

# InFlight



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**District 7470 Governor**  
Avinash (Avi) Tilak

## Avi's Agenda

I am sure, all of you realize that we have done over \$165,000 in humanitarian grant projects in our district . . . because all of you provided generous support 3 years ago. Now is the time, to support The Rotary Foundation so our DGND Frank Geraghty will be able to help our district through Matching Grants. Oops. District Grants and Global Grants.

Please give generously to The Rotary Foundation. You still have 15 days to qualify for Governor's Award for Foundation and Polio Support. Don't wait till June 30. Send in your donations NOW.

Our District Conference is 1-1/2 month away. Conference is the time to celebrate accomplishments of our Clubs and the District. Register for hotel as quickly as possible. On April 16, room rates go up to "Rack Rates". You will pay about \$35/night more for the same room after April 16. Book NOW.

If clubs have not submitted their applications for District, Zone and RI awards, do so immediately. Help your president prepare the applications. Do it NOW.

Did you notice all these "NOW"? Well, my year as the district governor is coming to a close. So we must tie up loose ends. With all

### March Contest Winner

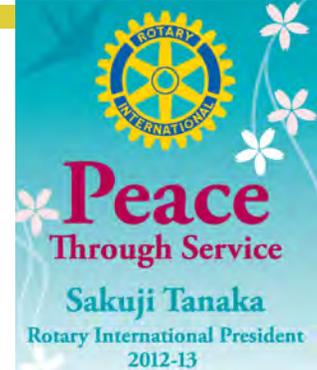
Question: Who were the first FOUR Rotarians to start Rotary Club of Chicago?

Answer: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris

Winner: The winner (chosen randomly) is Janet Cicariello-Cook from Mendham Rotary. She will receive a \$100 gift certificate towards District Conference.



**RI President**  
Sakuji Tanaka



the talk of Strategic Planning and Continuity, Rotary is still on a one-year cycle. Incoming RI President Ron Burton has a theme that focuses on engaging Rotary, while RIP Tanaka's theme focused on Peace. I am sure next year's criteria for RI Presidential Citation will focus more on "engagement" than on "peace".

Same in every club. Incoming presidents are all energized. They are excited to implement their vision of what a Rotary club should do. Now is the time, to complete current year's projects, whether they are club president's project, club projects or district simplified grants.

Avi

### Lancaster, PA. May 16-19, 2013

**"Service Without Boundaries"**  
**"A Salute To Service"**

On-Line Hotel Reservation Link  
Conference Reservation Form

District Web Site <http://www.rotarydistrict7470.org/>  
(Left Side)

District Events/District Conference 2013  
Conference Related Materials

#### Why are you waiting?

Make your reservation now  
Room Rates/Room Block  
Only Guaranteed Until April 16th

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## DISTRICT SCHOLARS – AN UPDATE ON ALUMNI

Recently, District 7470 conducted an outreach, resulting in the contact of former District scholars, who studied from 2000 to 2011. Of the twenty one recipients, we received feedback from thirteen, whose geographical range of study was widespread – from London to Tokyo, from Morocco to Argentina, from Turkey to Senegal. What follows is a thumbnail updated account of these exceptional individuals.

**Courtney Matson – 2011.** A World Peace Fellow who studied at the University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England, Courtney has been working as a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Agency for International Development in the office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, Washington, D.C. She is also an ambassador USAID, helping the agency with knowledge management and implementation of lessons learned in conflict and post-conflict countries.



**Scott Krenitski – 2010.** A Master's of Science in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies from the University of Oxford, England, resulted from his Ambassadorial Scholarship. Prior to this he studied as an Ingram Scholar at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. After finishing his studies at Oxford, he took a position with Google in Austin Texas in the Enterprise Sales Division. He has since moved to NYC remaining with Google but now as an Account Manager for an advertising group.



**Leslie Koerner – 2009.** Leslie's Ambassadorial studies in Dublin, Ireland, kindled an interest in public health, particularly in the areas of adolescent and reproductive health. After the scholarship she was admitted to and received a master's from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg

School of Public Health. She now works as a consultant to Jhpiego in the area of maternal and child health for this international non-profit health organization. Leslie recently traveled to Nepal and was selected for a counseling project in Matai for a non-governmental organization, which rescues women and children from sex trafficking.



