



District 7230 PeaceLetter

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Briarcliff Manor Rotary Inaugurates First "ElderAct" Club in District

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor inaugurated the first ElderAct Club in the District at The Atria, a senior living facility in the Village, on Monday, February 11, 2013. The event was packed, with a standing room only audience of about 100, including seniors, and Atria and Rotary officials.

Mr. Ryan Linehan, Director of Activities at the Atria and one of the organizers of the event, welcomed the guests. Briarcliff Rotary President Krishnan Chittur introduced the Rotary officials, and explained "why I am thrilled" at this new Club. ElderAct seeks to meet seniors' specific needs and tap their resources. Seniors are a huge, untapped reservoir of intellect, experience, talent, and wisdom, which are largely wasted for want of opportunity. ElderAct seeks to fill the gap, and provide seniors the opportunity for fellowship and intellectual stimulation, for involvement in coordinated activities to benefit seniors, juniors, and the community, and for forming national and international relationships and networks. Modeled on the lines of the Rotary Clubs, but for people who are unable to be members of Rotary for health, transportation, or other reasons, the ElderAct Club would be self-supporting and self-administering. ElderAct members would elect their own officers, run their own meetings, and plan and implement their own projects; the Briarcliff Rotary would provide help and assistance whenever needed.



The Briarcliff Manor ElderAct Club and their support team from Briarcliff Rotary.

Rotarian Past District Governor and Rotary International's Representative to the United Nations Helen Reisler explained the background and formation of ElderAct. The Briarcliff ElderAct Club is the first in our Rotary District, and sixth in the whole world. She explained other Club's projects, and how this burgeoning movement had enhanced and enriched the lives of seniors in various communities.

Reisler then inducted the new ElderAct officers: President - Pearl Blaustein; Vice President - Oriol Redd; Secretary - Doris Knopf, and members of the board Bob Katzenoff, Edith Barletta, Mary Ellen Welch, Sophie Davison, Thelma Schaub, Katherine Kottner, Beverly Lackey, and Maxine Brooks. They were given Rotary International hats and pins.

The Guest of Honor was the Consul General of India, Prabhu Dayal. Mr. Dayal emphasized the significance of the Club and need for similar organizations to cater to seniors. In an informative and lively talk, the seasoned diplomat dwelt on Indo-U.S. relations.

"Our relations have never been better, and the best is yet to come," he said.

Both India and U.S. were built on similar foundations of democracy and secularism.

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Both face similar challenges such as economic recession and terrorism. President Obama and Prime Minister Singh had emphasized the Five "Es" of our future relationship: Education, Economy, Energy, Environment, and Empowerment. Mr. Dayal was accompanied by his wife, Chandni Dayal.

Atria Executive Director Janis Knorr was delighted at the turnout, and the new Club which added a new dimension to senior living at Atria. Also present were senior Rotary officials from the neighboring Rotary District 7210, Past District Governors Knut Johnsen and Tansukh Dorawala.

The Briarcliff Rotary is delighted to be at the forefront of this movement to cater to the elderly. We thank Atria officials Janis Knorr and Ryan Linehan for their cooperation and foresight in encouraging and providing the necessary support for this new Club, and congratulate the Club's new office-bearers.



A Model Rotary Column for a Local Newspaper

Ted Nygreen writes: "While on vacation in January, I was reading the local newspaper over breakfast when I came across this well-written column about Rotary. It inspired me to attend the club's regular meeting the next day at 7AM. There were about 60 people attending (it was snowing and still dark at 7 o'clock) and I really enjoyed being a visiting Rotarian at their meeting.

THE ASPEN TIMES

The local newspaper recently offered the club a monthly "column" and I think this is the first time that "Rotary Corner" was published. If this is indicative of future columns, it's really good publicity for their club and for Rotary in general."

The following column appeared in *The Aspen Times* Business section and was written by Terri Caine.

Why is Rotary Pertinent in Aspen?

In a community with nearly 500 nonprofit organizations, it is fair to ask why Aspen needs a Rotary Club and why its members choose to join. Although there are many other organizations that do great work in the Roaring Fork Valley, I know of no other club that offers its members the combination of new friendships, business networking, service opportunities both locally and internationally, and interesting weekly speaker presentations on important topics.

