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What Paul Harris Said...

"Nothing is more momentous to a people than their conception of goodness. It is as true of nations as of individuals that as they think in their hearts so are they. Those who mold a nation's thoughts and shape its ideals hold its destiny in their keeping."

Paul P. Harris

Message to 1918 Rotary Convention, Kansas City, MO.

Rutgers Fundraiser Concludes

Annual concession stand duty during basketball season nets \$4,650

Our annual basketball concession stand duty concluded with a men's game against South Florida.

Billed as one of the busier games, it came through as a mid-level, with profits of \$1,870. Most of the "busy" games come in at twice that amount, or more.

One reason for the poor showing could be the men's team's poor showing this season.

Billed as one of their improved teams, they often could not get the job done with their young players.

Attendance at men's games, especially against Big East rivals, normally is very good. But with their mediocre season, the RAC simply did not draw the numbers that we are used to seeing.

We partnered with the Rotary Club of Dunellen-Green Brook this year in an effort to drum up more workers with less effort on the drummer's part.

That also proved to be more of a challenge than we anticipated. With the exception of one game where ten members came out, D/GB's participation averaged 3 workers per game. As a result, their share of profits was \$1490 vs. ours of \$4650.



The men's basketball team at work in the Rutgers Athletic Center. With a mediocre record this year, there was not a lot to cheer about at these games.

We owe a big debt of gratitude to the Interact Club at North Plainfield High School for their support.

Unable to participate at the earlier games (November and December), the Club came out for each of the remaining games, with eight to fourteen members, plus their advisor,

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



Who's Who and What's New

Darlene McWilliams successfully dealt with a bout of appendicitis recently. Being a real trouper, Darlene suffered through some discomfort before realizing that the discomfort was appendicitis, resulting in emergency surgery. We are happy to report she is fine.

Janet and Michael Townley celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a dinner given by their five children, followed by a surprise party for them at their son Mike's house. Fifty or so friends and relatives enjoyed anniversary cake and shared memories and photos.

Avery McWilliams, one of Darlene's daughters, came out to help at our last Rutgers game. No big deal? How about the fact that she was on crutches? And she had such a good time that she wanted to come out again! She has the mark of a future Rotarian - Service Above Self.

Becky Bollaro (Linda's daughter) is recovering from knee surgery. Becky has been a big help at our events for several years. We wish her well.

Meeting at the Mansion

Our regular weekly meeting on April 8 will be a little irregular. We will meet at Vicky's childhood home at 920 Woodland Avenue for a tour of the renovated Victorian.

After her mom died, Vicky and her sister and brother decided to



renovate the house before putting it on the market to sell.

Workers have spent months updating the kitchen, baths, plumbing, electrical systems, painting the inside and the outside, refinishing floors, and lots of other work.

As of the latest progress report, the bulk of the work is completed and Vicky is anxious for us to see her childhood home.

We will have a sandwich and chips lunch available. Members (and interested others) should let Michael Townley know if you will attend - mrtownley@verizon.net.

March and April Meeting Schedule

- ◇ Mar 4 - Club Assembly
- ◇ Mar 11 - Speaker by Bev
- ◇ Mar 18 - Speaker by Frank
- ◇ Mar 25 - No speaker; Board meeting at 11 AM.
- ◇ Mar 26 - Wine Dinner
- ◇ Apr 1 - Club Assembly
- ◇ April 8 - Linda - meeting at Vicky's House
- ◇ April 15 - Speaker by Darlene
- ◇ April 22 - Speaker by Annie
- ◇ April 29 - Speaker by Paul
- ◇ [Note: Please let Michael know your speaker so a Certificate of Appreciation can be prepared.]

Scholarships

Our committee chairs are Janice Allen for North Plainfield and Annie McWilliams for Plainfield.

Janice reports that she will have the applications soon, and needs volunteers to help review the applications and then interview the students. Annie is faced with the same tasks, and also needs volunteers for her committee.

Call them today - Janice at 753-1151 and Annie at 612-3405.

