

"Blow Your Own Horn..."



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Helen Reisler, District Governor

Winter 2006

Helen **Helps** **Happy Dollars**



Happy Dollars is a custom at many Rotary Clubs. The money collected helps to support various club projects. DG Helen was happy to help during her 46 club visits.

New Rochelle collects their contributions in "Satin & Lace."

Welcoming Our Gift of Life Children

Three Iraqi children who arrived in the U.S. in December as part of the Gift of Life program and already have had their heart operations welcomed Ali Abed Ali and his father (standing, far right) at JFK Airport on Jan. 7 along with his Pelham host family; Cathy Draper (standing, far left), President of the Rotary Club of the



Pelhams; and Staff Sgt. Marikay Satryano of Tarrytown of the U.S. Army Reserve (kneeling in front), who organized the program and Gift of Life volunteers.

Welcoming our Gift of Life cont' in "Pelham Rotary" on pg. 8

Highlights **from Helen**

Happy New Year, fellow Rotarians, and "Thank you" for the warm welcome as I made my official visit to each one of our 46 District clubs. Your enthusiastic response to our "Pure Water for the World" project, our Literacy project Goals, and our Publicity & Public Relations campaign, certainly makes me proud and confirms that District #7230 is headed in the right direction.

We can take pride, as well, in our new initiatives such as "Partnering" with other organizations and businesses, formation of our Paul Harris Society, "Blowing our Horns" out into our communities, and expanding our lines of communication within the District. I remind you, also, that we need each club to honor its "goal pledge" for Annual Giving so that we can continue to support our humanitarian projects into the future.

April 28th —April 30th is our District Conference at the Westchester Marriott Hotel. We are planning a meaningful and fun filled slate of events so "Save the date."

Sincerely,
DG Helen



Photo below: DG Helen with RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer (far right) and RI Foundation Chair Frank Devlyn, at "Rotary UN Day."



Featuring...New Members

ROTARY DISTRICT 7230



Suzanne Ruffa-Dolen
NY Rotary Club



Emily Brunner
NY Rotary Club



Ms. Glassman
NY Rotary Club



Robert Hayes
NY Rotary Club



Patrick Heeney
NY Rotary Club



Paul Haiso
NY Rotary Club



Ms. Izzillo
NY Rotary Club



Josh Kitlas
NY Rotary Club



Richard Marshall
NY Rotary Club



Gennaro Miccoli
NY Rotary Club

MAKING AN

IMPACT



WITH NEW MEMBERS



Ivi Navarrete
NY Rotary Club



Jimmy Paulk
NY Rotary Club



Ted Perednia
NY Rotary Club



Vicky Pope
NY Rotary Club



Skipp Porteous
NY Rotary Club



Trish Rubin
NY Rotary Club



Evelyn Ryan
NY Rotary Club



Sheri Best
NY Rotary Club



Mr. Shumsky
NY Rotary Club



Peter Tomolonis
NY Rotary Club

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ROTARY DISTRICT 7230

MAKING AN

IMPACT



WITH NEW MEMBERS



Mr. Trautwein
NY Rotary Club



Michael Yang
NY Rotary Club



Bryan Quinn
Somers Rotary Club



Lucienne DePonte
Somers Rotary Club



Ben Shuldiner
Somers Rotary Club



Left to Right:
Dick Atkins
Ed Liss
Gary Parker
Dick Frey
Martin Ashley
Somers Rotary Club



Debra Martinez
Bronx Rotary Club



Elizabeth Toledo
Bronx Rotary Club



Tom Antonucci
Peekskill Rotary Club



Bruce Prehal
Peekskill Rotary Club



Joe Lippolis
Peekskill Rotary Club



L to r: Lianne Shaw, Anthony Ruiz,
Connie Crawford, Bob Willett, Jessica
Penn, Len Fiore, Jesus Lopez,
and Bill Kress of Ossining Rotary Club.

Photos not available:

Bob Nolan, Ossining Rotary Club
Sharon Hurley, Harrison Rotary Club

***Are Your New Members Here?
They can be, let us know
who they are for the
next newsletter.***

Rotary News

THE GIFT OF LIFE "BELOVED" FUNDRAISER

When Lou Del Rosario of the Elmsford Rotary Club brought the Gift of Life to Makati, Philippines, in hopes of saving children's lives, he had no idea how this humanitarian gesture would expand.

Western Union and its 4 principal agents have now "come on board" with a commitment of \$150,000. They also intend to launch a full-blown, world wide media campaign highlighting their partnership with GOL, as well as a program where they will waive transaction fees for contributors to GOL through Western Union.

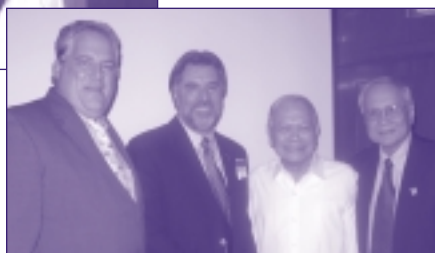


Combined with the \$250,000 raised by President Roque and his team's 3-H, the total of \$400,000 will enable many more children to



benefit from the program this year, which is also expanding to other hospitals. Congratulations, Lou!!