**Leo D. Redmond IV – 2008.** Upon completing his service as an Ambassadorial Scholar to Istanbul, Leo then attended The New School University in Manhattan, graduating with an M.S. in International Affairs with a concentration in economics and finance. The summer of 2010 found Leo with a



scholarship from the American Research Institute in Turkey to study advanced Turkish at Bogazici Universitesi where he re-connected with the Suadiye Club. Since January 2012 he has served as the Peace Corps Panama Environmental Health Program Manager, supervising 60 Peace Corps volunteers who work on potable water and sanitation systems in indigenous communities throughout rural Panama. Leo is a 2013 Management Fellow.

Blog Link:

[www.campocorrespondence.blogspot.com](http://www.campocorrespondence.blogspot.com)

**Daria Champion – 2008.** Following her three month Cultural Scholarship in Dakar, Senegal, where she took intensive individualized French instruction at the ACI-Baobab



Center, Daria returned to NYC. Her efforts in Dakar resulted in an accelerated improvement in her language skills as she now provides direct services to Francophone immigrants. In 2009 she became a government accredited representative, which allows her to represent clients before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**Laurel Trigg Rapp – 2006.**

Laurel's experiences as an Ambassadorial Scholar in Rabat, Morocco included research at Mohammed V University, the results of which she presented at the Center for Islam and Democracy's 2008 Conference in Washington, D.C. She then worked for a Middle East conflict resolution organization in NY after which she received a Master's Degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Laurel is now the Bahrain Desk Officer at the Department of State in D.C. as a Presidential Management Fellow. Last summer she served on the National Security Council at the White House focusing on Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia.



**Stephen G. Collins – 2006.**

Through the Cultural Scholarship Program, hosted by the Hiroo Tokyo Club, Stephen studied language at Temple University's Japan campus, lived with a Japanese family, and engaged in numerous speaking arrangements. Following graduation, he was offered and accepted a position with Lehman Brothers, Tokyo office, and has lived in Tokyo ever since. Now working for UBS, covering FX markets, he is active in volunteer programs with local orphanages through his employer.

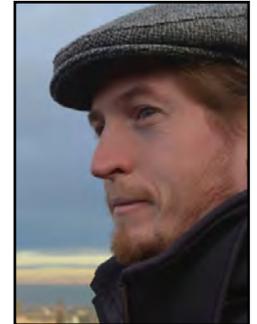


**Eli Schlam – 2005.** Eli attended the London School of Economics and Political Science as an Ambassadorial Scholar, receiving an M.S. in Nationalism and Ethnicities Studies, with a focus on nationalism and national conflict. He then attended and was graduated

from Harvard Law School, after which he worked at a firm in D.C. In 2010 Eli moved to Honolulu to serve as a law clerk for The Honorable Richard Clifton of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He now is back in Washington as an attorney handling a wide range of litigation matters for criminal and civil cases.



**Conor Fortune – 2003.** Fluent in Spanish and drawn to the history of human rights abuses in Latin America, Conor obtained an M.A. in International Relations from Argentina's Universidad del Salvador as a World Peace Fellow. Over the last decade Conor has worked



as a free-lance journalist as well as in media outreach roles at leading global human rights and disarmament organizations. He lives with his wife in London and is a news writer at Amnesty International Headquarters. Conor has participated in Rotary World Peace Symposiums in Salt Lake City in 2007 and Bangkok in 2012, where he took part in a panel about media and peace. While he doesn't have a personal blog, he writes and edits materials for Amnesty International's news site and blog:  
<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news>  
<http://livewire.amnesty.org>

**Amy J. Cohen – 2002.**

Following her graduation from Harvard Law School (magna cum laude) where she was a Hewlett Fellow in the Program on Negotiation, Amy became an Ambassadorial Scholar to study and teach at the newly created Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal. One of her first scholarly articles was an outgrowth of that year – "Debating the Globalization of US Mediation," appearing in the Harvard



