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Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

March

- March 02 - Barbara Gardner, "*Women in Rotary: A Brief History*"
- March 09 - Alexander Cauwels, *District Conference*
- March 16 - Kyung Pak, *Korean Art & Culture*
- March 23 - Daniel Condronimpuno, *Engineers Without Borders*
- March 30 - TBA

Other Noteworthy Events

- Pancake Festival — May 29, 2010
- April 30th-May 2nd — 90th District Conference, Skytop Lodge, PA
- June 20 – 23, 2010 — 2010 RI Convention – Montréal, Canada

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President's Corner

In lieu of President Rob's usual comments,
By Jim Pachence, President-Elect

While helping to cook our annual Crisis Ministry luncheon meal, one of our prospective new members, Mimi Omiecinski, asked me about the Princeton Rotary connection to the Valentines for Food project. I told her about our beloved deceased member, Don Dickerson, and how his vision became the cornerstone to this great worthwhile event. It reminded me of all the reasons why I am a Rotarian, and why it is critical to get the word out to others about our fantastic organization. As quoted from an e-mail received from Jarrett Kerbel, the combined total for the Valentine Promotion for 2010 is \$11,328.14. This is the customer donations of \$6328.14 plus the \$5000.00 matching funds from Mr. McCaffrey. Our club will also be contributing matching funds to this effort, plus donating the money usually spent on the luncheon to the Crisis Ministry. Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication.

**Fundraising Projects
Activity in
March
Cookbook**

***On The Water Front
2011***

District Conference Planning
Meeting Mar. 3
11:00 am Nassau Club

Valentine's Day Food Drive Luncheon for Crisis Ministry



Curtis Horne, Terry Brown, Sarah Unger, Jarret Kerbel, all of Crisis Ministry & Jim Pachence



Rotarians on KP: Priscilla Waring, Piergiorgio Vittori, Marty Parker, Skip Grossman, John Powell. Notably missing is Jim Pachence.

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2010

also known as Governor's Elect Training Seminar

By Ahmed Azmy, District Governor 2010-2011.

The International Assembly, also called Governor's Elect Training Seminar, was held this year in San Diego January 18 - 24. It is an experience of a life time. It is designed to deepen your Rotary knowledge, broaden the International experience, and challenge you to exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self. The International Assembly is the perfect arena for meeting your fellow international leaders and their spouses, and provides the right atmosphere to create a vast network of friends, that will flourish with fellowships.

This year; all the incoming Governors and their spouses from 530 Districts throughout the whole Rotary World, were hosted by the RI President John Kenny; RI President Elect Ray Klingensmith, Past RI Presidents, Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, Directors and Staff of Rotary International. Highlights of each day were two Plenary Sessions where we are introduced to new concepts from prominent speakers, followed by Group Discussion to reflect and actively participate in discussing the concepts of the sessions. Just before a Buffet Dinner, there was the House of Friendship. There were two fun night events that all Rotarians enjoyed: "International Festival Talent Night" and the "International Fellowship Dinner and Dance".



Every time you sit for breakfast, lunch, dinner, group discussions, or plenary sessions, you meet new international Rotarians, where you exchange cards, small gifts, and wonderful conversations. The spouses attend the same plenary sessions, but they were kept busy with their own discussion groups and activities. There were booths were for The Rotary Foundation, Rotary Publications, PR, promotion of the International Convention 2010 in Montreal, Canada; and next year's 2011 in New Orleans, LA.

By the end of this intensive, but rewarding training, the Governors were inspired with the new Theme "Building Communities, Bridging Contents." RI President Elect Ray asked that we make the Rotary Clubs "Bigger, Better, and Bolder". We became fully prepared to assume the task, and ready to assist and serve the Rotary Clubs in our Districts to achieve their Rotary goals of 2010-2011.

Supporting Haiti Relief Efforts

By Marcia Bossart

Our club joined the Haiti relief efforts of Rotary District 7510 in central New Jersey with a donation of \$29, 000 to provide shelter, pure water and other relief supplies for the people of Haiti. This \$29,000 contribution was reached with a \$20,000 donation from Tenacre Foundation; \$2,500 from the Princeton Rotary Club Foundation; and another \$2, 500 matching challenge from the Rotary Club of Princeton Foundation, which was met and surpassed by \$4,000 in donations from the members.

This Rotary Haiti relief effort supports two major relief efforts: Shelterbox, a U.K. charity supported by Rotary Clubs all over the world, and Pure Water for the World, an organization that has been working with Rotary Clubs in Central America for several years to provide individual families with the equipment and knowledge to improve their water and their health, and whose work is now being expanded to the relief efforts in Haiti.

Both Shelterbox and Pure Water for the World are nonpartisan and are aided by local Rotarians and volunteers who live and work with local populations.

For more information about Shelterbox, watch a Rotary video at

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/pages/convention08_shelterbox.aspx



The Rotary Club of Princeton Foundation Treasurer, Jack Fein, presents a check for \$29,000 to Rotary District 7510 Governor Alex Cauwels for the Rotary District Haiti Relief Fund. The \$29,000 is the result of donations from Tenacre, the Rotary Club of Princeton Foundation, and individual members of the Rotary Club of Princeton. Left to right, Jim Pachence, Princeton Club President-Elect; Alex Cauwels, Rotary District 7510 Governor; Jack Fein, Foundation Treasurer; and Cindy Love, President of Tenacre, and a Rotary Club of Princeton member and Rotary District 7510 Secretary.

RCP Snippets

2010-11 Rotary Theme

RI President-elect Ray Klingensmith announced the 2010-11 RI theme, Building Communities -- Bridging Continents, during the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly .

Kris Muse – Classification Talk

Kris Muse spoke enthusiastically about her work at The Bank of Princeton and how she acts not only as a commercial lender but also as a professional resource to her client base. Kris has been a commercial lender in excess of 15 years serving the Burlington, Camden and Mercer Counties. Kris has also enjoyed working with entrepreneurs through her participation as an instructor with the NJEDA.

Jane Beckett-Camarata – Classification Talk

Jane Beckett-Camarata related career steps including teaching in Russia, S. Korea, & China. She and her husband, Michael, are currently opening a branch of their consulting business in Saudi Arabia. Jane teaches Government Finance at Rutgers. Government Finance is also the nature of their consulting business.

Rotary's numbers up in 2008-09

In a year of economic havoc that rocked global markets and shook consumer confidence, Rotary's most important asset - its members - grew steadily. As of 30 June, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 Rotary clubs, an increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year. More than 5,700 clubs in the 534 Rotary International districts achieved a membership growth rate of 10 percent or better during the 2008-09 year, a goal set by 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee. By Jennifer Lee Atkin of the Rotarian

Coupon Project

For the fifth consecutive year, our club was engaged in a project that provided personal care items for people in need through the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton during the Valentines for Food Drive in the middle of February. At the Valentines for Food Lunch, 788 personal care items were presented to Jarrett Kerbel, Director of the Crisis Ministry, including 88 toothbrushes, 35 toothpastes, 97 shampoos, 297 razors, 16 shaving creams, 77 deodorants, 99 soaps, 29 washcloth, and 250 hospitality items for a total of 788 items.

These numbers are in addition to the 50 Gift Bags that we gave to the Princeton Department of Human Resources in December for distribution to the welfare recipients in Princeton that included 400 full size personal care items and 200 hospitality items.



