

## ANDOVER ROTARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006-2007

District 7930 Governor – Donna Wayman  
Assistant District Governor – Teri Roche

### 2006-2007 Outgoing Officers and Directors:

President – Jim Sutton  
Past President - Paula Evans  
Club Secretary - Paul Brown  
President Elect - Helene Michel  
Vice-President - David Lindsay  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Mark Spencer  
Treasurer – John Colbert until November, then David Drinon  
Club Services Chair – Deedee O'Brien  
Community Service Chair - Deborah DeGalla  
Vocational Services Chair – Susan Big  
International Services Chair – Len Wilson  
Foundation Chair - Jamie Lyman  
Membership Chair - Brian Dauphin  
Director - Gail Ross

### 2006-2007 Heads of Committees:

Public Relations - Alan Michel  
Centennial Park Committee – Rick Stern and Steve Ventre  
Past-Presidents Planning Liaison – David Sollars  
On-line Auction - Bob Troiano  
Song Leader – Marie Stultz  
Invocations – Cal Mutti  
Chair of our Newsletter – Joan Johnson  
Chair of Everything Else - James Greeley

### Report of Goals and Objectives:

Fundraising (President-Elect - *Helene Andersen-Michels* with Sponsor Chair *David Lindsay*, On-line Chair *Bob Troiano*, and PR Chair *Alan Michels* )

- Successful Gala/Auction netted \$35,000 after expenses.
- Of the above amount, 27 pledges raised \$10,000+ for Rotaplast alone.
- At a club meeting led by *Peter Caruso*, the Scholarship Committee, chaired by *Paul Mercandetti*, raised nearly \$2,000 at a club meeting for the Barbara Doran Scholarship.
- Merrimack College's *Rotaract Club* raised \$4,000 for "Sports for Life" \$1600 returned to *Andover Rotary*.

Club Service Activities (Chair - *Deedee O'Brien*)

- Initiated a plan for individual members taking responsibility for speakers resulting in excellent speakers for the year with shared responsibility.
- Weekly songs led by *Marie Stutz* and Invocations by *Rev. Cal Mutti*.
- Club Secretary, *Paul Brown*, filled in as Treasurer and created a comprehensive financial statement showing clearly all revenues and expenses.

- Strategic Planning was carried out with a group of past-presidents led by *David Sollars*. This effort culminated in a Saturday morning workshop at Merrimack College.
- *Peter Caruso* brought the club up to date in terms of its filings with the Secretary of State's office thus insuring the continuance of the club's legal status.
- After a brief interruption in the weekly newsletter, *Joan Johnson* organized a group consisting of *Joan, Mark Spencer, and Jim Greeley* to get it operating again.
- *Alan Michel* has continued to expand PR efforts to the benefit of Andover Rotary and Rotary International through an extensive array of multi-media efforts. The branding of the club has been extremely successful and the resulting materials have helped bring the club to the community's attention.
- The club reached the goal of contributing over \$6,000 to the RI Foundation.

Service Activities (Chairs – *Susan Big (Vocational), Deborah Degalla (Community), and Len Wilson (International)*).

- Successful collaboration with Andover Public schools including:
  - Continued collaboration with Bancroft School's S.T.O.P. initiative to reduce bullying in the elementary school through activities that promote understanding, tolerance, & collaboration. The Rotary Club purchased books for the Schools' Media Center on themes designed to illustrate & reinforce the content in the STOP program & provided funds to provide high quality printing of ancillary materials such as the signature pledge posters for each classroom, the individual student recognition leaves, monthly calendars.  
Several Rotarians also paired with a specific class at Bancroft & read books related to bullying topics to that class on a monthly basis while other Rotarians read on an occasional basis. (Regular readers: Jim Sutton, Bill Buck, Mark Spencer, Susan Big, Jamie Lyman, Howard Perkins, Cal Mutti. Occasional readers: Peter Caruso, Jim Greeley, Ed Bride, Dave Sollars).  
In the Spring Andover Rotary collaborated with Andover Public Schools in sponsoring local educator & social worker, Rick Irving, in a VERY WELL ATTENDED public lecture at Memorial Hall Library on bullying & what parents can do to help their children be neither bullies nor bystanders.  
Interact program re-initiated with high school students.
  - Support for high school students who made the trip to Mississippi to help re-build in the wake of the hurricanes.
  - Three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors from Andover High School and Phillips Academy.
- Support provided for North Andover High School Marching Band
- Community Service provided during the holiday season with food collections and turkey purchases for resident at the Andover Housing Authority and presents for children at the MSPCC and Lazarus House. Holiday caroling at Wingate Nursing Home. A St. Patrick's Day party was held at Lazarus House.
- *Rotaract* also held food, clothes, and toy drives for Lazarus House, Bread and Roses, and the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club throughout the academic year.
- Andover Rotary helped serve meals at the Lazarus House soup kitchen with *Patti Mullin* and *Jim Greeley's* leadership.

- Andover Rotary contributed \$2,500 for camperships to Andover youth who might otherwise have nothing to do in the summer. Many will attend the summer playground programs sponsored by Andover's Department of Community Services while others will attend Camp Lawrence, YMCA Day Camp.
- Rotarians continued to donate old cell phones to the Lawrence YWCA. Although we did not have a "formal" drive, we collected over 40 phones.
- With the money raised at the Auction/Gala, Andover Rotary was one of the major supporters of District 7930's mission to Pereira, Columbia where a team led by *Donna Lee Rubin* and *George Chatson* performed 213 surgical procedures on 171 patients.
- For the 10<sup>th</sup> year, *Mark Spencer* has again found a group of community volunteers to honor at the *Citizens Who Care* event to be held Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- Two benches have been ordered and will soon be installed with the help of the Town of Andover's Plant and Facilities Department at Andover Rotary's Centennial Park at Bowling Green in Shawsheen, *Rick Stern* and *Steve Ventre* are chairing this project.
- The club again sponsored a picnic for the Challenger Little Leaguers at Ironstone Farm on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- With the leadership of *George Chatson*, the club is beginning a program to provide vocational skill workshops for the inmates at the Massachusetts Correctional Facility in Lawrence.

**Andover Rotary donated more than \$28,000 to the following organizations:**

- **ANDOVER EDUCATIONAL FUND – SPELLING BEE**
- **ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL – STUDENT TRIP TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS**
- **ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES**
- **CHALLENGERS LITTLE LEAGUE PICNIC**
- **IRISH CONCERT MUSIC FOR SENIORS**
- **IRONSTONE FARMS**
- **LAZURUS HOUSE**
- **NORTH ANDOVER MARCHING BAND – TRIP TO NATIONAL COMPETITION**
- **PROJECT LIFESAVER**
- **ROTAPLAST**
- **ROTARY FOUNDATION**
- **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADULT LEARNERS AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE**
- **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS**
- **STOP BULLYING – BOOKS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY & CLASS READING**
- **STUDENT SEMINARS**
- **TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

- **YOUNG OPERA COMPANY FOR SINGING PROGRAM FOR BOYS**

**In addition, Andover Rotary's Rotaract Club at Merrimack College raised and made donations totaling \$9,620 to the following organizations:**

- **HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL CANCER MANAGEMENT CENTER**
- **LAZARUS HOUSE HIKE FOR HOPE**
- **LAWRENCE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE**
- **WALK FOR HUNGER**

**Submitted by:  
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