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Funding Shortage Threatens Polio Eradication

The three countries where polio is still endemic are applying these lessons. At the highest levels of government, there is a deep and unwavering commitment. To address unique local conditions, Afghanistan and Pakistan have established permanent polio teams to serve provinces where security conditions have made it difficult for volunteer teams to reach children with vaccines. In Nigeria, satellite technology is being used to help ensure every community is reached.

We need to do all we can to support these kinds of efforts and ensure that leaders at all levels are accountable for getting the job done.

Follow through of another kind is just as important. The global partnership that has worked so successfully to eradicate polio is nearly \$1 billion short of the funds necessary to fully implement the campaign through 2013. Already, the funding shortage has forced cancellation or scaling back of essential vaccination activities in 24 high-risk countries.

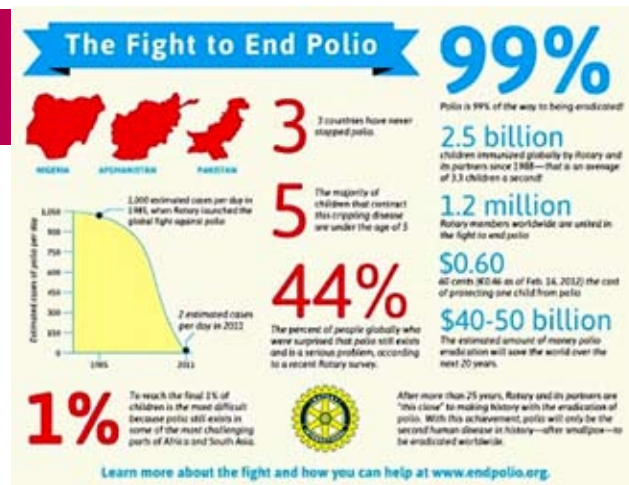
This is where governments and other donors can make a key difference — continuing to support the level of funding necessary to sustain the eradication effort. The lagging economy is putting extra pressure on donors, but inaction will not only lead to terrible human suffering; it will also carry a far greater economic price tag than continuing to invest now.

In fact, a successful eradication effort will result in benefits of up to \$50 billion by 2035 in the world's poorest countries, according to world health groups. The world's investment in polio eradication is also paying dividends by laying the foundation for delivery of other cost-effective health services—including vaccines for other preventable diseases.

Recently, health ministers representing nearly 200 countries underscored their strong belief in the effectiveness of vaccines and their importance of protecting all the world's children by passing the resolution that declared polio eradication a worldwide health emergency.

As Rotarians and as parents, we believe that every child, no matter whether they were born in a U.S. hospital or a hut in Nigeria, deserve to be protected from this preventable disease. And we believe that because eradicating polio is something that benefits us all, we all share in the responsibility to make that happen.

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Gift of Life: Our Hearts are in Kosovo

Gift of Life District 7230's latest Gift of Life child is Marigona from Kosovo. She is 15 ½ years old and she arrived in New York with her mother Nazmije Aliu on August 9th. They were greeted at the airport by Jim Romeo, Ed Hicks, Bill Currie, Susanne Gellert and Albana Krasniqi.

There were some difficulties in procuring a host family for the pair, but Dr. Anna Kohen from the Albanian Women's Association worked with AWA and found a studio apartment for them to stay in during their time here. It is situated right outside of the Fordham University entrance on Fordham Road. The AWA furnished the apartment and stocked it with necessities and food.

Dr. Kohen, her husband and Ms. Krasniqi escorted Marigona and her mother to Arthur Avenue and introduced her to several of the Albanian restaurant owners there, who generously offered them free meals for the duration of their stay.

On Thursday, August 16, Marigona had her first pre-op examination and her surgery was performed on August 23 by Dr. Samuel Weinstein at Montefiore Children's Hospital.

The operation which repaired a hole in Marigona's heart and corrected the location of a vein from the heart, was a resounding success. Marigona was released from the hospital late in the afternoon of August 28th, just 5 days after her major surgery!

The sponsoring Club is South Shore Rotary Club, but all Rotarians and friends are encouraged to visit Marigona and her mother during the duration of their stay here.

The only non-Rotarian to greet Marigona and Nazmije at the airport was Albana Krasniqi. She was traveling home from Kosovo in the recent past after visiting her parents and saw a young child alone on the plane. She opened a conversation with him and learned that he was going to Gift of Life in New Jersey for a life-saving heart operation. He was alone because his parent had fallen ill and could not travel.

