

# Rotary News

**District 7230**

**Governor: Pat Anderson**

**Editor: Andy Morzello**

Summer 1999



## Hail & Farewell!

Patricia Anderson

District Governor 98-99

'Tis the end of June and time for farewell.  
But tarry a while, there's much to tell.  
The year has been filled with joy and surprises,  
So read on a bit, while I hand out some prizes.  
To Pullen, to Minors, to Gregory Lynch  
Who put on our conference and never did flinch.  
They gave us a trial, but - we'll give it a whirl.  
For On-to-Bermuda, we had quite a crowd.  
Call Coby Ellingwood, thank him out loud.  
McGinnis, Appuzo and Timothy Rice,  
You've all had great years, you've all been so nice.  
To Mike Armiento and J. Fioretti,  
The Judge John Alfano - they always gave plenty.  
Ken Decker from North Shore, Accuri from Croton,  
Found members galore, now their clubs are gloating.  
To E. Cosentino, the diva divine,  
When counting up favorites, you're one of mine.  
Greet Neil O'Connell from Upper Manhattan.  
He's equally charming in English or Latin.  
To Verre, called Phil, and to Burnette, named Bill,  
Let it be known you're top of the hill.  
Van Perlestein, R. Swanson, their student exchange,  
Develop our kids, and prepares them long-range.  
Gil Tucker, L. Jacobs and those in Bermuda  
All are team players - not one barracuda.  
Don Hubert, Craig Sundahl, the fine Matt Carlone,  
All gave the warm feeling I was never alone.  
Gene Hirsch, Ira Bernstein, Dave Spivak, Bob Benson  
All were so willing, so able and then some.

D. Humphrey, Blanche Crawford and Gilda C  
Devoted to Riverdale and their Rotary.  
To Robinson, Andy, Rotarian handy.  
In matters of insurance,  
With appetite hearty, he's great at a party and  
Dances with endurance.  
Let's pop a cork and toast New York, Lew Kulik, president,  
Barnett, Reisler and Casillas, their time has been well spent.  
Let's hoist some grog for Ellie Rogg,  
A woman of great knowledge.  
For it was she, with suave Don Lee  
Gave Rotaract to Wagner College.  
Let's sing a song for Paul Barton,  
Who ran out fun golf outing.  
The day was swell, he planned it well,  
And did it without pouting.  
To Ellis Johnson, a secretary neat as can be,  
He'll dot every I and cross every t.  
Lynn Schiffman, Keith Boyer, H. Salmon, John Bush,  
Knew what they were doing, they needed no push.  
Ginnie Ward, Gary Fox and courtly George Fuhrman,  
All were self-starters, they needed no sermon.  
Glen Nygreen, Ram Gupta, Mario G.,  
Cheng and Felice, and Patty D.,  
Praises to you and E. Rosally.  
Pleasantville, Scarsdale and Hamilton, too  
Reached Seventy-five, my kudos to you.  
We focused on literacy and work international,  
Given my background, it only seemed natural.

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Our District Assembly, our Korean Dinner  
Both were delightful, both were a winner.  
Then came Paul Harris, some 300 plus,  
It went off superbly, no muss and no fuss.  
From England they came, our group study team,  
Helen Lynch hosted and served up the cream.  
In life's lively journey, there are always a few  
Who do more than others, without much ado.  
On them I heap praises and sincerest of thanks.  
They're award-winning stars, as good as Tom Hanks.  
So when you want a job done, but need a mood mellow,  
Turn to the BEST, get *Andy Morzello*.  
When the going gets tough and you need a straight thinker,  
Go to White Plains and find *George Koplinka*.  
Let's clear our plates, for PDG *Katze*,  
A man of true devotion.  
Invite him to lunch, he'll talk a bunch and get your club in motion.  
Our District is solvent, all bills paid on time,  
Due to *Lou Mahler*, who counts every dime.  
We hail *Mary Ryback*, to her sing a chorus,'s  
She did a great job n world community service.  
When hurricanes came, and battered and hit them,  
She reached out to all, to every last victim.  
Bravo *Caruso*, from the island of Staten,  
Also his conference, on the isle of Manhattan.  
Then welcome to warm, *Janet DiBenedetto*,  
We all know for sure, she'll be great from the get go.  
And last but not least, a paean to Dick,  
He's been with me always,  
Through thin and through thick.  
He's cooked for my team, he's been good for a laugh.  
For any I've missed, I've run out of steam,  
But please be assured, you're all part of the Dream !

**THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK !**

*Patricia Anderson*

District Governor

## UPDATES.....

### 346 + ATTEND PAUL HARRIS LUNCHEON

Over 345 District Rotarians gathered to honor our 50 new Paul Harris Fellows at our annual Paul Harris Luncheon on April 30, 1999 at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains.

Of the 32 clubs represented at the luncheon, *White Plains* had the largest contingent of Rotarians with 77 followed by *Hartsdale* and *Rye* with 20 respectively; *Mt. Vernon* and *New Rochelle* with 17 respectively; *Mt. Kisco* with 15 and *Eastchester* and *East Yonkers* with 13 respectively.



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### FIRST GIRL, VANESSA UMBRO, WINS WHITE PLAINS ROTARY-SPONSORED SOAP BOX DERBY !

Hundreds of spectators lined the hill of North Broadway in White Plains to see some 46 youngsters, aged 9 to 16, compete in an old-fashioned soap box derby co-sponsored by the White Plains Rotary Club.

White Plains Rotarian and Soap Box Derby Chair *Karl Milde* presented Vanessa Umbro of New Rochelle the trophy for winning the event. Vanessa, 10 years of age, is the first girl to win the soap box derby. She will represent White Plains at the finals in Akron, Ohio.

Fenton Soliz, 11, placed second, while 9 year-old Ashley Truett finished third. Both are from White Plains.

Six youngsters competed in cars sponsored and purchased by a Children's Opportunity Grant from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Proceeds from the race will go to the American Red Cross and the White Plains Rotary Club Foundation.

### GRACE ROMA, YORKTOWN ROTARIAN, RECEIVES BARNEY WEINBERG AWARD.

Grace Roma of the Yorktown Rotary Club was awarded the prestigious Barney Weinberg Award for outstanding community service. The annual Award is given by the Rotary Club of Upper Manhattan to the Rotarian who has given noteworthy and meritorious community service at home and abroad. The award is named for the late Barney Weinberg, Past President of the Upper Manhattan Rotary Club and for many years Chairman of the Educational Awards Committee of our Rotary District.



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### DISTRICT-SPONSORED PROGRAM DISTRIBUTES VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTS TO 360,000 CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES

Past District Governor *Charles Katze* of the Rotary Club of Yonkers reports that the Vitamin A Program to which the Clubs of our District contributed \$25,000 is on target in meeting its goals.

Some 86 Rotary Clubs in the Philippines have participated in distributing Vitamin A pills to children in need of the supplemental vitamins. One pill is good for six months at the cost of a few cents. Thus far, 386,000 first grade pupils in 2,700 schools have received the initial dose and will be given two doses for three years.

Vitamin A deficiency can cause blindness in children. In the Philippines, there are areas where Vitamin A deficiency in children is endemic — with up to 40% affected. The Vitamin A Supplementation Program provides Vitamin A pills, advocacy work, education of parents regarding foods rich in Vitamin A, seeds for nutrient crops, and regular surveillance and check-ups of children.



PDG Charles Katze with Philippine children who received supplemental Vitamin A.

### COME TO THE INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAUL CARUSO

The Five Rotary Clubs of Staten Island cordially invite you to the Installation of *Paul Caruso* of the Rotary Club of North Shore as our next District Governor. Here are the details:

Date: June 30, 1999 (Wednesday)

Time: 6 PM Open Bar 7 PM Dinner and Ceremonies

Price: \$25 per person

Location: LiGreci's Staten Restaurant,

697 Forest Ave., Staten Island, NY

Transportation: Bus from Westchester - \$10 per person

4:30 pick-up at Elmsford Raceway, Rte. 9

For event reservations, call Vic Carillo at 732-819-2637

For bus transportation, call Coby Ellingwood @ 914-921-2244



By

Andrew L. Morzello, PDG

Rotary Club of White Plains

Ask  
The  
District  
Trainer

Andy, can you give me some facts about the programs of Rotary?

