

# Rotary News

District 7230

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*from the D. G.*



I hope you thoroughly enjoyed our Annual Paul Harris Luncheon at the Crown Plaza in White Plains. It was a wonderful spring experience when we all emerged from our winter hibernation to meet our friends and colleagues from across the District.

Paul Harris fellowships are the primary fuel for our Rotary Foundation. World Community Service, The Ambassadorial Scholarships and Group Study Exchange are some of the programs supported by the Foundation. Every time we see a Paul Harris medal displayed, we can be proud of the Rotary achievements in bringing about world peace and understanding.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed and greeted over fifty Rotarians whom we can proudly call Paul Harris Fellows. Another wonderful achievement for our Clubs and District!

Sincerely,

*Patricia Anderson*

## PRESIDENTIAL APPEAL TO ALL ROTARY CLUBS FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF IN THE BALKANS

April 1999

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As individuals committed to the ideals of world understanding and peace, you are most certainly concerned with the grave situation unfolding in the Balkans -- the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled and the plight of those who have remained in the area and are enduring serious hardships. All are facing an uncertain future. I am writing to you today to provide you with an opportunity through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this crisis.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), an established non-political disaster relief organization headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, works to help protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence. Through a contribution to a specific Rotary account established with the ICRC, Rotarians can help to provide immediate assistance to the innocent victims, particularly children, suffering because of the conflict. Contributions to this fund will provide emergency relief, including food, medical items, water supply and sanitation materials. Funds, rather than donated goods, are needed at this time.

A special grant of US\$500,000 from the Children's Opportunities Fund has been made to start this account. I now encourage you to consider a donation as well, which can be handled in two ways. You can contribute directly to the fund by sending payment to:

Account Number CO-183,222.8 -- Rotary  
HPCPB  
UBS SA  
P.O. Box 2770  
CH-1211 Geneva 2  
Switzerland

You can also make a restricted donation to The Rotary Foundation, which will in turn be donated to the same fund in Geneva. If you choose to send funds via The Rotary Foundation, make checks payable to The Rotary Foundation, earmark them "Rotary HPCPB" and send to The Rotary Foundation, c/o Harris Trust & Savings Bank, P.O. Box 71169, Chicago, IL 60694-1169, USA. Contributions through The Rotary Foundation will be eligible for the usual recognition.

It is my hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to Follow Your Rotary Dream to help rebuild the future for hundreds of thousands of people impacted by this crisis.

Sincerely,

*James L. Lacy*  
President

# In and Around OUR DISTRICT



**THE SPIRIT OF KOREA** was celebrated in grand style by some 80 Rotarians on March 9, 1999 at the lovely Palasadium overlooking the Historic Hudson River and the New York skyline. Rotarian Dong Lee, Past President of South Shore Rotary, planned a magnificent Korean menu and splendid evening of comfortable and enjoyable fellowship.

**THE ARMONK CLUB** ..... is working on leveraging seed money in order to obtain matching grants to support town, school development, purchase of books and instructional materials for Berkino Faso. Leading the effort is Armonk's President Matt Bartholomew.

**THE BRONX ROTARY CLUB** ..... is sponsoring a project to purchase ophthalmological equipment for a clinic in Andhra Pradesh, India. The co-sponsor is the Vizag Midtown Club of District 3020, which supports Rotary Netra, an eye clinic serving 560 tribal and rural villages. The Bronx Club is raising \$ 10,000, the Vizag Midtown Club will raise \$ 6,000 and The Rotary Foundation will provide a matching grant of \$ 14,000. The project has been spearheaded by Bronx Club President RAM GUPTA who has traveled to the area to visit family members.

**THE CHINATOWN CLUB** ..... Club President Richard Chow invites all Rotarians to Chinatown Rotary's Annual Chinese Banquet Dinner at Jiang Fong Restaurant in Chinatown, New York City. Please call Walter Metzger at 212-792-7200 for details and reservations.