When Ms. Krasniqi got home, she contacted GOLI and spoke to Rob Raylman who explained all about the GOL program. After learning all this from Mr. Raylman, she said she would love to be involved.

Ms. Krasniqi raised the money for the screening mission GOLI did to Kosovo this past May and accompanied Rob Raylman and the team there. Twenty-five children who need heart surgeries have been identified in the Kosovan region.



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo

Marigona and her mother Nazmije Aliu at the airport upon arrival.



District Newsletter Schedule

Attention all Assistant Governors and Club Presidents:

Content for the District 7230 PeaceLetter will be invited monthly from all Clubs Please submit your article and/or photos with captions at least 2 weeks before the first of the month.

Please submit your article as a Word document or as text in the body of an email. Please also be sure that the article/captions have been carefully proofread. Please do not write in the first person ("we, our" - use "the Club" instead). Please do not submit scans of published articles if you can avoid it. Hi res jpegs of your photos will give the best representation of you event.

Contact Newsletter Chair Marguerite Chadwick-Juner at: m.juner@verizon.net, (718) 885-0993 or (646) 201-3625.



Fall Service Projects at Somers Rotary Club

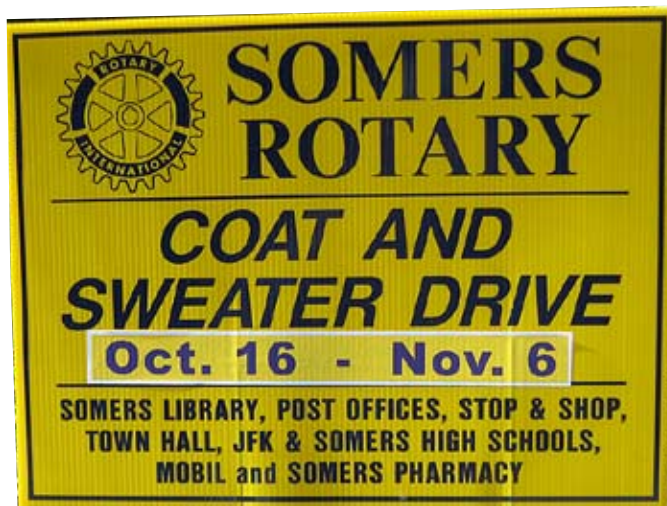
Heading into the Fall, the members of the Somers Rotary are starting to work on two of our favorite projects.

In September, the club starts the **On My Mind Literact Project** for the seventh year. This project brings together the writings of High School Students from both suburban schools and those students from inner-city schools. It is not a contest, but an opportunity for all students to express themselves in a volume entitled "On My Mind." At the completion of the project, there is a book launch party at which all the students meet each other and discuss their writings. The New York Times called this undertaking, "A remarkable effort to bridge the void between poor and rich, urban and suburban, in a way that almost never occurs."

And if it is October, it must be time for the **Annual Coat and Sweater Drive**.

The Somers Rotary Coat & Sweater Drive has become an annual town tradition. Every year the members participate in collecting several tons of clothing and distributing it to community centers and social service agencies throughout the area.

Also of note, is that the Somers Rotary has begun to hold joint meetings with the Northeast Westchester Rotary Club. This creates a synergy with which to create even bigger things for the Rotary, for the Community, and for the World. See the Club website at www.SomersRotaryClub.org.



White Plains Rotarian on a Mission

Kurt Kannemeyer is one of those people to whom visions appear almost like billboards in the sky. They continue to pop up in his mind, these dreams and goals, doggedly demanding his attention.

Some might call Kannemeyer's brand of enthusiasm simply motivation.

Either way, the 34-year-old South African native has a way of making those around him just as excited about his ideas. It's one of the qualities that executives at St. Christopher's saw in Kannemeyer when they named him director of development for the Dobbs Ferry children's service agency three years ago.

In June, he was named one of the "Rising Stars" on the Business Council of Westchester's annual "Forty under Forty" list, young professionals so recognized for achievement and leadership in their respective fields. In his role with the organization, Kannemeyer coordinates all fundraising, underwriting, and volunteerism opportunities to help the nonprofit better assist the almost 400 disabled and challenged young people it serves, including about 100 in seven residential cottages on St. Chris' Broadway campus.

