



District 7230 PeaceLetter

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Rotary International

How to Help Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

District 7230 Rotarians, if you'd like to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy please contact any of the following Rotary Club Presidents in the worst affected areas:

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North Shore	Christopher Williams	williamseyeworks@aol.com
South Shore	Mitchell Lowell	SouthShoreRotary@aol.com
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Metro NY	Bharat Jalan	Bharat.jalan@gmail.com
Wall Street	Thomas H. Rudy	rudy@capitalrinvestments.com



Rotarians in the District are helping families impacted by Hurricane Sandy and more information will be sent out shortly.



Rotarians from India Reach Out to District 7230 During Hurricane Sandy

May Lord Bless and Keep You All Safe : Message from RC of Ernakulam

Hello Rtn.Greg Arcaro,

Good Morning... I don't know whether I could wish so today.

We are from Rotary Club of Ernakulam (Dist 3201), one of the oldest clubs in the City of Cochin, another coastal town of Kerala State, India.

We are also upset (to see) on the news, an expected hurricane which may hit in your city. Since, we also live in a coastal town, we know the severity and also the concerns of people of your Rotary District.

We will extend our prayers for all of you and may lord bless all of you in these cities to face the adverse climate and keep safe. You are part of Rotary and we Rotarians around the world are here for your best support in any adverse situations. Keep up that confidence.

Once again, God bless and please post us on the status after today. We are all waiting eagerly to hear that you all are safe.

For Rotary Club of Ernakulam,

Rtn.K.G.Sreejith

President, Rotary Club of Ernakulam (Club ID: 24997)



Global Community Commits to Polio Eradication

Rotary Pledges \$75 Million, Then Rocks Central Park with End Polio Now Message

District 7230 Rotarians, your voice was heard!

September 27, 2012, was a momentous day in the global effort to End Polio Now.

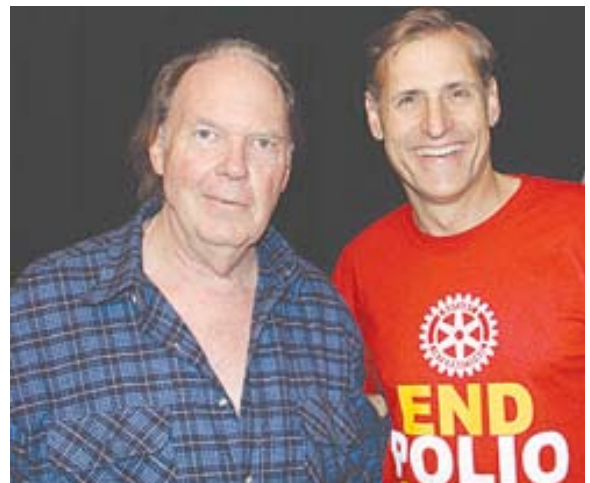
In a historic special session on polio eradication during the UN General Assembly, Rotary presented nearly 7,000 signatures from the EndPolioNow.org petition – including yours!

Rotary Foundation Chair Wilf Wilkinson announced to world leaders and our partners that Rotary pledges another \$75 million to fight polio, adding to Rotary's total contribution of nearly \$1.2 billion since launching the PolioPlus program in 1985. Read more at Rotary.org, TIME <http://healthland.time.com/2012/09/27/polio-u-n-firepower-against-an-ancient-scourge/> and the New York Times http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/29/opinion/an-unfinished-campaign-against-polio.html?_r=1. In the Time Magazine article in the last paragraph the reporter references a Rotarian (Past District Secretary, George Weeks) with two canes walking up to Peter Salk In the waiting area before the event began, an elderly polio survivor moving with the aid of two walking sticks approached Peter Salk to thank him for the work his father had done — even if it came too late to spare him the disease.

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George Weeks and Peter Salk



Neil Young and John Hewko



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Read more: <http://healthland.time.com/2012/09/27/polio-u-n-firepower-against-an-ancient-scourge/#ixzz28X5wuNIU>

Two days later, Rotary and Rotarians from Rotary District 7230 represented Rotary International and spread the word of Rotary Internationals drive to END POLIO NOW since 1985. Rotary shared the polio eradication message on the world stage during the Global Citizen Festival concert in Central Park, organized by the Global Poverty Project. The concert drew a live audience of more than 60,000 people and was viewed worldwide. Rock legend Neil Young, a polio survivor, closed the show.