Rotary has many and diverse programs. Here are some:

- Polio Plus is Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio by the year 2005. As a result of the efforts of Rotary International and its partners, one billion children have been immunized against polio since 1987.
- The Rotary Foundation's Humanitarian Programs support a wide range of international service activities. The most widely used program is Matching Grants, which makes one-time awards to match contributions raised by clubs and districts for projects involving Rotary clubs in two or more countries. Each year, some 1,000+ Matching Grants are awarded by the Rotary Foundation. Large-scale Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants support sustainable projects that improve health, help alleviate hunger, or enhance human development. Our District's Vitamin A Supplementation Project is a 3-H Grant.
- The Ambassadorial Scholarships Program sponsors some 1,300 scholars each year to study in a country other than their own. It is the largest privately sponsored international scholarships program in the world.

#### A Parting Word .....

This is my last column as your District Trainer. It has been a pleasure to serve Rotary in this capacity. I thank you — the Rotarians of our District — for your support. I particularly thank our District Governor Patricia Anderson and Past District Governor Charles Katze for giving me the opportunity to be District Trainer.

Most especially, I thank DG Pat for being a positive, kind, courageous and steadfast leader of our District. A positive and courageous leader she, indeed, has been. Encouraging us to promote literacy at home and abroad, concentrating our efforts on helping the children of Brazil, having the courage to take a District Conference to Bermuda — all have been actions to lead us to greater service. A kind and steadfast leader, she, indeed, has been. In the face of disagreements, she pushes and pulls of being District Governor, she always kept a balanced view of what to do in Rotary. She never let her individual ambition lose the focus of what a Governor should do — namely, to keep the purpose of Rotary — SERVICE — always and clearly in mind. DG Pat did this exceptionally well. Pat Anderson held the Rotary banner high for all of us to see and follow — for that we all owe her our deepest and sincerest thanks.



### MEET OUR 1999 - 2000 ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS



**DAVID HOWARD SINKMAN**

Rotary Club Of New York

I grew up and attended public school in New Rochelle. After graduation in 1993, I attended the University of Michigan where I majored in History. I graduated in 1997.

I am extremely excited about being a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar. Every day, I look forward to waking up in a new country, expressing myself in a language other than English, and sharing experiences with new friends. My goals as an Ambassadorial Scholar are to broaden my understanding of a different culture and way of thinking, and to communicate the goodwill and viewpoints of the young people of the United States.

I plan on attending the University of Bocconi in Milan, Italy. My course of study will emphasize international political and economic issues. Bocconi has a strong academic program, as well as tremendous research opportunities. For my senior year at Michigan I worked with archivists at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, and created an original work that detailed the nuclear policy of Presidents Ford and Reagan. My work resulted in my selection as the Student Speaker at the University of Michigan Honors Graduation.

Thank you,

*David Howard Sinkman*



**DOROTHY M. SANDLER**

Rotary Club of New York

Born and raised in Greenwich Village, I attended New York City public schools as well as Friends Seminary and the Trinity School. In 1998, I graduated cum laude from Yale University, where I majored in Classical Languages and Literature.

As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, I will travel to London in October, 1999 to pursue graduate work in Renaissance Studies at the Warburg Institute, University of London. In this twelve month Masters program, I will explore the social, cultural and intellectual history of the Renaissance period and the role of the Classical tradition within European history.

