

ROTARY 2000
DISTRICT 7230

INAUGURAL ISSUE

ACT WITH CONSISTENCY CREDIBILITY CONTINUITY

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1999-2000 LEADERSHIP TEAM

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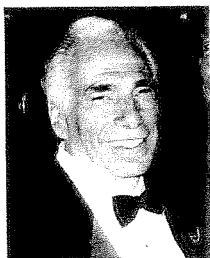
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Lt. Governor:
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Arcadio Casillas
Edgar Cornell
Helen Lynch
Neil O'Connell
Joseph Mandarino
Janny Mannus
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Fellow Rotarians,

We embark on a journey through a new millennium; our goals and objectives must be credible, consistent, and carried out with continuity! We must create a reality of excitement!! Forge ahead with the Four Avenues of Service! Expanding our membership! Running our clubs like they were businesses! Would we run a business without promoting growth? Would we not utilize all of our staff? Would we leave positions vacant? Would we change staff each year? Would we change our plans each year? Change our product? If we did, we would soon be out of business! The first signs will be a loss of staff, and in our case we have

already suffered a loss of membership! We must reverse this trend. Any organization that doesn't keep up with the times will become institutionalized! We should think franchise with all members participating and profiting from the joy of service, fellowship, and having some fun in the process! Therefore, we must increase membership to 2000, by the year 2000 and to 2100 in the first year of the 21st century! Only the membership can accomplish this goal! As for community service, we always hear about 3rd world needs. Well, we have 3rd world communities right here in our own district! We must concentrate on communities helping our people help themselves through education and vocational services; we must start programs of on-the-job training. Including, getting young people jobs, getting people off welfare, and begin the American and Bermudian dream! We must also support our world community service projects! We have a number of worthy projects from the world service fair that the clubs can choose from!

The clubs will follow their own course of action with the support of the district leadership! The district is setting up a fundraiser for the clubs service projects! This will be accomplished with the district newsletter, which will be mailed to each Rotarian. Starting with the second edition a comprehensive advertising section will be added! The clubs will retain all funds minus expenses! Details are enclosed in this issue. Also, to support club service, a revolving district speaker program is being set in place. See details in this issue.

The byproduct of this newspaper will be something we all have been asking for; getting Rotary into the news, and creating an interest for Rotary! This will bring in new members! The key factor is in mailing each issue to each Rotarian in our district. I ask you to support this program taking ads, and going to the community for participation. Remember that your club retains funds for its service projects!

We ask the membership to create a reality of excitement in their clubs, having great meetings with good fellowship and an interesting speaker program! This will increase attendance and bring in new members! More Rotarians to participate in the Four Avenues of Service, to attend District Functions: On-To-Bermuda, District Assembly, and most importantly our District Conference (Which will be held, April 28-30 2000, at the Roosevelt Hotel in Manhattan, New York City) also support the Rotary International Foundation! This year we pledged to raise \$80,000 for the year 1999/2000! Support the Rotary International Foundation Permanent Fund, which should appeal to those in need of estate planning!

Let it get out that Rotarians of District 7230 in a unified, relentless effort will expand the Four Avenues of Service, while enjoying the fellowship and excitement along the way!

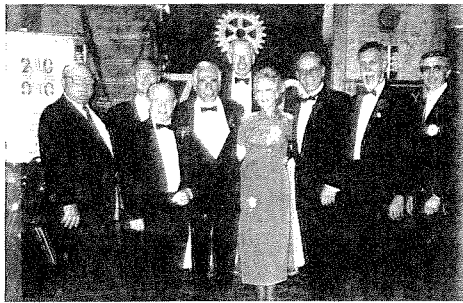
Thank you.

Paul

77th District Installation

Ligreci's Staaten Restaurant was the site for the installation of District 7230's 77th Governor, Paul E. Caruso, a member of the North Shore Rotary Club.