Coming soon

YMCA Shelter - Quarterly dinner schedule dates remaining: 6/1, 9/14, 12/7. Sign up now!

Track and Field Meet - June 3 - Wednesday - at the Hub Stine Athletic Field on Randolph Road. Junior high

school students from Plainfield and surrounding area will be invited to participate. The event is from Noon to 4:00 PM. Mark your calendars and save the date - this is our BIG youth service event of the year, and we need every member to help.

Jack Townley's Corner



"I really need an allowance, and could you lend me \$20 to help buy a (used) LG Dare phone?" When we discussed chores for the allowance, he decided he could do without the allowance, but not the \$20. The problem now? how to repay!



10th Annual

Wine Tasting Dinner and Silent Auction

Special Guest of Honor ~ Janice Allen
Former Mayor ~ Borough of North Plainfield
Rotary Club Past President

Join us as we recognize a true community leader who embodies the motto of Rotary - "Service Above Self"

President of our Rotary club - 1997 - 1998

Council member in North Plainfield ~ 1989 - 1992

Mayor of North Plainfield ~ 1997 - 2008

~ Seating is Limited - Early Reservations are Recommended ~



**Entertainment
by Bob Young**
Founder and CEO
Friends of Jazz, Inc.

- ◆ **Date : Thursday, March 26, 2009**
- ◆ **Time : 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**
- ◆ **Place : Giovanna's Restaurant,
1462 South Avenue, Plainfield**
- ◆ **Cost : \$70 per person**
Checks payable to Rotary PNP, Inc.
- ◆ **RSVP : Send coupon and check by 3/15/09 to
Rotary PNP, Inc.**
165 Palmer Avenue, S. Plainfield 07080
Email: RotaryClub@RotaryPNP.org

WINE TASTING DINNER 2009

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of tickets _____ Amount Encl. _____

Sold by Rotary Member _____

Rotary PNP, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit formed to award college scholarships to graduating seniors at Plainfield and North Plainfield High Schools

He's a Winner AGAIN!!!

Guess who won the Joker pot? Current and former members refer to him as "Mr. Lucky" (and other names), but you may know him as Tom Reedy.

For non-members, the Joker Pot is a raffle-type drawing that we hold each week. Members get a ticket which, if drawn, entitles the winner to draw a card from the deck of playing cards. Usually, the drawn card is not the Joker, so the money in the pot rolls over to the next week.

As the weeks roll by, the Joker Pot increases until a Joker is finally drawn. As sergeant at arms, Tom is responsible for handling the 50/50 drawing and the Joker drawing.



He has a reputation (well deserved) for frequently winning the Joker Pot, even after the cards are shuffled, mixed up, spread randomly on the table, etc. etc. We've all lost count of the number of times that he has won. Look closely - this is the face of a winner.

Why I Am A Rotarian

I live in the Midwest where people really value people. We depend on each other to do the right thing... to make the difference in the world we live in.

With Rotary, I have been given the chance to impact people from around the world... provided clean, safe water for a child to drink.

I've saved a child from polio, given shelter to a family who lost everything in a weather catastrophe. I've clothed, fed and taught children of all ages... and given their families reason to hope.

There is no way I could have accomplished this on my own. Only with the caring and determination of others, like myself, and with an organization whose sole purpose is to make this a better world for all, could I have done so much.

My part was, indeed, small but all parts gathered together made a world of difference.

Thank you Rotary, for allowing me to participate in changing our world.

Sandy Hayes
Clarksville RC – 31117,
Sellersburg, Indiana (6580)

Rotary Foundation

Rotary International Foundation Chairperson Marilyn Birnbaum is looking for members' contributions.

RI asks each Rotarian to be an annual donor to the Foundation. Each year, our contributions are collected and sent to RI so that your money is credited to your Foundation account. Once you reach \$1,000, you earn Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Please send your annual contribution to Marilyn by April 15. She will log the donations and forward them to RI. Make your checks payable to Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)(3).

