact Club at North Plainfield High School.

Reserve your tickets today - email RotaryPNP@comecas.net

Deadline for reservations - May 15

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

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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