

April 9, 2008

Porkin’ up the Pigs

As of last week, Otto Reinbacher had collected \$800 in Polio Pigs from Flemington Rotary members. Good job, Rotarians! Your generosity will be multiplied by pledges from the Gates Foundation and other major donors.

Give it up for links and learning

The Golf Committee is seeking \$100 hole sponsors for the 16th annual Flemington Rotary Student Scholarship Golf Outing, to be held Monday, April 28 at Copper Hill Country Club. The money supports scholarships for four Hunterdon County High School students and one Hunterdon County Polytech student. Each will receive \$1,500 toward higher education. Contact Darren Loew or Tom Cunningham for more information.

Golf registration still open

Duffers: there’s still room for more tournament players. Maximum 120.  
Registration is \$175 per golfer or \$675 for a foursome that signs up by April 10. (One more day for the discount.) Make checks payable to Rotary Club of Flemington.  
The day’s events include check-in and driving range at 11 a.m., buffet lunch at 11:30 and shotgun start at 12:15. The evening cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m. (cash bar) with buffet dinner and awards at 5:30.

History we never knew, right here in Flemington

Imagine yourself on a driving tour with Dick Stothoff, from Pennington to Flemington. Along the way he points out a dozen Revolutionary War sites – old houses, taverns, cemeteries and churches we’ve all driven past, roads whose names we’ve never considered, and local families with ties to some of American history’s greatest names.

Those were the tales Dick told at last week’s Rotary meeting in a slide show and talk about the little-known “Flemington Raid.”

In the summer of 1776, the British and their Hessian henchmen were wiping out communities throughout the northeast, plundering the homes of those who refused to sign their loyalty to King George. On their way to the famous turn of events on the Delaware that Christmas, the British came into our area.

The raid took place Dec. 14, 1776 on the road between Copper Hill and Larison's Corner. Eight British troopers of the Queen's Light Dragoons under the command of Cornet Francis Geary were heading our way, apparently to check on muskets and provisions set aside for the American army. Their plan was to take the provisions. A local man who heard of their approach spread the news to eight local militiamen who gathered in a wooded roadside spot and ambushed the dragoons, killing Geary and scaring off the rest.

In 1976, Dick was involved in a re-creation of the skirmish and continues to study the event as president of the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

IMPORTANT DATES & PROGRAMS

- April 9

- Bryon Brisby, Jr., classification
- April 22

- InterCity Dinner at Beaver Brook Country Club.  
Program: the incoming GSE Team from Italy
- April 28

- 16th Annual Student Scholarship Golf Outing
- May 2-4

- District Conference, Mystic, Conn.
- May 21

- District Assembly, Pines Manor, Edison, 2-8 p.m.
- May 31

- Pedals for Progress Bicycle Collection at  
Flemington Presbyterian Church
- July (TBA)

- Fresh Air Picnic
- Sept. 14

- 5th Annual Ride for Rotary - Motorcycle Poker  
Run, Picnic & Clam Bake (Clinton Elks Lodge)

Monthly Events

- **First Friday** - Flemington Food Pantry, truck unloading, 9 a.m.
- **First Wednesday** - Free lunch for prospective member

Funny Signs at Real Businesses

- In a Veterinarian's waiting room:*  
'Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!'

*In a Podiatrist's office:*  
'Time wounds all heels.'

*At an Optometrist's Office:*  
'If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.'

*In the front yard of a Funeral Home:*  
'Drive carefully. We'll wait.'

*Outside a Muffler Shop:*  
'No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.'

*On an Electrician's truck:*  
'Let us remove your shorts.'

Rotary Fast Fact

In April 1916 the first Rotary club to be organized outside an English-speaking country was established in Havana, Cuba.

AREA ROTARY MEETINGS

- Branchburg

Wednesdays 7:30 a.m., Loukas Last American Diner
- Clinton Sunrise

Thursdays 7:15 a.m., Clinton Holiday Inn
- Lambertville-New Hope

Mondays 6:30 p.m., Lambertville Station
- North Hunterdon

Fridays 12:15 p.m., Beaver Brook Country Club
- Somerville-Bridgewater

Thursdays 12:15 p.m., Bridgewater Manor
- Whitehouse

Tuesdays 12:15 p.m., Flamangos

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.

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

