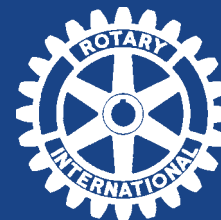


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District 7510 Newsletter

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Our Focus for 2018

For my February message, I'd like to update you on four topics: Interact Conference; Rotary Youth for a Better World; Model UN Congress; Public Image Pilot Program. These are the primary initiatives that we are working on in our District for the remainder of 2017-2018. All four address our future, with three targeting our youth (us, many years ago), and one targeting the future of club membership development through social media.

Interact Conference: Nancy Ostrowski, our Youth Services Director and I, after a lot of back and forth, have finally nailed down Saturday, March 17, 2018, as the date for the District Rotary Youth Conference for Interactors and Rotaractors. Although this is St. Patrick's Day, we really had no choice as it is the only date that did not conflict with student testing and other district events.



Robert Zeglarski
Governor

Now that we have a contract and the deposit has been paid, we can safely announce the Conference will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the FairBridge Hotel, 195 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ. Lunch will be provided by the PJ Cavanaugh's restaurant, located in the hotel.

The theme of the conference is "The Power of Youth." Participants will be shown examples of truly amazing and audacious initiatives others their age have accomplished, including a global Interact/Rotaract initiative that originated right here in our own District 7510. Interactors and Rotaractors from around the world are expected to make a motivating appearance at the conference. Finally, attendees will be given an opportunity to participate in problem-solving exercises aimed at stretching their brainstorming skills and demonstrating to them how creative they can really be.

Each club will also be provided an opportunity to present themselves to all attendees via a display and a short verbal introduction.

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In Herculean fashion, Bill Graham identified and contacted the Interact Chairperson from each of the sponsoring Rotary Clubs for the 34 active Interact clubs in our District. These showed widespread enthusiasm for this event. We are shooting for an average of 5-7 student participants from each Interact Club, as well as a number of Rotaractors from our District.

Tickets for the DYC will have a face value of \$35. However, sponsoring Rotary clubs are expected to subsidize \$10 of this. Since the district will subsidize each ticket \$15, the cost for each student is only \$10. Club presidents will receive more information about registrations and payments soon.

Each participating Interact and Rotaract Club is being asked to name one student to be liaison between the event planning committee and their Interact club. This will enable the clubs to provide input from the Interact students and will give our Interact

clubs better opportunities to prepare their presentations for the conference.

With Interact students, their advisors and Rotaract club members, we expect some 250 attendees in

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total. So there is no turning back. We will work out program details in the coming weeks.

Rotary Youth for a Better World: Last June, students of the Middlesex County Academy Interact Club issued a challenge to Interactors and Rotaractors around the world to join together in a "Dare to be Great" movement to accomplish goals most would think impossible. This movement now includes members from some 40 countries and is continuing to grow.

Rotary Youth for a Better World is all about creating opportunities for young people to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible, daring them to be great! Their initial project is a global read-a-thon aimed at improving the reading skills of tens of millions of children and youth in schools around the world while raising money to reduce by millions the number of children worldwide not in school due to hunger or extreme poverty.

As a result of their efforts, this movement is starting to get serious attention and support. Last November, Interact members of our District 7510 *Rotary Youth for a Better World* movement met with the Youth Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. In December, their video submission to the Interact Video Awards came in 10th place in the popular voting (the next best entry from North America came in 30th). Now their efforts are about to be honored in an event at United Nations Headquarters in New York in March where 2,000 youth delegates from 136 countries to the Rotaract Model UN Conference will come together to discuss possibilities for tackling some of the world's biggest problems.

Maxton Scotland, the Secretary-General of the Model UN Conference, personally invited members of our *Rotary Youth for a Better World* initiative to attend. He has also indicated that they will support the global read-a-thon initiative. This could quickly spread our movement from 40 to more than 120 countries in just a few months and contribute significantly to the outcome.

Opportunity for Exceptional NJ High School Students to Participate in International Model UN Conference at UN HQ:

As a result of the global youth movement started by one of our Interact Clubs, our District has been offered a truly exceptional opportunity to have a number of high school students attend the upcoming Rotaract Model UN Conference. At this event, 2,000 youth delegates from 136 countries will meet for several days at UN HQ in New York to discuss possibilities for tackling some of the world's biggest problems.