Top photo: Abe Gordon Past International VP, Lou del Rosario PP Director Gift Of Life Team Leader, Barbara del Rosario, Chad Everett actor and official Spokes person for GOL, Ginny del Rosario Abello Lou's sister, David Sullivan PDG: Center photo: Lou & Barbara with Surgeon Makati West Rotarian with parents and kids who were operated on thru the GOL. Bottom photo: Sully, Robbie, Dr. Ben Santos and Lou at the Makati Shangrila lobby, Philippines.



"Remembrance & Hope"



More and more Rotarians are visiting our "Wall of Remembrance & Hope" in Hartsdale. The 110 foot mural, painted by past ambassadorial scholar, Jen Dragon shows Rotary's 100 year history.



Photo above, clockwise from upper left: Mats Ingemanson (NY Club), Tom Minozzi (Quad Village), Milt Williams, (Elmsford), PP Lou Del Rosario (Elmsford), Barbara Del Rosario, Helen Williams, DG Helen, and PDG David Sullivan (Sandy's), gathered to celebrate Jen Dragon's (bottom left) Rotary mural creation.

Foundation News

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY ADOPTED

The Paul Harris Society is a new program of District 7230. Rotarians are asked to make a yearly contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Annual Giving program of the Rotary Foundation. A special Tab is given to those new members.



At the Hartsdale Rotary Club Annual Holiday Party, Sy Scharf their first member was introduced. Currently there are four members to the society, DG Helen Reisler, PDG Alan Nemlich and PDG Janet DiBenedetto.

The trustees of the Rotary foundation will give official recognition to this program as of July 1, 2006. Any Rotarian interested in this program should contact PDG Janet.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Rotarians around the world have been asked to become a part of

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) by making a \$100 contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Have you made that contribution yet? This very small amount of money can accomplish many things for people less fortunate than us.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Each year Rotary clubs are asked to make a commitment to the foundation. Monies given to the annual program are used to benefit RI

programs such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, GSE Teams and matching grants, to name a few.

As we approach the 8th month of this Rotary year we ask the clubs to make their contribution to the foundation. Your Assistant Governors will be in contact with you over the next few weeks to offer assistance. Clubs and rotarians can also contact foundation Chair PDG Janet DiBenedetto.

...and At Your Club



Briarcliff Manor

Rotary of Briarcliff Manor supports Safe Rides, a program that enables students to call for a ride home if they feel endangered in any way. Pictured are Craig Nadler, Student President of Safe Rides with Geraldine Mahoney, President of Rotary of Briarcliff Manor, and Juliana Taube, also Student President of Safe Rides. The student-presi-

dents spoke about the success of the program and thanked Rotary for its financial support. Students call this service if they find themselves in a situation in which they do not have a ride home or their driver is impaired in any way. Last year, 49 calls were received for rides.



There are 70 student members and 25 adult advisors to this community initiative that also sponsors educational programs about substance abuse.

A recent speaker discussed recognizing the symptoms of alcohol poisoning.



CHINATOWN

The Chinatown Rotary Club Supports the Sabres Girls' Basketball Team



Did You Know?

The North East "Large Club Conference" will be held in NYC in February 2006.



EASTCHESTER

Eastchester's Response to "Katrina"

The Eastchester Rotary is very proud of their response to Hurricane Katrina. After numerous calls to the Gulf area, they were able to locate a Rotarian from the Biloxi club who gave an assessment of the damages. The club lost its meeting place and its bell, all of its flags that were collected over its 93 year history, its podium and audio speakers for its bigger

meetings. Approximately 35 members of the club have lost their homes. through a referral from the American Red Cross in Westchester, the club sprung into action and with the help of some local churches, the VFW Post in Mt. Vernon, and Eastchester Rotary club loaded a truck to Biloxi with goods and merchandise totaling \$40,000 and drove it to the St. Vincent de Paul Society which is being run by Rotarians. Their truck was one of the first to arrive.

"We Need a Partner"

Many of the people in the Gulf want to go back to their neighborhoods and rebuild. there is a non profit

organization that rebuilds trailers and with volunteers brings them to Biloxi for the residents to live in on their lot while their home is being rebuilt. Each trailer is delivered with appliances and bedding, so after the hook up, one can move in and help rebuild their home while on sight. Eastchester Rotary would like to partner with any club in the district who would like to donate to the trailer fund. Each trailer is about \$8,000. for more information, please call Mike Fix at 914-395-3247 or 800-937-0487. Eastchester Rotary can come to your club with photos or tell you more about their joint effort on the phone. There may be an opportunity to help with rebuilding the libraries in the Gulf area.

"To Live In The Hearts We Leave Behind Is Not To Die"

Eastchester Club mourns the loss of their permanent secretary, Mary Ruffo. Mary, the first female Rotarian in the district, was brought into the club by one of its founders, her husband Ed Ruffo. She became president of the club from 1990-1991. She and her late husband were both Paul Harris Fellows. The Club felt very strongly about her and made a major contribution to the Liver Foundation in her name.