YMCA Shelter Dinner

Homeless shelter clients as well as residents of the YMCA enjoyed another delicious dinner on March 2. This is the first of four dinners in 2009.

Supplied by Frank Rainear, Rotarian and owner/manager of the South Plainfield Funeral Home, the dinner of chicken marsala, roasted red potatoes, and mixed vegetables was well-received by all.

Darlene McWilliams (supplied soda), Linda Persichino (supplied cookies) and Michael Townley (supplied self) served the approximately thirty clients and residents.



Rutgers Basketball

Membership in Rotary International?

If you asked a Rotarian if he or she belonged to Rotary International, the individual probably would look puzzled and answer, "Of course I'm a member of Rotary International!" But in this instance, the confident Rotarian would be wrong. No Rotarian can be a member of Rotary International.

The explanation of this apparent contradiction is simple. The constitutional documents of RI state that membership in Rotary International is limited to Rotary clubs. More than 33,000 Rotary clubs belong to the organization we call Rotary International.

A Rotary club is composed of persons with the appropriate qualifications of good character and reputation and a business or professional classification and who serve in an executive or managerial capacity. The Rotarian belongs to a club — the club belongs to Rotary International. This technical distinction is not obvious or even known to most Rotarians and seldom does it create any problems or complications. It does explain, however, why the Rotary International Board of Directors places expectations upon and extends privileges to Rotary clubs, rather than to individual Rotarians.

If someone asks if you belong to Rotary International, your most accurate answer would be, "No, I belong to my Rotary club." But it is doubtful anyone would understand the difference, or, in fact, would really care.

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Amy Six, and Lee Ann, their bus driver who also helped work.

Without their help, we would not have been able to fully staff the concession stands and carts.

We also appreciate the non-members who came out to help us at our games. These youngsters, women and men were also essential to us meeting our obligations.

Unfortunately, our own Club members did not do as well. Nine of our members attended half or fewer of the seven games, and several attended none.

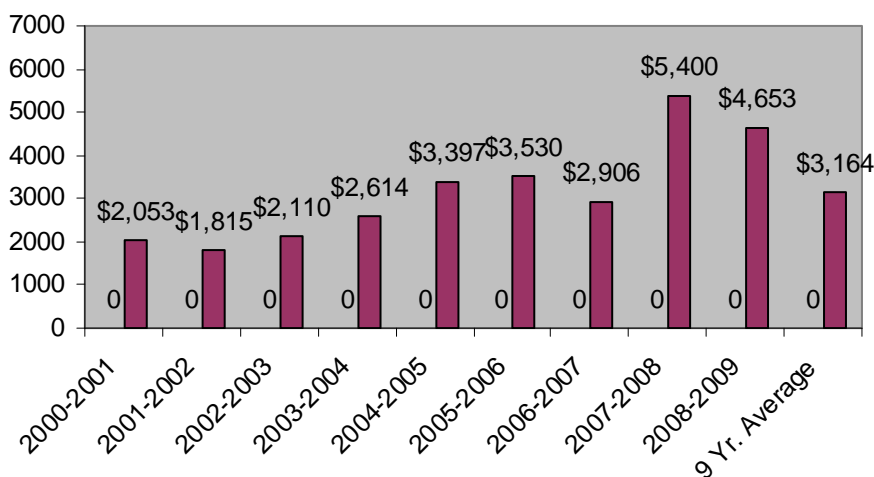
We should not be in a position where we rely more on our friends and relatives than we do on ourselves. We all need to commit to the schedule when it is set next year, and block those dates out. Remember - it is Service Above Self!

As to profits, we did well. Our annual performance is shown in the chart at left.

With the exception of last year (where we had a tremendous RU vs. UConn game with \$1,500 profit), our annual earnings continued an upward trend.

These earnings enable us to do many good works, including helping those in need locally and internationally.

Rutgers Basketball Concessions Profit History



Current Members and Classifications

Allen, Janice	Child care administration
Birnbaum, Marilyn	Public education
Bonet, Addy	Social service
Carolan-Brozy, Sandra	Business consulting
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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