

April 16, 2008

## Tackling apathy and drop-outs (or what to do about the dead moose on the table)

Every club member is concerned about the drop-off in luncheon attendance, but griping on the hush won't help. Mick Schaible had the guts last week to openly confront the matter. In a discussion that became the primary focus of the meeting, he cited informal gatherings happening outside regular meetings where problems of club direction are being discussed. He suggested formalizing the discussions by opening them to all interested parties and recording the results.

Mick's views were seconded by Wayne Randolph, who opined at length about "the dead moose on the table," the problem we all recognize but fail to tackle.

It used to be, said Wayne, that members left when they passed away. They were members for life. Now they leave after a few years of participation and the reasons vary greatly:

- Membership is costly; we're asked to write too many checks.
- Some members don't like the club's direction.
- Comradery is lacking. We don't share our own lives and interests enough. For instance, classification talks are only four minutes. Why so short?

Members talked about the failure of past assemblies where similar issues were discussed but results were marginal because of the too-large forum.

Mick suggested a series of small group gatherings with one person at each to record ideas for recruiting and retention. Suggestions from all groups would be compiled and the best of them hashed out at a regular club meeting.

Ira Leibowitz suggested that an online discussion could be a convenience to many.

President Harry Mazujian asked members interested in tackling the problem to contact him.

## T-shirt designers compete for \$500 Rotary scholarship

Forty students from Hunterdon County Polytech have submitted artwork for the annual T-shirt competition in conjunction with Ride for Rotary. The winning designs will appear on the official ride shirt.

Students in commercial arts and graphic arts classes are competing for a \$500 scholarship for higher learning. This year's competition attracted more contestants than ever. Ride for Rotary Committee members are selecting the winning images, which will appear on the front and back of the shirt.

Anyone who pre-registers to attend the event will automatically receive a shirt. Remaining shirts will be sold for \$15 each on event day, Sept. 14.

## No club meeting April 23

Don't drive to Copper Hill for a Rotary meeting on April 23. You'll be the only one around. This year's Inter-City Dinner with five Hunterdon Rotary clubs will take place April 22, replacing our regular meeting the following day.

You can still sign up for the dinner, to be held at Beaver Brook Country Club. Spouses and community guests are wel-

### IMPORTANT DATES & PROGRAMS

- April 16** - Lourdes Pagan, 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

come. The cash bar will open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the program at 7 p.m. The incoming GSE Team from Tuscany, Italy will present the night's program.

For those who pre-registered by yesterday, the cost was \$22 per person (\$9 for quarterly paying Rotarians). Those not pre-registered will be charged \$25 each at the door.

## RI selects scholars from low-income countries

The Rotary Foundation has selected 27 people from low-income countries to receive Ambassadorial Scholarships for university studies in 2008-2009. Each year, 10 percent of the program's recipients are selected from low-income countries

This year's recipients are citizens of Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Tanzania, among other areas. They will study at Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities in the United States; Simon Fraser University in Canada; Uppsala University in Sweden; and Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. Their chosen fields include law, psychology, medicine, business, and public health.

Since it was created in 1947, the Ambassadorial Scholarships program has supported more than 38,000 students from about 100 countries -- more students than any other privately funded, university-level international scholarships program in the world. Total funding: \$490 million.

### 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 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.

**Rotary Club of Flemington**

**Our 85th Year**

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



**"Rotary Shares"**

RI President's Call for Action in 2007-2008

President..... Harry Mazujian  
 President-Elect..... Bob Burgard  
 Secretary..... Bob Burgard  
 Treasurer, General..... Tom Cunningham  
 Treasurer, Lunch..... Terry Ownes  
 Assistant Treasurer, Lunch..... Tom Thatcher  
 Board Members..... Bob Chittenden, Steve Parente  
 Chris Venditti, Karen Widico, Harry Woske  
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Lisa Reed  
 District Governor..... Julie Ann Juliano  
 RI President..... Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

