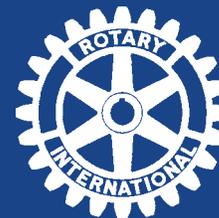


# TEAM ROTARY



District 7510 Newsletter

The Capital District - [www.RotaryNJ.org](http://www.RotaryNJ.org)

May 2018

## Join the Rotary Revolution!

The District Conference, a joint conference of District 7510 and District 7640, southern Jersey, is planned and ready to go on Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia, PA. It has been three years in the making with plenty of time, effort and your dues money going into it to ensure a memorable affair.

Register at [jointherotaryrevolution.com](http://jointherotaryrevolution.com). No late fee!

Of course, the conference is an opportunity for you and your partner to spend a weekend with your colleagues in a fabulous setting, at a casino resort near Valley Forge National Park and King of Prussia Mall.

You will be **inspired** and **entertained**. And you are going to have a lot of **fun!**

We also have something very special planned, a luncheon in honor PRID David Linett, founder of Rotary Leadership Institute. Originally a member of the Bridgewater-Somerville Rotary Club, David will help us celebrate RLI's 25th Anniversary. (Sign up at [jointherotaryrevolution.com](http://jointherotaryrevolution.com) for this too!)

**Inspiration:** Among our speakers who will inspire you!

**Bernd Wollschlaeger**, author of "A German Life: Against All Odds Change is Possible" who converted to Judaism, emigrated to Israel and served in the Israel Defense Forces as a Medical Officer. He will captivate you with his story of coming to grips with the knowledge of why his father, a Nazi Tank Commander, was so famous in his German hometown and country.



Robert Zeglarski  
Governor

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**Rotary International Representative Philip Silver, PHD** who designed and coordinates the evaluation research for Rotary Family Health Days in seven African countries and India. He will inform you of Rotary International's latest possibilities for change.

**Patrick J. Brennan, MD** is the Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. He will discuss infectious diseases, and Rotary's challenge to irradiate Polio worldwide.

**Fun Nights:** Two evening events!

Our Friday night party featuring the **Taste of Philly** and **Saturday night's Gala**, a black tie optional with salmon, prime beef or vegetarian, will be fun for all!

**Entertainment:** Our artists will entertain you!

Dancing to **The Starfires**, a seven-piece rock n' roll band with all the right songs.

**Historic Philly Actors** will bring our Taste of Philly buffet to life.

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## Governor's Message cont'd

**Ferko String Band** will get you strutting just like they do at Philadelphia's Mummers Parade.

**Millionaire Strolling Strings** will add to the elegance of our Gala!

**Join the Rotary Revolution!!**

**Enlist at [jointherotaryrevolution.com](http://jointherotaryrevolution.com). No late fee!**

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

Bob Zeglarski, District Governor

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## Thank You for Your Support...

### But it's time to say "Goodbye" for now

To all of the Rotarians in District 7510, I say "thank you" for supporting me in my roles as a district secretary, as editor for TEAM Rotary, and as webmaster for District 7510.

I have enjoyed working with all of you during my service in these roles, but will be stepping away as we transition to our new District 7475. Our new district will have a new (for us, at least) secretary, newsletter editor and webmaster. I trust that you will support them as you have supported me with your cooperation, your timely news briefs & articles, and in providing information for the website.

It has been a privilege and an honor to work in various capacities with our district governors, starting with PDG Ken Tillman in 1999-2000, when he asked me to serve as an assistant district governor. I have received Paul Harris Fellow recognition for service to the district on numerous occasions, the best "thank you" I could ever receive from fellow Rotarians.

While I will not be filling a district role, I will still be an active Rotarian for as long as I am able. So please feel free to reach out to me if you need assistance. To those clubs staying with DACdb, you can count on me to help in any way I can. For those who choose ClubRunner for their data management vendor, I will try to gain familiarity with that program and help if I can.

Please make note of this new email - [michael.townley@rotarynj.org](mailto:michael.townley@rotarynj.org). You can also phone me at my home (908-822-1441) or mobile number (908-227-6782). Don't hesitate to ask for advice or help - I want to share what I have learned.

With my best wishes to all as you keep "Service Above Self" as your ideal,

Michael Townley .....[Michael.Townley@Rotarynj.org](mailto:Michael.Townley@Rotarynj.org)



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## Polio Plus Donations

Please take the time now to gather your club members and talk up the benefits of contributing to Polio Plus as we push toward the ultimate goal of eradicating polio.

The Gates Foundation is still matching every dollar contributed two for one! If every member in the District contributed \$100, Polio Plus would receive \$301,800.

This would be a great way to end the District 7510 era. Get those contributions in today. Mail to Bill Mealia, 2318 Monica Pl, Scotch Plains 07076 or email him at [wimea2318@outlook.com](mailto:wimea2318@outlook.com).

