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Helen Reisler, District Governor

Fall 2005

"Blow Your Own Horn" Catches On



Clubs are catching on to District Governor Helen Reisler's mantra "Blow Your Own Horn". This photo of Peekskill Rotarians blowing their horns, was taken during DG Helen's official visit.

District Roving Ambassador "Bill"

Bill DeLong, our "District Roving Ambassador" is the 84 year old "teenager" from the New York Club who goes around the world, wherever there is a need, to help out with children and "The elderly." He just returned from Russia where he helped out at a Diabetic Camp for Teenagers. How did he know there was a need?...he saw it advertised on TV and called up.



The following is a letter of Bill's safe arrival in Tbilisi:

"High Ho to all my fellow Rotarians, I have arrived safely by way of Amsterdam, Holland where we all spent one day waiting for our plane

to Tbilisi. From what I can see the city looks quite nice and our Group of 10 happy Doctors and Nurses seem to be in happy spirits. The climate is

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My official visits, to our District #7230 clubs, continues to be a wonderful experience. Although each club has its own unique style and personality, the dedication of all members is similar. Large or small, every club is doing



some wonderful, meaningful projects. The purpose of this first newsletter is to highlight some of these club activities, as well as, some special Rotarians.

My strong belief that publicizing our "good works" will help to attract new members, has resulted in the "Blow Your Own Horn" mantra, with the symbol of the horn being a "call to action."

I encourage clubs to keep us informed of new projects and activities, so that we can continue to share information throughout the District. It's time that we, in District #7230, get to know each other better, and that the "outside" becomes more familiar with Rotary.

Sincerely, DG Helen



Photo left: DG Helen with Jim Thompson (NY Rotary Club) who chaired her installation.

Featuring...New Members



Kevin Galiardi is the newest member of the Eastchester Rotary Club. Kevin, who works for Verizon Communications brought his expertise to Eastchester and set-up their club website and produces their monthly newsletter.

It's excitement and zealousness like this that motivates us to get involved. No flies sit on him. You go Kevin & welcome to Rotary!

James & Jasmine Stivala

a husband and wife team are the newest members of the Riverdale Rotary Club. They are working with a cable TV program called 'Bronxnet' to promote Rotary and encourage membership for their Club. Welcome to Rotary!



Bronx Rotary

Debra Martinez, NY Dept. of Health. Elizabeth Toledo, Exe. Director, Bronx YMCA.

Katonah Rotary

Nancy Fisher.

Mt. Kisco Rotary

Abbott Fleur a software designer and consultant and a retired IBMer.

Is your name here?

It can be, let us know who
your new members are for
the next newsletter.

Featuring...Rotary District 7230 Webmaster

Dr. Ted Nygreen is General Manager and Chief Technology Officer at RCS in White Plains. RCS is a software company with 425 employees worldwide. Ted's career in broadcasting began at NBC in New York, where he rose to vice president of MIS Systems Development. He then spent 15 years as a management consultant, becoming Managing Director of the Alexander Consulting Group (since acquired by Aon Corp). He joined RCS in 1995 as vice president of software development and client support.

During his career, Ted has published dozens of professional papers and spoken at many conferences. He is also a partner in AllJazz.com, auctioning jazz to serious collectors around the world. Ted earned his bachelor's degree from M.I.T. and the Ph.D. from Princeton University.

In 2002, Ted developed the website for District 7230 and continues to serve as webmaster. He is also webmaster for his White Plains
Rotary Club plus a number of
other organizations. He
serves on the Boards of the
American Red Cross and
Juvenile Diabetes Research
Foundation, and is a
Democratic Party District
Leader in White Plains. Ted
lives in White Plains with his
wife Nancy, a management
consultant specializing in
customer satisfaction. Their
three daughters are grown
and now live in Boston,

Berkeley and Manhattan. Ted truly exemplifies "Service Above Self", and we are lucky to have him!



Featuring... District Membership Co-Chair

Michael Fix and Eric Storberg are co-chairs of our District Membership committee. A dedicated Rotarian, Mike says that Rotary is in the business of helping people. He states, "The business of the club is to build membership, contribute money to help more people, and most importantly, to participate." The best potential members are those who have a business in the community or live in the community.

He suggests that a committee create a potential member and classification list, using 3 columns titled, "Would", "Could" and "Should."

"Each club needs to have a hunter", says Mike and he quotes John D. Rockefeller, "If you believe in the cause, why can't you ask?"

Mike, with seven others, started the first U.S.O. in

Westover Springfield Air Force Base in the 90's, during Desert Storm. He was Chairman of the American Red Cross Westchester County 7/01 to 7/04. As manager at Merrill Lynch he recruited and opened up new offices in various locations.

"Don't Fire Them, Fire Them Up," is Mike's favorite quote. He agrees with DG Helen that it's important to "Fire Up" our Rotary Clubs.





