

District 7950



SERVICE Above Self

Paul's Pundit

Last week of Bobby and I made our 60th official visitation, and we have four more to go. What a wonderful experience it has been meeting all the Rotarians in District 7950.

We have been very well received in all the clubs and have enjoyed very much the Friendship and Fellowship that we have experienced. We also enjoyed installing new members, as we visited the clubs along the way as well as presenting Paul Harris Fellows to a number of members.

Speaking of membership. We have installed the entire membership of the District's newest club. The Plymouth Sunrise Club, and also installed their officers. We also installed the members and officers of the Scituate, MA. New Interact Club. We will be installing 15 new members into the Holbrook club in the near future, which will double the Holbrook club's membership. The Scituate, MA. Club will also double its membership this year. Also in this newsletter, we will publish names of new members in the various clubs in District 7950. We are doing a very decent job in membership recruit recruitment. Let us not forget about the retention of our current good Rotarians...

We are in the process of rejuvenating the Interstate Council, which seems to have disappeared. Although not an official Rotary International function, the Council's provides quite a bit of knowledge to the clubs and also creates great Fellowship with their social activities.

were quite knowledgeable, exciting and certainly well-informed on all aspects of the Rotary Foundation, which is the most important aspect of Rotary. If the Rotary Foundation fails, there will be no Rotary and when have a number of Council members attending these meetings, along with the Assistant Governors Past Governors, Past Council officers and Past Presidents. Hopefully we will all pull together to get the Interstate Council back in business again for the clubs included in that area

This year's Foundation Seminar on Saturday, November 5

**If it is going to be...
it is up to me.**

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Paul and Bobbie

**District Governor
Paul M. Welch**



**Terri Fitch
District
Governor-elect**



**David I. Clifton
District Governor
Nominee**

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was a great seminar, Jim and Chris Rassol did their usual superb performance in chairing the seminar which I personally believe was the most informative and exciting that I've participated in for quite a number of years. The speakers that we had at a shame that would be for all the wonderful programs it encompasses and for all the great services provides for those not as fortunate as we may be.

We had as speakers Tim Placey from Cumberland, ME. and Foundation Chair of District 7780 in Maine. Paul Watts Foundation Chair in district 7950 Mac Leask from District 7890 in Connecticut, who has been on the Zone 31 and 32 Foundation team that gives seminars within the zone for 10 years, and of course Jim Rassol who is one of the most knowledgeable Rotarians on the Foundation in District 7950 and Ann Williams. I would like to thank and congratulate them for their expertise dedication and hard work and making this year seminar the success that it was. The attendance was somewhat of a disappointment, however, the loss was not for those who attended as they attended the finest foundation seminar we have had a district 7950.

Northeastern, P.E.T.S. is not that far away. Training for all next year's presidents will be held us always at the Nashua New Hampshire Sheraton Hotel. It is most important that all clubs have their next year's president and secretary selected by the end of 2005, so that their names may be submitted to the Rotary International, which will enable RI to have the correct correspondence information for the President and Secretary's next year. Your Presidents for next year should be in place, so they can attend the Midyear Presidents Meeting with their current President's. The current Presidents will meet with myself for a review of this year and a preview of the remaining 2005 -- 2006 Rotary year in District 7950. The incoming presidents will meet with the incoming District Governor who will inform them of what is expected of them in the year 2006- 2007. It's a great meeting to prepare the incoming presidents for the Multi-District P.E.T.S. which is considered the best Multi-District P.E.T.S.. Regardless of what you may hear from others, P.E.T.S. -- is a fantastic experience, which is far superior to the indistinct P.E.T.S, which are used to have years ago. I have personally attended three indistinct district P.E.T.S., and this will be my eighth NE Multi-district P.E.T.S. and there is really no comparison. The NE Multi-district P.E.T.S is far superior.

