

Governor's Final Report for 2006-2007

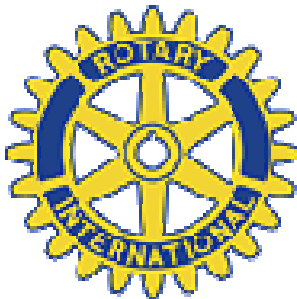
Rotary International District 7510

D. Michael Hart, Governor 2006-2007

RI President Bill Boyd

Theme: "Lead The Way"

District Website www.rotarynj.org



Summary:

We hosted the New Jersey State Vocational Assembly, and
The President of Rotary International visited our little district.
We did a Group Study Exchange both ways with Greece;
Sent one Ambassadorial scholar to Kenya, and received four in return;
Sent four high school exchange students out, and received four back;
Saved 6 children's lives with a heart operation
through the Gift of Life program;
Closed down one Rotary club, and we're starting up another;
We put up a new district website; and created website awards;
Created a district pin and redesigned the district banner;
We are looking into a headquarters building for the district;
And set up several multi-year programs,
so the district will function well into the future;
Ran the largest District Conference in several years in Baltimore.

A remarkable 30 Clubs earned the Presidential Citation;
Our clubs average Foundation giving exceeded \$117 per capita,
the **highest district in the northeastern US**;
We had the biggest Foundation fundraiser (Eat, Drink Share) ever;
Gave the most funds to The Rotary Foundation ever in our History;
For the Very First Time we ran a District Wide Publicity campaign;
We increased District Membership;
And we are the **number one district in the world** with 12 clubs having
100% Paul Harris Fellows.

District Events

Vocational Assembly. This event covers the five Rotary districts in New Jersey. We moved the event to The Pines Manor in Edison, for a central location, and to control the costs. Invited the President of Rotary International, Bill Boyd, to be the keynote speaker, and he accepted. The afternoon speakers were excellent also- speaking about the Jobs Corps program in Edison, and the Camden County correctional facility for children. The Job Corps Choir serenaded us, and got a standing ovation. Julie Ann Juliano did an excellent job as the chair. This event was run as a Foundation fundraiser, and we raised \$5,000 profit. RI President Bill Boyd presented five clubs with 100% Paul Harris Fellow Certificates and banners. We had an excellent turnout, and good camaraderie with the Rotarians of the other districts.

Eat, Drink and Share Foundation Fundraiser. This year, we changed locations to make it more centrally located in the district, and to reduce the overhead costs. We held it at the Pines Manor, in Edison. Christine Manville did a fabulous job with her team by bringing in 50 Vendors, and PDG Marsha also did a fabulous job by selling 44 Gold Tables, to have our best year ever with this event. We had great food, great entertainment, and great fun seeing all the district Rotarians.

Report on District Conference. We had 300 people attend, the largest turnout in many years. In addition, 42 people came down on Thursday night to see the Orioles play the Red Sox. The food was great, the weather cooperated, everyone had fun dancing and also at the hospitality suites; the speakers were excellent; we renewed acquaintances throughout the district, we met people from all over the world, and had our “Rotary batteries recharged”. Congratulations to Chair PDG Elly Ezra, Club Chair Lesley Miller, and everyone who worked so hard to make this a success. See Appendix III for the District Conference report. Photos are on the district website.

District Assembly. Was a success. 247 Rotarians attended, and were trained in many aspects of running a Rotary Club. We had invited two inspiring speakers on the topic of Polio, and the Greek GSE team discussed their visit. Awards were given to the Matty Mathewson Rotarian of the Year, Jean Harris Award, and the RI Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Congrats to Julie Ann, Maria Winter, and Trainer Marsha for running a great program.

Presidents Elect Training

Trained and inspired the Presidents of the 43 clubs in the district
Helped them Annual Giving Goals for their clubs
Reviewed and revised the training manual

7510 Is The Number One District in the World!

Our Rotary International District 7510 has **TWELVE 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs**, which makes us the number one district in the world, with the highest number of clubs. More than one quarter of our clubs have achieved this remarkable distinction.

Berkeley Heights
Clinton Sunrise
Edison
Franklin
Metuchen
Mountainside
Plainsboro
Roselle-Roselle- Park
South Amboy-Sayreville
Westfield
Whitehouse
Woodbridge-Perth Amboy

New Programs

District Directory:

Published on Time- for the District Assembly in May 2006.

Made significant improvements, including adding the following items:

Club Leadership Plan

History of Group Study Exchanges

History of District Conferences

Twenty Reasons to Join Rotary

Early Act, Interact, Rotaract, and other Youth Program Sponsors

Rotary International Awards

Governors Club visit schedule

Songs

District Conference Registration Form

For each club collected six names with contact info:

President; Pres Elect; Secretary; Treasurer;

Membership Chair; Foundation Chair

Changed Director Structure to Reflect the District Leadership Plan

Added Directors of Membership; Public Image

Condensed Club and Community into one Directorship

Assistant Governors:

Changed Areas to even out number of clubs into 4 clubs in each area

Newly appointed ADG's with the understanding that they will serve 3 year terms, consulting on appointments with DGE Julie Ann and DGN Joe Scandariato.

