



DISTRICT 7230

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"

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Historic Changes Proposed For District

An Ad Hoc Committee, appointed by DG Karl Milde to review the foundation documents of our Rotary District, has proposed historic changes in the "Manual Of Procedure" in the way future District Governors will be chosen and the way the District Foundation's Charter and by-laws will be managed.



The Ad Hoc Committee, Chaired by AG and District Counselor George McKinnis,

and composed of PDGs Joe Clark and Bob Cucinelli; future DGs George Camp and Helen Lynch; District Secretary Matts Ingemanson and Resource Foundation President, Loren Finnel, has been working for six months with the District Board of Directors to review the so-called "Manual of Procedure" or "MAP" as well as the Charter and Bylaws of the District 7230 Foundation, to propose changes which would clarify and improve the way the District operates. On March 19, the Ad Hoc Committee sent a Memorandum to DG Karl with its Reasons and Recommendations for amending these basic documents.

The Recommendations will be formally proposed by DG Karl at the District Conference on April 23-25, in Hyde Park, NY at the Annual Meeting of the District and a Special Meeting of the District Foundation. Come one, come all, to discuss and debate these historic changes. Become involved in your Rotary District and let your voice be heard!

Staten Island 5-Club Council Luncheon

Here on Staten Island we have a 5 club council that is chaired by a different club in the area each year. Each year we try to have a 5 club luncheon and this year Mid Island Rotary Chaired the event. Council & Event Chair Ron Mannanice did an amazing job.

The event was attended by over 100 Rotarians and many friends. Our Key Note Speaker was The Honorable Mayor Michael Bloomberg and was attended by our Borough Pres. James Molinaro. The event was held Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Vanderbilt at South Beach. Mayor Bloomberg



entertained the room and spoke with many Rotarians individually while he stayed for the entire luncheon. The event was covered by our local newspaper along with NY1. Many Rotarians had to pay media fines the next week. This was just another example of how our 5 clubs pull together to strengthen Rotary on the Island.

25,000 Families & Counting...Staten Island Work Well Together

Area 8 of District 7230 includes the five Rotary Clubs on Staten Island: North Shore, South Shore, Mid Island, Gateway and the Staten Island Rotary Club.

Over the past 30 years these clubs have worked together on an annual Thanksgiving Basket Program. The five clubs package and deliver an average of 1000 Thanksgiving Baskets a year. A Basket consists of a turkey, boxed mashed potatoes, veggies and even cranberry sauce. The program started around 1980 with the North Shore Rotary Club handing out 25 baskets of food. The program grew over the years and was joined in the late 80's by the two other Area 8 clubs at the time,

South Shore & Staten Island. By the mid 90's the Program was delivering around 400-500 Baskets of food. With the birth of two more clubs in the Area, the Program grew and now averages 1000 Baskets a year.

The Program is still spearheaded by members of the North Shore Rotary Club; in fact, the Co-Chairs Michael D'Angelo and Paul

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Message from DG Karl...



In this Newsletter you will learn about our District's five Rotary Clubs in Area 8: North Shore, South Shore, Mid-Island, Gateway and Staten Island, all on the beautiful "Island of Staten." If you haven't visited these Clubs, you are missing out on one of the best kept secrets in our District: Rotarians are friendlier on "SI" than anywhere else.

When I made my rounds as District Governor, together with my AG Jamey Rimshnick, I was struck by how much these five Clubs do in their individual communities and how well they work together on many projects for the good of all SI. I made page after page of notes about their many service projects, to report to Rotary International. The SI Clubs have caught the Rotary Spirit and I commend them as model Clubs in our District.

Now, as springtime arrives, our District thoughts turn to our annual District Conference. This Conference has been three years in the planning. Your District Conference Committee, Chaired by Lou Del Rosario and Georgene Mongarella, and including David Del Monte, Sue Donnelly, Tony Russo and PDG David Sullivan, as well as my lovely wife, Cheryl Milde, have been working hard to bring you an amazing weekend experience. Visit our District web site, www.rotary7230.org and click on "District Conference" to learn what is in store for you, and to register for this wonderful weekend together in Hyde Park, NY.

