

# Rotary Club of Providence



2011 District Award Winner



## 100 years of "Service above Self" REPORT

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### Rhode Island Public Radio

Nondas Voll introduced the speaker, Ian Donniss, political reporter for Rhode Island Public Radio. She noted, that before joining Rhode Island Public Radio, he served as news editor for the *Providence Phoenix* for almost a decade. He's a regular panelist on WPRI's "Newsmakers" program and RI PBS's "Lively Experiment." His accolades include reporting awards from the Rhode Island Press Association, the New England Press Association, and Rhode Island for Community and Justice.



Ian Donniss

He provided a number of comments on the state's political scene, including:

- Approval ratings for Rhode Island House Speaker Gordon Fox and Rhode Island Senate President Teresa Paiva-Weed were 25%—and although they were low, they were higher than Congress'. He noted that most (Continued on page 2)

### News from GSE Team visiting India



The GSE Team, led by Providence's Wendy Marcus (c-r) visit a school for girls in India

The District 7950 Group Study Exchange Team, led by our own Wendy Marcus, had an eventful first week in the Ludhiana area of Punjab State in northern India. Local Rotarians led by DG Sanjiv Sethi opened their homes and arranged a whirlwind series of visits to educational, healthcare and industrial organizations, capped by a reception on the evening before their departure to the Himalayas.

Team members Anna Haas and Joy Fox have been emailing reports and photos nearly every day, keeping us updated on their experiences and impressions as they get to know a different culture. "Read All About It" on their blog at [www.ProvidenceRotary.org/GSEIndia2012.cfm](http://www.ProvidenceRotary.org/GSEIndia2012.cfm). More photos on page 3.

### 1/30 Meeting

Reporter: Steve Hug

President Barry Fain began with the Pledge of Allegence to the US Flag.

### Inspiration

Marcus Mitchell

Marcus Mitchell provided inspirational words that led to his request: "Make one special effort to do something special for one person."

### Bereavement

Many members of the Club led by PP Cynthia Leonard attended the funeral and provided a guard of honor for the late Helen Kelly, mother of Mike Kelly, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Little Compton on Friday morning, February 3rd.

### Announcements

• Pat Germani announced that the Club is introducing the **Membership Minute** that will take place every other week to help members become better familiar with other members' businesses and activities.

•Paula Jacobson did the first **Membership Minute**. She's the Executive Director of the East Side/Mt. Hope YMCA, located on Hope Street, Providence. She asked members to join, to volunteer at, or to advocate for the Y. She provided free guest passes at the meeting.

• Marion Avarista (Continued on page 2)

## Ian Donniss - continued from page 1

probably have never heard of Speaker Fox and President Paiva-Weed, since most people don't follow politics that closely.

- Democratic members of the Rhode Island General Assembly can go into their re-election bids noting they turned down Governor Lincoln Chafee's tax increase proposal and that they reformed the state pension system.
- General Treasurer Gina Raimondo and Providence Mayor Angel Taveras have the highest approval ratings in the state. Keep an eye on their political careers.
- Some think former Providence Mayor David Cicilline, now a Congressman, will lose his seat this fall. He's not so sure, since Congressman Cicilline is a dogged campaigner, and his challenger, former state police superintendent Brendan Doherty, is an unknown quantity. Also, this being a presidential election year, Rhode Island Democrats will have a high turnout, which will likely be an advantage for Cicilline, a Democrat. He predicted that Cicilline will try to focus the campaign on national issues, while Doherty will focus on Cicilline's mayoral career and problems with the city's budget under his watch.
- Governor Lincoln Chafee is candid and awkward, and sometimes picks issues that don't help him politically. But, he has unquestionable integrity. Chafee's new chief of staff, George Zainyeh, has been brought in to "right the ship."
- U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse goes into his election year in a strong position; his challenger, Barry Hinckley, deserves credit for "throwing his hat in the ring."
- The Moderate Party works against a more effective opposition against the Democratic Party in the state by scattering the effort between the Republican and Moderate parties.

