

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

## DISTRICT 723

### GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

Number 12

June, 1987



1986-87

GLEN T. NYGREEN

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 723  
4TH ANNUAL INAUGURAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1987

HONORING THE OUTGOING DISTRICT GOVERNOR & DISTRICT CLUB PRESIDENTS  
AND INTRODUCING THE NEW " " " " "



with SPECIAL GUEST



M. A. T. CAPARAS  
PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, 1986-87



6:00 - 7:00 P.M. RECEPTION (Cash Bar);

DINNER 7:00 P.M.

LEHMAN COLLEGE, FACULTY DINING ROOM

\$40.00/PERSON

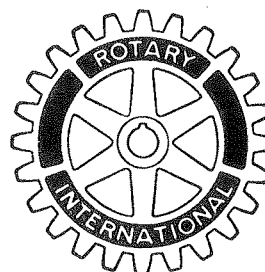
LIMIT: FIRST 220 PAID RESERVATIONS

MAIL YOUR CHECK (payable to District 723) TO:

DONALD H. GRIFFITHS  
P. O. BOX 261  
BRONXVILLE, NY 10708-0261

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**M. A. T. CAPARAS**

President, Rotary International, 1986-87  
Manila, Philippines



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M.A.T. CAPARAS  
PRESIDENT - 1986-87

12 May 1987

To All Governors of Districts Including Clubs Within the U.S.A.

Dear Fellow Officers:

You are all now familiar with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court that upheld the California law which prohibits clubs like Rotary from excluding women from membership on the basis of their gender. There are many questions about the impact of the decision upon Rotary, not only in the United States but also worldwide. I am writing you today my thoughts on the situation, knowing that most of you are being pressed for comments. In its upcoming meeting, the R.I. Board of Directors will give full consideration to the matter.

The R.I. Board is under obligation to uphold our constitution and By-Laws. We are, however, an organization that exists under the law, and our constitution provides that Rotary clubs shall be bound only by its provisions which are not contrary to the law. Because of the Duarte decision, the male only provision of our constitution cannot be enforced in California and in other places where that provision is determined to be contrary to law. Discriminatory practices are indeed so notoriously offensive to current public sentiment in America, and so patently in disfavor with the courts, that we believe our "male only" discriminatory provision will probably be stricken down in case of litigation even in those states which do not now have statutes similar to the California law. The Board, with members from ten countries, will address this American reality when it meets just before the convention. For now, the Board will not withdraw the charter of any Rotary club in the United States that accepts women members. However, Rotary's qualifications for membership, other than the male only provision, and the usual selective procedure for choosing members are not affected and will be enforced.

Needless to say, the Duarte decision applies for now only in the United States. Should any other country have a law that our male only provision violates, then we will have to comply with that law in that country.

It is obvious that we cannot long have an arrangement where women will be admitted in one country and not in another. Sooner or later, the Council on Legislation will probably change the constitution to make the practice uniform. But whether or not a particular woman will be admitted by any club, in whichever country it may be located, will still depend on the club.

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12 May 1987

In any case, Rotary has changed dramatically, and only time will tell whether the change is for better or for worse. It may yet prove to be the best thing that happened, if only because we will be able to shed the offensive "sexist" label. The lobby groups will now probably leave us and turn to other targets, unless we foolishly try to circumvent the law. Rotarians will stop wasting breath in the debate whether or not to accept women, and -- most importantly -- we should be able to do what we should be about in the first place -- serving others.

Sincerely,

  
M.A.T. CAPARAS  
President

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COMMENT BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

A number of you have called or written and asked for some guidance. All of you will find the letter from RI President Caparas helpful.

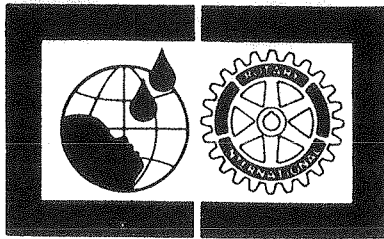
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We must function within the rules of Rotary. One reporter asked me, "Where does one apply for Rotary membership?" I explained carefully that one doesn't apply in the usual sense. One is recommended by an active Rotarian. An appropriate classification must be available. There is a period of getting acquainted, of learning the obligations of membership, and of understanding what is meant by the "Rotary World of Service." Only then does a membership proposal move forward.

