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Helen Reisler, District Governor

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Read All About It! PATENT TRADER.

"Blow Your Own Horn..."

Rotary and Mahopac Bank give out books to children

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Somers Club Literacy Project also attracts major media attention. Read all about it on page 13!

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District Conference 2006 A *"Star Studded"* Event

Besides the "stars" from our own District, our guest stars were Mia Farrow and Vanessa Williams.

District Governor Helen and Ass't. District Secretary Edgar Cornell, welcome Mia Farrow at the District Conference Awards Luncheon.



District Conference cont' on pg. 8,9 and back cover

Highlights from Helen

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How special this 2005-2006 "Service Above Self" year has been! My heartfelt "thanks" to all of you who have made it so meaningful. Our District 7230 has a host of talented Rotarians who came together to create a fantastic team of enthusiastic, humanitarian volunteers. We were dedicated to using "positive energy" to meet our goals and we came through with "flying colors." We have successfully written the first chapter of our new Century of Service by focusing on Water, Health & Hunger, Literacy,



and Public Image while also addressing the unexpected Tsunami and Katrina disasters.

We purified the water in Honduras, Tanzania, and Bangladesh. We fed starving schoolchildren in Pretoria, Africa, through our "Lunch Box Program", and fostered Literacy in all our local communities. Two clubs actually published books and we "Blew Our Own Horns' so loudly that local and major newspapers finally heard us. More than 25 newspaper articles sang our praises.

New doors were opened, this year, which I hope will be a precedent for the future. Let's expand the Paul Harris Society, continue "Partnering" with sponsoring corporations, have more Multi-District Forums, and save the lives of more children with failing hearts, no matter what country they come from. Let's keep the doors of communication open while we experiment with new ideas.

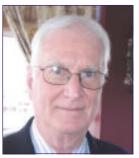
> Our "star-studded" District Conference is being highlighted in the upcoming September issue of the Rotarian magazine as an example to other Districts. We proudly accepted the special plaque from Mia Farrow for our extraordinary contributions to "Polio Plus", and recognized her own humanitarian work with a surprise Paul Harris Fellow. The Awards ceremony was an opportunity for me to give special recognition to deserving Rotarians. Some of the other memorable events are covered in this newsletter.

> I am honored to have served District 7230 as Governor this year and I will continue to be involved. I will be listening......so make sure you continue to "Blow Your Own Homs."

Featuring...New Members

ROTARY DISTRICT 7230

MAKING AN



Barry Fitzgerald Bronx Rotary Club



Wilfredo Irizarry **Bronx Rotary Club**



Joe Arlotta **Chinatown Rotary Club**



WITH NEW MEMBERS

Joseph Sassano Chinatown Rotary Club



Doris Andino Somers Rotary Club



Barbara E. Lang NY Rotary Club



Richard Peterson Portchester/Rye Brook **Rotary Club**

CAMERA SHY: Dot DiBuono Harrison Rotary

Dear Hedy,

We are all very impressed with our District's Newsletters. You & Helen are really doing a tabulous job with it. 1 visit our District's Website and review your Newsletters often, and always enjoy reading them. Lespecially like your new column MAKING AN IMPACT with pictures of new members. It is a great way to introduce our proud new members as well as making them teel welcomed.

Frances Chu Frances Chu, Elmstord Rotary Club Thanks again,

Thank you Frances This makes it all worth it!

Hedy & DG Helen

Iraqi Ambassador Thanks New York Rotarians For Children's Heart Surgery

Around the Rotary World

The Permanent Representative of Irag to the United Nations, Ambassador Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie (left) visited the Rotary Club of New York's Monthly Breakfast Meeting at the United Nation to thank Rotarians for arranging and financing highrisk heart surgery at a New York hospital for six Iraqi children.

The Ambassador emphasized that this Rotary service project was indeed a Gift of Life, but it was also a "Gift of Good-Will". Their families and friends will remember the generosity and humanity of Americans for years to come.



Featuring...John Porco

"If You Can Imagine It, You Can Create It"

"If you can imagine it, you can create it." This is

what John Porco states on his business card and website, He proved it recently when he created four separate video programs for our District Conference, including beautiful segments for the Opening

Plenary, the Mia Farrow Award Ceremony, the Paul Harris Banquet, and the "recap" of our Multi-District Forums. John is very talented and if YOU can imagine it..HE can create it.

Aside from his Rotary background where he is a Past President and Webmaster of the Harrison Club, District Video Program Chair 2005-2006, and future Assistant Governor 2006-2007, he is President of his own technology integration company,"Integrated Enterprises" in Mamaroneck.

