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BOOZE BENEFITS

(Not what you think!)

Joe O'Dwyer donated two bottles for auction last week: Courvoisier Napoleon cognac and a large Harvey Bristol Cream.

Harrie Copeland auctioned them, raising \$42.50 to benefit the Flemington Area Food Pantry. Ken Skowronek and Terry Martin were the lucky winners.

MAN OF MANY TALENTS

Harrie Copeland was not only the auctioneer at last week's meeting, he substituted as Sergeant-at-Arms for Jeff Mattison who was home ill. Harrie managed to extract \$37 in fines and Happy Dollars from members — a better week than some, despite the small attendance.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE, MARTY STESS

With no program scheduled for last week's meeting, Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Harrie Copeland surprised Marty Stess by choosing him as the subject of an impromptu interview.

But Marty did a great job! We learned some fascinating things about him.

A Rotarian since 1993, Marty is a dentist specializing in family and cosmetic dentistry. His wife Andrea, their daughter Rachel and son David live in Raritan Twp.

Marty said he joined the Army to get his degree as a dentist. "The taxpayers paid for my education." But he "paid his dues" by serving in Kentucky for his first tour of duty. That state was his 48th choice out of 50.

"It wasn't the end of the world, but you could see it from there," he said describing the remoteness and incredible poverty of the area where he was stationed.

He considered signing up for a second tour, figuring that, after getting one of his last choice postings first time around, he'd be in line for a top choice.

Not so. His only two options were Germany and Korea, neither of which appealed to him.

"Years ago my family went to a lot of effort to get out of Germany. There's no way I was going back!"

As for Korea, "Everybody I saw coming back was bringing a souvenir — one with his last name!"

Instead, Marty went into private practice, eventually settling in Flemington.

In addition to spending time with his family, Marty likes sports, especially running (he's run 4 marathons!) and skiing. He's also a long-suffering Jets fan.

When asked to tell us one thing we don't know about him, he described the time he was held hostage in a robbery!! Marty was back in Kentucky visiting friends. Since it was almost Mother's Day, he was shopping for a gift in a small shop known for its personalized hand-made pottery.

"A couple of big guys wearing bulky trench coats burst into the store. You know you are in trouble when you see guys in trench coats when it's not raining outside," Marty reflected.

"You have to know that the people who go to pottery shops are mostly old ladies. And there I was. They

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 17 – Rotary Board Meeting
Feb 3 – First Friday Fellowship
Apr 24 – 11th Annual Golf Outing

1st Wednesdays – Food Pantry Collections
3rd Tuesdays – Board Meetings

pulled out sawed-off shot guns, ready to rob the place.

"I took a half step forward. They grabbed me and held a gun in my face while they took everything — money, jewelry, wallets, pocketbooks.

"The barrel of that gun looked huge!" he said, holding his hands in a circle the size of a cantaloupe. "Of course it was right in my face.

"It seemed like 8 hours, but it was probably on a few minutes."

After the robbers left, Marty immediately called his mother, then his credit card companies to cancel his cards. That took about 20 minutes. And it was at least that long before the police in this small town to respond to the robbery.

The police cited Marty as a hero.

About a month later, his wallet was found with everything except his cash still in it. Some roofers found it in the gutter of a building they were working on. Apparently the robbers threw it up there after removing the cash.

Then, after telling us this gripping story, when Harrie asked Marty to describe himself in one word or phrase, he said, "Middle-aged"!! The room burst into a clamor, protesting that self description.

If you weren't at Rotary, you missed one of the best programs we've had in ages. This retelling does not begin to capture Marty's quiet ironic wit. And it's made worse by the fact that the reporter lost her notes and had to write this up from memory...

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Postage goes up 2¢ on Sunday to 39¢ for a First Class letter. Get your stamps now. Flemington Post Office expects long lines next week!

SPEAKING OF STAMPS...

A blonde goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The blonde says, "Heaven help us. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists."

TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY?

January 5, 1904 — Lizzie Magie patents "The Landlord's Game," which satirizes the evils of capitalism.

It is later copied by Charles Darrow and sold to Parker Brothers as "Monopoly."

— from *Despair, Inc.'s 2005 calendar*

— 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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Jan 11 – Don Friday, New Jersey Audubon Society
- Jan 18 – Rich Van Gulik on Hunterdon Polytech
- Jan 25 – Club Assembly

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?