**OUR DISTRICT** ..... has applied for a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation to purchase badly needed technical equipment for Centro Educacional Ann Sullivan, a school for hearing disabled children in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Our District Governor, Patricia Anderson, has joined with project coordinator, PDG Yutaka Okumura of District 4570 in Brazil to raise \$9,600 from the two districts and The Rotary Foundation.

**THE EAST YONKERS ROTARY CLUB** ..... is planning an exciting Spring program of activities according to Club President Ethel Rosally. The Club will honor Yonkers school principal, Angelo Petrone, at its Administrator of the Year Luncheon on May 14. On June 1, the Club will hosts its' Scholarship Luncheon when it will present high school students with scholarships for community service.

**THE GATEWAY ROTARY CLUB** ..... is supporting a project to build a footbridge to a small hospital in Haiti. On a sadder note, Club President Richard Walsh informs us of the passing of Gateway's first President and first Paul Harris Fellow, Harvey Orleck. We extend our sympathies to Harvey's family and his colleague Rotarians of the Gateway Club.

**THE HAMILTON ROTARY CLUB** ..... celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a gala dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The guests were ceremonially piped into the dining room by G.L. Cook who finished with a stirring rendition of "Scotland The Brave." Speakers included Mansfield J. Brock, Past President of the Hamilton Club. ( For those of you going to Bermuda this year, check the Bermuda dollars - his name is on them as Chairman of the Bermuda Monetary Authority ! ) The evening ended with an extensive raffle with Arthur Morris, who is always a gracious host for home hospitality winning two of the grand prizes. District Governor Patricia Anderson presented Hamilton President Gil Tucker with a proclamation from the Mayor of New Rochelle, since the New Rochelle Rotary Club sponsored the Hamilton Club all those years ago.

**THE MID-ISLAND ROTARY CLUB** ..... sponsored its' First Annual Wine Tasting Dinner for over 80 people. Club President Henry Salmon reports that John Schulz and Vince Monardo planned and organized this very successful event. Rotarian chef David Mazzie prepared the food that complemented each wine served.

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**THE MT. KISCO ROTARY CLUB** ..... has undertaken several local and international projects according to Club President Gene Hirsch. Through the efforts of the Mt. Kisco Club, a full 18-wheel tractor and trailerload of relief supplies was sent to Honduras. The project was supervised by Rotarian Helen Bowers. In addition, the Club hosted a 14 year old boy from Jamaica, Jermaine Smith who needed open heart surgery. Free air tickets were arranged for both Jermaine and his father. Due to the severity of Jermaine's condition, surgery could not be done at the Westchester Medical Center. So, arrangements were made for Jermaine to have the required procedure done at Boston's Children's Hospital. The procedure was done, and Jermaine has returned home. However, Jermaine will have to return to determine if a repeat procedure needs to be done. It should be noted that the Boston procedure was experimental, and Jermaine would have eventually died if this had not been performed. The host family, David and Mt. Kisco Rotarian Helen Bowers kept Jermaine's father and Jermaine for 9 weeks. Usually, a parent and child remain here for about half that time..... On the local scene, Mt. Kisco Rotarians did their semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway, contributed heavily to the Katonah Community Center. This center provides food and clothing to indigent families. More than half of the families are from Mt. Kisco. Three Paul Harris Fellows were named: Helen Bowers, Alan Marino and Elinor Whalen.

**THE NEW YORK ROTARY CLUB** ..... celebrated the birthday of its' oldest member, Howard McPherson. He's 93 years young. Here you see Howard and NY Past President Arcadio Casillas marking Howard's day at New York Rotary.