Since 2002 they have been creating Websites and providing internet services such as domain name registration and



hosting on-line shopping carts for personal and business use. They

recently included a multimedia component to the services and plan to deliver streaming video broadcasts and Internet TV to remote locations. There are future plans to

develop a central multimedia server for the distribution of TV, phone service, e-mail, website and warehousing of digital information such family photos, videos, audio libráries all from a central location. secured by firewall. Natural extensions to this service will be home theaters systems and "whole house" Internet identity systems. John, an altruistic individual, enjoys dedicating his skills to the betterment of individuals and businesses who"give back" to the com-

munity. He resides in Mamaroneck with his wife, Patricia, and is a proud grandfather of Austin, Alexis & Amanda Lee.

proud of YOU, John !!

...and At Your Club



Mt. Vernon Rotary In the News

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District 7230 Intercity Meeting Meeting RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer

Rotary Club members together with RI President Stenhammer on the occasion of the Intercity meeting:

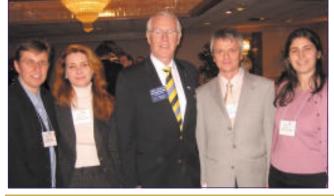


Photo left: Metro NY Rotary & pictured left to right: Susanne

Wetzel, Sonja Neckermann, RI President Stenhammer, Roland Keller, and PP Ozgem Ornektekin.

Photo right: Trish Rubin, NY Rotary, RI President Stenhammer, and Hedy Marín-Mänzke, Bronx Rotary.



Rotary News

Blow Your Own Horn...*

District Roving Ambassador Bill Delong Back From Doing Humanitarian Work in Bejing, China

District Governor Helen welcomed our "Roving Ambassador", Bill DeLong, member of the NY Rotary, back from China where he worked with learning disabled children. He came to the New York Rotary meeting in a Chinese Emperor's robe bearing gifts ...



Bill learned that his last name means "Dragon" in Chinese. Photo left: Here is Bill DeLong presenting DG Helen with a chinese "Good Luck" souvenir.

> Photo below: Bill Delong sharing a



Birthday Cake with his "children".

Photo above: Cha-Cha Bill dancing with one of the "challenged" children he helped in Bejing, China.



BRIARCLIFF MANOR

Briarcliff Rotary Club welcomed Hiromi Kubo, a Rotary Scholar and former INTERACT Club member from Tokyo. She now teaches Bilingual in NY and gave a lecture on the 'Art of Kimono's'.



...and At Your Club



Centennial Project Bronx Rotary is repairing and refurbishing the Amauzari Primary School near Owerri in Nigeria, in partnership with Rotary International, the Owerri

Gift-of-Life

The Club has sponsored not one, but two Gift-of-Life children with serious heart defects who are brought

Rotary Club and their district, Rotary

District 9140.

here for life-saving surgery. Baby Nairaj Budnarine came here with his mother, Pria, from Guyana, for successful heart repair at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center (featured in last newsletter), and 12 year

old Luis Montero, "Who has returned to his homeland with a healthy heart", stated Hedy Marin-Manzke, Coordinator.



Water Project The Bronx has also provided a well on the hospital grounds in Dar- Es-Salaam in Tanzania for the use of the hospital and the village.

Photo left: IP Ed Hicks, Pres. Nancy Wallace, AG Jim Romeo, GOL Luis Montero, Hedy Marín-Mänzke, Luis' mom Dulce Tejada and Sgt-at-Arms Charles Gorelick.





Doing Good for Goodness Sake

The Rotary Club of Chappaqua celebrated Charter Night by honoring

those who have lived up to the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". Photo right: Honorees included Tony Bustamante and Gabriel ("Gabby")



Rosenfeld for community service.

Photo right: James P. McCauley, a decorated Captain who served in



Vietnam, received the Community Service award for his intense dedication, discipline, and can-do character in establishing Chappaqua's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Photo right: Rui Lin ("Linda") Gao has dedicat-



ed her time to the

Volunteer Ambulance

Corps after the out-

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and help during her

cancer. Working with

the ambulance corps

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Chappaqua



New Harrison Club Rotary Member, Dot DiBouno and Past-Pres. John Porco are spearheading an effort to establish the first multi-community Interact club in District 7230. They will encourage membership from multiple school districts in Rotary area 4. Plans are currently underway to partner with each school district in support of this new project.



Did You Know?

Hedy Marín-Mänzke of the Bronx Rotary Club has sponsored 8 members in 3 years?



