Greetings from the Governor

Greetings Fellow Rotarians!

Our seventh District Staff Meeting was held on January 8th at The Brownstone House in Paterson with 53 Rotarians present. In the absence of Chief of Staff Jim, who was out of town due to the loss of his sister, District Secretary Adele Miller led our meeting. It is worthy to note here, that Chief Jim still managed to organize the meeting agenda, get the Assistant Governor’s packets together along with his now famous, “Notes to the Assistant Governors,” and still raffle off his boxes of candy and free dinner! And all this from long distance!!! Thank you Chief Jim! Thank you also to DS Adele who kept things going and adjourned the meeting at 8 sharp!! The football fans left to see the game and the rest of us stayed and enjoyed the rest of the delicious Italian pastries and fellowship.

February is typically the month of focus for Gift of Life in our District. On February 9th, the Gift of Life Foundation will hold the annual Gift of Life Gala at the Venetian. It promises to be the best event ever, short on speeches, with great food, music, dancing and fellowship abounding! I hope I will see you all there as we support the folks who make these life saving surgeries possible!

Our Foundation efforts are beginning to show as we pass the $25,000.00 mark as of December 31! A very encouraging report indeed, from District Foundation Chair Barry Fowler.

Ask your Assistant Governor about the “Make Your Change Count” canisters that are available to your club for the asking. Fill the small containers with your spare change and become a sustaining member of “Your Rotary Foundation!” An easy and painless way to have 100% participation of your club members. We will be happy to drop them off to your club. Just tell us how many you need. Call me for more details. We will also kick off our District Foundation Fundraiser at our February District Meeting… Join us for the unveiling!!! I am also available for programs on this lovely fundraiser.

Over 4,000 applications from 150 countries were received by Rotary International for the R.I. Public Relations Grants that were offered last year. I am so proud to announce that two clubs from our district received these much sought after grants! Congratulations to the Hackensack Rotary Club and the Northern Valley Club!

Cy Ymassarelli of the Clifton Club gave us an overview of his program to educate Rotarians about the atrocities that are on going in Darfur in the Sudan. Over 400,000 men, women and children have been murdered in the past several years. If nothing is done about 3,000,000 people will die in the next few years with the real potential that all the indigenous people in the western Sudan will have been murdered. His programs are continually updated and Cy looks forward to doing a program for any club that will invite him.

Our next District Staff meeting will be on Monday, February 5, 2007 ~ 6:00 P.M. at The Brownstone. All Rotarians are welcome to attend! Join us for the fellowship, (Continued on page 2)
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great food, and news of the District. RSVP Chief of Staff Jim Castellanos  E:Mail: Castle2171@aol.com.

In Rotary Service and Friendship,
Governor Gloria

“LEAD THE WAY”

The Rotary Foundation & District 7490 for World Peace

THE WALTER D. HEAD FOUNDATION OF DISTRICT 7490

The Walter D. Head Foundation of District 7490 was founded in 1965 by a resolution adopted at the District Conference held on The Grand Bahama Island. The District Governor was Russell Armstrong and the founders were PDG Ira Mitchell and Paramus Rotarian Nicholas Laganella.

It was named for Walter Dutton Head, a former member of the Teaneck Rotary Club and our District Governor in 1932-1933. He was the first District 7490 Rotarian to hold the office of Rotary International President, 1939-1940. Our District was again similarly honored when Glen Estess formerly of the Wayne Rotary Club was elected Rotary International President in our Centennial Year, 2004-2005.

Dr. Head was a renowned educator who presided as Provost of the college which preceded Fairleigh Dickinson University, the President of The Boy Scouts of America, and was instrumental in the formation of The United Nations toward the end of the Second World War to provide relief from poverty and suffering, and to encourage world peace.

The Walter D. Head Foundation was formed with the intention to award one scholarship every other year in addition to The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship which was also awarded every other year. The major differences between The Rotary Foundation scholarship awards and the Walter D. Head scholarship awards are this: The Rotary Foundation scholarship award is a fully funded award which is funded by and administered by Rotary International. Rotarians and their families are not eligible. The Walter D. Head scholarship awards are for partial scholarships and is funded and administered by the Walter D. Head Foundation. Rotarians and their families are eligible as well as all others.

