



"Spotlight On..." DISTRICT 7230 NEWSLETTER



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District Governor George R. Camp

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Camp's Corner...



Because of your efforts this year we have had many successful major Rotary Events in the District. The Multi District Foundation Seminar in conjunction with Districts 7210, 7250, 7260, 7470 and 7490 was a huge success and drew members from Clubs in all Districts. The Clubs in

Bermuda organized an "End Polio Now" week that united the island and created awareness of what Rotary does all over the world. The Rotary Clubs in New York band together to host Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith, the New Generations Luncheon, Ringing of the Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange, The Lighting of the New York Stock Exchange and VIP Reception and Cocktail Buffet. Many Rotarians and guests attended these events in support of our eradication of Polio efforts.

In addition to the efforts of the District, the Clubs have had many events that have highlighted the efforts of Rotarians supporting projects in their communities and throughout the world.

We have hosted Youth Exchange Students, a Diplomatic team from Russia as well as Ambassadorial Scholars from around the world. We welcomed our Group Study Exchange Team from District 2120 in Puglia, Italy and hope each of you took the time to meet these exceptional representatives and got to know them.

As my years comes to an end, I just want to say "THANKS" to everyone who has helped me this year to make it a "GREAT" year for District 7230 in Building Communities and Bridging Continents.

*Yours in Rotary Service,
George R Camp*



JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a concept that has been expanded internationally through the Rotary Fellowships, groups that bring together members from different countries and cultures to enjoy a shared interest.

In addition to fostering lifelong friendships, Rotary Fellowships keep members active in Rotary, sustaining their interest and further inspiring commitment.

The nearly one hundred Rotary Fellowships encompass a variety of vocations and avocations, ranging from sports and hobbies to professional interests — all of which serve as a way to extend international fellowship, friendship, and service. In addition to offering members an opportunity to share their passion for a particular interest with like-minded Rotarians, many individual fellowship groups enable members to use their hobbies or skills to serve others. For example, the Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians has organized cleanups of polluted rivers, and

members of the International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians conduct training sessions for Rotarians and other people in their community on how to use electronic media. Members of the International Fellowship of Rotarians with Repaired Hearts — or the "Zipper Club," as they call themselves — have provided life-saving surgeries to disadvantaged children with severe heart defects.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the

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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS CAMP

Our District Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA training program for young people was conducted by Rotarians Susanne Donnelly and Henry Atterbury of the Rotary Club of Ossining.



Students were sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Central Bronx, Ossining, Peekskill,

Pleasantville and Sandys in Bermuda. Students came from Fox Meadow RAHS, Ossining High School, Peekskill High School, Pleasantville High School, Stuyvesant High

School and The Berkeley Institute in Bermuda.

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Bermuda Welcome with PDG Walter Maddocks



Taking Aim on Polio



Polio Awareness Program on Bermuda



Bermuda Wave In



George giving drops to child.



Check for Polio Plus



End Polio Now Bermuda Kick-Off



Walter & George at the PDG Walter Banquet



Bermuda Polio Plus Day



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THE SOURCE OF CULTURE IN BERMUDA

Walter Maddox: One of a Kind

BY HENRY CARLINE MCGARREY (BIRMINGHAM); PHOTOGRAPHY BY SCOTT SUCKER

"Twenty-six percent of polio occurs in children under 3 years of age," says Maddox. "And if you've seen the priority of these hourly-infected children, you wouldn't need to ask why. As Margaret said, it's just so important," says he.

As the new executive director of Rotary's first international polio immunization program, Polio Plus, the couple moved from their beloved Southern mansion to Rotary headquarters in Illinois. From there Maddox traveled to 12 countries and countless cities providing the care and raising the money to help polio-stricken youngsters.

Bill and Maureen Dales were just some of the people who generously contributed to the effort to eradicate the disease. Rotary clubs themselves were prime targets for Maddox's speeches and requests. "As you're the stupid lugger who thinks we can save that kind of money?" asked one Rotarian, according to Maddox. Another San Francisco Rotary member complained to Maddox that his kind of organization could only raise \$1 million of the \$3 million goal. Maddox took to San Francisco at once to rally the troops and left with an inspired group that eventually raised more than they ever thought possible: \$1.5 million.