Inspiring Knowledge

The Mount Kisco Public Library Foundation received a \$10,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Mount Kisco at the Rotary Club's annual gala dinner, in addition to providing the Foundation with a \$5,000 donation from the Rotary Pancake Breakfast.

"We sincerely appreciate the Rotary Club of Mount Kisco's support of bringing a new public library to Mount Kisco," commented Jeanine Meyer, President of the Mount Kisco Public Library Foundation. "Their ongoing commitment to foster literacy in our community is a testament to the Rotary's mission of service above self."

"The Rotary Club of Mount Kisco has a long history of supporting local organizations whose mission is to improve the lives of people in our community," said Mace Rattet, President of the Rotary Club of Mount Kisco. "It is our privilege to help the Foundation reach its goal."



In photo: Mace Rattet, President of the Rotary Club of Mount Kisco, presents a check for \$15.000 to Jeanine Mever. President and Anthony Monteleone, Vice President of the Foundation for the Mount **Kisco Public** Library at the Annual Rotary Gala.

micro-credit projects, which

they view as essential in fulfilling our responsibility to build a better future for the



Arch C. Klumph Society Recipients

PDG Paul Caruso, member of the New York Rotary Club, and his wife Gail, an honorary member were inducted into Rotary's Arch C. Klumph Society. (Photo right) Through a major gift to the Rotary Foundation, Paul and Gail will support a "World Population Prosperity Fund" for international



world.

Photo right: Barbara E. Lang Lyras-Auffret of AML Productions. LLC, newest member of New York Rotary filming DG Helen for her documentary, as



she talks to the Westport Rotary Club about 9/11.



Ossining Club's Youth Are On The Move Again!

In the winter it was skiing, and during the Spring Bread, Club President Henry Atterbury and INTERACT chair Sue Donnely took a group of 8 students climbing at Peter's Kill in Minnewaska Štate Park. Henry shared his passion for climbing and his expertise and support with the stuPhoto right: The climbing begins, evervone knew it was serous business.

Photo below left: The beginning... looking to Henry for confidence & guidance.



Photo below: Group shot...Top of the cliff...beautiful day... great experience.

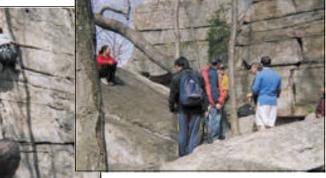


Photo above: They all went to the top and couldn't wait to try another climb.

Around the Rotary World A Small Bit of History

A Rotary plaque was discovered recently in an underground mine in Lota, Chile. Avery familiar emblem glinting on a plaque in the darkness, its inscription reads, "In homage to the miners of Lota and the world, the **Underground Interdistrict Rotarians** held their first meeting here under the sea."

The mine had been closed in the 1970's and the miners layed off due to extreme poverty...

...but the Rotary plaque survived.





dents. Safety and technique were the back bone of the teaching strategy. There was lots of encouragement and support from Sue Donnely.



"Up Front About Cooking! The Rotary Club of Ossining decided that their Board of Directors need to be more "Up

Front" in attracting publicity and funds for their Club projects. Inspired by Governor Helen's "Blow Your Own Horn" mantra, they armed themselves with aprons & cooking utensils and took it all off for the cause and produced a wonderful cookbook which they sold at the District Conference!





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Read All About It! cont from cover page

Pleasantville Literacy Project In Partnership with Mahopac Bank

The Rotary Club of Pleasantville, in partnership with Mahopac National Bank, donated 450 bilingual children's books written by celebrated children's



author Rebecca Emberley, to three agencies in Northern Westchester,





Photo below: Members of Pleasantville Rotary.

> Photo right: A child enjoys his book.



Photo below: Children enjoy being read to. What a wonderful gift increasing literacy in a community.



including the Open Door Family Medical Center's Mount Kisco clinic. Ms. Emberley traveled from her home in Maine to join the Rotarians in their





Did You Know? The inwood Rotary Club will be the 47th Club in our District?



Fellowship **During Pleasantville Club's** Wine Tasting Fundraiser Event

Photo right: Charlie Hemlich our Literacy Sponsor from Mahopac National Bank; PDG Janet DiBenedetto, Foundation Chair; DGN Bob Cucinell; DG Helen Reisler; and Bob's wife Donna Cucinell. Charlie Hemlich just joined Pleasantville Rotary Club.



District Conference

District Conference cont from cover page

RI Rep. Larry Lunsford speaks at Awards Banquet.