Chairman of the event, Joseph Della Rocca, president of the Rotary Club of North Shore said, "Paul is a shining example of a Rotarian." Caruso pioneered the Rotary's annual delivery of Thanksgiving baskets to needy Staten Island families, organized a drive to send medical supplies to help those suffering in Albania and co-chaired the Polio-Plus event, which raised \$25,000 from the North Shore Rotary Club.



Dick Cibelli introduced the district officers who were installed by Governor Caruso. They are: Secretary, PDG Gilda Chirafisi, Treasurer, PDG Lou Mahler; ADG's Helen Lynch, Andy Robinson, Arcadio Casillas, Edgar Cornell, Robert Benson, John Alfano, Neil O'Connell, Joseph Mandarino and Danny Mannus.

Former Professional comedian Larry Arann, member of the Rotary Club of Staten Island "roasted" Paul with some flavorful anecdotes.

Immediate PDG Patricia Anderson, installed Caruso. In his acceptance speech, which was seasoned with humor,



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he said, "You have to be a little funny because all these speeches can get boring."

On hand to wish their father well were Caruso's four children: Lorraine, Paul Jr., Christina and Grace.

Paul is actively supported by his wife Gail. He and Gail have been attending On-to-Bermuda since 1992. The Rotary International Conferences in Nice, France 1995; Calgary, Canada 1996; Glasgow, Scotland 1997; Indianapolis, Indiana 1998; Singapore 1999; and have signed up for Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2000.

The highlight of the evening was the performance by the South Shore Rotary Chorus, under the baton of Albert Lambert, who entertained the over 200 guests with a medley of oldies in honor of Caruso.



A flock of flamingos greets you as you enter the Jurong Bird Park. You go into the Botanic Gardens, where you tour the Herbarium, the plantation where "Mad Ridley," the botanist began his experiments with the rubber tree.

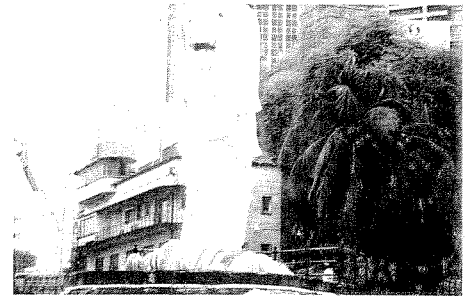
You hear the sound of Malay music, your mind sees images of Lion Dances — you watch hundreds of people dressed in ethnic costumes singing folk songs and dancing. Renowned Singapore vocalist Leow Siak Fah and Yee Ee Ping, accompanied by the NUSS Singapore Opera Orchestra and the Victorian Choir are entertaining you.

You can't make up your mind what culinary delight to choose: Chinese, Malaysia, India, or to choose an international fare: French, Thai, American,

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Mexican, Japanese, or Korean. The variety of cultures makes Singapore a diner's paradise.

Then you see it, the Rotary Wheel — thousands of Rotarians are converging on Singapore's International Convention and Exhibition Center. There plenary explored "Making Dreams a Reality for our Children," featuring addresses by Rotary President Jim Lacy and refugee-aid organizer Moira Kelly, "On to Rotary 2000! where you hear about Rotary's role



in the millennium. You visit the Rotary Clubs' outstanding projects such as a program designed by South African Rotarians to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, Polio Plus in India and Project Amigo, which assists underprivileged children in west-central Mexico.

Before returning home, you stop by the House of Friendship where Rotarians gather to socialize and relax. Here you sit by the stage and enjoy continuous entertainment, renew old acquaintances and form new bonds. Oh, you almost forgot to stop by the Rotary souvenirs and gift shop for a remembrance of your trip to Rotary's 90th annual convention.

You open your eyes, you're still at home sitting in your favorite chair — then you look down, and are mystified to see an orchid bloom in your lap. Quickly, you look around. No you say, this was a dream! Wasn't it? Where did the orchid come from? You hear a far away voice say, "See you in Buenos Aires for the 2000 RI Convention!"