Created or Supported New Programs:

a. Membership Seminar- Sept 16th, 2006

DGN Joe Scandariato, Chair

b. Foundation Seminar- Sept 16th, 2006

PDG Elly Ezra, Chair

c. Publicity Workshop- Feb 3, 2007

Director David Breidinger, Chair

Cancelled

d. Fundraising Roundtable Feb 3, 2007

Ways and Means Chair PDG Marsha Carldon

Cancelled

e. Started Small Club Task Force

To help small clubs

Focused on Linden and Franklin

PDG Andy Calamaras Chair

Publicity Efforts to dovetail with those clubs

District Simplified Grants to help them

f. Supported Driven To Read Literacy Program

Mary Jane Salvato, Chair

State wide program collecting books with Auto dealerships

g. Supported Pure Water for the World, Inc.

Rotary Water Programs in Honduras

Byron Miller, Chair

Raised matching grant of \$71,000

h. Supported Operation Smile,

PDG Cal Chaityn, Chair

Cleft Lip surgeries to permanently change children's lives

i. Shut Down the Lawrenceville Club

Spoke to every member on the phone to see if we could continue

Contacted RI headquarters for administrative responsibilities

Placed the remaining members in other nearby clubs

j. Started the process to start an East Windsor Club

Appointed Alex Cauwels as Special Representative,

provided financial support, banner and bell;

k. Started Training Program for DGN

PRID David Linett, Immediate PDG, DG, DGE, and PDG John W. spent six evenings with DGN Joe to smooth the transition to Governor.

Governor's Newsletter

Expanded the newsletter from one page to 20 pages

Distributed by internet; mailed to PDG's without internet access

Added many practical features

Monthly promoted tips for membership and publicity and Foundation

Encouraged clubs to distribute to members by a club email network

Visited All 43 Clubs

The visit schedule was accelerated to see all of the small clubs over the summer.

The largest Clubs were visited in September

The larger clubs were all encouraged to provide a Governor nominee

First Club visit to Metuchen- Mike is a Past President

Last Club visit to Westfield- Mike is a Past President and current club member

Three quarters of the clubs were visited by end of September

Set up an action plan to help the clubs at Sept Staff Meeting

Six points were stressed in the Governor's visit speech:

- Programs the District offers to make them a better club

- Water- The District International Project

- I would like to see every Club earn the Presidential Citation

- The Foundation; and Annual Giving and 100% Paul Harris Club

- The Theme this year: "Lead The Way"

- We would like to see everyone in Baltimore

Financial

1. Created Policy for Matching Grants

Reserved grants for Water Project and

Three other grants for international projects, \$1,300 each

2. Policy for District Simplified Grants

Since we have limited funds, and several small clubs;

The policy is to restrict the grants to those clubs who need it the most.

\$7,000 spread among 7 smaller clubs

Encouraged these clubs to run The Dictionary Project.

3. District Budget. Raised dues \$10 per member to balance budget.

Complied with bylaws in time of having approval of Finance Committee and presenting budget to the 2006 District Assembly

4. Balanced District Budget- met all obligations with a balanced budget. Included Advertising in the Directory from Comcast to help balance it.

5. Balanced Conference Budget- met all obligations with a balanced budget. Included selling advertising in the conference Journal to help defray costs.

6. District Audit- Balanced, and plan to complete on time.

7. Met all constitutional obligations in a timely fashion.

The Rotary Foundation

1. Our District had the **Highest Annual giving per capita** in the Northeast, of \$117.06.

2. Mike personally became **Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation**
It is important for a leader to set the example.

3. Total giving was the **Highest in our District History.**
\$154,984.46 Annual Giving; \$35,687.00 Restricted Giving (Polio and Water);
\$35,687.00 Permanent Fund;
Total Foundation Giving 2006-2007: **\$274,271.46**

4. Encouraged every club to meet its Annual Giving Club Goal

Contacted each club multiple times throughout the year;
Published goals in monthly Governor's newsletter
39 clubs have met their goals, one is at 99%.

5. Eat, Dink and Share District RI Foundation Fundraiser

Frank Caroselli, Chair.

This is the big District Fundraiser. We made a number of changes, which substantially increased the profitability of the event, including moving it to The Pines Manor, doubling the size of the committee, raising the price, promoting the event, and selling advertisement space in the program. We raised the highest amount ever in our district, and should do even better next year. ADG Chris Manville brought in 50 vendors, PDG Marsha sold 44 Gold Tables- the most ever. We left \$1,000 seed money for next year's committee. Made \$50,000 profit

**6. Ran the Vocational Assembly as a fundraiser-
Raised \$5,000 for the Rotary Foundation**

Chair, DGE Julie Ann Juliano

President of Rotary International, Bill Boyd attended and was the keynote speaker. Six Districts attended from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Two outstanding speakers in the afternoon. Dinner included the Vocational Awards from each District.

7. Silent Auction at District Conference raised almost \$3,000

Chair, Tim Doerr

8. Group Study Exchange with Greece.

Mel Kevoe, Chair, The Outbound Team leader was Maria Papacharalambos.

