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PLANNING PROCESS BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Catherine announced that a two-month planning process will begin February 22. Facilitators will help us decide "where we want Flemington Rotary Club to go". The first meeting will be a general discussion. On March 29 we'll continue the discussion, with the goal of reaching a consensus about what the club wants to be doing and whether there are any specific long-range projects members would like to see implemented.

UNITED WAY HIGHLIGHTS

The United Way of Hunterdon County third annual "Celebrating Community Caring" dinner will be April 21 at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. This year's honoree is Frank Cooper, a Rotarian from North Hunterdon.

Individuals and businesses can sign up as a sponsors or to advertise. Every business in Hunterdon County can support this event. Business card ads are only \$75. Contributions support the agency's overhead costs.

Also, United Way is changing the focus of its funds distribution to a "community impact" method. For more information or to volunteer to help, see Jeff Mattison.

PEDALS FOR PROGRESS COLLECTION

Joe Ziegler reports that our Rotary Pedals for Progress collection will be at Flemington Presbyterian Church on June 3, from 9 am to 12 noon. This is the organization's 15th year and about 80,000 bicycles have been donated and shipped around the world. About 1,000 of these came from the Flemington area.

RIDE FOR ROTARY RAFFLE

Frank Fuzo reports that the NJ law will not allow us to offer a cash prize as an alternative to the motorcycle, so the "bike" will be the only prize. The club thanks Frank and Joni for tracking down complex New Jersey regulations and making certain we conform.

GOLF OUTING SET FOR APRIL 24

Steve Parente announced a meeting of the Golf Outing committee after today's meeting. Please try to attend, since the committee needs volunteers.

HOSPITAL ACHIEVES ANOTHER MILESTONE

Bob Wise reported that 9 hospitals in NJ, including Hunterdon Medical Center, achieved outcomes of care where mortality rates were on average 27% below the national average among the 5,000 hospitals surveyed!

DON FREIDAY KNOWS THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Don Freiday, of the New Jersey Audubon Society, invited us to join the 21,000 members of the organization and its staff of 55 in their threefold effort: conservation, environmental education and wildlife research.

One example of their research is uncovering the reason for near extinction of the Red Knot: over-fishing of the Delaware Bay horseshoe crabs, whose eggs are a source of food for this bird. The bay is a stop-over for nine species of birds, all of whom are threatened by the horseshoe crab decline. The society has joined other conservation groups in

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Feb 22 – Club Assembly - Planning Session
- Mar 1 – John O'Brien, New Jersey Press Association, "9 Things That Tick Me Off About The Media"
- Mar 8 – Hunterdon Cty. Medication Access Partnership

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 21 – Board Meeting
- Apr 24 – 11th Annual Golf Outing
- Jun 3 – Rotary Pedals for Progress Collection
- Sep 16 – 3rd Annual Ride for Rotary

petitioning for a moratorium on horseshoe crab fishing.

Another concern is habitat health. A recent "white paper" detailed many of the stresses to natural habitat occurring in this area. Surprisingly, the society supports "lethal control" of white-tailed deer, whose population is one of the major stressors of our environment.

Don also showed an intimate knowledge of wildlife activity that some of us simply don't notice.

For instance, turkey vultures are increasing in Hunterdon County. They usually feed on deer carcasses, which are on the increase. Don says, "You have to be a sorry vulture in Hunterdon if you can't make a living."

He said that lots of things begin to change here in February, making it one of the most interesting times of the year for nature lovers. Over 25 species of migrating birds come through, including wood ducks, northern pintail ducks, redwing blackbirds and grackles.

Eastern bluebirds are perched on wires these days on Everitts Road, and can be seen as you drive around. These birds are a success story. They declined early in the Twentieth Century, partly due to pesticides and competition with the European Starling, an introduced species. Now they are back and just waiting for you to clean out your nesting boxes. Their courtship process is similar to that of humans where, according to Don, the male goes from nest site to nest site saying, "Hey, honey. How 'bout this one?"