It is a mission he doesn't take lightly, especially given his humble beginnings.



Jim MacLean/Rivertowns Enterprise
Kurt Kannemeyer (center) poses with a group of St. Christopher's students

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About four years ago, Kannemeyer began talking to Bob Maher, CEO and executive director for St. Christopher's Inc., about bringing a handful of young people from the campus to South Africa.

Calling it the Student Fellows program, the idea was to pick a select group of students from St. Chris who might become ambassadors of hope to other students across the globe in a kind of sister school arrangement.

... almost single-handedly, Kannemeyer raised all \$30,000 necessary to pay for the trip, including chaperones, through private donations, corporate gifts, and also the generosity of staff members of St. Christopher's.

To say the trip was an eye-opener is an understatement. Most of the kids hadn't ever traveled out of state, never mind abroad, so it was an education in the culture of another country, especially one still reeling from the strife of apartheid. The opportunity also allowed Kannemeyer's young charges to see that, despite personal obstacles, their circumstances were not nearly as dire as those of many children they encountered in South Africa.

They saw people in extreme poverty, most going barefoot and with little to put on the table for their families. St. Chris' kids came bearing donations of food and other items, in some cases giving clothes off their own backs to young people they met.

"They [the South Africans] were overwhelmed by their American counterparts coming to their country to help," said Kannemeyer.

"You've got to dream big to make things happen," said Kannemeyer. "If you don't make it all the way, at least you'll be among the clouds, at least you'll still be among the stars."

For the complete story, visit: http://www.rivertownsenetprise.net/Rivertowns_Enterprise/ENTERPRISE_NEWS_080312.html.

Excerpts from an article by Colleen Michele Jones



"The Best & the Wurst" at Yorktown Rotary Club

The Yorktown Rotary Club is looking for beer drinkers.

It's a tough job, but Rotarians of District 7230 should be up to it, even if they have to bring a large group of friends.

On September 29th, the Rotary Club of Yorktown will be holding its second annual craft beer festival, "The Best and the Wurst" at Croton Point Park.

All proceeds of the event will go to the club's Wheelchair project, which in conjunction with the Wheelchair Foundation and the Rotary Club of Morelia Mexico, provides mobility to the needy disabled in central Mexico.

Five local craft brewers will be presenting their wares: Captain Lawrence Brewing (Elmsford), Defiant Brewing Co. (Pearl River), Keegan Ales (Kingston), Shmaltz Brewing (Brooklyn) and Newburgh Brewing (Newburgh, where else?). The Green Growler Craft Beer Grocery of Croton will also be on hand with beer gifts and homebrew kits for the adventurous.

The club will be providing free Wisconsin-style Beer Brats as part of the admission fee along with pretzels and soda. As an added treat, we will be featuring BBQ Wings by Yorktown's own Neighborhood Barbecue Team, fresh from a win at Highland Rotary's "Great Hudson Rib Fest".

Do you think you can do it, drink beer to give the gift of mobility? Round up a group of like-minded Rotarians and friends and join RC Yorktown at Croton Point Park on Saturday, Sept. 29th from noon – 5 pm.

Pre-purchased tickets are \$30 for drinkers and \$10 for designated drivers and kids online (\$40 and \$15 at the gate). They are available at <http://www.RotaryBeerTasting.org>.

Join Yorktown Rotarians for a fun day of fundraising in scenic surroundings overlooking the beautiful Hudson Valley. Come drink beer for a good cause.





The Traveling Painting Wants YOU

The Rotary Club of the Bronx initiated this fun and unique fundraising project back in April of 2012. It started off by hitting one out of the park with a visit to Yankee Stadium followed by travels to Cherry Hill, NJ, Greenville, TX, San Francisco, CA, and it even did a make up at the Roseville, CA Rotary Club!

Now, however, the painting is experiencing a hiatus in its travels. The Traveling Painting Project needs you to keep it alive and traveling.



WHAT IS THIS?

This Traveling Painting was created by Bronx Rotarian Marguerite Chadwick-Juner to travel among Rotarians worldwide in a program of Special Custodianship which will achieve two goals for her Club:

First, the Traveling Painting will generate a continuing revenue stream to support our good works—the many programs and projects that are described in full at our website, www.bronxrotaryclub.org.

