

The Toolbox



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Deadline: 15th of the month

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From The Governor's Desk

The month of March is almost gone, and April is fast approaching, but when you read this it will already be here.

Let me invite all of you to attend the 2011 Conference / Assembly and congratulate your sister clubs for the magnificent projects and jobs they have performed this year. We will gather at The Century House in Latham, N.Y. to celebrate and learn in grand fashion. Friday night there will be a grand dinner where we can gather in fellowship and relax in Rotary fashion. Saturday will be devoted mostly to the Assembly, promoting our Governor-elect's programs for the coming year. Presidents-elect will be voting on the budget that will support the programs throughout their year. The Burnt Hills Rotary Club is working extremely hard to bring you a Bigger, Better and Bolder program. Visit, talk with and listen to Rotary International President Representative Dennis Crawford as he gives us greater insight about the polio program. Information and registrations can be found on the District website, www.rotary7190.org.

Hopefully, all of the clubs have been able to send their Presidential Citation forms in. These forms indicate the clubs activities throughout the year making your club Bigger, Better and Bolder, supporting President Ray Klingensmith's theme of: "Building Communities and Bridging Continents". Interact and Rotaract may also send in their forms.

This month will also be the kickoff for our first District E-Club. Many thanks for Tony Rivera getting this club on the airways. Tony will also be the clubs first President. I have been informed that the District Changeover will take place on June 29. Put this date on your calendars, information to follow from DGE Bill.

The most important event is, The International Conference, taking place in New Orleans. I hope many of you will take advantage of the last Conference to take place in the United States for a long time.

This has been a GREAT year. Let's continue to make it Bigger, Better and Bolder as the final months slowly trot by. SEE YOU IN NEW ORLEANS!!!

Governor Dan

DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **April 2nd Sat – Albany Devils Hockey Game Fundraiser**
Sponsored by Gift of Life
- **April 10th Sun – Deadline to signup for District Assembly/Conference, & Dinner**
- **April 15th Fri – District Dinner**
- **April 16th Sat – District Assembly & Conference**
- **April 24th Sun – HAPPY EASTER**
- **May 21st-25th Sat-Wed – Rotary International Convention in New Orleans**
- **June 29 Wed – Changeover Dinner**

CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Now –Great Escape Special \$19.99**
Sponsored by Mechanicville Rotary
- **April 23rd – Breakfast w/ the Easter Bunny** Sponsored by Twin Bridges Rotary
- **May 7th Sat – Pure Water Walk**
Sponsored by Glens Falls Rotary
- **May 7th Sat – Sightseeing/Theatre Trip to Boston** Sponsored by Twin Bridges Rotary
- **June 4th Sat – Winery/Brewery Tour**
Sponsored by Glenville Rotary
- **August 9th Tue – Golf Tournament**
Sponsored by Rotterdam Sunrise
- **August 9th Tue – Rotarians-of-the-Year-Recognition Night at the Joe** Sponsored by Glenville Rotary
- **August 21st Sun – Run for Rotary Scholarship** Sponsored by Niskayuna Rotary

Gift of Life presents

Albany Devils Hockey Fundraiser

Saturday, April 2nd

7:00pm \$15pp

Times Union Center

Contact Richard Hodge for info at

rhodge@roadrunner.com

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April 10th is the DEADLINE to sign up for the District Conference.

Details and registration form on pages 4 & 5.

Mechanicville Rotary presents
Great Escape Special \$19.99
Coasters for a Cause

These are tickets to the Great Escape & Splashwater Kingdom, a savings of \$25.00.

Valid dates are May 28-30, June 1-5, June 8-12 and June 15-19.

If you love the thrill, the fun and excitement you will get a full day of unlimited rides, spectacular shows and incredible attractions – the best value of the season plus the ability to upgrade to a Season Pass and purchase a Come On Back for a Day ticket at special prices.

Contact any member of the Mechanicville Club for tickets or for more information contact Bob Lohnes at 753-4723 or rlohnes1@nycap.rr.com or Matthew Hosek at matthew.hosek@bsnb.com

Proceeds from the fundraiser supports the Mechanicville Rotary’s Dictionary Project at their four area schools.