Committee people were: Jeff Brown; Barbara Evans. Roz Shaw; Gwen Williams.

We selected four young professionals between 25 to 40 yrs old to travel to Greece for four weeks, in order to participate in a Vocational Exchange.

We also received a team of five people from Greece, which we hosted for 4 weeks.

The exchanges went well, and improved our relations with Greece.

The purpose is to promote international understanding.

9. Ambassadorial Scholarship. David Breidinger, Chair.

We selected one Scholar, Wan Ju Wu, from Edison, to travel and to study health issues for one year in Kenya. Our District provides a full scholarship up to \$26,000 using our SHARE funds from our Annual Giving. We received four students to study at Rutgers (2) and Princeton (2).

10. Annual Giving. Tom Thatcher, Chair

This is the first time we sent a direct mail appeal to the district Rotarians to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. Collected \$4,000.

11. Grants. PDG Ralph Winter, Chair. This is a complicated process, and RI congratulated us for 100% compliance with all of the required paperwork.

Grants covers Matching Grants between our clubs and those overseas; and District Simplified Grants directly to the clubs, mostly for The Dictionary Project.

12. Paul Harris Society. PDG Andy Calamaras Chair. This is a group of dedicated Rotarians who donate \$1,000 per year to the Foundation. Eight Rotarians in our district participated.

Membership

Worldwide, Membership in Rotary has increased by 2.3%,
but is down in every district in the USA, except one- us!

District wide, the membership was up by 7 members in March,
and up by 10 members May 2007. The true numbers will be reflected when all the clubs have paid their dues to Rose for July 1st, 2007.

With DGN Joe Scandariato leading the way, we ran two Membership seminars in Feb and Sept, and promoted Membership with Joe visiting many clubs. This is the first year in many that we have had a positive membership growth. This program started under Andy, and will be continued in future years. We started the year with 1,315 Rotarians the clubs paid dues for. However, probably several hundred of these were not members- the

clubs just pay dues for them to keep their numbers up. During the year, many clubs cut this “Dead wood”. Some to become 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs, Trenton cut 20 inactive members. In March, the district had a positive 7 members in spite of all this pruning. Membership hints and ideas were featured in the monthly newsletters

Membership was a priority for our year, and will continue to be a priority for future years.

Public Image

a. Scheduled Publicity Workshop in Feb

b. Ran District wide publicity program,
which included Billboard on Turnpike, Exit 12,
Radio spots, Cable TV ads, full page ads in Trenton Times and Star Ledger
Included 800 number and website

c. National Campaign by RI Headquarters

Ads in Newsweek, People Magazines, New York Times and Chicago Tribune,
Ads in AMC Movie Theaters.

d. Gave each Pres Elect a DVD with Rotary message

to be used by local TV or Radio station

e. Created Public Image Award

This was earned by The Rotary Club of Branchburg, awarded at 2007 District Assembly

f. RI Grants for Publicity- our clubs obtained \$18,000 in grants district wide.

g. Director David Breidinger coordinated the clubs who received grants to have a
Cooperative Advertising Campaign throughout each county.

Public Image Campaign-

Under the Guidance of Director David Breidinger, we ran our first District Publicity Campaign. This included a Billboard on the Turnpike, newspaper advertisements, free Radio ads, and free Cable TV ads, all coordinated at the same time, with an 800 number for follow up. In addition, the Rotary International also ran ads in local Movie Theaters, and National magazines, such as Newsweek.

Youth

Early Act- This service club for elementary school children was started by the Hamilton Washington Sunrise Club. We currently have 27 Early Act Clubs, sponsored by 11 Rotary clubs, and growing. Congratulations to chair Edna Stout.

Interact Beach Sweep- Interact Clubs from all over the state meet to help clean the New Jersey Beaches. 500 Students participated, including 120 students from Elizabeth. High School. Congratulations to District Chair Gerry Harris. The District has 42 Interact Clubs sponsored by 29 Rotary Clubs.

Interact Leadership Training Program. This is a program which trains the Presidents and officers of the Interact clubs throughout our District in how to run a club, and leadership skills. Gerry Harris, Chair and Joe Tarallo, Director.

Rotaract Students attended International Convention. Two Rotaract students attended the Salt Lake City Convention, and were invigorated by the ideas and fellowship.

Youth Exchange- sent four students abroad, received four students back. Completed all of the requirements needed for District Certification for last year, and next year.. Congratulations to Jim Murray and his team.

Intercity Meetings

Intercity Meeting for Greek GSE Team, Union County
Snuffy's restaurant, 100 attendees from 13 clubs
Host was the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Club

Intercity Meeting for Mercer County with Greek GSE Team
50 attendees from 6 clubs
Host was the Princeton Corridor club

Paperwork:

1. Collected Foundation Goal Forms from all 44 clubs
Submitted to the Rotary Foundation on time
Only two districts in the northeast completed this difficult task.