Second, the Traveling Painting will create connections among people from all participating Rotary Clubs, allowing us to interact with Rotarians and Clubs all over the world, an opportunity we might otherwise not have.

The Traveling Painting is ready to hang, easily portable, and inexpensive to mail. Painted in oils on cradled hardboard, it is 8" x 10" and 1" in depth, with the edges painted an espresso brown for a sleek, modern finish.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Traveling Painting will travel by mail from Rotarian to Rotarian, to remain with each succeeding Special Custodian for a period of not more than 6 days.

When the Traveling Painting arrives, please photograph yourself with the Traveling Painting in any setting you like. It might be in your home, or at a Club meeting, or perhaps at a landmark in your area—be creative! You might even make a short video about it!

Then, email the photos and/or videos back to us. And please feel free to send a short note about your experience with the Traveling Painting to go along with your photos!

We will all be able to follow the Traveling Painting's whereabouts on "The Travels" pages, www.travelingpainting.com/TheTravels.html.

Visit this website often to see the progress of the Traveling Painting. Have fun with it!

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Special Custodianship of the Traveling Painting is offered to all Rotarians for the very small fee of \$20 US.

This site has arranged to accept PayPal payments in order to allow for differences in currencies and to make transactions as easy and trouble-free as possible.

Special Custodians should keep in mind that they will also be responsible for the cost of mailing the Traveling Painting to the next recipient. The cost of sending the Traveling Painting to someone in the U.S., using a padded USPS Flat Rate envelope, is only \$4.95. The cost of mailing the Traveling Painting overseas is approximately \$15.

This means that the full cost of participating as a Special Custodian in this fun, groundbreaking idea is still only \$25 to \$35!

Please visit www.travelingpainting.com for complete details and to sign up to participate in this fundraising fellowship.

Ossining Rotary Club invites you to:

END POLIO NOW CELEBRATION

An Evening of Celebration
Sunsets, BBQ and Fellowship

Honoring the Captains and Crews
who flew the flags while participating in
the Around Long Island Regatta
to spread the word to **END POLIO NOW...**
&

Representative Nita Lowey
Our
Congressional Champion of Polio Eradication

Friday
September 21, 2012

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

\$25.00 per person
Shattemuc Yacht Club
Westerly Rd.
Ossining, NY

RSVP: Sue Donnelly at suedonnely53@gmail.com

and

mail your check to:
Rotary Club of Ossining
PO Box 488
Ossining NY 10562





Invitation to Join a Friendship Exchange with Bangalore, India



Rotarians in District 7230 are invited to participate in a Friendship Exchange with the Rotary Club of Bangalore to visit Bengaluru (formerly, Bangalore), India from January 10 - 20, 2013.

The Friendship Exchange Program is modeled on the Group Study Exchange program, however, unlike a GSE, all team members in a Friendship Exchange are Rotarians. www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rfe_handbook_en.pdf.

Bangalore, more popularly known as the "Silicon Valley of India," is a beautiful city where tradition and modernism meet against a backdrop of a pleasant climate and a tradition of hospitality. Apart from excellent restaurants, local attractions include the Bull Temple, famous for its mammoth bull statue carved about 500 years ago from a single boulder; Shivasamudram Falls, the first hydro-electric power station in Asia; the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, a treasure trove of machines and artifacts, and the Palace of erstwhile Maharajas. The centralized kitchen of Akshaya Patra, a non-profit organization which feeds fresh-cooked mid-day meals to about 150,000 children in public schools in Bangalore is a worth see; this state-of-the-art kitchen incorporates Intelli-engineering, using gravity to assist in mass food preparation while minimizing human handling of food, which is then shipped out in custom-fitted trucks to school children every morning. See also www.incredibleindia.org/#/travel/destination/bengaluru.

The District would like to send a team of five Rotarians each of whom may bring an adult companion. While lodging, boarding and transportation will be provided by Rotarians in Bangalore, all travelers from our District are responsible for their own airfare to Bangalore and visa requirements. Tickets are expected to cost around \$1,500 each. Team members may choose to spend more time in India at their own expense.

All Rotarians from District 7230 who participate in the Exchange are expected to host, or arrange for hosting (see Hosting Guidelines following), a Rotarian couple from India when the Friendship Team from Bangalore visits our District in May 2013.

