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## Why Hunterdon Medical is becoming a DESTINATION HOSPITAL

They call it door-to-balloon time, and Hunterdon Medical Center does it faster than most hospitals in the country – under 60 minutes average. That's how long it takes for intensive care personnel to whisk a heart attack or stroke patient from the emergency room to the operating table and put a stent in place.

Nationwide, only 15% of hospitals have met what is considered to be the "Gold Standard" of 90 minutes for door-to-balloon time. That makes HMC's record truly outstanding.

It's the kind of statistic that thrills HMC President and CEO Bob Wise, who hosted fellow members at an on-site Rotary meeting on Jan. 9. Wise said he aims to stop medical-care naysayers from declaring that outstanding healthcare is only available "elsewhere."

Here are some reasons why those folks are wrong, he said.

- In 2006, there were no post-surgical infections at HMC, the only hospital in New Jersey able to make that claim.
- 14,000 babies were born at HMC in 2007, compared to 1,100 at Robert Wood Johnson and 700 at Hackettstown.
- In 2007, HMC got the highest possible rankings from a national rating service in general surgery and critical care. In 2006, HMC was highest in stroke, gastrointestinal services and orthopedic surgery.

It just may be that HMC is becoming one of those destinations that far-flung patients seek for outstanding healthcare.

To learn more, visit [www.hunterdonhealthcare.org](http://www.hunterdonhealthcare.org).

## Mystic District Conference set for May

Rotary District 7510 will hold its 88<sup>th</sup> annual conference May 2 to 4 at the four-star Marriott Hotel in Mystic, Connecticut. Friday night will feature a Broadway-style dinner theater performance of the comedy "Joey & Maria's Wedding." Saturday's plenary sessions will be followed by a black tie cocktail reception and dinner. For information, visit [www.awhaleofatime.org](http://www.awhaleofatime.org)

### IMPORTANT DATES & PROGRAMS

- January 16** - Bob Cohen from Easter Seals
- January 22** - Board Meeting at 5:45pm
- January 23** - Phil Richardson: Sub-Prime Mortgages
- January 30** - Off-Site Meeting @ Hunterdon County Polytech - Lunch & Tour
- February 6** - Doug Merritt: Ecuador
- February 13** - Officer Ben Gering of Princeton Police Dept. on Gangs
- February 27** - Mary Jane Salvato: Rotary Convention in Mystic

### MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Friday** - Flemington Food Pantry, Truck Unloading, 9am
- 1st Wed.** - Free Lunch for Prospective Member

## RI marks 1/3 milestone in funding Peace Centers

By year's end in 2007, Rotary International reached one third of its \$95 million pledge to fund Peace Centers by 2015.

Located at seven leading universities around the world (including Duke University in North Carolina and the University of California at Berkeley), the Peace Centers offer graduate-level studies in conflict resolution, international relations, and related disciplines. Sixty new fellows are chosen from around the world each year. The endowment will allow the program to continue into perpetuity.

## What Paul Harris said . . .

"We must help all nations in distress and raise the standards of living of the lowly. If we steadfastly pursue this course, prosperity such as we have never enjoyed before will be ours, the wheels of industry will be kept turning, and all nations will be friends.

"What a blessing it would be to live in a friendly world, where all nations are good neighbors!"

- Rotary Founder Paul Harris

*From the Rotarian magazine, July 1946*

### — 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, Flamangos, 157 Main St.

### 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. Make up missed meetings within **14 days** before or after absence.