2. Collected Club Planning Guides from every club
Minus two recalcitrants
Made copies for DGE Julie Ann and DGN Joe

4. Memo of Club Visits

Package of forms filed two months early, copies sent to DGE Julie Ann; DGN Joe; and DGD Alex

5. Financial Forms completed for Governor's Expenses

Completed and mailed to RI on time

Baltimore District Conference

We included children this year, which allows the spouses to come, and see the important work we do as Rotarians. As a result, we had the largest turnout in many years, a total of 300 people. We included some interesting new programs, new awards, and had some fun. See Appendix III for details.

District Simplified Grants

These are grants given by the District to clubs to help with Community Service "Hands On" projects. This year we focused on Dictionary Projects in communities with smaller Rotary Clubs. Clubs receiving the grants were:

Bound Brook-Middlesex
Dunellen-Green Brook
Edison
Linden
Mountainside
South Amboy- Sayreville
Watchung- Warren

District Programs

Driven to Read- State wide Literacy Program to collect Children's books through Automobile Dealerships, pick up and distribute by Rotary Clubs. 90,000 books collected. Chair and creator Mary Jane Salvato.

Ecuador Homes of Hope- Intercity Fundraising Dinner was held in the fall. A team is going down to Ecuador in June to continue the building projects.

Gift of Life- Saved Six Children's lives with heart operations at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. PDG Elly Ezra, Chair

Orphanage in Katmandu- The Rotaract Club of Raritan Valley Community College had a fundraising dinner to support his project. Congratulations to Club Advisor Tulsi Maharjan.

Rotary Leadership Institute- This program was promoted to train future Rotary leaders of our club and district. Vicki Richardson was chair. It is always the day after Election Day in November in Edison, NJ. We had a good turnout from our clubs.

Rotary UN Day. We sent Rotarians and students to the United Nations Building for a one day event. We met UN officials, had seminars on world topics, and a tour of the facilities. Congratulations to Chair Roz Shaw for organizing this.

Website

The District Website was renovated and expanded with the help of District Webmaster Lewis Edge, and Web Designer Dana Hutchins. Each of the Eight Directors have a page, and each of the 63 District Committees have a page. In addition, we expanded the links for shopping, to the Zones, Rotary International, and other useful sites.

The website is up to an astonishing 4,500 Unique hits per month. We are linked to the websites of the clubs in the district, and to other Rotary organizations, such as the Zones, Leadership Institute, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary.org.

The website awards stimulated many clubs to upgrade their websites, or to create a website, and link it to the district site. Congratulations to Glenn Paul for a great awards presentation.

Website Summary

Renovated by hiring a professional web designer

Created separate page for each Director

Page for District Conference, with registration forms downloadable

Separate Page for each committee

Cleaned up website to make it more attractive

Easier to link to clubs

Easier for a visitor non- Rotarian to find out about Rotary

Website Awards- six given at District Conference

Several clubs started a website form this stimulus

Awards

The Governor's Club of the Year Award goes to: **Hamilton**. The presentation was made on Wed, June 13th, at the Hamilton Club dedication for their Centennial Project, and was televised on local TV.

Service Above Self Award Goes to: **William "Ed" Griffin**, from The Princeton Club. This is an exceptional award, which is awarded from RI to a few rare outstanding individuals in the world. Our district has only had two individuals win this in our history, and now Ed is the third. It is based on Service both in Rotary and in other areas of his personal life.

Matty Mathewson Award Winner is Harrie Copeland from the Flemington Club. Congratulations to Harrie as the District Rotarian of the Year!

RI Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service is awarded to PDG Carl Chaityn, for his continued outstanding work with the Rotary Foundation.

Jean Harris Award for a non Rotarian volunteer goes to Mrs. Phyllis Smith Boeddinghaus, nominated by the Metuchen Rotary Club.

Vocational Service Award. Mary Jane Salvato from the Branchburg Club

District Citation for Meritorious Service was awarded to ADG Christine Manville, for her outstanding service to the District throughout the year.

The Governor's Award for Dedication to Rotary goes to PDG Elly Ezra who has worked exceptionally hard this year to create the biggest Foundation fundraiser we have ever had, and as the conference chair of the successful Baltimore conference.

Membership Awards

The **Carteret** Club won the District Membership Award for inducting 16 new members and more than doubling the size of their club. President Tony Neibert won the free weekend at the District Conference for personally bringing in the most new members.

Branchburg and **Warren-Watchung** each inducted 7 new members,

Piscataway 6 new members, and

Metuchen 5 new members

Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to increase membership

Newsletter Award. The following Rotary Clubs won the District Newsletter Award.

First Place: **Princeton**;

Second Place: **Lambertville- New Hope**;

Third Place: **New Brunswick**.

Thank you to Robert O'Connor from the Union Club for chairing this committee.

Significant Achievement Award.

Princeton Club for their Coupon Project.

Chair, Marcia Bossart

See March Governor's Newsletter for details.

Presidential Citations. 30 Clubs earned the Presidential Citation.

See Appendix II for the complete list. Thank you to Deputy Byron Miller for collecting the information, and compiling this list.

Website Awards

Thank you to Chair Lewis Edge and Glenn Paul for working on this committee. The median size club in our district is 27 members, so the clubs were split in half based on size.

