



# DISTRICT 7230

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sandys Rotary Club In The News, Helping Hands!



Helping out: Sandys Rotary Club donated a cheque for \$5,120 to Haiti Health Village (HHV), following a presentation by its founder Dr. Tiffany Keenan, currently an Emergency Room Physician at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital. Pictured are Sandys Rotary Club's president James Watlington and Dr. Keenan.

### Doctor's Haiti mission gets a helping hand

By Nadia Arundjellovic

A doctor who built a clinic in a small Haitian village has received a donation from the Sandys Rotary Club to continue her work.

The club gave \$5,120 to Haiti Village Health (HHV), a charity founded by Bermuda resident Tiffany Keenan.

Funds were raised through a donation from members, which was matched by Sandys Rotary.

The money will be used to buy a number of portable solar-powered chlorine generators to provide safe drinking water for up to 5,000 villagers in Bord de Mer Limbe in North Haiti.

Dr. Keenan, who works as an Emergency Room physician at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, thanked the club and said: "This donation will provide a long-term solution to drinking water needs for many thousands of Haitians. HHV is grateful to Sandys Rotary Club for their support and generosity."

Haiti is recognized as the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Much of its 8.3 million population lives on less than \$1 a day.

Dr. Keenan, a Canadian, first visited the developing country in 2006 on a volunteer project. It was then she realised how much need there was for proper medical facilities and even basic sanitation services there.

She began taking medical teams to the village — each time with more doctors, nurses and medical supplies. In the fall of 2007 she raised enough money through private donations to set up a permanent clinic.

In June of 2008 she opened

**People, especially children, will be a lot healthier when the water project is started** — Dr. Tiffany Keenan

the clinic down to the community and staffed the facility with Haitians, including a nurse, doctor and two community health workers — all of whom are volunteers. In May of this year, she opened a similar project in the southern region of the Caribbean island.

Dr. Keenan said: "Before this people had to travel for an hour-and-a-half on foot for full-time services, or two hours by motor-cycle or truck to get to the closest hospital."

Ferred to drink untreated water from a dirty well, people suffered from stomach bugs, diarrhea and even typhoid, she explained.

Sandys Rotary's donation "is really going to change things" said Dr. Keenan.

"People, especially children, will be a lot healthier when the water project is started," she added.

So far every dollar that is raised for HHV goes directly towards their projects.

Dr. Keenan takes volunteers with her to Haiti three or four times each year — a team of 12 can treat up to 200 patients a day. In the past year she has seen progress in the community: "I think you see the big change in the children. They are happier, their energy level is higher."

Though she didn't initially intend to become so involved in the project, Dr. Keenan did so because the work needed to be done.

She told *The Royal Gazette*: "My life will never be the same and I know Haiti will always be a part of my life. Haiti is where my heart is at the moment."

• For more information or to donate visit [www.haiti@hage-health.ca/](http://www.haiti@hage-health.ca/).

## St. Georges RC: Supporting Area's Youth

To support the youth in the Club's area this Rotary Year, the St. Georges Club organized a raffle. The proceeds of the raffle were to go to schools in the Club's area and the Sea Cadets in St. Georges.

The schools and sea Cadets were enlisted to help with the sale of the raffle tickets and the Club members organized the prices for the raffle and obviously also sold tickets. The low ticket prices helped to make this raffle a huge success for the Club with net proceeds of \$23,600. 81% of this money was handed over to the schools and the Sea Cadets in proportion of their ticket sales.



The remainder of the money will be used to fund this year's recipient of the Tom Davies' bursary and the sponsoring of an individual for RYLA.

The Club was in a position again for the first time in many years to hand out the Tom Davies bursary of \$2,500. This bursary was put in place to remember a former Rotarian of the Club. The money



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## Pembroke RC: Featuring Annual Children's Fair

The Pembroke Rotary Club's Annual Children's Fair was initiated by the Club as a means to be able to assist local public schools, and their Parent Teacher Associations, in their fundraising efforts for the year by hosting an annual fair.

This method of fundraising is popular amongst the private schools however the public schools tended to lack the resources to be able to bring about similar events themselves. A dollar amount exceeding 1 million has been donated to Bermuda's Primary Schools over the last 20 years. This amazing feat has been attained by the continuity and hard work of Pembroke Rotary Club Members and Partners. This fair has raised over \$100,000 per annum since 2007 alone and results in over \$80,000 being donated to local schools.

