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District Governor

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INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Upcoming Dates:

December 31, 2012 - Deadline for clubs to submit nominations for 2015-16 District Governor and 2013-15 District Treasurer.

December 31, 2012 - Deadline for clubs to select their Area Representative to the District Nominating Committee

January 19, 2013 - District Nominating Committee meeting, Siwanoy Club, Bronxville

February 9, 2013 - Rotary Foundation Seminar, Doubletree Hotel, Tarrytown

March 2, 2013 - Club President-elect Workshop, "Fogarty's" in Bronxville

March 22-23, 2013 - Club President-elect Training Seminar, Marriott Hotel, Whippany, New Jersey

April 12-14, 2013 - Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Alpine, New Jersey



District Nominating Committee

Rotary clubs...please select your Area's representative and alternate to the District Nominating Committee by December 31, 2012. Your Area's representative will meet with the representatives from the eight other Areas in January to interview candidates and nominate our District Governor for 2015-16 and District Treasurer for 2013-15.

Nominations for 2015-16 District Governor and 2013-15 District Treasurer

All clubs are encouraged to consider nominating one member to be the Governor of our District for the 2015-16 Rotary year and one member to be the Treasurer for our District for 2013-15. Nominations are due by December 31, 2012. Please contact Vin Coakley, District Secretary, at vc@pcrbrotary.org for forms.

New Members

Rotary Clubs...when you club inducts a new member, please send information (and photo) of your new member for publication in the District newsletter.

D7230 Rotary Clubs - Making a Difference

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, "it is such a great reminder that while we are so far away from each other on the planet we are part of the close-knit Rotary family", said District 7230 District Governor Greg Arcaro, member of the Rotary Club of East Yonkers, in a message to neighboring Rotarians. The hardest hit area in our District is Staten Island with 19 deaths and many homeless families. The five Rotary Clubs on Staten Island can use help with their relief efforts. Greg and District Governor-elect for 2013-14,

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Matts Ingemanson have been visiting the clubs in the affected areas.

Wall Street Rotarians Make a Big Difference Helping Victims of Hurricane Sandy

Rotary Foundation Chairman Wilf Wilkinson braved the snow storm last Wednesday to be with the Rotary Club of Wall Street. Past District Governors Joe Clark and George Camp are supporting the Rotarians at the Rotary Club of Wall Street and were also present at the Rotary meeting last Wednesday, despite the intensive snow storm.



Metro NYC Club members lent their support to Staten Island Clubs in the days following Sandy.

At that meeting the Club presented their 3-Phase Disaster Relief Plan:

Phase One (Now): Address immediate needs of victims in Lower Manhattan such as food, water, clothing, blankets, and shelter.

Phase Two (Next 2-4 weeks): Funding for near term issues:

- Bowery Mission Thanksgiving Dinner - "Project 200 Turkeys"
- Donations to Bowery Mission: hats, gloves, scarves
- Refurbish destroyed basement of Nazareth Housing

Phase Three (Next 1-6 months):

Provide tools to Bowery Mission and Nazareth Housing for sustainable operations during future emergencies.

- Generators
- Refrigeration units

Overall, immediate needs of the following items were established:

Clothing (Coats, Underwear, Socks)

Blankets

Cleaning supplies (bleach, wipes, mops, gloves, etc)

Toys/Games for kids (not electric)

Flashlights/Batteries

Any kind of canned food

Carbon monoxide detectors

Four-cycle oil for generators

Generators



Chilling photographs of some of the damages sustained on Staten Island.

Rotarians have indicated that when it comes to donations of food and clothing, the situation is good. The urgent need is for cash donations or especially gift cards to such stores as Target, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe's and ShopRite and other grocery stores. Money is probably most needed so that people can start rebuilding.

As Rotarians, we are participating in VOAD, the Volunteer Organizations Aiding in Disasters. This group is holding a daily conference call so that we can all coordinate our efforts to provide

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supplies and volunteers.

Larchmont Rotary Club Responds to Hurricane Sandy

Just letting you know the outcome of our Sandy Relief drives this last week and week-end.

Coats, scarves, and gloves: a total of 18 winter coats were donated along with a good number of scarves, gloves, sweaters, and other winter clothing. These were delivered to Nazareth Housing on 4th Street in New York City to support the efforts of the Bowery Rotary Club. The contributions were exactly what they needed, right now. They greatly appreciated our efforts and donations.