This offer includes waiving of the conference fees and paying for 2 nights in a major NY hotel. We are sharing this opportunity with our fellow Rotary Districts in NJ where each District will be able to send 4 students to the Model UN Conference. The real benefit, of course, is the opportunity to rub shoulders and participate in serious discussions about important topics with so many exceptional young people from around the world.

The students to attend the conference will be selected through an essay competition where all NJ high school students 15 and older will be invited to submit an essay of 750 words or less that describes the value of the UN and the Model UN movement, as well as why they think they should be selected to attend the conference. Each participating District will be responsible for providing and covering the cost for chaperones for the students from their district.

Public Image Pilot Program: The Rotary Clubs of Union and Clinton Sunrise as well as our eClub have been selected to participate in our district-funded social media membership marketing campaign. All three clubs have had planning meetings with Audrey Kirchner, a social media/ marketing professional who owns AK Studio, to get the projects off the ground. I personally monitored these video conference meetings, and am confident this effort will significantly increase awareness and interest in these clubs in their respective marketing areas.

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work you do!

Bob Zeglarski, District Governor



Our Youth in the News! Bill Graham, Public Image Director

Interact's "Dare to be Great" Video Makes Rotary International TOP TEN!

Congratulations to Ariana Novo, Sudheshna Vemula, Nikki Salazar and Kaileann Villanueva of the Interact Club of Middlesex County Academy in Edison for making and submitting a video to the 9th Annual Interact Video Awards Competition. Despite being a first time submitter from a tiny Interact club (5 members) in a tiny school (160 students) and having to compete against much larger schools in countries like India that had more experience, they managed to achieve an impressive 10th place. This is especially impressive when one considers that the next best placing by an American team was 30th place.



Ariana Novo and Sudheshna Vemula (left) of the Interact Club that founded the RotaryYouth for a Better World Movement and Zineb Touzani and Jason Gonzalez (right), RotaryYouth Representatives to the UN in NY, met Jayathma Wickramanayake (center), the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth, to discuss youth initiatives to take on the world's biggest problems such as the UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

For more images and information regarding the Governor's message, check the links below:

1. Image and link to the 3 minute video of the Interact club (many of you have still not yet seen it). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwOUqX5RQmw>

2. The link to the Model UN website: <https://rotaractmun.org/newyork2018>

3. The link to Maxton Scotland's video invitation to the members of RYBW: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGel-F-VOWs>

The photo at left was taken at a meeting with the Youth Envoy of the Secretary General of the UN.

F. S. Mathewson Rotarian of the Year Dave Breidinger

In 1982, Rotary District 7510 established this award to recognize and honor the memory of PDG Matty Mathewson (pictured) and those Rotarians in the district who have, over a period of time, best exemplified Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

Earning this award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Rotarian by our District. The application form was sent to all club presidents and secretaries. A copy is available here - <http://www.rotarynj.org/ar-f-s-mathewson-rotarian-of-the-year.php>

Please return your club's nomination to Chairman Dave Breidinger by February 8. Contact Dave at dbreidinger1@comcast.net



Interact in the News

Our Interact Clubs in District 7510 are all busy, wonderful groups of high school students who have service to others at the heart of their activities. District 7510 clubs who sponsor these students can be justifiably proud of their Interact members and all of the good work that they accomplish.

As noted in District Governor Bob Zeglarski's leading article in this newsletter, we will give all of our Interact club members an opportunity to attend a special conference for Interact on March 17, where they can participate and showcase their club activities.

In the meantime, here are several briefs that were submitted by a few of the clubs for publication in our newsletter.

Union High School Interact Club Cares

The Union High School Interact Club, a branch of Rotary International and sponsored by the Union Rotary Club, recently made a significant donation to The Malala Fund. Founded in 2013, The Malala Fund champions every girl's right to 12 years of free, safe, quality education.



The club set a goal of \$1000 for fundraising efforts in order to contribute to this worthwhile fund named after a young woman whose life was threatened after speaking up for girls' education and through teamwork met that goal. The Malala Fund works in regions where most girls miss out on secondary education. Their priority countries are Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and countries housing Syrian refugees (Lebanon and Jordan).

Members of the club were moved to raise money and make this important donation when they learned about Malala's story. Malala Yousafzai was a Pakistani student who began advocating for girls' education at a very young age. She survived an assassination attempt by the Taliban at 15, and later co-founded Malala Fund with her father Ziauddin. She is the youngest ever Nobel Laureate and currently lives in the U.K. with her family.