The purpose of the Walter D. Head Foundation is to award Educational Scholarships as well as support special projects throughout the District. Scholarships up to $10,000.00 are awarded to assist graduate students to extend their studies abroad and to graduate and/or undergraduate students in their last two years to study within the United States in areas of Environmental Studies, Assistance to the Physically and Mentally Challenged, and in Journalism. Courses of study for both groups must be for a full academic year and must be part of a Degree Program. In the past two $10,000.00 scholarships were awarded and $10,000.00 was set aside for grants.

In addition to the scholarship awards, The Walter D. Head Foundation of District 7490 supports the Youth Exchange Program, handles the funding of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, and supplies Supplemental Funding Grants to two or more Rotary Clubs who are participating together in Community Service Projects.

For consideration for these funds, a Rotary club must submit a detailed proposal to the Walter D. Head Foundation Trustees describing the project and goals and listing the participating Rotary Clubs and the costs of the project. The Walter D. Head Foundation can match up to 50% of each dollar donated.

The Walter D. Head Foundation was also custodian of the District’s World Trade Center Disaster Funds which were scholarships awarded to children of the victims of the WTC disaster. The Walter D. Head Foundation is also the conduit for funds collected for our Disaster Relief efforts during Hurricane Katrina.

The Walter D. Head Foundation is a 501c3 Tax Exempt organization. Funding for the WDH Foundation takes many forms. In its infancy, each District 7490 Rotarian was assessed one dollar in his or her dues. This funding was rescinded several years ago. Currently our main fundraising event is the sale of the coveted Walter D. Head Plaques and pins which at this time is our biggest fundraiser.

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This year the Walter D. Head Foundation is asking each club in our District to support The Walter D. Head Foundation by purchasing a Plaque to honor a deserving Rotarian or non-Rotarian who has performed outstanding humanitarian service and upheld the ideals of Rotary.

The Walter D. Head Foundation is guided by the example and principles of Walter D. Head, whose life was devoted to Rotary, to youth, to education, and to international understanding and world peace.

Bayonne Public Schools and Rotary Raise Money for Water Wells for Third World Countries

The Bayonne Public School District partnered with the Rotary Club of Bayonne in an effort to supply funding for the construction of water wells in third world countries. The students donated their coins (pennies, nickels, dimes) to raise the funds for the Rotary International Water Well Project to build much needed water wells in countries such as Uganda, Indonesia, the Philippines and throughout the world.

Kristy Martin, Student Council Coordinator for the Bayonne Public School District, presented the Rotary Club of Bayonne with a check in the amount of $2,868.58. Ms. Martin stated, “When the students would ask to go to the bathroom or get a drink of water, the teachers always heard the coins dropping in the container.”

The money was raised after students were educated about the lack of clean drinking water in those countries and the fact that the children drink the water they bathe in causing disease such as Diphtheria. The students were also reminded about how good we have it here in the United States.

At the initiation of the project, Bayonne Rotarians showed the students how water is essential to human life, yet many people take the gift of safe water for granted. Today, 1.1 billion people - nearly 20 percent of the world population - lack access to safe, clean drinking water, and 2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation facilities. Lack of safe water and adequate sanitation exacerbates the spread of preventable waterborne illnesses that result in the death of about 6,000 people every day, the majority of whom are children. Moreover, these circumstances are leading contributors to worldwide poverty and social instability.

Rotary International’s water projects range from initiatives worth more than $300,000 to efforts that cost just a few thousand dollars. Such projects including sinking water wells near Kisumu, Kenya; fighting water loss and desertification in Senegal through an eco-friendly technique that helps trees tap water from deep below the saline soil layers of the Sahel; raising funds in Britain and Ireland to support the construction of water wells in southern Africa; harvesting rainwater for drinking and irrigation in India and Thailand; rebuilding a dam in Haiti to supply clean water and prevent flooding and soil erosion; and supply aquabox water purifiers to prevent the outbreak of epidemics among victims of disaster and war.