The Annual Fair's financial success is in the sale of raffle tickets which are distributed amongst participating schools. The school children are encouraged to sell the \$5 tickets for varying incentives provided by the schools. The participating schools get 70% of the total amount of the raffle tickets they sell. The Pembroke Rotary Club is a beneficiary itself so members are also encouraged to sell the raffle tickets in order to boost the Club's charitable fund pool.



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**Message  
from DG Karl..**



Two years ago, when I was still District Governor Nominee (DGN), I gave some thought to creating an event that was so interesting, so compelling, and so exciting, that our District Rotarians would sit up and take notice. The time was May, 2008, just prior to RI Convention that took place in June that year in Los Angeles. As it happened, a group of Rotarians from the Rotary District in Tuscany, Italy, stopped by for a dinner meeting of the Rotary Club of Inwood on their way to LA. I attended this meeting, enjoyed it immensely, and found that it caught my imagination. Why not organize a District 7230 trip to Europe?

I started by simply putting a European tour on the Rotary District calendar. The trip was supposed to take place in the third week of July, after I was installed as DG and met with my Leadership Team, but before I began the rounds to visit every Rotary Club in our District. Well, it didn't work out that way.

To make a long story short, after several false starts, I found the magic ingredient that had been missing all along: A knowledgeable, experienced and committed Rotarian who could make something like this happen. I found that person in Eva Corredor from the Rotary Club of New York. Once given the opportunity, the authority and the responsibility, Eva took charge and created an absolutely incredible event: an event we decided to call "Springtime in Paris."

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**BERMUDA ROTARY SINCE 1924**

Rotary in Bermuda was initiated by the sponsoring of "The Bermuda Rotary Club" by the Rotary Club of New Rochelle, N.Y., and became a member of Rotary International on February 6th, 1924, with 26 members.

The Rotary Club of New Rochelle presented the club with the handsome call bell still in use today. The bell and its mounting are embossed with the flags of Great Britain and the United States, the Coats-of-Arms of Bermuda and the City of New Rochelle, with the flowers of rose, lily and golden-rod entwined in Ivy, as symbols of the countries represented. In March, 1926, for the second anniversary meeting, the club

was honored by an official visit from the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris.

It was the club's privilege to sponsor the Rotary Club of St Georges in 1951, at which time the name of the club was changed to The Hamilton Rotary Club. The Hamilton Club further sponsored The Rotary Club of Sandys in 1972 and Rotary Club of Pembroke in 1981.

Bermuda Rotary has produced six District Governors and one RI President, we are very proud of their contributions to Rotary International:

- Sir Stanley (S.S) Spurling (1940-41);
- W. J. (Jack) Davis (1961-62), who went on to serve as President of Rotary International in 1977-78;
- T.F. (Tom) Keill (1968-69);
- Walter Maddocks (1976-77);
- William S. Masters Jr. (1983-84);
- David J. (Sully) Sullivan JP (2003-04).

**WELLS IN BIHAR, INDIA**  
**Joint Projects of Hamilton, Pembroke & Sandys Clubs**



Kirwin International Relief Foundation (KIRF) India founded by Bermudian Dianne Kirwin (In photo left and right) provides education medical care

and the tools for economic self sufficiency to men, women and children of Dalit caste in rural villages in the state of Bihar India. While the caste system no longer exists legally, socially it is still experienced every day by the poor. By providing an education and basic needs for survival KIRF India is improving the lives of children so they and their descendants may have a better future. KIRF India partners with villagers for ecologically and financially sustainable

development that is culturally appropriate.

The clubs of Hamilton, Sandys and Pembroke joined together raising \$12,000 to support Dianne's efforts and the dire need for water wells in Bihar India. We were all excited about this opportunity as it allowed us in one project to address a local and international commitment with a water initiative and with an organization known to us



for many years who also possessed the capability to source, install, train and maintain the wells.

The first of several wells has been installed in Shekhwara Village which has approximately 300 people of the Manji class who are the most needy in the area. The next plan is to bore a deeper well which will help not only this village but surrounding villages when the hot, dry season is present and when the average well becomes dry.



