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Report on Fred Parrella's Celebration:

District Conference Special Offer Will end soon.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

Saturday December 5, Annual Pancake Breakfast;
8.00am – 1.00pm at Alexander Room

+Amber Alert + Annual Raffle + Proceeds for Polio Plus.

Monday December 7, NO MEETING

Monday December 14, Students of the Month.

Monday December 21, Annual Holiday Party; Sign up + Bring your
Significant Other + Black Tie Optional + Dine & Dance +
Call Tony Strange.

REMINDER NOVEMBER'S LAST MEETING

Monday November 30, we will be at Ability Beyond Disability
helping them decorate for the Holidays: Sign up with Scott Senete.



Adopt a Family Project Leader tells about this year's family.
Wanted Shoppers and Packer – Call Mary Griffin



Tony Strange kicks off a double header of Classification Talks
This time it was the turn of two well established members to tell us
about themselves: Tony has had a fascinating career – a corrosion
control engineer gets to go to some extra ordinary places! And he is
old enough to have worked with my father!!



Nick Borrello another well established member also has had a
fascinating career, peering into peoples mouths; a career in dentistry
seemed to just fall in his way, but he certainly has made a success
with some specialization.

DISTRICT 7980 CONFERENCE 2010:

Colin's Conference!



November is Foundation Month and November 23, was our Foundation Night; Paul Gehrett President of our own Club Foundation gave us a report of the Fund and its activities. During the Year the Foundation Board carried out a strategic review to set up a plan for the future of the Fund. The goal is to establish a fund that will give the Club income to support its activities, a supplement to the regular club fund raising. Current Assets as at June 30, stood at \$203,378. with \$183,778 being assets for investments, currently mostly in cash accounts, but the Board are gradually reinvesting with the market slowly improving. A more detailed review of the accounts will be given by Alan Clavette when he returns from his latest hip operation.

Fred Parrella January 18 1921 – November 8, 2009.

On Saturday November 21, at Newtown Congregational Church eight Club Members, some with spouses, attended a celebration of Fred's life which was very well attended by family and friends virtually filling this large church. Fred's love of music brought the St Petersburg String Quartet to the service to play some of his favorite pieces from Haydn and Borodin. Eulogies and Reflections from Family and friends told a story of Fred's life few realized had existed, from a strong Italian family background; he was an Engineer with much inventive talent. Few will remember his term as President of Newtown Rotary in 1970/71, but it was interesting that he was instrumental in selecting an Ambassadorial Scholar who subsequently became his stepson (James Fahrenholtz) when he married Ellen a year or so later.

PLEASE REGISTER AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO REGISTER!!! YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME- GREAT COMEDY ENTERTAINMENT, MEETING THE GSE TEAMS FROM AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA AND YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND FELLOW ROTARIANS FROM ALL OVER THE DISTRICT, THURSDAY DINNER AT THE ESSEX WITH ITS OUTSTANDING CULINARY REPUTATION, FRIDAY DINNER AT UVM'S NEW DAVIS CENTER GRAND MAPLE BALLROOM WITH ITS MAGNIFICENT CATHEDRAL CEILING, RECEIVING AWARDS AND CITATIONS ON BEHALF OF YOUR CLUBS AT THE 'SERVICE ABOUT SELF' GALA ON SATURDAY NIGHT, LEARNING ABOUT THE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN AROUND THE DISTRICT, CHECKING OUT THE BURLINGTON SCENE - BEN & JERRY'S FACTORY, VERMONT TEDDY BEAR PLANT, SHELBURNE FARMS, SPA OPPORTUNITIES AT THE ESSEX, GOLF AT KWINIASKA GOLF CLUB WITH ITS AMAZING VIEWS OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS AND ADIRONACKS, ETC. IF YOU REGISTER ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, YOU WILL BE PART OF A RAFFLE FOR A FREE LODGING AND DINING AT THE SHERATON BURLINGTON/DAVIS CENTER FOR THE CONFERENCE WEEKEND (WORTH \$775.00). To register, go to www.rotary7980.org

The above has been received from the Conference Committee
Don't miss your opportunity for a free trip to Burlington!
Sign up by 12/31/09



Foundation night we received a visit from Assistant Governor; Susan Horton, it was timely as we needed to make our first contribution to the Polio Plus Challenge. Sue collected a check from President Bill for \$1000 our first year's commitment to the Challenge. 2010 we will need to double that figure.

We are waiting for can stickers before placing collection cans around the Town in an attempt to boost our collecting rate. As you will have seen above our Pancake Breakfast proceeds will be allocated to the Polio Challenge.

Our Foundation Evening was completed with the showing of the powerful documentary "The Last Inch" produced in conjunction with the World Health Organization it highlights the major obstacles still to be overcome before Polio can at last be eradicated from the World. India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria still remain endemic.



Fraser Woods School gets the first Dictionaries from the 2009 Project. President Elect Carrie Swan seen here with FW 4th graders.



Middle Gate School got their books on Monday 23rd. Labeling again done by Reed School Interact Club, some of whom are seen here with Adviser Al Finelli.



Hawley School listen to the Interact Officers explain the Project. This year we distributed over 500 books to all 4th graders in Newtown including the four public elementary schools and two of the three private schools. This year Housatonic Waldorf School did not have any 4th graders on their roll, but they will have in 2010.

**ACCORDING TO THE OLD SONG:
_ MAKING UP IS HARD TO DO _ NONSENSE:**

Make up opportunities read on:

Monday's 6.00pm Brookfield Mario's Pasta Garden.

Wednesday 12.15pm Danbury Ethan Allen Inn

Wednesday 6.00pm Ridgefield, call club Secretary for details.

Friday 7.30 am Danbury Sunrise WestConn Westside Campus.

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