## Announcements - cont'd.

announced that a super trivia book is available, a book written by Michael King, who was a featured speaker at a Club meeting. If you're interested in learning more, please email her at marionavarista1@cox.net

•Marion Avarista also thanked Mary Brewster and Kris David for helping to knit baby hats, which were donated to Women & Infants Hospital. This is part of the club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

•Over 150 coats and similar items were donated at the last meeting, reported Pat Germani, as part of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Thanks to all who participated!


•President-elect Barbara Harris attended the **District Mid-Year and Pre-PETS Meeting** on Saturday, January 28, at White's of Westport. She encouraged others to attend such meetings. She noted that on March 24, Rotarians will have the opportunity to attend a Rotary Leadership Institute training conference at Amica in Lincoln.

•Art Norwalk announced that blogging from the **District's Group Study Exchange Team** visiting India has begun! Go to [www.providencerotary.org](http://www.providencerotary.org) and click on "International Service" and look for "GSE India 2012."

•Stephen Hug announced that on Wednesday, April 25, at "Fete" in Olneyville, we will be holding the first annual **Providence Rotary Jazz Fest**. Artists include Duke Robillard, Dan Moretti, Greg Abate, and Shawn Monteiro. Tickets will be available soon. We expect this to be a sell-out event, which will recall the atmosphere of the "supper clubs" of years ago.

•Please go to the Club's website to review your personal profile information in the member directory and update it, if needed. Everyone has a password to sign in. If you have questions, please (Continued on page 3)

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## Scene from GSE Team visiting India



*Wendy Marcus and Joy Fox present dictionaries to National Child Labour Project School*



*GSE Team member Yulia Yelle listens as plant personnel explains how water is cleaned at a textile factory*



*Wendy Marcus (center) discusses interior design with the dean of the College of Human Sciences*



*Joy Fox learns how bikes are made at a bicycle factory*



*Anna Hass makes beetroot puri with sciences students at Punjab Agricultural University*

contact Jerry Cannon at provrotarysecretary@gmail.com. The member directory is key to getting to know all the members for fellowship and business purposes.

## Happy Bucks

**Nondas Voll** - To request people to bring in the February issue of the *Rotarian* magazine so she can place them in the library at the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence.

**PP Randy Dittmar** - For the blog from India!

**PP Cynthia Leonard** - For the Club's receiving awards at the recent district conference. Details coming up soon.

**Marcus Mitchell** - To thank all who attended the recent Rotary After Dark, which benefited Providence Community Library.

**Kris David** - Because the date of the Providence Rotary Jazz Fest is April 25, which is her birthday!

**Will you be sponsoring a new member this year?**

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## Important Meeting and Event Dates

- Feb. 6th Andrew Gaynor - Oracle USA Sail Racing Team
- Feb. 13th Rosemary Verri - How to Harness the Power of Humor
- Feb. 20th Presidents Day - No Meeting
- Feb. 21st Tues. - Dr. Rachael Fowler - JFK Hospital in Liberia
- Feb. 27th Judy Barrett-Litoff, PhD - "Since You Went Away"  
American Women's letters from WWII
- Mar. 8th Pres.-elect Training Session - Nashua, NH
- Mar. 24th Rotary Leadership Institute - AMICA Ins.
- Apr. 9th Group Study Exchange Team FROM India
- Apr. 14th District Assembly - CCRI, Newport
- Apr. 20-22 District Conference - Hotel Viking, Newport
- Apr. 23th Million Dollar Meal
- Apr. 25th Jazz Gala - FETE, 103 Dike Street in Olneyville 7:00 PM
- Apr. 30th Club's Annual Trade Show
- May 18-20 International Convention - Bangkok, Thailand
- Jun. 2nd Fishing Derby for San Miguel School students

## Rotary Club of Providence

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- Wendy Marcus
- Stephen L. Hug

### Directors to June 30, 2013:

- Barbara L. Bennett
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- Arthur Norwalk
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**Club meets Mondays at 12:15 PM  
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