**HAPPY  
93,  
HOWARD !**

**SCARSDALE ROTARY**..... Club President Walter Felice reports that his Club has purchased and distributed four fully equipped bicycles and helmets for Children's Village kids who have no bicycles. This is part of Scarsdale Rotary's on-going Adopt-A-Cottage Program at Children's Village.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WHITE PLAINS** ..... continues to be a busy Club according to Club President David Spivak. The Club co-sponsored 'HUNGER NO MORE' - a program designed to arrest hunger in White Plains in this century and begin the new millennium hunger free. W.P. Rotarian Glen Hockley coordinated the efforts of W.P. Rotarians.... Rotarian Karl Milde is busy coordinating the up-coming W.P. Soap Box Derby which is being sponsored by W.P. Rotary on May 30. PDG Andrew Morzello applied for and received a Children's Opportunities Grant from Rotary International. The grant will permit the purchase of 6 car kits for poor kids, who otherwise would not be able to purchase car kits, to build their own cars and compete in the race. The W.P. Slater Community Center will identify the six youngsters for participation.

**THE YONKERS ROTARY CLUB** ..... Club President Philip Verre announces that the Yonkers Rotary Club in support of President Lacy's 1999 theme of world literacy has made a \$3,000 contribution to an adult literacy program in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa ( District 9270). The contribution will support the training of new teachers in reading and writing who then will reach out to needy and isolated communities. The project was launched by PDG Vic Bredenkamp ( Dist. 9270) in 1992. Vic and his wife, Marie, will travel to America and address the Yonkers Club as its May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. All Rotarians and guests are welcome. The Club is planning to support a second literacy project with monies raised from its upcoming International Dinner scheduled for Thursday evening, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hudson River Museum. For more information, please call Club President Phil Verre at 914-963-4550.

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Walk into a luncheon meeting any Thursday, at the Marriott East Hotel, and you will find yourself in the stimulating atmosphere of what is sometimes described as a "miniature United Nations". The clubs location, right in the center of New York City, and its close proximity to the UN, attracts an interesting potpourri of members and guests. Ambassadors and Consul Generals from various countries, as well as men and women from diverse cultures, representing both local and international businesses, makeup our present membership of 181.

The history of the New York Rotary begins on August 24, 1909 with 15 charter members, Bradford Bullock as its first president and Paul Harris the first elected honorary member. The clubs' chief slogan was, "Rotary Club of New York: composed of men who are old enough to know how to do business and young enough to want more business to do".

The first lapel pin in the history of Rotary was designed and made by club member John Frick. The pin was the forerunner of the traditional Rotary pin worn today and is presently displayed in the NYR office.

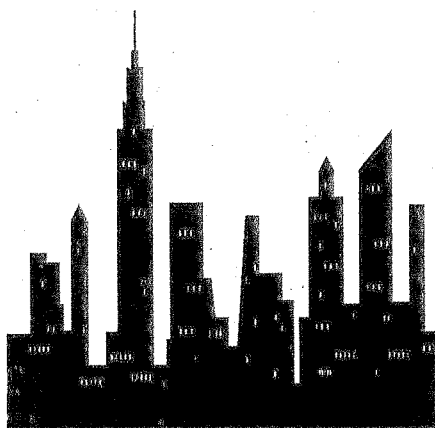
In 1919 a New York Rotarian visited the Rotary Club of London and presented them with a banner he designed and made. This very act was the beginning of the club banners exchange which takes place daily throughout the world of Rotary.

Beginning in 1918, the Rotary club of New York presented for several years, a silk American flag to each club outside of the United States. This very special deed was recognized in 1919 by a special resolution at the convention of Rotary International, for creating "peace and good will" abroad.

New York Rotary participated in the founding of the National Association of Rotary Club in Chicago in 1910. The delegates from the New York Club brought to the

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The Grandest Rotary In Town !



convention a draft constitution and by-laws of what is now Rotary International's present day constitution and by-laws. President Ray Knoeppel served as chairman of the committee that rendered the final draft. Paul Harris noted, "no one is in a better position to realize the great contribution the Rotary club of New York made in the development phase of Rotary International".