SCHOOL SCIENCE PROJECT

Our Bronx Rotary Club is providing much-needed science equipment to two schools in the Bronx through a District 7230 Simplified Grant matched by funds from the club. The schools, PS 90 in the South Bronx and MS 45 are receiving equipment



and supplies to help teachers make science more hands-on. The Metro NYC Rotary Club has joined in this project and contributed an overhead projector for PS 90. In photo above: Front; students Shakeema Thomas and Jacob Grant, Standing left to right: PP Caroline Pitts, Science Teachers Deborah Parris and Evelyn Stewart, Lead Science Teacher Alitza Arbizzani, Pres. Nancy Wallace, and ADG Jim Romeo.

ROTARY CLUB CAREER DAY

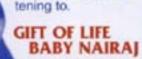


Bronx Rotary held
its annual Career Day
on August 16. Teenagers who work in the
Summer Program, to
care for the Bronx
River and parks in the
Bronx, are invited to
lunch for the club's program

on vocational preparation. Six Bronx Rotarians shared their own stories and gave advice to the

teenagers on how to prepare for success in a job and in life. Speakers were: Cheryl Simmons-Oliver, Kunle Adeyeni, Azad Dermesropian, Ed Hicks, Hedy Marin-Manzke, and JC Polanco. The

teenagers say they really like hearing from Rotarians because they have already succeeded in life and are worth lis-



His "ladykiller" eyes and his bright smile didn't tell the story of what was going on inside sevenmonth-old Nairai Budnarine's damaged heart.

The baby from South America needed corrective heart surgery immediately and Bronx Rotary answered the call through "Gift of Life". On September 6, 2005, Nairaj and his mom arrived in New York and there were many Rotarians to greet him and his mom Pria (see photo below). With the efforts of Bea Castiglia Catullo, Corpus Christ



Monastery and the Dominican Cloister nuns in the Bronx opened their doors and their hearts to mother & child. The night before the surgery they were relocated to Ronald McDonald House on the grounds of Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Hospital in Valhalla.

On September 14th Nairaj had the 4 hour procedure, which according to doctors is 99% effective. It went as planned and Nairaj is recovering and doing well.

Bronx Rotary has sponsored two other children, Gabriela Medina and Donald Lika, for they truly believe in "Service Above Self."



Bronxville Rotary meets at Fogarty's Town Tavern, which is home to many district activities.

This park (pictured below) was



The next project for the Branxville Club



will be improving the benches. They hope to coordinate with various organizations in the village to beautify Bronxville's other greeneries.



Rotary News

District Roving Ambassador cont from front page

great and the organization is called ACTS Int. meaning A CALL TO SERVICE. This Diabetic Camp was organized in 1991 after the Chernobyl Disaster. The

Head Doctor Patrichia Blair set up this camp in 1991. I am not a millionaire, as I was in Rumania, because



of the money exchange, one American dollar is equal to one Point eighty-one larie. I am all set to meet our American Ambassador Myers and then off to the mountains where there is no computer service. We are all set to take 80 Diabetic teenagers on to the mountain camp where we will all learn to...

... CHA CHA CHA

Bye-bye for now, Uncle Billy"





"Wall of Remembrance & Hope"

Rotary District 7230 has created, with the Westchester Arts Council, a wall of "Remembrance & Hope."

One side of this 110 ft. wall contains 1,800 tiles painted by adults and children who were affected by 9/11. The other side depicts the 100 years of Rotary Service to humanity. This mural was painted by Jennifer Dragon, our former Ambassadorial scholar.

The wall is located at Webb Field in Hartsdale and is one of the largest Rotary memorial projects in the world.

"No Time for Rotary"

John Bahr was hesitant when he joined the Eastchester Rotary Club five years ago. He wondered how he, as College Dean, would ever have the time to be involved.

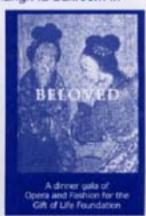
He was encouraged by other members who also had busy schedules. Not only did he find the time involved, he is now President of the Eastchester Rotary. John now tells people that "apart from his College involvement, the next best thing is being a Rotarian."

> Each newsletter will feature Rotarians. Stay tuned for

"BELOVED" & THE GIFT OF LIFE

A dinner gala of Opera and Fashion for the Gift of Life Foundation is slated for December 9, 2005 at the Makati Shangri-la Ballroom in

the Philippines. The event shall be a special occasion that will bring together world-class opera talent from New York together with Inno Sotto, one of Philippine Fashion's Masters. This charity event is to raise awareness for the Gift of Life in the Philippines. Lou Del Rosario is at the fore-front



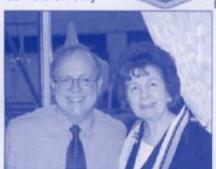
Did You Know? Somers Club has reactivated old members.