The Foundation Dinner formally known as the Paul Harris Dinner will be held on November 30 at the Mansfield Holiday Inn. We will have Paul Watts District 7950 Foundation Chairman, speaking on his Peru project. A project that RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar visited personally. We will have one of the original Ambassadorial Scholars of District 7950. Bill Barker from the Orleans club speaking. Our incoming Ambassadorial Scholars from Korea and Japan will be speaking. Caryn Smith District GSE chair will be speaking on our SGE program with Portugal and will be presenting awards to clubs for their participation in the Rotary Foundation.

On December 11, we will have the District Governor's Advisory Council meeting at

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Bermuda Terri Fitch...DGE

Our district has been invited to participate in a joint District Conference in May, 2007 with District 7930 (Boston area, northeastern Massachusetts, and southern New Hampshire). Joining forces with another district would be out-of-the-ordinary and would add a new level of Rotary fellowship to this event. However, to make it even more exciting – we would be holding the conference in – Bermuda! And if that isn't enough excitement, the Bermuda Rotarians have offered to provide a Home Hospitality Night on the Friday evening of our stay in their District 7230.

I recognize that travel outside of our district is unusual for us. Here in the New England area, PDG Sam Hurvitz held our conference in Sturbridge in 1996, and PDG Dick Anderson took us to New Hampshire in 2004. PDG Jack Ryan attempted a trip to Bermuda in the fall of 2003, but was thwarted by Hurricane Fabian. In fact, the last time we left the immediate area was in 1997 when PDG Jim Rassol held our district conference in Bermuda. That was ten years ago!

There are specific parts and pieces of our district conference that are very popular. As it happens, these are the same events that are not readily transported to Bermuda. I am proposing that we hold a "District Day" on a Saturday in April 2007. The program will include the Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange presentations, our District Business Meeting, and an awards banquet for all of our district awards, including the Percy Hodgson Award. **In lieu of the traditional Thursday night conference dinner for the PDG's, we will invite our PDG's to District Day as our guests.**

By holding a District Day, each of our District Rotarians will have the opportunity to enjoy fun and fellowship both "inside" and "outside" of the district. Further, everyone will have the opportunity to participate in the business of the district.

For those who wish to attend a Bermuda conference – there is lots left to do! We can offer the required array of programs and Rotary information ... but with a twist (some surprises here – you will have to wait for the details). Our RI President's Representative will join us in Bermuda. The Saturday evening banquet will morph into a luau on the beach. Of course, there will be a golf outing and other "shore excursions".

I conducted a quiet survey around the district and was surprised to learn that the reaction to Bermuda was split 50/50. Why was this surprising? Because, folks, only about 7% of us attend the district conference each year (and I included the "day-hoppers"). Where are the other 93% of our members?

Would a "District Day" encourage some of the other 93% of our members to participate? Would others be interested in a more "exotic" destination? We'll soon know the answer to those questions. The district conference decision must be made now in order to begin planning. Mark your calendars for Bermuda May 10-13, 2007 (Thursday through Sunday) and for our District Day on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

In the meantime, I am offering a challenge to each of you: go to Plymouth on May 5-7, 2006. That's right – attend this year's District Conference!!! See why the other 7% attend year-after-year. Get exposed to the wider world of Rotary – and expand upon the fellowship and fun you already enjoy in your clubs

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Luciano's in Wrentham, MA...

On January 21, 2006 we will have our Midyear Presidents and President-elect meeting at White's Restaurant at Westport MA. All Presidents and President-elect are strongly urged to attend, along with Assistant Governors.

On January 26, we will have the District Budget and Finance and District Nominating Committee Meetings at White's at Westport Mass.

With Thanksgiving coming up this month, Bobbie and I wish all and their families a wonderful warm, and loving Happy Thanksgiving. It is for me the most wonderful family day.

Bobby and Paul

Presidents Message...Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar



Co-operation is, in my opinion, one of the key words for the future of Rotary. All the issues that we deal with are huge: polio, literacy, water, health, and hunger, just to name a few. Issues that we cannot solve by ourselves, but can reach further in cooperation with others.