Bleach and Construction Garbage Bags: 20 bottles of bleach and 245 heavy-duty construction-grade garbage bags were delivered to the Gateway Church Center on Staten Island in support of the North Shore Rotary Club (lead club of the 5-Club Rotary Foundation out there). In addition, we received a monetary donation of \$100 which will be forwarded to them.

We are truly proud of this effort, but we must stay ready to help again as the needs change and progress.

Thank you to all who donated, both Rotarians and other community members from Larchmont, Greenwich and elsewhere.

Rotary Club of East Yonkers Contributes Funds to Staten Island Rotary Clubs for Hurricane Relief

The Rotary Club of East Yonkers unanimously decided to contribute \$5,000 to the 5 Rotary Clubs of Staten Island which are jointly providing assistance for victims of Hurricane Sandy in Staten Island. Club President Dave Schildwachter spoke to Chris Williams, President of North Shore Rotary Club. On behalf of the Club, Dave informed Chris Williams of the contribution.

The hurricane badly ravaged many parts of Staten Island and many residents have lost their homes, and others have suffered other losses. They are in dire need of immediate assistance and support. The Staten Island Clubs are also looking forward to also getting help, hopefully from our Rotary International.

Rotary Club Volunteers are bringing food, supplies and help to families that need it. They manned food stations in various areas around Staten Island and pitched in by helping clean out and gut homes. The Hurricane Sandy clean-up is moving along and while it seems insurmountable, local Staten Islanders and volunteers from all over, are pitching in and helping to move things along. They are asking for volunteers and contributions. They will make sure that 100% of all contributions will go to families in need. Please contact the 5 Club Council for more information at 212-904-0020 or visit <http://statenislandrotaryrelief.com>.





Rotary Continues Polio Eradication

There has been amazing progress this year in the fight to eradicate POLIO, BUT...

Don't celebrate too soon because the virus could still resurge: "Cries of 'nearly there' have been heard before... History cruelly shows that hard-won progress is easily lost. In 2001, the number of polio cases reached an all-time low. In the years that followed, progress went awry and the virus spread once more."

Here are some strategies now being used:

In Afghanistan, trials of Permanent Polio Teams have proven the strategy to be hugely successful. This strategy, which involves vaccination teams made up of local people, travelling from house to house, vaccinating children in their community on an ongoing basis (ie. not just during country-wide vaccination campaigns), has resulted in polio vaccine being provided to 146,000 children, including almost 9000 who had never before received a dose of the vaccine.

Helicopters are being used to reach children in the Lake Chad area who are normally entirely cut off from other health services.

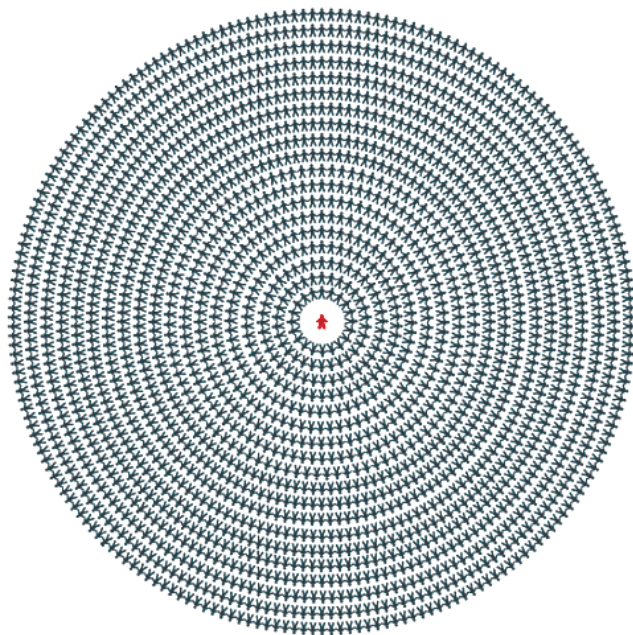
In Nigeria, 1500 nomadic settlements have been identified for the first time.

Direct disbursement mechanisms in Pakistan are ensuring that vaccinators receive the money they are due, on time - an incredibly important step in ensuring these frontline workers are motivated to go the extra distance to vaccinate every child.