Canada geese are also pairing up, earlier than in the past due to warming trends and a shortage of nesting sites. Many geese still migrate, but most of our geese are "resident" and stay here all year. They were established deliberately by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which released nestlings who imprinted on our area and never learned to migrate.

Red foxes are beginning to mate, so you may see them during the day or hear their cries at night. The young are born in April and are not independent until late summer.

Grey squirrels are finishing one of their two annual breeding cycles. These young will be born in late March.

This is the most difficult time of year for whitetail deer, who move into landscaped areas as their food runs out. But it's less a problem in Hunterdon than elsewhere because of our extensive deer-friendly habitat.

Worldwide, naturalists are just beginning to understand the implications of global warming and ozone deterioration. For example, the yearly "calendar" of many species has changed due to warming trends, and increased ozone has made some species more vulnerable to parasites.

While most environmentalists are "gloom and doom," Don believes there is "nothing out there that is insurmountable with proper action" and that there are many good news stories.

Don suggests that since the world often doesn't make sense, it can be refreshing to look outside and see how nature makes a lot of sense.

— AREA ROTARY MEETINGS —

- Branchburg** Wednesdays 7:30 am, Loukas' Last American Diner
- Clinton Sunrise** Thursdays 7:15 am, Clinton Holiday Inn
- Lambertville-New Hope** Mondays 6:30 pm, Lambertville Station
- North Hunterdon** Fridays 12:15 pm, Beaver Brook Country Club
- Somerville-Bridgewater** Thursdays 12:15 pm, Bridgewater Manor
- Whitehouse** Tuesdays 12:15 pm, La Casa Bianca

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

*Service
Above
Self*

ROTARY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

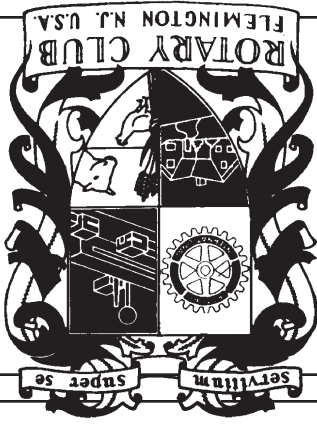
1. Attend at least **60%** of club meetings in each half of the Rotary year, including make-ups.
2. Attend at least **30%** of the meetings in one's home club in each half of the Rotary year.
3. Miss no more than **4** consecutive meetings.
4. Make up missed meetings within **14** days, before or after absence.

President Catherine Langley
President-Elect Bob Chittenden
Secretary Bob Burgard
Treasurer, General Bob Bowden
Treasurer, Lunch Terry Ownes
Assistant Treasurer, Lunch Harry Mazujian
Board Members Ruth Green,
 Gwen Doremus, Charlie Fisher, Lee Seitz, Chris Venditti
Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Mattison
District Governor Andy Calamaras
RI President Karl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

Rotary Club of Flemington

Founded October 3, 1923 • Charter #1529 • District 7510

Our 83rd Year



RI President's Call for Action in 2005-2006
"Service Above Self"

