



# District 7230 PeaceLetter

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Rotary International

## Helping the Newtown Survivors and Community

### The Newtown Rotary Foundation Announces the Establishment of the Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund

The fund is dedicated to the victims of the Sandy Hook School tragedy, their families and those in the Newtown community who have been affected, to help support both their short term and long term needs.



Please send your tax deductible contributions to the address below. Checks should be made payable to "Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund") or through PayPal on their **Making a Donation** page (<http://www.newtownctrotary.org/Donate.cfm>).

Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund, P.O. Box 263, Newtown, CT 06470

## Announcing a New R.I. Award: Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award

### Nominate a Non-Rotarian Spouse or Partner of an Active Rotarian for the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award

The new Rotary Spouse/Partner Service Award program was created by the RI Board of Directors to recognize spouses and partners of Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary. Please note that only non-Rotarian spouses and partners are eligible to receive this award. Additional criteria and eligibility requirements for this award are explained on the nomination form. The nomination form can be downloaded from: <http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/>



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## New R.I. Award

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Completed nomination forms may be submitted electronically to [Rlawards@rotary.org](mailto:Rlawards@rotary.org) and must arrive at RI World Headquarters by 1 March 2013. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

A maximum of 100 recipients will be selected by an officer appointed by the RI President. Nominators will be notified of the results by the end of April. Individuals selected to receive the award will receive a personalized award plaque by the end of the Rotary year.

Please feel free to contact Catherine Lankford at 847-866-3394 or [Rlawards@rotary.org](mailto:Rlawards@rotary.org) if you have any questions regarding the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award.

[www.rotary.org/awards](http://www.rotary.org/awards)



## INFORMATION & REMINDERS



### Upcoming Dates:

**January 10, 2013** - Start of 10-day Friendship trip to Bangalore, India for District Rotarians. Rotarians from Bangalore will visit our District in the Spring/Summer of 2013

**January 15, 2013** - Wall Street - Deadline for registration (extended) for the ski trip to Killington Feb 22 - 24.

**January 16, 2013** - Wall Street - Financial Planning Seminar: Helping You With Your New Year's Resolutions.

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

**January 23, 2013** - Metro New York - Club Meeting 2 – Bill Currie, Gift of Life, District 7230, Rotary International. Bill is a dedicated Rotarian (RC of New York) and a long-standing friend of our club. Gift of Life is one of Rotary International's Service Programs helping needy children from developing countries who require corrective heart surgery. He is part of the core team of District 7230's Gift of Life initiatives and will share major accomplishments with us – as well as an outlook on the upcoming annual fundraiser on Saturday, February 2.

**January 28, 2013** - District Leadership Meeting, Manhattan - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**January 30, 2013** - Deadline for submitting articles for District's February 2013 Newsletter

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

**February 10, 2013** - Start of the District's Group Study Exchange Team's 28-day visit to Tokyo, Japan

**February 13, 2013** - Metro New York - Club Meeting 4 – Hillary Richard McNamara, Travel Writer; Writers' Double-Header Part 1 of 2

**February 27, 2013** - Metro New York - Club Meeting 1 – Noah Schwartz, Wine Writer; Writers' Double-Header Part 2 of 2

**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

### 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.

# 5 CLUB COUNCIL

## ROTARY HURRICANE RELIEF FOR STATEN ISLAND



January 2, 2013

Dear District Governor,

We the Presidents of the Five Rotary Clubs on Staten Island NY ( Gateway, Mid Island, North Shore, South Shore & Staten Island ) have joined together in the true spirit of Rotary to ask for your assistance to help rebuild, repair and ease the financial and emotional stress our neighbors are suffering after Hurricane Sandy. In a united request, we seek your Club's support for a financial donation as it is the most direct way we can help our neighbors with the exact material needs they require.

We have been very fortunate to receive supplies and emergency items in the immediate aftermath of the devastating hurricane, now our needs are focused on rebuilding the lives and homes of our neighbors. I am sure that you have seen news footage of the disaster, destruction and heartache suffered by Staten Islander's, it does little to tell the depth of need of so many.

We ask you, our brother's and sister's in Rotary to support us in our community's time of need.