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## “The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands”

### KEEPING OUR FOUNDATION STRONG

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International really belongs to each and every one of us. We can take pride in its scope and the value of its worthwhile and worldwide programs.

At the same time, we must acknowledge that we are the providers of its life-blood and that its future is truly in our hands.

Quoting from the April issue of *The Rotarian*, Glen E. Estess Sr., Foundation Trustee Chair, said: “Rotarians continue to support the Annual Programs Fund as well as the goal of meeting Rotary’s US \$200 Million Challenge to ensure polio eradication. In addition we are working to secure The Rotary Foundation’s future by building up our Permanent Fund.”

Those who contribute annually to the EREY Campaign are fully aware of how



important their support is, but few realize the other critical need: major gifts to the Permanent Fund to secure The Rotary Foundation’s needs for tomorrow.

The Permanent Fund offers a wonderful legacy, a means of sharing our own good fortune with the world and thus be a vital part of the ultimate peace-making process. To launch a dialog on how you might get involved, please contact the chair of the District Permanent Fund Subcommittee, Manty Martin, at 914-238-3124, or write to him at 5 Pondview Close, Chappaqua, NY 10514 or on-line at his wife’s address: roegift@optonline.net.

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As you read this Newsletter, my wife Cheryl and I will be in Paris, joined by 18 other extremely fortunate Rotarians, enjoying the ambiance of old Europe. Thanks to Eva’s organizational skills, we have been invited to meet with the US Ambassador to France. We will savor a candlelight party in Versailles, visit some of the world’s most famous museums, check out the dancing girls at the Crazy Horse Saloon, and sit down to a lavish lunch of French food and wine with members of the Rotary Club of Paris (which just happens to be the sister Club of our New York Rotary). My fellow Rotarians, I wish you were all here with us.

Your in Rotary,  
DG Karl Milde

### Tasmanian Group Study Exchange In District 7230

Five young, Tasmanian professionals have recently invaded NYC, courtesy of Rotary’s Group Study Exchange (GSE).

They arrived on April 22 and will return home on May 27, after enjoying many individually-planned visits and private hosting all over District 7230. Oh? And don’t forget the winning and dining and partaking of the many cultural experiences that make us New Yorkers!

They will start at the District Conference in Poughkeepsie, NY and move to Manhattan (April 25), to Northern Westchester (May 2), Southern Westchester (May 6), Staten Island (May 11), Mid-Westchester (May 16) and Bermuda (May 22).

The Tasmanians will probably be making a presentation at a Rotary Club near you (the preliminary schedule is on page 8). Besides that, you can meet them at Kittle House or John Michaels Restaurant on May 3 or at the Gala Farewell Clambake near the beach in Rye on May 20, (for locations see page 8.)

Who are these people? The team leader, Kim Pitt, is retired from the Royal Australian Navy and has stories to tell about his experiences in the Submarine Corps in the seas off Antarctica. Tammy Palmer is a child and family health nurse



(L to R) Tamara (Tammy) Palmer, Kim Pitt (Team Leader), Laura Richardson, Danny Gibson, Patrick Fagan.

with a special interest in helping to reform the Australian health care system. Laura Richardson is an osteopath, practicing osteopathic manipulative medicine. Among her many interests is women’s health and treatment of sports injuries. Patrick Fagan is a financial planner, helping individuals to create a financial cushion for themselves against retirement and unemployment. The fifth is Danny Gibson, who serves in several Community Relations capacities for The Examiner, the daily newspaper covering northern Tasmania.

The GSE promotes person-to-person communication in many ways: three of these are vocational visits to sites and people in their own professional fields, cultural visits to the places that we enjoy and living with individual local families.

### “Paul Harris, Grow Up!”

“Paul Harris, Grow Up!” is the title of a wonderfully amusing children’s book, written and illustrated by Irene Herz, Past President of the Ossining Rotary.



In her day job, Irene creates and manages web sites for others (like the artistic and informative web sites for our Multi-District Foundation Seminar and our District Conference), while in off-hours Irene follows her passion to write children’s books.

Debuted at a booth at the District Conference on April 23 and 24, Irene’s latest book about Rotary Founder Paul Harris was a sell-out. Those who missed the Conference can and should grab a copy from Amazon.com.