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Chinatown Rotary Club's Installation Dinner was held on July

12 at the Capsuto Freres Restaurant in Tribeca. Photos: Greg Lynch installing the Club officers: Marc Wong, Secretary and David Chew. Treasurer and second photo of Club President Steven Trover and DG Helen Reisler.



Chinatown Rotary's Service Projects are numerous. In partnership with New York City, they

work on projects to promote growth of Chinatown business, for instance, Chinatown Tourism. They produced a Chinese New Year variety show for the Hebrew

Home for the Aged

Did You Know?

That Harrison Rotary is initiating an INTERACT Club with Harrison High School. Stay tuned for details in next newsletter!

and participated in the Puerto Rican Day Parade as the first Asian contingent. The club coordinated a "Know Your Rights" forum to make Chinatown residents aware of their basic rights and responsibilities as consumers, taxpayers, voters, etc.



"Blow Your Own Horn...

EASTCHESTER

The Rotary Club of Eastchester hosted its 7th Annual Woman's Charity Softball Tournament at Labriola Field in Eastchester on Saturday, August 13. The tournament raises funds for the Gift of Life program, and each year has made it possible for club vice- president and event coordinator Joe Comizio to present a check in excess of \$1500 to Gift of Life Director, Dan Nalvan.

Play began at 8:30am and it did not take long for the players to "warm up" on what

turned

out to be one of the hottest and most humid days of the year. Competitive play continued until the last out at around 6pm when "Crown" was crowned champions of the five team event. Over 100 spectators endured the heat and cheered them on. In between games or when grabbing a

cold drink or getting something to eat or buying 50-50 raffles - the most often heard comment from players, fans and Rotarians was: "It's all for the kids." At the end of the day, "See you next year" was the common refrain - and we're already looking forward to it.

Next up: The wheels are churning as they gear up for their 2nd Annual

Eastchester **Rotary Golf** Tournament to be held at

> Country Club on Monday. Sept. 26. This

Lake Isle

event raises funds for a variety of community and global projects, including Gift of Life. Players and sponsors from all walks are welcome. For more information, contact the club website:

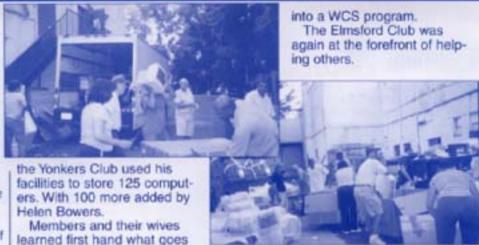
www.eastchester-rotary.org.

(Pictured below) DG Helen's official visit to the Eastchester Club was at Caio Restaurant, and with visiting Rotarians it was a great meeting!





On behalf of the Elmsford Rotary Club, Joe Voves and Alan Nemlich worked together to ship used, donated computers, monitors and student desks to Durban, South Africa. This operation was started by Chuck Katze for his Yonkers Rotary Club. Helen Bowers of the Mt. Kisco Rotary Club joined in this endeavor. Rick Lowell of





Here is an example of the beauty of Rotary in action: Yonkers Club members from Rotary District 7230 packing

and loading over 300 computers, desks, books, etc. that are bound for District 9250 in South Africa and its headquarters in Pretoria. The equipment will be used to bring impoverished young people into the 21st Century. They will have an opportunity to develop saleable skills and, ultimately, earn good salaries. Rotary all over the world stands for Service Above Selfl

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Blow Your Own Horn..." HARRISON

The Harrison Rotary club is sponsoring a conversational English course, where Rotary members provide local Japanese women with basic conversational tools to develop and build proficiency in the English language. Classes have been

held on a weekly basis since June 7th 2002. Attendance is free

7th 2002.
Attendance is free of charge. Classes start at 10:00 AM and last for approximately. (90 minutes) every Friday Morning at the Harrison Solazzo Recreation Center.

Students of the

Year Scholarship
Awards June 2005 - Taryn Fliomio
and David Weinreb each receive

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\$1,000 scholarship award from President, John Porco toward college education at their respective schools. Best wishes & congratulations were expressed by everyone to the students and their parents for a job well done. Visit our website to view all student awards. (view video

presentation) - fast network bandwidth 3.0Mb/sec (view video presen-

tation) - slow network bandwidth 700Kb/sec

Taryn Filomio College Interests: Quinnipiac University. Career Interests: Journalism.

David Weinreb
College Interests:
University of
Pennsylvania.
Career Interests:

Lawyer, Teacher, Rabbi, News Broadcaster, Camp Director.



The Katonah Rotary Club has a rich tradition of giving scholarships to students in local high schools. This year, after the passing of our long time member and Past District Governor(85-86) Herbert Schueler, the scholarship was renamed the "Herbert Schueler Memorial Scholarship" Pictured is Janet Pacifico, president and Caroline Renzulli a student at John Jay High school.