...and At Your Club



ELMSFORD

Elmsford Club Presents PHEA to Husband/Wife Members

They were the first Paul Harris Fellows named by Elmsford Rotary PHFs Committee based on a set of Selection Criteria defined and used by

the Committee. A pamphlet, documenting the good works of the Tostanoskis and the reasons why they were chosen, were distributed. It is the hope of the PHF Committee of Elmsford Rotary that by highlighting these accomplishments, the members' awareness of the PHF



as well as continue to show the world the great leadership of Rotary.

recognitions will be enhanced, and that the Paul Harris Fellow recognitions will inspire more contributions toward RI Rotary Foundation benefiting our communities



Tim & Maureen (In photo left and right) are a great husband & wife team serving, and meeting the Object of Rotary. They opened their home and served as hosts for a Gift of Life family from a foreign country, and they have always generously contributed their time and money to many Club projects. They are the top givers to Katrina Relief Fund through Elmsford Rotary. In addition to being a well respected businessman and a dedicated Rotarian, Tim is well known in leading roles serving other non-profit organizations. He is now serving his second term as the official Sergeant-At-Arms of Elmsford Rotary.



Exemplifying "Service Above Self", Maureen has been most effective sharing her expertise, time, and money in serving Elmsford Rotary, as well as Rotary International by taking important parts in all projects Elmsford Rotary contributes for the Community, Vocational, Youth and International Services. In addition to generously sharing her know-how with fellow Rotarians she is currently serving as Secretary and Treasurer of the Club.

"Adopt a Highway"

The Elmsford Rotary Club in partnership with their Interact Club members, came out full force in December to do their "Adopt a Highway" community service project. Donning hats, gloves and vests, they cleaned up the trash on route 9A.



Alan Nemlich leads garbage brigade.

Their reward was a bountiful breakfast and a prize for the most glamorous piece of trash. Francis Chu videotaped this "Trashy Event" for posterity.

Elmsford Rotary Mourns the Loss of Their Beloved Member Milt Williams



Devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather
Director of Rotary District 7230 Gift of Life
Past President Rotary Club of Elmsford
Music Teacher to thousands

Milt will be missed by all his friends in Rotary District 7230.

Donations can be made to the Elmsford Rotary District 7230 Scholarship Fund, & mailed to P.O. Box 2, Tarrytown, NY 10591 or to Gift of Life Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 698, Tarrytown, NY 10591.



TARRYTOWNS

The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award to Jeffrey Graham, founder and President of the Transplant Support organization. This is a national honor for Lifetime Achievement in recognition of his more than 4,000

hours of volunteer service to TSO.

Dr. Howard Smith, President of the Rotary Club and Superintendent of the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns, said, "Jeff has made a lifelong commitment to volunteer service and making a difference in improving the quality of life for others. This award



Jeffrey Graham recipient of the PVS award with L. Andrews.

recognizes his extraordinary efforts on behalf of organ and tissue donations and recipients." The Rotary Club has a long history of volunteer service and is proud to be able to confer this Award to outstand-

ing volunteers who have made service a central part of their lives.

...and At Your Club



The Hartsdale Rotary Club raised \$11,000 for our district water resources project.

DGN Bob Cucinell and his wife Donna recently received Paul Harris Fellow awards from the Hartsdale Club.

The Hartsdale Rotary Club assists (see photo below) with medical bills for a paralyzed Greenburg woman and helped a family of a disabled widow with two children with supplies and gifts.



The Hartsdale Club Has A Heart

Bob Cucinell "Hand to Honduras" Water Projects

Bob Cucinell in Danli, Honduras helping in the construction of an addition to a local school serving one of the rural communities. The project, known as "Hands to Honduras", had 17 Rotarians from New



Hampshire and Vermont assisting in construction, water and medical brigades. Bob was also inspecting water filters (see photo right) and their effect on the health of residents in Honduras.

Sy Scharf Presents to Student of the Month & RYLA Student

Photo right: Hartsdale Rotary Club's Student of the Month, Mandi Nyambi. She is a 7th grade student at the Woodlands Middle School in Hartsdale. Sy Scharf is giving her the award.



Sy Scharf has the honor of presenting a Ryla student an honor!



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.

Mark Your Calendar

Our District Conference will be the last weekend in April.
Plan to Come We Want to See YOU There!

The International Convention, June 11-14, 2006
Malmo, Sweden/Copenhagen, Denmark



Mamaroneck Rotary, with Portchester/Rye Brook Rotary has continually supported The Carver Center, a local social service organization. The cen-

ter 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 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.

...and At Your Club



The Mt. Kisco Rotary Club has been raising literacy standards in South Africa since member Peter Grunthal personally witnessed the distress of unemployment and need for education and job training, during the GSE Exchange tour he led there.

The Mount Kisco Club has partnered with the Pretoria-Silverton Club to provide physical resources at the Lesedi High School, to train a permanent Corps of literacy trainers, and to teach the "Concentrated Language



Encounter" techniques to teachers at this school and other schools in the District.

Now, the Gauteng Provincial Education department has invited Rotary to train teachers in literacy teaching in EVERY SCHOOL IN THE PROVINCE!