Negotiation Law Review in 2006. She has since stayed very involved in questions of dispute, resolution, development, and South Asia. Amy is an associate professor of law at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law where she teaches property, mediation, international dispute resolution, and law and development. More information on her position and current projects can be found at:

<http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/faculty/bios.php?ID=12>

**Jennifer M. Cannistra – 2001.** Jen studied at Oxford University as an Ambassadorial Scholar where she received her M.Sc. in Comparative and International Education. She was graduated from Harvard Law School in 2005, worked as an associate at a D.C. law firm, and then served as a law clerk to The Honorable Faith S. Hochberg of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Then Jen spent a year and a half working for Obama for America and the Obama-Biden Presidential Team. She worked in the White House Office of Health Reform and then served as senior advisor for legal affairs in the Office of Health Reform at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is now head of the department's office that manages policy development regulations.

**David Andrew Campion – 2000.**

Before he became an Ambassadorial Scholar, David was a doctoral student at the University of Virginia. He used his scholarship to complete the necessary research for his dissertation at the Institute of Historical Research in the University of London. He received his Ph.D. in history in 2002 and soon joined the faculty at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon where he is currently the Pamplin Associate Professor of History. He teaches courses in British, Irish, Imperial, and South Asian history. David's research and teaching have allowed him to work in India, East Africa, Hong Kong, and London.



Blog Link: <http://legacy.lclark.edu/~campion/>

**Gerilynn Fox – 2000.** As a Cultural Scholar, Gerilynn studied at the Japanese Language Institute in Osaka.

While there, she presented in Japanese at multiple Osaka and Tokyo club meetings, volunteered extensively, and taught English to children in the local community. Gerilynn lives in Hoboken with her husband and daughter. She is a vice-president in Morgan



Stanley Transfer Pricing Group. Determined to find a job that would allow use of the cultural insight from her scholarship, she has found her niche as she works on numerous Japan-based engagements involving either Japanese clients or the Japanese Tax Authority. Further information on Gerilynn may be found at

[www.linkedin.com/pub/gerilynn-fox/3/442/871/](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/gerilynn-fox/3/442/871/)

The following quotes capture the appreciation these scholars have for the opportunity of life-changing experiences: ...”Thank you for believing in me...my life undoubtedly would have taken a different course...a flood of wonderful memories...profound impact...a great asset as I move forward in my career...played a pivotal role in shaping my future...” We can only hope that one day, in the not-too-distant future, some of these incredibly amazing scholars will consider becoming Rotarians.

**Win a \$100 Certificate  
Towards District Conference  
(the certificate is transferable)**

Answer the following question:  
Of the current clubs in District 7470, which decade saw creation of the largest number of clubs? Which decade saw creation of the smallest number of clubs?

Answer is in this newsletter  
Send your answer no later than April 20, 2013 to DG Avi at [avitalak9@gmail.com](mailto:avitalak9@gmail.com)  
We will hold a drawing to select one winner among all the correct entries.

