

Passaic Rotary

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Getting Out The Word

Student Dictionaries a Hit

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President 2003-4

Heartwarming moments with THE DICTIONARY PROJECT have the Passaic Rotary ready to make it an annual activity. Club members showed their now-famous teamwork as Gary Lopinto handled the selection and ordering of the books and Lisa Antelman designed and ordered a bookplate for the inside front cover. Lisa then provided storage for the books and a workplace for members to prepare them for delivery. Desiring a personalized presentation, the dictionary team, consisting of Co-chairpersons Lisa Antelman and Andy Bende, along with Alan Brewster, Gary Lopinto and Hal Rachesky, visited each of the Passaic Public grammar schools, placing the books into the hands of over one thousand happy third-graders. To date we have received hundreds of handwritten and artistically-drawn letters of thanks from grateful youngsters and their teachers. A unanimous vote by the membership has made this rewarding experience an integral part of our annual projects.

Our Passaic Rotary 2003/4

First Quarter Report

1967 Olds Cutlass an ongoing fundraiser

Beginning with its introduction at the 2003 Rotary Car Show, tickets are on sale for a drawing on a fully-restored classic automobile. Rotarian Glen Carter acquired the '67 Olds for the club, and clubmembers Gary Lopinto and Drew Horvath restored it to its present condition. The drawing to determine the winner of the car will take place at the Seventh Annual Passaic Rotary Car Show on April 25th.

MSU's Alean Haider gets Scholarship

Alean Haider, Afghani student at Montclair State University, was presented with the first half of Passaic Rotary's annual Foreign Student Scholarship. Celebrating the holiday at a buffet at Passaic High School, Ms Haider spoke of how she hoped that her education would help improve difficult conditions of life for women in Afghanistan. School band members entertained Rotarians and school dignitaries.

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Hal Rachesky, Passaic Rotary President 2003-04

Car Show Preparations

Work Assignments Given

As the new year begins, so has serious planning for the Seventh Annual Rotary Car Show. Show coordinator Cliff Lindholm has been meeting with his planning committee and work assignments have been handed-out to members of the club. Please check the roster and confer with any committee members in your group so you can discuss how you will be handling your assignments.

2004 Car Show Committees

Show Coordinator.....	Cliff Lindholm
Show Co-Chairs.....	G. Lopinto, D. Horvath
Publicity-Promotion.....	L. Antelman, H.Rachesky
Show Journal.....	S. Larocca, R. Rose
Exhibitor Registration.....	G. Lopinto
Goodybags.....	A. Brewster, G. Lopinto
Oldsmobile Raffle.....	H. Lans, J. Foroutan
Show Area Layout.....	A. Bende, A. Gurtman, G.Lopinto
Show Equipment.....	G. Carter, S. Zwiebel, H. Rachesky
Entertainment.....	M.Blumenfeld, G.Lopinto,S.Zwiebel
Trophy Sales.....	S. Shreiber, G. Martin
Permits & Security.....	C. Lindholm
High School Coordinator.....	P. Ramsay
Budget & Purchasing.....	A. Brewster

Membership Campaign

Passaic Rotary is known as one of the most dynamic clubs in District 7490. When Governor Dan Shiver visited with us he didn't hesitate to tell us just how impressed he was with our accomplishments. Just think how much more we could do for our club and our community if we had a larger membership roster. Each of us must have among his acquaintances at least one person who would bring something of value to our club by joining us in our projects and activities. Won't you bring that person to our next club meeting?

District Conference 2004

As we pack our bags and prepare to leave for a seven day Caribbean adventure, Danielle and I wish to thank the Passaic Rotary Club for giving us this honor. Our itinerary will be;

- Port Everglades
- Key West
- Merida / Progreso Mexico
- Cozumel Mexico
- Grand Cayman Island
- Port Everglades

We look forward to boring you with our photos when we return next week!

About This Newsletter

Dear Passaic Rotarians; Each Quarter when we do our billing we include a sort of "state of the Club" report, which reviews our past, present and future projects. I have often thought that doing that report in the form of a newsletter such as this would add to the interest of our club members. I've put this together in haste, not touching on many topics that are worthy of consideration since Danielle and I are leaving on Sunday morning for the District Convention Caribbean Cruise. Not being very experienced in this sort of thing, but wanting to start somewhere, I've cobbled-together this document to get the project off the ground, in the hope that other members of Passaic Rotary who are more experienced and adept at this sort of thing would pitch-in and help, or even take over future editions. I would have liked to include the Rotary Wheel in our Header, but I had nothing appropriate handy to cut and paste on the page. I'm sure any further editions will be more complete and more professional than this one.

Very Truly Yours

Hal Rachesky,

Passaic Rotary President '03/04