Aspen Rotarians meet every Thursday morning for breakfast at the Aspen Meadows. Each week, we hear a presentation regarding important matters that affect our businesses, our schools, our local community and the world. Recent examples include a successful social-media venture capitalist, the top managers of Aspen Skiing Co. and the Aspen Music Festival and School, a tax expert and Forbes magazine contributor, and our town's beloved Klaus Obermeyer.

We come together with close to 100 other business, government, education and nonprofit leaders representing every facet of our community. The weekly meetings offer members a chance to get to know people they might not normally encounter. The business-networking benefits have strong appeal for new members initially, but as time passes, the deeper value of friendship far outstrips the perk of business leads.

Members develop meaningful relationships through the weekly meetings and social events and by working together on common causes. This also includes members of the Snowmass Rotary Club and the other Rotary clubs of the valley.

As human beings, we have a deep desire to give back and share the fruits of our hard work with others. Yet often finding something that resonates with us is difficult. Through the Aspen Rotary Club, members have the opportunity to serve on any of more than three dozen committees that work on service projects ranging from local high school youth exchanges and college scholarships to international clean-water projects and literacy programs. Individually, it is hard to make a big impact, but collectively Rotarians make a huge difference locally and globally.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS



Upcoming Dates:

March 1 - Deadline for District Community Service Grant applications & Deadline for RYLA applications

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

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

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

April 15 - Deadline for Summer Youth Exchange applications

April 27 - Rotary Leadership Institute (White Plains High School)

May 16 - Club Certification Seminar, Doubletree Hotel, Tarrytown

May 17 - Paul Harris Luncheon, District Foundation Annual Meeting, District Peace Forum

May 18 - District Conference

May 19 - District Service Project, District Family barbecue

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.



SAVE THESE SPECIAL DATES!

May 17 - Paul Harris Luncheon and District Peace Conference at the Westchester Marriott Hotel

May 18 - District Conference at the Westchester Marriott Hotel

May 19 - Hurricane Sandy Service Project and Barbecue - Staten Island



New York Rotary Club Making a Difference

The Rotary Club of New York, together with its Foundation, has been very involved in helping the victims of "Hurricane Sandy," since the beginning of this latest disaster in our area.

Once we restored our own power, internet access, and transportation capability, we met to assess the feedback from our members "in the field." We chose to focus on the areas that we deemed to be the worst hit, which were Staten Island and lower Manhattan.

Agreeing to follow some of the effective guidelines that we initiated during the "9/11 Disaster," we decided to help the "forgotten people," communi-



The brand new ambulance that the New York Rotary Club and Foundation donated to the New York Downtown Hospital.

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New York Rotary Club

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cated with, and gratefully , received contributions from our Rotary friends around the world, and held a holiday fundraiser in New York City where we accumulated over \$70,000.

To initiate this drive, the Foundation had contributed \$ 200,000 from our portfolio principle, which is a rare occurrence.

We joined forces with "Project Hospitality," who are serving these "forgotten victims" on Staten Island and contributed \$ 100,000 to be distributed to the neediest cases there. We heard that our humanitarian partners, the doctors and staff of New York Downtown hospital, regardless of the flooding to their emergency room, reopened within two days to serve the victims of Wall Street and Chinatown. We donated \$ 150, 000 to buy them a new ambulance which was badly needed in order to respond effectively, to this, and future events, as they also did during "9/11."

We are proud of our friends in the Rotary world and, especially the Rotarians of District # 7230, who have displayed wonderful "teamwork."



Three Awards Rotary Clubs Can Earn from RI



Zone 32 New Generations Award

Rotary International encourages Rotary club and district efforts to support and embrace new generations programs in our local communities. Clubs are encouraged to conduct programs and support District and Rotary International programs that develop leadership and vocational service opportunities for our youth and young adult populations.

Strategies for Clubs and Districts:

Encourage active involvement in Rotary International programs for our youth like Interact and Rotaract

Participate in district level programs like RYLA that promote student leadership and development

Encourage international peace and understanding through short term, long term and vocational student exchanges.

Provide mentoring and job shadowing opportunities

Promote partnerships

Involve governments

Participate in five (5) New Generations projects or activities before April 15, 2013, and Zone 32 will recognize your efforts.