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# Attendance Report

	Member Count	YTD Gain/Loss	February Attendance.
Denville Sunrise	14	0	97.00%
Morris Plains	56	-1	96.00%
Denville	48	3	95.00%
Pequannock Valley	52	5	94.20%
Belvidere	9	0	91.00%
Blairstown	24	-2	91.00%
Lake Hopatcong	22	0	88.00%
Walkkill Valley	24	-1	87.30%
Livingston Sunrise	25	-1	87.00%
Caldwells	31	0	86.30%
Hampton Township	21	21	85.00%
Phillipsburg	29	1	85.00%
West Orange	41	-1	85.00%
Wharton/Mine Hill	10	-1	85.00%
Nutley	28	0	84.50%
Netcong-Stanhope	14	0	81.00%
Ironbound (Newark)	7	-3	80.00%
Jefferson Township	12	1	80.00%
Maplewood	23	0	80.00%
Roseland Rotary	5	0	80.00%
Rockaway Rotary Club	24	4	78.90%
Randolph	29	-1	78.00%
Livingston	15	-1	76.66%
Whippany	27	-3	76.00%
Belleville	7	0	75.00%
Dover	16	0	75.00%
South Orange	9	0	75.00%
Par-Troy Rotary	21	1	73.81%
Morristown	56	-6	73.17%
Madison Rotary	83	3	72.10%
Butler/Triboro	14	1	71.43%
Chatham Millburn	7	1	71.00%
Irvington	16	0	67.19%
Branchville	31	-2	67.06%
East Hanover	5	-3	66.00%
Bernardsville	30	-4	64.44%
Newton	100	-7	55.00%
Boonton	11	1	52.00%
Mendham Rotary	21	-3	52.00%
Chester-Long Valley	12	0	50.00%
East Orange	10	0	50.00%
Newark	34	0	43.75%
Cedar Grove - NR	16	0	0.00%
Bloomfield - NR	13	0	0.00%
Fairfield - NR	0	0	0.00%
Florham Park - NR	0	0	0.00%
Glen Ridge - NR	22	0	0.00%
Hackettstown - NR	24	0	0.00%
Montclair - NR	25	0	0.00%
Montville Township - NR	0	0	0.00%
Mount Olive - NR	9	0	0.00%
Roxbury - NR	19	0	0.00%
Vernon Township - NR	0	0	0.00%
Washington - NR	17	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1218</b>		<b>57.31%</b>

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013**  
**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

PLACE  
**HANOVER MANOR,**  
**EAST HANOVER**  
**3:00 to 8:30 pm**

The Assembly will provide training for club leaders and provide information for clubs to be more successful in the coming year  
 More Details to Follow in April



## Mary Ann's Marquee

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I look out the window and all that comes to mind is Gilbert and Sullivan's "The flowers that bloom in the spring .. tra la!" New Jersey may have its share of cold weather but all our seasons have their own share of beauty: spring flowers, summer swimming, fall's colored leaves, and, yes, the beauty of the winter snow. But, if truth be known, I bet we're all happy that it is now spring.

Branchville – You're tough! Not only do you make your members work at the fair but they have to wear one of your aprons. And, to top it all off – they have to pay for the apron. By the way, how many friends did you bring to your meetings on your (paid) 'Bring a Friend to Rotary' during March?

Bernardsville – You're expecting. Are you expecting a few new members? That's great and your suggestions from Rotary International News listing some innovative ways to attract members will be very useful.

Caldwell - The North Caldwell Fire Department must be so appreciative of the \$15,000 donation you gave to them for special pumping equipment for their new fire truck. Twirl and dance – you go Jonathan. Denville – Happy 66th Birthday To You - The Governor's Club.

Denville Sunrise - It's hard to think of the Denville Sunrise Club without PDG Karen and Frank Castora.

They were a moving force in your

club and in our district for many years. We wish them well.

Glen Ridge - I'm curious – you have 159 balls for the President's Club. What kind of balls?

Hackettstown – I'm sure you enjoyed seeing your members' power point presentation with excellent photos of your international project in St. Kitts. Hackettstown Hospital must be happy to know the medical equipment they donated is being used for such a good purpose. Livingston – Livingston's Bi-Centennial celebration will certainly have Rotary in the forefront at all its events – especially since you and the Livingston Sunrise Club will join forces.

Madison – You must be proud of all the recognitions you received this year. You received \$350 which was given toward your the Kopila Valley Water Well initiative; the Madison Education Association honored you for your literacy programs; and the Neighbor to Neighbor Award to honor Morris County Rotary clubs will be given by the Inter-Faith Food Pantry. The Ellsworth and Thomas Faces of Hunger donation jars program was successful. The jars will now be re-cycled to collect money for Hurricane Sandy relief. Whew busy year, so far!

Mendham – It's that time again. Time for your annual Antique Show. I hope you had a good showing and made some money for your Rotary projects.

Morris Plains – Tap, Tap, Tap. Weren't you lucky! You had the Irish Step Dancers perform for your meeting.

Newton – You must have more younger members than our club has to have 10 teams for the GOL Volley

Ball Tournament. Then it's golf. Did you really pledge \$100,000 toward the matching gift campaign at Newton Medical Center? That is a pretty high goal and most generous. Corey – it's great that you will have several members join you at the Leadership Institute.