A few examples of areas in need of the Rotary water wells were shown to the students:

- Uganda - Three schools located in an arid section of Mbarara District must get their water from an unprotected communal shallow well. As the well water is prone to water-borne diseases, the local Rotary club would like to build a rainwater collection tank at each school for the benefit of an estimated 3,000 students.

- Indonesia – Help is needed to provide clean water and toilet facilities to schools and small cities in Indonesia. The local Rotary club has provided a library to a local school and would like to continue its support by installing a well and pump.

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Bayonne Public Schools and Rotary Raise Money for Water Wells for Third World Countries  
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- Philippines - Help is needed to construct deep wells in twenty public schools without access to clean water. The local Rotary club has identified twenty schools in need of clean water and would like to start construction as soon as possible.

“Rotary has already built 565 wells in India, 145 in Guatemala, and much, much more – and this money will go to help a lot of people to help themselves by having clean water,” said Chris Grella, Bayonne Rotary President. Ms. Martin thanked Rotary for providing the opportunity to educate our children on global issues.

R.I. Outstanding Club Awards

There are three recognition opportunities for outstanding Rotary Clubs that will be awarded in the Spring of 2007. You and your clubs can learn more about these awards by visiting the RI Website’s Awards and Recognition section. To access this section of the Web site, visit www.Rotary.org, click on “RI Programs,” and look for the Awards and Recognition link on the left side of the menu. Please take careful note of the deadlines for each of these awards. In order to be considered, nominations must arrive at RI World Headquarters by the deadlines indicated below.

Significant Achievement Award - Deadline: March 15, 2007

This award recognizes outstanding club service projects. To be eligible, projects must:

a. address a significant problem or need in the local community.

b. involve most or all of the club members in personal rather than monetary service.

c. be commensurate with the club’s size and resources.

 d. be capable of emulation by other Rotary clubs.

e. be currently active or reach a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is given.

f. be carried out by a single Rotary club.

No club may receive the award more than once for the same project. District Governors may forward one nomination to RI for consideration, to arrive at RI no later than March 15, 2007. Multiple nominations from a single district will not be considered.

I look forward to receiving your project nominations!

In Rotary Service and Friendship,

Gloria Counsellor
District Governor

“LEAD THE WAY”

Annual Gift of Life Celebration Dinner

The annual Gift of Life Celebration Dinner will be held on February 9, 2007 at the Venetian in Garfield. The Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception and open bar and then followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner. The formal program will be minimal allowing more time for food, drink and fellowship. The cost is $75.

The District 7490 Gift of Life Program has been going strong since 1986. In excess of 400 children have been operated on in the United States and through a Rotary International matching grant many more will be operated on in the Ukraine. In 2006, there was a mission to Vietnam where 16 children were saved and in 2007 there will be a mission in Honduras where it is hoped more than 20 children will be operated on.

Please join us February 9th to celebrate these wonderful accomplishments. Contact Paul A. Platek, Chairman, at 201-833-4849 or paul_platek@ml.com.
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Report attendance by the 5th of each month to Judy Messineo. Judy's Contact Info: Email-bergentvl@attglobal.net, Phone-973-773-8888 or Fax-973-773-8896.

Paterson Rotaract Club’s Annual Clothing Drive

Every year the Rotaract Club collects men’s, woman’s and children’s clothing to donate in the city of Paterson. The clothes will be donated to the Good Sheppard House in Paterson.

The Clothing Drive will run from January 15, 2007 to February 28, 2007. Please drop your clothes off in the Student Center at Berkeley College located at 44 Rifle Camp Road, West Paterson, NJ. Or you can contact the club at 973-278-5400 ext. 1338 or email at rotaract7490@yahoo.com and we will come pick up the clothes. You can also find a Rotaractor and we will assist you in collecting your clothes!!!

GSE – The German Team Arrives March 17, 2007

Be part of the month-long excitement of sharing our American way of life with 5 German team members. There are many levels of involvement. Clubs can budget funds to entertain the team – for a meeting or an excursion to a point of vocational or cultural interest. Individual Rotarians can offer their homes and host a team member for a week. Or you might offer to transport team members as they fulfill their busy itinerary of Rotary Club visits and compulsory vocational visits. The team’s vocations include a prison official, a family and marriage researcher, a banker and two in the automotive industry.

