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What Paul Harris Said...

"As long as grass continues to grow green, as long as water continues to flow downhill, so long Rotary will continue to worship its ideal, the ideal of service."

Paul Harris, RI Founder
Message to RI Convention
Detroit, MI - 1934

82nd Annual Track & Field Meet

Rain Does Not Dampen Excitement

After a cloudy start, and with a slight delay to allow a wayward school bus to arrive with its load of athletes, the 82nd Annual Track and Field Meet began with the first of 307 registered athletes reporting for their events.

A total of 307 athletes from seven schools were registered for the Meet, as listed below:

Valley View Watchung.....	84
Maxson Plainfield	73
N. Plainfield Middle.....	46
UC TEAMS Charter (Plfd) ..	42
S. Plainfield Middle	29
Queen City Academy.....	29
Sacred Heart (So. Plfd.)	4

This was the first year that Sacred Heart Grammar School sent athletes to our Meet, and they garnered one gold medal for their efforts.

The Meet saw 232 athletes actually participate. This number is less than the number registered because some athletes do not come out, and others cannot participate for various reasons.

Relay teams are most often affected by an absence. We en-

courage the schools to register two alternates, but often they only register four athletes. When one of those four does not come out, the team cannot participate, because we do not allow last minute substitutions.



The smoke is in the air as Ted Amo fires off the first of many shots to start the running events.

Gradually darkening skies eventually opened up with a brief but intense downpour to effectively soak our track officials. But before that happened, many track events went off at the sound of the gun.

Ted Amo was our Starter again and, working with Brian

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Track and Field Meet

Tufaro and Bill Parenti, organized the runners and got the track events off quickly and efficiently.

Timers included Bob Abbate, Frank Rainear, Paul Henry, Scott Dilts, and Amy Six and three Interactors served as judges, picking out the first, second and third place finishers.

Janet Townley and Sue Tobier worked together to record times from the running events and assist in determining who had the fastest times. They also gave the winners their tickets, entitling them to their medals or ribbons.

Over at the high jump, Angelo Mone guided his groups of athletes through their trials, with one athlete coming within one jump of tying a record. Angelo was assisted by Vicky Griswold and by two Interactors (only one shown below.)



Up, up and away! Looks easy, but the yellow bar falls off at the slightest nudge

The long jumpers had a team of officials led by Linda Persichino, who also served as Chief Judge of Field Events. (She was paid twice her normal salary for



Anxious athletes wait while Timers and Judges report results to Sue Tobier, Recorder.

taking on the extra responsibility.) Jigna Patel served as Coordinator, and Keith Getz worked as Pit Official, assisted by three Interactors.



Flying through the air, an athlete completes a successful jump as Pit Official Keith Getz looks on, ready to measure the resulting distance..

Helping get everyone to where they belonged was the job for Bev Howard. Serving as our Announcer since at least 2003, Bev helps assure that all athletes are informed when their events are ready to begin.

Despite her best efforts, we do get some stragglers from time to time. If they arrive before the event is completed, they can often be slotted in and still compete. However, once the event is concluded and medals awarded, it is too late. During this year's meet, an unfortunate group of six athletes stayed in the Men's Room to avoid the rain shower, and only came out after the rain and their event were over.



Each athlete has three chances to throw the shot without fouling. Stepping on that toe bar is one foul, as is leaving the circle except out the back. Deanne D'Armiento, partially obscured by the athlete's arm, judges the athlete's performance..

And over at the shot put, our friend Deanne D'Armiento, a coach from North Plainfield schools, instructed the athletes and supervised several Interact Club members as the shot putters threw with all their might.

As the afternoon's activities progressed, happy athletes re-

Track and Field Meet

ported to the Awards Tent to receive their medals and ribbons from Janice Allen and Brian Townley. Janice, the veteran, and Brian, the rookie, handed out 156 medals or ribbons to the event winners.



Janice Allen and Brian Townley verified results before awarding medals.

We award gold, silver and bronze medals for all events except the relays; in those, we only award gold medals, with the other places receiving ribbons.

Medals and ribbons are purchased from K & K Recognition Awards. The medals are specially-cast, with a black enamel inlay on the front and engraved with the event information on the backs.

The medals are the most costly supply for the Meet, with the Club spending just over

\$900 this year for the medals and ribbons.

Total awards for each school are listed below:

Valley View Watchung	84
Gold	24
Silver.....	14
2nd place ribbons.....	12
Bronze.....	12
Maxson Plainfield.....	38
Gold	23
Silver.....	6
2nd place ribbons.....	4
Bronze.....	5
UC TEAMS Charter (Plfd)..	20
Gold	2
Silver.....	0
2nd place ribbons.....	4
Bronze.....	2
3rd place ribbons.....	12
N. Plainfield Middle	19
Gold	3
Silver.....	4
Bronze.....	4
3rd place ribbons.....	8
S. Plainfield Middle.....	8
Gold	1
Silver.....	3
Bronze.....	4
Queen City Academy.....	8
Gold	0
Silver.....	2
2nd place ribbons.....	4
Bronze.....	2
Sacred Heart (So. Plfd.).....	1
Gold	1

This year's lunches were purchased from Nanny's Kitchen in North Plainfield. Clare Lamont, owner, has supported our YMCA dinners twice by donating the food, and this was an opportunity to repay her kindness. Officials enjoyed delicious sandwiches, pickles and a little pasta salad.

