

# Flemington Rotary Club



## 2006-2007 Year Highlights

### Membership:

We welcomed **4 new members** this year.

- Tom Thatcher
- Scott Birkner
- Ernie Tufo
- Lisa Brady

There was one **happy wedding** this year:

- Larry Sivilli and Roseann were married on Sat, June 23. Congratulations!
- Roseann also brings her daughter Barbara into the Rotary Family.

We had a **few members expecting!**

Darren & Liz Loew had a little boy that they welcomed to their family of three daughters!  
Steve & Ida Parente had a little girl that they welcomed to their family of three boys!

### Member Honors:

Speaking of our members, several were honored this year:

- **Terry Martin:** was the United Way's 2007 Community Volunteer of the Year
- **Bob Wise:** received CHABAD of Hunterdon Co's "Community Service Award"
- **Richard Van Gulik:** was Nominated for Rotary's Vocational Service Award
- **M. Margaret Rogers:** was Nominated for the Jean Harris Award
- **Harrie Copeland, III:** *Received the 2006-07 Matty Mathewson Award*
  - This is the Rotarian of the Year for our entire Rotary District and is the highest honor a member can receive in our Rotary District.

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### Fundraisers:

We had (3) fundraisers this year.

- **Golf Outing**, which was held in the Spring.
  - Thanks to the leadership of Tom Cunningham, Darren Loew & the Golf Committee, the event profited approx **\$8000**.
- **Pancake Day** was held last October.
  - Thanks again to Tom Cunningham and the Pancake Day Committee, we had another successful event which profited approx **\$10,900**.
- **Ride For Rotary**, which was held last September.
  - Thanks to the hard work of the RFR Committee, the event was very successful!
  - Bob Burgard & Fred Ferrari did a great job with our sponsors.

- Frank Fuzo & Joni Krieg did a great job with the motorcycle raffle.
  - We made approx **\$11,750** from the event & **\$6870** from the raffle
    - For a total of approx **\$18,600**.
  - We generated over **\$35,000** all together with our Fundraising.
- All Proceeds from our Fundraising go to our charitable projects:**

**Community Service:**

- We gave away **\$8000 in Scholarships towards Higher Education:**
  - (5) \$1500 Scholarships to HCRHS students.
    - (1) of which was the Michael Pohle Memorial Scholarship.
  - We had (1) \$500 Ride For Rotary T-Shirt Artwork Scholarship.
  - A special thanks to **Ted Weinstein** and the entire scholarship committee.
  
- We gave away **\$12,250 in Local Donations** to various agencies.
  - \$650..... **YMCA** – equipment for middle school kids.
  - \$1000..... **VHSS** – Nurses make sure seniors take their meds.
  - \$1000..... **NJ Brain Injury Association** – bike helmets
  - \$1000..... **Safe In Hunterdon** - transportation & programs
  - \$1000..... **Meals on Wheels** - emergency food bags
  - \$1000..... **Hunterdon Prevention Resources** - at risk kids
  - \$1000..... **Business and Education Alliance**
  - \$1000..... **Flemington-Raritan Summer Program** - 7 kids
  - \$1000..... **Girl Scouts** - programs
  - \$1000..... **Boy Scouts** - programs
  - \$1000..... **Hunterdon Youth Services** - towards a new range
  - \$600..... **Anderson House** - fix roof
  - \$1000..... **CEA** - handicapped table that cranks up & down
  - A special thanks to **Terry Martin** and the entire donations committee.
  
