Rotary Awareness Month

How can we make the public aware of what Rotary is and what we do? Some of the ways you may already know, misplaced to the back of your mind. Here are a few:

Public Image - make sure you take pictures of everything you do and get it put in one the papers or on TV. People really like to see their picture in front of the public. Even take pictures at your Christmas Party or social event, it will show that Rotary can be fun.

Having a cultural event, invite the public, they love to see how other people live. Here is a good one, do a story on what Interact and Rotaract is. Let's do a story on our Peace Scholars.

One Club is starting an "Act of Kindness" campaign. Have cards made up, one side with our logo and the other side, explaining what an act is. Could be holding a door open for someone? It also invites them to your club for a meal or fellowship.

Here is an easy one. We all have some Rotary pins, wear them, if you're proud of being a Rotarian, just a pin and a $2 investment to work.

Yours in Rotary,

John Andrews, DG
District 7640
December 2012

Action requested: nominate a non-Rotarian spouse or partner of an active Rotarian for the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award
Due date: 1 March 2013

Dear District Governor Andrews:

Greetings from Evanston. I am writing to inform you about the Rotary Spouse/Partner Service Award. This new award program was created by the RI Board of Directors to recognize spouses and partners of Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary. Please note that only non-Rotarian spouses and partners are eligible to receive this award. Additional criteria and eligibility requirements for this award are explained on the nomination form.

[Download the nomination form]

Completed nomination forms may be submitted electronically to RIawards@rotary.org and must arrive at RI World Headquarters by 1 March 2013. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

A maximum of 100 recipients will be selected by an officer appointed by the RI President. Nominators will be notified of the results by the end of April. Individuals selected to receive the award will receive a personalized award plaque by the end of the Rotary year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award.

Best regards,

Catherine Lankford
Coordinator, Rotary Service
Phone: 847-866-3394
RIawards@rotary.org

[Overview of RI awards]
From: Ronald Farra

Attention: Rtn David Zelley, Rotary Club Garden State of Cherry Hill, District 7640, United States, drzelley@comcast.net

Dear David

Lebanese claim they are 4 million persons in Lebanon but 10 million outside it. Rotary Club Beirut Cedars (D-2450) is researching how many of those of Lebanese origin are members in Rotary Clubs all over the world. The aim is to ask them to register their name in a data base dialrotary.org, then the club will try to connect Rotarians in Lebanon and Rotarians (of Lebanese origin) members in clubs outside Lebanon and exchange project ideas that can serve the communities in both countries. The year 2010 saw the launching of Together in Lebanon and 227 Rotarians (many of them of Lebanese origin) came to Lebanon for 5 days of tours, fun and get together with their Lebanese counterparts.

We ask your help in publishing this appeal in your newsletter and disseminate the appeal to your District Governor, Assistant District Governor, club President, members and friends in order to reach the largest number of Rotarians of Lebanese origin.

Dear David

Since this appeal was first sent last summer, 20 Rotarians from Argentina, Australia, Benin, Brazil, France, Ivory Coast, New Zealand, Senegal, Sweden and USA have registered their names on www.dialrotary.org. We are sure many have not received this message yet.

Your help is valuable to disseminate this message of friendship and we thank you for your time in doing so. We will not fail in informing you of the results of our search in due time.

Best regards
Ronald Farra
Rotary Club Beirut Cedars, D-2450 Lebanon
R.I. D-2450 International Service Chairman 2012-2013
Together in Lebanon Founding Member
Trees4Lebanon Founding Member
DGR 2008-2010
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Rotary International won 2,501,338 charity miles

As a year-end holiday gift, United Airlines was offering a donation of 10 million miles to benefit charity miles partners. Rotarians and friends from the UN, Facebook and other Social Media voted from December 6 daily until December 25, 2012. Our votes enabled RI to achieve 25 percent of the 10 million miles. United Airlines opened this contest up to many non-profits. Each group was guaranteed a minimum of 24,000 miles.

How Charity Miles help Rotary International

Charity Miles provide transportation for Rotary International's Gift of Life surgical teams. Last year, these teams traveled to Haiti and El Salvador, where volunteer doctors and nurses from the United States performed life-saving heart surgery on many children and provided important training for local doctors. Charity Miles also help Rotary International transport Iraqi children with birth defects to U.S. hospitals for treatments they cannot receive at home.