Chronicling the life of Paul Harris from the time when he was “knee high to a grasshopper,” Irene teaches us how he maintained his “rapsallion” character throughout his life, and how this childlike quality helped in bringing changes to the world in the form of Rotary.

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### My Weekend At RYLA: “Why Do You Fill Me Up, Buttercup?”

RYLA Weekend in Alpine, NJ, April 17/18 was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. From the aspiring 50 High School sophomores who participated, to the relentless peer leaders and tireless Rotarians, the weekend was truly inspiring for all who were involved.

The Boy Scout camping site at Alpine provided great, modern facilities. All participants were recommended to RYLA by a guidance counselor and hailed from Westchester County, all 5 NYC boroughs, and 5 kids even flew in from Bermuda!

David DeMonte led the RYLA experience for our Rotary District 7230.

Friendships were quickly made, with slight encouragement from Julio Alvarez, a seasoned RYLarian and now a leader of the CIT's (student group leaders). He shared that he is still

best friends with his “family group,” which is an 8 person “family” that did participated in every activity as a team.

Throughout the weekend, Rotarians from local clubs would come to lead activities, such as Cross the Line, the Egg Dropping exercise, self-reflection ses-

sions, and a Fashion Show, which was the highlight of Saturday night. Everyone gave their 120% to ensure that kids learned about effective teamwork, leadership, and the importance of trust, while still having fun!

Upon observing many activities, I was impressed



and discrimination in front of their peers. They demonstrated their courage, fearlessness, and high self-esteem.

Definitely try to get involved next year as a leader at RYLA. Your experience will be unforgettable!

*By Rita Shulgina, Youth Counselor and Secretary, Rotaract Club of the United Nations*



that these teenagers were mature enough to discuss sensitive topics such as race, socioeconomic status, peer pressure,

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The fair has a various theme in each year. The Rotarians manage the various game stalls and teachers, PTA members and children from the participating schools man the games themselves in hour shifts. In this

way the schools help themselves to develop their key programs and projects.

The Fair includes the Raffle Draw, Games, Raffles, Baked Stall, Food, White Elephant Stall & Plant Stall, Bermuda Train Rides.



#### Sandys RC... Keeps Going & Going!



Sandys Rotary Club members have proved that “Service Above Self”, also means getting your hands dirty. In this photo its members in Bermuda are “Cleaning Up” and having fun! They have also given a helping hand in donating over \$5,000 to Haiti Village Health, a charity, as seen on page 1.

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### Sharon Irving's Story: “How the Rotary Club of Cortlandt Manor Came To Be”

In the spring of 2008, I met a wonderful lady with a local company who I asked to go to a Peekskill Rotary golf outing with me. Little did I know that the same lady would eventually become one of my closest friends and that I would end up sponsoring her to join the Peekskill Rotary Club, where I was a Rotarian since 1996.

Her name is Michelle Hanks. After working at the Peekskill Rotary Horse Show, joining in on a club softball game and becoming a valuable member of the Peekskill club, things changed at her place of employment. A new management team had come in during 2009. Michelle's job description changed leaving her no longer able to attend lunch meetings.

By this time we had become good friends and were out one night having dinner when she commented that she really missed being part of Rotary. She asked if we could start a new club in the evening, since surely there were others that couldn't make a lunchtime meeting. My first reaction was that it would be impossible to come up with enough members to form a new club. I also wasn't sure I had the experience to start a club. However Michelle didn't take my initial reaction of not possible for an answer. During the night she kept turning the conversation back to how many people I knew in the community, how there had to be others that couldn't go to lunch, how anything was possible with enough effort and so forth.

By the end of the evening, she had me writing notes on the placemat as to who I would invite to join this newly forming Charter Club. I must admit the list did have potential, there were a lot of people that I could think of that would make good Rotarians. At the end of the evening there I was sitting with a list of names and a determination that it could be done if we really worked hard to make it happen.

It took a lot of effort and time to recruit the 20 members we needed but we kept working at it until the end of February 2009 when we finally got past the magic number.



**Read About Cortlandt Manor Celebrating Charter Night** on pg. 6

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE FEATURES FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP

Lasting memories were made at the Rotary District 7230 Conference, which took place at the Grand Hotel of Poughkeepsie in Hyde Park, NY, on the weekend of April 23-25.