The Interact Club also participated in and donated \$500 to Relay For Life, a town-wide event that supports the American Cancer Society.

Westfield High School Interact Spreads Holiday Cheer

The Rotary Club of Westfield's Interact Club at Westfield High School visited Bernice's Place in Elizabeth to help spread holiday cheer in December. The Interactors brought lots of supplies to help each child decorate their own gingerbread house. The youngsters had lots of fun sampling the frosting and candy as they created works of art on each of their houses. They took home their decorated gingerbread houses, a gingerbread cookie to decorate at home, and a bag of candy and frosting. A great time was had by all! Bernice's Place is part of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and provides an after school program for elementary-aged kids at risk. The WHS Interact students plan to come back in the New Year and work on more projects with the kids.



North Plainfield Interact Club takes fundraising on the road

The North Plainfield High School Interact Club sent fifteen members to a recent Rutgers University basketball game to staff two concession stands and raise money for scholarships. Along with the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield, the Interact Club members attend eight to ten basketball games a year with four to six Rotarians, all working concessions for men's and women's games.

The Interactors prepare hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot pretzels, and hot popcorn. They make fountain sodas to order, serve up candy and chips, hot chocolate and coffee for the hungry fans. Their reward is the opportunity to work together, develop skills in dealing with customers, and sharing the fun of a social evening with others.



"We have been working concessions at Rutgers for over 17 years," said Michael Townley, a member of the Rotary club who chairs the event. "For almost half that time, the Interact Club has supported our project with their hard work and dedicated service."

Interact clubs are the high school equivalent of Rotary clubs, serving others through various projects and programs. At North Plainfield High School, they are led by Alexandra Pereira, a Spanish language teacher and the club's adviser.

"Alex is a great club adviser," said Townley. "She guides the club through their own activities and service projects, such as sponsoring blood drives, and really allows them to develop their leadership skills. Alex also identifies the 'best of the best' for recognition as 'Students of the Month' throughout the school year."

The Interact Club supports the food bank with regular collections, holds two blood drives a year at the high school, delivers special Valentine's to students, and supports the Rotary Club's annual Track and Field Meet for middle school students by assisting with officiating duties, among other activities and events.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

PDG Barry Kroll, Registrar

Rotary District 7470



This year Districts 7510 and 7470 have teamed up to present RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). RYLA will merge the best skills from both districts and be held June 15, 16, 17 at Drew University in Madison.

The weekend is designed by Rotary to show the best of what we can do and inspire the next generation in the ideals of Rotary. Cost for the RYLA weekend is \$275.00 per student.



Capacity for RYLA is 80 students and this year we anticipate another sell-out. Registration deadline is May 31st or when capacity of 80 students is achieved. Registration is first come first served. Be sure to get your students registered early as we do anticipate a sell-out. NOTE: Registration is not complete until payment is received.

Registration documents were sent to club presidents. Obtain copies on our District website home page at www.Rotarynj.org.

Club News!

All the Club news that's fit to print! And we'd like to print it all, so please send your news articles to the Editor and we'll be sure to post them for all to read. Include photos, captions, web addresses, and any other information to make your story complete. Editor7510@verizon.net.

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The Rotary Club of Elizabeth welcomed guest speaker Heather Kelly, Director of Audience Services for Kean Stage, the Arts venues at Kean University. Heather updated members on the performances for the 2018 season. The list is available on their website, keanstage.com. If you haven't attended a concert or play at Kean you should do so. The performers are first rate and the venues are spectacular. President Art Lobdell and January program chairman Ken Richuso thank Heather for visiting on a snowy day.

The Rotary Club of Union supported the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick with their collection of over 75 pounds of pop tabs. According to Rotary member Robert O'Connell, the pop tabs are recycled and the money helps fund the Ronald McDonald House, which supports families with children suffering from life threatening illnesses. To help the Club collect pop tabs, please drop them off to Patel Printing at 1036 Commerce Avenue or be a guest at one of the club's meetings. Pictured below are club members Robert O'Connell and Frank Lawrence.