Your in Rotary,
DG Karl Milde

Celebrating Staten Island RC's "Ecology Day"

Go Green! This is the 19th year that Staten Island Rotary has sponsored "Ecology Day". Children throughout Staten Island create science projects targeting critical environmental issues.

Schools will display their creations in the center court of the Staten Island Mall on Saturday, April 24th, 2010. Approximately ten \$400.00 grants will be awarded to the winning schools competing. More than \$95,000.00 has been given directly to the winning schools science departments. The grants have funded educational projects such as planting a tree, creating a garden, and instituting a recycling program.



"Ecology Day" addresses the profound issues of global warming, alternative energy sources, clean air and water and the simple changes that individuals can make to solve the environmental challenges present today.



environmental challenges facing us today, most importantly, the solutions necessary for positive change.

by Lori Karelas, Chair Ecology Day S.I.R.



Children from more than forty schools, kindergarten through high school, will enthusiastically participate this year. They will learn about the many

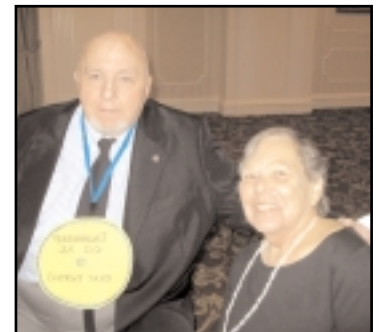
Chuck Roast - The Funniest Rotary Event Ever Recorded!

On March 18, Two Times Past District Governor Chuck Katze was sliced, diced and roasted by his peers until he was



golden brown on the outside and rare on the inside. District Secretary and Yonkers Rotary Club President Matts

ing of Chuck. This was probably the funniest Rotary Event ever recorded.



The celebration was occasioned by Chuck's and Helen's move north to Saratoga Springs to live their golden years close to their daughter and grandchildren.

Ingemanson was the Slice Master officiating with the meat cleaver. District Governor Karl Milde and many Past District Governors participated in the roast-



Chuck, the only Rotarian in our Rotary District lucky enough to serve two terms as District Governor, responded with good humor for which he is famous. He also threatened to return for a third term as District Governor. You can see it all on a special DVD that will be available soon!



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Mid Island Rotary: *Smaller Club Yet Big Impact*

Mid Island Rotary is proudly completing its 20th year. We are a smaller club with 16 members who pride ourselves on making a big impact on Staten Island.

The club is especially proud of its dedication to youth, education, and feeding the hungry. We work closely with the 4 other Staten Island clubs every year in an annual Turkey Basket Drive that delivers over 1000 turkey baskets to the needy. In addition, the club has been very instrumental in donating food and money to help restock the various food pantries and soup kitchens in the area, with weekly donations made by all of its members.



One of our proudest undertakings is our deep involvement with Interact. We have formed and funded Interact

Clubs at 3 local high schools: Notre Dame Academy, St. Peter's Boys, and St. John's Villa Academy. With these clubs we promote many hands on projects for the students and club members to participate in. We work together in projects such as our Midnight Run and Breakfast Run which are food drives that serve meals to the homeless at select locations throughout Manhattan – just last month 20 students from these schools clothed and fed over 100 homeless people in one evening. Our club provided the transportation, funding and guidance to allow this to happen. This past October, we had in excess of 120 students participate in our annual beach cleanup at Gateway National

Recreational Area, where 100 bags of garbage were filled and disposed of.



These events provide all of the participating members and students with the truly unique experiences that exemplify the meaning of “Service Above Self”. Mid Island also works with our Interact Clubs for a Walk for Juvenile Diabetes and a Cosmic Bowl-a-thon which fills an entire bowling alley for a midnight fundraiser, with the proceeds going to a charity of each Interact Clubs choice.

