



# ROTARY DISTRICT 7230 FOUNDATION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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## MEET THE OUTGOING GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Subcommittee chair, Taylor Eskew and her committee our district has organized a fabulous team to visit Bari, Italy in 2012. They will be outstanding representatives of Rotary and District 7230.

### GSE Team Leader Lucinda Hicks- Beach Quinn From the Northeast Westchester Rotary Club



As a Rotarian I have served as my club secretary for the past two years, contributed to the Rotary Foundation every year, hosted the GSE Team Lead from Tasmania two years ago, and this past spring hosted a GSE Italian team member. I am a Paul Harris Fellow. As a GSE host I have had the pleasure of attending many events with the team, and have kept in touch with them through Facebook and emails. On Thanksgiving I assisted in the arrangements to have an Ambassadorial Scholar, Dominic Hoeruf, work in a Soup Kitchen for the Thanksgiving dinner where I volunteer for the homeless and homebound. 300 Thanksgiving meals were prepared and served. I also act as the coordinator for the homebound meals for this event.

For 24 years I was a charter member, secretary, and Trustee of the Putnam County Land Trust and also served on the Board of Directors for the North Salem Nursery School for 8 years, acting as liaison to the Vestry of St. James Church, where the NS nursery school is housed.

I have been Warden and secretary to the Vestry for St. James Church in North Sa-

lem. I have both chaired and co-chaired the St. James Auction for several years. And three years ago I co-chaired the silent auction section.

Retired from working at IBM for 22 years where I supported large company-wide networking events and acted as liaison to the hotel and conference center administration and also worked as on-site staff support. I have a Masters Certificate in Project Management from the George Washington University School of Business & Public Management.

12 years ago I participated in the Boston/New York AIDS Rides for 3 years in a row, riding my bicycle with 1200 other participants from Boston to NY City over 3 days --raising a total of \$15,000 towards HIV & AIDS research and educational programs for Fenway Community Health in Boston. This was my single and proudest accomplishment in charity fundraising and volunteerism!

During high school my daughters Tressan and Holly volunteered selling Christmas trees for Katonah Rotary, and Holly was awarded a Rotary scholarship. I also have a have a delightful 3 year old grandson, Dean.

### Diana Wong Sponsor: Chinatown

Diana Wong is a graduate of the School of Management at Binghamton University where she earned a dual degree in Finance and Management Information Systems. She was a Pricewaterhouse Coopers Scholar



*The 2012 outbound GSE team to Bari, Italy.*

and President of Beta Alpha Psi. She joined the Deutsche Bank management training program in 2006 where she then specialized in Financial Supply Chain Sales within Trade Finance. She is currently an Assistant Vice President at Deutsche Bank managing the regional Supplier Enablement team.

### Roshni Karwal Sponsor: White Plains

Roshni Karwal is a Singaporean journalist, television presenter and executive producer. She has worked with the BBC in London, CNBC Asia, MTV Asia, the United Nations in New York and most recently with Channel News Asia based in Singapore.

She became the first woman of Sri Lankan descent to present on MTV and CNBC was voted one of Singapore's 50 Most Beautiful People.

Some of her landmarks in journalism include live coverage of Sept 11th from Ground Zero in New York in 2001, the presidential elections in Sri Lanka, the Hong Kong hand-over in 1997, the 2008 Clinton Global Initiative and UN General Assembly, the 2010 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the Singapore and Indian budgets and celeb-



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# DECEMBER: THE MONTH OF GIVING



While October and November are the months of Thanksgiving in Canada and the United States, it is in December that we have the opportunity to give. And we, as Rotarians, have the opportunity to give to so many things. Through our various programs we can give to Clean Water, Literacy, Health & Hunger Relief, Matching Grants, Global Grants, District Grants, District Simplified Grants, Peace Scholars, and Group Study Exchange.

