

### Camp's Corner...



Rotary International designates
March as Literacy
Month. I encourage
you all to pick up a
book and read.
Better yet, go to a
local school, library
or senior center and
read to a group of
people one of your
favorite books.

Literacy is one of the six areas of focus that The Rotary Foundation has identified as essential in helping people not only in developing countries, but right here at home. Without the ability to read and to understand what is written, citizens of the world will always be left behind and taken advantage of. When we educate a girl in a third world country after the third grade there is one less child born due to her continued education. This is not only an issue for children but for many adults who never had the opportunity to learn how to read.

Many Clubs in our District have literacy programs and are going a good job. Some are handing out dictionaries, thesaurus and books to school children. There are Clubs that have reading programs in the public libraries and some even sponsor the publishing and distribution of books to schools all over the world.

Thanks to the Clubs that are doing something, but I encourage those that don't have a project right now to consider starting one. Everyone needs to be able to read in order to have a better life.

Yours in Rotary Service, George R Camp

# DISTRICT 7230 LITERACY PROJECTS



JEWEL MOOLENAAR-MARSH, a member of the Rotary Club of Riverdale, and a retired school principal and District Literacy Chair, recently hosted a meeting of those interested in literacy projects for their Clubs at JC Fogartys in Bronxville.

She invited noted Rotarians from throughout the Northeast to graders dictionaries and running a reading program at the local library. When she became Chair she added giving thesauruses to the fourth graders and working with the Somers Rotary Club which publish-

es a book of student poems and short stories.

"What we wanted to do is help students be better prepared"

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# RICHMOND COUNTY ROTARACT CLUB

THE ROTARACT CLUB of Richmond County received it Charter from DG George Camp and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Shore, Staten Island. They currently have a strong membership of more than 20 members. This is the first community based Rotaract Club on the island. They have drawn



some of the top young professionals as their Charter Members. The club engages in a multitude of activities helping the Richmond community through local community serv-

ice projects or international projects that serve to bring about awareness of global issues.

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to pass their state exams in literacy. We also wanted to stimulate and recognize the great works of these students. The books are published and sold to support the program and to encourage more students to get involved."

Several other clubs in District 7230 support literacy projects, we encourage more Clubs to participate and to band together to adopt a school, with the help of The Rotary Foundation Matching Grant program, that initial investment for their projects. "That's truly magic money," she says. Jewel offers these tips for



creating a successful literacy project:

 Develop a relationship with the community or facility where your project will be. Don't rush ahead with implementing a program without looking at

long term plan. Make sure that all club members understand and are enthusiastic about it.

- 2. Apply for grant money from The Rotary Foundation or the District. The multiplication factor reinforces the power of your program in the minds of recipients and allows you to accomplish more.
- 3. Tap into your club and community resources, including teachers and those with a passion for literacy. You don't

have to have education credentials, but it helps to have experts involved in your project, even if they aren't Rotarians. It's a good membership recruiting tool, too.

### NEWLY CHARTERED MERCY COLLEGE ROTARACT CLUB

MERCY COLLEGE has officially received the charter from Rotary Interna-

Savage, and the executive board, Guelmine Pierre, Dawn Henderson, Jasmine Hamlet, Suenni Devers and Matthew Lento took their oath for their respective offices.

Andrew Person, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness. commended the charter members on the impact they have and will continue to make on Mercy College and its surrounding community.

Club president, Ms. Savage encouraged the club to remain steadfast in the service of others and to work to expand the club's membership. The students were also delighted to hear from the Rotarians. Tom Minozzi, Quad

Village Rotary Club President, and Past President Tim Allport. Rotaract Liaison, both of the sponsoring club, gave motivating remarks. George Camp, District Governor of Rotary District 7230, and Thomas Rudy, Chairman of the



Rotaract Committee also delivered encouraging words.

This was truly a great year for Rotaract Club of Mercy College; it marked the beginning of a wonderful partnership with the Quad Village Club and Rotary international as a whole. The selfless service of these students has and will continue to impact and inspire many people; simultaneously helping each student grow as an individual.





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# RIVERDALE ROTARY CLUB SPONSORS RUSSIAN DELEGATION



THE ROTARY CLUB OF RIVERDALE in conjunction with the Library of Congress hosted visiting local elected officials and administrative offices from Russia: Pavel Aleksandrovich Voronichev, Mikhail Borisovich Galakhov, Andrey Ivanovich Golikov,

Pavel Mikhaylovich Stetsko, Yevgeniy Yuryevich Yumashev, Yelena Sergeyevna Potapova.

The goal: to enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and Russia.

The leaders have gained significant, firsthand exposure to America's democratic government and our free market system.

It was very educational for our politicians to hear the Russian concerns, issues and ways of doing things in Russia. Each

were amazed that they faced the same problems we do with their constituents. They have the same party problems, the same voting issues and the same budget restraints.