The Rotary Foundation matched 50% of the funds raised by the Mount Kisco Rotary Club, the Pretoria Silverton Club, and many clubs in District 7230.

The Mount Kisco Club will train over a thousand teachers in dozens of schools all over the targeted district.



Welcoming our Gift of Life

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Members of the Rotary Club of the Pelhams welcomed Ali Abed Ali, the 14-year-old Iraqi boy here for life saving heart surgery, to the Rotary meeting on Jan. 18.

Accompanied by his father, the teen said little but had big smiles for everyone he met, saying "Thank you."

The Club raised funds to bring Ali and his father to the United States as part of the Gift of Life program, an affiliate charity of Rotary.

During the Jan. 18 meeting, Bill Curry, a director of the Gift of Life program, talked about its origins 30 years ago, when a Rotary Club in Uganda worked with a Rotary Club in Manhasset (Long Island) to help a 5-year-old girl get heart surgery in the U.S. Since then, the program has facilitated 8,000 surgeries in 20 countries.



"Project Iraqi Hearts," this year's program that includes Ali, was started by Marikay Satriano, a school teacher in Tarrytown who was serving

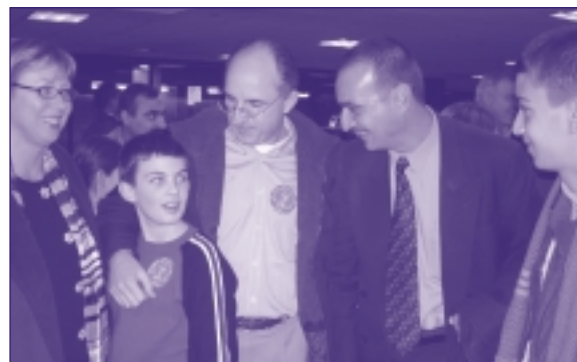
in the Army Reserve in Amman, Jordan, working with the Humanitarian Assistance Corporation to help the civilian population in Iraq. She was a Rotary Ambassadorial

Scholar and had just joined the Rotary Club in Amman. Mr. Currie worked with her in Amman to screen 20 children for possible surgery in the U.S. So far, five of

the children have arrived.

Ali and his father are being hosted in Pelham by the Dumas-Felicetti family. Rotarian John Felicetti reported on Ali's progress since his operation and noted that local pro bono podiatric care has been arranged for Ali's father.

Ali Abed Ali, the 14-year-old Iraqi teen brought to the U.S. for life saving heart surgery, had the operation at Montefiore Medical Center on Jan. 11



and while staying with the Dumas-Felicetti family in Pelham became acquainted with American video games, television and food.

Although Ali knows some English, his father, Abu Ali Hussien, is more comfortable speaking about their experi-



ence and answering questions. He said Ali prefers Egyptian food, but also likes spaghetti, ice cream, hamburgers and some other American foods. "He had me bring spaghetti to the hospital for him—that's Italian, not American," Abui Ali said. Ali is also "Game Boy proficient" as they say and enjoys playing PlayStation 2 and watching television as in photo—all fully recovered!

...and At Your Club



CENTRAL BRONX

Another Water Project!

Rotary Club of Central Bronx funded installation of two (2) tubewells for fresh water in Rajnagar, Moulvibazar, Bangladesh, last December 2005.

These tubewells will provide fresh water for approximately 25 families in a village. These families were drinking unsanitary

pond water and other surface water before these tubewells were installed.

The tubewell (photo below), is fully operational and other (photo right) needed minor surface work.



This project will help advance Rotary's goal for 2006.



Did You Know?

Ossining was the first incorporated Village in Westchester County. (1813)



PORTCHESTER

John C. Merritt was honored for his 50 years in Rotary, by the Portchester Rotary Club at their holiday party. He was presented with a plaque, by Mayor Jerry Logan, proclaiming December 6th "John Merritt Day" in Portchester. There were greetings and proclamations from DG Helen, NYS Assemblyman George Latimer, County Legislator Martin Rogowsky and



others. John's son talked about attending Rotary meetings during vacations with his dad. John developed and built the Rye Ridge Shopping Center and the residential areas of Tower Hill, amongst others. Congratulations John!!



MOUNT VERNON

Read All About It!



Many Attend Mount Vernon Rotary Club Fundraiser For Hurricane Katrina Victims Who Relocated To Westchester



(l to r) Roberto Apuzzo, Ann Werner, Jan Ruffe Moody and Aaron Werner

On Wednesday, November 9, the Mount Vernon Rotary Club held a very successful fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Katrina who have been relocated to Westchester County in the aftermath of the hurricane.

The fundraiser was held at Gallos Restaurant, located on Elm Avenue in Mount Vernon. As always, the food was plentiful and delicious and the service was superb.

Rotary clubs worldwide responded quickly to assist victims of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast region of the United States. Many relief initiatives began with Rotary



Many of the guests and Rotary members who attended the fundraiser

clubs in the affected areas, in conjunction with Rotary clubs across the world.

