

November 19, 2008

Do you have a Rotary elevator speech?

You step into an elevator (or maybe a bank line or PTA meeting) and a stranger notices your Rotary pin. "What's that?" he asks. In the few seconds before that elevator door opens, here's what you can say: "I'm a member of Rotary, the oldest service organization in the world. In fact, we invented the concept of a service club and now we are in 207 countries with 1.2 million members worldwide. We make a difference in the world by promoting service, ethics, fellowship and world peace."

\$4 million raised with no effort

Last year, Rotary Foundation raised \$4 million from Rotary credit cards. Bank of America administers the affinity credit card program through which a 1% donation is sent to R.I. for every purchase made by the cardholder. Buy groceries, gas, a new TV or a dinner out and you are effortlessly making a donation to the Rotary Foundation.

The most humbling experience you'll ever have

Read the families' letters and you'll probably shed a tear. Bob Taylor, a 63-year-old father of four got a second chance at life thanks to a heart transplant. Last week, he was at our club meeting to talk about it.

Taylor is a volunteer speaker for Gift of Life, the organization that facilitated his transplant. A former Lambertville resident now living in Pennsylvania, Taylor had a quadruple bypass in 1990. The operation failed and he waited less than two months for a heart located by Gift of Life.

"Receiving an organ to save your life is the most humbling experience you'll ever have," he said. "It is amazing how many body parts can be used. We are a conduit for anyone who needs help."

Taylor's new heart came from a 32-year-old Pottstown man named Stephen who was killed in a crash with a drunken driver. Years after the transplant, Taylor and each of his children wrote letters to Stephen's family to express gratitude for their life-giving gift as well as sorrow for their loss of a beloved family member. The connection was facilitated by Gift of Life and Stephen's family reciprocated with letters of their own.

Even for outsiders, the emotional impact of those letters is remarkable.

Gift of Life is a nonprofit agency serving the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. It recovers and distributes organs and tissues used in life-saving and life-enhancing transplants. It also coordinates tissue transplants of corneas for sight-restoring procedures, as well as skin, tissue and bone to repair injuries.

Program participation is designated on a person's driver's license with the phrase "organ donor." The designation *only* gives Gift of Life permission to approach the family. If the family says "no," then no organs will be used.

To learn more, visit www.donors1.org.

In memory of Gwen's mom

Gwen Williams' mother Celia Rouse passed away on Nov. 2. To make a donation in her memory, the family requests donations to Rotary International.

IMPORTANT DATES & PROGRAMS

- Nov. 19 - Fiddle Club
- Nov. 26 - Club Assembly
- Dec. 3 - Open
- Dec. 12 - Club Holiday Party at Copper Hill

Monthly Events

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

Your citrus has arrived

Anyone who purchased oranges and grapefruits from Lambertville/New Hope Rotary during their annual citrus sale can pick up the fruit starting tomorrow, Nov. 20, at Terry Ownes' business, The Rug Mart, 34 Reading Road in Flemington.

January meeting sites

Copper Hill closes its doors during the month of January and we get a chance to meet in alternative locations. Here's the schedule as it looks right now:

- Jan. 7 - Hunterdon Medical Center
- Jan. 14 - Polytech
- Jan. 21 - Possibly, Mange Bene

Not Rotary, but relevant

• **Meals on Wheels** will hold a 35th anniversary open house tomorrow (Thursday, Nov. 20) from 2 to 6 p.m. at their new administrative office, 5 Walter Foran Blvd., Suite 2006. Drop by to celebrate the season of gratitude.

• **Cards for Soldiers** - Bob Burgard has heard from a old Navy buddy whose son is in Iraq on his second tour of military duty. The young man has three friends recovering in Walter Reed Army hospital. Bob and his friend remind us how many young people are in the same situation. How 'bout some Christmas cheer for those brave folks this December?

If you would, please send one of your Christmas cards to this address: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

Says Bob: "My apologies for this non-Rotary message but it would be terrific if you could participate. If everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get."

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.

"Make Dreams Real"
RI President's Call for Action in 2008-2009



Our 86th Year
Founded October 3, 1923 • Charter #1529 • District 7510

Rotary Club of Flemington

President..... Bob Burgard
President Elect..... Jim Davidson
Secretary..... Bob Chittenden
Treasurer, General..... Tom Cunningham
Treasurer, Lunch..... Tom Thatcher
Assistant Treasurer, Lunch..... Kim Metz
Board Members..... Harry Mazujian (past president),
Sandy Clark, Nancy McWilliams, Steve Parente,
and Ted Weinstein
Sergeant-at-Arms..... Jim Davidson
RI President..... Dong Kurn Lee
District Governor..... Joseph M. (Joe) Scandarato, Sr.
District Governor Elect..... Alexander Cauwels

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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CLUB ADMINISTRATION - Bob Chittenden

FELLOWSHIP - Venditti, Cunningham, Fuzo, Kregg, Proctor, Shallo, Sivilli, Zanetti, Zullo
HISTORIAN - Bohler, C.Fisher, Langley
GREETERS - Sivilli, all new members
INVOCATIONS - Reinbacher, Mazujian, Martin, Proctor
PROGRAMS - Schaible, Ownes, Proctor, Widico, Woske, Zullo
BUDGET & FINANCE - Burgard, Chittenden, Cunningham, Mazujian, Ownes

