

Rotary Club of Providence



REPORT

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Focus on New Generations and Vocational Service



During September, when we focus on the rich variety of ways we can serve New Generations, let us keep in mind that today's young people are searching for meaning. We can help them in their search through two outstanding Rotary programs that introduce young people to our ideals of service - Interact and Rotaract.

We can also reflect more deeply on the needs of the younger members in our Rotary clubs. Are we doing everything we can to assimilate younger, newer members and make them feel welcome? Are we considerate of the financial and scheduling pressures on today's young professionals when we plan our club

programs, fellowship events, and other activities? A little extra effort is well worth it, because we need younger members to keep Rotary strong and moving forward. New Generations will be attracted to Rotary only if they see something that they want to be a part of - a group of men and women actively dedicated to the ideals of service.

Turning our attention to October, when we focus on Vocational Service, we should remember that each of us was invited to join Rotary on the basis of our vocation. When we accepted the invitation to join Rotary, we accepted the responsibility that goes with it: to represent our vocation to the club and to the community at large. An invitation into Rotary also gave us the opportunity to use our vocational talents to help others.

Because membership in Rotary is based on vocations, it is of the utmost importance that we practice high ethical standards in our business and professional lives. By doing so, we Sow the Seeds of Love with integrity and character, uplifting our vocations while serving as positive role models for young people.

Bhichai Rattakul
President, Rotary International

Announcements

NOTE: in observance of Yom Kippur, our regular meeting for Monday, 9/16 will take place on Tuesday, 9/17

The remarks from Teny Gross' talk last week were not received in time for this publication. They will appear in next week's Newsletter (editor).

The Warwick Rotary Club is hosting a Greenwich Bay Harbor Festival and Pre-Owned Boat Sale at the Greenwich Bay Marina, Masthead Drive, Warwick the weekend of Sept 28th and 29th from 10 AM to 6 PM rain or shine. Booths are available for vendors. Contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

The Scituate Rotary Club is holding its 4th Annual Scenic Bike Tour on Sat., Sept 14th. Check in is 7-9 am at the Community House, Rte 116, North Scituate, RI. Distance in miles will be 13, 27, 51 and 71. Fee is \$25 incl. a T-Shirt for the first 100 riders, a route map, refreshments en route. Proceeds will be used for community service projects. contact Andy Sundberg (401-647-5804).

Member Proposal Posting

John Worsley (Former Pawtucket

Rotary Business Portal Eases the Job of Officers

Club and district leaders are finding that the Rotary Business Portal offers an efficient way to conduct Rotary business online. Tasks such as paying dues and maintaining membership data can be handled easily with just a few keystrokes and clicks of a mouse.

"The business portal has been a big help to those clubs that are using it," said Valerie Scanlan, governor of District 5500 in Arizona, USA, in 2001-02.

Using the business portal, club presidents and secretaries can

- Edit member data, including additions or terminations
- Download membership data for use in spreadsheets or mailing labels
- View an online version of the *Official Directory* and update club data in the directory
- Pay semiannual report dues
- Make contributions to The Rotary Foundation of RI

District governors and district governors-elect can use the business portal for read-only access to membership data for clubs in their districts and to the online *Official Directory* as well as Foundation contributions. They can also download membership data for use in spreadsheets and mailing labels.

"I recently updated our club's membership data using the business portal," said A. Basar Ergun, 2001-02 secretary of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Tuzla, Turkey. "I appreciated the elimination of paperwork and postal correspondence."

The business portal can be accessed from the home page of the [RI Web site](#).

Board Agrees to Cyber Clubs Pilot

At their last meeting, in June 2002, the 2001-02 RI Board of Directors agreed to implement a cyber Rotary clubs pilot project whereby up to 75 new clubs worldwide may operate online for a four-year trial. The clubs may either have membership residing or working within a Rotary zone or be open to any qualified members, regardless of geography. For more see the September 2002 Rotary World on line at <http://www.rotary.org/newsandinfo/rotaryworld/0209> see page 3.

Rotarian), sponsored by Harry Baker
Richard Ranone, First VP, Prudential Securities, sponsored by Richard Kaplan.

Visiting Rotarians

Paul Prindiville - Bristol Rotary
Vincent Nugent - Cranston Rotary
Wilbur Yoder - East Greenwich Rotary
Tom Thompson - East Greenwich
John Worsley - Pawtucket

Guests

Richard Ranone - guest of Richard Kaplan
Chris Auella - guest of Maj. Bob Pfeiffer

Future Programs

Sept. 9: Blood Drive to be held at and during our regular meeting.
Sept. 16: No Meeting - Yom Kippur
Sept. 17(Tues): Col. Steven Pare, the Superintendent of the State Police
Sept. 23: Maureen Mezie, Dir. of International Trade for the R.I. Economic Development Corp
Oct. 1 (Tues): Annual Golf Tournament at Agwam Country Club

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