If you are interested in enjoying "incredible India" with well-informed, friendly and fun-loving Rotarians, and enjoy the best of Indian hospitality, please fill out this form (see Application Form following), and send it to kchittur@post.harvard.edu.

Questions? Email me at kchittur@post.harvard.edu.

*Yours in Rotary Service,
Krishnan Chittur
Chair, Friendship Exchange Committee*



Responsibility and Obligations of Host Families

1. Provide an independent room with attached western style toilet & shower facility.
2. Spare personal time, as much as possible, with the guest. Do not make your guest feel neglected. Make them feel at home. At the same time allow them their space & freedom.
3. Pick up (in the beginning) & drop (at the end) the guests on a given day from/to a predetermined location decided in consultation with the previous/next Host.
4. Arrange for transport of the guest for any activity, either on your own or in association with co-hosts. Do not leave your guest unattended at any point in time.
5. Facilitate logistic support to the guest during the stay like providing internet facility, identifying locations for making telephone calls & similar assistance.
6. Provide Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner at place/s consisting of home hospitality, resort visit, fireside dinners & Rotary Meetings .
7. Provide Recreational activity in tune with the interests of the guest which may consist of visit to a shopping mall, library, museums, architectural monuments, social events, sight-seeing locations, pleasure trips and may also include visit to your place of work.
8. Adhere to the itinerary very carefully & without an exception.
9. Please keep the concerned persons informed in case of any deviation from the pre-determined itinerary or activity.
10. Share with the guest, information on your family, profession, business, personal achievements & recognitions and also inquire about your guest.
11. Involve your guest in discussing topics which highlight our culture, traditions, art, heritage, economy, politics, marriage, food, costumes, music, dance, family system & in general our unique unity in diversity.
12. Encourage your guest to experience our lifestyle either by way of tasting our food or playing our musical instruments or learning our language or wearing our costumes .
13. If possible, do everything that will help your guest enhance their vocational knowledge & skills.
14. In case the guest falls sick, provide medical assistance through an authorized source.
15. Avoid conversing in your local language while in the presence of your guest. You could be misunderstood.
16. Avoid discussing controversial issues like terrorism, racism, adultery & similar topics.
17. Do not discuss, with your guest, any projects, Rotary or otherwise, seeking financial assistance or in any manner involving finance, personally or through their club or their district or through the Rotary Foundation.
18. Avoid visits to any Rotary projects on your own.
19. Provide adequate rest period to the guest. Enquire with the guest their willingness to participate in any unscheduled or additional activity before drawing up such activity.

Compiled by PP Rtn Ramesh Joshi

Rotary International - District 7230

Friendship Exchange Team Member Application

Before completing this application, please read the Friendship Exchange Brochure (EN-909). This publication offers a general overview and the mission statement of the Friendship Exchange program.

1. Please print or type. Do not use initials.
2. ALL columns must be filled in.
3. This completed application must be submitted to Rtn. Krishnan Chittur, by email at kchittur@post.harvard.edu, by no later than **September 30, 2012**.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name in full (as it appears on your passport)

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

Rotary Club: _____

Classification: _____

Gender: Male/Female

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

Mailing address:

Number and street: _____

City/town _____

State: _____

Postal code : _____

Home telephone: _____

Office telephone: _____

Cell/mobile telephone: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Please provide details of two person(s) to notify in case of emergency

Name: _____

Telephone number _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Telephone number _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

TEAM MEMBER APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

- ★ I am a Rotarian in good standing of the Rotary Club of _____ in R.I. District 7230.
- ★ I understand that I will be responsible for my airfare to and from Bangalore.
- ★ I understand that I will be responsible for obtaining visa and/or other travel documents from the Consulate of India.
- ★ I understand that I will be responsible for medical, travel and all other insurance

coverage.