Twin Bridges Rotary presents its **Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

Saturday April 23rd

The Elks Club

Mac Elroy Rd, Clifton Park

\$6.00 for adults

\$3 ages 6-12 / free for ages 5 & under

8:30am- Noon

Enjoy breakfast, beverages, photos with the Easter bunny, Easter Egg hunt, 50/50 raffle, and other fun activities for the kids.

To benefit local community projects.

For additional information including tickets, sponsorship and donation opportunities call

Kristen Church at 376-7793 or email kdrchurch@gmail.com.

Twin Bridges Rotary supports many local charities and community organizations as well as international outreach. To learn more visit www.twinbridgesrotary.org.

Save The Date!

Glens Falls Rotary presents

Water Walk 2011

Crandall Park

Glens Falls NY

Saturday, May 7, 2011

9 AM – 3 PM

For more information call:

Kay Walter 518-793-5660



Twin Bridges Rotary presents

Sightseeing and Theatre Trip to Boston

Saturday, May 7th

Depart:

Mechanicville at 7:00am, and

Clifton Park at 7:15am

\$89 per person includes: deluxe motor coach transportation, tour hosts, reserved seating for 6:00pm performance of Shear Madness

Seats for Bus Only \$55 per person

Returning immediately following the show.

Proceeds to benefit the charitable work of the Twin Bridges Rotary Club

Twin Bridges Rotary supports many local charities and community organizations as well as international outreach. To learn more visit

www.twinbridgesrotary.org



RI Convention in New Orleans

May 21-25, 2011

See page 3 for details.



SAVE the DATE!

Glenville Rotary presents its **3rd Annual**

Winery & Brewery Tour

Saturday June 4th

Details to follow!!!

You won't want to miss this trip!!!



**District 7190
Change Over Dinner
Wednesday, June 29th
Stay tuned for details!**

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Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary presents its
**33rd Annual
Golf Tournament**
Tuesday, August 9, 2011
(This is a dark day at the track)
Located at the Mohawk River Golf Course
on Riverview Rd.
Cost \$125 per golfer

This year's event will include a Continental Breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch on the turn, ALL the beverages on the course included with entry, Open Bar for 1 hour before the best golf dinner you'll have anywhere, plus loads of prizes.

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Glenville Rotary presents its
**4th Annual
Rotarians-Of-the-Year
Recognition Night**

Tuesday August 9th

**Honor YOUR Rotarian-of-the-Year at
this *memorable* annual event.**

It's also *Irish Night* and
Two-fer-Tuesday!!!

Contact Barb Wyllie at bw4rotary@gmail.com
or call her at 518/370-2214 to reserve your
tickets.

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Rotary Club of Niskayuna presents
Run for Rotary Scholarship
August 21st
9am
Schenectady Central Park
...to begin at the pavilion
Details and entry form on page 6.

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Let the Good Times Roll... Experience living history in the French Quarter, extraordinary homes in the Garden District and a world class zoo and aquarium. Try the fantastic nightlife, New Orleans is a 24-hour town, the place where Jazz was born. Ride a streetcar, paddlewheel riverboat or horse-drawn carriage. Sample New Orleans famous Creole and Cajun cuisine, such as jambalaya, seafood gumbo, red beans and rice, po-boys, café a la it, beignets.
There is something for everyone....



The Whitney Wyndham Historic Hotel and Rotary District 7190 have contracted to hold 30 rooms for the 2011 Rotary International Convention. The Whitney is located near Lafayette Square at 610 Poydras St. It is 7 blocks from the Morial Convention Center and ½ block from the Rotary Shuttle pick-up/drop-off stand and ½ block from the City Bus, City Trolley and Taxi stands. Single rooms have one king bed and doubles have two double beds. All suites are one bedroom suites. All guest room rates are subject to the current tax of 13% and city occupancy tax of \$1.00 per night. **THE ROOM RATE IS \$139.00 PLUS TAXES OF \$19.07 FOR A TOTAL OF \$158.07.** Reservation Method is by Individual Call-in. **HOTEL CONTACT IS CAROLYN BARRETT AT 504-212-8888.** Credit card must be presented when making the reservation. Individual reservations are cancelable up to 72 hours prior to arrival. Cut off date for reservations are March 21, 2011. Check-in Time is 3 pm and Check-out Time is 12 noon

DISTRICT 7190's CONFERENCE & ASSEMBLY...