Please forward what contribution your members or club are willing to make to this united Rotary effort by logging onto [www.statenislandrotaryrelief.com](http://www.statenislandrotaryrelief.com) or mailing your monetary contribution payable to "Rotary Hurricane Relief for Staten Island" 148 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306

Will you please deliver copies to all clubs in your district or forward the contact information to allow us to make a direct appeal.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bernard DelRey, Treasurer @ 718-667-1500.

Sincerely,

Matthew Maietta, President  
Mid Island Rotary

Mitchell Lowell, President  
South Shore Rotary

Adam Weintraub, President  
Gateway Rotary

Joe Marchese, President  
Staten Island Rotary

Chris Williams, President  
North Shore Rotary



## 2012: Remembering Friends We Have Lost



### Gus Nathan

Even though Gus was 92 years old,, 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.

One can 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbHbmxCwrXc).

Funeral services for Gus were held on Friday, September 28, 2012, at the Weinstein Memorial Chapel in Yonkers, NY.

### Kristin Weltzheimer

Kristin Weltzheimer of Ossining died November 29, 2012 at the age of 63. Born in Oberlin, OH on December 24, 1948, she was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Margaret Boesch Weltzheimer. Kristin was a graduate of Oberlin High School, Hiram College in Hiram, OH and had Masters Degrees from Case Western Reserve and Pace Universities.

She had been a Librarian at Westchester Community College, SUNY Purchase and the Ossining Public Library. She had also served as Director of the Somers Library and Warner Library in Tarrytown.

Kristin was also instrumental in establishing the Ossining branch of the Civil Service Employees Union. She was a member of the Westchester Library Assn., American Library Assn., Rotary Club and the Jacob Burns Film Center.

During the 1980's, Kristin pursued an acting career and studied acting in New York City. She appeared as an extra in several feature length films including Zelig, The Verdict and Prizzi's Honor.

Kristin was a faithful and longstanding member of Union Church. She was an active member of the Board of Trustees and provided many years of service to the music program in which she sang in the choir and played the flute.

She is survived by her brother Harry Boesche Hunsicker of Dallas, TX and her sisters Mary Ann Hunsicker of Yardley, PA and Gretchen Holden of Portland, OR.

A memorial service to celebrate Kristin's life was held on Saturday, December 15 in the Union Church of Pocantico Hills at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to one of the following three organizations: The Union Church of Pocantico Hills Music Fund, The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation or PBS.

Published in the The Journal News on December 3, 2012



### Owen Darrell

Owen Darrell, a Past President of the Hamilton Rotary Club in Bermuda, was born in 1921 at Pitt's Bay Road, Bermuda. PP Owen was named a Rhodes Scholar in 1940. He attended Oxford University in the UK, but his education was interrupted with five years' service in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. He also underwent training as a tank driver.

PP Owen is the only Bermudian known to have served on the notoriously dangerous navy convoy that supplied the Soviet allies with war

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materials through Murmansk. In 2005 as recognition of his service, he was awarded a medal from Russia on the 60th anniversary of the war. PP Owen was also President of the Bermuda Historical Society in 1959. He has written on the life of Sir George Somers, and on the history of the Rotary Club in Bermuda.

It is with profound sadness that the Hamilton Rotary Club says farewell to this dedicated Paul Harris Fellow club member.



## Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal



### Rotary Gets Ready to Explore Lisbon

Rotarians from around the world gather each year to exchange great ideas, connect with old and new friends, have fun, and advance the work of Rotary. The 2013 RI Convention will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June. Portugal's capital offers Rotarians breathtaking views, rich history and culture, and some of the country's finest shopping and dining.

The second-oldest European capital after Athens, the city was once home to great explorers like Vasco da Gama, Magellan, and Prince Henry the Navigator. At its peak, the city served as capital to an empire spanning several continents, from South America to Asia. That tradition of exploration is now captured in world-class museums and monuments, including the stunning Monument to the Discoveries.

Lisbon is also unique among European capitals. Located on the edge of the continent, it developed its own strong artistic heritage. Spared much of the devastation of World War II by the country's neutrality, the city has not undergone the massive post-war renovation typical in other European capitals. Many of its neighborhoods maintain a charmingly antiquated and medieval appearance.

The city is built on seven hills, each with a different personality. A tram ride to the top offers visitors breathtaking viewpoints. The mild, mostly sunny climate, makes the days seem longer, making it perfect for exploring. Experience the city's genuine and multifaceted neighborhoods, and become fascinated by an eclectic mix of sights and sounds.