- 2005 • Committees & Projects • 2006**
- Club Service** — Chittenden
 - FAMILY OF ROTARY** — McWilliams, Burgard, B. Fisher, Doremus, Harrison, Stess
 - FELLOWSHIP** — Venditti, B. Fisher, Fuzo, Krieg, Loew, Mattison, Miller, Nastasi, Ownes, Proctor, Shallo, Steinly, Zanetti
 - HISTORIAN** — Bohler, C. Fisher, Harrison, Langley, Rogow, Stothoff
 - GREETERS** — Mattison, Bowlby, Mazujian, Sivilli, all new members
 - INVOCATIONS** — Reinbacher, Mazujian, O'Dwyer, Proctor
 - MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** — Woske, Copeland, Angelo, Burgard, Langley, Ownes, Phillips, Randolph, Rogow, Sivilli, Wise
 - NEWSMONGER** (1950) — Kasser, S. Clark, Langley, Ownes
 - PAUL HARRIS** — Stothoff, Barlow, all PHF recipients
 - PROGRAMS** — Schaible, Cox, Ferrari
 - PUBLICITY** — Gwidt, Bohler, Kasser
 - ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR** — Sollner, all ROY recipients
 - WEBSITE** (200-?) — Franklin, Bohler, S. Clark, Duncan, Parente
 - BUDGET & FINANCE** — Barlow, Bowden, Burgard, Langley, Mazujian, Ownes
 - International Service** — Green
 - PEDALS FOR PROGRESS** (1991) — Ziegler, J. Clark, Deardorff, C. Fisher, Kraus, Newland
 - ROTARY FOUNDATION** — Reinbacher, Green, Herr, Liebross
 - YOUTH EXCHANGE** (1931) — Copeland, Langley
 - CAREER NIGHT** (19-) — Brown, Angelo, Kraus, McWilliams, Shallo, Skowronek, Weinstein, Wright
 - INTRACT** (1967) — Wright, Davidson, Steiny, Skowronek, Steinly
 - ROTARACT** (2004) — Green, Wright
 - Vocational Service** — Burgard
 - SCHOLARSHIP** (1927) — Weinstein, Kamnitsis, Davidson, Morris, Reinbacher, Sansky, Van Gulik, Widico
 - READING WITH KIDS** (1992) — Angelo, Martin, Mazujian, Proctor, Sivilli, Weinstein
 - RIDE FOR ROTARY** (2004) — Chittenden, Angelo, Brown, Burgard, J. Clark, Cox, Ferrari, Franklin, Fuzo, Harrison, Kamnitsis, Kraus, Krieg, Langley, Muller, Nastasi, Ownes, Proctor, Reinbacher, Sansky, Van Gulik, Widico
 - SERVICE ACTION COMMITTEE** (1982) — Widico, Berkowitz, J. Clark, S. Clark, Cunningham, Doremus, Duncan, Seitz
 - TREE LIGHTING** (1923) — Stothoff, Bowlby, Chittenden, S. Clark, Kamnitsis, Lupo, Morris, Ownes, Sivilli, Zanetti, Ziegler
 - SCOLARSHIP** (1927) — Weinstein, Kamnitsis, Davidson, Morris, Reinbacher, Sansky, Van Gulik, Widico
 - PANCAKE DAY** (1974) — Seitz, Shallo, Venditti, Wise
 - GOLF OUTING** (1995) — Loew, Bowden, J. Clark, Cunningham, Ferrari, Lupo, Mattison, Newland, Parente, Seitz, Shallo, Venditti, Wise
 - FRESH AIR PROGRAM** (1931) — Doremus, Berkowitz, Bowlby
 - FOOD DISTRIBUTION** (1989) — Zullo, Herr, Sivilli, Skowronek
 - DONATIONS** — Martin, S. Clark, Liebross, Wise, Zullo
 - COMMUNITY SERVICE** — Langley

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- Angelo, John** 2004Mortgage Services
- Barlow, Frank** 1976 ● ■Public Accounting
- Barrick, Steve** 1981 ■ ▲Program Publishing
- Berkowitz, Max** 1973 ■ ▲Agricultural Mgmt
- Bohler, Herb** 1977 ●Specialty Advertising
- Bowden, Bob** 1973Dentistry
- Bowlby, Don** 1966 ■Dairy Farming
- Brown, Fred** 1997 ●Law Enforcement
- Burgard, Bob** 1992 ■ ▲Ins. Benefits Planning
- Chittenden, Bob** 2003 ▲Consulting Engineering
- Clark, Jim** 2005Retail Hardware
- Clark, Sandy** 1987 ■ ▲Printing
- Copeland, Harrie III** 1976 ● ■ ▲Auctioneering
- Cox, Dennis** 2001State Education Administration
- Cunningham, Tom** 1991 ● ■ ▲Floral Sales
- Davidson, Jim** 2002Rubber Products
- Deardorff, Floyd** 1978 sRetail, Pharmacy
- Doremus Williams, Gwen** 1991 ■ ▲ Purch./Mfg.
- Duncan, Glenn** 2004Public Health Services
- Ferrari, Fred** 1964Orthodontics
- Fisher, Charlie** 1961 ● ■Funeral Services
- Fisher, Bob** 1978Chiropractics
- Franklin, Don** 2000Forensic Psychology
- Fuzo, Frank** 2003Banking Operations
- Green, Ruth** 1995 ●Community Banking
- Gwidt, David** 2003Newspaper Publishing
- Harrison, Jeff** 1996Psychotherapy
- Herr, Cowles** 1959General Law