Making Rotary Bigger, Bolder & Better!

We're taking this year's Rotary International theme, "Building Communities, Bridging Continents" and using it to make Rotary "Bigger, Bolder and Better" through District 7190's annual Assembly and Conference Day - scheduled for Saturday, April 16th from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM at The Century House 997 New Loudon Road, on Route 9 in Latham.

The fun and fellowship really begins Friday, April 15th, the evening before, with a fellowship dinner dance; music will be provided by Capital District legend Dino Cimino and his band. Dinner will be The Century House's Classic Dinner Buffet featuring roasted prime rib and their signature chocolate mousse (the mousse alone is worth the trip!). Dinner and dancing for just \$55 per person. Bring your sweetie and trip the light fantastic!

The Century House, a Capital Region tradition in excellence, is offering a special rate of \$99 for a guest room. Their accommodations are beautifully appointed and a sumptuous breakfast buffet is included with the room. Treat yourself (and anyone else you'd like) to a one night vacation! Room reservations must be made by Wednesday March 2nd to guarantee that generous offer. Call the hotel at (518) 785-0931 to reserve your room today.

The Assembly and Conference fee of \$50 includes breakfast and lunch - and both are in the fabulous tradition of Century House fare. The Assembly and Conference will feature our present District Governor, Dan Stec and

our District Governor Elect, Bill Nathan. Come say thanks to Dan for a job well done and welcome Bill for next year. Rotary International will be represented by Dennis Crawford, RI President's Representative, who will give a presentation on the story of Rotary's historic eradication of polio off of planet earth! Dennis is a past DG of District 7300 in 2007-2008 and he lives in Morris, PA.

RI is life Changing and life saving! Our local Rotary experts will share their knowledge, expertise and success stories on how Rotary is working for a better world around the corner and around the planet. Just to name a few of the offerings: Past DG Anne Cargile will update us on the unique and world changing work of the Rotary Foundation, Tony Rivera will fill us in on "E Club", Melissa Ward will unveil our new website (the future is different now!) and Richard Hodge will bring us up to date on the life saving "The Gift of Life" program.

Come for the fun on Friday and stay for the learning on Saturday. Be a part of the success of making District 7190 bigger, bolder and even better! Partial Conference Schedule:

- Registration & Breakfast 7:30 to 8:45 AM
- Opening Plenary 9:00 to 9:45 AM
- Breakout Session A 10 :00to 11:00 AM
- Breakout Session B 11:15 to 12:15 PM
- Recognition Luncheon 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM
- 1:00 - 2:15 District Reports, RI Representative, Bylaws & Resolutions, Roll Out of New Theme Closing Plenary 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7190 2011 ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE DAY

April 15th & 16th
The Century House
Route 9, Latham, NY
Join us for fellowship, learning
& fun!

Friday, April 15th Fellowship Dinner (with dancing!) - 6 am to 9 pm

Celebrate Rotary's local and international achievements with your fellow Rotarians including Dennis Crawford from RI, DG Dan Stec and DGE Bill Nathan. A great night for fun, frolic and saying "Thank you!", "Good Job!" & "Nice Work!" Enjoy a sumptuous classic dinner buffet, Century House Style, for \$55 per person.

Saturday, April 16th Assembly- Conference Day - 8:45 am to 3:30 pm

Come for the fellowship and stay for the learning! Local Rotary experts will share their knowledge, experience and success stories from around the world and our own back yard on how to make Rotary bigger, bolder and even better! Learn from the best! \$50 per person - includes a fabulous continental breakfast AND lunch.

The Century House is a Capital Region tradition in excellence! Beautifully appointed accommodations, exquisite food and superlative service! Treat yourself (and your sweetie) to a one night vacation at The Century House for the special rate of \$99/single price includes their elegant breakfast buffet. *Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel (518) 785-0931 and must be made by March 2nd.*

Name for Badge

Telephone

Club and City of Residence

Email Address

Title & Rotary Area of Interest

Special Dietary Needs

Please PRINT clearly & make Checks payable to "District 7190 Assembly/Conference Day and send to:

Clarence Linder
PO Box 148
Bolton Landing, NY 12814

Questions? Call Linda LeTendre, Organizer at (518) 584-0902 or linda@bhblrotary.org

FINAL DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 10th - ALL PAYMENTS FOR DINNER & CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE!

