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"Make Dreams Real"

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Rotary Club of
Plainfield-North Plainfield

What Paul Harris Said...

"Little which is worthwhile comes without effort. It could not be appreciated if it were so to come.

Rotary was not the result of a stroke of genius; in fact, there is little if anything, even original about it. There is wisdom in the expression, 'There is nothing new under the sun.'"

This Rotarian Age
p. 73

Raffle Raises Nearly \$1500

Scholarship Program Earns First Funds for Current Year

Members attending the September 10 regular weekly meeting also enjoyed the drama and suspense of the drawing for our 50/50 Raffle.

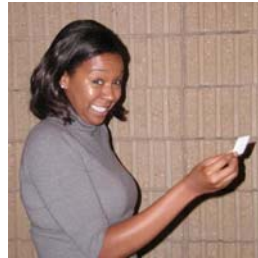
Chairwoman Janice, President Linda and Secretary Michael gathered before the meeting to count up the raffle tickets, tabulate the returns, and calculate the prizes.

With about \$2,200 on the table and the raffle ticket stubs separated from the booklets, it looked like our gross for prizes and earnings would be just over \$2,000. However, one last source of tickets then walked in, and the total dollars jumped up to just below \$3,000.

Marilyn Birnbaum brought in \$700 in ticket sales, becoming the top seller and knocking President Linda and her sales of \$500 out of the top spot. Following closely in total sales

were Paul, Michael and Beverly. Marilyn's magic touch with her sales pitch carried through to the drawing of winners, when two of the three prizes went to ticket holders from her sales.

Our guest at the meeting, Annie Williams, daughter of



new member Darlene, worked with Tom Reedy to draw the prizes.

And the winners? -

- 1st - \$730 - Marianne Harris
- 2nd - \$438 - Denise Hughes
- 3rd - \$292 - Kathy Kobylarz

Our scholarship fund is off to a good start with \$1460 raised by this raffle. Many thanks to all who participated!



**Wine Tasting Dinner
Re-scheduled to
March 26, 2009.**

*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

It is when you stand at the airport waiting to meet your wife. There is a tap on your shoulder and a person neatly dressed in a suit with a great warm smile on his face greets you.....Wow! But a few years ago he was a gangster in a squatter camp and now, through a development program initiated by myself, he is in a stable job and a proud youngster.

It is when you spend time with disadvantaged young people who have just completed a sailing circumnavigation of Africa....all these youngsters from disadvantaged communities...and you learn of their progress and development.

It's the time when one has nurtured a young girl who lost her father and had no money for university. The moment when she graduates as a doctor, is invited to dinner and meets her benefactor, an old Rotarian, over 90 years, who she had been caring for but never knew was the Rotarian who had sponsored her.

It's when you switch on the TV and there in your family room is the smiling face of a young girl who came from an iron shack with no electricity, water, sanitation ...with a candle to study and a wet floor in the winter...a person

who we as Rotarians took by the hand and walked with. She blossomed, completed her education and today is a South African presenter for major sports events – even the Olympics were covered by her.

It is the years of working with young folk on youth exchange and the post graduates from the Ambassadorial Scholarship program. And then the time when you meet them after they have returned, settled down and are now contributing to their own community, when you share once again in their formative experiences for which Rotary has made so much of a difference in their lives.

These and the working with families in the squatter camps are the “return on the sweat equity investments” that recharge my batteries and keep me going.

Thank you Rotary!

Trevor Wilkins, Past
President
Rotary Club of Cape Town,
South Africa



SERVICE Above Self

Reply to Survey

The Board of Directors is contemplating a change of meeting time.

Last month, we emailed a brief survey form to all members. To date, we have not received replies from all members.

Please check your email inbox, find the survey and send in your replies. The Board would like to discuss this issue and bring it to a conclusion soon.

NPHS Interact Club

Pumpkin Sale

October 12

at

**North Plainfield
High School**

**Support our
Interactors!**

**Twelfth Annual
Eat, Drink & Share**

Nov. 10, 2008

6:00 to 9:00 PM

at

The Pines Manor

2085 Rte. 27, Edison

Tickets - \$55 in advance

\$60 at the Door

**Benefits the Humanitarian
Efforts of the Rotary
Foundation**

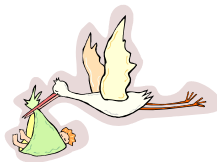


Who's Who and What's New

Darlene McWilliams was inducted into membership at the September 10 meeting. She was inducted by our vice president, Vicky Griswold, who also happened to be her sponsor. Darlene resides in Plainfield and is a realtor with ReMax Competitive Edge in Warren.

Club members not only met our newest member, but also enjoyed the company of her daughter, Annie, who is currently running for a Council seat in Plainfield.

Amy Six, our NPHS Interact Club's faculty advisor, is expecting a baby in November. She writes to say the Interact Club began the year with 25 members, who are looking forward to working at Rutgers basketball games in January and February.



Addy Bonet returned from her leave of absence to attend our September 17 meeting. Welcome back, Addy! We all missed you.

Polio Piggy



Feed your piggy today. You'll be surprised how quickly it will fill and you'll reach your goal of \$100 for polio.