Nutley – Well – did you fill all your tables at the Beefsteak Dinner? Those beefsteak dinners are yummy and fun.

Parsippany - Getting ready for your annual 5K race? Get those legs in shape and maybe it's a good time to check those old sneakers. I see Saint Peggy is still coming through with help, this time with programs.

Rockaway – Your Paul Harris Recognition Dinner is a lovely way to honor new Paul Harris Fellows. Do you and Parsippany join forces in a 5K run? Congratulations to Bill Baron who is a new member of District 7470 Paul Harris Society.

Wallkill Valley – Good luck with your Wine Tasting Event. Your Rotary Display in the Sussex Wantage Library is a very good public display with good Rotary information.

Whippany – The monthly messages from R.I. President Tanaka that you have put in your bulletins are very moving and thought provoking. They make us proud to be Rotarians.

As Al Jolson sang many decades ago, "Though April Showers may come your way ...." Let's hope our April showers wash away the cobwebs and rejuvenate us to finish this year's Rotary projects. There's much to do. Let's join DG Avi and DGN Barry at the conference and assemblies to regenerate our Rotary motivation and reactivate our 'Service in Rotary'.

## News From Friends

Recently we heard from PDG Ajay Kala of District 3050. PDG Ajay was the RI President's Representative for PDG Jim Allison's district conference in May 2012. He reports that on July 1, 2013 their district will be split in 3 districts because they have grown tremendously in the last few years. Congratulations to D3050.

PDG Ajay also shared that on March 25, 2013, at Rotary's recommendation, IIS University of Jaipur conferred honorary D.Litt. degrees on RI President Sakuji Tanaka and 2 past RI Presidents Rajendra Saboo and Kalyan Banerjee. The chief guest for convocation was Justice Shivaraj Patil, retired judge of the Supreme Court of India.



**Mark your Calendar**  
**Banner Exchange**  
 June 20, 2013 – 6:00 pm

**Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres  
 Dinner and Open Bar  
 \$55.00 Per Person**

**Mayfair Farms  
 481 Eagle Rock Avenue  
 West Orange**

Answer: 1920s saw creation of 15 clubs.  
 1990s saw creation of zero clubs.

**April 28th, 2013**

**WALKFEST**

Walkfest is celebrating their 19th year. Our committee is looking for your club's support by joining us at Loantaka Brook Reservation on Sunday, April 28th, 2013.

In the last 18 years together we have raised over \$200,000. Of the money raised, 50% has gone back to the local clubs for their community projects, while the other 50% went to the Rotary Foundation.

Information can be found on our website – [www.walkfest7470.org](http://www.walkfest7470.org), brochures are available by contacting any WALKFEST committee member, or on the District website.

50% of all pledges collected will be returned to your club or your nonprofit group.

Pledge sheets, corporate sponsor forms and additional info available at [www.walkfest7470.org](http://www.walkfest7470.org)  
 (973) 361-2810

## Irvington Interact Charter Party



Recently Irvington Rotary Club held a party to celebrate charter grant for their Interact club. Here are a few photos.

[If clubs would like to see their events publicized in In-Flight, send 100 word stories with 3 action photos.]



## Sandy Relief Fund (for April 2013)

We collected a little over \$40,000 for Sandy Relief. During the last two months the leadership team chose 4 organizations to give \$15,500 :

- a) Rockaway Food Closet (\$1,500) located at 35 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866,
- b) Project Paul (\$5,000) located at 211 Carr Ave. Keansburg NJ 07734,
- c) Union Beach Memorial School District (\$5,000), Union Beach, NJ, and
- d) Fuller Center for Housing in the New Jersey Pines (\$4,000), located at 7 Sohn Way, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

The committee chose to keep aside \$20,000 and use it to create long term rebuilding project through a matching grant.