Download the full details and application form at: http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7910//HTML/141018//New_Generations_Zone_award.pdf

Zone 32 Community Service Award

Rotary International encourages the efforts of Rotary clubs with the support of their District to undertake community service projects where needed. Community service projects are an important aspect of Rotary's goals to build communities, improve health, economy and alleviate poverty. Clubs are encouraged to conduct projects that will be sustainable, visible, accessible and relevant to the communities where the project is implemented. Clubs and Districts are requested to raise the level of consciousness of these critical community and service issues among both potential beneficiaries and the community at large.

Please feel free to develop your community service projects according to the needs of your community and the goals of your club. On the back page there is a starter list of possible Community Service projects.

An excellent resource for planning community service projects is available from RI on line called *Communities in Action, a Guide to Effective Projects*. It includes assessing projects, choosing projects, making a plan, taking action and evaluating success. For further information contact your Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Community Service

A club must complete five (5) Community Service activities before April

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15, 2013.

Download the full details and application form at: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7870//HTML/184820//ZoneAwards.pdf>

Zone 32 Public Image Award

Rotary International encourages the efforts of Rotary clubs with the support of their District to enhance Rotary's public image. It is the responsibility of every single Rotarian, club, and district to develop plans and initiating activities that will enhance the organization's local visibility and help implement Rotary's global public image campaign.

Appointed by the RI president, the Public Image Resource Group provides information and support to Rotary clubs and districts to help them promote projects, share success stories, and explain what Rotary is and does through the media. It also works to improve the organization's overall public image, a priority outlined in the RI Strategic Plan 2007-10.

Rotary International provides free public service announcements (PSAs) for public use. They focus on volunteer efforts to address critical community issues including literacy, water, hunger, and at-risk youth. Download the PSAs for free today from www.rotary.org and help promote Rotary.

Public relations efforts are vital to Rotary's continued growth and service.

Select one or many ideas for celebrating, or come up with your own creative activities. Remember, the idea is to share the Rotary story with people who may not be familiar with it, so your efforts should be directed to the community, media, and general public.

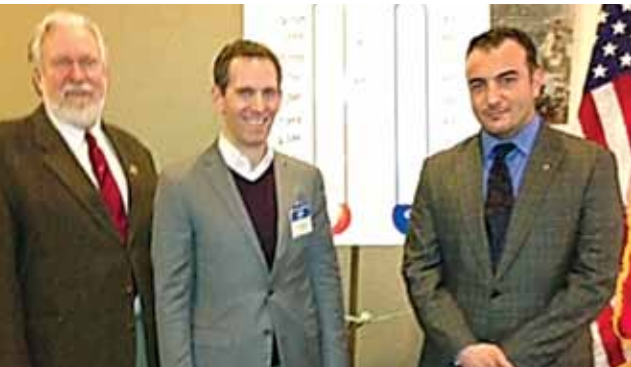
A club must complete five (5) Public Image activities before February 28, 2013.

Download the full details and application form at: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7430/HTML/179126/Zone32PublicImageAward2013.pdf>



EREY Reminder

Our District 7230 Annual Giving Program is under full swing. Our district clubs are doing well but we need to 'hear' from all the clubs to make our goal of \$150,000. Keep in mind, EREY money comes back to our club in the form of Grants and other funding. This system is giving and getting and usually getting larger dollars than an individual clubs gives.



The Rotary Club of New York has 13 new or additional PHF so far. See the photo of our newest PH Fellow, Dominik Grau. Dominik is standing between our EREY Campaign Chair, Tom McConnon (l.) and President Barbaros Karaahmet. Congratulation and thank you to Dominik and the Hartsdale members.



DGN David Del Monte receives a Harrison Mamaroneck banner from President Tony Andreana following an EREY Presentation on Feb 21st. (DGN David is available to visit your club, too, to speak about EREY, New Gen or putting sparkle in your club meetings if you want sparkle!

If Every Rotarian contributed just \$100, The Rotary Foundation and District 7230 would have more than 3 times the amount we have been receiving. Congratulations to the Rotary club of Hartsdale and the Rotary Club of New York. The Rotary Club of Hartsdale his our first 100% Paul Harris Club...1 out of 17 in the Rotary World and one out of 48 in our District.

TIP: Help a member of your club become a Paul Harris Fellow. Honor that member with YOUR contribution. You BOTH will get Paul Harris Credits.



Briarcliff Manor Rotary Donates Dictionaries to Elementary School Children

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor donated dictionaries to third grade children in the Todd Elementary School in Briarcliff Manor on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013. Rotarian Past Presidents Paul Rosen and Eric Lebenson distributed the dictionaries, inscribed individually with each child's name, at Todd School.