- **Flemington Area Food Pantry:** For all of the cans of food & member dollars donated, as well as our 1<sup>st</sup> Friday unloading of the truck.
- **We gave \$1000 to help (3) families enjoy a nice Holiday in December.**
- **Our Fresh Air Program:**
  - Brought several children from New York city out to Hunterdon County for a few weeks last summer to enjoy some Fresh Air & open space.
  - We put on a Picnic for the Children our members to enjoy together.
- **Interact:** Is our student version of Rotary at HCRHS.
- **SAC:** had \$2000 budgeted to serve immediate needs in our community.
- **Driven To Read Book Project:**
  - Working with Flemington Car & Truck, approx 1800 books were collected and donated through the Food Pantry as a Literacy project for children.
- **Reading With Kids:**
  - Our Members read to local elementary students during the school year.
  - A very **special thanks goes to Steve Parente** for making this happen.
- **Our Annual Tree Lighting on Main Street:,**

- Thanks to **Dick Stothoff** and the committee, we provided Santa with Candy canes & oranges to hand out to the kids.
- The extra Candy Canes & Oranges were enjoyed by many agencies:
  - Thanks to Wayne & Wendy Randolph for making this happen.
- Last year's \$1000 donation to the **NJ Brian Injury Association** helped to purchase 150 Bike Helmets for local area children.
- We sponsored the **Flemington-Raritan Youth Basketball League**.
- And we also helped with a **Career Night**.

### International Service:

- **Youth Exchange Program:**
  - This year we were very lucky to have **Mert Touseon** from Turkey.
  - He was a delight to be around and we benefited from his presence.
  - He learned Armenian Genocide was real and did in fact happen.
  - He also shared a room with a Greek Boxer at District Conference.
  - A **special thanks to Karen Widico** for really going above & beyond to make Mert's experience the best possible.
- **Group Study Exchange Program:**
  - This year teams exchanged with **Greece**.
  - Malena Farrell was recommended by our club thanks to Ruth Green.
  - Malena is the sister of Jarret Farrell that went to Australia a few years ago.
  - One team member indicated the US is a much more friendly and safe then they were led to believe from watching the television news.
  - A very **special thanks to Gwen Williams** for making this happen!!!
- **Pedals For Progress:**
  - We helped collect **90** bikes & **\$950** in conjunction with the Flemington Presbyterian Church.
  - These bikes are destined to each improve many lives in another country.
- **Homes of Hope:**
  - **Mick Schaible** is in Ecuador as we speak helping to bring water to our village.
  - We contributed **\$1000** towards an **RI matching grant, totaling \$22,000**.
  - \$1200 came from District 7510. \$7733 came from RI.
  - A **special thanks to Mick** for personally helping to make this happen, including the completion of the grant paperwork.
- **Pure Water for the World:**
  - Our \$100 contribution is helping the RI matching grant for the water project helping remote rural regions of Nicaragua.

### Club Honors:

Our club was honored to receive two (2) awards this year:

**Presidential Citation** from the Rotary International President.

- We received this for our (4) Avenues of Service:
- Club Service, Community Service, Vocational S. & International S.

**2006-2007 Rotary Care & Share Award** from our Rotary District 7510

- We received this for our work with the Flemington Area Food Pantry.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed member Food & Money Collection.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday unloading of the Food Pantry Truck & stocking shelves, working side-by-side with the Pantry staff.
  - We adopt 3-families during the Holidays, giving gifts.

**Fellowship:** We had several fellowship events this year.

- **A special thanks to Chris Venditti & the Fellowship committee.**
- We enjoyed:
  - Somerset Patriots baseball game.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at Jakes Restaurant.
  - Tree Lighting party at the Stothoff's.
  - Holiday Party at Mangia Bene.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at Larry Sivilli's office on Main Street.
  - Progressive Dinner thanks to the efforts of Wayne & Wendy Randolph.
- Thanks to Larry Sivilli who is stepping up to help co-chair with Chris for the 2007-2008 year.

**Major Accomplishments:**

- We started **unloading the Food Pantry trucks** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday.
    - Thanks to Larry Sivilli!!!
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- We **discussed potential Fundraisers** to add for 2008.
    - A big thanks to **Bob Wise** & the Fundraising committee.
  - We are very happy the Golf Outing is doing so well, especially with the tee/green sign requirement removed.
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- We have a new **Club Website**, thanks to the Website Committee:
    - Thanks to Bob Burgard, Catherine Langley, Jim & Gwen Williams.
    - This helps promote our club and what we do.
  - And one of the **best additions are the Picasa Photo Albums** that are generated & prepared by Herb Bohler.