Charity Miles are also used to send volunteers to help immunize children during National Immunization Days. And, Charity Miles provide airfare for financially disadvantaged Rotary youth exchange students so they may live and study overseas for one school year, enabling 8,000 secondary school students to study abroad in 80 countries around the world.

Congratulations and Thank you everyone who participated in this contest. Have a safe trip to those who qualify this year for Rotary's humanitarian projects.

The programs of Rotary International

Rotary International's programs and service opportunities, listed below, are designed to help Rotarians meet the needs of their own communities and assist people worldwide.

Global Networking Groups encompass Rotary Fellowships (vocational and recreational interest groups) and Rotarian Action Groups (groups focused on service activities). There are about 70 Global Networking Groups, and they are open to all Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.

Interact is a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs for youth ages 12-18. It has more than 12,300 clubs in 133 countries.

Rotaract is organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults ages 18-30. There are more than 8,000 clubs in 167 countries.

Rotary Community Corps (RCC) are groups of non-Rotarians who work to improve their communities. There are more than 6,800 RCCs in 78 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Rotary Friendship Exchange encourages Rotarians and their families to make reciprocal visits to other countries, staying in each other's homes and learning about different cultures firsthand.

Rotary Youth Exchange offers students ages 15-19 the chance to travel abroad for cultural exchanges of one week to a full academic year. Rotary clubs and districts sponsor and host more than 8,000 Youth Exchange students a year.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are seminars sponsored by clubs and districts to encourage and recognize the leadership abilities of youth and young adults ages 14-30.
Dear Friends in Rotary,

This year our District’s Group Study Exchange (GSE) will be with Milan, Italy from April 6 to May 4, 2013. We are excited about the exchange and are planning for the inbound team as well as developing our outbound team to travel to Italy. I am chairing the inbound program, scheduling the travel and living arrangements for the Italian team. In planning for this exchange, the committee would like to involve as many clubs as possible. This year is the last one for GSE as we know it. In the future, the emphasis will be on the vocational, and not on the cultural. The teams may be lodged in one location, and it remains to be seen whether the team will have the time to visit around the district as we do now.

It is our wish to invite you to take a more active part in the visit of the GSE team. If you are interested in hosting over a period of several days, providing lodging, meals, and opportunities to see the sights and at the same time, provide a vocational experience, contact me as soon as possible. Those clubs who have hosted in the past have had wonderful experiences in hosting and have made many new friends. If you would like to have this experience, I will guide you through the process of planning for the exchange. Let me know if you are interested. I would also be available to speak to your club.

We are also interested in involving clubs by inviting them to take the team for a day to show them the sights. We could pair you with a hosting club and you could provide them with a day's activities, perhaps even an invitation to your club meeting. If you let me know of your interest, I will help you in this planning.

I am hoping to have our first meeting in early January, so time is of the essence. If your club is interested in either the hosting for one or several days, please contact me at rwsplence97@gmail.com. You can also reach me at home, 856-455-5487, work 856-455-5673, or my cell 609-805-3000.

Yours in Rotary,

Bob Spence
HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT
For the 75 anniversary of District 764 then DG Herb Budd directed a compilation of district and club histories be published. This was the first and only effort of it's kind and it wasn't easy. It took a lot of work from many Rotarians.

Click here to check out our first 75 years

DISTRICT 7640
District Events

District 7640
Mid Year Assembly
January 26th: 2013
Chair: CarolAnn Jeronimo
08:30 AM - 02:00 PM
Wedgewood Country Club

Register Online
Pre register and fee is $10.00. All walk ins are $20.00

DISTRIBUTION 7640
Pre-Pets
Chair: CarolAnn Jeronimo
Feb 09, 2013
08:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wedgewood Country Club
200 Hurffville Road
Turnersville, NJ, 08012

ROTARY DISTRICT 7640 CONFERENCE
APRIL 27 & 28, 2013
Ramada
Ramada-Vineland, NJ
New Jersey Motorsports Park
Millville, NJ

REGISTER HERE

2013
MID- ATLANTIC
PETS
Chair: Dan Ceglia
Date: Mar 01, 2013 - Mar 02, 2013

DISTRICT 7640 FOUNDATION REPORT
DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

Rotary year 2011-2012
Rotary year 2012-2013
Garden State Rotary
SANTA AND HIS HORSES ARRIVE IN CAMDEN

Santa and his horses made a surprise visit to a homeless shelter in Camden. Santa made his appearance on a fire truck with volunteers from the Camden Fire Department. The horses arrived separately. There was no snow for the sleigh. Garden State Rotary was responsible for a complete “fantasy” Christmas to the homeless Mothers and Children, The children sat on Santa's lap and received toys, new clothes and Pony Rides, toothbrushes and personal necessities. Members and local businesses donated food, toys, and necessities. The horse and pony rides were donated by a Mike Wagner, a Garden State Rotarian. Live music was provided by members of the community.

