



# DISTRICT 7230 EMBRACE LETTER

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## Embracing Yorktown Rotary

### Signature Projects

Our club has participated in many worthy projects since we were chartered in 1949. The two profiled here show what Rotary is all about.

The Gift of Life began as a project, in 1975, as a project of the Manhasset Club and in 2008 celebrated saving the 10,000 child, born with a congenital heart defect. We, in partnership with the Bronx Club continued with this wonderful mission by sponsoring a 6 year old boy named Nisar from Kosovo. He and his father spoke no English; fortunately there was an Albanian family with whom they could stay. Nisar had his surgery in early December and the surgeon indicated that the prognosis was excellent.

Several Yorktown Club members visited him to bring our good wishes the day after the operation, but Nisar was not able to appreciate the gift of a toy truck, at that time, according to a *Journal News* article of December 12.

Nisar made a good recovery and he and his Dad returned to Kosovo in January. We are so happy and proud that we were instrumental in giving this child a chance at a long and productive life and we are sure that Nisar is enjoying his ability to play like other children. Perhaps with a toy truck?

Rolling along to our ongoing International project - Wheelchairs for Mexico. So many people - of all ages - are not only physically disabled, but economically disadvantaged. The Rotary Club of Moralia responded to our outreach and with the aid of the Mexican Air Force the Yorktown Club Representatives were able to



deliver wheelchairs in 2009 and 2010 to those in need who live in and around this town situated in central Mexico..

Wheelchairs were taken to some because they had no way of going into the town of Moral to receive them. It was reported that the recipients were, at first awe struck and then so very happy because they were no longer immobile, but mobile! The Moral Rotarians were generous not only to the Yorktown Rotarians, but to the recipients by giving of their time and resources to accomplish the beginning of "Operation Wheelchair".

We fund this project through donations and various fund raisers, many of which have been food-related ( very delicious food!) and we are planning more. One wheelchair costs \$150. and we are slowly but surely building our reserve. The goal - to qualify for a matching grant.



*Operation Wheelchair is the fruitful result of collaboration between Yorktown Rotary and Moral Rotary in Mexico where the wheelchairs were distributed.*

### Important Dates

#### 2011

October 15..... MULTI-DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR...Sheraton Hotel, Mahwah NJ

October 20/26-30.. ON-TO-BERMUDA - Contact Coby Ellingwood at [coburn.ellingwood@altrour.com](mailto:coburn.ellingwood@altrour.com) for more information

October 29..... Bermuda Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training

November 05 .....UN Day

December 10, 2011. Deadline for submission of DGN nominations

#### 2012

January 07 .....DGN Nominating Committee meeting, Siwanoy Country Club, Bronxville

January 15 .....January 15-21, 2012, International Assembly in San Diego

March 16 .....March 16-18, 2012 - Multi-District PETS - Marriot Hotel, Islandia

April 20..... Paul Harris Luncheon

April 20.....April 20-22, 2012, District Conference, Renaissance Hotel, White Plains

April 28.....RLI in White Plains, White Plains High School

## Embracing Mt. Kisco Rotary

### Visit from Congresswoman

Congresswoman Nan Hayworth was the guest speaker at our August 31 meeting. The local Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce were asked to join us in this meeting which was attended by approximately 60 people.

### Pilots Who Care

This past Spring, our club's guest speakers included pilots Keith D'Entremont and Dick Sundell from Angelflight Northeast, an organization that arranges free flights to those requiring access to medical care.



Congresswoman Nan Hayworth with Mt. Kisco Rotary Club President Jonathan Bernz at our August 31, 2011 meeting.



Keith D'Entremont, Jonathan Bernz and Dick Sundell at Westchester County Airport in front of the Piper Archer II used by Angelflight Northeast to transport patients requiring medical care. (Photo: March 9, 2011)



Governor Andrew Cuomo addressing the audience at the unveiling of the 9-11 Memorial Monument in Mt. Kisco, NY (photo: 9-11-11)

Other recent guest speakers include: County Executive Robert Astorino, Helen M. Lynch - District Governor 7230, Author Suzan Waldinger, author, "Hope for the Hands of Haiti", Alan Chartok, radio personality at WAMC public Radio ([www.WAMC.org](http://www.WAMC.org)), Judith LaBelle, Executive Director, Glynwood Farm ([www.Glynwood.com](http://www.Glynwood.com)), Jonathan Pratt, Peter Pratt's Inn.

Recent activities include a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) donation to the Mt. Kisco Volunteer Fire Department for the 9-11 Memorial Monument Fund. The monument was unveiled Sunday, September 11, 2011, the ten year anniversary of 9-11 and was attended by over 1,000. Speakers at the ceremony included NY State Governor Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Congresswoman Nan Hayworth, Mt. Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrich among others.

This past year, one of the highlights of our fundraising efforts was "Tastes of Northern Westchester," held this past May 12. Spearheaded by Club members Carl Weinberg and Judith Simon, this event raised nearly \$40,000 for Northern Westchester Hospital's IMNF (Institute for Music and Neurologic Function) program for the treatment of Patients suffering with Alzheimer's, Dementia, TBI and other chronic illnesses. This event proved to be not only financially successful, but also a wonderful evening of music, food, wine and dance enjoyed by over 100 people helping raise money for a very worthy cause.

Upcoming events include our annual Pancake Breakfast which will be held October 29, 2011 at the Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn. All are encouraged to attend.

## Embracing Cortlandt Rotary



### Battle of the Ducks

Sunday, October 2, 12:00 pm, 130 Sprout Brook Rd, Cortlandt Manor, NY, FREE.

Join us as the Cortlandt Manor Rotary Duckies Race down the Sprout Brook Park against the Putnam Valley Duckies! A fun filled afternoon with food and new children's activities added. You can adopt a duck for only \$10 (3 Ducks for \$25 or a Six Quack for \$45) and WIN \$1000 for First Place, \$500 for Second Place and \$250 for Third Place. Children can make their own Designer Ducks for only \$5.00. Food & Fun begins at 12 noon under the pavilion! For more information on where to adopt a duck at: [www.CortlandtManorRotary.com](http://www.CortlandtManorRotary.com) (on right side of website) or call 914-293-0710.



### *In Memoriam*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Past District Governor Walter Maddox in Bermuda who passed away on Sept. 16, 2011. May they find comfort in this difficult time. And may he rest in peace.

Walter was the first Executive Director of Rotary's international polio immunization program, Polio Plus.