- Kamnitsis, Chris** 2001Financial Planning
- Kasser, Steve** 2002Real Estate Sales
- Kraus, Bill** 1999 ● sGeneral Dentistry
- Krieg, Joni** 2004Work Force Development
- Langley, Catherine** 1994 ▲Newspaper Publ.
- Liebross, Ira** 1997Family Medicine
- Loew, Darren** 2002Orthodontics
- Lupo, Gene** 1977 ■Food Packaging
- Martin, Terry** 1993 ■Solid Waste/Recycling
- Mattison, Jeff** 2003Commercial Banking
- Mazujian, Harry** 2004Clergy
- McWilliams, Nancy** 1992 ●Psychotherapy
- Morris, Michael** 1984Real Estate Appraisal
- Muller, George** 1964 ● ■Cut Glass Mfg.
- Nastasi, Bill** 1996General Contracting
- Newland, Bob** 1998Insurance
- O'Dwyer, Joe** 1988Land Development
- Ownes, Terry** 1987 ● ■Floor Covering
- Parente, Steve** 2004Sports Therapy
- Phillips, Ken** 2006Financial Planning
- Proctor, Craig** 1975 ●Real Estate Consulting
- Randolph, R. Wayne** 1982Veterinary Medicine
- Reinbacher, Otto** 1997 ▲Clergy
- Rogow, Steve** 1973Orthodontics
- Sansky, John** 1994 ●Adult Education
- Schaible, Mick** 1998Appraisal Services
- Seitz, Lee** 2001High School Administration
- Shallo, Evelyn** 2000Interior Design

- Sivilli, Larry** 2002Financial Advice
- Skowronek, Ken** 1994Family Law
- Sollner, Dick** 1962 ● ■ ▲Air Transportation
- Steiny, Doug** 2002Health and Fitness
- Stess, Marty** 1993Family Dentistry
- Stothoff, Dick** 1966 ● ■ ▲Sanitary Engineering
- Van Gulik, Rich** 2000Technical Education
- Venditti, Chris** 2002Pre-Owned Car Sales
- Weinstein, Ted** 1994Pulmonary Medicine
- Widico, Karen** 1997 ● ■ ▲Public Health Services
- Wise, Bob** 1992Hospital Administration
- Woske, Harry** 1977Cardiology
- Wright, D.J.** 2003Funeral Services
- Zanetti, Ed** 1971 ■Plumbing & Heating
- Ziegler, Joe** 1988 ●Investment Advice
- Zullo, John** 1987 ■Chemical Engineering

HONORARY MEMBERS

- Adams, Marty** 1968 ●Dental Surgery
- Amo, Van** 1970Mechanical Engineering
- Cicccone, Fred** 1988 ● ▲Auto Sales
- Fowler, Kirby** 1971 ● ■ ▲Banking
- Glynos, Nick** 1975 ▲Restaurant
- McIntyre, Bill** 1959County Ag. Services
- O'Sullivan, Andy** 1980 ●Com'l. Architecture
- Sorg, Roger** 1960Dentistry
- Weidknecht, Bud** 1970 ● ■ ▲Air Trans.