The Rotary Club of Clinton Sunrise and the Rotary Club of North Hunterdon once again had two of their members key participants in Hunters Helping the Hungry and in bringing awareness to Rotary's Hunger in Hunterdon Campaign. Rotarians Megan Jones-Holt, Clinton Sunrise Rotary, and Lester Giese, North Hunterdon Rotary, teamed up to raise money for through the Market Pizza and Hunters Helping the Hungry Partnership. This cooperative effort raised enough money in the past to provide over eight thousand meals for the organization. Megan, Partner and Chef of Market Pizza, uses her passion for creating unique food experiences to host the event. Les is an originating member of the non-profit HHH organization. Area hunters donate deer to select State Health Department inspected HHH partner butchers. The meat is then distributed through NORWESCAP. All money raised goes towards the processing of the venison, with over 1.6 million meals donated to date. PDG Megan is pictured with HHH board member Mark Charbonneau at the 2017 fundraising event.



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The Rotary Club of Robbinsville-Hamilton enjoyed a tradition at its December 22 meeting with the assembly of "Winter Survival Kits" - bags packed with scarves, hats, gloves and personal hygiene items aimed at helping the homeless during this season. The project resulted in over 100 kits prepared for donation to The Rescue Mission of Trenton. After breakfast, members listened to Barrett Young, chief operating officer, speak about the Mission's focus on helping those in need to help themselves. Also, Rescue Mission client Adam Watson spoke about how the Mission is helping him turn his life around and have a promising future.

The Rotary Club of Branchburg recently awarded their special certificate to Student of the Month Elyse Madigan, a student at Branchburg Central Middle School, who won the Rotary Club of Branchburg Essay Contest for this month. The essay reflects the student's goals for the future and the steps necessary to achieve their goals. Elyse Madigan is planning on studying to become a Fashion Designer. She was awarded a Rotary Certificate, a Gift Certificate and a special Rotary coin that reminds Rotarians to live their lives by the Rotary 4 Way test: "Of the things we think, say and do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



Members of the Club are always busy! It's exciting to be a member of a club that supports so many causes and understands the value of participating in community events.

During the cold month of December, many members braved the weather and collected Holiday Happiness Funds for our local organizations to provide food for them. Boys Scout Troop 185 also helped to collect funds as well.

The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights member Mike Del Duca, manager of the Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate office in New Providence, has been honored for his dedication to the club's Medic-Alert program. The Medic-Alert program for solo seniors in Berkeley Heights and New Providence provides a neck-worn pendant and matching telephone that will call the wearer's local police dispatch in the event of a fall or other significant accident while at home. Over 200 residents in the two towns are provided with Medic-Alert systems, which require both initial installation and wearer instructions, as well as annual check-ups and maintenance. Almost single-handedly, Mr. Del Duca has spearheaded and maintained this initiative for the past ten consecutive years. The Paul Harris Fellowship chosen by the Rotary Club to honor him recognizes \$1,000 contributed to The Rotary Foundation--a 501(c)(3) with 100% and Four-Star ratings by Charity Navigator) in Mr. Del Duca's name. Club president Jim Ramentol presented Mike (r) with his Paul Harris Fellow pin.



The Rotary Club of New Brunswick will host their annual fundraising event "Rags to Runway" on March 19 at The Imperia in Somerset, beginning at 6:00 P.M. All proceeds will benefit Prevent Child Abuse, NJ and The Rotary Club of New Brunswick Foundation. This is the second year that the club has organized this event and last year it was great success. Student teams from local colleges and high schools will compete in Fashion and Costume Design in this show. Students will create their own

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design from material purchased at local thrift shops. The evening features catered hors d'oeuvres by local area restaurants (cash bar) and there will be entertainment performances by local professional groups during the show. Tickets can be purchased on line for \$50 each at the club web site - www.newbrunswickrotary.org.

The Rotary Club of Watchung-Warren recently collected more than 50 pairs of gloves for homeless veterans in concert with the Ramsey Chapter of UNICO National who added to the total of more than 100 gloves provided. UNICO is also a service organization. Steve Kraus, Sandy Bloom, and Linda Pregoner (left to right) joins Forrest Elliott of Care4Vets (second from left) who will add the gloves to backpacks for distribution to veterans, especially those who are living under bridges.



The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will hold a Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday, February 9th at 6:30pm at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. Tickets are \$65 per person and include a buffet dinner and \$100 in casino play money. All attendees must be at least 21 years of age. Doors will open at 6:30pm and gaming will occur between 7 and 11 pm. Tickets can purchased on Eventbrite.com. For further information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Carmela Resnick at cresnickart@gmail.com. The fundraiser will support the many charitable activities managed by the Club.