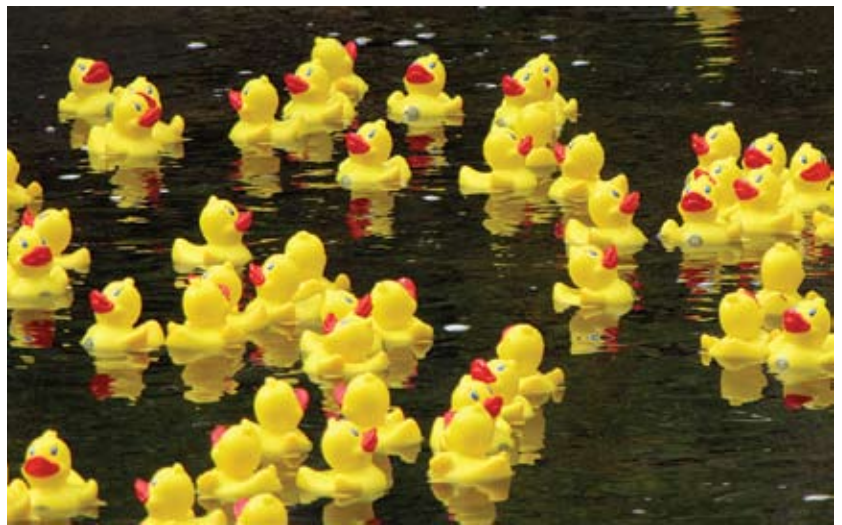
Just before Neil Young took the stage, the End Polio Now message was driven home by actress Archie Panjabi, a Rotary "This Close" campaign celebrity; Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, daughter of Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari; Ramesh Ferris, a Canadian Rotarian and polio survivor; and John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary and CEO.

In the Action with Cortlandt Rotary Club

Annual Battle of the Ducks between Cortlandt and Putnam Valley Rotary Clubs

Held on a cool fall day the two Rotary Clubs gathered with attendees to watch the Annual Battle of the Ducks on Sunday, October 7th at Sprout Brook Park in Cortlandt Manor, NY.

The race consists of three heats with the first dozen ducks from each heat running in the final race to win the Battle of the Ducks. The winner is the first duck in the final heat of those 36 ducks. This year the winner was the new owner of DaRo's Deli in Buchanan, Luisa Rosa Morel. She won \$1000 on the ticket she purchased from Rotarian Laura Jean Odell of Verplanck. Second place was won by J. Walsh for \$500 and third place was Cathy Campea of Verplanck. Dead last, Tom McGreals duck will win him a FREE Six-Quack in the 2013 race on October 6th!



Each year we do a special race for the children. They come and color their own duck to be put into the Design-A-Duck Race. This way each child can cheer their duck on as it comes down the stream watching it's progress to the finish line. This year our winner was Delia Schmitt who spent hours coloring her duck to perfection! She was so excited to win and accept a Walmart gift card for \$50. Second place was won by Matthew

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Brody who received a scooter. Third place was won by Brittany Ameil who received a "Movie Night Bucket" filled with popcorn and dvd's. Dead last was Christian Wong (son of Chinatown Rotary's President Marc) who will receive a Design-A-Duck to enter in the October 6, 2013 race.

All in attendance were entertained by IPP Rotarian Robert Cinque from Brewster Rotary live on the guitar during the entire event. Food was sold by the Putnam Valley Interact Club. There were games, face painting, sand art and more. Weather might of dampened attendance but those in attendance including Chinatown and Ossining Rotarians had a great day in the park

A big thank you to our Executive Water Team this year led by former Rotarian Robert Ingram, Honorary Members Dr. Barry Glaser & Dr. Floyd Miller and IPP of the Northeast Rotary club Robert Herber who all spent four hours in the water that day!

Executive Duck Team for 2012 (l. to r.) Robert Ingram, Honorary Rotarian Barry Glaser, Robert Herber (Northeast Rotarian), Honorary Rotarian Floyd Miller & girlfriend, Abby (middle photo).



\$1000 winner of Battle of the Ducks (l. to r.) Rotarian Laura Jean Odell who sold the winning ticket, winner: Luisa Rosamorel and Cortlandt Rotary President Michelle Hanks.



VA Healing Garden Flourishes



In Cortlandt Rotary joined with Peekskill Rotary Club to develop a special therapeutic "Healing Garden" outside the Post Traumatic Stress Unit. The garden was funded and constructed in the spring of 2010. It consists of shrubs, flowering plants, two vegetable gardens for the veteran residents of the PTS unit, paths and seating areas. The Rotary Clubs were joined by some local businesses who made generous donations to the project such as Home Mason, Manzer Landscaping and All Weather Home Improvement.

It was dedicated on Oct 21, 2010 and has been an ongoing project for the Cortlandt Rotary since that date. Every spring the Cortlandt Rotary checks with the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist to see what the garden needs for sustainability and then provides the needed mulch, plants, bulbs or bird seed that the funding is needed for.