It Happened in Singapore?

--by Joan J. Fyfe

You are at home, sitting in your favorite chair — you sit back, relax — your mind starts to wander. You hear yourself saying, this is the moment I have been waiting for! You've dreamed about it and now you're on your way. You see yourself boarding a plane to Singapore, a steward comes with your complimentary beverage; you get comfortable, watch the movie and eventually close your eyes. The next thing you hear is the pilot's voice saying "fasten your seat belts, we're ready for landing." You open your eyes and have a clear view of the tree-lined boulevards, colorful patchworks of orchid blooms, and dramatic displays of exotic plants.

SPEAKERS BUREAU



The Motivation / Program Committee will be compiling a speakers list for distribution to Clubs on a bi-monthly basis. Clubs are requested to provide their recommendations for speakers to District Program Coordinator, ADG Edgar Cornell
Fax: 718-548-2146;
e-mail: edgarc4909@aol.com

Nominations for District Governor 2001-2002

Deadline: 15th September, 1999

It is very important that the person selected meet ALL of the following qualifications as provided in the RI Bylaws section 15.070 upon being nominated by a resolution of his/her club:

1. Member (not honorary) in good standing of a club in the district.
2. Fully qualified for membership in the strictest application of the constitution & bylaws.
3. Member of a functioning club in good standing which has no indebtedness to RI or to the district as of the close of the year preceding that in which the Rotarian is proposed as a candidate for nomination for governor.
5. Served as club president for a full term.
6. Willing and able (physically and otherwise) to fulfill the duties of governor.
7. Attend, for its full duration, the International Assembly.

Also, the Bylaws provide that the nominee be a Rotarian for 7 years upon assuming office.

PDG Joe Voves will oversee the organization of the Nominating Committee, details will be sent to all club presidents. Please direct all inquiries to either your Club President, ADG, PDG Joe or DG Paul.

CLUB NEWS

The *Rotary Club of Yorktown* will be celebrating its 50th anniversary and the *Rotary Club of Quad Village*, their 75th Anniversary.

Look in your mail for announcement dates of the celebrations.

It's a family affair!

Rotary Club of The Bronx recently awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to its member, Rhea Taylor Eskew. Rtn. Rhea joins her Rotarian family members who have also received Paul Harris Awards—her father Bob, PDG of District 6900 and her mother, both members of the Atlanta, Georgia Club and her brother Sam, a member of the Rotary Club of Aurora, IL.

If your Club is celebrating or holding a Special occasion, please let us hear from you

An Update on Vitamin A Project

The first Polio Plus program was started in the Philippines. Rotarians of that region are again helping children in need. Thanks to a Rotary 3-H grant of \$275,000, Rotary and the nine Philippines Districts have started a Vitamin A program. As sponsor of the projects, clubs

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in RI District of 7230 have provided \$25,000 for this project.

In parts of the Philippines, Vitamin A deficiency is endemic. Vitamin A deficiency can cause blindness in children and also skin disorders, respiratory infections, weight loss and impaired smell and taste. Continued Vitamin A deficiency in early life can cause mental and growth retardation.

In the Philippines, the Vitamin A project is administered by 600 Rotary Clubs, the UNICEF field offices, and Philippines Government agencies. The structure used for our PolioPlus program is being used for Vitamin A distribution.

Project statistics: 86 clubs have participated 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

According to program coordinator, PDG Ruben Henson, an ophthalmologist in District 3790 reports that three months after the project launched, there were fewer absenteeism, in upper respiratory and gastro-intestinal infection, among the children, which has been attributed to the Vitamin A supplement.