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Niskayuna Rotary's 2nd Annual "Run for Rotary"

Sunday, August 21st 2011

Race starts at 9am

Starting at the Pavilion in Central Park

\$20 for adults, \$10 for students or children ages 10-16. Children under 10 free.

Free T-shirts to the first 50 participants.

Proceeds go to benefit the Scholarships for local high school students as well as other rotary projects.

For questions email Emily Miller at emily.lauren.miller@gmail.com

Register Day-off or Preregister and enclose payment with the form below:

Name:

Number of People Running:

Adults Students/ Children 10-16

Children under 10

Total:

Payment Type: Cash Check

T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large Extra Large

Make Checks payable to

Niskayuna Rotary Club

c/o Emily L. Miller

120 Maplewood Drive

Glenville, NY 12302

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District 7190

Communications and PR

Communications:

Have you logged into the District 7190 web site yet?

It is very important that you keep your contact information up to date as emails from web site are quickly becoming a primary communication tool within the district. We are also beginning to use online registration for certain events.

IMPORTANT Your email is safe in the system. No one can see your email address unless they are logged into the system, and even then only system wide administrators can view email addresses. Your club secretary can also view and edit contact information for the members of their clubs.

If you are having difficulty logging in, please contact your club secretary or send an email to Rotary@NewWard.com for help.

Secretaries – please make sure to keep your club attendance updated on the district web site as well.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation as we try to create a more streamlined communication process.

PR:

Have you heard our district radio ads on 99.5 yet? Seen our print ads in the Coffee News? Spotted any of our online banner ads on Saratoga.com, Albany.com, Adirondacks.net or CliftonPark.com?

If not – you can get a peek at them on the new PR page on the Rotary7190.org web site.

Let us know what you think.

Melissa Ward

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Gift of Life Needs YOU!!!!

Did you realize that ALL Rotarians are also members of Gift of Life?

Yes, you are...and WE NEED YOU!!!

Please volunteer to help us welcome our families when they arrive at the airport, and visit them during their stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Albany, NY. Come experience, first hand, the miracles that Gift of Life provides these families. These opportunities are extremely rewarding. You'll experience the draw that keeps us doing what we're doing.

Most Rotary Clubs acknowledge these visits as make-ups for missed meetings, so everyone wins through these acts of kindness.

Please contact Richard Hodge at rhodge@roadrunner.com to coordinate your visit(s).

You'll be glad you did.

Thank you!

The **Books for Troops** Challenge is now complete.

If your club has collected *Books for Troops* please notify Barb Wyllie at thetoolbox7190@gmail.com.

You'll need to report the number of books collected, and if your club is supplying shipping funds.

Thank you for your participation in this cause to help our soldiers cope while away from home.



Susan Appe, Ambassadorial Scholar
Update No. 17; March 01, 2011

NY/QUITO Art Exhibit

Just before I have to pack up and head back to NY, I was able to catch the art exhibit opening of the project between World Awareness Children's Museum in District 7190 and the City Museum in Quito, Ecuador, called "FROM THE ADIRONDACKS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD - COMMUNITY, CHALLENGES, CONTRIBUTIONS" this past Sunday. It was wonderful. First, I was able to see many of the Ecuadorian students who I have come to know through my visits and transport of art work here in Quito. Then I was able to see familiar faces of the students and instructors from Glens Falls! In November when I was home quick I was able to take a drive up north from Albany and visit the Glens Falls students. I think these three young ladies are future Rotary Scholars! They did a wonderful job presenting to 50 people all about Glens Falls and Upstate New York – it got me excited to be going home this week! ☺ They talked about and showed pictures of Lake George and the Adirondacks, both in summer and winter – it was great!