This past year the Rotary Community Corps of Keon became involved matching the Cortlandt Rotary dollar for dollar for the needed supplies to keep the garden growing in beauty and adding to assist the veterans in their recovery. This year they requested more flowering bulbs to create an additional area of color at the entrance of the garden, additional bird seed, and a number of flowering and fruit bearing bushes to be added.



The V.A. Healing Garden

In 2012 in an effort to support of our future veterans both Cortlandt Rotary and Rotary Community Corps of Keon also made matching donations to Operation

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Homefront. This organization supports deployed armed servicemen and servicewomen's families here while they are overseas. They supply needed funds for unexpected expenses that families may have while their loved ones are away which eliminates stress for those in combat. Knowing their families aren't struggling while they are away gives some peace of mind to those in service to our country.

What \$1 a Month from Every Rotarian in Our Districts Can Do

Last month on September 24th at the Joint Evening Meeting of the Northern Westchester Evening Rotary Clubs MaryBeth Gallagher (daughter of Ossining Rotarian John Gallagher & President of the Windhoek Rotary Club in Namibia) explained the plight of special needs children in an area near her Rotary Club in Africa. MaryBeth returns to the United States each year to help raise funds for KINDLE to bring services to those in need.



MaryBeth with RCC of Keon receiving a \$500 for Special Needs Children in Africa.

Hearing that some special needs children are chained or tied in their residences (for their safety) when parents or caregivers have to go to work or away from the home due to lack of facilities or people to care for them the Rotarians in attendance were dismayed. Descriptions of women bringing disabled children to the center in wheelbarrows was disheartening. Learning that most of the workers there go without any compensation most months. The list goes on of other unthinkable situations existing.

Then one Rotarian, Jocko Mahoney from the Putnam Valley Rotary had an idea. He suggested that if each club in both District 7230 & 7210 were to ask their members for ONLY \$1 a month we could change the lives of these special children forever. If this organization run by Kathy Hampe, assisted by Rotarian MaryBeth Gallagher were to have a monthly budget to work with the children would not have to endure this horrific situation in that area. For the first time Kathy and the children she cares for would know that next month they will have food, teachers, therapists, shelter and transportation to and from the center. Kathy might be able to purchase chickens (for eggs and meat) and know next month she will not have to choose between feeding the chickens and the children. Kathy could expand the garden she uses to raise funds for the operation of this center and provide food for the children attending. For the first time with Jocko's suggestion, this center could have a true usable budget to help them become sustainable.

So far, four Rotary Clubs have agreed to collect \$1 a month from each Rotarian in their club and send a check made out to KINDLE (Kids In Namibia Deserve Love & Encouragement) a 501C3 foundation. Jocko Mahoney has agreed to receive the checks, forward them and keep track of the clubs participating in this project. All checks are to be made out directly to KINDLE and forwarded to Jocko at Putnam Valley Rotary Club, PO Box 313, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Please enclose a contact for your club with your first submission. This project will start in November 2012.

I think it safe to say we all waste \$1 a month and it would not be a burden to donate it instead. Please join with us to make a difference by asking your club members to join us with just \$1 a month from each of your members ... lets see the power of our Rotary Districts at it's best!

Editors Note: Rotary Community Corps made a generous donation to MaryBeth this year for the Special Needs Program. This is an example of how through Rotary the Special Needs Adults that are part of the RCC of Keon are able to change lives of Special Needs Children on another continent in a part of the world they will probably never know. How exciting for all concerned!!!

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: 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!



Liability Insurance for U.S. Rotary Clubs

Active U.S. Rotary clubs and districts are provided with general liability ("GL") and directors & officers/employment practices liability ("D&O/EPL") insurance through the U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Insurance Program ("Program"). The Program is financed by insurance assessments collected from U.S. Rotarians.

Note: The Program does NOT provide coverage for bodily injury or property damage sustained by a first-party insured, such as a Rotarian or volunteer.

To obtain a certificate of insurance, insurance policies and summaries, and loss control guidelines, please visit the Insurance Information Portal.

Note: Insurance information Portal is a protected website. It can be accessed with a user name and password only. User name and password have been provided to club and district officers through the annual mailing. You can also contact Lockton to obtain a user name and password at rotary@lockton.com.

Insurance Information Portal's web address is <https://www.locktonportal.com/sites/rotary/resources>

To report an incident, please contact Rotary International Risk Management.

If you have further questions regarding coverage, please contact Lockton Companies:

Phone: 800-921-3172

Fax: 312-681-6769

Email: rotary@lockton.com



Briarcliff Rotary Promotes "End Polio Now" Campaign At Harvest Festival



Rotary Director Scott Lanoff, Briarcliff Rotary President Kris Chittur and Past President Paul Rosen.



