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DG GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

After visiting one half of the clubs in the district, I am firmly convinced our district has excellent Rotarians who are making a positive difference in our communities and the world. I have observed much enthusiasm and dedication. The projects undertaken by our clubs are very inspiring. We are using this Newsletter to disseminate information about the wonderful projects being planned and conducted in our clubs. As Governor in this district I am and will continue to support our clubs in their projects. I encourage clubs to partner with, support and learn from your sister clubs to add to the service provided by your own club. I encourage all clubs in the district to send information and pictures to the newsletter committee. We will publish as much as we can to share your good fellowship and work.



September is New Generations Month in which we may celebrate by focusing on literacy projects for young people. September 8, 2007 is Celebration of International Literacy Day. Other humanitarian and educational projects and service for our youth are also appropriate for this month.

Does your club have such a project or event? Sample ideas include second language

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL/ UN DAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2007



Being part of Rotary gives us an unusual chance to learn about international affairs through RI/UN Day, scheduled this year for Saturday, 11/3/07. This unique opportunity, right at our doorstep, will offer both a visit to the UN Headquarters in New York City and participation in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the United Nations, UN affiliated Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and Rotary International. The meeting will give first hand information about world topics and programs the UN is involved in from people on the inside track. It is only available because of the close relationship of Rotary International with the United Nations since its beginning in 1945.

There are 2 programs that day, one for adults and one for high school youth. Adult program is from 9:30 to 4:30 pm. The Young Rotarians Program runs from 11:30 am to

12:30 pm, with UN tours available from 2:30 to 4:30. Registration for adults is \$35. The fee for high school students is \$15. Both fees include a picnic lunch of sandwich, fruit, beverage and dessert. The UN Tours are an additional \$13. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

This is a great opportunity for Rotarians, Ambassadorial or Peace Scholars, Rotaract or Interact Club members, Youth Exchange students or High School Students. Through Rotary, we can gain a perspective on the world.

IMPORTANT:

Registrations must be received by October 20th. Because of security regulations, there is no registration on site the day of the event. For registration forms, or more information, go to District website or your Assistant District Governor, or contact Ted Krisanda, PDG, UN Day Registrar, 5 Hancock Drive, Morristown, NY 07960-2740 (Fax 973/898-6534 , email pdg7470@optonline.net).

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

District 7230 RLYA will be changing venues and seasons this year in order to take full advantage of the parks and natural wilderness to achieve the goal of bringing out leadership qualities in youth through High Adventure. It will be the adventure of a lifetime for participants. The date is Nov. 9-11, 2007.

We will base camp in a Nature Preserve in Ashokan NY (outside of Kingston). Leadership skill training as well as High Adventure will start on the bus ride to the base camp, including introductions, expectations and housekeeping matters. Friday evening will be spent on trust exercises, learning the importance and development of teams and seeing the vision of what the weekend has to offer. We will talk about how each individual can bring these experiences into their everyday life. Saturday will start with a high adventure activity with sessions back at base camp in the evening. On Sunday on the ride back after our adventure, we will use our time together by de-briefing regarding our growth and the success of the weekend.

Expert resources from the District 7230 Rotary family and from outside individuals available to us will be recruited, not only to facilitate the leadership conference but to inform the youth of our communities – our future – about the resources and com-



RLYA Synergism.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

BRONX ROTARY

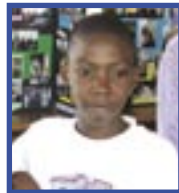
SERVICE PROJECTS

Bronx Rotary is best known for its service projects. In the local community they include scholarships to 2 high school students and 2 college students, supplies to schools, support for meals for seniors and summer camp for children.

On the international level the club is refurbishing a school in Nigeria and supports the Family AIDS Project in the Dominican Republic. Currently it is developing a clean water project to supply safe water in Abagana, Nigeria where people have to walk miles to get water now. In the past the club has supported a well in Tanzania and supplied a clean water and sanitation system in India.