From the bustling House of Friendship to breakout sessions to preconvention meetings, the RI Convention is your way to connect with the family of Rotary. See the full schedule of events at: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/Program/Schedule/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

For information about great airfare deals like: \$1147 for a non-stop to Lisbon from Newark and back to Newark, with Lufthansa, via Frankfurt (depart June 22, return June 27), contact Coby Ellingwood at: [Coburn.Ellingwood@altour.com](mailto:Coburn.Ellingwood@altour.com).



## Rotary International's UN Day

*Barney Barnet (l.) and PDG Helen Reisler (Rotary Club of New York) welcomed Wilfred Wilkinson (r.) (Past RI President & Chair of the RI Foundation) to a reception, hosted by RI President Tanaka, for the Directors and the "UN Team" before "Rotary/UN Day." Barney is the Founder and special Advisor to the team and Helen is the RI Rep from New York.*





## Rediscover the Inner Wheel

### What is Inner Wheel?

The idea of Inner Wheel began in Manchester, England during World War I when Rotarians, overburdened with service demands, asked their wives to help with their Rotary commitments. Friendships were formed through the service projects the women undertook. After the war, the women wanted to continue these associations and their projects, and the seeds of Inner Wheel were sown. In the following years, Inner Wheel Clubs were formed throughout Great Britain and Inner Wheel spread throughout the world. Inner Wheel has grown exponentially to more than 100,000 members throughout the world in more than 100 countries.

Historically, the membership of Inner Wheel has been comprised of the wives, daughters, and other female family members of Rotarians. Female Rotarians are also invited to become members. At the recent International Inner Wheel Convention in Istanbul, Turkey, it was voted that membership could be expanded to include friends who are non-Rotary connected.

The object of Inner Wheel is to promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of service and to foster international understanding.

Inner Wheel USA was established in 1951 with the founding of the Stamford-Hobart Club in upstate New York. There are now clubs throughout the United States. Rotary District 723's (now 7230) On To Bermuda trips originally introduced most of the Inner Wheel Club of Westchester's founders to the organization. In December, 1981 the wives of Rotarians from different clubs in District 723 met and agreed to apply for membership. They received their charter in April, 1982.

Out of the need to link the clubs of America together into an entity that would create a mechanism to offer financial contributions with a focus on philanthropy, charity, and education as a common goal, the Inner Wheel USA Foundation was created in 1984. The Foundation's fundraising initiative is the Myoelectric Upper Limb Project, which provides a better future to children born without a hand or who have lost a hand due to accident or disease. The project assists children whose insurance or family circumstances do not allow them to benefit from the latest prosthetic technology. Each year approximately 300 children in America are born without a hand. Another 200 lose hands through accident or disease. Many insurance companies will only give a child a hook.

Since 2004, the Foundation has had a relationship with Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics, which has over 600 clinics in the United States. I am happy to say that we have given Hanger over \$450,000, providing more than 75 children with \$900,000 worth of equipment and services. The costs for each child depend on his or her age and can range from \$10,000-\$45,000. The Foundation assists qualified parents and children with a Myoelectric limb, training, and follow-up.

On Wednesday, September 26, 2012 in Phoenix, AZ, a great time was had by all at the first ever Hanger Clinic / Inner Wheel Foundation Myoelectric Boot Camp Training held at the Phoenix 7th Street office. Clinician William Yule fit three young children (Arath Valente Ruiz, Brissia Osorio and Maria Dominguez) with their first myoelectric arms, all provided by the generous donations of the Inner Wheel Foundation and Will's time.

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*Arath and Maria get a shoe tying lesson from Carrie Davis, clinician with Hanger & a pro thesis recipient.*



*Brissia won every single M&M race we had. The goal: Get as many M&Ms in your paper cup in two minutes as possible using only your myoelectric hand. Whatever you are able to get in the cup, you get to EAT!*



## Inner Wheel

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she went through a period of time where she was uncertain about her future. Now, at 15 years old, Devanie believes that she has found her calling and she intends to pursue a career in occupational therapy someday. "Thank you" to Inner Wheel and William Yule. Your service and dedication to these children is invaluable.

We get our funds through the generosity of our Inner Wheel members in the U.S. as well as from Rotary Clubs and from friends.