ATTENDANCE OF JUNE 1999

Club	Members	Attendance
Armonk	14	50.00%
Briarcliff	22	N/A
Bronx	61	N/A
Bronxville	47	53.00%
Chappaqua	21	50.00%
Chinatown	20	N/A
Croton	23	65.00%
East Yonkers	23	69.57%
Eastchester	31	61.00%
Elmsford	25	N/A
Gateway	30	N/A
Hamilton	71	56.51%
Harrison	26	55.38%
Hartsdale	17	76.47%
Hawthorne/Thornwood	30	N/A
Katonah	27	87.50%
Larchmont	35	N/A
Mamaroneck	28	N/A
Mid Island	32	66.25%
Mt. Kisco	49	75.25%
Mt. Vernon	52	72.60%
New York	190	45.83%
North Shore	35	86.80%
Ossining	37	84.30%
Peekskill	76	75.00%
Pelham	39	N/A
Pembroke	33	N/A
Pleasantville	48	72.73%
Port Chester/Rye Brook	33	N/A
Quad Village	13	60.00%
Riverdale	39	N/A
Rye	26	N/A
Sandy's	46	55.40%
Scarsdale	33	81.61%
South Shore	71	62.26%
St. George's	27	75.31%
Staten Island	121	78.47%
Tarrytown	41	87.00%
Upper Manhattan	22	N/A
Valhalla	13	N/A
White Plains	140	76.08%
Yonkers	57	82.35%
Yorktown	27	50.00%

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

This is the last membership and extension month of the 20th Century — why not make it an outstanding one! Let us look for those individuals who will make first class Rotarians. They are people on your holiday greeting card list, colleagues, community leaders. As you drive home and pass the many neighborhoods, think of those you know who live there and ask yourself, "would some of them make good Rotarians?" If the answer is yes, then call and ask them to a Club meeting. As Carlo Ravizza stated in his Presidential Message in the August edition of the Rotarian, "Bringing qualified men and women into Rotary is an important responsibility that all Rotarians should take seriously."

You Can Effect Changes In Rotary

-PDG Alan Nemlich

The Council of Legislation is one of the backbones that guides our Rotary institution and is the reason we are considered a democratic organization. This is the instrument that gives EVERY Rotarian an opportunity to present his opinion to all of the Rotary members by stating his/her resolution or amendment for a change or addition of policy of our present matters. Be this a change in Rotary procedure, written gender, additional paragraph to the "Four Way Test", or whatever.

By following the proper instructions found in the R.I.'s Manual of Procedure, anyone, any club, any district, can send in a proposal for approval to be submitted to the Council that meets every three years.

The Council is made up of a voting member from each district (518) elected by the clubs at their District Conference. The delegate must be a past officer of Rotary International and be knowledgeable as to how to vote on the proposed resolutions. **MAJORITY RULES!** At the Council meeting, proposals can be passed, defeated or withdrawn. The voting member must be a past District Governor or an incoming one. The voting member can defeat an enactment or a proposal submitted by the R.I. Board of Directors... I have seen this done, and watched some of the R.I. past presidents futilely plead with the D.G.'s to change their vote. The vote was in the best interest of all the Rotary members and against the extra benefits for the R.I. presidents. This is where our democratic procedures prove that we do what's best for the members from ALL OVER THE WORLD! It is not made up of only people from the United States. We have many people of different cultures, religions, colors, genders, but we all have the same goal in mind. To make this world a better place for everyone to live. This Council is an amalgamation of the peoples of the world and each has a different view and outlook on the presented subjects for discussion and votes, but we abide by MAJORITY RULES!

Use, please take the time to read your Manual of Procedures about the Council of Legislation. Club Presidents please appoint a member to read this section in your manual and make a report to your club. This is vital. Your club should be involved in our democratic procedures. The next meeting is April 2001, but if you want to submit a proposal, it is not too early to get started. If I can be of any help to you, please call me at 914-725-5405. Good luck! Get active now! **Editor's Note:** PDG Nemlich served on the Council of Legislation in Caracas, Venezuela

Group Studies Exchange - Paired up with District 1450

in Denmark --- by ADG Joe Mandarino,
GSE Chair

The Group Study Exchange program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women in their initial years of professional life. The program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young people in order to better prepare them to address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace.