Bev Howard brought bottled water and sodas, along with various chips, to round out the lunch and snacks for Officials. Paul Henry brought along the ice, cooling off those drinks so they could cool off the Officials.

We give a special thanks to our Interact Club and advisor Amy Six. It was great to have them with us, and their blue club T-shirts made them look very official!

We also thank all of the non-members who helped officiate. If you've been to the Meet you know that it takes thirty people to properly run all of the events. Without the assistance of our non-members, our Meet would not have been possible.

And finally, we extend our appreciation to the Plainfield Board of Education for allowing us free use of the Hub Stine Athletic Field. It's been our home for a long time, thanks to them.

Coming soon

YMCA Dinners -

June 1 - Handled by Dave, Janice and Paul.

Dec. __ - Need volunteers for this dinner

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

Dictionary Project - It's not too

soon to start thinking about handing out 900 or so dictionaries to third graders in September. We need a chairperson to order books and to organize teams to distribute them. Any volunteers?

Jack Townley's Corner



Jack has had a busy school year, achieving the honor roll three times so far. He's also been in band, Rutgers Children's choir, basketball and baseball.



The Role of Assistant Governors

The office of assistant governor was created in 1996 as a key element of the District Leadership Plan. This Plan is the organizational structure for all districts that was adopted by the RI Board in an effort to help district governors better support their clubs.

Assistant governors are appointed by the district governor to assist in the administration of assigned clubs. These key Rotary leaders help incoming club presidents plan for their year and for the governor's official visit, advise clubs on strategies to achieve goals, and visit their assigned clubs at least four times a year.

In addition to providing more responsive support for clubs, assistant governors also form a pool of well-trained district leaders from which to select future governors. The assistant governor serves as an important resource for both the clubs and the district governor, helping to ensure that everything runs more smoothly within the district.

The International Assembly

An International Assembly is held each year prior to 15 February to prepare district governors-elect from around the world for the office they will assume on 1 July.

Accompanied by their spouses, some 530 incoming governors join a host of experienced Rotarian

leaders for a week of training and motivational sessions.

At the assembly, they meet the special Rotarian who will serve as RI president during their year as governors, and they learn the RI theme for the coming year around which they will build their district's activities.

In recent years the assembly has been held in Anaheim, CA. But regardless of the venue, the message on the sign above the plenary hall has remained unchanged for years: "Enter to learn. . . go forth to serve."

The District Assembly

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the more than 31,000 club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The district assembly is the primary training event for incoming club officers.

The district assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information, and new ideas for club officers, directors, and key committee chairs of each club.

Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Usually 8 to 10 delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature of a district assembly is a review by the incoming district governor of the theme and emphasis of the new RI

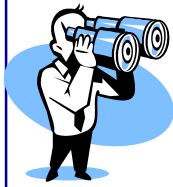
July thru August Meeting Schedule

- ◇ June 25 - Last meeting of year
- ◇ July and August - no speakers scheduled during summer months. We will have our regular meetings!
- ◇ **Vacation Make-ups** - you can keep your attendance up by making up at any Rotary club meeting throughout the world. Doing a make-up is a great way to learn about what other clubs are doing, to meet friendly Rotarians, and to gain local insight and assistance, if needed during your travels. You can find the day, time and location of any club throughout the world by either asking Michael or checking the RI website, whichever is easier.

[Note: Our new speaker schedule will be prepared over the summer. Please let Michael know when speakers are arranged so certificates can be ready for presentation.]

president for the coming year. District goals and objectives are also described, and plans are developed for their implementation.

The success of each Rotary club may be determined by the club's participation in the annual district assembly.



Who's Who and What's New

Darlene McWilliams and **Annie McWilliams** have both recently resigned from the club. All of us were extremely disappointed to see two new members leave so quickly, but both Annie and Darlene expressed their inability to be active members with their many other commitments. Both will remain on our list of "friends" and both will be welcome to join us at a future date.

Vicky Griswold has put her childhood home on the market. Completely renovated, this Plainfield gem will make some family happy, as it did for Vicky and her mom, dad, sister and brother for many years. You can see more information about the home at http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/Plainfield-City_NJ_07060_1109081135

Michael Townley was one of three Rotarians honored at the District Conference with the presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition by District Governor Joe Scandariato. The awards were presented "as recognition and thanks for jobs well done." This is Michael's third Paul Harris Fellow, and was presented for his work as editor of the District 7510 TEAM Rotary newsletter.

Students of the Month



Plainfield High School Students of the Month Isaiah Gill, Natalie Torres, and Shane Lyon are joined by Dr. Brian Bilal, principal as they display their awards. The students were honored at a luncheon on May 27 at Giovanna's Restaurant.

Giving Garden Project



Linda Persichino and Addy Bonet took cover behind the cow as Michael Townley tried his hand at milking. Besides not having any pail, he was trying to milk a fiberglass cow.

After that bit of fooling around, the three gardeners toured the Giving Garden at the

Wagner Farm Arboretum. Our club has taken on a forty-foot section (pictured below) where Linda planted peppers several weeks ago.

Our job now is to keep the plot weeded and watered (the rain is taking care of the latter.) Dedicate some time to the Garden - crops are donated to area food banks and pantries, including our StarFish of Plainfield.



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
Henry, Paul	Financial planning/CPA
Hollod, David	Public administration
Howard, Beverly	Cardiac care
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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