Through our fundraising efforts, the Inner Wheel USA Foundation is able to help children change their lives and enable them to develop the same confidence and self-esteem as any other child and become productive young people in our society. We give a child a hand and turn disabilities not only into possibilities, but into realities.

Suzane M. Sadofsky

Member, Peekskill Rotary Club since 2008

Member, IWC Westchester since 1990

Chairman, IWUSA Foundation (2007-2009)

Vice President, IWUSA (2012-2013)

President-Elect, IWUSA (2013-2014)



*Everyone holds their cards in their own way.*



## My Dear Auld Lang Syne

### Reflections on 2012 by Ambassadorial Scholar Lisa S. Howard

As my first semester as a Rotary Ambassadorial scholar in the Master of Science in Sustainability Management program at Columbia University plays before me like a time lapse photography sequence, one word choruses in my head like a would-be musical accompaniment chorus: community.

Along with two other ambassadorial scholars present, I was welcomed into the District 7230 community at the beginning of the semester with a breakfast and orientation session that set the tone for my interactions with Rotarians and Rotaractors during the ensuing semester. District governor Gregg Arcaro, sponsors Lucinda Beach-Quinn and Marilyn Masiero, district training committee chair PDG Prof. Dongjoon Lee and Ambassadorial Scholarship Subcommittee Chair PDG Helen Lynch were like our aunts and uncles lending sage advice as we began our time as goodwill ambassadors. Older ambassadorial scholars Daniella Rabino and Elisa Araldi became our older sisters offering tested tips then and during the semester.

In a program that draws blank expressions 4 out of 5 times when it is named in response to the what-are-you-studying question, there is a strong sense of community among the students. We recognize each other, not as save the whale tree huggers but as gladiators in green suits committed to highlighting the business case for sound environmental practices and making environmental and social components equal parts of corporate governance.

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*Pictured l. to r.: Lisa S. Howard, Elisa Araldi, Daniela Rabino, fellow Ambassadorial Scholar 2012-13 Agathe Cavicchioli, Agathe's sponsor-counselor Marilyn Masiero and District Governor Gregg Arcaro.*



## Aulde Lang Syne

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The community spirit was manifest both inside and outside of the classroom. One example which stands out was when a classmate from my Sustainable Finance course shared a presentation from Bloomberg's Director of Sustainability with me to help with my research on measuring sustainability for my management course.

During my first address to my sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Barbados, I made reference to my belief that all environmental issues are at their core social ones. Superstorm Sandy was later to underline this. In the final project for my Sustainability Metrics course we were assigned a New York community and asked to quantify its assets - building stock and population - and formulate a climate resilience plan specific to the neighborhood. As I researched the Lower East Side and combed through census information, scholarly publications and newspaper articles, one thing became apparent. The best laid plans are nullified if the people they are meant to protect are unaware of them or are unconvinced of their validity.

I had the opportunity to discuss just that over a family style lunch together with fellow ambassadorial scholar Agathe Caviccoli from France when we sat down with the Rotary club of Chinatown. Agathe, a fellow non-meat eater and Columbia grad student, met me at the subway station by campus and we took full advantage of our early arrival in Chinatown to explore the community before heading to the club meeting. We were saddened to learn of the extent to which Sandy affected those associated with the club. However, we were heartened to hear more about the work individual Rotarians have been doing to help Sandy victims not just in Chinatown but also in Staten Island and other affected areas.

As 2012 fades to black and 2013 prepares to come into focus I know Robbie Burns was right. Old acquaintances should not be forgotten. In the past five months I have become acquainted with people driven to higher education by a passion for others, people who repeat the motto "service above self" in day-to-day action. These acquaintances have inspired me to continue to strive to promote an understanding of Barbados and deepen my understanding of American culture and the cultures of all those within my broadening community.



*Lisa pictured with Sustainability Management Student Association Community Outreach Committee members.*



*The sumptuous buffet spread laid out by the Rotary Club of Chinatown.*



*Lisa at left with Sustainability Management students from Jordan, India and the USA at the Student Association Holiday Party.*



## Berlin Peace Forum

Meeting the expectations of a Rotary International conference, the Berlin Peace Forum, November 30 – December 2, was a weekend packed with talks and presentations both inspirational and substantial, exploring the theme “Peace without Borders.” Some 1800 participants from 46 countries convened in the once-divided city of Berlin, a testament to the role of democracy in achieving peace.