For the past two decades, the Rotary Club of Hartsdale has been involved in two rather unique projects:

THE DR. JOSEPH SCHAFFER & MURRAY SCHWAB STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD – This award is bestowed monthly during the school year to elementary school students in the Central 7 School District to reward their participation and service within their community (eg. school, church, etc.). This is NOT an academic award - this award is designed to recognize and foster community service in our youth. In cooperation and coordination with the local school district, deserving students are selected by their faculty and the award presenta-



tion is made at one of the Club's regular luncheons. Pictures of the awardee are displayed on bulletin boards

throughout

Hartsdale as well as at

their school.

THE KENTUCKY PRO-

JECT – The Club became involved in this project after a speech by a Hartsdale resident that had just returned from a trip to one of the poorest and most indigent areas

in Kentucky. The residents, most of whom live in wooden shacks without running water or electricity, want to better themselves but they and their needs have been deliberately overlooked by their State and local governments. Through periodic shipments of donated and purchased supplies, the Club has tried to fulfill their yearly requests for basic items, such as school supplies, clothing,



some toys for the little ones for Christmas and postage stamps (they are so poor that they can't even afford postage to thank the Club for each shipment, which they have done most graciously after each shipment).

Blow Your Own Horn...

The Mamaroneck Rotary, with Portchester/Rye Brook Rotary has continually supported The Carver Center, a local social service organization. The center provides educational programs and services to the children and youth of our community and builds support and resources for

families and individuals in need.

The Carver Center has a wish list of items they are in dire need of, mainly non perishable items

for their food pantry.

Did You Know?

That New Rochelle Rotary brought Bermuda to our District.

The Mamaroneck Club and the Portchester/Rye Brook clubs jump right in to provide the things that are needed. This is what rotary is all about – Service Above Self.



District Governor Helen Reisler was at the Mamaroneck club as part of her governor's visits

as seen in the photo above right, pictured with Peter Goldman, Mamaroneck Club President.



Each newsletter will feature club projects, Is your club Blowing their own Horn?

Let Us Know What You Are Doing!



"Local School Project"

An attendee at Metro Club's weekly meetings can vent his/her state of mind by contributing one or more dollars. Over the course of the Rotary Year 2004-05 this little fundraiser. called "Happy and Sad Dollar", was able to raise over 640 Dollars. This was just enough to buy a pottery wheel for a class of 6th graders at the Manhattan East Public School for Arts and Academics (Harlem). The class had approached us with a wish list of needed arts supplies, topped by a pottery wheel. A fine electrified model. "Pacifica GT 400". was delivered to them in early June.

Photo: Club President Ozgem Ornektekin, flanked by the art teacher and Liliana Sarro. Dean of Manhattan East School (right)





The Mt. Kisco celebrated Rotary International's 100th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner Dance & Silent Auction. The event was held at Mt. Kisco's Holiday Inn.

A portion of the monies received from the evening's event were donated to the placement of a 4 sided clock in Kirby Plaza, just opposite the Mt. Kisco railroad station (Photo right).



Mt. Kisco Rotary Club inducted their newest member on August 31. 2005

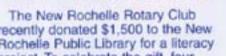
Abbott Fleur (Photo above) was intro-

duced to Rotary by last year's president, Viktor Solarik. Abbott is a software designer and consultant and a retired IBMer.

Blow Your Own Horn... NEW ROCHELLE

The New Rochelle Rotary Club recently donated \$1,500 to the New Rochelle Public Library for a literacy project. To celebrate the gift, four

members of the club came to the library on August 12 to read to 30 preschoolers, their parents and caregivers. All agreed that the Rotarians were terrific readers!



Another Successful Picnic

The Annual Picnic for the "Parents Committee for the Developmentally Disabled was held at the Five Islands Park on August 7th, hosting some 150 members and children of the the group.

Under the leadership of club sec. Dennis McEntee.



Rotarians grilled on a blistering hot and humid

setup and entertained throughout the day. (Photo above: The crowd

came early, and below inset: Master chefs John Manning, club pres-elect and Dave Biskup, treasurer. Dave was Hamburger King.

"We aren't just readers - we're eaters!"

Blow Your Own Horn... NEW YORK

The Rotary Club of New York takes pride in a long list of service projects. Policemens' Recognition Day and Fire Fighters' Recognition

Day are annual events. The club has sponsored chess tournaments for students in Kindergarten through



grade 12. 460 children participated in the last tournament.

The Rotary Club of New York

The club provides readers for an essay competition and sponsors an INTERACT Club and a ROTARACT Club.



hundreds of homeless a week through its soup kitchens and in

introduces high school students to the

"Brown Bag" lunch seminars.

Recently, the Rotary Club of New York donated a new ambulance to the NYU Downtown Hospital which proudly displays the club's logo (see enlargement) on both sides. The NY club believe in combining good works with publicity.

Blow Your Own Horn...