However, we do not have to go outside our own building in order to cooperate. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation must join forces to reach good results.

Quite recently, I was interviewed by the *Chicago Tribune* because of Rotary's 100th anniversary. At one point the interviewer asked me to name a few years that could highlight our first century. I answered 1905, 1917, 1947, mid-'70s, 1985, and 2005. Then I expanded on why I had picked just those occasions.

Afterward, I made a personal observation. I was answering a question regarding highlighting Rotary International, and all the years I mentioned, apart from 1905 and 2005, reflected on The Rotary Foundation. The year 1917 was the start of our Rotary Foundation, when then-RI President Arch Klumph announced that we should accept endowments for doing good in the world – and The Rotary Foundation was born. The year 1947 was when contributions started to come in commemoration of the death of founder Paul Harris. The mid-'70s was when humanitarian programs were added to the Foundation's hitherto educational programs only, and the 3-H grants program was launched to improve social development among people in the world. The year 1985 was, of course, when we started our polio eradication program.

Rotary International is the mother of The Rotary Foundation. One would think that a mother 100 years old could live independently from her daughter 88 years old. But this is not possible. In raising funds for the daughter, the mother is of vital importance and the mother has no way of spending the funds raised – that's for the daughter to do.

This shows how important cooperation is between Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. May it so remain when, through *Service Above Self*, we celebrate November as Rotary Foundation Month.

Chariho High School Interact

The Rotary Club of Chariho sponsored its first Interact Club in 2004. The club started with approximately 12 members for its first year of operation. Last year the club enjoyed over 30 active members. The first service project of the club was called "A Bag of Their Own". Students collected 500 overnight bags for foster children through the Department of Children, Youth and Families, for their night-to-night placement. These placements involve children as young as 5. Often these children are pulled from the foster care homes with very little of their clothing or possessions, often carrying them in plastic bags. They decided to make it an annual project—last year collecting approximately 300 bags. Last year, the students participated in a field trip to deliver the bags to the Department of Children, Youth and Families. The students raised \$200 for a local family whose home was damaged in a fire, and also collected \$250—which Chariho Rotary matched to make \$500 - to buy winter supplies for a family that moved to the area after their Florida family home was being reconstructed by local groups, following one of the hurricanes that struck the Florida coast. Interact also added their own shoe project to the efforts of the Chariho and Duxbury clubs, called "the Run for Shoes", which brought in approximately 250 pairs of shoes for children in Afghanistan. In November, 2004, more than twenty Interactors volunteered at "A Home From The Heart" Project. Similar to *W's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, two local men completed gutted, renovated and modified a friend's home shortly after he had lost his life following a lengthy battle with cancer. His widow and son were amazed and extremely appreciative of their new home. The Interact Club cleared brush, removed trash and materials from the site, cleaned out the entire basement, and helped beautify the property. The most gratifying part of the project was the homecoming celebration for the family just a few days before Christmas. All the Interactors returned to welcome the family home and participate in the Open House. The club plans on returning this fall and spring for the second phase of the project including landscaping and other odd jobs.

FELLOWSHIP...David I. Clifton DGN

ROTARY GOOD FELLOWSHIP



On Wednesday October 19, 2005, I had the opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Downtown San Antonio, the largest Rotary Club in the world. This club has a total of 750 members representing many different kinds of classifications. It was impressive to see such a large club extend their greetings to visitors and guests as well as share friendship and good fellowship with each other. Every meeting of the San Antonio Rotary Club is like attending a District Conference due to the size of the membership. This Downtown Club from District 5840 meets for lunch at the “Bright Shawl”, a Junior League meeting place that holds approximately 1,500 people. All Rotary Clubs, whether small or large, should be friendly clubs and should be aware of the visitors and guests in attendance. Here are five easy steps to follow:

First: Members should be encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week.