...and At Your Club



PLEASANTVILLE

Trip to South Africa Helps to Feed Students

Three members from the Pleasantville Rotary Club - John Krysko, Janet DiBenedetto and Irene Powers -

traveled to South Africa last August. Working with the Rotary Club of Pretoria Silverton, South Africa, they visited schools in Pretoria to gather information about funding a school lunch program for needy high school



students. With unemployment levels reaching over 40%, a feeding scheme for these students takes a financial burden off their families. Staying in school and receiving an education provides one of the best avenues for breaking the insidious cycle of hunger and poverty one finds in South Africa.



Partnering with the LunchBox Fund, they have been approved for a matching grant totaling approximately \$55,000.00. These monies will help feed

between 600-700 students in five schools over a period of two years.

Sixth Annual Westchester Wine Experience

The Sixth Annual Westchester Wine Experience will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Pace University, Kessel Campus Center, Pleasantville, New York. The event will host Westchester County's top restaurants, best wineries, importers and wholesalers from around the world. The cost for the event is \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. Proceeds will benefit Rotary projects and many local charities.



Last year over 700 people attended this wonderful event which was a great success for Pleasantville Rotary and the charities they support. This year the event will bring in over 200 wines from around the world. Wineries, importers and wholesalers will be there to answer your wine questions. Meet the owners and chefs of the areas finest restaurants serving their signature dishes.

Did You Know?

Katonah Rotary Club changed its name to "Northeast Westchester Rotary Club."



SOMERS

Somers Club Increases Membership



Somer's Club President Stan Herz's skills as an Executive Recruiter have certainly come in handy for membership recruitment. The club now boasts eight new members (see "Impact" page 3) in the past 6 months.



Featuring...Rotary District 7230

Congratulations to Our Nominees!!

District Governor 2008-2009



Eric Storberg
South Shore Club

District Treasurer 2006-2008



Ron Tvert
Hartsdale Club

Did You Know?

The Governor Elect Training Week has been changed from Anaheim, California to San Francisco California.

...and At Your Club



Army and Red Cross representatives.

● George Camp & JoAnn Davis opened up their home for a "Fireside Chat" where new members were introduced to each other, and the "World of Rotary," in a warm, yet informative atmosphere, in January. George also had his "Letter to the Editor", which focused on our Polio eradication

efforts, published in the community newspaper.

● "Micro-Credit" is a new Ossining Club "hands on" project. The club will make small "start up" loans available to people

in the community, who have no other resources to implement realistic business ideas.

● It is evident that the Ossining Club cares for it's youth. The ongoing "Suicide Prevention Program" for teenagers, makes a strong statement on that subject.

"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! They posed unabashedly

for the front & back page of their new cookbook which will be sold at the District conference in April. These pioneers are guaranteed to become household names and their projects will surely flourish.

The "Spirit of Rotary" is alive and well in Ossining. The energetic members of this club are constantly involved in a myriad of "hands on" projects which have made a major impact on their community. They have involved community members, businesses, volunteer groups, and students in their activities. They understand the benefits of "partnering" and have, virtually, brought the entire village together. Their visibility in the community attracted 9 new members in the last 6 months and more are "in the wings." We applaud this "roll up your sleeves" Rotary Club.

Club President, Henry Atterbury, has made literacy his main theme, with a mixture of local and international programs that will help youth on 3 continents.

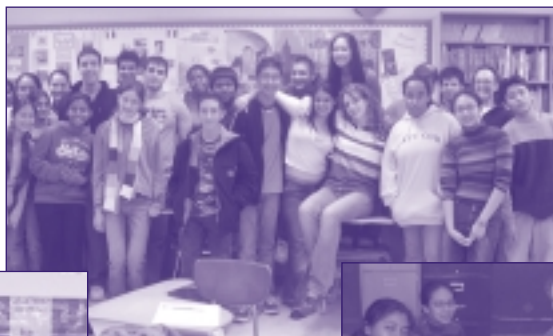
● Partnering with the Union State Bank and Howard Penn Realty, the Club bought and distributed a dictionary to every 3rd grader and a thesaurus to every 5th grader in the Ossining schools. A grant from the Mahopac National Bank will ensure that this project will continue.

● Local students guided by the club, keep in touch, through letter writing, with "Pen-Pals" around the world, and the village "after school program" encourages students to read and communicate with others. Their "Book Flea Market" in the Spring will enable each child to choose a book and receive a cocoa mug.

● Their Interact Club's "Book Drive" made it possible for them to send 1,000 picture books to Katatura Community in Nambiba, S.W. Africa. They packed the 15 boxes themselves.

● The Halloween Parade and "DARE" Halloween party combined the efforts of the club, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Police Department. The Ossining Club had another opportunity to

"Blow Their Own Horn" when Greater Ossining TV filmed



the event "live."

● The annual Election Eve Scholarship Fundraiser brought out a mix of Rotarians, politicians and others from the community as 4 scholarships were presented to Ossining High School seniors, and 6 "Employees of the Year," from various companies and organizations, were honored.