While we'll leave the operational aspects in the capable hands of the likes of WHO and CDC, there is something we can help with – and that's ensuring global polio eradication efforts are fully FUNDED.

We really are closer than ever to wiping out polio.

To make your contribution to Polio Plus: <http://www.rotary.org/en/contribute/funds/polioplusfund/pages/ridefault.aspx>



★ = 350,000 cases in 1988 ★ = 175 cases in 2012 (year to date)

PDG George Camp
Polio Sub Committee Chair



Bronxville Rotary Club is Thinking Globally

Bronxville High School Global Solutions

A twenty-first century education in our inter-dependent world requires international experience, cultural fluency, and knowledge of global issues. At the same time ease of travel and rapid advances in communications are making it possible for more Americans to positively contribute to the lives of others in some of the world's less privileged locations, be they local or on another continent. The Bronxville High School Global

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Solutions Program has responded to this educational requirement by giving students the opportunity to spend two weeks in Africa at the Janada L. Batchelor Foundation for Children (JBFC) in Tanzania.

In support of this effort, using \$10,000 from last year's event, the Bronxville Rotary Foundation purchased satellite communications equipment, personal computers, and projectors for JBFC, enabling online learning experiences for the students. In addition, Bronxville High School students now have the ability to communicate with their new friends in Africa.

An ambitious next phase to this project will establish a partnership between the Global Solutions program at the Bronxville High School and the academic resources of Sarah Lawrence College. During the academic year 2012-2013, students from Bronxville High School and Sarah Lawrence will participate in a service learning and community partnership curriculum led by Dr. Kim Ferguson, professor of psychology at Sarah Lawrence. In addition to classroom seminars on child and adolescent development in the US and Africa, students will work with and learn from children in an after-school program at Iglesia San Andres in southwest Yonkers. The program will also facilitate skype communications with the children and teachers at JBFC in Tanzania and complete the year with a trip to their African partner institution. A portion of the funds raised this year will be used to support the expenses of this program.



Female lead farmers at Field Days.

Community Markets for Conservation, Zambia

Motivated by social and environmental goals, COMACO is a non-profit business that manufactures processed food products such as rice, peanut butter, and honey sold under the brand, It's Wild!. These products originate from farmers in the Luangwa Valley of Zambia whose yields were once insufficient to meet family needs but, with help from COMACO in the form of training, inputs and market incentives, are now producing a surplus. Today, over 40,000 farming families are registered members of COMACO producer groups. Driving this transformation is a business that promotes sustainable farming techniques thereby removing the need to poach or destroy renewable resources to meet family needs. Funds raised in 2010 enabled the Bronxville Rotary Foundation to complete a \$65,000 Rotary International matching grant which delivered 1,500 beehives and other beekeeping equipment to farmers. A portion of last year's and this year's funds will support a second beekeeping matching grant for farmers in another area of the Luangwa Valley.



Some of The COMACO products.



Tarrytown Rotary Club Funds Water Projects in Dominican Republic

The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns recently provided a grant through the Rotary Club of Las Matas de Farfan in the Dominican Republic for the repair of several water supply systems. The projects are located in a very poor region of the country known as El Cercado. It lies in the western part of the nation, near the border with Haiti. Eleven communities are involved, and our club's grant of \$3,500 can help only some of them. Our Club is working with a Peace Corps volunteer named Matt Chambers, who is a mechanical engineer from Seattle. Matt has been living in the Dominican Republic for several months, working alongside the Reverend John Cervini, a diocesan priest from Brooklyn, New York. Matt has outlined the various projects and explained their needs in the hope that our Club can continue to support their efforts to get all of the systems in working order.

Over the years, Peace Corps volunteers have built fifteen aqueducts in the region. Some of these are as long as five miles. They need to be repaired on an ongoing basis. Pumps and ancillary equipment require upkeep. Landslides and other natural occurrences from time to time damage the systems. Thieves steal equipment such as solar panels.

Of the eleven targeted communities, one has never had an aqueduct; residents are forced to obtain water from contaminated irrigation canals located a long walk from their homes. Several of the communities have damaged aqueducts that no longer provide water. Others have functioning aqueducts, but the water they provide is no longer drinkable. Each aqueduct serves between 70 and 1000 residents. All of the communities are at great risk of cholera. The disease had a significant impact in 2011, resulting in several deaths and countless hospitalizations.

