

# **District 7230** PeaceLetter

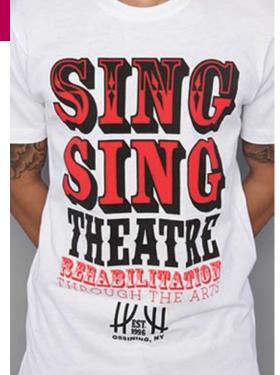
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**Greg Arcaro District Governor** Newsletter Editor-in-Chief: Marguerite Chadwick-Juner Editors: Vincent Coakley • PDG Don Lee Rotary International

# **Ossining Rotary Sing Sings Praises**

The Ossining Rotary Club is literally a neighbor to the men incarcerated in Sing Sing Prison. No matter where we work or eat or have our meetings, we aren't far from the looming, walled facility next to the Hudson River and those who live and work inside the gates. A few members have had experiences visiting those in the prison or attending events there such as Rehabilitation Through the Arts, religious services or teaching programs, or simply as volunteers in various areas of service. The club as a whole has learned that nearby Rotary clubs are already involved in partnering arrangements with local communities of faith, and that those who care to are being trained, and are now serving as mentors for those coming out from their incarceration. After many years behind bars, those recently released have to learn the lessons of adjustment to society and independent living, skills often not learned in the first place. Moreover, in our highly technological world, many have never used a cell phone, done Facebook or Twitter or seen a Kindle. The world has changed around them and they have changed as well, but a stable and compassionate mentor makes all the difference. A guide for the first day especially, and then the first week, the first month, can give much needed support, advice, confidence-building, and important information to a person who is trying to re-enter the world in a new way and make commit-



ments to themselves and their family and their God which are healthy and mature. Soon members of the Ossining club will receive their training, interface with members in other clubs doing the same and then await their first newly released person, ready for the adventure of a lifetime. As one who came to share their experience said, "I went into this with mixed feelings, thinking I'd do it because I could help change someone else's life as a Rotarian. What I didn't expect was that this Rotarian's life would be changed by helping that very special person in their time of greatest need!"

For those interested in figures, it costs the taxpayers of New York \$45,00 per year to imprison someone. Doing something to maximize success and minimize risky decision-making for someone who is vulnerable and disoriented, unemployed, culturally on the margins, filled with anxiety and bewilderment, and technologically challenged, saves a lot of money, and can be exactly what is needed. It's a great combination!

The Ossining Rotary Club considers this program a way of building Peace in the Community.

# **Upcoming District Events**

October 1-5, 2012, Thursday October 19, 2012, Friday October 30, 2012, Tuesday October 30, 2012, Tuesday

Leadership Seminar for Rotary Clubs in Bermuda Deadline for registering for November 3rd UN Day 6:30pm - 8:30pm District Leadership Meeting Manhattan Deadline for submitting articles for District's November 2012 Newsletter November 03, 2012, Saturday 8am - 4pm UN Day United Nations building, Manhattan



tions to arrive soon. In the meantime, please contact Chair Georgine Mongarella for more information at: george@thecolorschemer.com.

# DISTRICT 7230 GIFT OF LIFE INC. February 2, 2013

Come join us for a fabulous evening at beautiful Beckwith Pointe in New Rochelle to support our District's Gift of Life projects!



# **Rotary Club of Yonkers Remembers Gus Nathan**

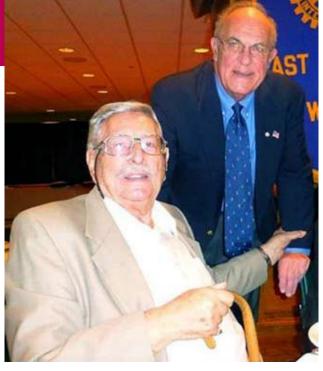
Fellow Rotarians,

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I have to inform you about the passing of Rotary Club of Yonkers President Gus Nathan. Even though Gus was 92 years old and soon to be 93, it was still a shock that he passed away so suddenly. Gus did not seem like an unhealthy man and he was always thinking about the future. He will be sorely missed.

There is still a chance to see Gus in action on YouTube where he talks about his war memories from the Second World War at the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbHbmxCwrXc

Matts Ingemanson

At right: This picture was taken on Sept. 20, 2012 at the Yonkers Raceway during the Rotary Club of East Yonkers Firehouse Fundraiser. Gus enjoyed himself with Chuck Aitcheson, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of East-Yonkers.