● The month long Katrina

Relief Fundraising effort, spearheaded by the club, brought together over 18 different local organizations when the \$32,000 raised was presented to the Salvation



...and At Your Club

"Blow Your Own Horn..." DISTRICT 7230 STATEN ISLAND

In the last 8 years over 2000 new coats have been distributed to children during the Holiday Season by the Staten Island Rotary Club.

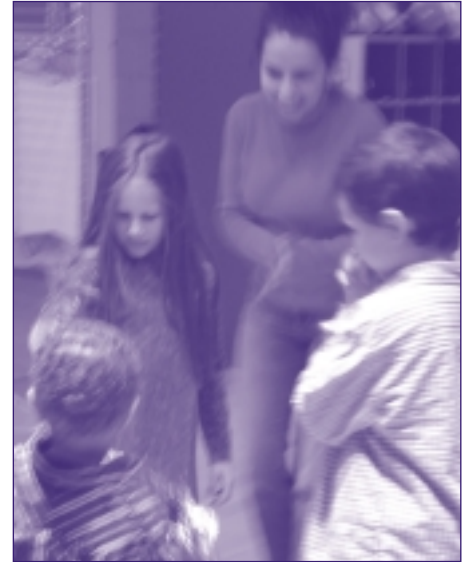
The Coats for Kids program was conceived when during the fall of 1997, Walter Parks, had noted children walking by his place of business on the north shore of Staten Island, on their way to school. These children were dressed like it was spring outside. He thought it was the "style", but then



Rotary Club of Staten Island Coats for Kids Program

realized, as the days grew colder that these children simply did not have winter coats. He brought this to the attention of The Rotary Club of Staten Island's Board and then-President and Rotary Giant (1997-1998), Lou DeMartino. The Club immediately began their first Coats for Kids Program.

The Rotarians who comprise the committee this year are: Ted Maloy, Lainie Wilkinson, Dina Rosenthal, Executive Director of the Staten Island Children's Museum and Sandy Rapaglia, President of Sports Management Solutions and will once again be working with



Modell's Sporting Goods to purchase new coats. The Rotary Club of Staten Island is proud of their affiliation with Modell's and appreciates their ongoing support.

"Blow Your Own Horn..." DISTRICT 7230 BERMUDA



The Bermuda Club Presidents surprised District Governor

Helen with a 100% Pledge for Annual Giving.



Governor Helen with our Exchange Students, in Bermuda. She made her official visits to the Bermuda Clubs and was accompanied by 65 Rotarians from our District 7230.

"Blow Your Own Horn..." DISTRICT 7230

In a poignant letter to his fellow Rotarians Bill DeLong writes, "The Salvation Army is just about the best thing that could happen in this area of Biloxi, Mississippi. We will be going over to New Orleans shortly, but the mess here is in the same category as was World War II when we arrived in Japan, along with Kosovo, earthquake of Mexico, floods

BILL DELONG ADDRESSES KATRINA



of Eilenburg, Germany and North Dakota, Missouri".

He is presently working in Port St. Louis close to the border of New Orleans. Photos are of the devastation,

and the supplies given by the Red Cross.





Our First Corporate Partner

Mahopac National Bank



Gov. Helen appointed our first corporate liaison for the purpose of making "partnership connections" with business and other groups. Helen Bowers, Past President of Somers Club opened the door to our first corporate partners.

The Mahopac National Bank is working with four clubs in our district by sponsoring their individual literacy projects.

Somers Rotary Club

Somers Literacy Project combines the pride of authorship with cross cultural exposure. They are publishing the literacy works of students from diverse environments.

Participating schools are Somers High School, Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, and High School for Public Service in Brooklyn, New York.

The North County News interviewed members of the Somers Club about this meaningful project for an upcoming event.

Briarcliff Rotary Club

"Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library" provides training for presenters to reach out to pregnant

women and mothers with young children to help them understand the significance of early learning in a child's first five years. It focuses on the six early literacy skills and how parents can help their children master them. Briarcliff wants to help children associate reading with pleasure.

regular basis which will help to build up their library as well. A bookplate will be inserted in each book recognizing the generosity of the Mahopac National Bank and the work of the Rotary Club of Pleasantville.



Pleasantville Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Pleasantville will spend a minimum of one hour a week for the entire school year reading books to the young children of Hawthorne Cedar Knolls who are deprived of this experience. They will supply the necessary books on

Ossining Rotary Club

The Ossining Rotary Club has been given a grant from the Mahopac National Bank to enable them to continue distributing a dictionary for every third grader and a thesaurus to every fifth grader as part of their literacy program.

Charlie Hellmich
Mahopac
National Bank
Senior Business
Development
Officer



Doug Depauli
Mahopac
National Bank
Branch Manager
& Rotarian

Rotary District 7230 Gift of Life

Creating Peace & Understanding in Iraq Attracting Media Attention

Journal News

Iraqi boy, dad arrive for lifesaving surgery

ARRIVAL, from B1

sein is feeling up to it.

The trip to New York wasn't easy, Satryano said. Hussein, a police officer in Baghdad, and his son traveled 17 hours by car across a treacherous section of Iraq to reach Jordan. The flight from Amman to New York took 12 hours, and delays in at customs made the trip even longer.

