


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 commitments 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 \$45,000 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 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

Save The Date!

THE HEART OF THE CARNIVALE IS The Gift of Life



Look for your invitations to arrive soon. In the meantime, please contact Chair Georgine Mongarella for more information at: georgine@the-colorschemer.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=AbHbmxCwKc

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 Aitchison, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of East-Yonkers.

Meet Marlynn Bidos District 7230 2012-2013 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar



On September 18, 2012 District 7230 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Marlynn Bidos embarked on her journey to study abroad in Hong Kong. Marlynn 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 Marlynn will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Peninsula. During her one year abroad Marlynn will visit multiple Rotary clubs in Hong Kong and fulfill various Ambassadorial Scholar commitments.

In addition, Marlynn 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. Marlynn will chronicle her Hong Kong trip via her blog site: www.icmbasia.tumblr.com.

Marlynn 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 Viewing & Brunch on Sunday, November 4, 2012. More details to follow.

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 "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 your event.

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

Happenings Past & Future for East Yonkers Rotary Club



Note new format with this issue for online viewing!

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 Commissioner Robert Sweeney 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 Schildwacher welcomed the guests and said 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 much-needed 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, New York 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



Etrusa Cosentino making popcorn.




Dean Dykeman and Richard Zuckerman making cotton candy.

Bob Amsterdam working his buns off.


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.

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.

During three hours on a Saturday afternoon, more than 300 participants sampled select offerings 24 wineries and tasted signature dishes of 21 local restaurants. To add to the festivities, a raffle drawing was held throughout 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.VestchesterWineExperience.org.

You're Invited to Cortlandt & Putnam Valley Rotary Clubs 2012 Family Fun Fest



At Sprout Brook Park in Cortlandt Manor Including Annual Duck Race on Sprout Brook

Sunday, October 7, 2012 12 Noon to 4PM

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Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
Sunday, October 7, 2012 - 12 Noon to 4PM

Join in the Fun ...

- Annual Battle of the Ducks
- Children's Games
- Children's Design A Duck Table & Race
- Pluck-A-Duck Game Water Tables
- Photos with Donald & Daisy Duck
- Facepainting
- Ducky Things Available
- LIVE MUSIC by FAST, CHEAP & LOUD
- Food & Drink

Want to be a sponsor?
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www.CortlandtManorRotary.com
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