Paul Harris paid tribute to the Club, once again, in 1934 when he designated it the "Host club of America". The name stuck and over the last 89 years the Rotary club of New York has hosted over 50,000 Rotaries from clubs around the world. Each week the visitors are welcomed with our special song, which was written and copyrighted by a member in 1945.

A prized possession of the club was the "Attention Bell" won in an attendance contest with the Rotary Club of Boston in 1922. The bell was from the British Auxiliary warship, "Patrol No. 20" and was mounted on oak timber from Admiral Nelson's flagship, "Victory". The original bell was stolen during a fire at the Hotel Roosevelt in 1978 but was replaced by the London Club in 1992. The bell we see today at the luncheons is from a British submarine chaser, the "H.M.S. P20".

History reveals that the New York Rotary Club always had a propensity for searching out the big projects such as contributing a dozen World War I ambulances to the war effort in 1917 and building a full summer camp on Fire Island for crippled children in 1926 called "Camp Cheerful".

Today the club continues its involvement with a variety of humanitarian projects such as feeding the homeless, establishing a computer lab in a Harlem elementary school, hosting "Gift of Life" children who come from impoverished countries for life saving heart operations, etc. etc. Our club is involved with the United Nations non-governmental agency through a special International Rotary representative. In addition, New York Rotary's own Foundation has contributed approximately \$60,000 yearly to needy causes and projects in the New York community and abroad.

The club co-sponsors a very involved Rotaract Club with the UN as well as the Interact Club at Stuyvesant High School and boasts winning ambassadorial scholarship candidates the last couple of years.

The New York Rotary Club is at the forefront of the present Rotary International Public Relations effort and our first woman officer has produced a series of Rotary informational tapes that is presently airing on cable TV. She has also been appointed "Rotary International Media Liaison to New York".

We have recently created our first "worldwide website". Our past history is fascinating but watch us as we move into the millenium to create a new era of "future history".

By

*Helen Reister*

New York Rotary Club

# The Inner Wheel

## Helping To Spin The Rotary Wheel of Service

During World War I in England and Ireland, Rotarians were overburdened with service needs. Their wives banded together to help them with the projects and social service work undertaken by 'Rotary. Women, in doing this, found they enjoyed meeting other wives of Rotarians, women they otherwise probably never would have known. When the pressure of wartime was over, they felt it was a shame to disband, and as the Rotarians urged their wives to form an organization similar to the make up, ideals and principles of Rotary, the first Inner Wheel club was formed in Manchester, England in 1924 by a Mrs. Oliver Golding. She was encouraged in her work by Paul Harris, who stated that he was well disposed toward the concept of Inner Wheel as an international movement.

The names and ideals were decided upon and they have never changed. Our objects are:

- To promote TRUE FRIENDSHIP
- To encourage the ideals of PERSONAL SERVICE
- To foster INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The friendship and worldwide aspect of Inner Wheel is emphasized by exchange visits and letters among Districts, Clubs and members in different countries. A member may visit another Inner Wheel club in any country, and is always assured a warm welcome. One of the joys of Inner Wheel is the opportunity given to members all over the world to know one another and exchange opinions at the UN on the non-governmental organization of the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) which bring together a wide spectrum of Professional and Business Associations, Trade Unions, Religious, Youth and Women's Organizations, and other Voluntary Groups. We now have 8 Inner Wheel members accredited at the UN offices in Geneva, Vienna and New York. Meetings attended on Drug Abuse, the Rights of the Child and other topical subjects. Currently, "Aging" is a matter which concerns all nations, and Inner Wheel is represented on the NCO's (non-governmental organization) aging committee.

Inner Wheel came to the USA shortly after the end of World War II. There are now approximately 80 clubs in the USA - half of which are on the West Coast. The oldest active club in our country, chartered in 1951 is Stamford/Hobart right here in the state of New York.

