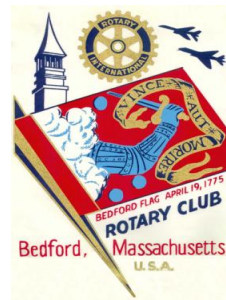




# Rotary Club of Bedford

January 12, 2010



BEDFORD HISTORY IS FUN!

Victor T. Tom, President  
Cliff E. Rober, President Elect  
Christine Pinney, Secretary  
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**Program:** The club was treated to a very well put together presentation by Joseph Bernardo, our district's current Ambassadorial Scholar. Joe's scholarship was \$23,000 and he is currently studying at KOC University located in Istanbul, Turkey. As he nears the end of his studies he has been extremely successful, with a GPA of 3.9. Joe talked to us about:

- the process he went through to become our Ambassadorial Scholar
- his background in international relations in both Italy and Poland
- the history of Turkey from the Byzantine empire to the Ottoman empire, and finally to the present day Turkey

Joe also told us what the experience has meant to him. He now speaks Turkish fluently and credits that accomplishment as one of the keys to his success in Istanbul. Joe is currently working on a photojournalism project. To view Joe's work on this project you can follow it on his website <josephbernardo.weebly.com/index.html>

<b>Calendar:</b>	Sunday, February 14	Black Tie Valentine's Day dinner
	Wednesday, February 17	Bingo at the VA at 1:30 PM
	Friday, February 26	District Project Expo and PR Award Dinner
	Saturday, February 27	Rotary Leadership Institute workshop in NH*
	March 11-13	Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) Go Cliff!
	Saturday, April 3	Rotary Leadership Institute workshop in RI
	Saturday, April 24	District Assembly: All club members are encouraged to attend; club officers and committee chairs should attend
	Friday-Sunday, May 14-16	District Conference
	Sunday -Wed., June 19-23	Montreal International Convention
	Friday-Sunday, June 25-27	RYLA

\*RLI develops future club leadership (in all areas, not just club presidents) and provides a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. Highly recommended!

### **Earthquake in Haiti:**

We are all saddened with the overwhelming devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti a week ago. As was pointed out by several of us at today's meeting, this tragedy touches us a lot closer and more intimately than we might suspect. While Ralph Hammond was at his usual weekly trip to the VA, the subject came up and he told the folks there about the Rotary Shelter Box project. Before he left the VA he had a check from the folks he was there to help and the nursing staff for \$1000, enough to purchase one complete shelter box and send it to Haiti. At today's meeting the members of our Bedford Foundation voted another \$1000 from this year's funds to purchase another. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to add to this amount please make your checks payable to the Bedford Rotary Foundation. Joel will issue a single check from our club to the shelter box project.

### **Black Tie Valentine's Day Dinner**

The Black Tie event is on! Sunday, Valentine's Day – for those of you who have never attended one of them, you do not know what you are missing. Nat & Judy and the hotel staff pull out all the plugs and are already boasting this event will be the best yet. Nat is already sold out, but if you want to get on the waiting list give Nat a call at 781 275 7267. The cost is \$100 per person.

### **Rotary License Plates**

Two birds with one stone: raise money for the district and spread the word about Rotary: Sign up for a Rotary license plate. The chance to do so is coming around again.

### **The Theme for 2010 – 2011**

District Governor Elect Michael Ellis finally has his theme; "Building Communities Bridging Continents". This is his theme for next year. I am sure you will all join together with Mike to make his year a success.



### **Raffles and Happy Dollars**

Ralph Hammond won the door prize and Louise picked the wrong card in split the pot.

Once again Britton collected happy dollars and assessed fines. Larry's extra large pot of coffee was bigger than Bob Cassidy's and Larry paid a fine for it (Bob also paid a similar fine). Bob was also fined for signing his now infamous R-O-T-A-R-Y song in multiple musical keys. Some of us think Victor should be fined for asking him to do it, but he was not, sigh! Milan and Britton had a conversation about their first names, Apparently Britton did not know Jackson was really Milan and Milan didn't know Wilson's first name was Britton; well they both know each other now and it cost them each a buck to find out. Nat was proud he is part of an organization that supports programs like the Ambassadorial Scholars. Jim was grouching about being able to vote quickly and without lines. Joel put in \$10??? (where did that come from) because his vote may finally count for something; he hopes! Christine was very proud of her girl scouts who have raised enough to buy 40 cases (yes, cases) of cookies to send to the troops; and they are not done yet. Congratulations to you and all your scouts.

The Four Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Let's Make Up!

Mon	<b>Chelmsford</b> 12:15 Radisson Hotel; <b>Maynard</b> 6:15 p.m. Blue Coyote Grill; <b>Reading</b> 12:15 Peter Sanborn Place; <b>Lexington</b> 12:15 Max Stein's	Wed	<b>Acton-Boxborough</b> 12:15 Scupper Jacks Restaurant; <b>N. Reading</b> : 12:15 Hillview Country Club; <b>Waltham</b> 12:15 The Chateau Restaurant; <b>Wilmington</b> 12:15 Rocco's Restaurant
Tues	<b>Clinton</b> 12:15 The Old Timers Restaurant; <b>Hudson</b> 6:00 p.m. Hudson Portuguese Club; <b>Wellesley</b> 6:30 p.m. Community Center; <b>Woburn</b> 12:15 Holiday Inn Select Hotel	Thurs	<b>Ayer</b> 6:30 p.m. Bull Run Restaurant; <b>Brookfields</b> 6:30 p.m. Wok Inn; <b>Brookline</b> 12:00 Holiday Inn; <b>Burlington</b> 7:30 am Bickfords; <b>Concord</b> 12:15 Colonial Inn; <b>Marlboro</b> 12:15 Coral Seafood; <b>Westford</b> 12:15 Westford Grill
	All locations verified as of 7/23/08	Fri	<b>Billerica</b> 12:15 Courtyard Marriot; <b>Burlington</b> 12:15 American Legion Hall; <b>Littleton</b> 7:30 am. Ken's Cafe