The Rotary Club of Kenilworth recently installed new member Sandra Trapani, a licensed sales representative with Weichert Realtors. The club has been part of Rotary International since 1948. Members serve the needs of Kenilworth and the world. *Service above Self* is always the club's motto and members strive to make their community and the world a better place. Numerous projects are available for those willing to participate. Sponsors are always appreciated to support the clubs academic student scholarship program and summer camp program. To learn more about volunteering or sponsoring or participating, please contact President Ceu Manata at 908-400-5033 or visit the Club's Facebook page. Photo l-r Kenilworth Rotarian and Sergeant of Arms Toni Sosnosky welcomes Sandra (center) along with Union Rotarian and Past District 7510 Governor Charles Minton.



The Rotary Club of Flemington is planning their *Flemington Rotary Beer Fest*, an event that allows participants to taste and sample many different kinds of craft beers from a variety of different breweries. There will be live music to enjoy and food available to purchase. The event will be held on Saturday, September 29, from Noon to 4:30 pm in the Liberty Village Outlet Marketplace, 81 NJ Route 12, Flemington. The Club plans to have more than 60 beers from 30 breweries. A limited number of tickets will be offered in two different tasting sessions. This is a charitable fundraising event with 100% of the net proceeds raised benefiting the charitable projects of the Club, including scholarships for Hunterdon Central Regional High School (H.C.R.H.S.) and Hunterdon County Polytech Career & Technical School graduating seniors. Visit the website for more info: <http://flemingtonrotarynj.org/flemington-rotary-beerfest/>.



NOTE: Last month's *TEAM Rotary* incorrectly stated that Beach Sweep is a project of the Berkeley Heights Club. The event has been led by that Club for a number of years but was funded by the District as a district project for youth. *Ed*.

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Presidents-elect have received several emails announcing this year's training seminar, location, and pricing (FREE). All PEs should be registered by now, especially if you plan to stay overnight - the hotel books quickly!!

Remember, there are PEs from throughout New Jersey and lower New York attending PETS. You will enjoy guest presenters and working with your fellow presidents-elect. And your club has already paid the fee to attend!

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Multi District PETS
Districts 7210, 7230, 7255, 7410, 7470, 7490, 7510
March 23 - 24, 2018

Read more about PETS and register to attend by visiting <http://www.petsmidnortheast.org/>. Don't delay - do it TODAY!

Awards and Recognition DGND Ann Walko

The new year signals the time to prepare for awards. You have just received word from David Breidinger who is spearheading the *F.S. "Matty" Mathewson Rotarian of the Year Award*. Our clubs know which members have best exemplified Rotary's motto of . This award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Rotarian by the district. You have the guidelines. Please make sure the nomination form is signed by the club president. Note that PDGs and Honorary members are not eligible for this award. The nomination must reach David no later than **February 9**. If you have any questions, you can call David at 484-801-7904.



There is a *Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards* nomination that recognized exception community or international service projects that further focus and increase the humanitarian service goals of Rotary International. The deadline is **1 February**. Projects that took place from 1 February 2017 through 31 January are eligible for consideration Go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-recerence/learn-topic/awards> and click on Awards-District and International. If you do not make the deadline this year, bookmark this information for the future.

Club presidents and secretaries recently received application forms for the *Jean Harris Award*. Trish Marciano of the Hillsborough Club is spearheading this award. Contact her if you need another copy

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Happy Anniversary!

The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains celebrates 80 years of service, chartered on February 15, 1938.

The Rotary Club of Princeton celebrates 76 years of service, chartered on February 12, 1942.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton Township celebrates 49 years of service, chartered on February 5, 1969.

The Rotary Club of Princeton Corridor celebrates 32 years of service, chartered on February 21, 1986.

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of the application form - tmarciano@comcast.net or 908-578-7125.

The *Club Builder Award* is given to Rotarians who have made a significant impact in supporting and strengthening their Rotary clubs. District Governors can request up to 10 award certificates to grant to deserving Rotarians in their districts. Eligible candidates must be recommended by three past presidents of their own club (or of a past club if they have belonged to their current club for less than three years). The order form is online and DGs can email: shop.rotary@rotary.org.