The German organizing committee, under the leadership of Holger Knaack (RC Herzogtum-Lauenburg-Moelln, Germany), ensured excellent arrangements. Dressed up for the holidays, Berlin is an enchanting place to visit. But it is significant as well. In his welcome, Knaack noted: “Berlin is not only the place where a city grows back together; it also serves as an interface where a continent meets. We are, if you will, a stepping stone from East to the West and vice versa. All is in motion now, especially since the borders to our Czech and Polish neighbors opened. Today, we are together creating our future, a common future of friends. This means living Peace without Borders.”

Peace Forum convener, Past RI President, Luis Vincent Giay (RC Arrecifes, Argentina) discussed RI President Sakuji Tanaka’s theme of Peace Through Service and his vision to “Build peace through service, not through history.”

In his opening message, President Tanaka (RC Yashio, Japan) said that Rotarians do not divide our work by culture or nation, and that by thinking of others before ourselves, by seeing other points of view, Rotarians break down barriers between people.

The opening keynote speaker, the World Health Organization’s Assistant Director-General, Polio Emergencies and Country Collaboration, Dr. Bruce Aylward, drew a clear line from Rotary’s efforts in the eradication of polio—requiring overtures, negotiations, agreements—to the resolution of conflicts and the achievement of peace in troublesome areas, noting that Rotary “built global cooperation on a scale never seen before.” He cited a 2005 Wall Street Journal opinion piece “Rotary’s Polio Effort Deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.”

In his talk on the Role of the Rotary Foundation as Peace Maker, Past RI President and Chair of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, Wilfrid Wilkinson (RC Trenton, Canada) concentrated his remarks on the Foundation’s mission and six areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. And he talked about the importance of polio eradication efforts towards achieving peace. “We can cre-

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*The opening ceremonies with the German flag.*



*Holger Knaack (l.) head of the German Organizing Committee.*



*Judith Schwartzstein with RI President Sakuji Tanaka.*



## Berlin Peace Forum

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ate one of the great miracles of polio eradication: Days of Tranquility, when those involved in an armed conflict call a cease-fire, to allow children access to health care. To save children from polio, we've convinced people to lay down their arms in Afghanistan, Southern Sudan, and Somalia. That's something no one else has been able to do."

Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo (RC Chandigarh, India) stating his thesis that peace is not a natural human instinct, nevertheless said he believed that peace can be achieved through deliberate action. He discussed the peace centers located at seven universities around the world – Rotary Centers in International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution Program – to promote research, teaching, public relations and knowledge on issues of peace, goodwill, causes of conflict and world understanding – and their work in educating Peace Fellows, who are taking their places in the world's governments and NGOs, contributing to such areas as climate change impacts on poor countries and promoting girls' education. A panel of Peace Fellows discussed their individual work, their interest in strengthening the network of Rotary Peace Fellows, as well as increasing their connections to Rotary clubs.

As expected of a Rotary gathering, the Berlin Peace Forum had an impressive display of exemplary Rotary projects across the globe, on view throughout the Forum.

The role of the ICCs (Inter-Country Committees) "Building for Peace" by International ICC 2012-2013 Chair Giovanni Jandolo (RC San Donato Milanese, Italy) set out the role ICCs have played in Rotary's contributions to peace for the past 60 years, the oldest between France and Germany.

Talks by German officials, Tanja Goenner of the Germany Development Aid Agency, and Dr. Gunter Pleuger, former Germany Ambassador at the UN and President of the Europa-Universitaet Viadrina, provided global context for the work of Rotary from a government perspective.

RI General Secretary John Hewko (RC Kiev, Ukraine) said that Rotarians are helping to bridge the gap between what government can provide and what communities need; helping communities build the resources they need to go it on their own.

Reporting on the views of new generations, Rotaractor Conanza Marie Abendroth (RAC Muechen-Residenz, Germany) discussed peace from a theoretical point of view saying that "peaceful coexistence is not the goal; rather engagement is the difference in living next to or with each other." In practical terms she described a Rotaract project where members donated soccer shoes and balls to an African community at the time of the World Cup in South Africa. "We must have peace at the personal level in order to take peace further," she said.

