



Italian American Heritage Club Of Hunterdon County

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Program Notes for May: Dan Torrone

Dan Torrone, who is also known by his stage name of "Doctor D", is an Entertainer who has dedicated himself to his career and his community, often times



unable to differentiate between the two. Doctor D may go to more parties than anyone else in Hunterdon, the county he calls home. He's a fixture at weddings, school dances, sweet 16 parties, community day events, grand openings, and family reunions to name a few. Music, dancing and fun are always present where ever you find him.

So how does a party animal like "Doctor D" get named *Clintons 1990 Citizen of the Year*, or *1996 Chamber Golden Award* winner? It's easy. First he gives up weekends off and nights at home to set up his music and sound system where the action is. Then Doctor D sets aside the business aspect of his DJ service and gives his time away. A drug-free dance for kids? He'll be there. An event to provide drug and alcohol-free celebrations for graduating seniors? He'll be there. Kids throwing a party to raise money for a special cause? He'll be there. In 2003 he was named *Hunterdon Municipal Alliance Volunteer of the Year*, 2004 *The Hunterdon County Good Neighbor Award*, 2007 Doctor D was Honored with the Prestigious Bread and Roses

Gala *Emmanuel Award* for his tireless dedication to the community. He has lived the majority of his adult life adhering to the moniker, "Service above Self" the motto of Rotary International, of which Doctor D is a member. Additionally, Doctor D has received many awards including; Senate Resolutions, Gubernatorial Citations, Mayoral proclamations, Rotary's Highest award *The Paul Harris Fellowship*, *The Youth to Youth International Founders Award*, ... and the list goes on.

Perhaps his most prized possessions are the thousands of cards, letters and personal gifts that adorn the walls and shelves of his Clinton office. All items received from the many people he has positively impacted over the years. People think its great to donate money to worth-while causes, but time and talent are even more valuable. Its not just anti-drug efforts that he'll donate to: Doctor D volunteers with the County 4-H and Agricultural Fair Committee, The North Hunterdon Rotary Clubs Skylands Triathlon, Hunterdon and Somerset Community Dispute Resolution and The Great Clinton Christmas Parade. While many wring their hands over how to combat drugs, "Doctor D" has actually gone out and done something about it. Hunterdon could use a few more activists like Dan Torrone. As one newspaper editor put it, "we're grateful to have even one".