109 Rotarians and their guests learned and laughed about themselves on Friday's Leadership Seminar with Tom Champoux. Tom, a famed motivational speaker and prior member of the Seattle Rotary



*In the Photo: A few of the attendees at the Sunday Session, including RI President's Representative, PDG Mike Thacker, and his wife Connie*

(before he became too busy teaching managers how to manage), flew in from Seattle to inspire and cajole. This was followed by a tour and dinner at the Culinary Institute of America, featuring fine wines selected by our own sommelier, Rotarian Tony Russo.

Saturday morning the Conferees attended "Club Builder Workshops," organized by David DelMonte, to develop skills in running a Club, before breaking for a stroll on the famous Walkway across the Hudson River and/or a visit to FDR's Home on the breathtakingly beautiful afternoon.

Saturday evening the Assistant Governors and Presidents were saluted at the Governor's Ball, followed by an

inspiring address from RI President John Kenny's Representative, PDG Mike Thacker and LOL funny musical entertainment by The Bobby Darling Show.

On Sunday our District remembered and honored those Rotarians who passed away during the year, with a presentation by PDGs Paul Caruso and Eric Storberg. This Memorial was followed by fascinating presentations from both the inbound and the outbound GSE Teams. Finally, Rotarians were treated to a sneak preview of Andy Stein's new video about the international activities of our Clubs, as well as a personal presentation by "our man in Haiti," Jim Kushner.

The purpose of a District Conference – to promote fellowship and provide a

forum for Rotarians to share ideas – was successfully served and we all went home after making new friends and renewing and enjoying old friendships.

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will go to the best of the applicants who are studying overseas, are Bermudian and have graduated from a Bermudian High School and have not been successful in getting any other form of bursary, scholarship or similar.

This year the successful applicant was Donn Foggo who is studying Business Communications at Brock University in Ontario, Canada.

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### Cortlandt Manor RC: Celebrating “Charter Night”

On April 10, 2010, twenty-six Charter Members were inducted into Rotary by our RI Treasurer Michael Colasurdo and a new Rotary Club came into existence.



Serving as Master of Ceremony, PDG Joe Clark kept Charter Night moving at such a fast and exciting pace there

was hardly time to scoff down the sumptuous prime rib dinner.

District Governor Karl Milde read a congratulatory letter from RI President John Kenny and was



then joined by RI Treasurer Mike Colasurdo, DGE George Camp, DGN Helen Lynch and AG George Weeks to present the official Rotary Charter to President Sharon Irving.

The evening of food, fun and fellowship was sparked by a rousing speech by RI Treasurer Mike Colasurdo, extolling the virtues of Rotary service to our fellow man, and was then capped off with door prizes



and auction prizes for everyone.

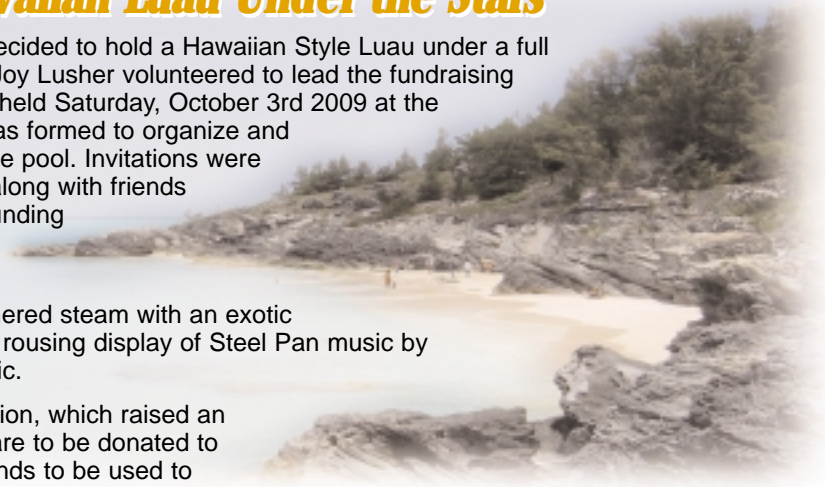
We all wish Sharon and her new Rotary Club Godspeed as they begin their Rotary Journey.