But perhaps most of all, the club is known for its support for Gift of Life children. Since 2001 Bronx Rotary has brought 7 children with serious heart defects to the U.S. for life-saving surgery, 3 of them in 2007. Nine year-old Amela Zadeja from Albania and eleven year-old Chizaram Chibueze from Nigeria just returned home this summer, healthy and happy with their repaired hearts.

On November 1, 2007, the club is holding



Gift of Life children Amela Zadeja (top) and Chizaram Chibueze (bottom).

an Open Hearts Gala at Maestro's Caterer's in the Bronx at 6 p.m., to celebrate the partnership of the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center with Bronx Rotary and other Rotary Clubs in saving children through the Gift of Life. Dr. Samuel Weinstein will be honored as a Paul Harris Fellow because of his exceptional dedication to this cause. All Rotary Clubs who have participated in the Gift of Life are invited. Tickets are \$100. All proceeds will go to the Gift of Life to save other children.

CLAM BAKE ~ FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Bronx Rotary's 8th Annual Clambake on Friday, September 28, 2007 is a fellowship event for Rotarians and their families, but also reaches out to the local community to let them know about Bronx Rotary. It will be held at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club on City Island in the Bronx, a beautiful waterfront setting, from 5 p.m. until the clams are gone and the music stops. It is family-friendly, with lots of activities for kids, including face painting, fishing pond and a Magic Show at 6 p.m. Along



Magician Bob Yorburg entertains the crowd at the 2006 Clam Bake.

with the clams are chicken, hot dogs, burgers and ethnic specialties. Tickets are \$15 per person before September 14 and \$20 after, and children 12 and under are free. For more information, call Jim Romeo 718-617-1600.

DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

9/20/07 - Thursday - District Membership Seminar - Two special guest speakers: Past R.I. Director Dan Mooers and Regional RI Membership Coordinator Joe Dino. Help your club grow! Fogarty's in Bronxville 6 - 9 pm \$25 before 9/14/07, \$30 after 9/14/07. Contact Geri Schwalb at 914/245-6550 or callgeri@aol.com.

9/20/07 Ambassadorial Scholarship Program applications due for 2007 - 2008. Candidates need to be endorsed by a club and sponsored by District. Contact Suzanne Wetzel at swetzel@stevens.edu or Don Lee at rotary7230@msn.com.

9/30/07 Group Study Exchange Applications due for May 2008. Looking for Rotarian Team Leader and non-Rotarian Team Members. Contact Greg Ardaro 914/589-2090 or garcaro@aol.com.

10/13/07 - Saturday - Multi-District Foundation Seminar - R.I. President-elect D.K. Lee from South Korea will be guest of honor. Rudy's Beau Rivage in Dobbs Ferry, 10 am - 3 pm. Exceptional chance to hear from world-class Rotarians.

10/21-28/07 - On to Bermuda - Choice of 8-day or 5-day Rotary fellowship trip. For brochure with application or raffle tickets, call Arlene at 914/993-4033 or contact George Koplinka at desire@aol.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON

BRONXVILLE ROTARY

SUPPORTING THE MADAGASCAR WATER PROJECT

The Bronxville Rotary raised \$10,000 at an Auction/Dinner on June 20, 2007 for Madagascar Water Projects under the direction of Bob Benson. This is in addition to more than \$3000 the Club has contributed to this project in the past.



ASSISTING WOUNDED VETS

On July 23, 2007, Capt. Michael Hubert, son of Rotarian Don Hubert, spoke to the Club about his experiences in Iraq. The Bronxville Rotary Foundation gave Michael a check for \$2000 payable to The Fisher House Foundation which helps families of wounded soldiers at Fort Campbell.

WHY JOIN ROTARY?

Each Rotary club strives for a membership that is an up-to-date and progressive representation of its community's business, vocational, and professional interests. Membership in Rotary offers a number of benefits, including:

- Effecting change within the community
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders

WHY GIVE TO THE RI FOUNDATION

"If world understanding and peace is the philosophy that motivates the existence of Rotary, and The Rotary Foundation is the means which makes this possible, what Rotarian would not want to support our Foundation?"

