



Bridgeton Rotary Lunch Club Weekly Bulletin

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***** Special 90th Anniversary Dinner Edition - 1921 to 2011 *****

2011-2012 OFFICERS

President
Anna Shimp
President-Elect
Steven Linn
Vice President
Denise Higbee
Secretary
Carolyn Heckman
Treasurer
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Ned Young
Michelle Torchia
Curtis Edwards
Chrissy Riley-Clay
Tony Stanzione
(immediate past pres.)

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER

Burt Doremus- 9th
Bill Lomberk- 30th
Roy Spoltore - 4th
Alan Woodruff - 15th

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER

Carolyn Heckman
9/11/1997
Diane Kolman *
9/5/1996
Fred Weber
9/24/1970
Gary Simmerman
9/14/1978
Joe Stanger
9/10/2009

* Congratulations
Diane Kolman - 15 yrs.

4 WAY TEST

In All We Say and Do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all.

Our Rotary Club Celebrates Finale of 90th Anniversary Celebration

The Bridgeton Rotary Lunch Club celebrated the finale of its 90th Anniversary celebration with a dinner on Friday, Sept. 23 at the Marino Center in Bridgeton. It was a night filled with food, socializing, history, music, ceremonies, recognition and fun.

Eighty people joined in the celebration, including NJ Senator Steve Sweeney, Rotary District 7640 Governor Alan Stein, his wife Ilene, Assistant District Governor and Bridgeton Breakfast Club member Bob Spence, District Governor Elect John Andrews and his wife Joyce, Exchange Club President Clark Shimp, many Rotary club members, some former members and community members.

The room was adorned with bright yellow mums, blue ribbons, tea candles, Rotary banners, history displays and flags from several nations. The official program began with President Anna Shimp ringing the Rotary Club bell 9 times, once for each decade the Club completed as a Chartered Club of Rotary International on Sept. 1, 2011. Past President and 41-year member Fred Weber led the salute to our Flag and Country. Past President and first female president of the Bridgeton Club Sidna Prickett led us in prayer, giving thanks for fellowship and service the Club has provided.

Gladwyn Baptist, Carolyn Heckman and Austin Gould led us in singing America the Beautiful. Past President Gary Simmerman toasted to the past and the future of Bridgeton Rotary Club. During dinner, Tony Stanzione showed videos and photos recognizing the history of the Club, recognizing members and highlighting Rotary activities over the years and telling the story of Rotary International. Right after dinner, the CompleteCare Mariachi's brought laughter, smiles and

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90th Anniversary - continued

IMPORTANT MEETING - All Bridgeton Rotary Club members are invited to attend the initial meeting of the new **Bridgeton Rotary Club Foundation** to elect officers and directors, adopt its bylaws and authorize application for federal non-profit designation. The meeting will take place at 1:00 PM at Gia's Hall in Bridgeton on Thursday, Oct. 13, immediately following the Rotary Club luncheon meeting that day. As proposed, the members, officers and Board members of the Bridgeton Rotary Club Foundation will be the same as the members, officers and board member of the Bridgeton Rotary Club. Copies of the bylaws will be distributed to members in advance of the meeting.



**Make it Happen !
Make a Difference!**

Club Meetings
Thursdays, 12:10 PM
Gia's Catering, 36 Mulford Dr.,
Bridgeton * Unless noted otherwise

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Kim Ayres



9-29-11 - Rotary Lunch Meeting, 12:10 PM, Gia's Greeter: Gary Simmerman Sergeant: Joe Stanger



LOOKING AHEAD

10-22-11 - Rotary Club's Eradicate Polio Waffle Breakfast, 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Bridgeton First Wesleyan Church

11-11-11 - Service Club's Karaoke Night Honoring Harold Gould, Centerton CC



Harold Gould will be honored by Rotary and other area service clubs on 11-11-11. Proceeds of the Karaoke Night event will benefit Bridgeton PAL and Main Street Association. SAVE THE DATE! Nov. 11, 2011

2-24-12 - International Night Celebration

Kim Ayres Talks About Leadership Cumberland County

Kim Ayres of Cumberland County College is coordinating the revised Leadership Cumberland County program. She spoke to the Club on Sept. 15 indicating that the program was started to develop a diverse network of capable leaders, knowledgeable about community challenges and committed to finding and implementing creative solutions. To learn more about Leadership Cumberland County go to www.ccnj.edu.

music to the party. District Governor Alan Stein presented the Club with a beautifully framed copy of its Charter. Alan also read of letter from Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. Roy Spoltore, Co-Chair of Fund Raising and 90th Anniversary Committee, acknowledged the many accolades the Club received by public officials. They included letters and proclamations from US Senator Lautenberg, Congressman Frank LoBiondo, NJ Senator Steve Sweeney, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, Assemblywoman Celeste Riley, Freeholder Director Bill Whelan and the Freeholder Board and City of Bridgeton.

Club President-Elect Steven Linn and Vice President Denise Higbee recognized past presidents that attended, membership milestones and leading donors to Rotary International Foundation. Past Presidents recognized were Thomas Lane, IV, W. Frederick Weber, Sidna Prickett, Bruno Basile, Gary Simmerman and Tony Stanzione. Service milestones that were acknowledge included those who have been members 25 years or more:

Alan Woodruff	1/30/1958	53 Years
Bob Woodruff	7/24/1958	53 Years
Justus Livingston	4/11/1968	43 Years
Fred Weber	9/24/1970	41 Years
Austin Gould	3/29/1973	38 Years
Brent Hankins	5/15/1975	36 Years
Gary Simmerman	9/14/1978	33 Years
Douglas Fisher	6/19/1980	31 Years
Bill Lomberk	10/13/1983	28 Years
Ches Peterson	8/14/1986	25 Years

Leading donors to Rotary International are:

**Bill Lomberk, Dave Wilson, Alan Woodruff
Wade Sjogren, Carolyn Heckman
Sidna Prickett, Gary Simmerman
Diane Kolman, Gladwyn Baptist
Tony Stanzione**

Fred Weber, Anna Shimp and Wade Sjogren, standing in for Ches Peterson, who could not be at the meeting, talked about the history of our Club.

Keynote speaker Don Guardian made a outstanding presentation about the accomplishments of Bridgeton Rotary Club mixed with history of the times, the 1920's, when Bridgeton Rotary was started . Despite those tough economic times, Rotary grew here and around the country. He related the conditions of the 1920's to today, saying that if Rotary could grow in the 1920's it can certainly can grow today if we provide hope.

The evening closed with a candle lighting ceremony that included lighting of 10 candles symbolic of the objects of Rotary, the history of Rotary and the Club, Rotary's avenues of service and one lighted by Joe Stanger's children and the lighting of small candles held by those in attendance, marking the spreading of Rotary's mission of service to new generations in Bridgeton and around the world.

Sidna Prickett led a closing prayer, Gladwyn Baptist and Austin Gould led us in singing God Bless America in the candle-lit room and Anna Shimp rang the Rotary Bell to mark the end of the club's 90th anniversary celebration.