The Briarcliff Rotary Board approved the proposal in December 2012. Rotarian Rosen, who is a member of the Board and a member of the Club since its inception over 30 years ago, spearheaded the project, arranging for purchase of the dictionaries, individual inscriptions, and coordinating with Todd School officials. The project was in furtherance of Rotary International's focus on enhancing literacy, and met with an enthusiastic welcome from Todd officials and children alike.

"It truly was a great experience for Paul Rosen and me, and it certainly looked like the children appreciated their gifts," said Lebenson. "You could really see the excitement in their eyes, and some of the comments were priceless: 'Now I can learn more about China!...' 'There is a whole section on Jamaica!...' 'I can really keep it for myself?!...' 'This is exciting!'"

Todd Principal Nadine McDermott agreed. "The children were very excited and engaged in how they could use the dictionaries," she said.

The individual dictionaries are expected to stimulate curiosity and learning in elementary school children. The Briarcliff Rotary thanks the Todd School officials for their cooperation in this project.



Past Presidents Paul Rosen and Eric Lebenson distributed dictionaries to the children at Todd Elementary School as Principal Nadine McDermott looked on.



Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal



Rotary Gets Ready to Explore Lisbon

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. 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. *As a possible add-on to the conference, a trip on the Douro River (river of gold), which goes out of Porto. There are many things to see, as well, in the Lisbon and Porto areas.*

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>.

Coby Ellingwood would be happy to assist Conference travelers with airline information (costs change hourly), and tours of this beautiful country, and surrounds. He has many agents that know Lisbon and Portugal well. Please contact Coby for any information, at coburn.ellingwood@altour.com. Coby is in touch with TAP Airline to get a contract for possibly lower group fares, for the trip, and will keep Rotarians informed.

Coby says: "I have, and would be glad to forward to you, a sample "travel package" which includes the Conference dates plus additional tour features after the Rotary event. This could be used as a guide to help you in putting together an itinerary customized to your wishes".

Tamaki Hosoda 2012-13 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan

In September 2012, my graduate study in the Master's program in Clinical Psychology at Columbia University began. The class style in the US is different from Japan, and, with my limited English skills, I struggled with catching up with classes, especially in discussions. I was totally overwhelmed. Meanwhile, Rotarians Doris and Bob Benson, came to see me and showed me around NY. They listened to my experiences as a psychologist in Japan, my objectives for my graduate studies, and future dreams to help distressed children and their families in the world through pediatric care. Their intellectual curiosity and deep insights reminded me of why I was here and motivated me to pursue my graduate studies as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Above all, they treated me as their family member. When I meet them, their dialogues are always funny and I find that they are a lovely couple! I cannot say how much they reassure me.

Rotary gave me a lot of experiences. At the District 7230 Scholar Orientation Seminar at Fogarty's Town Tavern, in Bronxville, new scholars received welcoming words from the district, and introduced ourselves and shared our objectives. At the Regional Orientation Seminar in Boston, we furthered our understanding of Rotary's contributions to world peace. Also, Rotary International UN Day gave us worldwide perspectives. Through these, meeting with many Rotarians in person was a learning experience. Since I study in a Clinical Psychology program in which few international students are enrolled due to language barriers and I do not know Japanese precursors in the field, I have a lot of worries concerning my future plans. Rotarians, however, have broad knowledge and a lot of experiences in their own fields. They kindly shared those with me as their family member and gave me helpful advice. I have obtained a big family in the US who always support me.

Now I feel my class is the most significant location for cultural exchanges. I grew up in a family in which my grandmother is a teacher of calligraphy and tea ceremony and we value Japanese traditions. Although my parents did not teach me strict discipline or manners, they always respected me and expressed gratitude to others, by which I have learned how to express respect to others. In class, even though I do not explicitly talk about Japanese cultures, I have realized that my behaviors, attitudes, or experiences about how we strengthened the bonds through the Tohoku

Earthquake and Tsunami and what I found through practices as a psychologist convey Japanese cultural perspectives. Needless to say that I am excited to learn from my classmates and share my Rotary experiences with them, I am glad that my classmates talk to me and have got interested in learning more about Japan. I am proud to act as a bridge with the US and other countries as a Japanese scholar.