**Short Term  
YOUTH  
EXCHANGE  
Program  
to  
JAPAN**



**What:** Exchange program to Japan for 3 weeks

**When:** Departs June 27, 2013  
Returns July 18, 2013

**Who:** Students age 16 to 20

**Sponsored by:**  
Rotary District 7470 in the US  
Rotary District 2670 in Japan

**How much:** \$2950 all inclusive, (including airfare)

**Application Deadline:** March 1, 2013

**For more information:**  
Contact Jim Allison at  
jral88@aol.com or 201-213-6382

**Program Components:**  
Visit Osaka and surrounding cities includes four different homestays on Shikoku Island; learn about Japanese culture; meet Japanese students; eat authentic Japanese food; visit Hiroshima Memorial Peace Park. Make friends for a lifetime! This type of program cannot be duplicated as a tourist.  
For detailed information or to apply, go to <http://rrstye.rotarydistrict7470.org/>.

## Anthony Garcia Six Steps Away From A Happy And Healthy Life

Six degrees of separation is the theory that everyone and everything is six or fewer steps away, by way of introduction, from any other person in the world.

For Anthony Garcia, that theory is certainly true.

Sandy Shultz has been working with children in Honduras for over 15 years to facilitate the correction of “club feet”, a common birth defect in Honduras. She was looking to the future options for heart surgery for kids in Honduras and for 6 year old Anthony in particular.

So in February 2013, she wrote to Salvatore Paci (PP Denville Rotary), her brother-in-law, to see what Sal knew about Gift of Life. Sal contacted Roger Spiess (Denville’s GOL committee chairman) who wrote an email to Rick Porter, a co-chair of the GOL program in our district. Rick confirmed that the GOL medical team was indeed in Honduras but they would only be there for a few more days.

Rick contacted Ronald Roll (the GOL coordinator in Honduras) and together with Dr. Christian Gilbert (head of the medical team) they met with Sandy and Anthony. Through this dedicated group, Anthony Garcia had successful heart surgery a few weeks ago in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

A recent email from Dr. Gilbert says it all: "Sandy, He looks great! I am glad we were able to get his surgery done this last trip. He was definitely a team favorite."



*Walkkill Valley Rotary Club Memorabilia updated and placed in the community library.*

## *Gift of Life Gala*

The annual Gift of Life Gala was held recently at The Villa in Mountain Lakes, and once again for the twenty-ninth consecutive year, it successfully raised funds to support the life-saving work of Gift of Life.

The evening began with cocktail hour food in the theme of "Southern Living" with appetizers featuring traditional foods and recipes of the American South.

Accompanying the candied yams and shrimp jambalaya were the sounds of the Banjo Ragtimers, playing Dixieland music New Orleans style to help set the ambiance for the evening.

Over a hundred and fifty people attended this event which was highlighted by a brief tribute to the late Allen Feehan, who was a dedicated member of both our Gift of Life committee and Gift of Life International.

As well as the diverse silent auction, there was an exciting live auction featuring vacation packages, sports collectibles and a chance to dry a brand new Ferrari for six hours!

A good time was had by all, and more important, the money raised will be used to fulfill the Gift of Life goal of saving as many children as possible, one little heart at a time.

### **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

**Saturday April 20, 2013**

**ALL NEW CURRICULUM**

Rotarians in District 7470 have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills as well as increase their Rotary knowledge by attending RLI on Saturday April 20, 2013 at Seton Hall Prep., West Orange,

This institute is so convenient and so important for the growth and development of you, your club and your district.

Pre-registration is a MUST. Please go today to: [www.rlinea.com](http://www.rlinea.com) to register and pay the modest fee of \$75.00 for breakfast, lunch and all materials.

Late registrations will incur an additional fee. And so unnecessary...

Do it now.

### **Please Join Us!**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Luncheon  
Hosted by the Rotaract Club of Sussex County Community College

Save the Date!

The Rotaract Club of Sussex County Community College cordially invites you to our fourth annual Rotary Luncheon. At this time, our club would like to share our goals of the past school year and convey our accomplishments. We hope you will join us for this special event to thank you for your continuous support in our endeavors and for helping us learn and grow in the Rotary tradition.

**Date:** Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** Noon  
**Place:** Performing Arts Center  
Atrium, Sussex County  
Community College  
**Address:** 1 College Hill Road,  
Newton, New Jersey 07860  
**Price:** \$20

Please RSVP to Barbara Wortmann at  
(973)300-2124 by April 8th

