



DISTRICT 7230 EMBRACE LETTER

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Embracing Ossining Rotary

At the Rotary Club of Ossining's annual Installation Dinner, held Friday, June 17 at the GE Learning Center, Crotonville, pictured at the right, far left, is long-time club member and executive officer George Camp, Rotary's Area District Governor for 2010-'11, with the local chapter's 2011-'12 officers and directors. Pictured (l.-r.) Director Joan Beldotti, Presidential Advisor George Weeks, Past President Catherine Borgia, newly-installed President Judy Herguth, President-elect the Rev. Lynda Clements, Vice-President Michael Effron, Secretary James Farrell and Directors, the Rev. Richard Ploth and John Stylianou.



Right: Debra Jacoby, a business teacher at Ossining High School where she also serves as advisor to the school's chapter of the Interact Club, the local Rotary's 'youth arm.' Ms. Jacoby was presented the club's Paul Harris Fellow Award-its highest honor-for being a teacher 'who goes above and beyond for the kids.' Left: Donna Sharrett,



who was presented the club's Community Service Award for not only designing but being 'the hands-on woman on the ground' when it comes to managing the Ossining Organic Garden at Cedar Lane Park, now in its second year of providing space for local residents to grow their own fruits and vegetables.



The Ossining Rotary held its 4th Annual Great Duck Race on Saturday, July 2nd. A total of 1,000 rubber ducks - each numbered to a corresponding 'Duck Adoption Certificate' - were released into Ossining's Kil Brook at the north end of Dale Avenue Park. According to Ossining Rotary President Judy Herguth the event netted \$9,200 this year - almost double the amounts raised in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Embracing Pleasantville Rotary

Pancake Breakfast

Event Information:

Date: October 22, 2011

Time: 7:00 am to 11:00

Location: Pleasantville Middle School

Cafeteria, 40 Romer Avenue

Cost: Adults - \$8.00, Students & Senior

Citizens - \$5.00

To celebrate Pleasantville High School's Homecoming game and raise money for the Community Scholarship Fund of Pleasantville (www.pvillecsf.com), the Rotary Club of Pleasantville runs a Pancake Breakfast. At this event, which has taken place for over 35 years, Club members serve over 300 breakfasts of pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage. Last year, the Club donated \$1,500 to the Community Scholarship Fund, which awarded \$45,000+ in scholarships to graduating High School seniors.



Smoke Alarm Project

Since 1990, the Rotary Club of Pleasantville has given a smoke detector to every kindergartener in the Pleasantville Elementary School. This year event takes place on October 6, during Fire Safety Week, when the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department (www.pleasantvillefire.org) visits to the school. During the school assembly where the smoke detectors are distributed, Fire Department representatives explain to the children what they should do if a fire breaks out in their home. It is estimated that the Club has provided over 2,500 smoke detectors in the past 20 years.



Embracing Peekskill Rotary

Food Project

In conjunction with the Food Bank of Westchester, the Peekskill Rotary Club, partnering with the Hope for Youth Foundation will be providing 50 fifth graders at the Hillcrest Elementary School a backpack of food twice a month beginning in September. The students will be identified by the school administration and social worker as being the most in need of food. The food, enough to feed a family of four, will be distributed on alternating Fridays at the close of school.



Backpacks similar to these shown here will be distributed to students in need.

Embracing Cortlandt Manor & Ossining Rotary Clubs

Joint Luncheon Featuring Diveheart



Diveheart helped spread the word of adaptive SCUBA diving at the Disability Pride Parade in Downtown Chicago.

The Ossining Rotary Club jointly with the Cortlandt Manor Rotary Club are hosting a lunch meeting and special presentation by Jim Elliott, founder of Diveheart, Wednesday, August 24th, 12:15pm, at The Tuscan Grille, 518 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY. All are welcome. Buffet lunch is \$16 per person, pay at the door. To RSVP for the lunch program call Ossining Rotary President, Judy Herguth at (914) 424-1133 or email: judy@duratileandstone.com.

Diveheart is a nonprofit organization which trains individuals with physical disabilities the sport of scuba diving. Through Diveheart, Jim Elliott has traveled all over the world to bring the joy and freedom of scuba diving to children and adults with all sorts of disabilities including paralysis, amputations, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, autism, deafness and blindness. Elliott, a member of the Rotary Club of Downers Grove, IL, says scuba diving is different from other sports because it allows people who struggle on land to experience weightlessness in the water. To learn more about Diveheart go to: www.diveheart.com.

Embracing Chappaqua Rotary

District Governor Helen M. Lynch's Official Visit

On Monday, July 18th, 2011, the Rotary Club of Chappaqua was honored with a visit from our District Governor Helen M. Lynch (District 7230), along with Assistant Governor Catherine Borgia and District Governor Elect Greg Arcaro. DG Helen first met with our board of directors to review and discuss the agenda for the upcoming year. She then addressed a well attended club assembly while enjoying a wonderful luncheon at the Kittle House in Chappaqua.

On the meeting agenda, was the induction of two new members, and we were proud to have DG Helen participate by reading the Object of Rotary and giving them an overview of our mission and ideals.

Both the new inductees were surprised to have the DG involved in their induction and the extraordinary event will be remembered by all the attendees as well.

Thank you, District Governor Helen M. Lynch, Assistant Governor Catherine Borgia and District Governor Elect Greg Arcaro, for making it a very memorable day.

You have our renewed commitment and pledge to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

- **Saturday, September 17, 2012 -New Castle Community Day**
11:00 am - 4:00 pm at the train station parking lot down town Chappaqua. As part of Rotary's mission of service, Community Day will be a fund raiser to help support local organizations. Rides, musical entertainment and refreshments are being planned for the event. This year, we are also inviting local restaurants and food establishments to participate in the event. We will have a food court where food can be sold by local merchants.
Community Day traditionally attracts a large number of people and provides a great opportunity for town residents to meet their neighbors and learn about their community. We encourage the participation of local artists, local businesses and local organizations.
- **Monday, December 12, 2011 - Rotary Holiday Luncheon at Kittle House**
- **Saturday, February 4, 2012 - Rotary Charter Night at Kittle House**
- **Wednesday, April 11, 2012 - Wine Tasting at Kittle House**
- **Saturday, May 19, 2012 - Pancake Breakfast**