AREA 4: CLAM BAKE PORTCHESTER, RYE, HARRISON & RYE BROOK



The Area 4 Clambake was a rousing success. 57 people attended and the weather was fabulous. They had a good turnout from

neighboring clubs which made for great Rotary camaraderie. Here are two pictures from this event. Hopefully this will become an annual event.



Blow Your Own Horn...

PORTCHESTER/RYE

Portchester Rotary/Rye Club is encouraging "Leaders of the Future". Some recent scholarship recipients are; Justyna Jakimiec a senior at State University at Albany,

Jennifer Pace a junior at University of Rhode Island and Dominic Pace who is entering his sophomore year

> at Bentley College in Boston. They receive \$1,500.00 per school year for their four years of college.

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while maintaining a grade point average of 3.2 or better. The Port Chester Rye **Brook Rotary** club is very proud of

these students for there success in academics, and are pleased to be a part of their education.



PEEKSKILL

Peekskill Annual Horse Show & Country Fair

The Peekskill Annual Horse Show is unique, in Westchester County, since it features both English and Western classes. Last year there were 21 Western classes with six championships and 28 English classes with eight championships.

As in recent years, the show attracted some 12,000 spectators and competitors, and raised more than \$35,000 for

the club's foundation. Local Interact clubs and François Maillard, the club's Youth Exchange Student from France, joined in helping to make the event memorable.

Stables from all

over the tri-state area participated in the show, which has a reputation for quality. The show is non-rated so the entry fees are lower than many other events. This allows beginners to gain competitive experience and the opportunity for seasoned riders to compete in more classes. This is one of the few horse shows



that still offer Silver awards.

Over the years, the Peekskill Rotary has expanded the basic

horse show



breads, jams, hot pretzels, pumpkins, apples, cider, and mums. In the food tent, Rotarians serve up hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, their famous sausage & peppers, fries, cider



fashioned country fair with home craft vendors, a flea market, hayrides, pony rides, exhibitions and entertainment.

The "Kountry Kitchen" sells homebaked cakes, cookies, brownies, pies,

and other beverages. Rotarians also sell ice cream and popcom.

There were activities for children. such as air rides and games of skill, in addition to the traditional pony rides and hayrides. Children from local dance, martial arts and gymnastic schools entertained show guests.

For the Peekskill Rotary, the Horse Show is its primary fundraiser. All money raised is donated back into the community and to international relief

This year's show should prove to be just as successful.

Blow Your Own Horn...

Pelham Rotary Announces Fall Food & Wine Fundraising Event

The Rotary Club of the Pelhams will hold a fundraising "bacchanalia" on Sunday, October 2, 2005. Leading local restaurants will serve up their "little plate" specialties while Wolfs Lane Wines and its distributors and importers will offer an impressive array of wines. Proceeds will be earmarked for the Rotary District 7230 Gift of Life program that works with volunteer doctors, nurses and other staff members of area hospitals to provide life-saving heart surgeries for children in need.

"Raising funds to serve a compelling

need, while offering Pelham's very best in food and wine at one magnificent location, is

our goal," according to committee

chairperson John Felicetti. He added that, if the weather cooperates, the dining and wine sampling will take place on the New York Athletic Club terrace overlooking scenic Long Island Sound from 4 to 7 p.m., just as the sun sets. (If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be held as scheduled, but indoors). Performances by local musicians will add to the

festivities.

Club officers agreed that, with a

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number of enthusiastic new members. the club should take on another service project. In addition to this new fundraiser, the club provides annual scholarships for graduating seniors at Pelham Memorial High School and is best known for funding and directing the construction of the gazebo on the town green.



Annual Giving At Pleasantville

The Pleasantville Rotary Club is at the "Starting Gate" for annual giving. President Helen Grishman presents our DG Helen with a \$4,000 check. (See photo)

Photo of John Krysko, Janet Di Benedetto and Irene Powers is taken just before they were off to Africa for the "Lunch Box Project" program in Africa.



Our club is involved in many other projects: Smoke Detectors for Kindergarten class each year - it is part of Fire Safety week; Senior

wines to taste: Literacy Program at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls HS: New

school, in Nairobi Kenya. one boy and

PLEASANTYBLE

Citizen Dinner each QOTARY CLUB year in the spring we feed approximately 100 seniors; Scholarships for Pleasantville HS: Pancake Breakfast in the fall. It is the beginning of Homecoming and

Rotarians serve approximately 400-500; Westchester Wine Experience will be in March 2006 at

> Pace University in Pleasantville. Thirty-five wine distributors and 35 of the finest restaurants participate with 200



Books at Northern Westchester Hospital: We participate in RYLA; Contribute to Local Ambulance Corp. Blythdale Children's Hospital. and many others.