Small club winners with fewer than 27 members as of February 2007 are:

First Place: **Branchburg**

Second Place: **Plainfield/North Plainfield**

Third Place: **Roselle/Roselle Park**

Larger club winners with 27 or more members as of February 2007 are:

First Place: **Princeton Corridor**

Second Place: **Princeton**

Third Place: **Dunellen/Green Brook**

Bowling League Awards

FIRST PLACE TEAM---CHAMPIONS -----PISWOODAWAY

Dominic DeMico, Larry Lucas, Dale Flowers & Jeff DeMilt

(a combination of Piscataway and Woodbridge)

The Governor's Award

Ann Beeman

The President's Award

Steve Lieberman

Care and Share Awards

Club Service: Flemington. This club supports the local Food Pantry in many ways, including funding, food collection, stocking shelves, locating needy families. They have 100% of their members participate.

Community Service: Hamilton. They have a program to help seniors which includes meals on wheels plus includes books, tapes, magazines, batteries, greeting cards, etc, all delivered as one package.

International Service: Princeton Corridor. Support Our Troops- Operation Shoe Box. This project is the collection and delivery of a van full of personal care and familiar objects, letters of support and greeting cards to the troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. 100% Club Participation.

Vocational Service: Branchburg. Driven to Read Program. Collected books Through Auto dealers State wide, which clubs picked up and delivered to child care locations. Project encourages literacy among children.

Special Award: Trenton. Raised over \$100,000 to build Handicapped Accessible Playground park in Mercer County, to be known as Rotary Park. Groundbreaking scheduled for Spring of 2007. Extensive news coverage.

Thank you to the members of the committee who were Chairman Ed Kornstein, Pam Carringer, Gwen Doremus-Williams, and Joe Lucci.

Congratulations to Clubs Over \$100 pp

The following clubs have achieved or surpassed the \$100 per person annual giving goal requested by the Rotary Foundation

1 st	Branchburg	\$307.50	per person
2 nd	Dunellen Gr	\$306.25	
3 rd	Westfield	\$296.92	
	Roselle- RP	\$245.88	
	Fanwood- Sc Pl	\$228.77	
	Hightstown	\$223.08	
	Somerville- Br	\$181.60	
	Piscataway	\$146.88	
	Woodbridge-PA	\$145.24	
	Clinton Sunrise	\$140.00	
	Whitehouse	\$137.93	
	Franklin	\$120.00	
	Springfield	\$115.52	
	Hamilton	\$108.11	
	Metuchen	\$104.74	
	Edison	\$104.17	
	Trenton	\$101.79	
	Berkeley Hts	\$100.00	

Club Accomplishments

Berkeley Heights. Presidential Citation, Completed annual giving goal. Achieved 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club Status. Congratulations!

Branchburg received a PR grant of \$2,000 from RI. They have increased membership by 7, and have qualified for the Presidential Citation. Won the Vocational Service Care and Share Award for Driven to Read Project. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

1st Place Small club District Website Award

Branchburg Rotaract. Our Rotaract students raised more than \$4,500 for two international projects, including the District 7510 Orphanage in Nepal. Here is the web link.
<http://www.raritanval.edu/studentactivities/record/stories/fashionshow.html>

Bound Brook- Middlesex. Received District Simplified Grant for Dictionary Project.

Carteret has inducted 15 new members, more than doubling the size of the club. Everyone is involved and doing a variety of community service projects. They have also started an Interact club with 40 students. Congratulations, and keep up the good work! Presidential Citation. District Membership Award. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Clinton Sunrise has become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club! Congratulations on the outstanding achievement. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Cranford has launched a new website www.cranfordrotary.org Check it out! Increased membership. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Dunellen Green Brook Club.

They have had their PR grant of \$1,700 approved by RI. Increased membership. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal. 3rd Place in District Large Club Website Award. PDG Elly Ezra won the Governor's Award for Dedication to Rotary. Received District Simplified Grant for Dictionary Project.

Edison. Completed Annual Giving Goal. Edison decided to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club! Congratulations on achieving an outstanding distinction.

Elizabeth. Meets at the same place, but the hotel name has changed from Wyndham to Doubletree. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Fanwood-Scotch Plain Was Second in our district for the 2006 RI Foundation Per Capita Giving Award, with \$228.71 per capita donated. Congratulations. Increased membership by 5. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Flemington has earned the Presidential Citation. Won the Club Service Care and Share Award for the Food Pantry Service Project. Completed Annual Giving Goal. Harrie Copeland won the Matty Mathewson Rotarian of the Year Award.

Franklin Club has become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Congratulations! Increased membership. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Hamilton Club. had it's \$2,500 PR grant application approved by RI. Presidential Citation. Won the Community Service Care and Share Award for the Senior Care-Wheels on Meals Service Project. Completed Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation. Governor's Club of the Year Award.

The Hamilton Washington Sunrise Rotary Club

RI has approved \$2,500 PR Grant for them. Presidential Citation.
Attending International Convention in Salt Lake City
99% of Annual Giving Goal Completed

Hightstown-South Brunswick has increased membership.
Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Hillsborough has increased membership by 4.
Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal

Kenilworth.