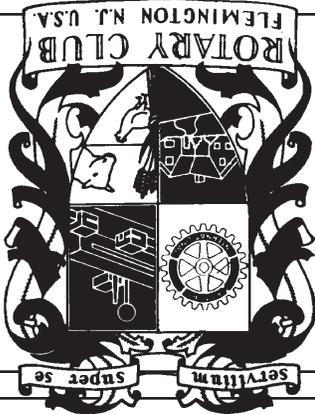
*Service
Above
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ROTARY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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.

Rotary Club of Flemington

Our 83rd Year
 FLEMINGTON N.J. U.S.A.
 Founded October 3, 1923 • Charter #1529 • District 7510



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

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
Sergeants-at-Arms Jeff Mattison
District Governor Andy Calamaras
RI President Karl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

Meetings: Wednesday, 12:15 pm, Copper Hill Country Club
 100 Copper Hill Road, Ringoes 08551
Board Meetings: Third Tuesday of the month,
 5:45 pm at president's home

2005 • Committees & Projects • 2006	
Club Service —	Community Service —
FAMILY OF ROTARY McWilliams, Burgard, B. Fisher, Doremus, Harrison, Stess	DONATIONS Martin, S.Clark, Liebross, Wise, Zullo
FELLOWSHIP Venditti, B. Fisher, Fuzo, Krieg, Loew, Mattison, Muller, Nastasi, Ownes, Proctor, Shallo, Steinly, Zanetti	FRESH AIR PROGRAM (1931) Doremus, Berkowitz, Bowlby
HISTORIAN Bohler, C.Fisher, Harrison, Langley, Rogow, Stothoff	GOLF OUTING (1995) Loew, Bowden, J.Clark, Cunningham, Ferrari, Lupo, Mattison, Newland, Parente, Seitz, Shallo, Venditti, Wise
GREETERS Mattison, Bowlby, Mazujian, Sivilli, all new members	PANCAKE DAY (1974) Cunningham, Brown, Burgard, Chittenden, J.Clark, Kasser, Kraus, Langley, Lupo, Nastasi, Ownes, Seitz, Steinly, Van Gulik, Widico, Zullo
INVOCATIONS Reinbacher, Mazujian, O'Dwyer, Proctor	READING WITH KIDS (1992) Angelo, Martin, Mazujian, Proctor, Sivilli, Weinstein
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Woske, Randolph, Rogow, Sivilli, Wise Ownes, Randoiph, Rogow, Sivilli, Wise	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
NEWSMONGER (1950) Ownes, Randolph, Rogow, Sivilli, Wise	SCHOOLSHIP (1927) Weinstein, Kamnitsis, Davidson, Morris, Reinbacher, Stess, Woske, Zullo
PAUL HARRIS Kasser, S.Clark, Langley, Ownes	SERVICE ACTION COMMITTEE (1982) Widico, Berkowitz, J.Clark, S.Clark, Cunningham, Doremus, Duncan, Seitz
PROGRAMS Schabile, Cox, Ferrari	SCHOOLSHIP (1927) Reinbacher, Sansky, Van Gulik, Widico
PUBLICITY Gwidt, Bohler, Kasser	SCHOLARSHIP (1927) Reinbacher, Sansky, Van Gulik, Widico
ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR Sollner, all ROY recipients	SCHOOLSHIP (1927) Reinbacher, Sansky, Van Gulik, Widico
WEBSITE (200-?) Franklin, Bohler, S.Clark, Duncan, Parente	TRIPLE LIGHTING (1923) Stothoff, Bowlby, Chittenden, S.Clark, Copeland, Cox, Deardorff, Franklin, Kamnitsis, Lupo, Morris, Ownes, Sivilli, Zanetti, Ziegler
BUDGET & FINANCE Barlow, Bowden, Burgard, Langley, Mazujian, Ownes	VOCATIONAL SERVICE —
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	

FLEMINGTON ROTARY CLUB • 2005-2006 • MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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
Proctor, Craig 1975 ●Real Estate Consulting
Randolph, R. Wayne 1982Veterinary Medicine
Reinbacher, Otto 1997 ▲Clergy
Rogow, Steve 1973Orthodontics
Sansky, John 1994 ●Adult Education
Schabile, 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
Steinly, 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.