When I talk with Rotarians in my sponsor club, friends and former colleagues in Japan, I often talk about my great experiences with Rotarians in the US. I feel honored to be a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and thrilled to contribute to Rotary missions through my graduate study and activities together with other motivated scholars from all over the world!



Host Counselor Doris Benson (l.), Bob Benson and Tamaki Hosoda.



Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation in Tokyo, Japan, 2750 District Governor Takamoto Sakuma (r.) and Tamaki.



The District 7230 Scholar Orientation Seminar.



The Rotary Leadership Institute is Coming to a Location Near You!



**Where: White Plains High School
White Plains, New York**

When : Saturday, 8 am to 4 pm, April 27, 2013

Courses: Part I, II, III

The Rotary Leadership Institute is an exciting and powerful tool to develop ethics, leadership skills and enhance your role as a guiding force in your Rotary Club.

Additionally it offers the opportunity to interact with Rotarian's from other clubs and exchange ideas on what programs and projects may benefit your club.

I urge you to act now by visiting the RLI web site, www.rlinea and register the course level that you are eligible for.

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

Questions can be addressed to:

Governor Gregory Arcaro: garcaro@aol.com or PDG/SVC Dong-Joon Lee: rotary7230@msn.com or PDG/RVC Dominic Jengo: dominici@email.com



Cortlandt Manor Participates in Rotary Community Corps

"Having the Rotary Community Corps of Keon as our partner has shown us that any problem, anywhere can be conquered when all members of the Rotary family work together."

This is a quote from Sharon Irving of the Cortlandt Rotary Club which is featured on the new Rotary Community Corps brochure published by Rotary International.

What is an RCC?

A Rotary Community Corps, or RCC, is a team of local volunteers who are committed to their community's long-term economic development and self-sufficiency. RCC members work with a local Rotary club to address community issues such as inadequate access to safe water, health concerns, illiteracy, and hunger.

Since their launch in 1985, RCCs have served communities around the world. RCCs can be rural or urban, large or small, and can be formed in any community in which Rotary has a presence.

RCCs Making a Difference Worldwide

Iligan City, The Philippines: The RCC of Mibala established a microcredit program for cut-flower production. The program's low-interest loans enable community members to free themselves from debt to loan sharks, establish businesses, and help their families.

Guadalajara, Mexico: The RCC of San Miguel gives scholarships to high school

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students from poor families. Scholarship recipients commit to working to achieve good grades and completing their education.

Maraval, Trinidad and Tobago: The RCC of Maraval promotes sustainable development in the community's biggest industry, tourism. RCC members created an eco-tour package to bring more business into the community, while helping to preserve its natural beauty.

Nairobi, Kenya: The RCC of Cura Village supports a local orphanage by organizing funding for the children's education and outfitting the building with equipment and appliances.

Cortlandt Manor, New York, USA: The RCC of Keon promotes volunteerism among the developmentally disabled community at the nearby Keon Center. Disabled volunteers manage the RCC and plan service activities at a food pantry, a dog rescue facility, and other locations.

Tamil Nadu, India: The RCC of Pilavilai donated saplings and female goats to families in need, which provided them with milk and a source of income. Recipients were asked to give the goat's kids to the RCC, so that other needy families would receive goats in return.

Handa, Japan: The RCC Handa Volunteer Disaster Relief Coordination Society provides a multitude of disaster relief training classes. Recently, its members created easy-to-assemble temporary toilets for use following a disaster.

Alexandria, Egypt: The RCC Community Development of El-Matar conducts classes on parenting, premarital counseling, health education, women's health, and pregnancy for residents of this impoverished neighborhood.

Shape Your Community with an RCC

You know your community better than anyone.

Help shape its future! Through an RCC, you can Tackle the problems facing your community today. Strengthen your civic involvement and mobilize your neighbors. Learn new skills and share your knowledge with others. Improve the quality of life for your neighbors. Reach your fullest potential by developing leadership skills and helping others. Make new friends and meet interesting people.



District Peaceletter Article Submission 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.

NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg Joins Fight Against Polio



NY City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Thursday, Feb. 28th that he is giving \$100 million through the philanthropic arm of his foundation to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The 25-year-old public-private partnership has narrowed the number of countries where polio is still endemic, putting eradication in sight. So far this year there has been only 2 cases worldwide.