### HAMILTON RC: Hawaiian Luau Under the Stars

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Rotary Club decided to hold a Hawaiian Style Luau under a full moon as the first Major fundraiser of the year. Director Joy Lusher volunteered to lead the fundraising activity assisted by Director Greg Smith. The Luau was held Saturday, October 3rd 2009 at the pristine grounds of Director Joy's home. A committee was formed to organize and transform the grounds into a Hawaiian setting around the pool. Invitations were extended to all four Bermuda Clubs and their spouses along with friends of the Rotary Clubs of Bermuda. The event was a resounding success, raising close to \$14,000.

The night started off with a song duet by the talented daughter of Director Joy and her partner. The night gathered steam with an exotic Belly dancing lesson for all attendees and ended with a rousing display of Steel Pan music by the students of Director Greg's Bermuda School of Music.

The climax of the evening was a wonderful silent auction, which raised an incredible \$5,000. All proceeds from the Silent Auction are to be donated to the Polio Eradication fund, with the balance of raised funds to be used to continue the good works of the Hamilton Rotary Club in Bermuda.



### BRONXVILLE ROTARY RAISES \$30,000 FOR COMMUNITY MARKETS FOR CONSERVATION

The Bronxville Rotary Club held a dinner and auction on April 17 at 6:00 PM at Siwanoy Country Club to benefit the Community Markets for Conservation (COMACO), a Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) program in Zambia, Africa.



COMACO's goals are twofold: To lift villages in the Laungwa Valley out of poverty while simultaneously eliminating the poaching of wildlife. COMACO trains farmers to grow ecologically “smart”

shelves across Zambia. Products include rice, honey, and snack nuts. In return, farmers agree to maintain conservation farm-

ing practices and not to poach wildlife. commodities, and then purchases the excess at fair-trade prices for processing and eventual sale on supermarket

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Special guests from WCS were Jim Breheny, vice president and director of the Bronx Zoo, and James Deutsch, director of the Africa Program. The WCS, in addition to operating the Bronx Zoo, employs thousands of people around the globe, working to protect wildlife and wild places.



PDG Bob Benson and his wife, Doris, will be traveling to Zambia in the summer of 2011 monitor the program. A highlight of the evening was an auction featuring a trip for two to join the Bensons on this Safari. AG Ted Nygreen and his wife Nancy were the successful bidders for this wonderful trip.

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# On To Bermuda – BERMUDA MILITARY TATTOO 2009

The 2009 *On to Bermuda* coincided with the 400th Anniversary Celebrations of Bermuda. The highlight of the celebrations was a majestic Military Bermuda Tattoo. The Hamilton Rotary Club organized the overseas visiting Rotarians coupled with the local Clubs to attend the Opening night Ceremonies Thursday October 21st, 2009.

The total number exceeded 135 Rotarians proudly flying the flag of Rotary International. The Announcer gave credit to the attending Rotarians hailing from the overseas Clubs of Staten Island, Manhattan, Westchester and Bronx, and the local Clubs of Hamilton, Pembroke, Sandys and St. Georges.



The Tattoo started and ended with majestic fireworks and canons rocking the walls of the Maritime Museum in the Historic Keepyard of the Royal Naval Dockyard in the West End. Performers put on an outstanding show, hailing from as far afield as the 1st Battalion Scots Guards of the United Kingdom, the Royal Barbados Police Force Band, the Governor General's Foot Guard and Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and the Military Band of the Azores. They were joined by the local acts of the Bermuda Regiment, the Bermuda Islands Pipe Band and the Suzette Harvey Dancers (Photo far left). The event was a fitting tribute to 400 years of continuous settlement of the Islands of Bermuda and the *On to Bermuda* Rotarians were overjoyed to be part of the celebrations.



## IRA & RI BERMUDA READING ASSOCIATION - “Malaikah Shall Lead The Way”

The IRARI Partnerships Special Interest Group (SIG) was organized in 2007 to encourage IRA and Rotary partnerships in literacy. Since 2002, IRA and Rotary have had memorandums of understanding and cooperated on celebrating International Literacy Day on Sept. 8 each year and in Nov. 2005.

In the words of Sir Winston Churchill “Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the free world.” It is no wonder then, that the IRA has long partnered with Rotary International.