## Meet Marlynne Bidos District 7230 2012-2013 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

On September 18, 2012 District 7230 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Marlynne Bidos embarked on her journey to study abroad in Hong Kong. Marlynne Bidos, Esq. is co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Harlem and the Rotary Club of Riverdale. She will commence her studies at the University of Hong Kong where she will pursue her LL.M. in Intellectual Property.

While in Hong Kong Marlynne will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Peninsula. During her one year abroad Marlynne will visit multiple Rotary clubs in Hong Kong and fulfill various Ambassadorial Scholar commitments.

In addition, Marlynne is also the co-founder of Konbit Pou Edikasyon (Working Together for Education) a non-profit based in Haiti that provides financial support and services to ensure the academic success of students in Haiti through the completion of their secondary education. KPE works collaboratively to connect students with academic, social, and post-secondary opportunities. Marlynne will chronicle her Hong Kong trip via her blog site: www.icmbasia. tumblr.com.

Marlynne Bidos prepares for Hong Kong

# Rotary Club of Harlem ~ Memoirs and Viewing

#### **Memiors of Immediate Past President** Dr. Syoum Gebregziabher Published

The Rotary Club of Harlem's Immediate Past President Dr. Syoum Gebregziabher recently reached two great milestones in his life. He has successfully published his memoir "Symphony of My Life" and is now a Paul Harris Fellow. His memoir follows his early life in Ethiopia, his rise as an educator and policy maker in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Bhutan, Eritrea, his time as a professor in the United States and affiliation with the United Nations. Dr. Syoum's autobiography can be purchased via www.amazon.com or via the publisher's website: www.africaworldpressbooks.com.

### **Rotary Club of Harlem Marathon Viewing**

SAVE THE DATE Please join the Rotary Club of Harlem at the 3rd Annual Rotary Club of Harlem ING NYC Marathon Viewina & Brunch on Sunday, November 4, 2012. More details to follow.



Note new format with this issue for online viewing!

# Happenings Past & Future for East Yonkers Rotary Club

#### Yonkers Raceway Fundraiser a Hit

East Yonkers Rotary Club's successful Annual Fundraising event has just ended. The Good Time Room at the Yonkers Raceway was the venue for the 4-hour event on 20 September.

Speaking at the event, Yonkers Fire Comissioner Robert Sweeny told the audience that the firemen highly appreciated the gesture of the Club to raise money for Yonkers Firehouses, but felt that the money would be of much greater use for the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center of Yonkers The total amount collected was still being tallied, as of this writing.

Brian Harrington, Senior Vice-President of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers, thanked the Club and the Firemen and invited everyone to visit the Center to see for themselves the 137-bed not-for-profit pediatric specialty nursing facility for medically fragile children with complex clinical conditions and disabilities. It is located at Corporate Blvd. South in Yonkers.

Club President Dave Schildwachter welcomed the guests and said



Assemblymember Mayer with Bina and Liz of the Westchester Bank.





Rotary Club of Harlem's Past President Dr. Syoum Gebregziabher Signs a Copy of his memoir "Symphony of My Life".

# 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"tthe 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 your event.

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

the Club was pleased to have arranged the event for the noble purpose. He thanked all those who donated items for the auction, those who sponsored the event, and those who put in lots of time and effort in making the event a success. District Governor Greg Arcaro, who is also a member of the Club, himself participated in the auction and was the successful bidder for multiple items.

The lively auction was conducted by well-known auctioneer, Ronnie Gantz. Club Member Jeffrey Landsman provided muchneeded logistical assistance to make the event a success. The single item that fetched the highest amount was one of the signed guitars for \$800. Club Secretary Selly Vazquez supervised the 50/50 raffle in which a participant won over \$300.

Among the more than 100 people present were New York Assemblymembers Shelly Mayer and George Latimer, Yonkers City Council President, Chuck Lesnick, Judge Honorable John R. LaCava, Deputy Fire Chief John Flynn, Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz-Chabad of Yonkers and members of neighboring Rotary Clubs.

#### **Community Pancake Breakfast**

The next big Club Event is coming up in a few weeks – the "All you can eat" Community Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, 21 October 2012 at the St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway in Yonkers from 9 AM to noon.

Organized jointly by the Rotary Club of East Yonkers and the St. John's Riverside Hospital, the breakfast will feature a 50/50 Raffle, and will benefit food pantries in Yonkers, provide scholarships to Yonkers students and grant financial aid for local organizations.