Membership increased by 2. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Lambertville-New Hope

Membership increased by 2. Completed Annual Giving Goal.
2nd place District Newsletter Award.

Linden. Membership increased.

Earned Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.
Received District Simplified Grant for the Dictionary Project.

Metuchen Membership increased by 5!

Earned Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.
Has decided to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Congratulations.

Montgomery- Rocky Hill has had their \$2,500 PR grant application approved by RI.
Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Mountainside.

The Mountainside Club has become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club! Congrats!
Completed Annual Giving Goal.
Received District Simplified Grant for Dictionary Project

New Brunswick. Membership increased by 4. Presidential Citation. 3rd Place District Newsletter Award. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Old Bridge- Sayreville.

Was in First Place in our district last year for RI Foundation Per Capita Giving Award, with \$260.71 donated per capita. Congratulations for earning this RI Foundation Award. Membership increased. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal. Christine Manville won the District Citation for Meritorious Service.

Piscataway.

Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Plainfield-North Plainfield

Earned the Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.
Second Place in District Small Club Website Awards.

Plainsboro.

The Plainsboro Club has become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Congratulations!
Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Princeton RI has approved a PR Grant of \$2,200 for them. District Newsletter Award 1 st place. District Website Award 2nd place;
Significant Achievement Award- for Coupon Project.
Ed Griffin from Princeton won the prestigious Service Above Self Award.
Completed Annual Giving Goal

Princeton Corridor. Membership increased by 2.

Alex Cauwels nominated to be Governor for 2009-2010.

Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Won the Care and Share Award for Operation Shoe Box International Service Project.

First Place in District Large Club Website Award

Roselle- Roselle Park. Has become 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

Congratulations! They also earned third place in our district for the RI Foundation Per Capita Giving Award, with \$175.00 per capita donated. Congratulations.

Membership increased. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

3rd Place in District Small club Website Award.

Somerville-Bridgewater.

Membership increased. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

South Amboy-Sayreville.

The Club has decided to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

Congratulations on an outstanding achievement!

Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Received District Simplified Grant for Dictionary Project.

South Plainfield. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

South River-East Brunswick. Membership increased. Presidential Citation
Completed Annual Giving Goal

Springfield. Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Summit-New Providence. Membership increased by 3. Presidential Citation.

Trenton Club

Had their Public Relations Grant application for \$3,000 approved by RI. Good job!
Won the Special Category Care and Share Award for the Handicapped Accessible Park in Mercer County, named "Rotary Park". Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Union. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Watchung-Warren. Membership increased by 7. Great Job, Frank!
Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.
Received District Simplified Grant for Dictionary Project

Westfield has become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Congratulations to the Governor's club! Presidential Citation. Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Whitehouse received a PR Grant from RI for \$2,500. Great Job! Whitehouse has become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Congratulations! Completed Annual Giving Goal.

Woodbridge

Membership increased. Presidential Citation.
Completed Annual Giving Goal
Became a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Congratulations!

Personal Costs and Benefits to Mike

In terms of time: I took 9 weeks off work; worked about 2 hours per day for Rotary on average; at least one evening meeting per week; but restricted it to no more than three evening meetings per week; 4 to 6 hours of every Wednesday (my day off), and again 4 to 6 hours every Sunday.

I worked approximately 22 hours per week for Rotary, and approximately 1,200 hours last year. This small amount of time was only possible because I was able to delegate to very many highly talented and dedicated Rotarians.

No fishing with my Dad for an entire year. Dad was in withdrawal, but now, this year, the fish are that much bigger, and more eager to be caught.

Dental Business: Best year we have ever had! This does not make sense since I devoted so much time to Rotary. Maybe the patients respect my devotion to charity?

I gained quite a bit of weight over the last few years. (I eat to relieve stress, and there is plenty of stress right up to the District Conference.) Now I am on Weight Watchers, exercising, and have started to lose it again.

One of my Goals was to show that a person working full time could also be an effective Governor, and set up a model for future Governors. The key is to delegate to competent people. About half of our District Governors have been working full time.

A Big advantage to me was the tremendous personal growth in terms of learning how to work with volunteers, and people in general.

Eileen and I made friends with some outstanding Rotarians throughout the district and throughout the world.

The best part was doing the good work of Rotary- to make the world a better place. This is Priceless.

Future

We had an excellent year last year. We have many programs in place which are multi-year programs, and will get better each year. We should all work together to help Julie Ann and Joe and Alex to grow the district, and achieve even better results. A healthy and strong district will benefit us all. "A rising tide lifts all boats".