— Luis Giay, Rotary Club of Godoy Cruz, Mendoza, Argentina

DG GREETINGS

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training, computer instruction, supply of books, dictionaries and magazines, reading to children, donation of school supplies, developing new literacy programs and a multitude of other possibilities.

Membership continues to be extremely important to clubs. Retention is important as it is all about personal relationships, fellowship and the enrichment of our lives with the means to serve others in need. Each club should continue to infuse new programs and ideas to keep their club interesting and vibrant.

Our Membership Seminar on September 20, 2007 and the Foundation Seminar on Oct 13th will help your club. Be sure to attend to meet Rotary International President Elect D.K. Lee and enjoy other great speakers we have invited in from as far as Michigan.

Keep learning more about Rotary and "Be Involved" by sharing your time, services and talents to help others. Be proud of your membership in Rotary International.

Bob Cucinell
District Governor
Rotary District 7230

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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mitments of Rotary. We will work with the group to understand that "Service above Self" is not only the motto of Rotary but is part of everyday life.

Each club is responsible to find one student who shows leadership qualities in their community to participate in this unique program. For application, see District website or contact your Assistant Governor. Any questions or suggestions please contact Sue Donnelly at suedonnelly53@yahoo.com.

WATER OBJECTIVE

The commitment to water resources is one of Governor Bob Cucinell's major objective's in the coming year. Similarly, our RI President Wilf Wilkerson's water resource commitment is "To have every Rotary Club involved in sustainable water and/or sanitation projects during the coming 2007-08 Rotary year." Earlier this summer we requested information from all clubs already involved in or planning water projects. Please be sure to send this information to Alix.Schnee@oprhp.state.ny.us promptly and we will place this information in the newsletter.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHINATOWN ROTARY

NEW PRESIDENT

At a recent meeting, K.C. Leung, President of the Rotary Club of Chinatown New York Rotary Club was installed by District Governor, Bob Cucinell, assisted by outgoing President Tom Reilly and members of the Club. (see photo)

The Chinatown Rotary Club was chartered in 1978, which means it will be celebrating its 30th anniversary next Rotary year. The President, Mr. K. C. Leung, who will be turning 90 this coming December, was one of the founding members of our club. The fact that he is still active in the Chinatown and Rotary communities is a great story in itself! The Club has a reputation for hospitality food and parties.



The installation ceremony of new Club President K. C. Leung initiated by District Governor, Bob Cucinell with outgoing President Tom Reilly, and members of the Rotary Club of Chinatown New York.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Gift of Life participation.
- Engineers without borders – provide funding to Columbia students to establish clear waters in some African countries.
- Dentists without borders – provide

funding to dental students from NYU to provide basic dental hygiene and education to children in Latin America.

- Annual Scholarship to three local high school students.
- Santa project to local schools in Chinatown near Christmas time.
- EMT – in collaboration with St. Vincent's Hospital, helped fund and train 6 bi-lingual EMS technicians to service the Chinatown/downtown communities.

SPOTLIGHT ON HARTSDALE ROTARY

JULY WAS A BUSY MONTH!

The Hartsdale Rotary Club, the home club of DG Bob Cucinell, a club of 14 members, did the following in July, 2007:

Mailed a substantial donation to Camp Viva, a camp for families which have a member with AIDS. The families go for two weeks as a family and there are extensive medical supervisors.

Purchased school supplies for the Greenburgh District 7 school district for distribution to needy students throughout the various schools.

Purchased dictionaries for distribution to all students in the fourth grade in the Greenburgh District 7 school district. The

students will write an essay on what service means to their community. This follows Rotary International's Literacy program.

Sponsored the Second Annual Pet Parade for the benefit of Student Advocacy to be held at Webb Field on October 14th.

Secured a booth at the Pet Parade to sell water and raise money for Rotary International's water projects.

Secured a booth at a flea market to raise money for Rotary projects.

Also, the Hartsdale Rotary Club is selling Entertainment books to raise money for their projects. The cost is \$20 and can be obtained by calling Ron Tvert at 914 968-5100.