**Meetings:** Wednesday, 12:15 pm, Copper Hill Country Club  
 100 Copper Hill Road, Ringoes 08551

**Board Meetings:** Fourth Tuesday of the month,  
 5:45 pm at Commerce Bank  
 1 Royal Road

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<b>2007 • Committees &amp; Projects • 2008</b>	
<b>FAMILY OF ROTARY</b>	<b>CLUB ADMINISTRATION</b>
Harrison, Burgard, McWilliams, Stess, Williams	Sollner, all recipients
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR</b>
Venditti, Cunningham, Fuzo, Krieg, Proctor, Shallo, Sivilli, Zanetti, Zullo	Schaible, Proctor, Zullo
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	<b>PROGRAMS</b>
Bohler, C. Fisher, Langley	Stothoff, all recipients
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>PAUL HARRIS</b>
Sivilli, all new members	Burgard, Clark, Patric
<b>INVOCATIONS</b>	<b>NEWSMONGER</b> (1950)
Reinbacher, Mazujian, Martin, Proctor	Burgard, Clark, Patric
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b> (1927)	<b>INTERACT and ROTARACT</b> (2004)
Weinstein, Davidson, Kamnitsis, Metz, Morris, Newland, Reinbacher, Skowronek, Stess, Zullo	Wright, Davidson, Skowronek, Tufo
<b>SERVICE ACTION COMMITTEE</b> (1982)	<b>WIDICO, WIJCO, REED</b>
Widico, G. Williams, Mazujian, Stothoff	<b>THREE LIGHTING</b> (1923)
<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Stothoff, Chittenden, Clark, Deardorff, Lupo, Morris, Ownes, Zanetti
<b>YOUTH EXCHANGE</b> (1931)	Widico, Reed
<b>READ WITH KIDS</b> (1992)	<b>THE ROTARY FOUNDATION</b>
Parente, Martin, Mazujian, Reed, Stess, Weinstein, Woske	Reinbacher, Liebross
<b>RIDE FOR ROTARY</b> (2004)	<b>CHITTENDEN, BURGARD, COX, FUZO, KRAUS, KRIEG, LANGLEY, NEWLAND, OWNES, REINHACHER, TUFO, WIDICO</b>
<b>PEDALS FOR PROGRESS</b> (1991)	<b>PANCAKE DAY</b> (1974)
Ziegler, Deardorff, C. Fisher, Herr, Patric, Sivilli, Thatcher	Cunningham, Brown, Burgard, Chittenden, Cox, Langley, Lupo, Ownes, Reed, Shallo, Widico, Zullo
<b>GOING OUTING</b> (1995)	<b>GOLF OUTING</b> (1995)
Wise, Loew, Venditti	Cunningham, Loew, Lupo, Parente, Venditti, Widico, Wise
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>FRESH AIR PROGRAM</b> (1931)
Williams, Reed, Clark, Metz	Sivilli, Deardorff, Herr, Zullo
<b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b> (1989)	<b>DONATIONS</b>
Martin, Davidson, Langley, Liebross, Mazujian, Wise, Zullo	<b>SERVICE PROJECTS</b>