Special Thanks

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the Past District Governors who spent time mentoring, and advising me. PDG Andy kept me involved in all of his decisions while he was Governor, to bring me up to speed. DGE Julie Ann for her hard work and support; DGN Joe for his support; DGD Alex for his enthusiasm; PDG Marsha for our many 4 hour phone calls about everything you could possibly think of in Rotary, PDG Elly for his outstanding hard work and passion; PDG Carl Chaityn for his support and steady hand; PDG Adrienne for stepping up when I needed her; PDG John for his support, and suggesting I apply as Governor; PDG Frieda for whom I gained experience while serving as her Deputy; PDG Pat Growney- a fellow Irishman; PDG Jim Simmons for his advice and helping eastern Union County; PDG Ralph for his outstanding job as

Grants chair, and his advice; PRID David Linett for his wise advice, which I sometimes ignored then regretted later; PDG Wey Steengrafe from Westfield as an inspirational role model; PDG Carl Kurlander for his support and advice; and PDG Al Palermo.

Next, to the outstanding District Officers, Directors, Assistant Governors, and Committee Chairs on whom I relied and delegated so much of the work to.

And most importantly, to every Rotarian in the district who works hard to make the world a better place. You are what makes this district what it is.

Very Sincerely, Michael Hart

Appendix I

Thirty Nine Clubs have achieved their Annual Giving Goals:

Name of Club	Percentage of Goal Completed
Berkeley Hts	100 %
Bound Brook- Middlesex	80 %
Branchburg	280 %
Carteret	147 %
Clinton Sunrise	140 %
Cranford	100 %
Dunellen-Green Brook	286 %
Edison	125 %
Elizabeth	280 %
Fanwood-Scotch Plains	222 %
Flemington	177 %
Franklin Township	100 %
Hamilton Township	200 %
Ham-Wash Twnshp Sunrise	99 %
Hightstown-South Brunsw	223%
Hillsborough	100 %
Kenilworth	63 %
Lambertville-New Hope	183 %
Linden	1,200 %
Metuchen	117 %
Montgomery- Rocky Hill	100 %
Mountainside	1,000 %
New Brunswick	118 %
N Hunterdon	160 %
Old Bridge-Sayreville	204 %
Piscataway	157 %

Plainfield-North Plainfield	122 %
Plainsboro	100 %
Princeton	100%
Princeton Corridor	104 %
Roselle-RP	299 %
Somerville-Bridgewater	148 %
South Amboy-Sayreville	120 %
South Plainfield	100 %
South River-E Brunswick	103 %
Springfield	134 %
Summit-New Providence	85 %
Trenton	132 %
Union	100 %
Watchung- Warren	100 %
Westfield	282 %
Whitehouse	133 %
Woodbridge-Perth Amboy	139 %

Appendix II

30 Clubs Have Earned the Presidential Citation

Berkeley Heights
 Branchburg
 Carteret
 Cranford
 Dunellen-Green Brook
 Fanwood-Scotch Plains
 Flemington
 Franklin Township
 Hamilton Township
 Ham-Wash Townships Sunrise
 Hightstown- South Brunswick
 Hillsborough
 Kenilworth
 Lambertville-New Hope
 Linden
 Metuchen
 New Brunswick
 Old Bridge-Sayreville
 Piscataway
 Plainfield-North Plainfield
 Princeton Corridor
 Roselle-RP

Somerville-Bridgewater
South Amboy-Sayreville
South River-East Brunswick
Springfield
Summit-New Providence
Watchung-Warren
Westfield
Woodbridge-Perth Amboy

Rotaract Clubs

Princeton

Appendix III District Conference Report

Conference Dates: April 27, 28, 29, 2007

Location: Baltimore Inner Harbor Marriott at Camden Yards

Advertisements sold to defray the Program printing costs: \$1,500

Aquarium Tickets: 226 Total: 197 adults; 24 children; 5 infants (free)

Attendance:

300 total: 127 Rotarians; 40 children;
5 Greek GSE; 4 Student Exchange; 4 Rotaract Students;
One World Peace Scholar; 119 spouses and guests.
37 Clubs represented out of 43

Attendance at Sessions:

Thursday Dinner	31
Friday Breakfast	30
First Plenary session	49
Second Plenary Session	48
DGE Reception	80
Friday Dinner	237
Saturday Breakfast	184
Fourth Plenary Session	118
Children's Dinner	22
Governor's Reception	130
Governor's Banquet	248
All Faith's Service	56
Fifth Plenary Session	150

All Faith's Service:

Program led by Rev Leon Randall of Westfield
Responsive Readings were read;
Scriptures were read from Islamic; Old Testament; Reform Jewish;
Revelations; and Hindu Scripture.
Participants were invited to silent prayer in their own faith;
19 candles were lit for deceased Rotarians.
Songs we sang were "Abide With Me";
"Amazing Grace"; and
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Charges to Attend the Conference:

\$650 Single for weekend
\$850 Double for Weekend
\$200 for Thursday night
\$300 for Saturday night only
\$100 for Saturday dinner only
Children Age 0-5 free
Children Ages 6 – 12 \$100 per child
Children Ages 13-18 \$150 per child

Children's Program

Program run by Ray Kostyack and Mark Swingle from Westfield
Friday Night- Pajama Party with fresh popcorn; movies and crafts;
Two Bonded babysitters;
Saturday night: Dinner, Make your own sundae;
Entertainment by a DJ; crafts; movie on a big screen;
Five bonded babysitters.
The room was located conveniently in the lobby.
Pool was also available for the children.