I was equally ready to acknowledge that some clubs may not consider the possibility of women members very quickly. Other clubs may act promptly. I know of at least one club that is acting on the proposal to admit a particular professional woman who has been a frequent guest - they know her well and the classification is open.

My personal view is that New York City clubs are certainly under the same legal pressure as clubs in California. For the rest of New York State I am not as sure. I await legal opinion on the issue. I believe the matter is clear enough, however, that if a New York State Club should induct one or more women as members there is little hope the courts will stay the action.

If each Club proceeds in a responsible and thoughtful way in considering the question, there will be very little reason not to act as the membership determines.



# PolioPlus

A Rotary International Campaign TO IMMUNIZE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

11 May 1987

Marty Gillinson  
Flint Lock Ridge Road  
Katonah, New York 10536

Dear Marty:

I confirm our telephone conversation of Friday and was delighted to hear from you. I am very pleased to know that District 623 is going to play its share in immunizing the children of the world. To answer your specific question, our purpose is to raise funds for this wonderful project in such a way that by the time we meet in Philadelphia in June of 1988, we will be able to announce to the world that we have received in cash or in pledges (up to 5 years) a minimum of \$120,000,000.

This means, of course, that anyone can give their gift either in cash or in pledges over 1, 2, 3 or 5 years. Thus, anyone who wanted to contribute \$25,000 could pledge to give \$5,000 per year for the next 5 years.

I hope this answers the question that you had and I want you to know how delighted I was to talk with you.

Kind regards.

*Walter*  
Walter Maddocks  
Executive Director

## AS A MATTER OF FACTS:

- In judging a POLIOPLUS proposal from a National or Regional government, Rotary checks:
  - How closely it supports the objectives of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (of the World Health Organization),
  - Whether it combines polio immunization with vaccination against other childhood diseases,
  - How probable it is to immunize *at least* 80 percent of the country's children,
  - To what extent the effort would be supported by Rotarians in the target country.
- Projects in non-Rotary countries can often receive support from Rotarians in a neighboring country and are not ruled out.
- Approved POLIOPLUS projects, aside from immunizing children against polio, also introduce structures and methods to a country which can then be used in future national health efforts.
- To date, Rotary has approved US\$37.4 million for projects in 42 countries.
- The Rotary International Board of Trustees will in later this month to approve additional POLIOPLUS project countries.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

1986-87

GLEN T. NYGREEN

### ROTARIAN-OF-THE-MONTH

William J. (Joe) Hart of Mount Vernon Rotary is widely known in our District. This year he has served as President of Mount Vernon Rotary. Like many District 723 Club Presidents he has encountered obstacles and disappointments which would discourage most of us but has stayed at his post without wavering or doubting. He will leave his Club in a stronger position than when he took over, united, solvent, and with the problems needing action clearly defined.

Most of us are unaware of some of Joe's achievements. For example, do you know that Joe was the first American Black to earn the coveted Eagle Scout badge? That is commonplace now, but Joe was a pioneer in this and many other matters. Throughout a long career in public service, Joe has always measured up to the highest standards of ethical conduct. He has truly lived the Four-Way Test.

Whenever he has been called upon to serve Rotary, Joe has responded willingly. Those of us at the District Conference will long remember Joe's masterful job as emcee at the Friday night dinner. At all District events, Joe is a ready and helping hand at whatever needs to be done.

District 723 salutes a distinguished Rotarian, Joe Hart.



Stan Kellerhouse is on the right, despite the paper's designation.

Stan is a long time member of the Croton-On-Hudson Club.