## THE GIFT WE GIVE TO OURSELVES

It is also in December that many of us do our final tax planning for the year. The Rotary Foundation gives us so many opportunities to utilize all of the tax vehicles that are available. From donating stocks, using charitable trusts, the new online donation system - it is a gift that makes you proud.

**Recognize family & friends with a gift to our Rotary Foundation! It's easy to wrap, easy to transport and keeps on giving.**



## 2011 YEAR-END DEADLINES FOR TRF CONTRIBUTIONS:

**Credit Cards:** Online via [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) - must be authorized on or prior to 31 December 2011, midnight (Central Standard Time).

**Fax:** (847-328-4101) / Phone: (866-976-8279) - must be received prior to the close of business on 31 December 2011.

**Checks:** must be postmarked 31 December 2011 or prior and received at the Foundation by 6 January 2012.

### United States Lockbox Address:

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60693 USA

**Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to 31 December 2011 and received by 3 January 2011.

**Securities:** must be received prior to 31 December 2011. Please note that date falls on a Saturday so the financial markets

are likely to close early on 30 December. Instructions are available for the U.S. and for Canada, or can be found by searching for 'stock transfer' on [rotary.org](http://rotary.org).

## TRF CONTACT CENTER

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**Phone:** 866-9ROTARY (866-976-8279)

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**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Central Standard Time

## Meet the GSE Team

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rity political and celebrity interviews with Alanis Morissette, Shabana Azmi and Hootie & The Blowfish, Gordon Brown, Queen Rania and Bono as well as financial, business and world leaders.

Roshni holds a Master of Science from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism (New York), where she was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar; a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from the American University of Paris (France) and an International Baccalaureate from the United World College of South East Asia (Singapore). She is fluent in French and English.

## Merva Faddoul

**Sponsor:** Metro NYC

Merva Faddoul is a Senior Program Manager at Soliya, an international nonprofit that empowers youth to promote cross-cultural understanding internationally. Merva



is the Past President of the Rotaract Club at the United Nations. She also writes and directs films, the latest of which was produced by National Geographic. Originally from Lebanon, Merva loves to travel, laugh and meet new people.

## Veronica Medina

**Sponsor:** Portchester

For the past six years I have been the ceramics teacher at Trevor Day School for grades six through twelve. Though teaching ceramics is my main responsibility, I also fulfill several community-based roles at the school: academic advisor; club advisor; admissions interviewer; and most recently, the 11th grade Dean. Thru each of these roles, my focus is to help students explore and follow their passions, as they mature towards adulthood



## Cassandra Eng

**Sponsor:** Wall Street  
(Alternate member of GSE Team)

I currently work at Empire Office as a Sales Coordinator. Empire Office is a full service corporate furniture dealership with project management. I have been in this industry for 6 years, with the first 5 years at EvensonBest.

On the personal forefront, I am engaged to Jon Dinsay and looking forward to a Fall 2012 wedding. 2012 will be a great year!



Thanksgiving dinners being served to the needy in Peekskill area-- two of the kitchen volunteers serving were from Germany and one Rotary Ambassadorial scholar from Germany currently studying in NY.

## ROTARY'S NEWEST PARTNERSHIP - UNESCO-IHE!



Rotary clubs will be helping train engineers and scientists to solve problems in water and sanitation, particularly in developing countries, through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.

Through the partnership, the Foundation will offer packaged grants that Rotary clubs may use to select and sponsor scholarships for professionals in the water sector. Up to eight students a year may be chosen for any of three master of science programs at the institute in Delft, the Netherlands.

Both the institute and Rotary share a vision of making water and sanitation more accessible and more sustainable for all people, particularly the poor. The partnership directly supports Rotary's water and sanitation area of focus. "This strategic partnership with UNESCO-IHE enables Rotary to work with a globally recognized leader in the training of water professionals at a time when such experts are desperately needed in many parts of the world," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. "By identifying high-quality, high-potential candidates for these scholarships, Rotary clubs will play an important role in addressing a serious global problem."