Second: Rotarians should be urged to sit with a member they may not know as well as their long-time personal friends.

Third: Members should invite new members or visitors to join their table just by saying “Come join us, we have an empty chair at our table”

Fourth: Members share the conversation around the table rather than eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them.

Fifth: Rotarians should make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all the members of the club by seeking out those they may not know

When Rotarians follow these five easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every successful Rotary Club. As DGN, some of the highlights that I have enjoyed in my travels so far this year are as follows:

Rotary International Convention – Chicago, IL

Rotary International Headquarters – Chicago, IL

Visits to Rotary Clubs in District 7950

Rotary Zone Meeting – Boston, MA

World's largest Rotary Club – San Antonio, TX

Rotary should be Fun

One of the best ways to enjoy Rotary is to include some fun at the meetings as well as all the club projects. Why not create more opportunities for good fellowship, do more networking, organize more family oriented events and have fun at the same time.

Rotary International Web Site

The Rotary International Web Site (www.rotary.org) is an easy way to get up-to-date information on Rotary and its programs.

District 7950 Web Page

www.rotary7950.com

Local Rotarians host visit by Russian leaders

By Mike Melanson, Enterprise correspondent

PEMBROKE – Former Cold War adversaries broke bread together and feted one another Saturday at the Cranberry Lane home of Amy and Steve Silverman.

As part of the Open World Program administered by the Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress, local Rotarians hosted a delegation of Russian government officials and medical professionals from Oct. 29 until Sunday.

The national program offers Russian leaders a chance to observe the American political system, as well as business and community life, and promotes understanding and forges bonds of friendship between the two nations, according to Rotary International.

Focusing on health and human services, delegates Vitaliy Aleksandrovich Sinoda, Tatyana Anatolyevna Soldatova, Tatyana Viktorovna Lashchenko, Yelena Igorevna Temnikova and facilitator Ilya Lvovich Kvyatkovskiy experienced first-hand a slice of life in southeastern Massachusetts.

Delegates said the experience was productive and reason to be optimistic.

“We can relate to each other, and we really have nothing to fight for,” said Temnikova, as translated by Alla Bova, an Open World Program free lance translator.

“We would like to live the same way like everyone else in the world, in peace,” Temnikova said. “We're friends. You come visit us. We come visit you.”

“You can relate if you want to. You just have to have an open heart,” Bova said.

Host families said they formed friendships that transcended language barriers.

“What is it like when the host doesn't speak any Russian and the guest doesn't speak any English, and you live together for a week? It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of blank stares, pantomime, laughter, confusion. But somehow you get through it,” said Robert Smith of West Bridgewater.

“We're all the same,” said Janet Schmitz of Scituate.

A farewell party was held Saturday as a way for the delegates and their hosts to wind down after a busy week.

The delegates toured the Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless, where they learned about programs for the homeless and working poor.

They also visited Jordan Hospital in Plymouth and heard about an expansion of its facilities and services. State Sen. Theresa Murray, who traveled to Russia as part of a state health delegation, discussed the interaction of private and public health services agencies as part of a program at the Statehouse.

The delegates learned about senior citizen health care issues at the Council On Aging in Scituate.

They also toured the Ruth House in Brockton and discussed health and social issues faced by teen mothers with the staff of Lutheran Social Services.

At a Roads to Responsibility presentation in Cohasset, they learned about programs to help mentally challenged adults to live independently.

The delegates also toured the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Cape and Islands for discussion of patient and child care, the Mid Cape Medical Center for discussion about the needs of the uninsured, and Cape Cod Community College.

The Russians and Americans agreed that a connection was made.

“This is a real people-to-people program ... You get to see the people of the country,” said Kvyatkovskiy.

“This has been a terrific cultural experience, but even more importantly, it's been a fine and great personal experience. It benefits every one of us,” said Paul Welch, district Rotary Club governor.