It is upon this platform that the Bermuda Reading Association and the four RC of Bermuda, The Pembroke RC, The Hamilton RC, The Sandys RC and the St. Georges RC, have now jointly forged a great partnership and support literacy projects that will impact the development of the local community beginning with sponsoring a Bermuda representative to the 55th IRA Convention to be held in Chicago this April.

Walia Ming Bermuda Reading Association said “What finally enjoined our organizations is phenomenal and undoubtedly right on time. And indeed, I am reminded of the bible verse that says” “A little child shall lead the way.”

Malaikah Abdul-Jabbar, a seven year old student of Victor Scott Primary was specifically affected by the recent gun violence as one of her fellow-student's father was brutally shot and murdered. Malaikah began to write “*Stop the Shooting!*”, and in her writing she expressed her feelings, whilst offering solutions to bring about once again, stability, peace and happiness to her school and Bermuda. In the literacy world, the type of book Malaikah wrote is called a bibliography. As the youngest ever IRA presenter Malaikah will be making history on the international literacy stage representing Bermuda! This was ecstatic news for BRA, however, the lack of finances was a major obstacle that could prevent this opportunity from taking place!

Walia Ming continued “*Truly the story I am about to tell you epitomizes Rotary Bermuda's stand on helping to make dreams come true, using their core values and mission! In the recesses of my mind, the mission statement of Rotary International was indelible; ...to provide service to others, promote integrity and*

*ethics, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. I was aware too that like IRA, and BRA, Rotarians approached the 21st century, committed to meeting society's changing needs, by expanding its service efforts to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, potable water, disease prevention and children at risk.*



After much discussion, the strongest and most positive course of action suggested by the BRA executive committee was to seek the assistance of Rotary by way of the Assistant District Governor of the Bermuda Rotary Clubs, Keith Clifton (In photo left with 7 yr. old Malaikah, Sasha Castle PE of Pembroke & Walia Ming of the Bermuda Reading Asso.) and in particular, the Pembroke Rotary Club which, along with other organizations, sponsored the publishing of “*Stop the Shooting!*”. Thank God, we did and what a response we got! We were contacted immediately and the rest as the old adage goes ... **is history!**

# 2010 GSE PROGRAM FOR ROTARY DISTRICT 9830 - TASMANIA

## DATE, DAY, CLUB, VOCATIONAL AND CULTURAL VISITS - AS OF APRIL 22, 2010

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE – WELCOME

- April 22 Thursday** Both teams arrive at JFK @ 5:30pm; Greeting Ceremony; Transport team to Grand Hotel, Poughkeepsie, NY;
- April 23 Friday** FREE DAY for Team members until 5pm. Leadership Training @2pm. Tour of Culinary Institute @ 5pm; Dinner at CIA @ 6:30pm
- April 24 Saturday** District Conference in AM; Tour of FDR home and museum @2pm; Cocktail Hour @6pm; Governor's Ball @7pm
- April 25 Sunday** Outbound GSE Team presents @ 10am; Inbound GSE Team presents @ 10:30am; District Conf. ends at noon; CHANGE DAY - Travel to Area 7.

#### AREA 7

##### Chinatown, Inwood, Metro New York, New York, Upper Manhattan, Riverdale

- April 25 Sunday** Arrive in Area 7; Meet at new hosts; 2:30pm Central Park, Fifth Ave. (*weather permitting*), blues clubs
- April 26 Monday** 9:30 Bryant Park or NY Pub. Lib. Map Exhibit + Photo Exhibit; NY Club; 12:30pm New York RC; 3pm Top of GE Building; Dinner LES; West Village
- April 27 Tuesday** 9am Chinatown walk; noon Chinatown RC; Free Time, WTC Site, City Hall ; 6:30pm Pizza Party at Taylor's
- April 28 Wednesday** 10am Statue of Liberty & Ellis Is.; Fraunces Tavern & Mus. Tour; 5:30pm Wall St. Club; 9:30pm Metro Club
- April 29 Thursday** Vocational Visits; Free Time; Fifth Ave.; MetMuseum, Whitney, if rain; 3:30 Backstage Tour of Met Opera; 5:30 Juniors for Dinner; Broadway Show
- April 30 Friday** Vocational Visits; Bike in Central Park; MOMA 4-8:45pm; 6pm or later, Pub Crawl, Lower East Side and Village
- May 1 Saturday** FREE DAY
- May 2 Sunday** FREE DAY; CHANGE DAY - Travel to Areas 1 & 2