Contributions for the event are requested from individuals and businesses and will be acknowledged on the placemat that will be placed at the seat of everyone attending. There are 4 levels of Contributions - Patrons (\$100), Sponsors (\$75), Contributors (\$50) and Friends (\$25). Contribution forms are available online at: http://www.eastyonkersrotary. org/content/community-pancake-breakfast-21-october.

Parking is free at the event. The cost for the breakfast is only \$6 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. For more information, contact Club Secretary Selly Vazquez at: *svazquez@judicialtitle.com*.

# Briarcliff Rotary Shines on **Community Day**

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor celebrated the Community Day in Briarcliff Manor on September 15, 2012. In accordance with what has become a tradition in the Village over the last quarter century, the Club provided cold beverages and fresh-cooked food at the event. About 15 Rotarians from all walks of life rolled up their sleeves to grill burgers, roll cotton candy, and pop the popcorn for community members. This year, the Club also had a group of teenagers from St. Christopher's, a residential treatment center and Special Acts school headed by Dr. Robert Maher, former principal of Briarcliff High School and a Rotarian. As in the past year, the Club also had an information booth which provided information about Rotary International, and the local activities of the Club.



Etrusca Cosentino making popcorn.



Dean Dykeman and Richard Zuckerman making cotton candy.



Elinor Yuter and Anne Cargill at the counter.



Rev.John Herzog and Zen Eidel.

# Somers Rotary Club Warms Up for Coat & Sweater Drive

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.



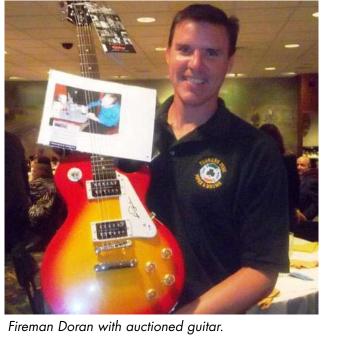
Mark Seiden Sy Yuter and Zack Cosentino at the grill.



Scott Lanoff and President Kris Chittur man the Rotary booth.







Rye Rotary Club Sistered with

# Courmayeur, Italy Club

The Rye Rotary club became a sister club with Courmayeur, Italy when the members of both clubs signed an agreement on August 31, 2012 in the town hall of Courmayeur in Northern Italy. A small group of Rye Rotarians participated in the ceremony which was attended by their District Governor from Torino, Italy, the mayor of Courmayeur and many other dignitaries. President Scott Pickup, Past Pres. Lora Hugelmeyer and Coby Ellingwood represented Rye Rotary.



The Rye members were treated with incredible hospitality which included delicious dinners, historic and cultural visits and sightseeing in their beautiful snow covered Alps. Rye is looking forward to hosting the Courmayeur Rotarians in appreciation for all they did for our Club.

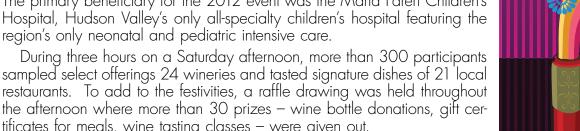
# **Deadline Change**

The deadline for receipt of applications for the Friendship Exchange Team to Bangalore, announced in the District's September Newsletter, has been extended to October 31, 2012. Application forms were included in the September Peaceletter available at: www. rotary7230.org.



## Pleasantville Rotary Club is Looking to Wine & Dine You

Last March, the Pleasantville Rotary Club held its Twelfth Annual Westchester Wine Experience (WWE) at Pace University. This is the Club's primary fund raising event for the year. Over the past twelve years, through the generous support of those attending the Wine Experience, our Club has been able donate over \$170,000 to local and international charities. The primary beneficiary for the 2012 event was the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, Hudson Valley's only all-specialty children's hospital featuring the region's only neonatal and pediatric intensive care.



the afternoon where more than 30 prizes – wine bottle donations, gift certificates for meals, wine tasting classes – were given out. The Wine Experience raised \$12,000 with the money being donated



to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, Appalachian Service Project, Food Bank for Westchester, Massachusetts General

Hospital for MD, PCTV, RI Foundation, and our own Community Service Fund. Not only is this event a fun afternoon for attendees, but the Club members enjoy it as a day of fellowship and an opportunity to help others. Look for announcements for the 2013 WWE to be held on Saturday, March 23 at www. WestchesterWineExperience.org.