Out of Town Guests:

5 Greek GSE Team members
4 Rotaract Students from RVCC
4 Foreign Exchange Students from:
 France, Germany, Turkey, and Venezuela
2 visitors from Argentina- Tucuman Club, hosted by Princeton Club
1 World Peace Scholar, trained in Thailand
2 Ambassadorial Scholars from Italy and Korea

Dignitaries:

RI Presidents Representative:

PDG Dr. Wally Brown and wife Patricia, from Salt Lake City.

Aide to the RI Rep: PDG Andy Calamaras

Conference Chair: PDG Elly Ezra

Club Conference Chair: Lesley Miller

Conference Treasurer: David Foltz

Registrar: Liz Ensslin

Sgt at Arms: Dr. Bill Bonsall and Dr. Ken Ciarrocca

Master of Ceremonies: Byron Miller

DG D. Michael Hart

DGE Dr. Julie Ann Juliano

DGN Joe Scandariato

DGD Alex Cauwels

PDG John Wilczynski

Foundation Fundraiser:

Run by Tim Doerr from Westfield

Silent Auction: raised \$2,810.00

Donation goes to the Rotary Foundation

Hospitality Suites:

Branchburg

Hamilton

Westfield

Princeton (Sat only)

Lectures at Plenary Sessions:

Ambassadorial Scholarship Program

Building Committee

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless

Group Study Exchange Team Presentation from Greece

Membership Growth Secrets of the spectacular Carteret Club

Mentoring

Rotaract

Rotary World Peace Scholar

RYLA

State of the District Foundation-DG Elly Ezra

State of the District- DG Michael Hart

Tucuman Maternity Hospital Princeton Club

Youth Exchange

Plenary Sessions:

Ambassadorial Scholarship Program
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Popular Activities:

Dancing to the DJ
Duck Tours
Aquarium Tour
Fort McHenry
Lunch at the Inner Harbor
Hospitality suites in the evening
Walking around the Inner Harbor

Room-nights:

Wednesday	1
Thursday	28
Friday	146
Saturday	148
Total	323

Songs We Sang:

“Star Spangled Banner”-The National Anthem
Greek National Anthem sung by Greek GSE team
“Take Me out to the Ballgame”
“America the Beautiful”
“Battle Hymn of the Republic”
“Let There be Peace on Earth”

Interesting Notes:

A Greek and Turkish student ended up sharing a room together,
While their cultures are traditional enemies, they got along great;
Brian Hart delivered a spine- tingling rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner”.
Julie Ann Juliano was convincing as Julia Roberts in the “Mystic Pizza” Skit
Michael Hart brought his Parents and family and six dental staff;
Everyone had fun dressing up in 50’s and 60’s clothes and dancing to
American Bandstand Music on Friday night;
A slide of Michael Hart holding a fish was shown during his introduction;
The Governor’s keynote speech was stopped in the middle,
to sing “Happy Birthday” to his daughter, Kerry Hart
Roseanne Gansel had her house flooded in Manville, but decided to come to the
Conference anyway, “come hell or high water”
The RI Representative was a dental specialist in Root Canal Therapy.
The Weather was rainy and overcast on Friday; but clear and warm on
Saturday and Sunday.
The Best Hospitality suite was Westfield with Ari Brafman giving gifts every 20
minutes, and a poker game to the wee hours of the morning.
The hot item in the Silent Auction was Ahmed Azmy’s beach house weekend.
The advanced team attended the Oriole’s game on Thursday night, compliments
of David Breidinger, we were in the Comcast Luxury Box. The Red Sox hit
a Grand Slam home run, and the crowd went wild.

List of Volunteers and Committees For the District Conference

Club Conference Chair	PDG Elly Ezra
Aide to the RI Rep	PDG Andy Calamaras
Advertising Chair	Theresa Valentino
All Faith’s Service	Rev. Leon Randall
Aquarium Tickets	Margaret Subhas
Children’s Chair	Raymond Kostyack
Children’s Committee	Mark Swingle
Club Conf Chair	Lesley Miller
Club Displays	Clara Wu
Decorations Chair	Ron Hutchinson
District Governor	Michael Hart
Door Prizes	Diane Barabas
Hospitality Suite Chair	Alison Brafman
Host Club President	Dr. Ed Shen
Host District Governor	Pat Kasuda
House of Friendship	Darielle Walsh
Master of Ceremonies	Byron Miller
Mystic Promotion	DGE Julie Ann Juliano

Music Chair	Lauren Falk
On Site Registration	Mark Elsasser
On Site Registration	Neil Sullivan
Orioles Tickets	Martha "Murphy" Harcarik
Photographer	Bill Henderson
Photographer	Phil Richardson
Printing	PDG Elly Ezra
Promotions Chair	Nancy Jackson
Registration Chair	Liz Ensslin
Registration Goodie Bags	Sherry Cronin
Sergeant At Arms	Bill Bonsall
Sergeant At Arms	Ken Ciarrocca
Silent Auction	Tim Doerr
Song Leader	David Breidinger
Song Leader	Hal Daume
Treasurer	David Foltz