In photo above RoseAnn Olson, teacher; Fred Pelham, P'ville Rotarian; Anthony, student; Mark

Silverstein, Superintendent of HCKS & Mt. Pleasant Rotarian; David. student; janet Di Benedetto PDG. teacher at HCKS and P'ville Rotarian.



Blow Your Own Horn...

September-October 2005 the Rotary Club of Riverdale will be delivering to PS81 in Riverdale, 250 Webster dictionaries to the third and fourth grade classes. This is a project for Rotary clubs nationwide. This project has been totally funded by outside sources and honors go to Blanche Christian-Crawford and Jasmine Stivala for spearheading this

venture.

The club is now going on its 11th year of funding two students, in high

one girl. Our Holiday food baskets will be distributed to

needy families in the Riverdale & Kingsbridge area.

In photo above and left, respectively, PDG Gilda Chirafisi and Blanche Christian-Crawford, look over the finished job of repainting the mailboxes at 230th St. and Heath Ave.

Did You Know?

An article in the "Wall Street Journal" suggested that Rotary be given the Nobel Peace Prize for our efforts to eradicate polio from the world.



WRY & GINGER



The Rye Rotary Foundation, Inc. will grant \$15,000 in scholarships to graduates of Rye High School. A good portion of this amount was the proceeds from our first Pie Sale organized and directed by P-E Jane. Thanks to Jane and the foundation?s scholarship committee for jobs well done.



and refreshments while admiring a large variety of classic cars and cheering on the trophy winners.

\$5,000 +

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in the infusion therapy department at the new Maria Fareri Children's Hospital of the Westchester Medical Center in Valhaila, NY.

"Classic Car Day" is an annual fundraiser event sponsored by the Somers Rotary Club. The photo includes the young man whose car recently won the competition by "popular choice." Participating were Helen Bowers, Past

President of Somers Rotary Club, Father Norton, Principal of JFK High School, where the event was held and DG Helen Reisler.

Attendees enjoy entertainment



ships and

of the American Circuit

projects.

Another \$5,000 was raised for the installation of a multimedia unit



Did You Know?

The pediatric nurse Kimberly Everett was assigned to the care of the conjoined twins Aguirre at Blythedale Hospital. Ms. Everett is the wife of Pastor Robert Everett of Ridgeview Congregational Church in White Plains. He is Bronx Rotary's President Nancy Wallace's Pastor! Small world?



Again this year, The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns will assist with the MS Swim Across the Hudson. This event was started in Irvington by a police sergeant who wanted to do something when a fellow police officer was diagnosed with MS. THe event has grown and now raises over \$175,000 with 500 participants that will cross the mighty Hudson River either swimming or kayaking in support of MS.

Over 1,500 people are in attendance in support of the Swim, Our Rotary Club helps as a sponsor of the event, solicits other sponsors and volunteers our time on the day of the event registering swimmers, setting up, cooking for the swimmers and attendees, filling goody bags for the swimmers, and clean up.

It's an enjoyable day spent at the Hudson River's shore in Mattheissen Park in IRvington and always draws large support from our members. The swimmers take off



from the shores of Piermont in Rockland County, and watching them reach the shores of Irvington is quite a delight. We are proud to be a part of this event.



SOUTH SHORE CLUB STATEN ISLAND

The South Shore Rotary Club has produced a live variety show for the past nine years. The show is professionally produced utilizing Staten

Island's best community theater actors and singers. It's sprinkled with talented members of the South Shore Rotary, Friends and Family Chorus. The show is held in the well appointed and technically proficient Williamson Theater at the College of Staten Island. In addition to entertaining at the annual Rotary Show, the 50 member chorus performs at numerous events throughout the year. The chorus is directed by long time Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Al Lambert. Al serves as the **Executive Producer** of the show which, through ticket sales

and advertisements that are placed in the Showbill, has generated in excess of \$250,000 over the last nine years after expenses. The profits from the show are used by the club to fund charities and much needed community projects.



utilized the services of one of its members, a professional chef, who with support from the rest of the membership serving as waiters and general kitchen and clean-up help, served a full course dinner including salad, pasta, Chicken Kiev with

Every. member of the club participates in this event either as a performer, stagehand

or fundraiser. The show has become widely anticipated by the theater going public on Staten Island making it a win-win-win situation for the club, the groups that the club supports and the community.

The South Shore Rotary Club held its' first "Senior Citizens Ball" this past year. The club intends to

make the "Ball" an annual event. The club booked a local catering hall and

homemade gravy and vegetables along with coffee, tea, Italian cookies, fresh fruit platters and dessert. Carafes of red and white wine along with pitchers of beer were served at each table accompanied by soft drinks. The senior citizens were treated with live music by the Al Lambert Orchestra who provided dance music, entertainment and an old fashioned sing-a-long. Over 350 senior citizens attended the event paying a nominal fee of only \$10.00 per person. The lion's share of the cost was borne by donations from the local business community and the club. A very good time was had by all including the South Shore Rotarians who worked at the event. South Shore Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Debbie Ferrara conceived the idea for the "Ball" and chaired the event committee.