Being part of the GSE action extends your District 7490 Rotary experience. The GSE Committee plans numerous activities during the 28-day exchange to which all the volunteer host families and transporters are invited.

For more information contact Rotarians John Mosca, chair of the incoming team, at 201-310-7729 or Betsy Thomason, GSE committee chair, at 201-930-0557. Be part of the fun!

Garfield Rotary Scholarship Winner is a Pro Football Star

Did you know that NFL Football Star, Luis Castillo of the San Diego Chargers, is from Garfield and was the recipient of the Arthur Argauer Scholar-Athlete Scholarship in 2001? This scholarship is given annually by the Garfield Rotary Club.

Unfortunately the San Diego Chargers lost this weekend so we have to wait for next season to see him play more football.
Hawthorne Rotary Club’s Annual Beefsteak Dinner & Gift Basket Tricky Tray

Where: The Brownstone House
351 West Broadway
Paterson, NJ
973-595-8582

When: April 18, 2007
at 6:30 P.M.

Come join us for......
FUN! FELLOWSHIP! DOOR PRIZES!
GREAT FOOD! GREAT GIFT BASKET TRICKY TRAY!
50/50 RAFFLE...OUR ANNUAL SURPRISE AUCTION!

Tickets only $40.00 PP
Make your reservations early!

Proceeds will fund our annual Scholarships for deserving High School students.

Please be recognized as a Sponsor:
Gold~$100.00, Silver~$75.00, Bronze~$50.00

We welcome your donations for our auction & door prizes!

Call Gerry Hunt 973-427-3309
or President Kim Hauser 973-423-5645
Mail checks payable to: The Hawthorne Rotary Club
P.O. Box 138 Hawthorne, NJ 07507-0138

GSE Selections Committee Announces GSE Team Leader to Germany

Group Study Exchange Team Leader is a job and a passion. The job involves dedicating pre-travel time to training four non-Rotarian young professionals to represent the ideals of Rotary. The month-long trip has a challenging itinerary planned by the Rotary host district. And then there are reporting responsibilities following the trip. That’s the job! The passion is about being a Rotarian.

Despite being a Rotarian for only 18 months, Secaucus Rotarian Sharon Flynn, pictured here, has been selected as GSE Team Leader to visit Rotary District 1840 in southern Germany and Austria. Sharon’s Rotary roots go deep. In 1957 and 1958, Sharon was a Rotary Foundation Fellow, studying at the University of the Philippines. She has an ingrained sense of the Rotary mission. And now, she is vice president and editor of the Secaucus Rotary Club’s newsletter. Our team leader was born in China and has lived in Germany and can converse in German. Professionally she is an internet computer specialist and a loan officer specializing in reverse mortgages.

District 7490 Rotary Clubs are invited to ask Sharon Flynn to share her GSE experiences. She can be reached at 201-330-8868. Her email is sharon-flynn@comcast.net.

District Conference Registration Nearing 240

As of this writing, some 237 people have registered for our Golden Jubilee District Conference, Explorer of the Seas Cruise to Bermuda, May 20-25, 2007. This ship is beautiful, great dining, shows, ice skating, rock wall climbing, golf simulator, miniature golf and truly outstanding activities for children and adults alike.

Conference programs and speakers are already scheduled and will be truly outstanding.

Every Rotarian should try to be at this conference on our district’s Golden Anniversary and the 20th anniversary of our last Bermuda Conference.

Bermuda is a beautiful and friendly island. You will want to visit the aquarium, zoo, devil’s hole, the perfume factory, shop in downtown Hamilton, or ride the dolphins.

Arrangements are in the works for a golf outing on the island and many other activities will be available.

If you have never been to Bermuda, you will love it. If you have been there, you know you want to go back. This will be this writer’s eighth trip to the island.