- ★ I undertake to host, or arrange for the hosting, of a Rotarian and his/her companion from Bangalore when they visit District 7230 in May 2013.
- ★ I have read and understood the Friendship Exchange Brochure (EN-909), and the Hosting Guidelines, and agree to abide by them.
- ★ During the exchange, I agree to (a) accept the decisions of the team leader at all times; (b) remain with the group throughout the program, except during those periods when individual activities are specifically provided, unless excused by the team leader; (c) inform the team leader of my whereabouts at all times; (d) maintain standards of behavior and deportment during my travels with the study team that will reflect credit on Rotary, my district, and my country; (e) refrain from engaging in dangerous activities; (f) have sufficient funds to meet my personal and incidental expenses while abroad.
- ★ I understand that I may, if I so choose, spend more time in Bangalore or any other part of India or elsewhere after the Exchange program at my own expense.
- ★ I hereby release and discharge Rotary International and District 7230, and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which I or my successors, dependents, beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may or hereafter have against any or all of such parties on account of or in connection with the Friendship Exchange Program or my participation therein. I agree that I shall indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International and District 7230 and their respective successors, officers, directors, agents, and employees against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses which any such party may incur on account of or in connection with my participation in the Friendship Exchange Program. The foregoing release and indemnity shall continue to apply to each officer, director, agent, or employee even though such individuals may cease to serve in such capacities and shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of such individuals. The foregoing release and indemnity shall not apply to the cost of my transportation to and from the receiving district.
- ★ I agree that I will abide by all the District 7230 decisions related to travel safety. If the District or the Team Leader determines, in its/his sole discretion, at any point in the Friendship Exchange process that my safety as in the host country is or could be at risk, the District or Team Leader may require that the itinerary be modified, cancelled, or indefinitely postponed. If already in the host country, my team may be asked to return home immediately. In such instances, I agree to abide by the District's decision as to what, if any, alternatives are available. Should I be required to return home prematurely due to travel safety concerns, and I choose to stay, I accept all responsibility for my safe return home.
- ★ I freely accept the conditions outlined above, understanding that the District Friendship Exchange Committee has the final authority to select team members. Team members or alternates may be disqualified at any time, if deemed appropriate, and all such decisions shall be final and binding.
- ★ I understand that accommodations and travel in the district will be provided by local Rotarians during the tour.

- ★ To promote understanding and goodwill, I will recognize the right of each person to his/her own opinions and will therefore be cautious about expressing my own personal opinions concerning any controversial, political, racial, or religious issue.
- ★ Rotary International and District 7230 may share my name and contact details with the Rotary Club of Bangalore, with other Rotary Clubs, and with alumni groups upon request.
- ★ Unless I indicate otherwise in writing, I hereby give publication rights to Rotary International and District 7230 for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary, including but not limited to Rotary International and/or District 7230 publications, advertisements, and websites. I also authorize Rotary International and/or District 7230 to share photos from my final report with Rotary entities for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary. I do not authorize Rotary International and/or District 7230 or any other entity to use these photos for any commercial purpose.

Name (please print clearly) _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Upcoming District Events

September 08, 2012, Saturday	10am - 3pm Orientation Seminar for Ambassadorial Scholars and Counselors Fogarty's Restaurant, Bronxville, NY
September 10, 2012, Monday	Start of 10-weeks of promotion of Rotary on WCBS radio
September 13, 2012, Thursday	6:30pm - 8:30pm District Leadership Team Meeting The Bronx
September 30, 2012, Sunday	Deadline for submitting articles for District's October 2012 Newsletter
October 1-5, 2012, Thursday	Leadership Seminar for Rotary Clubs in Bermuda
October 19, 2012, Friday	Deadline for registering for November 3rd UN Day
October 30, 2012, Tuesday	6:30pm - 8:30pm District Leadership Meeting Manhattan
October 30, 2012, Tuesday	Deadline for submitting articles for District's November 2012 Newsletter
November 03, 2012, Saturday	8am - 4pm UN Day United Nations building, Manhattan



2012-13 Community Service Grant Announcement and Application



Thanks to funds our District has received this year from The Rotary Foundation, we are able to provide grants of \$1,000 to \$1,500 to Rotary Clubs in our District to support humanitarian and educational projects in the local community of the Club.

Applicant Rotary Clubs must contribute at least 50% of the grant request to the project. Two or more Rotary clubs may submit one grant request.

Grant awards will be announced on October 15, 2012 and will be disbursed to the Rotary Clubs awarded grants after their projects are completed. Projects should be completed no later than February 15, 2013.

Applications will be sent to all club presidents and secretaries.

Grant applications must be received by PDG Janet DiBenedetto, chair of our District's Grants Subcommittee, at JanetDiBen@aol.com by September 30, 2012.