# 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](http://www.Rotarynj.org).

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## Interact Conference...

### “One of the best Rotary events ever!” - a PDG’s assessment

On 17 March, over a hundred student representatives from twenty District Interact and Rotaract Clubs assembled at the Fairbridge Conference Center to celebrate the "Power of Youth" and learn about the "Dare to be Great" initiative. The conference was championed by District Governor Bob Zeglarski and planned by the Youth Service Chairperson, Nancy Ostrowski, and Conference Coordinator, Bill Graham.

Following a brief introduction by each of the attending Clubs, the conference got right to the point of re-defining "Impossible," presenting examples of young people who had raised tens of million\$, bought the freedom of hundreds of child slaves, fed 10,000 of the world's poorest children for an entire year, etc. Sitting in groups that mixed Interactors from the various schools and clubs, the attendees were challenged to "Dare to be great" themselves.

#### **Rotary Youth for a Better World Initiative**

Members of the Interact Club of Middlesex County Academy then presented a "Dare to be Great" initiative that they had started, calling Rotary youth around the world to unite and demonstrate to the world the power of youth by organizing one of the biggest youth-driven humanitarian projects in history. This global read-a-thon would:

1. Get tens of millions of students around the world to improve their reading skills by reading intensively for a month, and
2. Raise more than \$100 million for causes like polio as well as dramatically reducing the number of children in the world that are not in school due to hunger or extreme poverty.

This initiative is spreading around the world and now includes young people from some 40 countries. It is known as "Rotary Youth for a Better World" (RYBW).

Last November, students from this Interact Club met with the UN Secretary General's Youth Envoy. As a result of the growth of RYBW, the Secretary General of the Future We Want Model UN issued a special invitation to Interactors from District 7510 to participate in a special Model UN Conference at UN

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Headquarters in New York with 2,700 delegates from 136 countries. Two of the delegates from our Interact Clubs even won an award there.

The original video proposing the global youth movement can be seen here: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryYouthForABetterWorld/videos/732482340258270/> or on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0i26vl4y4x8>

### **Brainstorm the Impossible:**

A major part of the conference was a brainstorming session where students at each table were asked to brainstorm possible solutions to a major world problem. Despite the shortness of time, the intensity of discussion was impressive. Each table then presented key aspects of their conclusions. Students later reported that they particularly liked this part of the conference and would like to see this repeated.

### **Lunch Speakers:**

The "Dare to do the exceptional/impossible" theme continued with video presentations by:

- Helen Reisler, the President of the Rotary Club of New York at the time of 9/11 who organized Rotary's response to that event.
- Maxton Scotland, the Secretary General of the Future We Want Model UN Conference

A particular highlight was a presentation by James Leitner, who walked from New Jersey to San Francisco dragging jugs of water to create awareness for the millions of people who do not have local access to clean water.

### **Looking Forward:**

- a TEDx Conference
- the global read-a-thon in November
- A "Dare to be Great" competition to see which group of young people can come up with the most "outrageously audacious" idea for taking on a major world problem
- a 30,000 student mega-event in our newly expanded District 7475 in the coming year

### **It was too short**

At the end of the conference, attendees were asked to submit comments about the conference. All but one attendee said they would like to do this again (one said "maybe"). Despite the conference being five hours, a frequent comment was that they wished the conference had been longer, especially the brainstorming session. We have noted that suggestion for the next time. Several VIPs and observers made special effort to praise the conference and suggest we should repeat it.

### **The Liaison Committee and the Future:**

Factors that led to the success of this conference include promotional efforts by some Interactor delegates, as well as a District Interact Liaison Committee from schools throughout the District. The promotional effort included a dozen Interactors making a video pointing out how this event differed from anything Interactors in the District had done previously. This video can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjAOTk6IVs>

The members of the Liaison Committee have decided to keep this committee going and plan further District-wide *Dare to be Great* initiatives.

# 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.

**The Rotary Club of Princeton** in conjunction with Club Rotario de Mérida Itzaes collaborated to coordinate the Second Annual English Language Camp in Mérida, Mexico. Over 100 high school aged students attended the three day camp during their Spring Break Vacation. Past and Present Fulbright awardees assisted Princeton High School Teachers Andrea Dinan and Christine Carbone. The program too place at UABIC - a school that serves the poorest students in the city of Mérida. Over one third of the 500 students in the school lack running water in their homes. The camp prepared students for their upcoming application to the local universities.