Amy and Steve Silverman said the end result was worth the months of effort.

“We're exhausted, just like I thought we would be. Nine days went by in a minute. It just went by so fast,” said Amy Silverman, the host coordinator.

| Club Name | Members 9/30/05 | Attendance % |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Abington | 24 | 80.80 |
| Attleboro | 69 | 75.00 |
| Bourne/Sandwich | | |
| Braintree | | |
| Bridgewater's | 18 | 67.00 |
| Bristol | 51 | 86.00 |
| Brockton | 104 | 76.47 |
| Canton | | |
| Chariho | | |
| Chatham | 33 | 83.33 |
| Cohasset | 23 | 81.00 |
| Cranston | 39 | 61.54 |
| Cumberland/Lincoln | 19 | 75.44 |
| Dartmouth | 20 | 61.00 |
| Duxbury | 20 | 57.50 |
| East Greenwich | | |
| East Providence-Seekonk | 34 | 61.76 |
| Fairhaven | 31 | 54.69 |
| Fall River | 80 | 77.47 |
| Falmouth | 34 | 66.00 |
| Foxboro | 18 | 60.60 |
| Harwich/Dennis | 39 | 76.99 |
| Hingham | 58 | 66.70 |
| Holbrook | 16 | 73.00 |
| Hyannis | 106 | 85.20 |
| Jamestown | 16 | 61.00 |
| Mansfield | | |
| Martha's Vineyard | 58 | 75.32 |
| Mashpee | 14 | 66.00 |
| Middleboro | | |
| Middletown | 26 | 72.00 |
| Milton | | |
| Nantucket | 88 | 69.32 |
| Nauset-Orleans | 47 | 72.23 |
| New Bedford | 38 | 71.10 |
| Newport | 51 | 63.69 |
| North Attleboro | | |
| North Kingstown | 34 | 68.00 |
| North Providence | 22 | 100.00 |
| Norwood | 17 | 75.00 |
| Osterville | | |
| Pawtucket | 38 | 63.00 |
| Pawtuxet Valley | | |
| Plymouth | 104 | 76.54 |
| Plymouth Sunrise | | |
| Portsmouth | 25 | 71.00 |
| Providence | | |
| Providence-Sunrise | | |
| Quincy | 70 | 51.00 |
| Randolph | 17 | 77.00 |
| Rockland/Hanson | 13 | 57.60 |
| Scituate, MA | 24 | 71.00 |
| Scituate, RI | 21 | 78.00 |
| Sharon | | |
| Stoughton | 17 | 57.35 |
| Taunton | | |
| Tri-Town/Hanover | 39 | 83.00 |
| Wakefield | 88 | 82.00 |
| Warren/Barrington | 27 | 50.00 |
| Warwick | 133 | 60.00 |
| Westerly | 25 | 76.00 |
| Weymouth | 74 | 73.67 |
| Woonsocket | 35 | 96.10 |
| Yarmouth | 71 | 66.86 |
| District Totals | 2068 | 71.07 |



New Arrivals

We welcome to the World of Rotary:

William Sullivan...Taunton
 John Back...Braintree
 Rita Navrides
 Mark Fountain
 Dave Tombari
 Chris Ianuzzi
 Bob Price...Scituate,MA.
 Bob Schipul
 Jim McInnis
 Jim Blanchard
 Maryann Cohan
 Michael Johnson
 Candace Ganer
 Dennis Snyder
 Jane E.Hendricks...Wakefield
 William N.Johnson
 David R. Dear
 Carl A.Riedell...Osterville
 Leonard Blaney...Plymouth
 Steven K.Parks
 Alejandro Perez
 Matthew Stavis
 Marie Biszcio
 Jerry S.Moore...Brockton
 Kim McLaughlin
 Carolyn Kennedy...Hingham-Hull
 Bill Ramsey
 Karen Griffin...Middleborough
 Michael Griffin
 Denella Bowler
 Pasul Corrigan...Weymouth
 Judy Hazlof
 Maria A.Cassaday...Providence
 Richard A. Lewis
 Sherilyn Paige...Warwick
 Frank Duffy...Fall River
 Susan Prideau
 Paresh Chhoto
 Donna Nuzzo Mueller
 Karen Kelley
 Chris Ryan

Please let Governor Paul Welch know of all new members in all 64 clubs in District 7950 so their names can be listed in the monthly newsletter.

