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Last meeting 2018

12/28/18 — Our last meeting of 2018 was our monthly business meeting but we also hosted two visiting Rotarians who were traveling in the area.



The Rotary tradition is to give and/or exchange club banners to recognize the visit. One of our visitors was from India and he brought a banner from his club and his wife's club. The other visitor was from a club in California so we continued our tradition with both visitors.

Soles4Souls



01/04/2019 - Our luncheon speaker this past Friday was Lizzy Swiderski, the regional Donation Center Manager for Soles4Souls. Their programs include distributing new shoes to people in need, through partnerships with larger shoe companies. The need could result from some kind of disaster or extreme poverty.

Another program helps create jobs in poorer countries by creating micro-businesses who resell gently used shoes collected by Soles4Souls.

Lizzy gave us some of the history of the organizations, their good works and future initiatives to continue to help people in need. She is also a Rotarian in Bordentown.

Eden Autism



01/11/19 - We welcomed, as our luncheon speaker last Friday, the President and CEO of Eden Autism, Michael Decker. Our club and Eden have had a long relationship and we consistently support their important work.

Michael gave us some insights into their work but also some new initiatives which will expand their ability to help more individuals with autism.

College Possibilities event



01/12/19—The annual Rotary College Possibilities event was held this past Saturday on the campus of TCNJ. Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Mercer County, our club was a proud participant.

The event began with a few words from the President of TCNJ, Kathryn Foster and a keynote address from James "Butter" Allen.



Over 380 students and parents registered for the event which included a number of local colleges, great presenters to inform families of available resources and service organizations such as the United Way of Mercer County and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Mercer County.

The clubs engaged many students to talk about scholarship and service opportunities. A great day for all. Planning for the 2020 event will begin in a few months so stay tuned for further information.



Jeannie Tsukamoto

01/18/19 - We had a visit from one of our District Assistant Governors, Jeannie Tsukamoto. She also chairs some District committees. Jeannie was there to give our club some insights about how some clubs have successfully attracted new members. Clubs in the Northern part of our District have been very successful with this effort. Of course it all begins with a great plan.

Jeannie was also there to talk about a new District initiative, Rotary Means Business. This is an effort for Rotary to address some of the needs of our members in business and encourage business between and among fellow Rotarians. The first networking event of this effort was held in Baskin Ridge and was attended by 90+ people, both Rotary members and non-members. There will be ongoing meetings in the coming months so we will publish those future events so more people can take advantage of this networking opportunity.



News Around Town



January 2019— Caryn Berla was officially recognized as a member of Cruise Planners Millionaire Club in 2019 based upon her sales and departures in 2018.

Caryn was also accepted to the Global Travel Marketplace (GTM) Ambassador Program. GTM is an elite, invitation-only event for top-producing travel advisors in North America. As an ambassador, she will be acting as a mentor to new attendees and have the unique opportunity to attend the event 2 years in a row.

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 1- 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Location: Hyatt Regency
Speaker: *Jonathan Shenk, GreenLeaf Painting*
Five Spiritual Things to Influence Business

Friday, February 8 - 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Location: Hyatt Regency
Speaker: *Eugene Marsh, Inspirational Speaker*

Tuesday, February 11 - 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Location: Metro North Grill
Princeton Corridor Rotary Social

Friday, February 15 - 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Location: Hyatt Regency
Speaker: *TBD*

Thursday, February 20, 6:00PM—7:30PM

Location: Grain House in Basking Ridge
hosted by *Morristown Rotary*

RMB Networking Social

visit: <https://njrotary.org/event/rotary-means-business-networking-social/> to register.

Wednesday, February 27 - 7:30AM - 9:00AM

Location: *Stark & Stark Community Room*
Board Meeting

Friday, February 22 - 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Location: Hyatt Regency
Club business meeting