"That contribution helped Maddox exceed his own international fundraising projections for the entire two-year campaign. "We set a goal of \$125 million," says Maddox. By 1985, two and one-half years after the campaign began, he had raised over \$250 million. "That colossal amount of money funded vaccination programs all over the world and saved the lives of thousands of children. "There were 355,000 cases the year before we started. That was down to 2,500 last year," says Maddox.

But a handful of countries including India, Egypt and Nigeria are still reporting cases of polio, which means immunization efforts started by Maddox in 1980 are still going on today.

While Maddox has spent many years of his life in the fight against polio, another disease has claimed his attention now: "I don't know what level of cancer I've got. I just know I have cancer," says Maddox. He's confident. Just not.

Walter Maddox is a fighter. Smartness is in his DNA. He's determined and devoted to his beliefs. At a Rotarian for 53 years, he supports the organization's philosophy of volunteerism and has established that belief in his family. His wife says, about one of their daughters, "She sees the motto of Rotary before she even the Lord's Prayer," says Margaret Maddox.

Through Rotary, Maddox leaves a legacy that has helped thousands of people all over the world and still does today. But he shows the spotlight. "Rotary is not about individuals. It's about the organization and the service it provides. The less we can emphasize the individual the better."

Rotarians made an exception for Walter Maddox. They produced a one-of-a-kind bronze statue for a one-of-a-kind member, which depicts a Rotarian administering vaccine drops to the children. They had never done that before, says Maddox. "It was quite special," says he in Walter Maddox.

James Ball made today in 1955 when he created a vaccine to rid the world of polio, and by the late 1970s the disease was virtually eradicated in the United States, but it would take an army of volunteers to rid other nations of this devastating disease. Bermuda resident Walter Maddox became one such soldier of the war against polio in 1980.

At the time, he and his wife were living a serene life on a Kentucky farm, relatively unaware that the disease was still ravaging populations in Africa and Asia. Then a member of his Rotary group implored Maddox to give up the lovely life he had been living in the U.S. in order to help the lives of others elsewhere. It would mean a two-year commitment, geographical relocation, international travel, relentless fundraising and so on.

Maddox's wife, Margaret, was uncertain. "She said, 'Oh, we couldn't do that. The time is too busy,'" remembers Maddox. "Then there was a long pause and she said, 'It's too important to let go. Let's do it.'" He agreed and thus began a two-year journey that he completed with determination and without complaint.

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Walter Maddocks and family



PRIP Cliff at District Conference



Multi-District PETS with PRID Ken Morgan



Russian Delegation



PDG John Capp 'Motivating'



Youth Exchange Program



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Japan Disaster Fundraiser



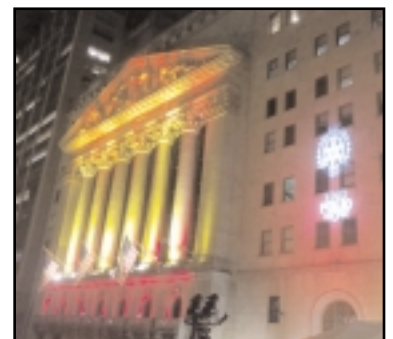
Johnny Barnes



Ring of the Bell - NYSE



Wall Street Celebration



Lighting of the NYSE



Richmond County Rotaract Charter



New Generation Luncheon



Mercy College Rotaract Chartering



Manton Martin & Rotary Scholar

GSE Team from Italy



John Arucci - South Africa Alumni



Rotary Scholars at Reunion



School Gardens in Namibia



4-Way Test Speech Contest



Home Club of the Governor



Gift of Life Child



Moore High School Interact Chartering



Ossining Duck Race



Gift of Life Gala

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International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has changed much over the years, but today their common purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

Rotary International has established specific policies for forming a Rotary Fellowship.

The RI Board of Directors evaluates and approves each new group before it receives formal recognition as a Rotary Fellowship. Each fellowship operates independently of RI, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership is open to Rotarians and, in some fellowships, to spouses and Rotaractors as well.

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RYLA is designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. RYLA will help them discover their potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in their community, career, and everyday life. All the while, they also have fun, build friendships and create memories that will last a lifetime.