Helen Wiliams, wife of PP Milt Williams of Elmsford club with daughter Vanessa Williams.



PDG Janet DiBenedetto, DG Helen Reisler and PDG Gilda Chirafisi.



DG Helen presents PDG Janet DiBenedetto with Rotarian of the Year award.

DG Helen introduces Exchange Students to Mia Farrow.





PP John Porco and PDG Gilda Chirafisi are all smiles.





ADG Jim Romeo and his

"twin" Tom Minozzi.

Hedy Marín-Mänzke, Newsletter Chair surprises DG Helen with a "Best DG" certificate



District Conference



Magician Paul Hsiao, of the NY Rotary Club and his wife Helen awed us with their magic.





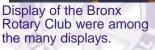


Barney Barnet, Mats Ingmanson, Public Relations Chair and DG Helen.

DG Helen thanks her nine Assistant District Governors.



Bill DeLong presented Mia Farrow with a token of Good Luck.



DG Helen, PP John Porco and Mia Farrow.





PDG Gilda Chirafisi, District Conference Chair

District Media Chair Pat Ploss, NE Westchester Rotary; District Auditor Jerry Ploss and ADG Roman Ciosek of Portchester Rotary.



District Conference cont' on back cover





District Governor, Helen Reisler was on hand to present the special sportsmanship

trophy to "Huskies" Quarterback Chris Giorgio for outstanding sportsmanship during the very competitive annual Rye / Harrison football game. Coach Art Troilo poses with Chris.



Did You Know?

The Portchester/Rye Brook Rotary Clubs have a joint goal...to buy a Fly Car for the Portchester/Rye Brook Ambulance Corps. A Fly Car is an SUV operated by a paramedic who can respond to a call when the ambulance and crew are attending other emergencies.





The Rotary Clubs of Yonkers and The Bronx are still collecting used computers to be donated to school children in need.

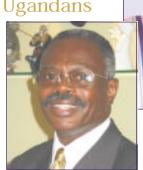
> If you have one to be picked up call Chuck Katze at 914-633-3790 Jim Romeo at 718-617-1600 Rick Lowell at 914-476-5566



Rotary Donation To Assist Ugandans

Pembrooke Rotary Club in Bermuda donated \$3,000 to the ISIS Foundation to be used for their work in Uganda.

The money will be used to support a home for street kids and projects at a rural hospital which has a neonatal intensive care unit for over 400 babies a year. "The donation will help with medication and equipment and training for the nurses and doctors", says Club President Charles Jeffers (photo right).



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Photo above: Premier of Bermuda, The Hon. William Alexander Scott thanks DG Helen for the community involvement of the four Bermuda clubs.



Chinatown Celebrates!

Chinatown Rotary's honored members and Scholarship recipients celebrate. Photo far right top: Mayor of Greenville presented honorary citizenship to Rotarian K. C. Leung, for his contribution to the "Wall of Remembrance & Hope".

Photo right: President Steven Troyer with honorees of the event -Messrs. Jim Watkins and Rotarian K. C. Leung, a chartered member of the Club.

Photo far right: PP David Chew and Walter Metzger with Service

Above Self Awards and Scholarship recipients.

District Conference





District 7230 Assembly

Thanks to Lou Del Rosario

of the Elmsford Club, his publicity skills brought our District Conference to the attention of the Journal News.

He writes a great Press Release!! RI Rep. Larry Lunsford and his family also had a fun filled day at Lou's raceway.



"Lunch Box Program"

DG Helen Reisler, DGE Charlie Gruetzner, PDG Janet DiBenedetto and John Krysko of the "Lunch Box



Program" at our District Assembly.





Somers Literacy Project combines the pride of authorship with cross cultural exposure. The project resulted in publication of book "On My Mind" and extensive newspaper coverage.

"Cradle of the American Gircus"



Helen Bowers who was appointed by DG Helen to be corporate liaison, used her top sales skills to make our first "Partnership" with Mahopac National Bank, who sponsored club's literacy projects.

Way to go Helen!



My Mind student writings fro

New book a showcase for high school writers

The Journal News Sunday, April 16, 2006

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Somers Rotary Welcomes New Paul Harris Fellows

Pam Guerrerio is a charter member of the Somers Rotary having served as Treasurer since its beginning. She is currently President Elect and will serve as President for the 2006-2007 year. Pam is an Assistant Vice President for Citibank in Somers.

Dick Atkins is originally from the UK He is an international technology consultant and a world traveler. He joined the Rotary last year and has already taken a key leadership role in many projects. Dick is currently President Elect Nominee and will serve as President in the 2007-2008 year.