**The Rotary Club of Piscataway** will hold their Eighteenth Annual "Taste of Piscataway" fundraiser on Monday, May 14, at the Radisson Hotel, 21 Kingsbridge Road, Piscataway, from 6 to 9 P.M. Come sample food from local restaurants and wine from around the world. Some of the vendors are: Brick House Tavern & Tap, Cedar Grove Café & Catering, Dunellen Hotel, Hometown Heroes, Khalila's CornKrush LLC, La Bonbonniere Bakery, Maggiano's, Middlesex County Vo Tech/Piscataway Desserts, Radisson Hotel/Fusions, Red Lobster, Season's 52, Sigiri Sri Lanka Restaurant, and The Imperia. There will also be a silent auction. Funds raised will be used for many local projects, such as dictionaries for all third graders, FISH food bank, high school scholarships, Little League, Career Day for high school students, and International projects like Pure Water for the World and Homes of Hope. **Tickets are \$35.** For Tickets or info call 732-699-1431.



**The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield** recently awarded it's *Service Above Self Award* to Plainfield resident, former councilwoman, and current Union County Freeholder Linda Carter at the club's 19th Annual Wine Tasting Dinner. The event is one of the club's fundraisers for scholarships and other worthwhile projects. Seventy-five people attended the event that included a five course meal, fine wines, door prize give-aways, and a raffle. The club raised over \$2000 plus another \$375 that it is donating to Polio Plus. Freeholder Carter presented the club with a resolution from the Board of Chosen Freeholders, commending the club for its ninety-three years of service to Plainfield and the surrounding area. Pictured are Freeholder Carter, left, with Club President Roberta Smith.

**The Interact Club of North Plainfield High School** held their semi-annual Blood Drive in cooperation with the American Red Cross on Friday, April 27, in the school gymnasium. Over 100 people came out to give blood, with 64 pints collected. This total ensures that 192 lives will be impacted by the donations. Students, faculty and members of the public all participated in the event which will be repeated in the Fall. Sponsoring Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield members Ravenell Williams (not shown) and Harry Allen, center, did their part, along with Interact Club members and their school adviser, Alexandra Pereira, left.



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## Club News cont'd

**The Interactors at North Plainfield high School** also participated in the recent Beach Sweep Project of Clean Ocean Action at Sandy Hook. This is a favorite project of the Interact Club as they enjoy fresh air, clean the beach of debris (including yucky stuff), have a good time, meet other Interact Clubs, and enjoy the specialty of the day, the hot dog lunch provided by District 7510 and the Berkeley Heights Rotarians and friends. The Interact Club had twenty kids at the event, including one 7th and one 8th grade student, both of whom are future Interactors. Can't tell if the young man is shielding his face from the cold or the smell from that...that...that "thing" he's holding! But the fellow on the left dropping the bag must have just seen something creepy crawly



**The Rotary Club of Hillsborough** did their part to respond to RI President Ian Risely's request that we honor our planet earth with tree plantings across the globe. The Club recently joined numerous other Rotary Clubs around the world in planting trees to help raise environmental awareness and contribute to efforts to combat global climate change. With funding from the Club, Central Jersey Nurseries, under leadership of owner Vince Lipani, a long-time Rotarian, planted 35 trees lining walkways and fields at Village Green Park on Brooks Boulevard in Hillsborough. One of the sixteen Kwanzan Cherry trees are shown, with other trees planted

in the field beyond included in the river birch, red maple, sycamore, and pin oaks that were also planted. A dedication ceremony is planned for June 6.

**The Rotary Club of Union** has offered their Dictionary Project to the community for ten years. The mission of the Dictionary Project is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we encourage our sponsors to give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.



**The Interact Club of Union High School** volunteered their time and energy at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Twenty students worked in the "clean room" repackaging bulk food into family serving bags. When they finished, a representative from the Food Bank explained how important their volunteer efforts are to families in need. They then learned that they aided in packaging and boxing 3,772 bags of food which will be immediately distributed to other facilities serving those in need.

**The Rotary Club of Branchburg** celebrated Student of the Month Kaitlyn Brooks, a student at Branchburg Central Middle School, who won the club's Essay Contest for this month.

Kaitlyn's essay reflects her goals for the future and the steps necessary to achieve those goals. Kaitlyn is planning on studying to become a detective.





Also awarded Student of the Month was Matthew Murrison, also a student at Branchburg Central Middle School. Matthew future career plans are to study oncology.

Both Students were 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?"

**The Rotary Club of Flemington** is planning their *Flemington Rotary Beer Fest* is 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/>.



★ IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR ★

# HILLSBOROUGH ROTARY FAIR

**Aug 14-19, 2018**

Tuesday - Thursday 6pm-10pm  
Friday - Saturday 6pm-11pm  
Sunday 2pm-7pm

The field adjacent to Lowes at the Hillsborough Promenade 315 Route 206

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All funds go back into the community.  
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For information call Anthony Franchini 908-334-9304

## Happy Anniversary!

**Congratulations to our May Clubs!!**

The Rotary Club of Lambertville-New Hope - 96 years - Charter date May 1, 1942  
The Rotary Club of Kenilworth - 71 years - May 6, 1947  
The Rotary Club of Old Bridge-Sayreville - 58 years - May 13, 1960.