Raymond School playground dedicated

BROCKTON — Raymond School students can now access a rope ladder, red slide and monkey bars at their new playground on Oak Street.

The playground, the school's first in two decades, was dedicated Saturday on National Make A Difference Day as a tribute to the volunteers and business owners who helped make it happen.

“This playground is not only a fun play structure, but also an exercise facility that we are very proud of,” said school Principal James Hayden.

For more than two years, a group of parents led by Linda Logan, Nancy Asmutis, Heather McCormack and Barbara Bislarides worked toward a new play space for students, Hayden said.

The committee held bake sales and fundraisers, secured funding in the city budget and enlisted the help of the Brockton Rotary Club and Connie Whalen, Crescent Credit Union's business development manager, to drum up contributions from Brockton businesses.

The red, yellow and blue playground is part of the HealthQuest by Burke line, and is a workout for children and parents, incorporating cardiovascular and strengthening activities like sit-ups, pull-ups and parallel bars.

Ward 7 City Councilor Charles Logan helped secure \$50,000 in city funding for the playground.

Another \$30,000 was raised from members of the Brockton Rotary Club, Crescent Credit Union, Community Bank, Ailano School of Cosmetology, DRJ Investment Management, MassElectric, Sisto Volpe Construction and Brockton Police Black and Blues hockey team.

Scituate High School Interact Inaugural Ceremony

President Dietrich Bilger started the Inaugural Ceremony of our new Interact Club at Scituate High School by explaining the "Four Way Test of all the things we think, say and do" to all. He used the story of the butterfly, whose wings can create the turbulence that in exceptional circumstances can become stronger and stronger until they become of hurricane force and terrify everybody. He stressed the high standard all Rotarians are held to and then introduced Suzanne Kavanagh as the advisor to the new Scituate Interact Club. Suzanne in her speech then explained that the butterfly in this case was the ad our Past President Walter Heller decided he wanted in the newspaper to explain our club to a wider audience. As a result Maryann Cohan showed up at our meeting and stated "I can help you with an Interact Club" She returned to the next meeting with the four Interact officers for the next year. So it began, the flutter of the butterfly wing produced 15 Interactors inaugurated into the club this evening!

Suzanne explained how the Interact Club fits in our Rotary Family and mentioned the plans the new Interactors already have discussed: They have spoken about collecting computers for children in shelters, work in soup kitchens, planned walks and other fundraisers. We will all be watching with keen interest. Suzanne was followed by our District Governor Mr. Paul Welch, who told the youngsters that from now on they will be part of Rotary with all responsibilities and privileges that it entails. He then proceeded to induct every charter member of the **Interact Club at Scituate High School**. All were pinned, some by our Assistant Governor Janet Schmitz, some by the District Interact Chair Kris David, some by Suzanne Kavanagh and some by their respective parents. After the members were done, the **Board** was inducted: **Austin Crumpton, President; William Grace Vice President and President Elect; James Smith Secretary and Kerry Sorenson Treasurer**. Suzanne welcomed all new Interact Charter Members and the cake was ceremoniously cut by the new Board.

Afterwards President Dietrich said his “Closing Words”, a speech of substance which you can read in our website Scituaterotary.org. Please visit, it is worth reading it. Which he ended quoting a gravestone of men that came from Kent to Scituate where it is written: “He taught as a learner, he lead as a follower and set the feet of many upon the path of life”. BE WELCOME, INTERACTORS!