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Recipients of RI President Citations From RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer



Nancy Wallace Bronx Rotary



Catherine Draper The Pelhams Rotary



Steven Troyer **Chinatown Rotary**



Charles Jeffers Pembrooke Rotary



Ann Moody-Battle Mt. Vernon Rotary



Jay Feinsod Portchester-Rye **Brook Rotary**



Diana Genovesi **Peekskill Rotary**



Stanley Herz-Pearlman Somers Rotary

CAMERA SHY: Paula Greenberg Croton-On-Hudson Rotary

> John Bahr **Eastchester Rotary**

Barton Guttag Hartsdale Rotary

Wilson Kimball Metro NY Rotary

Chris Roberts New Rochelle Rotary

Janet Pacifico **NE Westchester Rotary**

> **Henry Atterbury Ossining Rotary**

Helen Johnson-Grishman **Pleasantville Rotary**

Doris Humphrey Riverdale Rotary

Dr. Howard Smith The Tarrytowns Rotary

Michael Graessle White Plains Rotary

Lee Oppenheimer Yorktown Rotary

...and At Your Club

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The Tarrytowns Club Keeps On Giving The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns at their annual Wine & Jazz Event raised \$26,000 which will all go back to the community in the form of grants



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and scholarships.

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The Tarrytowns Club donated a pickup truck to the Salvation Army South Louisiana Recovery command in New Orleans.

The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns' members and Roger Rischawy, Director of Disaster Services are seen in group photo.

Service Above Self

Donations Enable Rotary To Buy Truck For Katrina Cleanup

Katrica may be less visible now that television ormow and orther-tes have for the most part left New Orleana. However, denatais evident throughout the according to Donnell als, who recently delivered a new Chevenlet pickup truck donated by the Rotary Club of the Tarrytovers, to his Salvation Army co-workers in Louisian. Use of which is and a collesgue frow the half-ten white Devralat Silvando with the red solution Army emiliars on its fract doors sell the insertption, "This truck donated by the



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Roger Rischawy, Director of Disaster Services and Lt. Colonel Nestor R. Nuesch, Divisional Commander invited DG Helen Reisler to the Salvation Army Corporate Headquarters to thank her for the humanitarian partnership with Rotary District 7230.



New Inwood Club In District 7230

Welcome to the new Rotary Club of Inwood.

"Kudos" to Jim Kushner who recruited more than 27 new Rotarians with various skills and backgrounds to start a new club in the Inwood Community. The offi-

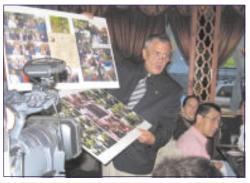


cers have been installed, with Jim as President and they have already formed committees



to address community and international needs.District Governor Helen met with an excited bunch of prospective new members for our new Inwood Rotary Club and installed Jim Kushner as the first president.





Congratulations Jim Kushner



 In Recognition
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Congratulations to Jim Kushner who was cited as first responder to the Katrina disaster where he saved the lives of numer-

ous people and animals.



Congratulations!



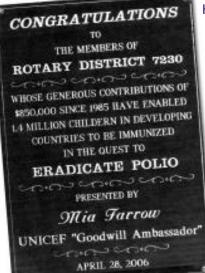
Nobody was more surprised than Janet when DG Helen recognized her for the "many hats" she wore this year as she helped clubs throughout the District.



Did You Know? That the Rye Club has 23 Paul Harris Fellows?

(See front page, pages 8 and 9 for more news about the District 7230 Conference)

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Mia Farrow presented our District with a plaque (photo left) and speaks with DG Helen and Lou Del Rosario during the conference, reports The Journal News (photo





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Mia Farrow, Actress and Humanitarian, promised DG Helen Reisler that she would return to celebrate with us when we completely iradicate Polio from the world.





Rotary International representative Larry Lunsford, his wife Jill and children Trent and Cara with Jim Thompson, Banquet Chair (Upper left), DG Helen, Mia Farrow and Mats Ingmanson, PR Chair (seated), at the Awards Ceremony.

DG Helen surprised Mia Farrow with a Paul Harris Fellow for her humanitarian work with UNICEF and her effort to eradicate polio (photo above).



This is the final newsletter for 2005-2006. I have enjoyed working with DG Helen to highlight all your wonderful projects throughout the last year. Thank you, Hedy

right).

Hedy Marín-Mänzke, a Bronx Rotarian, owns a graphic & printing firm Hmmm... Graphics since 1987.