Matt describes a couple of projects by way of example:

Rancho Viejo, a farming community of 92 inhabitants. In 2005 an aqueduct was constructed by a U.S. university. Since then, as a result of a storm, the source of the aqueduct's spring has changed and the aqueduct no longer provides water. Repairing the system, which involves a solar-powered pump, is beyond the community's expertise and finances. Required are a new pump box, a spare pump, and a new spring box (equipment that captures water as it comes out of hillsides). In addition, two of the system's four solar panels were recently stolen. Funds are needed to replace the lost solar panels and install a new, more secure mounting system. The residents of Rancho Viejo currently are forced to either walk nearly a mile to obtain well water, which is contaminated, or to collect water from a small stream.

Los Paredones, one of the poorest communities in the region, with 70 residents. It has never had a water system and needs an electric or solar-powered pump system. Currently the residents walk about half a mile to obtain water from irrigation canals that are contaminated.



Construction of the aqueduct for the Sabana de la Loma community in the Dominican Republic.

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systems are all high risk of cholera. The prices on some of the systems are rough estimates and I can hopefully simplify some of the designs and cut down some of the expenses."

Of the projects, Matt has put the following in order of importance:

Asiento de Miguel (\$1,000), La Hermita (\$1250), Sabana de la Loma (\$1250), La Navaja (\$750), Sabana Bonita (\$625), Los Paredones (\$5,000), Los Campeches (\$500), Rancho Viejo (\$1500)

Recently, Matt sent our club a progress report: "We successfully rebuilt the aqueduct river crossing for the community of Sabana de la Loma!! The community has more than 300 residents who were forced to rely on river water after the previous aqueduct crossing was washed out in a storm. The suspended cable crossing was constructed with concrete anchors and concrete columns. The span is approximately 40 meters and crosses a fast-flowing river. This week we have also begun working on the crossing for Asiento de Miguel and are planning on completing it in the coming week."

The Rotary Club of the Tarrytowns will continue to monitor these projects, and our International Committee will look into the possibility of more grants in the future in support of these efforts.



Friendship Exchange Team to Go to Bangalore, India

The District's Friendship Exchange Team to Bangalore, India, will leave for Bangalore, India, on January 10th, 2013. "I'm delighted with the Rotarians who comprise the Team - we're going to have a fantastic time," said Team Leader Krishnan Chittur. Membership to the Team is still open, and applications will be accepted until December 15, 2012. As of now, the team comprises of following Rotarians.

Krishnan S. Chittur (President, Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor, and Chair, Friendship Exchange Committee, Dist. 7230), is founder-president of Chittur & Associates, P.C., a Manhattan-based litigation and trial law firm specializing in complex commercial litigation. Krishnan was born and educated in Mumbai, India, where he also practised law for about five years in the Bombay High Court. He then obtained a Masters and a Doctorate in Law from Harvard Law School, and settled in New York. He has been admitted to the bar in Mumbai, India, to several jurisdictions in the United States, and to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Krishnan has been involved in the Rotary movement since the early 1970s, when he was a member of the Rotaract Club of Sion, Mumbai, India. He was a member of the Group Study Exchange Team sponsored by R.I. District 314 (Mumbai) to visit R.I. District 733 (Southwestern Pennsylvania) in 1981. His brother is a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore.

His hobbies include reading, music, travel, and sports. "I'll try anything at least once - so long as it does not break my bones," he said. He learnt horseback riding just last year in a Texas ranch! "My experience as a member of the GSE Team was a life-changing experience," he said. "It was highly educational, gave a whole new perspective, and made me some life-long friends - I'm still in touch with some of my hosts of 1981. My main purpose in organizing this trip is to give our District Rotarians the opportunity to have this enriching and rewarding experience."

Viktor K. Solarik (Rotary Club of Mt. Kisco), is an architect and founder of Katonah Building Corp. in 2007, providing "Design-Build" services to cli-



Kris Chittur on horseback.

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ents in Westchester, Putnam Counties, New York City NY and Fairfield County CT. Viktor was born in Prague Czech Republic (formally Czechoslovakia). He received a Master Degree in Architecture from the Czech Polytechnical Institute in 1987, from where he migrated to Germany in 1987 and thence, to the US in 1989. He joined Mt. Kisco Rotary Club in 1998, and was the president of that Club in 2004-2005.