Other activities Mid Island and its Interact Clubs involve themselves is our “March 2 The Beat of Life” Rock Concert to benefit the March of Dimes, raising money for babies born with birth defects. At this event, local high school “Battle of the Band” winners along with a professional lineup and celebrity emcees get to play at the St. George Theater. Additionally, our club throws an annual holiday party for children associated with the Amethyst House and Children at Play programs. This annual event allows us to brighten the holiday season for handicapped and disadvantaged kids.

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Scamardella have been heading the Program now for around 20 years. They are both Past Presidents of North Shore Rotary and PHF recipients awarded by their club. Mike starts months before Thanksgiving with his organization and planning. He is the person responsible for ordering all the food, while Paul has the daunting task of routing over 1000 deliveries. Paul admits that this is a time consuming job, but easy for him based on his experience of owning a florist shop for years on the Island. The Baskets are paid for by Rotarians in the five clubs from a budget of approx \$20,000 a year. Each club donates money and is able to submit names of needy families to receive the baskets. Even with 1000 families being aided each year, the list seems small in comparison to how many people need help.

Mike runs the three-day event. Day 1 finds Rotarians assembling boxes for the food. Each box includes a letter from the five Rotary clubs and has the Rotary Logo on the outside of the box. On Day 2 over 100 Rotarians, family members and friends get together to help on the assembly line to make sure each box gets close to 12 items of food. Day 3 is the “Big One.” The turkeys arrive at 6:00 AM, and Rotarians start lining up at the warehouse with their cars to start the deliveries. All the deliveries are usually completed by noon.

Every Rotarian on Staten Island speaks of this joint, five Club project as a true expression of the Rotary Spirit. The program has fed over 25,000 families over the years and brings a smile to everybody involved.

Greg Arcaro DG Rotary Nomination 2012-2013

Gregory D. Arcaro, member and Past President of the Rotary Club of East Yonkers, has been nominated by the District Nominating Committee to serve as District Governor of our Rotary District 7230 for the Rotary Year 2012/2013.

Greg, who is presently Executive Director of the Community Planning Council for the City of Yonkers, was inducted into the East Yonkers Club in the year 2000 and served as its President in the Rotary Year 2003/2004. Following this presidency, Greg was appointed Assistant Governor for Area 5 in 2004/2005 and served as Chair of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Subcommittee from 2004 to 2009.



for nominations will close. If no further nominations are forwarded to District Governor Karl by that time, Greg Arcaro's name shall be submitted to Rotary International as District Governor Designee (DGD) for District 7230.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Sue Donnelly and consisting of one member from each of the nine Areas of the

District and three members of the PDG Council, met on March 25, 2010 to interview candidates for District Governor and to select its nominee, Greg. DG Karl thanked Sue and the members of her Committee for their valuable service to the District.

Further nominees for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2012/2013 may be proposed by any Rotary Club in the District, up until April 15, 2010, at which time the period

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North Shore Rotary Club Tackles Autism

In the 2008-2009 Rotary Year, the North Shore Rotary Club pledged its year toward supporting Autism Awareness. Club President Jamey Rimshnick set up his year with a clear agenda focused on this growing problem.

At President Jamey's Installation Dinner he said and I quote

"I know we can't solve the problem, I know we can't help everybody, but I KNOW we can make a difference. Our job is to find a group, or a project that we can HELP. We have members that want to help, we have a community that wants to help, and I know our club can rise to the challenge. I want our members to be able to say "Look at what we did!", and then have the desire to do more. This is my Goal."

For months the club entertained speakers from the community about the issue and then carried out a structured plan to help. Through the selling of Rotary T Shirts, a Poker Event, Raffles, a 1st Ever Bowl a Thon for our Club, and a Joint Culinary Delights Evening with The Mid Island Rotary Club, The North Shore Rotary Club close to tripled its average Fund raising Efforts. The club set aside \$20,000 of the funds raised and created a Competitive Grant Program to fund local Autistic Programs in our Area.