10th Annual Wine Tasting Dinner

Thursday, March 26, 2009
Cocktail hour at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM
\$70/person
 (anticipated pricing)

Oct. & Nov. Meeting Schedule

- ◇ Oct. 1 - DG Joe official visit
- ◇ Oct. 8 - Shelter Box Presentation - Paul Henry
- ◇ Oct. 15 - Brenda Jacobs on mortgage crisis - Linda P.
- ◇ Oct. 22 - Ingrid Alexander on Castle Spa - Darlene
- ◇ Oct. 29 - Speaker by Vicky
- ◇ Nov. 5 - Club Assembly
- ◇ Nov. 13 - **Thursday** Joint Meeting at Dunellen Green Brook Club
- ◇ Nov. 19 - Speaker by Frank
- ◇ Nov. 26 - Joint Meeting with Fanwood-Scotch Plains at Giovanna's - Sharon Goldner- Nutrition & holistic health

Note: Please let Michael know when speakers are arranged so Certificates of Appreciation can be prepared and ready.]

Rotary Leadership Institute

November 12, 2008
 at the
 Pines Manor, Edison

A special, full-day training program designed to teach us more about Rotary and to develop new and current leaders.
 Addy Bonet and Darlene McWilliams will attend.

2008-09

YMCA Dinners -


Dec. 1 - Bill, Dave and Marilyn

Sign up at any Club meeting - three or four people needed for each event.

RU Basketball -

It's not too soon to start thinking about our annual scholarship fundraiser at the Rutgers Athletic Center concession stands. We should have a tentative schedule soon, and will need everyone's participation.

Jack Townley's Corner



Jack quickly closed the door to the shed after throwing his recycling into the can, wary of any crickets lurking about. "I'm still afraid of crickets, but I'm being mature about it!"

Superintendent is Speaker

Plainfield's superintendent of schools, Dr. Steve Gallon III, addressed members and guests of the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield at their weekly meeting on September 17 at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield.

Dr. Gallon spoke of his appreciation for the investments that Rotary clubs make in their communities. He related his own experiences with Rotary, describing how a local Rotary club had sponsored his trip to a Boys State summer leadership program when he was in high school.

He went on to talk about the school system's new four-year strategic plan and reviewed the five goals of that plan, inviting Rotarians to attend the "State of the District" meeting on October 9 at Emerson School.



Tom Reedy presents Dr. Gallon with a Certificate of Appreciation and one of our key ring/flashlights.

District Events

October 6
Vocational Assembly
Parsippany

October 15
Interact Leadership Program
Quality Inn, Somerset

November 8
Rotary Day at the United Nations
Pre-registration required!

November 10
Eat, Drink & Share
The Pines Manor, Edison

November 12
Rotary Leadership Institute
The Pines Manor, Edison

February 11, 2009
D7510 PETS I
6:00PM-9:00PM

March 7
D7510 PETS II
7:30AM-4:00PM

YMCA Shelter Dinner



Colleen McAteer, Gerri Summers, and former member Bill Parenti serve dinner to shelter guests and to residents at the YMCA

The Club served a turkey dinner on September 16 to approximately forty homeless shelter guests and residents at the Plainfield Area YMCA.

The dinner was a cooperative effort between Rotarians and the Summers Foundation of Watchung, which donated \$800 to pay for dinners at the YMCA.

Turkey and stuffing, mashed sweet potatoes, creamed corn and cranberries filled diners' plates. Cook-

ies, brownies and soft drinks rounded out the meal.

The dinner was prepared by Clair Lamont, owner of Nanny's Kitchen on Route 22 in North Plainfield. This is the second meal that Nanny's Kitchen has donated for us to serve at the Y.

April 24-26
89th District Conference
Annapolis, Maryland



May 13
District Assembly
2:00PM-8:00PM





Vocational Service is the second Avenue of Service. No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians, and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Programs of vocational service are those that seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce, and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering young people career guidance, occupational information, and assistance in making vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Many recognize the dignity of employment by honoring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. The 4-Way Test and other ethical and laudable business philosophies are often promoted among young people entering the world of work. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are also typical Vocational Service programs at most clubs.

Regardless of the ways in which Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions?" That's why the second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club.

Four Avenues of Service

Based on the [Object of Rotary](#), the Four Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

Welcome to Darlene



Vice President Vicky inducted Darlene McWilliams as our newest member on September 10. The induction included a warm welcome to the Club and the traditional "pinning" of our new member. Darlene has her full information packet, but her best means of learning more about us is through friendships developed at our meetings and projects.

Current Members and Classifications

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Allen, Janice | Child care administration |
| Birnbaum, Marilyn | Public education |
| Bonet, Addy | Social service |
| Griswold, Vicky | Music retail |
| Hawkins-Todman, Linda | Real estate |
| Henry, Paul | Financial planning/CPA |
| Hollod, David | Public administration |
| Howard, Beverly | Cardiac care |
| Darlene McWilliams | Real estate |
| Persichino, Linda | Banking |
| Rainear, Frank | Funeral home |
| Reedy, Thomas | Social service |
| Townley, Michael | Stained and leaded glass |

Honorary Members and Former Classifications

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Harvey, William | Clergy - presbyterian |
| Gindin, William | General law |
| Herting, Frank | Public education |
| Perrone, Ralph | Social service |

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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