Since 1957 UNESCO-IHE, the world's largest postgraduate water education facility, has provided master of science degrees and promoted PhDs to more than 14,500 water professionals from over 160 countries. The institute also promotes research and capacity building projects, manages a worldwide network of educational institutions and organizations in the water sector, provides professional expertise on water education, and plays a role in setting international standards for postgraduate water education and continuing professional training.

To learn more, visit: <http://www.unesco-ihe.org/>

## HARTSDALE ROTARY & THE DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT

### Major concerns at Njia, Tanzania helped by Hartsdale Rotary Club through a District Simplified Grant

Njia's major concerns are Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Malaria treatment and prevention. While we now have vaccines against Polio, tuberculosis, measles, and the pentavalent vaccine—diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, Hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenzae type b, there is no vaccine against Malaria. In Tanzania, malaria is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality, being directly or indirectly responsible for about 16 million annual malaria episodes and 100,000 to 125,000 annual deaths (National Malaria Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2003-2007). Thus, over 95% of the 40 million people are at risk for malaria infection. Malaria accounts for over 30% of the national disease burden, making it a top health priority for allocation of resources for its treatment, prevention and control.

More lives at Njia Health Center may be saved and hope may continue to grow through the support of Rotary Clubs. Njia Health Center has become an invaluable center of the local community providing medical attention to people in the community.

During the period of 2010-2011, due to your support through LPA, Njia's income through fees paid by the local users has moved between \$2,000 – 3,000, an amount poised to grow, if given more support from our well wishers.

## IMMUNIZING CHILDREN IN DAR ES SALAAM



Father Stephen Mosha administering oral Vitamin A drop to children at Njia Health Centre, in Dar Es Salaam, during the recent launch of the country-wide immunization campaign for children aged between nine months and five years.



## ROTARY PEACE FELLOW DR. LUCIA ALCÁNTARA MPA, ED. D.

in subcultures with self-determination and don't adhere to nation or state laws. They are not recognized by Burma or Thailand and are therefore stateless.

### OVERALL IMPRESSIONS

Education takes many shapes and forms. The most important factor to keep in mind in bridging peace building with education is that learning is a social activity. Therefore, the Rotary Peace Studies Fellowship offers an opportunity for learning from, each other, learning about how peace has been achieved, learning from our mistakes and that of others. The Rotary Peace Studies Program has provided me with tremendous opportunities for professional and personal growth as well as sharing with newly found friends and colleagues from every single continent.

During my 12 weeks in Thailand, I came to appreciate the influence of, what I assume to be, the Buddhist perspective on the discourse and citizen's'

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Lucia Alcántara, who was sponsored by the Wall Street Rotary Club, traveled with a group of Rotary Peace Scholars to Northern Thailand's borders with Burma and Laos. While there, they visited several NGO's which are dedicated to preventing the ongoing abduction of children. Destitute parents and refugees will accept work contracts for their children, unknowingly the children are being sold into slavery on fishing boats, sex market and/or domestic work. Other NGO's are working on documentation of indigenous people (hill tribes) that have been in existence prior to the designation of nation states by the British. These people live

reactions to the challenges they encounter. The case studies presented in the course provided insight into the patience exerted by residents who have experienced complicated immigration rights cases. While angry, their meaning making process is more akin to acceptance rather than presumed privilege as I have witnessed in the United States.

### OVERALL PROGRAM EVALUATION

From my perspective as an adult educator I believe the Rotary Peace Studies Fellowship Program at Chulalongkorn University to be an exemplary program. I have gained tremendous insight to facilitate my understanding of the needs of women in conflict, post-conflict situations and those facing structural violence and negative peace settlements.

The program staff, faculty, Fellows, and NGOs which hosted us were all truly phenomenal in their knowledge and commitment. It has been an honor and privileged to have met and learned from such impressive individuals. I hope that Rotary International will continue to serve as a conduit for our continued collaboration and perhaps even opportunities for funding of peace building initiatives.