I am currently living in Florence, Italy, where I am studying Italian and preparing for my graduate work in London. I am extremely grateful to Rotary International and to the New York Rotary Club for giving me this opportunity. It is an honor and a privilege to represent New York, the United States and Rotary as an Ambassadorial Scholar.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy Sandler*



### Reflections of GSE team to Manchester



Left to Right: Van Kozelka, Pam Thornton, Jeff Clapp, British Mayor Van Kozelka, Amanda Despirito, Helen Lynch



Left to Right, Front Row: Van Kozelka, Amanda Despirito, Jeff Clapp. Back Row: Derek Silverwood, group leader Helen Lynch, Pam Thornton, British Rotarian.

The GSE Team from District 7230 returned from Manchester England on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Among the group was Group Leader Helen Lynch from the Yorktown Club, Jeffrey Clapp, sponsored by the Upper Manhattan Club; Amanda Desperito, sponsored by the Mt. Kisco club; Van Kozelka, sponsored by the Katonah Club; and Pamela Thornton from the New Rochelle Club. Now that the GSE team has been back in the US for a few weeks they have had time to reflect on their experiences in Manchester and share a few of their impressions.

When we first arrived in Manchester, we were warmly greeted at the airport on Sunday at 7:00 am by the District Governor, Derek Silverwood, and a contingent from Rotary clubs throughout District 1050. We were scheduled to stay with between 4-5 host families during our stay and we were struck by the hospitality we received. Each of our host families was so gracious and accommodating, giving up a great deal of their time and money to make sure we felt at home and were transported from one event to the other with ease. Truly service above self.

During our month abroad we saw a great deal of District 1050 and the surrounding area. Our first days were spent in Buxton and Glossop in the High Peak District, surrounded by lush meadows, dry stone walls, and hills full of sheep. We journeyed on to the city of Manchester, which is still rebuilding from the 1996 IRA bombing, with its canals and universities and new focus on loft housing. To the west we ventured on to the walled city of Chester built by the Romans. Along the way we visited between 13-15 Rotary Clubs giving our presentations and finding out about their work and service to their communities.

Rotary Clubs in District 1050 have many "male only" clubs, which had special significance for our group as our leader, Helen Lynch, was a woman Rotarian from the Yorktown Club. We also never failed to mention that our District Governor, Patricia Anderson, is a woman. The debate continues in Britain over the admission of women as Rotarians and in fact, as we were leaving, the Buxton club has just voted to allow women members. The Inner Wheel is reserved for the wives of Rotarians, but we did not get a chance to attend any of their meetings.

Each club had a part in our cultural and vocational days. We met the Mayor of the High Peak, the Mayor of Nantwich and Crewe, visited Chatsworth, the estate of the Duke of Devonshire. Some industrial guided tours were arranged for Rolls Royce, British Aerospace, Wedgewood, and the Joseph Holt Breweries. None of us will ever forget the 240 step (steep) descent and climb back up the Blue John mineral mine, Poole's Cavern, the Paradise Silk Mill and Silk Heritage Museum, the Pottery Museum, and our tour of the canal system in action. Libraries, museums, corporation, and universities were on everyone's agenda. We shared ideas with our British counterparts and learned as much as we could from them.

One of the highlights of the tours was the Bridgewater, a state of the art music facility which is an architectural marvel. The earthquake technology used for the foundation insulated the workers and staff from the 1996 bombing to such an extent that a Danish team installing the main organ knew nothing of the bombing until they stepped outside hours later in the chaos and debris.

The city of Manchester has a system of canals from the industrial past which are key to its future and new urban development. More than two thousand people have moved back into Manchester's City Center revitalizing the business and cultural opportunities there.

We learned some new vocabulary such as "bank holiday", "zimmer frame" [walker], "biscuit" [cracker or cookie], "cheers" [used for thank you, hello, all purpose greeting], "ta" [thank you]. We also experienced the difference in beer, lemonade, and drinks served without ice, and wonderful deserts such as bread and butter pudding. Most of all we will remember the wonderful Rotarians of Northern England who all have a great sense of humor and very big hearts.

The GSE experience is one that provided cultural enrichment and vocational opportunities for all of us and one that we will always appreciate and remember forever.

Jeffrey Clapp  
Amanda Desperito  
Van Kozelka  
Pamela Thornton