Inner Wheel Foundation's



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Blow Your Own Horn... WESTCHESTER

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF WESTCHESTER

Inner Wheel is comprised of the wives, daughters and friends of Rotarian families throughout the county. Ideally, Inner Wheel clubs are associated with a Rotary club. The organization was founded in England in 1924, and although clubs in other countries were formed, it was in 1967 that it finally became an official International organization.Alan

Nemlich encouraged his wife, Magda, to form an Inner Wheel club in District 7230 in December.

1981. The Inner Wheel Club of District #7230 has projects that build fellowship and raises money to support charities such as Westchester womens' shelters, The Open Door Family Medical Group, Rotary's Gift of Life, Friends' Network, American cancer Society. Maria Fareri Children's' Hospital,

Fistula Hospital for Women and the

Myolelectric Limb Project which provides limbs to children born without a

hand or arm. The Club meets once a month for dinner and a program, at La Camelia Restaurant in Mt. Kisco, and the members get together. with their spouses, for travel, picnics and theater.....another example of Fellowship encouraging "Service

Above Self."



True to its mission of "Service Above Self", the Rotary Club of White Plains has gone the extra mile in improving the lives of the many youngsters at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla, New York.

In celebration of its 85th birthday, the White Plains Rotarians hosted a birthday bash to benefit Blythedale. At the gala event attended by almost 200 people, Carmine Lippolis - president of the Electrical Contractors Association and a longtime Blythedale supporter - was honored and was presented with the Paul Harris Award for his generosity. More than \$20,000 was raised for the purchase of child-friendly medical equipment that night.

"We were more than happy to raise money for this unique children's rehabilitation hospital," said Jo Falcone, Past President of the Rotary Club of White Plains. "When we visited the Hospital last year where the conjoined twins were being treated, and saw the incredible work being done for children with such complex medical needs, we decided immediately that we would help and we made Blythedale the recipient of our 85th Birthday Bash."

The Rotary Club of White Plains has been a long-time friend to Blythedale, recently providing assistance to a pair of formerly conjoined twins - Carl and Clarence Aguirre - who have won the hearts of supporters worldwide.

When the Aguirre brothers, along with their mother, Arlene, came to the United States from their village in the Philippines in September of 2003, they



faced an uncertain future. The then 17-month old boys were greatly limited in their ability to move, as they were joined at the tops of their heads, and they were greatly

undernourished. Prior to and following their ground-breaking, multi-staged surgery at the Children's Hospital at Monteliore in the Bronx, the boys were admitted to the Post Neonatal/Post Pediatric

Intensive Care Unit at Blythedale Children's Hospital, Following the final separation surgery, which took place on August 4, 2004, the boys were readmitted to Blythedale, where they will remain for an extensive course of physical, occupational and speech therapy, as they learn how to crawl, walk, speak and feed themselves. During the past year-and-a-half, Lena Cavanna, the Director of Community Relations at Blythedale Children's Hospital and a member of the Rotary Club of White Plains, gave a weekly update on the twins' condition as they underwent their many surgeries. Following their first operation in October of 2003, the Rotary Club of White Plains (under the presidency of Chauncey Walker) purchased two pulse oximeters - a donation of \$4,000 - for the purpose of monitoring the boys' levels of oxygen in their blood, as well as continuous monitoring of their heart and pulse rates. Following the donation, and a Rotary luncheon honoring Dr. Robert Marion -Chief of Pediatric Genetics at Blythedale Children's Hospital - the White Plains Rotarians were invited to Blythedale for a luncheon meeting It was at this time that the members



toured the Hospital and recognized a greater need for community involvement and monetary donations. The idea of hosting an 85th birthday bash to benefit Blythedale became a natural choice, and current president Jo Falcone organized the event with Ms. Cavanna, Ann Burton, Judy Perrin, Ann Edwards and Georgene Mongarella, all members of the Rotary Club of White Plains.

"We are honored to be the recipients of such generosity," said Lena Cavanna, Director of Community Relations at Blythedale Children's Hospital. "I am also honored to be a member of an organization that puts service above self. This event, once again, shows the Rotary's commitment to providing for others."

During a recent visit to the Hospital, Jo Falcone and Chauncey Walker checked in on the boys. "It was great seeing them... they are absolutely a medical miracle!" said Jo Falcone.

Pictured: Clockwise from left: Arlene Aguirre, WP PP Jo Falcone, former President Chauncey Walker, Blythedale Hospital Dir. of Community Relations Lena Cavanna, and Carl and Clarence Aguirre.

Friendship Exchange Program

Our first Friendship
Exchange Program will
be with the Rotary
District in Nova Scotia
For more information
please contact
PDG Bob Benson.