Hussein is among 16 children selected for surgery in the United States. Rotary clubs in the New York area are contributing about \$5,000 for the care of each child. A Queens-based charity, the Rachel Cooper Foundation, also is contributing, and the hospitals and doctors are donating the rest.

Before the children could come

to New York, they had to return to Amman to get medical clearance for their visas. The father of an 8-year-old Baghdad girl is still waiting for a visa, Satryano said.

William Currie, a Valhalla resident who is a director of Gift of Life, had high hopes for Hussein as he watched 6-year-old Sivar Muhammad, 11-year-old Wisam Rabea and 12-year-old Ashjan Jaudah laughing and playing in the airport just weeks after their heart procedures.

"Kids are all the same, no matter where they're from," he said. "They like to have fun and like to enjoy themselves."

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Bill Currie, President of New York Rotary Club, and William Currie, director of Gift of Life International, with through JFK airport last night after Hussein and his father arrived from Amman, Jordan. The 8-year-old boy is here for heart surgery.

Bill Currie, (photo left) President of New York Rotary Club and a Director of the Gift of Life has been at the forefront of the Iraqi Gift of Life Project. He personally went to Iraq to interview children who desperately needed heart surgery. John

Felicetti and family opened up their home to two of these Iraqi children. This initiative attracted numerous newspaper articles.

Journal News

HEALTH | TARRYTOWN ARMY SERGEANT, CHARITY GROUPS JOIN FORCES TO HELP AIDS



Iraqi hearts full of hope

Children journey to U.S. for lifesaving surgery. The Gift of Life International, a New York-based charity, is helping to pay for the medical expenses of 16 Iraqi children who are coming to the United States for heart surgery. The children, who are between the ages of 6 and 12, are being treated at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital. The charity is also providing for their travel and accommodation expenses. The children are being treated for congenital heart defects, which are a leading cause of death in Iraq. The charity is also providing for their medical and educational expenses. The children are being treated at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, which is one of the best hospitals in the United States. The charity is also providing for their medical and educational expenses. The children are being treated at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, which is one of the best hospitals in the United States. The charity is also providing for their medical and educational expenses.

The Journal News

HEALTH | SUCCESSFUL OPERATION REPAIRS IRAQI TEEN'S HEART

Dad's wish granted

Boy risks New York for surgery that was impossible at home

A 12-year-old Iraqi boy, Hussein, is in the hospital bed, looking up at the camera. He is wearing a white hospital gown and has a bandage on his head. He is looking up at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain white wall.

Daily News

BRONX HOSP TO PERFORM FREE HEART SURGERY

It's above our imagination what people are doing to help us

A GROUP OF DEPENDENT Iraqi children who were made to withstand violence have been brought to New York today for the operation.

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Journal News

Bronx Times Reporter

Montefiore doctors perform open-heart surgery on Iraqi children

By Kathy Chiodini

Search at the Montefiore Hospital in New York City, a team of doctors performed open-heart surgery on 16 Iraqi children. The children, who are between the ages of 6 and 12, are being treated for congenital heart defects, which are a leading cause of death in Iraq. The surgery was performed at the Montefiore Hospital, which is one of the best hospitals in the United States. The charity is also providing for their medical and educational expenses. The children are being treated at the Montefiore Hospital, which is one of the best hospitals in the United States. The charity is also providing for their medical and educational expenses.

Bronx Times Reporter

Iraqi children discharged after Montefiore's life-saving open-heart surgery

By Kathy Chiodini

They finally are home, and healthy. The 16 Iraqi children who were brought to the Montefiore Hospital in New York City for open-heart surgery have been discharged. The children, who are between the ages of 6 and 12, are being treated for congenital heart defects, which are a leading cause of death in Iraq. The surgery was performed at the Montefiore Hospital, which is one of the best hospitals in the United States. The charity is also providing for their medical and educational expenses. The children are being treated at the Montefiore Hospital, which is one of the best hospitals in the United States. The charity is also providing for their medical and educational expenses.

Featuring...A True Humanitarian

Jim Kushner: District 7230 First Responder

The op-ed page

Point of view



JIM KUSHNER, at left, headlines a New Orleans resident stranded by Hurricane Katrina. He, Kushner spent three weeks helping residents of the damaged city.

Back from Louisiana's front lines

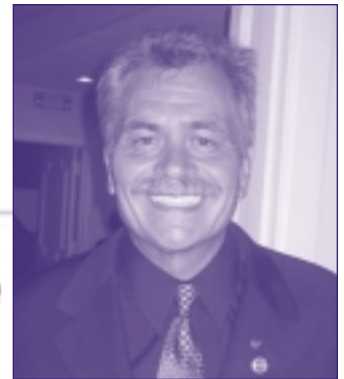
By James Kushner

The last three weeks have been a blur of activity for me. I have been in New Orleans, Louisiana, since the end of August, helping residents of the damaged city. I have been in the front lines of the disaster, seeing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I have been in the front lines of the disaster, seeing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I have been in the front lines of the disaster, seeing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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Report on the front lines
The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is a disaster of unprecedented proportions. The damage to the city is immense, and the people who remain are in need of help. I have been in the front lines of the disaster, seeing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I have been in the front lines of the disaster, seeing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Rotarian Jim Kushner from the Rotary Club of Upper Manhattan in New York has been very busy in the last couple of months. A former Marine, Jim first traveled to New Orleans, where he tirelessly helped with the relief work saving people and animals after the Katrina Disaster. Shortly thereafter, Jim also



By Julie Kushner

After the recent destruction of the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, the only way to reach the city was to go by boat. After the boat, the only way to reach the city was to go by boat. After the boat, the only way to reach the city was to go by boat.