SPOTLIGHT ON

PEEKSKILL ROTARY

ANNUAL HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR

The Rotary Club of Peekskill will host its 37th Annual Horse Show and Country Fair Oct. 6 & 7, 2007 at the Blue Mt. Reservation in Peekskill. Admission and parking are free and the show will go on, rain or shine. Competition and attractions will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

This is the only show in Westchester County with both English and Western riding classes. There are 23 Western classes with six championships on Saturday, and 28 English classes with eight championships on Sunday. Riders from stables throughout the tri-state area participate in the show.

Fair attractions include pony and hay rides, a country fair and craft market, bounce and slide rides for the children, and a "Country Kitchen" offering home-baked goods, pumpkins, apples and mums. In the food tent, Rotarians serve up burgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage and peppers, fries, beverages, ice cream and pretzels. Breakfast is available for early-arrivers.

Peekskill Rotary President Pete Goodale said, "We enjoy producing this show and



are proud that it is recognized as one of the premier family events in our community. The horse show is our club's main fund-raiser, with all proceeds donated back into the community and to meet international humanitarian needs."

Blue Mt. Reservation is located on Welcher Ave. off Route 9, in Peekskill, NY. The Peekskill Rotary Club was chartered 88

years ago and has about 78 members representing a cross-section of Peekskill and Cortlandt community leaders.

INTERESTING ROTARY INFORMATION:

- What Paul Harris Said, since 2001, provides over 100,000 Rotarians and visitors with a "Rotary Minute" every other week. To subscribe, read archives, or submit a feature, visit www.whatpaulharrissaid.org.

- Why I am a Rotarian, since January of 2005, this feature has presented the reasons why Rotarians have joined Rotary. To subscribe, read archives, or submit your own, visit www.whyiam.org. This feature is mailed every two weeks.

- Our Foundation Newsletter, since 2004, written by our own RGHF staff, features topical, educational, important and interesting information about The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. To subscribe or read past issues, visit www.ourfoundation.info. This feature is mailed each month and occasionally twice a month.

To join this very active Rotary History Fellowship – please visit: <https://www.sporg.com/servlet/IndRegister?orgID=972&viewType=1>

SPOTLIGHT ON

YONKERS ROTARY

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FAMILY AIDS PROJECT

The Yonkers Rotary Club has raised about \$25,000 to reduce the transmission of AIDS from mothers to babies in this project in La Romana Province in the Dominican Republic. The project was initiated and led by Dr. Stephen W. Nicholas, a member of the Yonkers Club. Dr. Nicholas is Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Family Health at Columbia University and Director of the Family Aids Program. In the year 2006 – 2007 he has also been a Fulbright Scholar.

In 1999 Dr. Nicholas began a pilot program in Harlem to prevent the transmission of AIDS from mothers to babies through education and intervention with AIDS drugs. The program was so successful in New York that a small program was begun in 2004 in the Dominican Republic, which has one of the highest rates of AIDS in the world. This past year, Dr. Nicholas went to the Dominican Republic with his family to expand the

project there. He will be returning to the U.S. in September.

The La Romana Family AIDS Clinic, under Dr. Nicholas' program, opened a new 2-story clinic in early 2006. The program provides free comprehensive and HIV-specialized care for over 1,000 HIV-infected adults and children along with outpatient, community, home, urban and regional care. It also has initiatives to improve nutrition, provide clean water and assist through micro-credit loans.

The program has increased the identification of pregnant HIV-infected women from less than 30% to 82%. It has also reduced mother-to-baby HIV transmission from 40% to less than 3%. Since 2004, no HIV-infected babies have been born.

The success rate has been

so high that now plans have begun to expand from La Romana Province to all 5 provinces in the Eastern Region of the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic Family AIDS Project is a collaborative effort of the Columbia University International Family AIDS program and MIR Charities.

For more information, contact PP Chuck Katze of Yonkers Rotary, 914-633-3790.



Dr. Stephen W. Nicholas is dedicated to helping families affected by HIV/AIDS.