Deb Thames, a GSR member provided special party entertainment to the younger children. The Spirit of Giving was ever present.

Camden City firemen visited twice. The fire alarm went off during the party and three fire engines equipped with sirens arrived. These on-duty firemen came because there was a faulty sensor in the second floor of the shelter. We thanked them for their fast response for the safety of the shelter.

This was the second Christmas party at this shelter with more toys this year. We thank Walmart for their generosity in providing the funds necessary for clothes and toys for us to purchase.
Atlantic City Rotary Club partnered with the Atlantic City Salvation Army

Atlantic City Rotarian's, family and friends gathered on 12/18 at the Atlantic City Salvation Army to assemble 100 holiday food packages for less fortunate families. Hams, potatoes, beans, corn, rice, cereal, apples, oranges and cookies were assembled in boxes for the Salvation Army to distribute for Christmas. The Food Box Committee for a smooth operation at the Salvation Army on Tuesday Night. Marty W. had the cartons donated by Cooper Electric. Charles C. and Sal P. arrived with the fruit and potatoes. Joe Dolan for the hams and vegetables. Thanks to Major Tom and Mrs. Major for the use of the facility and for providing extra food items for the boxes. We assembled 100 Christmas dinners in an hour. They will go to needy families selected by Major and Mrs. Major. Thanks to all the members and family members who joined us.

Woodbury Rotary Club Paul Harris Recognition

Ed was recognized as a Multiple PHF for his contributions to Polio Plus

Craig was recognized as a PHF for his contributions to Polio Plus

Linda Jones, not a Rotarian, became a PHF through her husbands contributions

Individual recognition

Donors of US$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin.

For more information about becoming a Paul Harris Fellow Click Here
Egg Harbor City Rotary Club Activities

EHC Club celebrating Christmas. Partners, Rotarians and host Parents Val and Joe Guinta from Galloway along with RYE student Natalia de Menezes Lindenmaier showing her Brazilian Flag.

Egg Harbor City Club presenting Miss New Jersey, Lindsey Petrosh with a check for $1000, to be used for her expenses. Lindsey attended RYLA and is a home town girl born and raised in Egg Harbor City. Her platform is Volunteerism.

**Miss New Jersey**

- **Name:** Lindsey Petrosh
- **Hometown:** Egg Harbor City, New Jersey
- **Age:** 23
- **Education:** St. Joseph High School, Rowan University
- **Platform Issue:** Volunteerism
- **Scholastic Ambition:** To obtain a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership.
- **Talent:** Vocal
- **Scholastic Honors:** Dean’s List, Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship, Rotary Youth Leadership Award
- **Career Ambition:** To become a Dean of Students.
- **Local Competition Sponsor:** Miss Atlantic County
- **State Competition Sponsor:** Miss New Jersey Scholarship Pageant
Camden Rotary Club

At the Riletta Twyne Cream Family School in Camden, 53 students were provided coats courtesy of a project headed by Camden Rotarians Beulah Gordon-Skinner along with Susan Kupersmith, Christina Wyse, and Holly Cass. The Rotary Club with the help of a monetary donation from the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 322 purchased coats for the elementary school students. This project developed quickly after learning of a need for winter coats at the school.

The principal at the school noticed a young girl in the school was only wearing her winter coat on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It was discovered the student had a sister about the same size and they were sharing one coat between the two of them. The student’s sister would wear the coat on Tuesday and Thursday. After hearing this, the Camden Rotary took action. All the students were so happy when right before Christmas they received the new coats to keep them warm this winter. These Camden Rotarians showed the true Rotary spirit of “Service Above Self”

Pitman Rotary Club

- pictured are Steve Simmerman, Karen Hickman, Alice Polocz, Bruce Lovelace, and Ruthie Wilson-Doherty

Pitman Rotarians are seen moving donated clothes and other items for families homeless after Hurricane Sandy
### December Attendance

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