Gannett/Kathy Kmonicek

**THEY'RE TOPS** — The Volunteer Service Bureau of United Way honored, from left, Dr. Stanley H. Kellerhouse of Croton-on-Hudson, Volunteer of the Year; Theresa Vitale, a graduating senior at Good Counsel Academy, White Plains, Student Volunteer of the Year; and Leonard Cohen of Yonkers, Man of the Year Award. Presentation of awards was made April 27 at the Tarrytown Hilton.

REGION USCB  
DISTRICT 723

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT 30 APRIL 1987

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CLUB NUMBER NAME	MBRS 12/85	NON RESTRICTED (REWARD UNIT)	RESTRICTED	POLIO PLUS	OTHER	YEAR	YEAR	TOTAL DOLLARS
005005 HAMILTON	101	.00	21,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	21,000.00
005006 PEMBROKE (HAMILTON)	37	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005007 ST GEORGES	29	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005008 SANDYS	48	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005009 ARMONK	13	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00
005010 BRIARCLIFF MANOR	26	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,300.00
005011 BRONX	106	.00	4,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4,000.00
005012 BRONXVILLE	44	.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
005013 CHINATOWN (NEW YORK)	26	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005014 CROTON-ON-HUDSON	27	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005015 EASTCHESTER	30	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00
005016 EAST YONKERS	44	.00	1,225.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,225.00
005017 ELMSFORD	36	.00	4,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4,000.00
005018 HARRISON	31	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
005019 HARRISON WEST	16	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005020 HARTSDALE	23	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005021 HASTINGS, DOBBS FERRY & ARDSLE	40	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005022 HAWTHORNE	22	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00
005023 KATONAH	38	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005024 LARCHMONT	54	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005025 MAMARONECK	39	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00
005026 MOUNT KISCO	47	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,200.00
005027 MOUNT VERNON	28	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005028 NEW ROCHELLE	62	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,442.84
005029 NEW YORK	363	1,000.00	6,760.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	21,940.00
005030 NORTH SHORE (STATEN ISLAND)	46	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00
005031 OSSINING	33	.00	123.60	.00	.00	.00	.00	123.60
005032 PEEKSKILL	68	.00	4,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4,000.00
005033 PELHAMS, THE	32	.00	1,195.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,196.00
005034 PLEASANTVILLE	51	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,330.00
005035 PORT CHESTER-RYE BROOK	70	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
005036 RYE	36	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005037 SCARSDALE	46	25.00	1,025.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,025.00
005038 SOUTH SHORE (STATEN ISLAND)	44	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005039 STATEN ISLAND	78	.00	.00	3,000.00	.00	.00	.00	3,025.00
005040 TARRYTOWNS, THE	44	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
005041 UPPER MANHATTAN	36	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
005042 VALHALLA	19	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
005043 WHITE PLAINS	127	100.00	4,600.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4,600.00
005044 YONKERS	81	.00	4,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4,000.00
005045 YORKTOWN	37	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00
021425 CHAPPAQUA	25	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
024587 RIVERDALE	0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
901723 DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS	0	4,000.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	2,203	2,875.00	62,428.60	3,000.00	.00	.00	.00	89,407.44

ROTARY CLUB TOP TEN  
DISTRICT RANKING REPORT

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ROTARY CLUB RANK	ROTARY CLUB NAME	NUMBER OF MEMBERS 3/31/87	NUMBER OF MEMBERS 4/30/87	LOSS AND GAIN	PERCENT AVERAGE ATTENDANCE APRIL 1987
1	TARRYTOWN	43	43	0	93.02
2	CHINATOWN	11	11	0	93.00
3	ELMSFORD	33	33	0	92.50
4	LARCHMONT	55	55	0	87.84
5	NORTH SHORE	47	47	0	86.88
6	RYE	33	36	3	86.33
7	HARRISON-WEST	18	17	- 1	84.33
8	SCARSDALE	41	41	0	83.87
9	MOUNT KISCO	48	48	0	83.35
10	EAST YONKERS	37	37	0	82.43