The club also managed to award its Annual \$6000 College Scholarship - host a Holiday Party for children of the Gellar House - start a partnership in local community garden, where everything harvested would go toward local



food pantries-participate in the 5 Club Thanksgiving Program -enjoy many social events, such as our Holiday party, our Soup Party, our Berman Boating & Fireworks Extravaganza, - Support RI through EREY being a requirement of each member of our club, and supporting RI POLIO's Efforts, North Shore Rotary is a special group of people who when challenged by their President, exceeded even his expectations and are now desiring to do

more. This year we have added 4 members, started our 1st Interact Club, and we are working on our 1st Rotaract Club.

In February 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention issued their ADDME autism



prevalence report. The report, which looked at a sample of 8 year olds in 2000 and 2002, concluded that the prevalence of autism had risen to 1 in every 150 American children, and almost 1 in 94 boys. The issuance of this report caused a media uproar, but the news was not a surprise to ASA or to the 1.5 million Americans living with the effects of autism spectrum disorder. Nonetheless, the spotlight shown on autism as a result of the prevalence increase opens opportunities for the nation to consider how to serve these families.



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All this is not to be outdone by our annual college scholarships. Each year Mid Island has granted 2-4 college scholarships to local high school students who demonstrate a substantial commitment to community service. This past year over \$10,000 was given to these fine students.

This year our club was responsible for planning our 5 club luncheon – where the 5 clubs of Staten Island get together at one meeting / social event. This year, we were proud to secure Mayor Michael Bloomberg as our guest speaker.

It is no doubt that Mid Island Rotary may be small in numbers, but is clearly big on impact!



Gateway RC: Providing Assistance Locally & Abroad

The Gateway Rotary Club was formed 18 years ago in August 1991. The small club has averaged approximately 20 active members since inception and has great accomplishments on its resume for a small club.

The Gateway Rotary Club continues to support local Staten Island organizations and remains successful in running its Harvey Orleck Scholarship "Student of the Month" Program. Each month the selected student receives a donation to a charity of his/her choice. Annually two students each receive a college scholarship.

Recently the Gateway Rotary Club has added Dr. Mary Healy Sedutto to its mem-

bership and has broken fund raising records with an extremely successful auction event, with Mary as the Chairperson. Additionally, Mary continuously educates club members in fund raising and providing assistance to the community. As the Executive Director of "Hope for a Healthier Humanity", Mary brings medical and dental teams to many impoverished third world countries. Mary brings to Gateway Rotary Club a level of sophistication and intelligence that has propelled the club. Gateway Rotary Club is honored to have Dr. Mary Healy Sedutto who truly lives her life according to the Rotary motto "Service Above Self"

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Bob Cucinell Appointed Regional Vice Chair For RLI Northeast

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a worldwide organization dedicated to helping Rotarians become more effective

leaders at the local, national and international level. The Rotary Leadership Institute of Northeast America (RLINEA) includes the original area where the RLI was founded in 1992. It now includes 31 districts in the northeastern part of the USA and Bermuda. The RLI is a recommended “unofficial affiliate” of Rotary International, but is separate program, not under the control of RI.

The Institute offers training programs in three full-day sessions (Parts I, II and III), followed by graduate seminars. The RLI

faculty are carefully selected from among Rotarians with outstanding leadership abilities, prepared to conduct partic-

ipatory course sessions as “facilitators” (as distinct from “teachers” or “lecturers”).

the Northeast Region of the USA, encompassing 5 Districts (including ours). Way to go, Bob!

Bob has been a member of the RLI faculty since 2005, and most recently served as a facilitator for our District's RLI Program on Saturday, March 6 in Bronxville.

Shown in the photos are Bob with the other members of the RLI faculty on March 6, and Bob with his RLI students in the classroom.