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**JOKE OF THE DAY:**

One of the good things we **revived this year** is the Joke of the Day.  
 A **special thanks to Craig Proctor** for spearheading the revival.

Some were good and some were ... something else.  
 But all in all, they all helped lighten the mood and soften the wallets to let the Happy Dollars flow more freely.

Thanks to **Sandy Clark** for presenting the Joke of the Day at the COTG dinner.

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Thanks to **Darren Loew's** great job as **Sergeant**, we generated more than \$2600 in Happy Dollars, Fines, etc. this year. This exceeded the \$2400 we hoped to generate.

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**Interesting Tidbits Over The Year:**

- We had many **great programs** thanks to Mick Schaible.
  - We had (2) motorcycle programs.
  - We had one on Ads from the Super Bowl.
  - Three programs from HCRHS thanks to Jim Davidson.
  
- New Member Scott Birkner started helping & is taking over the Newsmonger.
- We had several 3-minute member spot-lights:
  - We learned Ira Liebros plays the electric guitar & that Eddie Van Halen is his guitar hero.
    - We also learned Ira is handy to have around on an air plane.
  - We learned John Zullo loves Peanuts Cartoons & that he graduated from Columbia.
- Copper Hill replaced the Microphone system on July 1<sup>st</sup> last year! Yeah!!!!
- We had (2) Wed meetings canceled due to major snow and/or ice.
- Bob Wise's table won \$170 from the last 50/50 drawing on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- Harry Woske won the pot at the COTG dinner, for which he donated half of the winnings to the Flemington Area Food Pantry. Thanks Harry!

**A Special Thank-You for the Outgoing Officers & Directors**

- Harry Mazujian..... Incoming Club President.
- Chris Venditti for his time spent as Pres-Elect & as a Board Member.
- Bob Burgard..... Secretary.
- Jeff Harrison..... General Treasurer.
- Terry Ownes..... Lunch Treasurer.
- Harry Mazujian..... who had been Assistant Lunch Treasurer.
- Tom Thatcher..... for becoming Assistant Lunch Treasurer.
- Board Members:
  - Catherine Langley, Past President.
  - Sandy Clark.
  - Karen Widico.
  - Gwen Williams.
  - Harry Woske.
- Darren Loew..... Sergeant-At-Arms.

**One of the best things I have experienced over the last year is how much everyone in this club does to make everything we do possible.**

**Please acknowledge the leadership of our COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

- Nancy McWilliams..... Family of Rotary
- Chris Venditti..... Fellowship
- Herb Bohler..... Historian & Photographer
- Jeff Mattison..... Greeters
- Otto Reinbacher..... Invocations
- Bob Burgard..... Newsmonger
- Dick Stothoff..... Paul Harris & Tree Lighting
- Mick Schaible..... Programs
- Dick Sollner..... Rotarian of the Year
- Jeff Harrison..... Budget & Finance
- Harrie Copeland..... Membership
- David Gwidt..... Public Relations
- Otto Reinbacher..... The Rotary Foundation
- Fred Brown..... Career Night
- Terry Martin..... Donations
- J. Zullo & L. Sivilli..... Food Distribution
- G. Williams & L. Reed..... Fresh Air Program
- Bob Wise..... Fundraising
- Tom Cunningham..... Golf Outing & Pancake Day
- DJ Wright..... Interact
- Joe Ziegler..... Pedals for Progress
- Steve Parente..... Reading with Kids
- Ted Weinstein..... Scholarships
- Karen Widico..... Service Action Committee & Youth Exchange

**A Special Thanks to All Rotarians, Spouses, Family Members and Friends:**

- It is because of everyone's hard work, support, effort and energy that everything we do is possible. It is everything we each individually give that allows us to serve our International and Local communities.
- PLEASE give yourselves a huge round of applause for everything that you do!

**AWARDS:**

- **Service Above Self Pins:**
  - Since everyone Rotarian contributed in some way to make what we do possible, I would like to present you with a Service Above Self pin.
  - Wear this at your business, to church, when you go out in public, etc.
  - Don't limit this to just Wed's.
  - Wear the logo we are all proud of and explain it to people that ask you about it.