#### AREAS 1 & 2

##### Armonk, Briarcliff Manor, Chappaqua, Croton, Mt Kisco, Mt Pleasant, NE Westchester, Ossining, Pleasantville, Peekskill, Somers, Yorktown

- May 2 Sunday** Arrive in Areas 1 & 2; Meet new hosts; Rockefeller Preserve walking tour
- May 3 Monday** 12:15pm Kittle House, Mt. Kisco RC; 6:30pm John-Michaels Restaurant, 100 Titicus Rd., Purdy's, NY
- May 4 Tuesday** Tour, Indian Point Atomic Power Station; Cocktail Party Peekskill Hotel
- May 5 Wednesday** Vocational; BBQ @ Lake Waccabuc
- May 6 Thursday** CHANGE DAY - Travel to Areas 5 & 6

#### AREAS 5 & 6

##### Bronx, Bronxville, Central Bronx, Eastchester, East Yonkers, Mt Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelhams, Scarsdale, Yonkers

- May 6 Thursday** Arrive in Areas 5 & 6; Meet new hosts; Tour of Bronxville ; 6pm Alumni Party at Roshni's (400 W. 55th St., PH-E (9th Ave.); 8pm Phantom

- May 7 Friday** 9:30am Bronx Zoo - all day; 6pm barbecue @ The Arcaros
- May 8 Saturday** Cultural day; 6 pm Dinner @ Bensons for GSE team, Arcaro, McKinnis, Soley
- May 9 Sunday** FREE DAY
- May 10 Monday** Vocation Visits AM; 12:15 Multiclub Lunch, Fogarty's; Vocational visits PM; 6pm restaurant - City Island
- May 11 Tuesday** CHANGE DAY - Travel to Area 8: Staten Island

#### AREA 8

##### Gateway, Mid-Island, North Shore, South Shore, Staten Island

- May 11 Tuesday** Arrive in Area 8; Staten Island RC @ 12 noon; Tour Downtown SI; 7pm meet host families, reception dinner
- May 12 Wednesday** 9:30 Tour of old dump/park project; 12:30 Tour of newspaper; 3pm Interact Club meeting; 7pm Gateway RC
- May 13 Thursday** 10am Tour of SI Hospital; 12 noon South Shore RC; Visit SI Historical Sites; 7pm North Shore RC
- May 14 Friday** Vocational Visits; Free Day
- May 15 Saturday** Free Day
- May 16 Sunday** CHANGE DAY - Travel to Areas 3 & 4

#### AREAS 3 & 4

##### Elmsford, Harrison, Hartsdale, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Quad Village, Tarrytown, White Plains, Rye

- May 16 Sunday** Arrive in Areas 3 & 4; Meet new hosts; Afternoon swim party @ The Soleys (*if rain, The Cloisters*); 7pm Rye Playland.
- May 17 Monday** 9am UN Tour; Lunch UN Dining Rm; Walking Tour of Midtown (*if rain: Christie's*); 3:30pm Circle Line Cruise; 7pm Dinner at The Russos
- May 18 Tuesday** 10:00 Mayor of WP + NYS Assemblyman; 12:15 White Plains RC (co-host with Port Chester +? Quad Village); Times Sq. Tour; 7pm Yankees or show.
- May 19 Wednesday** 10am Intrepid; FREE 1/2 DAY
- May 20 Thursday** Vocational in AM; Elmsford RC @ 12:15pm (Rini's, 2 W. Main St.); The Westchester; Clam Bake in Rye @6:30 pm
- May 21 Friday** FREE DAY;
- May 22 Saturday** CHANGE DAY - Fly to Area 9: Bermuda

#### AREA 9 BERMUDA

##### Hamilton, Pembroke, Sandy's, St. George

- May 22 Saturday** Arrive in Bermuda; Meet new hosts
- May 23 Sunday** FREE DAY
- May 24 Monday** Bermuda Day
- May 25 Tuesday** Hamilton @ 12:30pm
- May 26 Wednesday** Sandy's @ 6:30pm