## DANIELLA RABINO ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR SPONSORED BY THE LARCHMONT ROTARY CLUB



In light of my first paper, I've been thinking a lot about climate change and children... It's a connection that in the international education and development field, we just don't make enough. Why does education matter at all if not to employ a sense of urgency over the issues that affect our individual and collective futures?

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While climate change poses major threats to all human life, its effects are felt most severely by the world's poorest people, especially children. They are also often the stewards of the climate's stabilizing resources (biodiversity), like in Madagascar. The health and sustainability of environments and children today will greatly determine their well-being in the future. Madagascar is considered at the 3rd greatest risk, lending even more reason to educate children

to actively bring about environmental care.

Meanwhile, I met Alison Jolly to discuss my studies at the University of Sussex. We exchanged ideas regarding education in Madagascar. The stark reality is bleak (<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=92235>), however, the focus on sustainability remains critical. The future for Madagascar is dependent on the future of resources, and prioritizing education that prepares children to develop sustainable livelihoods is critical. What looks hopeful is the new awareness and desire of UNICEF and other organizations to begin addressing these challenges. Alison Jolly will leave to Madagascar in upcoming weeks to discuss these new developments.

I was welcomed to the Jolly's home with tea and cake, alongside both Alison and Sir Richard Jolly. Occasionally, it dawns on me how surreal these experiences really are, and then I move along. Because there's still much to do, and it certainly involves all of me.

## AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR RETURNS



*Toni Marracini made a difference in the lives of children in South Africa.*

After spending two years in Cape Town South Africa as a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, I earned my Masters in Public Health. More importantly, through humanitarian work, I earned the trust and friendship of dozens of South African children and adults. I volunteered for SARDA, South African Riding for the Disabled, where I helped teach children with both mental and physical disabilities to ride horses. I co-authored a cookbook as a fundraising proj-

urban agriculture and helps to set up community gardens in the Cape Flats, and extremely impoverished area in Cape Town.

My Rotary presentations were another way that I contributed to the mission of the Rotary Foundation. In my presentations, I spoke both about where I was from and my volunteer experiences in South Africa. As a result, I was able to show Rotarians in South Africa how I was dedicated to pursuing the Foundation's mission.

*TONI MARRACCINI, ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR SPONSORED BY THE HARRISON ROTARY CLUB RETURNS AND IS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT YOUR CLUB. EMAIL HER AT: TMARRACCINI@GMAIL.COM OR CALL: 914-469-4735*

ect for Abalimi Bezekhaya, an organization that promotes urban agriculture through community food gardens in the Cape Flats, feeding 3000 families a year. All proceeds from the sales of the book go directly to the farmers. Lastly, I started a school food garden at a Primary school outside a squatter camp in Paarl, providing additional food for the school's feeding scheme and contributing to a larger education development initiative in South Africa.

I consider my time abroad as a scholar to be priceless and am so grateful to the Rotary Foundation for this opportunity.

I definitely believe that my collective experiences here have allowed me to contribute to the mission of the Rotary Foundation. First, I worked closely an organization called Abalimi Bezekhaya, which promotes

In addition to volunteering with Abalimi and co-authoring a cookbook, my time volunteering at South African Riding for the Disabled (SARDA) has been extremely rewarding. This experience taught me a lot, but also allowed me to leave a lasting impact on the lives of deserving children. I worked with children with a range of disabilities, both physical and mental. I started volunteering at SARDA out of love for horses, but also found working with the children to be challenging and rewarding. For example, I work with a group of deaf children, where communication is a challenge. I also work with an autistic boy, who does not speak. I know that SARDA considers me to be a valuable volunteer, and I know that I have had a positive impres-

sion on the adults and children that I have worked with.

My perspective on the Rotary Foundation and their Ambassadorial Scholarship program is extremely positive. Rotarians in my host club have become like a family to me. I found them to be extremely welcoming even before I set foot on South African soil. I would describe the Rotary as a kind-hearted group of individuals looking to make a difference in their community and the world.

