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March is President Elect Training Month

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Program Calendar

April 03

Radisson Hotel 12:15
Attorney General, Lynch
Bus./Cons. Protection

April 10

Radisson Hotel 12:15
J. Hines, Rhody Farms

April 17

Radisson Hotel 12:15
Ceceile Lacey, Coastway
Credit Union, Reverse
Mortgages

Upcoming Events

Apr 05 Rotary Leadership Institute, Lincoln RI

May 02-04 District Conference, Westford MA

May 10 May Breakfast

May 10 Dist. Assembly at CCRI, Newport RI

Jun 23 Dist. Installation at Providence Conv. Center.

Opening

Pre-Opening President Henry reminded us to turn off or put all Cell-phone / pagers etc. on vibration mode or **pay a fine of \$5.00.**

President Henry opened the meeting by inviting **Carolyn Dutra** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PP Earl Pearson provided the invocation.

Brad Logan led us in a lively rendition of "God Bless America".

President Henry reported that we had NO Visiting Rotarians today.

There were NO guests of Rotarians in attendance today.

A Hat, serving as a Charity Basket was passed through the membership.

Announcements

Pres. Henry announced:

- Reminded us that our Weekly Meetings start at 12:15 please try to be prompt.
- The March Board meeting will actually be held on April 1st, (April Fools Day), 6:00 PM, at the EBC House, and hosted by Judy Earle.
- The Rotary leadership Institute will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the AMICA facility, Lincoln, RI, see **VP Jeanne** if you are interested in attending.
- The May Breakfast will be held on Saturday May 10, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, at the Pilgrim Senior Center. Sign-up sheets are available for three work periods, (6:45 – 8:30), (8:30 – 10:00), and (10:00 – 12:00)
- There will be a District Assembly, primarily for Club Officers and Directors, on May 10, at the CCRI facility in Newport, RI
- See **PP Paul Mellin, Pres. Henry, or VP Jeanne** if you are interested in attending the District Conference, May 2nd – 4th, Westford, MA (**Please see item by Linda Clifton under District 7950 News**)
- Due to the forecast of inclement weather (rain), possibly extending overnight Friday, March 28th, The Service above Self project has been postponed until a Saturday in April.

A Sincere Rotary Club of Warwick Thank You to Dean Scanlon and P'attitude Restaurant for the outstanding \$Million Meal served at today's weekly meeting.

District 7950 News

Linda Clifton, wife of **DG David L Clifton**, writes in the March issue of the Governors Newsletter, in an article entitled:

"ROTARIANS AND SPOUSES SUPPORT OUR VETERANS"



Birthdays

03/28 PDG Bill Rizinni
 03/30 Max Dittleman
 04/02 Judy Earle
 04/03 Ray McConaghy Jr

Quotes of the week

"I have an existential map; it has 'you are here' written all over it." Steven Wright

"Mr. Wagner has beautiful moments but bad quarters of an hour." Gioacchino Rossini

"Manuscript: something submitted in haste and returned at leisure."
 Oliver Herford

"I have read your book and much like it." Moses Hadas

"Everywhere I go I'm asked if I think the university stifles writers. My opinion is they don't stifle them enough."
 Flannery O'Connor

© Good
 Quotations by Famous
 People" 1994-2007
 Professor Gabriel Robbins

"As the spouse of the District Governor I am taking on the challenge of organizing and coordinating a project to support the Veterans through the VA Medical Centers in Providence and Brocton for Rotary Year 2007 – 2008. I have received a 'Wish List' from the Volunteer Service Program Manager from each facility and plan to meet with each of them in March. It is my hope that the 64 Clubs in our District will be supportive of this project by donating cash or purchasing items on the 'Wish List' and bringing them to the District Conference in May.

There may be someone in your club who owns a business and could donate a case of something on the list. If you have a good relationship with a hotel in your area they may consider donating travel size toiletries. A bench could be donated on behalf of your club.