Although our original inventory of staterooms is sold out, we will accept reservations until the ship is filled. Call Marc Bokoff at 1-800-888-5275 Ext. 103 for availability and price.
Holiday Baskets 2006 – The Paterson Rotary Club & The Paterson A.M. Club

Over 100 “Holiday Baskets” containing the provisions to treat a family of 4-6 to a special Holiday dinner were presented to residents of the Paterson Housing Authority. The day included a party for the kids complete with balloon art, a magician and of course Santa. The Rotarians brought their kids and we worked with our Rotaractors and Interactors to make the day a real community effort. The A&P was our corporate sponsor.

2007 International RYLA

More good news to share with our District!

My congratulations and best wishes to Edwin Acevedo on his acceptance to participate in the 2007 International RYLA Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 14-17 2007. Edwin was sponsored by the Passaic Rotary Club.

Thank you President Lisa and the Passaic Rotary Club for "Leading The Way" in making Edwin's dream a reality!

In Rotary Service and Friendship,

Governor Gloria

Upcoming Events

February 9, 2007 - Annual Gift of Life Celebration Dinner - 6:30pm-11:00pm, The Venetian, 546 River Drive, Garfield, N.J. 973-546-2250, Dinner & Dancing, $75.00. Please send all reservations & payment to: Paul Platek, Chairman, 383 Maitland Ave., Teaneck, N.J. 07666, 201-833-4849.

February 24, 2007 - DGE Joe’s Training Sessions "Save the Date" - Incoming Assistant Governor's Training - Time: 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Place: Holiday Inn, Rt. 17, Hasbrouck Heights. Contact - John Mosca, 201-420-2353 (W); 201-310-7729 (C).

March 3, 2007 - DGE Joe’s Training Sessions "Save the Date" - Pre-Pets Training Session II - Presidents and Secretaries - Time: 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Place: Holiday Inn, Rt. 17, Hasbrouck Heights. Contact - John Mosca, 201-420-2353 (W); 201-310-7729 (C).

March 15, 2007 - First Annual Hudson County Rotary Clubs’ Assembly - 12:00 noon to 2:00pm at Casino-in-the-Park in Jersey City, $20.00 pp. Members of Rotary Clubs of Hudson County are invited to attend to celebrate Rotary fellowship & St. Patrick’s Day. For further info contact Sue Sims, President, Rotary Club of Jersey City 201-653-8300, ext. 2161 or ssims@cusakcarecenter.org. For Reservations, call Dee at 201-434-2625.

March 24, 2007 - Fair Lawn Rotary’s 14th Annual Beefsteak Dinner/Tricky Tray Auction - 6:30 PM at St. Leon’s Church, Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn. Tickets ($35) are available from any Fair Lawn Rotarian or call Stu Herrmann 201-362-4466.

October 2006 - March 2007 - Paterson Rotary Club Raffle - Cruise Package Valued at Over $4,000 - The Paterson Rotary Club is raffling a Junior Suite accommodation on Board the Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas, for the District 7490 Golden Jubilee Conference and Celebration Cruise. Raffle tickets are $25, and ONLY 500 will be sold. The package includes all meals and most ship activities. The Winner does not have to be a Rotarian, nor do they have to attend the District Conference sessions. Call the Paterson Rotary Club at 973-417-7259 for more information.

April 13, 2007 - Golden Jubilee President’s Recognition Ball - Rockleigh Country Club "An Evening of Great Music, Dancing & Entertainment" featuring Luigi and Arlette; Black Tie Optional; Cocktail hour 6:30 p.m., Dinner and open bar 7:30-11:30; $100 per person, $90 if paid by March 1. 2007; Checks made out to RI District 7490; Mail address: PDG Paul Rutigliano, 315 Engle Street, Tenafly, NJ 07670. Questions to Paul Rutigliano e-mail paulv@rutigliano.com or 201-568-8486.

April 18, 2007 - Hawthorne Rotary Club’s Annual Beefsteak Dinner & Gift Basket Tricky Tray - See Page 6 for more info.

May 7, 2007 - Pascack Valley Rotary Club’s 2nd Annual Golf Classic - Call Paul Dobson for more information at 201-666-0522.