## Are You Engaged?

No, not matrimonially. Are you an engaged Rotarian? Are you a club officer or committee member? Do you participate in club projects? Are you a District officer, chairperson, or committee member? If yes, then you are engaged! If not, why not? A true Rotarian supports the club with participation and engagement. It's the Rotary way.

# Beach Sweep .....Submitted by Jim Ramentol, President Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights

The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club and friends showed up on Saturday morning, April 21, 2018, and served vittles for the more than 850 volunteers who came out to clean the Sandy Hook National Park beaches of litter of all sorts as part of Clean Ocean Action's Beach Sweep.



The Club has been doing this for over 15 consecutive years, in cooperation with District 7510 and Clean Ocean Action, the semi-annual cleanup of New Jersey beaches known as "Beach Sweep." In the course of the morning, cleanup volunteers plowed through one thousand hot dogs, gallons and gallons of iced tea and water, and ten 50-pack boxes of chips and nachos—all food and drinks are provided free to these sandy stalwarts by our District and prepared and served by Berkeley Heights Club.

This year's Beach Sweep was a huge success. The "sweepers" at Sandy Hook removed vast amounts of litter. The top five were: over 9,400 discarded pieces of plastic, including a major number of plastic water bottles; 6,580 candy and food wrappers; 5,989 bottle caps and coffee cup lids; and over 7,442 straws, stirrers, and Styrofoam cups; plus one Styrofoam chunk of dock material measuring 5'x3'x2'! All this and much more in less than three hours' time!

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## Awards and Recognition..... Ann Walko, Director

The Awards and Recognition Committee is winding down its work for the year. The Care and Share Awards have been selected and will be announced at the District Conference. Many thanks to that committee for their hard work under the leadership of Dr. Michael Toscani.

Trish Marciano presented the *Jean Harris Award* to Annette Dwyer of the Summit-New Providence Club at the District Training Assembly held at the Bridgewater Marriott. Many thanks to Trish for taking on this leadership role and for the hard work completed by the committee. Annette has an impressive dossier of service to the community and we thank the club for nominating such a worth recipient.

Dave Breidinger and his committee have completed their work for the *F.S. "Matty" Mathewson Rotarian of the Year Award*. The recipient will be announced at the District Conference in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

District Governor Bob Zeglarski is hard at work in determining the *Outstanding Club of the Year Award* and the *Significant Achievement Award*-both will be announced at the District Conference along with any other awards he deems appropriate.

It has been a pleasure to have worked over the last several years with such dedicated committee chairs and members. They have made my job easier because of their commitment to *Service Above Self*.

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## Reminders

**Michael Townley, District Secretary**

Michael.Townley@Rotarynj.org

We're winding down our Rotary 2017-2018 year, with a new year and a new District 7475 ahead. There is some preparation work that needs to be done by us and by our clubs:

1. Conference - If you haven't already done so, register for District Conference. The URL for registrations is on the opposite page.
2. Conference Ad Journal - Let's recognize the great work done by District Governor Bob Zeglarski - take out an add to show him your thanks and your appreciation for all that he's done. Ad Journal forms are available on [www.Rotarynj.org](http://www.Rotarynj.org), center of page.
3. Club officers - By now, every club should have your officers-elect determined and updated in our District and Club database, DACdb. If you need help with the updates, please contact me as soon as possible.
4. Club grants - If you received a grant in 2017-2018 from the District, please remember to go back into DACdb and close out the grant as soon as your project is completed. This will help Foundation Director Michael Hart as he manages funds and prepares for next year's grants. I can help you with closing out the grants - just ask me.
5. Dues - Whether it's District dues or RI dues, if you haven't paid them you are WAY overdue. Please settle up.
6. Club Data Vendor - We all need to select a data vendor. The new district will use ClubRunner; you can chose them or stay with DACdb. It's a club choice. But make your decision before July 1.

Contact me as needed with help in any of the above - [Michael.Townley@Rotarynj.org](mailto:Michael.Townley@Rotarynj.org).

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## Top Ten Clubs in Engagement - March 2018

*Congratulations to the #1 club for March - Mountinside - with 91.17% 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 engagement (formerly "attendance").*

*The rest of the top ten? Summit-New Providence (84.56%); Plainfield-North Plainfield (76.92%); Robbinston-Hamilton (71.10%); Cranford (70.00%); Woodbridge-Perth Amboy (68.50%); Bridgewater-Bound Brook (67.50%); Lambertville-New Hope (62.00%); Westfield (57.37%); Somerville and Bridgewater (51.60%).*

*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 fourteen club secretaries who took the time to report participation for March.*

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Give us a call for more information.

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