## FLEMINGTON ROTARY CLUB • 2007-2008 • MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

<b>Birkner, Scott</b> 2002 .....Commercial Banking	<b>Loew, Darren</b> 2002 .....Orthodontics	<b>Sollner, Dick</b> 1962 ●■▲ .....Air Transportation
<b>Black, Bruce</b> 2007 .....Health & Fitness	<b>Lupo, Gene</b> 1977 ■ .....Food Packaging	<b>Stess, Marty</b> 1993 .....Family Dentistry
<b>Bohler, Herb</b> 1977 ● .....Specialty Advertising	<b>Martin, Terry</b> 1993 ■ .....Solid Waste/Recycling	<b>Stothoff, Dick</b> 1966 ●■▲ .....Sanitary Engineering
<b>Brady, Lisa</b> 2007 .....High School Administration	<b>Mazujian, Harry</b> 2004 .....Clergy	<b>Thatcher, Tom</b> 2006 ● .....Professional Planning
<b>Brisby, Byron</b> 2008 .....Car Sales	<b>McWilliams, Nancy</b> 1992 ● .....Psychotherapy	<b>Tufo, Ernie</b> 2007 .....Car Sales
<b>Burgard, Bob</b> 1992 ■▲ .....Ins. Benefits Planning	<b>Metz, Kim</b> 2007 .....Technical Education	<b>Venditti, Chris</b> 2002 .....Pre-Owned Car Sales
<b>Chittenden, Bob</b> 2003 ▲● .....Consulting Engineering	<b>Morris, Michael</b> 1984 .....Real Estate Appraisal	<b>Weinstein, Ted</b> 1994 ■ .....Pulmonary Medicine
<b>Clark, Sandy</b> 1987 ■▲ .....Printing	<b>Muller, George</b> 1964 ●■ .....Cut Glass Mfg.	<b>Widico, Karen</b> 1997 ●■▲ s ..... Public Health Services
<b>Copeland, Harrie III</b> 1976 ●■▲ .....Auctioneering	<b>Nastasi, Bill</b> 1996 .....General Contracting	<b>Williams, Gwen</b> 1991 ■▲ .....Purch./Mfg.
<b>Cox, Dennis</b> 2001 .....State Education Administration	<b>Newland, Bob</b> 1998 .....Insurance	<b>Wise, Bob</b> 1992 .....Hospital Administration
<b>Cunningham, Tom</b> 1991 ●■▲ .....Floral Sales	<b>Ownes, Terry</b> 1987 ●■ .....Floor Covering	<b>Woske, Harry</b> 1977 .....Cardiology
<b>Davidson, Jim</b> 2002 .....Rubber Products	<b>Pagan, Lourdes</b> 2008 .....Retail Banking	<b>Wright, D.J.</b> 2003 .....Funeral Services
<b>Deardorff, Floyd</b> 1978 s .....Retail, Pharmacy	<b>Parente, Steve</b> 2004 .....Sports Therapy	<b>Zanetti, Ed</b> 1971 ■ .....Plumbing & Heating
<b>Ferrari, Fred</b> 1964 .....Orthodontics	<b>Patric, Robin</b> 2007 .....Business Communications	<b>Ziegler, Joe</b> 1988 ● .....Investment Advice
<b>Fisher, Charlie</b> 1961 ●■ .....Funeral Services	<b>Proctor, Craig</b> 1975 ● .....Real Estate Consulting	<b>Zullo, John</b> 1987 ■▲ ..... Chemical Engineering
<b>Fuzo, Frank</b> 2003 .....Banking Operations	<b>Randolph, R. Wayne</b> 1982 .....Veterinary Medicine	
<b>Harrison, Jeff</b> 1996 .....Psychotherapy	<b>Reed, Lisa</b> 2006 .....Private Investigation	HONORARY MEMBERS
<b>Herr, Cowles</b> 1959 .....General Law	<b>Reinbacher, Otto</b> 1997 ▲■ .....Clergy	<b>Bowlby, Don</b> 1966 ■ .....Dairy Farming
<b>Kamnitsis, Chris</b> 2001 .....Financial Planning	<b>Rogow, Steve</b> 1973 .....Orthodontics	<b>Brown, Fred</b> 1997 ● .....Law Enforcement
<b>Kraus, Bill</b> 1999 ● s ■ .....General Dentistry	<b>Schaible, Mick</b> 1998 ▲ .....Appraisal Services	<b>Fisher, Bob</b> 1978 .....Chiropractics
<b>Krieg, Joni</b> 2004 .....Work Force Development	<b>Shallo, Evelyn</b> 2000 .....Interior Design	<b>Green O'Brien, Ruth</b> 1995 ● .....Community Banking
<b>Langley, Catherine</b> 1994 ●▲ .....Newspaper Publ.	<b>Sivilli, Larry</b> 2002 .....Financial Advice	<b>Mattison, Jeff</b> 2003 .....Commercial Banking
<b>Liebross, Ira</b> 1997 .....Family Medicine	<b>Skowronek, Ken</b> 1994 .....Family Law	