Each visit was promoted on the web and other forms of media. Many photos appeared of the team with the local politicians. The teams were presented gifts, proclamations and citations from both the local, state and federal levels.

It was an excellent opportunity for the local Rotary Clubs to show off what types of international projects they are involved in and to see how they may be able to work on projects in Russia. They had a great time visiting two of our clubs, Bedford-Armonk and Cortlandt Manor. It gave not only our members an opportunity to learn what people from Russia are really like, but





also gave the Russians the opportunity to see what Americans are really like. The Russians said they now know that not all Americans are John Wayne or Rambo. The Americans found out that not all Russians are mass quantity vodka drinkers. Both found out that they were alike.

# Moore Catholic High School Interact Club

PAUL CARUSO
III is the founding President
of the Moore
Catholic High
School Interact
Club sponsored by

the North Shore Rotary Club, Staten Island. He was joined by the newly elected officers and members at the Charter Ceremonies.

The Charter was presented by DG George Camp at the North Shore

Rotary Club meeting where over 80 people attended to encourage the new Club members. "These kids are the New Generation of Rotarians that will help us grow and set the tone for the future," stated DG George.

The Club received proclamations from local,

state and federal officials congratulating and encouraging them in their efforts to serve others. It was noted that they have already participated



in several projects within the community and has helped their sponsoring Rotary Club with their projects.

Based on the enthusiasm shown by the members of the club, we know that there are great things to come from this group of highly motivated

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# ROTARY REUNION IN SOUTH AFRICA

More than 350 Rotarians and Rotary Foundation alumni from 25 countries gathered with DG George Camp and District Alumni President John Arrucci for Ray's Rotary Reunions in Cape

Town, South Africa, 3-5 February 2011. Hosted by District 9350 (Angola; Namibia; South Africa), the event was designed by RI President Ray Klinginsmith, a

1960-61 Ambassadorial Scholar at the

University of Cape Town. Throughout the reunions, attendees participated in instructive programs that included addresses by government and professional leaders who have made a difference in Africa. In addition to Klinginsmith, featured speakers included former South African President and Nobel Peace Prize laureate F.W. de Klerk; former South African

Constitutional
Court Judge
Catherine
O'Regan;
Peter Kyle, a
member of the
Rotary Club of
Capitol Hill
(Washington,
D.C.) and
recipient of the
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cle in my life from being a Rotary Scholar at UCT in 1961 to being the RI president 50 years later, I have learned much about life from my visits to Africa," Klinginsmith says. "I believe the reunions are a good learning experience for everyone."

On the last two days, a Rotary projects expo gave clubs the chance to seek out partners and make connections to facilitate international service projects in support of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa initiative. Launched in 2007, the initiative matches the resources of the Foundation and clubs in developed economies with needs in Africa. The projects expo was also open to alumni.



Foundation Global Alumni

Service to Humanity Award; and Francis Moloi, chief director of the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation. O'Regan, Kyle, and Moloi are all former Rotary Scholars. "As I complete a cir-



### Club's Corner...

Inwood Rotary May 21, 2011. First annual Veteran's Fundraiser! Dinner & Dance, 7-11pm, American Legion, William E. Irwin Jr. Post, 3035 Corlear Ave, Bronx, NY \$40pp \$320/table. For info contact Carolyn Hoare 917-207-3940 TChoare@msn.com

White Plains Rotary May 31, 2011 Tom Roach, the newly elected Mayor of White Plains and a fellow Rotarian, will address the club at its meeting: Tuesday, day after Memorial Day) 12:15. Crowne Plaza.

White Plains Rotary June 7, 2011 Scholarship Awards. Students from the 3 high schools in White Plains. Scholarships are awarded by the White Plains club at 12noon, Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom.

Cortlandt Rotary June 17, 2011 Second Annual "Kelly Miller Circus Comes to Cortlandt." Three Shows on Friday, June 17, 2011 at 2:30pm, 4:30pm & 7:30pm. Be sure to get your tickets early & SAVE!

**Riverdale Rotary** June 21, 2011 Come and join our fundraiser for "Freshwater for Malawi", at NY Times Building, 620 Eighth Ave, NYC. Cost: \$35pp tax deductible donation. (Bring ID) Must make reservations to Blanche Christian Crawford at 212-486-8500.

Bronx Rotary June 21, 2011 The Bronx Rotary Club will install new officers at a special lunch at which our incoming District Governor, Helen Lynch will preside. This lunch will be held at our regular meeting place, The Harbor Restaurant on City Island at 12:15p.m.

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service projects and is

and is working with their host Club on several projects.

These New Generation members are the future of Rotary.

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The Club is lead by its new President, Michael Sheehan and a very dynamic group of Officers and Directors. They have hit the street running and have already started many community

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