Brittany Arthur, Ambassadorial Scholar from Australia said that what the world needs are youth at peace with themselves and appealed to Rotarians to mentor young people, but mostly to believe in them.

In closing Wil Wilkinson reiterated the theme of Peace Through Service, noting programs and projects that create peace.

In his concluding remarks Sakuji Tanaka said: "We must stop wars before they happen by addressing the humanitarian needs and injustice that lead to conflict."

The presentations at the Berlin Peace Forum can be found both as videos and in print at: <http://www.rotary-global-peace-forum-berlin.de/en/> – click on "documentation".

A personal note: I was thrilled to be able to attend the RI Berlin Peace Forum, having lived in that great European city in the late 1980's while the wall still stood. My work then was building an international network of educators to improve global understanding and our chief concern was the East-West divide. While great progress since those years has been made, there is a long road ahead to a peaceful world. Rotary's efforts, as the conference made clear, are essential to achieving that goal.

Judith Schwartzstein (RC Bronxville, USA)



*Judith Schwartzstein in the marketplace.*

## Polio Challenges Continue, But Rotarians Are Undaunted

One of the challenges getting from 99% to 100% on global polio eradication is making sure that all children are getting the multiple doses of the polio vaccine necessary to build up immunity. Geographic Information System (GIS) being deployed in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan to help health workers collect data and target specific areas for immunization efforts in the fight to eradicate polio aimed at improving the effectiveness of polio eradication efforts and I saw firsthand this past September while in Pakistan working with Pakistani Rotarians and WHO.

One of the things I've learned working on the global effort to eradicate polio is that it's a complex war fought with lots of people on the ground with very detailed plans by vaccination teams to ensure that no children are overlooked.

To stop polio from circulating, you need to ensure that children under the age of five receive several doses of the vaccine to build up their immunity. This is very difficult when there are hundreds of very remote villages and hamlets that vaccinators don't know about, nomadic tribes, and people in a castes or religious sects that don't mix with the rest of the population.

The Rotary and its partners has done an amazing job on polio, reducing the number of paralysis cases from 350,000 in 1988 to less than 200 so far this year. In 1988, more than 125 countries were endemic. Today, only the three countries I mentioned earlier remain.

People sometimes ask me why we haven't finished the job. This is understandable because we eradicated Polio in the USA so long ago. We will hopefully, soon look back and say that a Polio free world was a dream of Rotarians like D-7230 PDG Walter Maddocks fulfilled by our continued perseverance. We can't afford to ignore the other important pieces necessary to eradicate polio—sustaining political will and funding so vaccinators can reach children in every village so the disease has nowhere else to go.



*PDG George Camp at NID in Bangladesh.*



## Rotary Club of the Bronx Celebrates the Holidays in Many Ways



*Baritone Daniel Klein sang the "Toreador Song" with the accompaniment of keyboardist Erik Klein.*

Forty-four Rotarians and guests filled the sunroom at Sammy's Shrimp Box Restaurant to ring in the holidays with the Bronx Opera Company. The Bronx Rotary Club and the Bronx Opera Company have celebrated together annually for almost 40 years.

The mood was festive and upbeat as everyone settled into their seats and President-Elect Ralph Scottino introduced the Founder and Director of the Bronx Opera Company, Michael Spierman. Mr. Spierman has an inimitable style of introducing the pieces to be performed. He cuts to the core of the story being told by each aria and sets the scene in a timeless, relatable and often humorous manner. As a very special treat Mr. Spierman brought Teresa Kubiak to play her cello in accompaniment with keyboardist Erik Kramer.

The first piece was sung by soprano Leslie Swanson who lent her beautifully rounded tones to "Vissi d'arte" an aria from act II of the opera Tosca by Giacomo Puccini. It is sung by Tosca as she thinks of her fate as undeserved and how the life of her beloved, Mario Cavaradossi, is at the mercy of Baron Scarpia.

The next aria was the "Toreador Song" sung by baritone Daniel Klein. The "Toreador Song" is one of the most famous arias from the opera Carmen by Georges Bizet. Sung by the matador Escamillo as he enters in act 2, it describes various situations in the bullring, the cheering of the crowds and the fame that comes with victory.

