

October 15, 2008

Mandatory assessment returns

The Pancake Day assessment is back. If you don't sell those tickets you were given, you are required to pay \$150.

An instant vote of members at the Oct. 8 club meeting resulted in a majority decision that the traditional assessment should be restored. It had been rescinded after the summer-time member survey, which indicated that members wanted to end the Pancake Day assessment.

Last week's override came about after Terry Ownes gave a brief but compelling history of the assessment. He said it was established decades ago when Pancake Day was the club's sole fundraiser.

Terry noted it costs roughly \$3,000 to run Pancake Day and since ticket-selling efforts are sometimes slim, the nonassessment policy could impact the club's donations to local charities as well as the scholarship fund.

During the instant vote, President Bob asked two of our newest members if they fully understood upon joining the club that the Pancake Day assessment was part of the membership obligation. Both said yes without reservation.

Reader sign-ups needed

The Reading With Kids programs has resumed and volunteer readers are sought for 15-minute story-reading sessions on Wednesdays, just after our regular club meetings. Volunteers will read in local schools to students in kindergarten through second grade. The time obligation is 15 minutes per session. Steve Parente is coordinating sign-ups.

Grab the opportunity! Rotary Day at U.N. HQ

We're all invited to Rotary Day at the United Nations on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the U.N.'s New York headquarters.

More than 60% of the U.N.'s general assembly is made up of Rotarians, thus explaining the annual recognition.

The day will include a tour of the building plus presentations and panel discussions addressing key humanitarian issues. All Rotary International board members will be present and several will speak along with U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.

The registration deadline is Oct. 20. Cost: \$37.50 per person, including lunch. Otto Reinbacher has sign-up forms, or you can download a form from the R.I. website, www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071016_news_UNday.

Sign up to Eat, Drink & Share

Three seats remain at the 10-person Flemington Rotary table for Eat, Drink & Share, Monday, Nov. 10. Our club pays the tab for seats at the annual event, which is a benefit for the humanitarian efforts of the Rotary International Foundation.

The dinner runs from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pines Manor in Edison. Call Bob Burgard for more information.

Get your citrus

Lambertville/New Hope Rotary is selling cases of Texas oranges and grapefruits as a fundraising project. Each case is \$20 and the club's profit is \$10 per case, all of which goes to their chosen charities. To purchase, or for more information, contact Bob Burgard.

IMPORTANT DATES & PROGRAMS

- Oct. 15

- Russell DiNardo - GSE team leader from last year's trip to Italy
- Oct. 22

- Club Assembly
- Oct. 25

- Pancake Day, HCRHS, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 28

- RCOF Board meeting, 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 29

- Open

Monthly Events

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

Grateful Zullo kicks off Salvation Army talk

With tears in his eyes and his voice cracking, John Zullo gave a sentimental personal testimony that began last week's presentation on the Flemington Salvation Army. When his troop ship returned from duty after World War II and pulled into San Francisco, the only organization there to greet the returning warriors was the Salvation Army. John said he and his shipmates were eternally grateful and his own donations to "The Army" have continued in fond remembrance ever since.

With that lead-in, Frank Nataluck, Co-Captain of the Flemington "corps" took the floor as last week's guest speaker. He, his wife and their four children moved to Flemington from Maine in July. They have established the new corps in a former synagogue at 40 East Main Street.

Rotarians were surprised to learn that the Salvation Army is actually a church, with roots in Methodism. It was established in East London in 1865 by William and Catherine Booth, who conceived a ministry to the downtrodden.

Nataluck said most people identify the Salvation Army with its thrift stores and Christmas bell-ringers. Indeed, he said, most phone calls are about the stores and people in need, so the church's congregation consists primarily of people who have been helped by the Army.

Ongoing community services include transportation for children visiting parents in prison, emergency disaster services, a host of youth activities, social services for the needy, men's and women's groups, Bible study and holiday assistance.

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?

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Self