The GSE program provides:

Vocational activities, which enable participants to observe vocations as practiced in another country, while impacting their long-term careers through participation in an organized program of study, discussion and vocational visits, thereby allowing for a reciprocal exchange

of ideas in their respective fields, which ultimately will benefit all communities involved.

Cultural experiences, which allow participants to study another country, its people and institutions through experiences in an organized and meaningful host program, and to promote an appreciation of cultural diversity worldwide.

Fellowship opportunities, which encourage team members and hosts to meet, communicate and live with each other in a spirit of fellowship and goodwill; to consider each other's problems, aspirations and community concerns; and to foster lasting friendships and international understanding.

This year our district is exchanging a GSE team with Denmark, one of the friendliest and most beautiful countries in Europe. Our District team will spend 4 weeks in Denmark and be responsible

for only incidental expenses.

Qualifications for team members: Employed in any recognized business or profession for more than 2 years; be within the ages of 25-40; in good health; able to express themselves clearly. The candidate cannot be a Rotarian, a lineal descendant, or former Rotarian.

Contact ADG Joe Mandarino, GSE Chair, at (718) 698-2500 for further information.

Editor's Note: The GSE Team leader can be any experienced Rotarian in the district and need not have held any previous District office. A current governor, immediate past governor or district-governor nominee may not serve as team leader.

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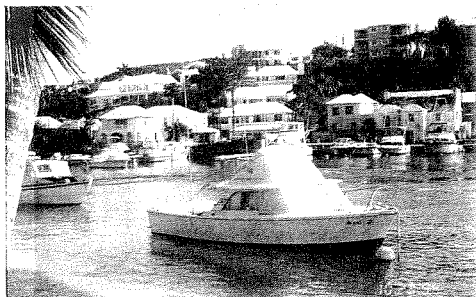
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ON TO BERMUDA 1999

-- by Ralph Richardson President Sandys Rotary Club of Sandys

What awaits you in Bermuda are crystal clear azure waters, that have for hundreds of years been the resting place for scores of shipwrecks whose captains and crew have discovered Bermuda the hard way. The many shipwrecks make Bermuda a Mecca for Scuba and snorkel divers.

Surrounding the Island is a barrier coral reef of approximately 200 miles. The seven main Islands have been joined together by bridges to form some 21 square miles of land.



Bermuda was first discovered by the Spanish Explorer Juan De Bermudez aboard his ship the La Garza circa 1509. The Island still bears his name today. While there had been many brief visitors to the island, it was not until 100 years after De Bermudez that Sir Thomas Gates, the Governor designate of Virginia and Admiral of the fleet of ships heading to Virginia from England arrived. This unprepared visit occurred because Sir Thomas' ship, the Seaventure, was separated during a hurricane in July of 1609 and wrecked off the East Coast of Bermuda. The crew made it safely to land. Over time, they were able to build two small allerships, by using cedar trees and the remains of the Seaventure. Eventually some of the crew returned to Virginia, while others remained in Bermuda.

During the 19th Century, Bermuda's mild winter climate and close proximity to the U.S. East Coast attracted tourists, first as a winter resort and later as a year round destination. It wasn't until after World War II, when civilian aviation became available to the masses, did visitors begin coming to the island in large number. Today, Bermuda is a premier destination with an extremely sophisticated community.

The Sonesta Beach, the On To Bermuda Hotel, is located along the South Shore and is one of Bermuda's most popular hotels.

There are many places to see in Bermuda – the newest being Bermuda's Underwater Exploration Institute, which was opened in the summer of 1997. It is a twenty million-dollar complex designed to share the wonders of the deep and the deep-sea exploration with all that would visit. One of the main features of the Institute is the Dive that is a simulated dive of 12,000 feet below the ocean on the Bermuda Sea Mount.

Other attractions to see are the crystal caves, Fort St. Catherine, the Bermuda Aquarium and Zoo. The Maritime Museum, the National Gallery, the Botanical Gardens, the old town of St. George's the Dock Yard, and many more. Of course, if you are interested, there is golf and tennis.