The next piece, Brahms' lullaby to the Christ child, was sung by Ms. Swanson who was accompanied by Teresa Kubiak on cello. Mr. Spierman noted that we should pay particular attention to how Brahms created the interaction between the human voice and the voice of the cello.

Ms. Kubiak then performed a solo on cello of the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria" which was a favorite for everyone.

Ms. Swanson followed with her rendition of "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and Mr. Klein wrapped up the program with crowd pleaser "O Holy Night".

Lt. Col. Floyd Carter was given a surprise gift to honor his military service. It was a signed serigraph depicting a dogfight over Berlin involving the kind of aircraft he flew in WWII and a German Messerschmidt. Lt. Col. Carter was a Tuskegee Airman and he talked about the difficulties he faced as a man of color in an age when racial prejudices were the norm rather than the exception. Lt. Col. Carter also served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and achieved many firsts during his military service.

On Dec. 18, Bronx Rotarians visited P.S. 811 to help distribute gifts to the children. P.S. 811 is a special school for disadvantaged and multiply challenged children which was brought to the attention of the Club by Lilyanna Pekic of the Albanian Women's Association and the Sons of Italy Lodge. Ms. Pekic organized a toy drive in which the Bronx Club participated and she raised enough funds to buy gifts for all 625 children at the school.

She organized the distribution on the morning of the 18th with 2 Santas and a host of volunteers. Ed Hicks, Jonathan Kazdan, Toba LaCrown, Marguerite Chadwick-Juner and Sal Mastrocola helped distribute gifts to excited children on the third floor. The children hugged their gifts, chatted with Santa, and made it a very rewarding experience.



*Santa's helpers at P.S. 811 were (pictured l. to r.): Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, Sal Mastrocola, Santa himself, Ed Hicks and Toba LaCrown. Not pictured but also present was Jonathan Kazdan.*

# THE HEART OF THE CARNIVALE IS *The Gift of Life*



DISTRICT 7230 GIFT OF LIFE INC.  
February 2, 2013

Rotary District 7230



Gift of Life, Inc.

The Gift of Life is a world-wide Rotary International Service program whose primary purpose is to help children in need to secure another lease on life through the miracle of open heart surgery at a Gift of Life participating hospital.

The project has now become a non-profit foundation with a solid committee consisting of members from Rotary clubs, the medical establishment and active volunteers from the community.

The success of the program is due to its humanitarian appeal, its person-to-person contact and the medical profession, host families and volunteers who have generously given their time and services to provide these children, our future leaders and ambassadors of good will, with the gift of good health.



- There are 71 Districts throughout the world – 50 are in the U.S.
- Since 1975, the lives of 15,000 children have been saved.
- Last year, 1,500 surgeries were done.

The Board of Directors  
of  
Rotary District 7230 Gift of Life, Inc.  
Cordially invite you to

# THE HEART OF THE CARNIVALE IS *The Gift of Life*

A Dinner Dance to Support Our  
Life Saving Heart Surgery Program for Children  
Throughout the World

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

Beckwith Pointe  
700 Davenport Avenue  
New Rochelle, NY 10805

Honoring  
Gift of Life Program Founder  
**Robbie Donno**  
and

*Featuring a Special Video Greeting from a Surprise Celebrity*

Black Tie Optional  
Cocktail Reception at 6:30p.m. • Dinner at 7:30p.m.  
Open Bar • Silent Auction  
Live Band: Anthony Radice & Street Life  
Reservations: \$150 per person • Table for 10 - \$1,500

No payment at door  
RSVP by January 30, 2013

## DINNER RESPONSE CARD

# THE HEART OF THE CARNIVALE IS *The Gift of Life*

Rotary District 7230



Gift of Life, Inc.

Rotary District 7230 Gift of Life, Inc. Dinner Dance

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

\_\_\_ I (we) will attend the  
Seventeenth Annual "Crusade of the Heart" Dinner Dance.

Reservations: Individual - \$150.00  
Table for 10 - \$1,500

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club or Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list additional guests on the back of this card.  
Reservations due by January 30, 2013 (No admission at door)

\_\_\_ I cannot attend the Dinner Dance, however,  
please accept my fully deductible contribution of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **Rotary District 7230 Gift of Life, Inc.**  
and return with this card to:  
Georgene Mongarella  
18 Coralyn Road  
Scarsdale, NY 10583