Our District 7230 is proud to announce that PDG Bob Cucinell has been appointed as Regional Vice Chairperson for



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Representative of RI President John Kenny
Michael W. Thacker (PDG D7710, 2003-04)

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Mike joined Rotary in 1992, and was President of the Warrenton Rotary Club in 1995-96, and has twice been named “Rotarian of the Year”. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a double Sustaining Member, as well as a member of the Bequest Society. His wife Connie is also a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Bequest Society.

Mike was the District Governor in Rotary year 2003-04 in district 7710 (Raleigh area of NC). He served 4 years on the Zone Executive Committee for Zones 33 & 34, as well as serving 3 years as the Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator for Zone 33 (RFAC / 2005-08, which includes 13 Rotary districts in 5 states). And, he now travels extensively each year (February-May) conducting training at PETS, District Assemblies, and District Conferences. Also, he was the Governor during the first graduating class of Rotary Peace Scholars from the Peace Center (Duke & UNC) located in his district...and served as the aide to then Trustee John Kenny, when he visited the Rotary Peace Center.

Mike owned a computer consulting company in New York until he and Connie moved to Lake Gaston North Carolina in 1989. He has a Masters in Computer Science (Arizona State University), and also earned the coveted CD designation (Certified Data Processor from the Institute for Certification of Computer Professionals in Chicago, IL.). He enjoys fishing (for over 50 years), and is a US Coast Guard licensed Charter Captain, and fished on a professional tour in the early nineties. And of course, he is a member of the Rotary Fishing Fellowship, as well as ROTI (Rotarians on the Internet Fellowship).

Mike was the original web master for the RI web site www.RotaryFellowships.org. Currently, he is the web master for many Rotar district web sites (in Zones 33 & 34), as well as other districts from California and Oregon to Florida, and hundreds of individual Rotar clubs. Also, his company provides the District and Club database (DaCdb) software, being used in over 105 Rotary districts (3,300 clubs and 175,000 Rotarians).





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WELCOME, my fellow Rotarians, to the 2009/2010 District Conference of our Rotary District 7230.



This year, Cheryl and I invite you to travel north just over our District border to Hyde Park, NY in the beautiful Hudson Valley. We'll be staying at the [Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie](#), amidst the historic Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area along the Hudson.



We have an exciting and memorable weekend in store for you. Our first fellowship get-together will be on Friday, April 23. A luncheon is planned from Noon to 1:30 to meet and greet both our outbound and the inbound GSE Team, which have just arrived together from TASMANIA, Australia. Our first Rotary Session will be at 2:00 with the nationally-known MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, [Tom Champoux](#), you won't want to miss. On Friday

evening we will gather at the CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA for a tour and a world-class dinner at the Catherine de Medici Restaurant. The CIA, known as the "World's Premier Culinary College," has educated nearly all of the world's Master Chefs.

Saturday morning, after a sumptuous buffet breakfast, we will hold our Annual Meeting and attend our CLUB BUILDER WORKSHOPS, offering a huge smorgasbord of Rotary subjects, from "How to Run an Effective Meeting" to "How to Win Rotary Foundation Grants" for your Club.



Saturday afternoon you are FREE TO EXPLORE the many historic sites in the area. These include a formal tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt's home at 2:00 PM, FDR's library and museum, Eleanor Roosevelt's home, and the homes of Commodore Vanderbilt and Samuel F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph.

The Governor's Ball on Saturday evening will feature a PARADE OF THE PRESIDENTS and entertainment by the famous BOBBY DARLING SHOW, not to mention an inspirational address by RIP John Kenny's Representative, [PDG Mike Thacker](#) from Macon, NC.

Sunday we'll hold our Memorial Breakfast, an annual tradition in our District, and, to cap off the wonderful weekend, we'll experience a TRAVELOGUE OF TASMANIA by the two GSE Teams.

Cheryl and I want to share this exciting weekend in the Hudson Valley with you and your families and we look forward with pleasure to your company.

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