SERVICE PROJECTS - Jim Davidson

RIDE FOR ROTARY (2004) - Chittenden, Burgard, Cox, Ferrari, Harrison, Langley, Mazujian,
Metz, Nastasi, Newland, Ownes, Patric, Reinbacher, Tufo, Widico, Ziegler
PANCAKE DAY (1974) - Cunningham, Brown, Burgard, Chittenden, Cox, Langley, Lupo,
Ownes, Shallo, Widico, Zullo
GOLF OUTING (1995) - Cunningham, Loew, Lupo, Parente, Venditti, Widico, Wise
DONATIONS - Martin, Davidson, Langley, Liebross, Mazujian, Wise, Zullo
FOOD DISTRIBUTION (1989) - Sivilli, Deardorff, Herr, Zullo
FRESH AIR PROGRAM (1931) - Williams, Clark, Metz
PEDALS FOR PROGRESS (1991) - Ziegler, Deardorff, C.Fisher, Herr, Sivilli, Thatcher
READING WITH KIDS (1992) - Parente, Martin, Mazujian, Stess, Weinstein, Woske
SCHOLARSHIP (1927) - Weinstein, Davidson, Kamnitsis, Metz, Morris, Newland, Reinbacher,
Skowronek, Stess, Zullo
SERVICE ACTION COMMITTEE (1982) - Widico, G.Williams, Mazujian, Stothoff
TREE LIGHTING (1923) - Stothoff, Chittenden, Clark, Deardorff, Lupo, Morris, Ownes, Zanetti

MEMBERSHIP - Copeland, Burgard, Ownes, Randolph, Wise, Woske
FAMILY OF ROTARY - Harrison, Burgard, McWilliams, Stess, Williams
PAUL HARRIS - Stothoff, all recipients
ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR - Sollner, all recipients

ROTARY FOUNDATION - Tom Thatcher

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION - Reinbacher, Burgard, Liebross, Thatcher
YOUTH EXCHANGE (1931) - Widico, Reed
INTERACT (1967) and **ROTARACT** (2004) - Wright, Davidson, Skowronek, Tufo

PR / PUBLICITY - Tom Thatcher

NEWSMONGER (1950) - Patric, Burgard, Chittenden, Clark
PUBLIC RELATIONS - Brady, Patric
WEBSITE - Chittenden, Burgard, Langley, J.Williams
ROTARY DAY EVENT - Soup Cook-Off

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Alte, Dan 2008Contractor - Roofing
Black, Bruce 2007Health & Fitness
Bohler, Herb 1977 ●.....Specialty Advertising
Brady, Lisa 2007High School Administration
Brisby, Byron 2008Car Sales
Burgard, Bob 1992 ■▲.....Ins. Benefits Planning
Chittenden, Bob 2003 ▲●.....Consulting Engineering
Clark, Sandy 1987 ■▲.....Printing
Copeland, Harrie III 1976 ●■▲.....Auctioneering
Cunningham, Tom 1991 ●■▲.....Floral Sales
Davidson, Jim 2002Rubber Products
Deardorff, Floyd 1978 s.....Retail, Pharmacy
Ferrari, Fred 1964.....Orthodontics
Fisher, Charlie 1961 ●■.....Funeral Services
Harrison, Jeff 1996Psychotherapy
Herr, Cowles 1959General Law
Kamnitsis, Chris 2001.....Financial Planning
Langley, Catherine 1994 ●▲.....Newspaper Publ.
Liebross, Ira 1997Family Medicine
Loew, Darren 2002Orthodontics
Lupo, Gene 1977 ■.....Food Packaging
Martin, Terry 1993 ■.....Solid Waste/Recycling

Mazujian, Harry 2004 ●■.....Clergy
McWilliams, Nancy 1992 ●.....Psychotherapy
Metz, Kim 2007Technical Education
Morris, Michael 1984.....Real Estate Appraisal
Muller, George 1964 ●■.....Cut Glass Mfg.
Nastasi, Bill 1996.....General Contracting
Newland, Bob 1998Insurance
Ownes, Terry 1987 ●■▲.....Floor Covering
Pagan, Lourdes 2008Retail Banking
Parente, Steve 2004.....Sports Therapy
Patric, Robin 2007.....Business Communications
Pfefferle, Chris 2008Commercial Banking
Proctor, Craig 1975 ●.....Real Estate Consulting
Randolph, R. Wayne 1982.....Veterinary Medicine
Reinbacher, Otto 1997 ▲■.....Clergy
Rogow, Steve 1973.....Orthodontics
Schaible, Mick 1998 ▲.....Appraisal Services
Shallo, Evelyn 2000Interior Design
Sivilli, Larry 2002.....Financial Advice
Skowronek, Ken 1994.....Family Law
Sollner, Dick 1962 ●■▲.....Air Transportation
Stess, Marty 1993Family Dentistry

Stothoff, Dick 1966 ●■▲.....Sanitary Engineering
Thatcher, Tom 2006●.....Professional Planning
Todd, Warren 2008Disease Management
Tufo, Ernie 2007Car Sales
Venditti, Chris 2002Retail Banking
Weinstein, Ted 1994 ■.....Pulmonary Medicine
Widico, Karen 1997 ●■▲s..... Public Health Services
Williams, Gwen 1991 ■▲.....Purch./Mfg.
Wise, Bob 1992.....Hospital Administration
Woske, Harry 1977.....Cardiology
Wright, D.J. 2003.....Funeral Services
Zanetti, Ed 1971 ■.....Plumbing & Heating
Ziegler, Joe 1988 ●.....Investment Advice
Zullo, John 1987 ■▲..... Chemical Engineering

HONORARY MEMBERS

Bowlby, Don 1966 ■Dairy Farming
Brown, Fred 1997 ●.....Law Enforcement
Fisher, Bob 1978Chiropractics
Green O'Brien, Ruth 1995 ●.....Community Banking
Kraus, Bill 1991 ●■▲.....General Dentistry
Mattison, Jeff 2003Commercial Banking