There are so many opportunities to help in so many ways. There are so many veterans that need assistance upon their return home and I know that this Rotary District can help make a difference.

Thank you for your support and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Yours in Rotary, Linda Tracey-Clifton"

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Editor's note: Each facility has different needs; a list of common and specific needs will be made available at the April 3rd weekly meeting.

\$Happy Bucks\$

"Where have you been **PP Joe DesRoches**" was back at the helm and with **PP Carol Batty** collecting, garnered \$32.

PP Joe led off by explaining that an increased work load and change of work location was hindering his ability to make the weekly meetings, but that he was very happy to have been able to make it today. Also that he and "she who must be obeyed" had just returned from Florida. He also thanked **PP's Joe McGair, Tom Celona, and Paul Wprostek** for filling in for him with Happy Bucks.

Mike Grande is happy to see **PP Joe** back at the helm and took the opportunity to announce that the Warwick Boys and Girls Clubs were holding their annual Diner Dance and \$10,000 Cash Raffle, this Saturday night at the Potowomut CC.

John Howell thanked NEIT Executive VP Seth Kurn, (for the use of the facility) and **Dean Scanlon**, (for the great food spread).

Mike Holland claimed that one of the first things on his social calendar was to have dinner at l'attitude Restaurant.

PP Joe McGair took a moment to speak about an up-coming event, sponsored by Cornerstone Adult Services, Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Rhodes On The Pawtuxet featuring six of Warwick's previous Mayors as candidates for "Warwick's Senior Statesman".

Program

PDG Bill Rizinni took a moment to introduce today's speaker, Seth Kurn, Executive Vice President of New England Institute of Technology, (NEIT). Mr. Kurn is a graduate of Brown University, and had served in the Peace Corps., in Columbia, prior to joining the staff of NEIT in 1981. Since then, according to PDG Bill, he has filled practically every key position at the



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college. Mr. Kurn opened by commenting on the tremendous relationship between NEIT and the Rotary Club of Warwick, noting that **PDG Bill** had been on the college’s Board since the late 1970’s, that **PP Tom Celona** and Thrifty Car Rental had been excellent neighbors, and that deceased Rotarian **Dom DiLuglio** had been associated with NEIT for many years. He also mentioned that his wife was a member of, and incoming Secretary of the Rotary Club of Providence.



NEIT Executive VP Seth Kurn

NEIT is a private coeducational technical college. Since 1940 it has prepared thousands of graduates for careers in a variety of positions of technical leadership in the industrial community. The college offers over 30 Associate in Science Degree and Bachelor of Science Degree programs. It is one of the few colleges in New England specializing in “hands-on” technical education whose associate’s and bachelor’s degrees are regionally accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Inc. It is the largest degree-granting facility of its kind in New England and has more of its graduates go to work in the technologies than any other similar college, and it has the lowest tuition of any private college in Rhode Island. There are currently over 3,000 students enrolled in NEIT, completing courses that will develop “thinking technicians”, those who can communicate and accomplish mathematical calculations. NEIT focuses on students who are out of High School for several years, usually without a “good previous educational experience”, who are looking to be trained to be upgraded in the work force. NEIT has an open admission policy, a High School Diploma or GED and no SAT or GPA requirements. There are three 4 month semesters per year and classes are offered in the student’s specialty three times daily, in 3 hour block periods (morning, afternoon, and evening). It is possible to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in three years, by completing three semesters each year. All of the faculty have worked in their individual fields of expertise for many years. The main campus (Julian B Gouse Campus) is located on Post Road, in Warwick and consists of seven buildings containing over 163,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory, administrative and faculty offices. The Access Road campus contains over 94,000 square feet of office, classroom, and laboratory space including the 53,000 square foot new (2004) Automotive facility, where today’s weekly meeting was held. Mr. Kurn concluded with a discussion of the future East Greenwich Campus, which will include dormitory facilities, and a general Q&A session. Thank you Mr. Kurn for your hospitality and an interesting, informative presentation.