ABOVE AVERAGE DISTRICTS

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11	BRONXVILLE	43	39	- 4	81.10
12	PELHAMS	32	32	0	81.00
13	SOUTH SHORE	50	52	2	80.50
14	PEMBROKE	31	31	0	80.00
15	YONKERS	91	91	0	79.00
16	PLEASANTVILLE	51	52	1	78.40
17	WHITE PLAINS	129	135	6	77.70
18	ARMONK	17	17	0	77.62
19	VALHALLA	15	15	0	76.17
20	KATONAH	38	39	1	76.10
21	HAMILTON	99	101	2	76.00
22	MAMARONECK	41	42	1	75.75

DISTRICT AVERAGE =====> 74.55%

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23	HASTINGS-DF-ARDSLY	38	35	- 3	74.36
24	STATEN ISLAND	100	100	0	74.00
25	MOUNT VERNON	29	31	2	73.47
25	NEW ROCHELLE	64	64	0	73.47
27	PEEKSKILL	73	73	0	72.01
28	PORT CHESTER	69	68	- 1	71.70
29	NEW YORK	373	375	2	69.50
30	YORKTOWN	32	32	0	68.32
31	BRIARCLIFF	29	29	0	67.00
31	HARRISON	30	30	0	67.00
33	OSSINING	39	39	0	66.30
34	BRONX	97	96	- 1	65.26
35	HAWTHORNE	24	24	0	65.00
36	CROTON-ON-HUDSON	26	25	- 1	64.00
37	CHAPPAQUA	31	31	0	63.00
37	ST. GEORGE	30	30	0	63.00
38	HARTSDALE	19	19	0	61.46
39	EASTCHESTER	26	25	- 1	61.25
41	SANDYS	51	51	0	58.08
42	UPPER MANHATTAN	17	34	17	50.00

ROTARY CLUB  
 INFORMATION REPORT  
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ROTARY CLUB NUMBER	ROTARY CLUB NAME	NUMBER OF MEMBERS 4/30/87	PERCENT AVERAGE ATTENDANCE APRIL 1987	NUMBER OF MEETINGS APRIL
1	ARMONK	17	77.62	4
2	BRIARCLIFF	29	67.00	4
3	BRONX	96	55.26	4
4	BRONXVILLE	39	81.10	4
5	CHAPPAQUA	31	63.00	4
6	CHINATOWN	11	93.00	4
7	CROTON-ON-HUDSON	25	64.00	4
8	EASTCHESTER	25	61.25	4
9	EAST YONKERS	37	82.43	4
10	ELMSFORD	33	92.50	4
11	HAMILTON	101	76.00	4
12	HARRISON	30	67.00	5
13	HARRISON-WEST	17	84.33	4
14	HARTSDALE	19	61.46	5
15	HASTINGS-DF-ARDSLY	35	74.36	4
16	HAWTHORNE	24	65.00	4
17	KATONAH	39	76.10	4
18	LARCHMONT	55	87.84	5
19	MAMARONECK	42	75.75	5
20	MOUNT KISCO	48	83.35	5
21	MOUNT VERNON	31	73.47	4
22	NEW ROCHELLE	64	73.47	4
23	NEW YORK	375	69.50	5
24	NORTH SHORE	47	86.88	4
25	OSSINING	39	66.30	4
26	PEEKSKILL	73	72.01	5
27	PELHAMS	32	81.00	4
28	PEMBROKE	31	80.00	4
29	PLEASANTVILLE	52	78.40	4
30	PORT CHESTER	68	71.70	4
31	RYE	36	86.33	4
32	SANDYS	51	58.08	5
33	SCARSDALE	41	83.87	5
34	SOUTH SHORE	52	80.50	5
35	SAINT GEORGE	30	63.00	5
36	STATEN ISLAND	100	74.00	4
37	TARRYTOWN	43	93.02	5
38	UPPER MANHATTAN	34	50.00	4
39	VALHALLA	15	76.17	4
40	WHITE PLAINS	135	77.70	4
41	YONKERS	91	79.00	4
42	YORKTOWN	32	68.32	4