...and At Your Club In Bermuda

Blow Your Own Horn....



Janet Di Benedetto, District Trainer and Foundation Chair, visited Bermuda to meet with District Chairs and officers.



Janet has had a long term relationship with our "Bermudan" Rotarians.

"On to Bermuda" Come & Join Us October 23-30, 2005



BOTARY CONVENTION ATTRACTS OVER 50,000



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Featuring...A True Humanitarian

Dorita H. Urrata is a member of Elmsford Rotary Club.



"Lifesaving links for children at risk the world over" is Dorita H. Urrata's motto. Her mission is making life-changing differences in children through 'Children's

Chance', when able to accept children from foreign countries for free medical treatment and surgeries in the United States.

The case of one child, Adrian S. Magalona was brought to the attention of Dr. Persing from Vale by Dorita H. Urrata, director of the Waterbury, Connecticut-based Children's Chance, Inc.; and Menchu Aquino Sarmiento, executive director of the Philippine Airlines Foundation, the same people who brought to New York former conjoined twins Carl and Clarence Aguirre, whose successful surgery to separate them in August 2004 made history.

Urrata's Children's Chance has

helped numerous children from poor countries, but her compassion goes deeper when it comes to Filipino children due to her experience and sufferings as a child POW at the UST (University of Santo Tomas) Interment Camp in Manila.

Working with highly skilled and dedicated physicians, surgeons and hospitals. Children's Chance have been blessed to be able to have helped over 23 children to date with an aggregate of over 4.5 million dollars in DONATED CARE.

Sarmiento said Urrata got her foot full of shrapnel when the Japanese tried to take the camp back. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the



Liberation of Manila and of the UST Interment Camp POW's. "Dorita is diabetic, half-blind and mobility-impaired, but this does not stop her in the least from reaching out to both humans and animals—she rescues dogs from the Harlem shelter," said Sarmiento, who herself has assisted numerous needy Filipino children through PAL Foundation. "Dorita is an amazing woman and her dedication and compassion for Filipino children must be recognized."



BLOW YOUR OWN HORN DISTRICT 7230 NEWSLETTER **FALL 2005**

HELEN REISLER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR. ROTARIAN HEDY MARIN-MANZKE, EDITOR

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Join DG Helen on the beaches of Bermuda as she makes her official DG visits October 23-30

TREES FOR PEACE

"Rotary is dedicated to creating peace and understanding around the globe, and the projects we are involved in are a beacon of hope to

all", says DG Helen Reisler

Trees for Peace. an initiative we are now launching. was inspired by the Keynote

address of 2004. Nobel Peace Prize winner, Wangari Maathai, at Rotary's 100th Anniversary celebration, this year at our International convention attended by 40,000 people.

This dedication event, being launched by the Rotary Club of New York, District #7230, at the United Nations, will be the catalyst for a

world wide effort by Rotarians to plant "Trees for Peace."

tree was donated by Paul and Gail

The first Caruso of

the New York Rotary Club.

Our other clubs, spanning 167

countries, stand ready to follow our

lead and make that "Beacon of Hope"

even brighter. Calendar of Events

2005

June 26	Installation of 2005-2006 District governor & Team
July 1	New Century in Rotary begins. DG Helen Reisler takes office
July 13	District Governor starts official club visits
Sept. 5-11	Zone Institute in Boston
Sept. 11	"Day of Remembrance & Hope" at the Rotary Wall in Hartsdale
Sept 26	"Water Management" seminar in Hartsdale
Oct. 8	"Membership & Foundation" seminar , Pace University, Pleasantville
Oct. 23-30	"On-To-Bermuda" Fellowship trip & DG official club visits to Bermuda clubs
Oct 29	"Rotary Leadership Institute" in Bermuda
Nov. 5	"Rotary UN Day" at the United Nations
Nov. 12	"Community Service" seminar, Pace University . Pleasantville
Dec. TBA	Applications for Peace Scholar due
Dec. 1	Deadline for submission of Nominating Committee members
Dec. 8	Deadline for submission of DG (2008)-(2009) candidate applications

2006

Meeting of Nominating Committee for DG (2008-2009)

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Jan. TBA	"State of the District" meeting
Feb. 4	Gift of Life Dinner Dance
Feb. 16-23	International Assembly, San Diego, California (DG Training)
TBA	"Friendship Exchanges"
Mar. 11	PETS at Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville
Mar. 31-Apr. 2	RYLA Camp in Alpine, NJ
Apr. 5	District Assembly
Apr. 28-30	District Conference at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown
Apr 29	"Rotary Leadership Institute" the Westchester Marriott Hotel, Tarrytown
May TBA	Peace Scholar interviews (recommendations made to RI)
June 11-15	Rotary International Convention in Denmark/Sweden
June 25	Installation of 2006-2007 District Governor in Peekskill
June 30	Term ends for 2005-2006 Team