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New Orleans, up close
photos by James Kushner

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traveled to Pakistan to help with the earthquake disaster.

He was at the forefront of coordinating shipments of clothes, supplies and medical items to the disaster areas.



James Kushner (left) and his dog, named 'Buddy', are in New Orleans. James Kushner is a former Marine and is currently a Rotarian. He is currently in New Orleans, Louisiana, helping residents of the damaged city.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) prepares today's young people to be tomorrow's leaders. It steers young leaders in promising directions, while building confidence and self-esteem.

RYLA was adopted by RI in 1971 for ages 14 to 30. Thousands of kids attend RYLA each year. For District 7230, RYLA is a 3 day rewarding workshop run by Rotarians for about 45 high school age students.

District 7230 is committed to supporting this extremely important program. We strongly encourage all clubs to

participate. Our RYLA program is held in the early spring at the Alpine Boy Scout Camp in NJ. The program, from Friday night to Sunday afternoon, will be held from April 21 to 23 this year.



Over the weekend, the kids are introduced to all

aspects of leadership including Vision, Communication, Organization, and Synergy. All sessions are interactive workshops which challenge the children to

become leaders and sharpen innate skills while having fun. They also learn about Rotary and "Service Above Self."

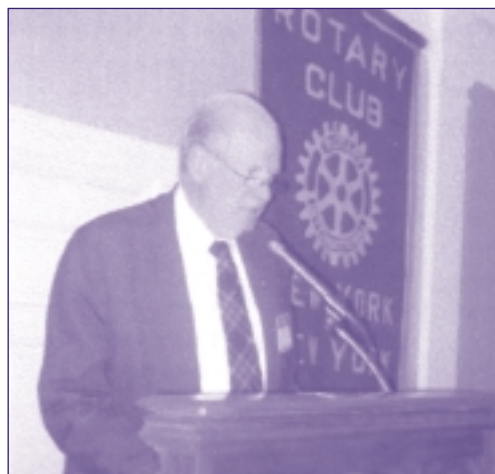




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Applications Due for Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Rotary International and District 7230 are eager to receive applications for Rotary World Peace Fellowships for the the school year commencing in 2007. This is separate from the more familiar Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. The Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) offers the chance for students to pursue master's-level degrees in international studies, or sustainable development, or peace studies, or conflict resolution at any one of seven designated universities. The seven universities offering this partnership with Rotary are: The University of California at Berkeley. The University of Bradford in England, Duke University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, L "Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, France, The University of Queensland in Australia, and Universidad Del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Brazil.

Applicants will need to be sponsored by the "home" Rotary Club, then selected by the district committee after interviews, and finally by Rotary International.

Each year up to 60 Fellowships are awarded world-wide. Alumni of this program are working with international organizations such as the world bank, the Organization of American States, national governments, international non-governmental organizations, and consulting firms.

If any Rotarians, or prospective applicants are interested in having more information, plus a brochure and/or application form, please contact Ed Gray, District Chair, at 212-984-6294 or by email to egray@analyticasset.com.

All applications should be sent to the district committee by the end of March, 2006.

Featuring...2006 District Conference Chair

PDG Gilda Chirafisi... ...Keeps Going...and Going...and Going...

PDG Gilda Chirafisi has been appointed, by DG Helen, to Chair the 2006 District Conference April 28, 29, 30 at the Westchester Marriott Hotel. Her experience in this situation is unsurpassed, having chaired numerous District conferences as well as successful GOL Galas. Gilda is a Past President of the Riverdale Club and has a variety of past Rotary experiences including

District Chair of Community Services, Zone Coordinator for the Membership Task Force and first woman District Governor in our District. She was the very first of the 8 women who have become District Governors in the Rotary world. Her husband Dominick, is a Past President of the Bronx Rotary Club. Gilda and her committee are planning a meaningful and fun-filled Conference weekend.



Calendar of Events – 2006

Jan 7	Meeting of Nominating Committee for DG (2008-2009)
Feb. 4	Gift of Life Dinner Dance
Feb. 16-23	International Assembly, San Diego, California (DG Training)
TBA	"Friendship Exchange"
Mar. 11	PETS at Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville
Mar. 29	District Assembly in New Rochelle
Apr. 21-23	RYLA Camp in Alpine, NJ
Apr. 28-30	District Conference at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown
May TBA	Peace Scholar interviews (recommendations made to RI)
June 11-14	Rotary International Convention in Denmark/Sweden
June 25	Installation of 2006-2007 District Governor in Peekskill
June 30	Term ends for 2005-2006 Team