Viktor is married, with two children. In his spare time, he is interested in skiing, windsurfing, water skiing, painting, and music. Viktor is delighted at this opportunity to meet Rotarians and make new friends across the world.

Thomas P. Reilly (Rotary Club of Chinatown), is the founder-president of Thomas P. Reilly & Co, Inc., a real estate company in Manhattan, New York. He graduated from Long Island University in 1964, majoring in Business Administration and Economics, and has been in the real estate industry ever since then.

Tom is interested in Golf, Swimming, Painting, and Yoga. Tom is enthusiastic about the upcoming trip. "I always wanted to go to India," he said, "ever since I was a small boy watching the TV shows showing the tigers and elephants, along with the flying carpets. Wow what a country!"

Janet L. Walsh (Rotary Club of Bedford-Armonk) is the President and CEO of Birchtree Global, LLC a business services firm that provides the legal, financial, tax and human resources infrastructure for companies expanding overseas. She has worked in 68 countries leading cross-discipline, multicultural teams of attorneys, accountants, tax and HR professionals creating foreign infrastructure and subsidiaries.

Janet has also been a visiting professor in the MBA program at several universities writing on global business, human resources, and analytics curriculum, contributing to the textbooks "Economics for Managers" and "HR Metrics", and teaching. She has an undergraduate degree in Economics from Bucknell University, and an MBA from Loyola University. She is now a doctoral candidate in Business Administration and her thesis is on foreign direct investment.

In her spare time, Janet is interested in show horses and dogs, painting, and working on archeology/paleontology projects with the Explorer's Club in New York. "I'm delighted to be part of Rotary International's trip to India and look forward to meeting my fellow Rotarians and see the country," said Janet.



Viktor Solarik



Janet Walsh



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.

East Yonkers Rotary Sponsors 18th Community Breakfast

Community Breakfast Event Raises Funds for Yonkers Food Pantries, Local Organizations

On the bright, sunny, fall morning of Sunday, 21 October, members of the Rotary Club of East Yonkers welcomed family, friends and guests to the 18th Annual Community Pancake Breakfast at the St. John's Riverside Hospital. Organized jointly by the Hospital and the Club, the highly successful event raised money for Yonkers food pantries. The funds will also provide scholarships to Yonkers students and grant financial aid for



Guests enjoyed camaraderie and stacks of flapjacks at the annual event.



Pictured at the breakfast l. to r.: Roy Letsen, Mayor Mike Spano, Dave Schildwacter Sr., Ellen Bloom and DG Greg Arcaro.

local organizations.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined the event as did New York Assembly Member Shelly Mayer. Rotary District Governor Greg Arcaro was also at hand. Club President David Schildwacter welcomed everyone and specially thanked the Hospital for generously providing the breakfast at the Hospital cafeteria. On behalf of St. John's, Ellen Bloom, Vice-President for Development, said the Hospital is happy to partner with the Club for this noble cause. She pledged continuing support from the Hospital for future events.

The highlights of the morning were the raffle drawing and the 50/50 sweepstakes. After a last minute flurry of ticket sales, the pot for the winner of the 50/50 went up to \$376. With the admissions fees, the raffle tickets, after the expenses were paid out, the club raised \$4,550.

Club Secretary, Selly Vazquez was the emcee for the drawings. Jeffrey Landsman of Rand Realty won the 50/50 drawing and generously donated \$100 from his winnings back to the Club. The top prizes for the raffle included a Grand Prize of a 32-inch Flat-screen TV, Other major prizes were an iPad, an X-Box, and a battery-powered Speaker System for the iPod. The 32-inch Flat-screen TV Grand Prize was won by Helen Henkel. The iPad winner was Debra Pacarelli, and Jeffrey Landsman won the X-box. Among the other prizes, Lenox dishes were won by the Letsen, Latif and Vazquez families.



Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation



District Governor Nominee David Del Monte (on left), chair of the District's Annual Giving Subcommittee, met with the Pembroke Rotary Club (Bermuda) and its president - Barbara Anne Edwards (center) - to discuss The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation supports Rotary programs including grants to clubs for local and international projects, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars and Polio Eradication. As clubs and Rotarians, please consider contributing to the Foundation - especially at this time of the year.

**Peace on Earth & Happy Holidays
from D7230**



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@thecollectorschemer.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!