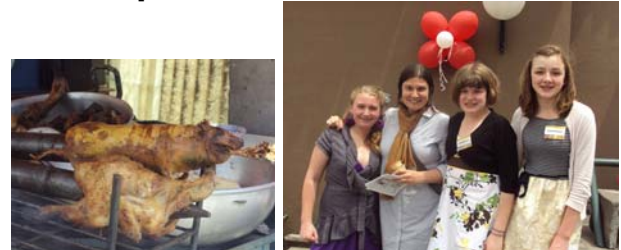
Cuenca, Ecuador

Last week in the mist of getting ready to head back to New York, I was able to fit in a final trip, first

because one of my great friends from College was coming (I had to show her a good time!) and second because there was an organization in Cuenca, Ecuador that I wanted to interview for my academic research. Cuenca is the third largest city in Ecuador after Guayaquil and then Quito. It is super beautiful. Most of the buildings are colonial with ceramic tile roofs and the city itself is well maintained and very clean. We were able to visit a National Park called "Cajas" and do some hiking, stroll around greenrooms filled with orchids, and even went to a Latin American "rock" concert. It was great to be a guide to my friend and I realized I really know a lot about Ecuador. I look forward to talking to more people about the Andes—politics and culture—when I am in the U.S.!



Mi Despedida



My mini biweekly updates attest that I have had an amazing ride in Ecuador during the last nine months. I am in my office writing this and will leave in about twelve hours. My office colleagues are getting the conference room for my "despedida" which is a going away party or send off. As I mentioned in Update No. 16, my office loves parties! It will give me an opportunity to really thank the University and the Department of Management where I have been housed, especially for all their help and support. I leave knowing that I will be back to work at the University to conduct research, it is just a matter of time. In addition, I have Rotarians who I will remain in contact with, I am sad to say goodbye, but I know will also see them when I return for more research. It has been so wonderful to learn about and live in Ecuador. I am so grateful to Rotary Foundation and District 7190 for the opportunity. I will look forward to visiting clubs over the next several months in NY. Thank you!

Dar de Sí antes de Pensar en Sí...Service Above Self

Ambassadorial Scholar in Australia

What a week!

It's hard to believe that I've been in Melbourne for almost a month, and it's only been a few weeks since my last update. Looking back it amazes me that I've not only started a new life here and a new phase (graduate school), but am doing so halfway around the world. Nevertheless there are some things about moving to a new place that are universal, and in the last few weeks I've found a place to live, opened up a bank account, gotten a new telephone number, have begun making new friends, learning more about Rotary here and meeting new people...in short, all the things you typically do when you move someplace new. But that's not to say my head isn't spinning from all the changes and events of the last month.

Monday, February 28th was my first day of class and tonight (Sunday night Melbourne time, about 16 hours time difference from upstate NY) has been my first chance to catch my breath. My classes are mostly in one building, which is in a very central part of the city. My classmates are very diverse and come from different parts of the world; in fact, just over half the students in my master's program are international. In addition to me, students come from Colombia, China, Malaysia, and the Czech Republic. We have about 20 contact hours with our professors, but on top of that there are additional seminars and lectures where we discuss topics related to our degree, Interactive Media and Animation. This week, someone from the animation industry spoke to us; next week we will be hearing from someone in web design. In addition to different countries, there are a lot of different backgrounds and interests amongst my classmates. There are a number of students with a strong animation background who are taking the course so they can improve their skills; there are a few people like me, who are interested in educational media; and then there are a number of people who come from teaching, IT, business, and fine arts backgrounds. Though everyone is very different, one thing that's common is that everyone is very creative and likes to approach problems in a very different way. In short, I think I will have the opportunity to learn as much from my fellow students as my professors. The workload is very intense, and I can't say I've gone to sleep at a normal hour this past week, but I'm learning a lot.

The other ambassadorial scholars here are also an

interesting group. Of the scholars, there is another American who is from Colorado and studying nonprofit management; a scholar from France; another girl from Canada who is studying engineering; and an economics student from Germany. Along with some of the outbound scholars, we'll be attending the district conference in Adelaide later in March. Adelaide is 9 hours or so from Melbourne - but in Australia, that's actually not considered too far out! Me and some of the other scholars met today to go over the presentation, which will be given at the conference and is about the Ambassadorial Scholar program. We only have about 10 minutes and we had a lot of ideas and things we wanted to say, but I'm sure we'll pull something great before the conference. Some of the speakers include Lord Jeffrey Archer (a novelist); Alexander Downer (Australia's longest serving Foreign Affairs Minister and a former Federal Opposition Leader), plus a number of other notable Australians and Rotarians. I will keep in mind the New Orleans event and let you know if I hear of any who are attending.