We hope our little story captivated you enough to "bring you on to Bermuda."

I am sure you will find Bermudians as hospitable as your Governor, Paul and his wife, Gail who hosted seven Bermudians during the PETS conference. They were absolutely delightful hosts and we feel confident that Paul will make a difference in bringing our district together despite the distance that separates us.

Last year was the first time that the Bermuda group had done overseas PETS and we certainly hope this will continue. It was good for the Bermuda group to enjoy the fellowship and experience of the district heads and the 80 or so Rotarians who attended.

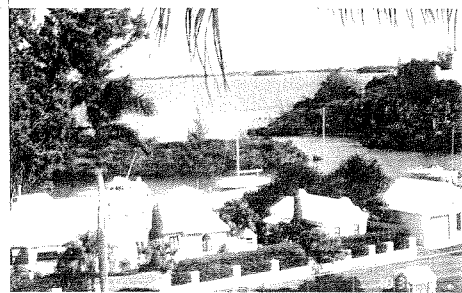
As we know, DG Paul has a gift for bringing people together and we are looking forward to his year as Governor and the upcoming district conference. We are hoping to have the largest delegation from Bermuda attending and feel sure this will happen with Paul's leadership.

Bermuda has a resident population of approximately 60,000 and boasts four Rotary Clubs. They are: Hamilton, President Wilhelm Bourne; Pembroke, President Robert

Flath; St. George, President Philip Buishard; Sandy, President Ralph Richardson.

The Bermudian Rotarians are looking forward to the On-to-Bermuda group this year and wish DG Paul every success in putting the experience together.

Ralph





On July 15th a very special guest visited the Rotary Club of New York and was introduced by DG Paul. That special guest was none other than RI President-Elect Frank Devlyn. Frank's visit to New York included meetings with many heads of United Nations organizations and with Rotary's UN Team in New York: Don Treimann, Sylvan Barnet, Robert A. Coultus (PRID) and Joan J. Fyfe. Also present at the luncheon were Gail Caruso, PDG Gilda Chirafisi and Dominic Chirafisi.

--Reported by Joan J. Fyfe

CLUBS FUNDRAISER

This is an opportunity to raise funds for your Club Projects by soliciting advertisement, which will appear in our district newsletter, The Millennium Herald. Clubs will retain 60% of proceeds on all advertisements they sell.

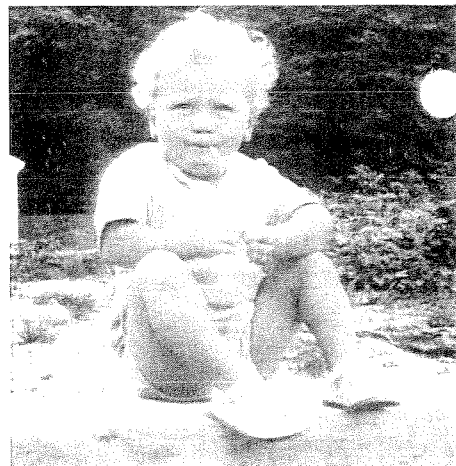
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Quarter Page	\$ 60
Eight Page	\$ 40

The Adverstising Committee Chair, ADG John L. Alfano will contact all clubs directly. For immediate information, call John at 914-967-1404

GUESS WHO ???



Hint: PDG

Submit your ANSWER with your Name and Home Club to:

DG Paul E Caruso

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e-mail: caruso7230@aol.com

UPCOMING DISTRICT & RI EVENTS:

Nominations for DG 2000-2001	9/15/1999	RI Day at the UN	11/6/1999
Rotary Foundation Seminar	9/29/1999	District Assembly	2/17/2000
On-to-Bermuda	10/31~11/7/1999	PETS	3/11/2000
		RI Conventions at Buenos Aires	6/4~7/2000

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