



# Rotary Review

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### **What Paul Harris Said...**

"Perhaps there are two features of Rotary which more than any others challenge the attention of those who are not Rotarians. One is...our classification plan...The other is the provision that neither riches, political nor religious standings shall constitute barriers to membership."

**1933 Radio Address  
from RI Convention in 1933**

## Holiday Meeting

### Joint Meeting with Fanwood/Scotch Plains Club

Christmas carols were in the air at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains on Wednesday, December 17 this year.

Rotarians from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains club were joined by eight of our members and one guest to celebrate the holiday season.



*Rotarians from both clubs enjoy fellowship along with the students from FSP choir at Snuffy's Restaurant..*

The Concert Choir from Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School treated all in attendance to a mix of tunes, from traditional to contemporary, secular to religious.

The choir's enthusiasm for their task was evidenced by the smiles on their faces as they sang these beautiful songs and hymns.

Several club members remarked that the mix of songs was more traditional than normally heard with the *politically correct* holiday season.



*Members of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School Choir perform Christmas and Hannukah holiday music..*

## Dictionaries



*Dave Hollod and Janice Allen were assisted by Bill Parenti as they distributed 257 dictionaries to all third graders in North Plainfield on December 18.*

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

## Rutgers in the Old Days




One of our earliest efforts at Rutgers is pictured above. Can you name the participants and tell the year? Not all are/were members. Send your guesses to the Editor at [RotaryPNP@verizon.net](mailto:RotaryPNP@verizon.net).

## Annie's Oath



Our own Annie McWilliams takes the Oath of Office, administered by James A. Key, Jr. at the Plainfield Reorganization meeting on January 2. Congratulations, Councilwoman Annie!.



### Who's Who and What's New

**Sandra Carolan-Brozy** read our advertisement and information piece in the Plainfield Special Improvement District Holiday Magazine in December. She checked out our website and then came to a meeting to meet us and learn more about the Club. After her visit, Sandra submitted her application for membership, which was approved by the Board. We anticipate inducting Sandra at one of our January meetings.



### 10th Annual Wine Tasting Dinner

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

## Jan. & Feb. Meeting Schedule

- ◇ Jan. 7 - Club Assembly & PHS Student of the Month Awards
- ◇ Jan. 14 - Speaker by Dave
- ◇ Jan. 21 - Addy will speak on the Rotary Leadership Inst.
- ◇ Jan. 28 - Board Meeting & Speaker by Darlene
- ◇ Feb. 4 - Club Assembly
- ◇ Feb. 11 - Speaker by Marilyn
- ◇ Feb. 18 - Speaker by Tom
- ◇ Feb. 25 - Board Meeting & Speaker by Janice

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

**2009-2010**

**YMCA Shelter** - Quarterly dinner schedule: Dates for 2009 - 3/2, 6/1 9/14 12/7. Sign up now!

**RU Basketball** -  
**1/20 - Tuesday** - Women vs. West Virginia @ 7:30 PM.

**2/7 - Saturday** - Women vs. Georgetown @ 2:00 PM.  
**2/22 - Sunday** - Men vs. West Virginia @ 3:00 PM  
**3/7 - Saturday** - Men vs. South Florida @ 2:00 PM.  
 Bring a friend or two and help us raise more scholarship \$.

## Jack Townley's Corner



Santa surprised Jack with a Christmas eve visit and gave him a bag of coal! Underneath was a \$10 bill. Just when we had him convinced that there is no Santa!!



## Community Needs

### Opportunities for Fellowship

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. Once a week, the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meeting, but not all members hear it knocking.

The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors and new members, and to share your personal friendship with other members.

Rotary clubs that have a reputation for being “friendly clubs” usually follow a few simple steps. Members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week or to sit with a member they do not know as well as their long-time personal friends.

Members are asked to invite new members or visitors to join their table and share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them. Rotarians also should make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club.

When Rotarians follow these easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon, Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club.

**Donate Blood** - Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.

Every day in our country, hospitals and emergency treatment facilities need about 38,000 pints of blood. This leads to periodic blood shortages across the country.

Because the blood supply often drops to seriously low levels in the winter months, donations are especially important now.



To make a donation, go to the Plainfield Rescue Squad, 700 W. Seventh Street, on Saturday, January 10 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

If you cannot make this blood drive, contact the American Red Cross in Plainfield at [www.tricountyredcross.org](http://www.tricountyredcross.org) or telephone 908-756-6414.

## StarFish Food Pantry

Remember our friends at StarFish who are feeding the poor every week. Here is a list of food items given out to an “average” family. Bread is always in short supply. Bring what you can to any meeting, and it will be delivered to StarFish for you. .

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Package of frozen hot dogs, or | 1 Macaroni and Cheese                |
| 1 Package of frozen ground beef  | 1 Small box of tea bags              |
| 1/2 lb of margarine              | 1 Jar Peanut Butter                  |
| 1 Loaf of bread                  | 1 Jar Jelly                          |
| 1 lb of Pasta                    | 1 Can of Fruit or Jar of Apple-sauce |
| 1 Pasta Sauce                    | 2 Cans Vegetables                    |
| 2 Cans Soup                      |                                      |



- 1 Can of Tuna
- 1 Can of Pork and Beans
- 1/2 Dozen Eggs
- 1 box of cereal or
- 4 Instant Breakfast Cereal envelopes

**Current Members and Classifications**

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
McWilliams, Annie	Real estate
McWilliams, Darlene	Real estate
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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