I'll let you know how it all goes and keep you posted. Till then, hope you're finally getting some spring in the capital district!

~Ariel

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Words to live by...

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

-unknown

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Editor's Note:

Thank you for sharing your events, recaps, pictures, good deeds, and stories with us by sending them, by the 15th of the month prior, to me at TheToolbox7190@gmail.com.

Barb Wyllie
Editor

DISTRICT 7190 SHELTERBOX UPDATE

ShelterBox USA is on the map in District 7190, and not just among Rotarians. Following three television interviews and three newspaper articles (including The Daily Gazette and Times Union), the Greater Capital Region is responding to support the work of ShelterBox in Japan and other disaster locations around the world.

The seed for a standing ShelterBox Committee was planted a few months ago, receiving the enthusiastic endorsement of District Governor Dan Stec and DG-elect Bill Nathan. A Wine & Cheese Reception was held at Faddegon's Nursery on February 16 to get the momentum started. The first organizational meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 7:00 P.M. at Faddegon's. Anyone interested in coming on board to help us in our fundraising and awareness-raising efforts is cordially invited to attend. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to participate, let us know. Contact Jack & Nancy Faddegon at 516-785-6726 X 135 or jfaddeg1@nycap.rr.com.

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Literacy Project Opportunities for Rotary Clubs

According to the World Bank, 75 million children, 41 million of them girls, lack access to basic education. More than one in four adults, two-thirds of them women, cannot read or write. Access to education, particularly completion of primary schooling, increases child survival rates, reduces the spread of preventable disease, and increases people's ability to improve their economic well-being. March is Rotary Literacy Month. This is an excellent opportunity for clubs to focus their efforts on basic education and literacy, one of Rotary's six areas of focus. There are many types of projects clubs can undertake to increase literacy. Following are just a few examples:

The Rotary Club of Chula Vista Sunrise, California, USA and the San Diego Reading Association partner to encourage new parents to read to their children. The organizations deliver backpacks to new parents at local hospitals. The Rotarians and reading council members select baby books and nursery rhymes and provide related materials that emphasize the importance of

reading to babies for each backpack. The project serves five hospitals, 25 families in each, two or three times each year.

The Rotary Club of Piratini, Brazil recently conducted its second "Good Vision Campaign" to provide eye exams to low income students in public schools. 2,029 students were given eye exams, 246 were sent to eye doctor appointments and 233 received prescription glasses. Students diagnosed with visual pathology were sent to be treated by the public health service. Principals and teachers of the schools reported that the students benefited by the campaign have improved their academic and social performance. The Rotary Club of Laredo, Texas, USA and the Rotary Clubs of Reforma, Villa, and Nuevo Santander, Mexico, in partnership with the Amistad Reading Council and the Texas State Reading Association, applied for a matching grant that brought in \$20,000 to open up a library in an elementary school in Mexico. Spanish books appropriate for first through sixth grade were purchased and book shelves were built by a parent from that school. The project also provides teacher and parent training, which enables the students to get the most out of the books at school and at home.

For more project ideas and examples, refer to Rotary's publication Every School a Star: a literacy tool kit. To find an active literacy project in need of support, visit RI's ProjectLINK database and search for projects using keywords such as "education" or "literacy."

Rotary clubs can maximize the effectiveness of their service projects by collaborating with organizations to share resources and expertise. Rotary International has cooperative relationships with the International Reading Association and The Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library. Many clubs have successfully worked with these organizations to promote literacy in communities around the world. Learn more about these relationships on the RI website. If your club or district has conducted an effective or innovative literacy project, please consider sharing your story by submitting a model project description for inclusion in RI's ProjectLINK database.

Best regards,

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Clifton Park, NY 12065

Hitting the Slopes!!!



Photo by Bruce Merchant

North Creek incoming member, Bruce Merchant (left) with Governor-elect Bill Nathan after their club meeting on Thursday, March 3 at Gore Mountain.