The nomination for the *Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians* is online. The method of selection is to be determined by the club president. The recommendation is sent to RI and a certificate will be sent to the club president for the recipient. Current club presidents, current, incoming, and immediate past district governors, current, incoming, and past RI directors are not eligible for this award and only one nominee is eligible per club per Rotary year.

Did you know that there is a *Peer-to-Peer Recognition Award*? This award provides volunteer leaders a chance to highlight any individual, club or district, any time and as often as you like, for creative or outstanding initiatives in membership development. A blank award certificate template is available to download at www.rotary.org/awards.

Polio Update

[Julie Ann Juliano, Polio Co-Chair - 2017-2018](#)

We are making great progress in the fight against polio, but more must be done. Look at the

AFGHANISTAN Reported Cases	PAKISTAN Reported Cases	NIGERIA Reported Cases
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2016 – 13	2016 – 20	2016 – 04
2017 – 13	2017 – 08	2017 - 00

three year history in the polio endemic countries - the trend is "Down to Zero."

Polio remains endemic in these three countries. Until poliovirus transmission is interrupted in these countries, all countries remain at risk of importation of polio, especially vulnerable countries with weak public health and immunization services and travel or trade links to endemic countries.

Remember, for every \$1 you give to Rotary this year, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will give \$2, and each \$3 will provide 5 polio vaccines - a great Investment of your dollars.

We are very close as you can see from the chart. Don't forget to collect in your club and to donate yourself to the Polio Plus fund. We are not finished – until it is finished.

Princeton Club's Global Grant

PDG D. Michael Hart, Rotary Foundation Director



The Rotary Club of Princeton is showing us how to magnify its contributions and help the world. They are involved in a Global Grant in India where they are helping fund a mobile screening center with mammography equipment to reduce the incidence and improve outcomes for women with breast cancer.

The participating clubs' project will help control breast cancer and raise awareness. The mobile van will provide screenings every three months, will travel from village to village, and will serve 2500 women. It is being conducted through a local specialty hospital, so the project is sustainable.

Princeton raised \$1,250, and District 7510 contributed \$6,000 from District Dedicated Funds. Two other clubs, a private individual, and the Rotary District in India raised the balance of \$75,850. Rotary International matched that with another \$66,672, so the project totals \$142,522.

The funds will purchase the mammography unit and software, and will be used for publicity and training. The Princeton club members spearheading this project are Ravi Ravindranath, Corky Smith, and Promodinin Jaggi. Good job, guys!

The Rotary International Foundation has earned four stars from Charity navigator for 10 years in a row!

- \$70 million is given in grants every year, funding 1100 projects.
- \$11.2 million is for growing local economies.
- \$20 million for water and sanitation.

As Rotarians, this is our charity. This makes us all look good.

If you are interested in doing a Global Grant, please contact Grants Chair Sharan Jain, email Jainsh.sj@gmail.com, cell 732-801-8856.

District Merger Update

The representatives of District 7510 and District 7470 on the Merger Committee held their final meeting in January. Plans are well underway for the smooth transition from these two districts into the new District 7475 that is scheduled to take place on July 1.

Work in this effort included coming up with a proposed budget, determining how our two respective foundations can function after the merger, developing a common set of by-laws (to be known as a Code of Policies) using the best of each district's existing by-laws, and the like.



We are working out details of how much of the historical information for our current District 7510 and for District 7470 will transition over to the new District 7475 website. You'll hear more about this, and how to change your settings in My Rotary to allow the new district to access your club and member data in DACdb.

DGE John Wilson will also communicate with club presidents-elect more often as we approach the official July 1 merger date.

Top Ten Clubs in Participation - December 2017

Congratulations to the #1 club for November - Plainsboro=North & South Brunswick - with 90.00% participation rate for the month! We count attendance at meetings and participation in club events, District events, committee meetings and the like in our definition of participation (formerly "attendance").

The rest of the top ten? Robbinsville-Hamilton (71.70%); Cranford (70.00%); Roselle-Roselle Park (70.00%); Princeton Corridor (68.80%); Hillsborough (67.70%); Branchburg (64.00%); Old Bridge-Sayreville (62.00%); Bridgewater-Bound Brook (56.70%); Somerville & Bridgewater (56.40%).

Secretaries, contact the District Secretary (Michael Townley) if you need help entering your club's attendance in the District and Club database (DaCdb).

Email Secretary7510@RotaryNJ.org.

And thank you to the nineteen club secretaries who took the time to report participation for December.

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