Projects we support locally include:

- My Sister's Place
- Northern Westchester Shelter
- Open Door Family Medical Group

- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Golden Books to Westchester Medical Center
- Honduras Relief Fund

### HELPING KIDS TO WALK

We also support the Inner Wheel Foundation. At present, the Foundation is funding a very worthwhile cause, a myo-electric limb bank for children. Myo, incidentally, means muscle. Annually, over 300 children nationwide are born with upper limb deficiency. Another 200 lose limbs due to disease or injury. This bank provides a system for recycling, refurbishing and distributing myo-electric limbs for children from age 0 to age 21.

A myo-electric limb is a plastic prosthesis with a battery-operated hand, covered by a flesh colored glove. A custom-made socket helps the hand fit over the remaining portion of the child's limb.

The child activates the hand by flexing muscles located at specific sites on the residual limb. These contractions are then picked up by electrodes, which send signals to a switch located at the base of the hollow plastic arm, causing the thumb and forefinger of the hand to open or close in a pinching motion.

The myo-electric prosthesis was developed about 20 years ago and was first only available to adults, but now children as young as 1 year's old wear them.

The myo-electric hand carries a five-figure price tag, so it is out of reach for many people, and it is therefore very important that used myo-electric hands be donated for refurbishing and reuse. A typical child will need a new prosthesis each year as long as the child grows - and insurance does not cover.

There are presently 2 clinics participating - The Rehabilitation Engineering Center at the Dorothy Slater Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California and the Children's Hospital in Newington, Connecticut right here in our own backyard. These clinics are testing and evaluating the procedures so that the program can be expanded to other clinic sites.

We continue to take pride in helping Rotary and Rotarians achieve service to needy people, and especially to children.

Dear Andy,

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### THE DISTRICT TRAINER

by

PDG Andrew L. Morzello

Rotary Club of White Plains

Can you write something to inspire us to help kids?

What an interesting question! I'll try my best to answer it. In the March 1999 issue of *The Rotarian*, some 100 programs and projects dedicated to helping kids were described. You may want to revisit the March issue in order to obtain some specific program ideas.

I would like to take a different, practical and simple approach to helping kids. I believe that it is critically important to build a child's self-esteem and sense of importance and recognition. In order to do this, we need to praise and compliment our kids often.

I would like to share with you a poster I observed on a recent visit to a Head Start program:

### 101 WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD

- Wow \* Way to Go
- You're special \* Outstanding
- Excellent \* Great
- Good \* Neat
- Well done \* Remarkable
- I knew you could do it
- I'm proud of you
- Super Star \* Nice work
- Looking good
- You're on top of it
- You're catching on
- Now you've got it
- How smart \* Good job
- That's Incredible \* Hot dog
- Remarkable job
- You're Beautiful
- You're a winner \*
- You make me happy
- Hip, Hip Hooray
- You're important
- Magnificent \* Beautiful
- Fantastic \* You're on target
- You're on your way \* How nice
- You're Spectacular
- You're Darling
- Super \* Super job
- Beautiful work \* Good for you
- Nothing can stop you now
- Dynamite \* You're fantastic
- Awesome \* You're precious
- Fantastic job
- You've discovered the secret
- Bingo' \* Great discovery
- You are responsible
- Your are exciting \* You are fun
- You a real trooper
- Marvelous \* Terrific
- You're growing up
- Outstanding performance
- You tried hard
- You figured it out
- What a good listener
- You're a treasure
- You mean a lot to me
- You're a good friend
- That's correct \* A big hug
- What an imagination
- You learned it right
- You're incredible
- Now you're flying
- Bravo \* Beautiful
- I like you \* I respect you
- You're Sensational \* Phenomenal
- A+ job \* Hooray for you
- You're unique \* You care
- Creative job \* You belong
- You brighten my day
- Super work \* That's the best
- You made my day
- Say I love you !
- Beautiful sharing
- You mean the world to me
- You're important
- You've got a friend \* You're a joy
- You make me laugh
- You're A-OK - my buddy
- I trust you \* You're perfect
- You're wonderful \* A big Kiss
- Exceptional performance
- p.s. Remember, a smile is worth 1000 words !