Rotary Director Rachel Leihbacher and Rotarian Antonia Conte.



Rotarian Director Eric Lebenson, the Stiltman and Briarcliff Rotary President Kris Chittur.

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor brought its campaign to "End Polio Now" to the Briarcliff Manor Harvest Festival held on Saturday, October 13, 2012. The Festival is an annual event organized by the Briarcliff Manor Chamber of Commerce to promote local businesses. The Briarcliff Rotary, a regular participant for the past few years, had a centrally located table manned by several enthusiastic Rotarians. Eye-popping posters highlighted Rotary's pledge to eradicate polio, the crippling childhood disease.



Rotary Club of Larchmont Inducts Five New Members

Larchmont, NY (October 22, 2012) -- September and October have been exceptionally active months for The Rotary Club of Larchmont (RCL). The club has inducted four new members and one honorary member.

On September 21st, the club inducted Larchmont residents Ernie Odierna and Mark Rosen. Ernie is a Town of Mamaroneck Councilman. Mark is Director of Resource & Location Strategy at Citibank.

On October 12, the club inducted Theresa Diaz, manager of the Chatsworth Avenue branch of TD Bank, and Evita Dodel, a self-employed massage therapist and a Larchmont resident. New York State Assemblyman George Latimer was also inducted as an Honorary Member of Rotary.

Said Stephen Bartell, the club's current President, "Our dramatic growth in members shows that local professionals recognize that Rotary provides them with the opportunity to contribute to our community like no other service organization. Our projects cover a wide variety of important local, regional and global issues, determined by club leadership and members. All new and existing members come from varied backgrounds which provide exciting inputs to the club's project development and execution. And as our membership grows, the more service projects we can initiate and complete."

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary's global membership is approximately 1.2 million men and women who belong to 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Larchmont and meeting current members can contact RCL President Stephen Bartell at 914-833-8683 or



Ernie Odierna was inducted by Stephen J. Bartell, current President of the Rotary Club of Larchmont, on September 21st, 2012.



Larchmont resident Mark Rosen received his Rotary pin from past President of the Larchmont Rotary Club Marian White on September 21st.



Right, New York State Assemblyman George Latimer was inducted as an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Larchmont by Club President Stephen Bartell on October 12, 2012.



From left: Rotary Club of Larchmont President Stephen Bartell; new member Theresa Diaz; new member Evita Dodel; Marilyn Masiero, Rotary District 7230 Assistant Governor; Greg Arcaro, Rotary District 7230 Governor, who conducted the induction on October 12, 2012.

President@rotarylarchmont.com to arrange to attend a Friday luncheon meeting at the Larchmont Yacht Club. Find a detailed meeting schedule and more background at www.rotarylarchmont.org and on www.rotary.org.



Rotary International Day at the United Nations

More than 1,200 Rotarians attended this annual event at the United Nations on November 3, 2012. The day's theme was Peace Through Service. Both RI President Sakuki Tanaka and RI President-Elect Ron Burton were in attendance. The keynote address was given by Peter Laundky-Tieffenthal, Under-Secretary General for Communications and Public Information.



Some of the 1,250 Rotarians, Rotaractors and scholars who attended UN Day.



Rotary Board photo with Directors from the Rotary International Board along with President Tanaka, Trustee Chair of the Rotary Foundation Wilf Wilkinson, Secretary General John Hewko, Trustee Mike McGovern, Zone 24-32 Director Bryn Styles etc. standing in front of the PEACE Bell and Pagoda at the UN . This was significant because of Pres Tanaka's theme this year "Peace through Service".



District 7230 Scholars attending UN Day with the UN in the background.



Rotary Leadership Institute Is Coming!

The Rotary Leadership Institute is coming to a location near you! It will be held on November 17, 2012 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a powerful tool to develop leadership skills and enhance your role as a driving force in your Rotary Club.



Rotarians are urged to act now by visiting the RLI website, www.rlinea.org and register for courses.

The question of on-site registration is under review and may not be an option going forward. Therefore it is in your best interest to register now and not be shut out of course offerings.



White Plains Rotary Club to Be Recognized For Philanthropy



The Association of Development Officers will be presenting the 2012 Philanthropy Awards Breakfast on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill, 81 Highland Avenue. Tarrytown, NY 10591. Registration for the event starts at 7:30 a.m.

The White Plains Rotary Club will be honored with the Community Partner Award in recognition of its efforts to make their community a better place and celebrate their extraordinary contributions.

For more information please contact Sue Dishart at 914-243-4354 or sdishart@guidingeyes.org.



Note new format for online viewing!



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.

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