- **Perfect Attendance Awards:** Presented by Bob Burgard
  - Five recipients:
    - Ed Zanetti - *36 Years Perfect Attendance*
    - Bob Burgard - 15 Years Perfect Attendance
    - Gwen Williams - 7 Years Perfect Attendance
    - Bob Chittenden - 4 Years Perfect Attendance
    - Terry Ownes - 2 Years Perfect Attendance
  
- **Sincere Appreciation Award:**
  - There is one person I did not mention.
  - This person was there for everything and I mean everything over the course of the year.
  - I could not imagine this past year without this persons support.
  - This person truly enjoys Rotary and it definitely shows.
  - I also consider this person to be a very good friend.
  - The award is engraved “Thank You For All That You Do.”
  - An the Gold Star goes to, **Bob Burgard.**
  
- **Silent Sneaker:**
  - The silent sneaker is given out to a member that has given a tremendous amount to the club over the past year, but in a way the club doesn’t see.
  - Thus the “Silent Sneaker”.
  - Past Recipients were:
    - Karen Widico, Bill Kraus and Floyd Deardorff.
  - We have several such people in our club, but this year’s recipient stood out to me.
  - I have had many conversations with this year’s recipient over the year.
  - This person truly resembles Service Above Self.
  - This person was always willing to help in any way possible.
  - This person has helped with our fundraisers and service projects.
  - This person is also a great member of the Family of Rotary committee.
  - This person managed to not only computerize the 2006-2007 club treasury, but also last year’s complete treasury.
  - All the while, this person dealt with a triple heart by-pass and a flooded home this past year.
  - We are all very lucky to have this person as a member of the club.
  - Please help me congratulate this year’s Silent Sneaker, **Jeff Harrison.**
  
- **Distinguished Service Award:**
  - The Distinguished Service Award is an award presented to a member that has truly provided significant service to the club over the past year.
  - Past recipients are:
    - Bob Burgard, Catherine Langley, Gwen Williams & Tom Cunningham.
  - This year’s recipient is heavily involved with every Fundraiser our club has as well as many of our service projects

- This person currently chairs several of our committees.
- This person was always willing to lend a hand and helped to accomplish any task that needed to be done quickly and efficiently.
- This person single handedly took on a very large role this year and did a phenomenal job without significant help of the membership.
- This role truly helped to influence someone's life in a very positive way that I believe will be beneficial to this person and others in the future.
- And even after everything this person did over the course of the year, she continued to fully endorse continuing the Youth Exchange Program.
- This person helped show me what "Think Globally, Act Locally" means.
- Listen carefully, because this member walks with "silent sneakers".
- Please help me congratulate this year's Distinguished Service Recipient, **Karen Widico**.

- **Paul Harris Awards:** presented by Dick Stothoff
  - **Harry Woske** received the Paul Harris Fellow Award.
  - **Terry Ownes** received his 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Paul Harris Recognition. This was presented to recognize his \$2000 contributions to the Rotary Foundation over the years.
  
- **Rotarian Of The Year Award:** presented by Dick Sollner & Catherine Langley
  - **Mick Schaible** is this year's recipient for everything he does with our weekly programs and the Homes of Hope project in Ecuador.

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**Our "Family of Rotary" is a great experience to share with your family, friends, loved ones (including children and grand children) and each other.**

**It is our commitment to the ideals of Rotary and "Service Above Self" that bring us together.**

**The fun & fellowship we share unite us as one.**

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**Please Congratulate Our New Officers & Directors.**

President:..... **Harry Mazujian**  
 Secretary:..... **Bob Burgard**  
 Treasurer, General:..... **Tom Cunningham**  
 Treasurer, Lunch:..... **Terry Ownes**  
 Assistant Treasurer, Lunch:..... **Tom Thatcher**

Board Members:..... **Bob Chittenden, past president**  
 ..... **Steve Parente**  
 ..... **Chris Venditti**  
 ..... **Karen Widico**  
 ..... **Harry Woske**

Sergeant-at-Arms..... **Lisa Reed**