The scholarship provided me with a unique and priceless opportunity. It gave me the chance to study in a foreign country and meet people from all over the world. Other Rotary scholars I met in South Africa have become some of my closest friends, who I'll stay in touch with for a long time to come. The scholarship gave me a chance to learn a lot about myself, my capabilities and my passions. With the Rotary as a support network for me as a scholarship recipient, I felt like I could achieve more and as if I was making a real impact in my host country.

## POLIO ERADICATION PROGRESS



When Rotary helped launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, polio each year infected more than 3,500,000 children and young adults around the world. Many thousands of them were Indian children. In the ensuing years, more than two billion children in 122 countries received the oral polio vaccine, and the incidence of polio plummeted by more than 99 per cent. This year, there have been just over 500 cases worldwide.

In strictly monetary terms, if polio is eradicated globally within the next few years, the world's total investment in the effort - now at more than \$8 billion - will yield benefits estimated at \$40-50 billion through 2035, according to a study published last year in the journal vaccine.

# 2010-2011 PolioPlus & EREY Contributions Report -District 7230

July 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

CLUB	Total	Polio	EREY	EREY	Total	Erey & Polio
	Membership	Contributions	Contributions	Per Capita	Contributions	Per Capita
Larchmont	18	\$150	\$1,700	94	\$1,850	\$102.78
Hartsdale	13	\$1,000	\$1,100	85	\$2,100	\$161.54
Chappaqua	38	\$0	\$3,000	79	\$3,000	\$78.95
Bronxville	51	\$0	\$4,000	78	\$4,000	\$78.43
Harlem	14	\$0	\$1,000	71	\$1,000	\$71.43
Riverdale	10	\$0	\$600	60	\$600	\$60.00
Northeast Westchester	8	\$100	\$400	50	\$500	\$62.50
Wall Street	56	\$2,250	\$2,750	49	\$5,000	\$89.29
Bronx	42	\$12,816	\$2,000	48	\$14,816	\$352.76
Briarcliff Manor	29	\$0	\$800	28	\$800	\$27.59
Ossining	28	\$400	\$710	25	\$1,110	\$39.64
Port Chester-Rye Brook	32	\$6,350	\$600	19	\$6,950	\$217.19
Peekskill	81	\$0	\$1,451	18	\$1,451	\$17.91
Yonkers	16	\$400	\$255	16	\$655	\$40.94
Yorktown	28	\$1,050	\$300	11	\$1,350	\$48.21
Chinatown	24	\$0	\$250	10	\$250	\$10.42
New York	114	\$0	\$1,000	9	\$1,000	\$8.77
Tarrytowns	48	\$100	\$100	2	\$200	\$4.17
Staten Island	61	\$400	\$100	2	\$500	\$8.20
White Plains	108	\$827	\$100	1	\$927	\$8.58
South Shore	66	\$50	\$50	1	\$100	\$1.52
Scarsdale	23	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
East Yonkers	11	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
New Rochelle	30	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Metro New York	20	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
St. George's	24	\$1,000	\$0	0	\$1,000	\$41.67
Pembroke	39	\$1,500	\$0	0	\$1,500	\$38.46
Cortlandt Manor	24	\$125	\$0	0	\$125	\$5.21
Elmsford	18	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Central Bronx	8	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Eastchester	35	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Mt. Pleasant	25	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Mount Kisco	38	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Pelhams	42	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Hamilton	32	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Hastings, Dobbs Ferry	14	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Rye	32	\$100	\$0	0	\$100	\$3.13
Sandys	50	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Somers	12	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Pleasantville	33	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
North Shore	26	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Mount Vernon	21	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Mid Island	14	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Inwood	13	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Harrison-Mamaroneck	15	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Gateway	19	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Croton-on-Hudson	17	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
Bedford-Armonk	17	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0.00
District		\$10,000			\$10,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1537</b>	<b>\$38,618</b>	<b>\$22,266</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$60,884</b>	

PDG Robert G. Cucinell, Chairman of District Rotary Foundation Committee