The donation from Bloomberg Philanthropies, to be made over six years, gives a big boost to an effort by fellow billionaire philanthropist Mr. Gates to raise \$5.5 billion for a new GPEI "polio eradication and endgame strategic plan" to wipe out the virus by 2018. Polio eradication is a major priority for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has invested more than \$1.5 billion in the cause since 2008.

The GPEI, whose partners today include Rotary International, World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF, has been trying since 1988 to eradicate polio. To make a donation to Polio Plus <http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

Student Summer Exchange Available!



Can you imagine spending 3 - 6 weeks this summer with a family and host sibling in one of 30 countries in the world?! In return, your family will host an Exchange Student for an equal amount of time during the summer. If you know anyone 15 to 18.5 years old (whether in a Rotarian family or not!), who might be interested contact: Dr. Roger Swanson at roger.swanson@verizon.net or 914-826-4845. See also www.exchangestudent.org for information on STEP rules and cost.

Applications are due - through a Rotary Club - by April 15th.



Call for Club Changes to the District's By-Laws and MAP

The District By-laws & Incorporation Committee will be presenting its recommendations for changes to our District By-laws and Manual of Procedure to make them more compatible with our status as a non-profit corporation. The presentation will be made at our District's Annual Meeting on May 18th at the District Conference.

Please email any recommendations your club has to Debby Appel, the chair of the committee, at debby.appel@verizon.net by April 1st.

Call For Presenters & Facilitators



PEACE THROUGH RESPECT: A Forum to Build Peace in Our Communities Sponsored by Rotary District 7230

May 17, 2013 • 3:30 – 7 p.m. ~ Forum • 7 p.m.~ Reception
Doubletree Hotel, Tarrytown, NY

Facilitators and Presenters are being sought for four breakout sessions:

- Peace and Religion – The challenges of extremism
- Peace in the Digital Age – How cyber-bullying has increased the perils of bullying for our children – and what we can do about it.
- Peace in the Streets – Seeking solutions to gang and other violence in our cities and towns
- Peace and Environmental Disruption – the effects of environmental injustice today and threats to peace in our communities caused by climate change (e.g. draughts, flooding, etc.)

Presentations can be in the form of remarks (approximately 10 minutes) or artistic performances (3 - 10 minutes). We are especially interested in programs that encourage adoption by, or collaboration among, attendees.

Please respond with your interest and envisioned format (i.e. talk, performance, etc.) by sending a proposal (of no more than 250 words) to: Taylor Eskew, rteskew@gmail.com by March 1, 2013.

If you are interested in facilitating one of the conference breakout sessions, please inform us of your qualifications. A decision on presenters and facilitators will be made by March 15.

Presenters and Facilitators are the guests of Rotary District 7230 for both the Forum and the following reception.

Friendship Exchange Committee Opens Up Opportunity for Family Exchanges

Given the resounding success of our District's Friendship Exchange Team that went to Bangalore, India, and the repeated interest that Rotarians have expressed in having their families being involved in Rotary, the Friendship Exchange Committee invites Rotarians to participate in a Visitor Program. This Program would give individual Rotarians and their families the opportunity to spend a few days, on a reciprocal basis, in the home of a Rotarian family in another country. Staying with a local Rotarian family in their home and sharing their life-style is the best and most enjoyable way to enhance cross-cultural understanding and building international relationships. This would be particularly helpful for young children and non-Rotarians to appreciate other perspectives, which is becoming increasingly important in a shrinking globe. As Kevin Finkelstein, the 22-year old non-Rotarian who was part of the Team to Bangalore, observed, "I could not imagine a more educational, enlightening experience than our recent Friendship Exchange adventure to the Rotary Club of Bangalore."

The typical Visitor Program lasts about a week, as recommended by Rotary International, http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rfe_handbook_en.pdf. (For a copy of our District's hosting guidelines, click here).

This is an ongoing Program; it is not a team program. Individual Rotarian families may host, and be the guest of, a corresponding Rotarian family by themselves according to mutually convenient schedules, at dates and times of their own choosing. The District's Friendship Exchange Committee would facilitate this by coordinating inquiries and interests.

Rotarians interested in participating in this Program are invited to send an email expressing their interest to the Friendship Exchange Committee. The Committee will keep a list of interested Rotarians, and will contact such persons whenever the District gets an expression of interest from elsewhere.

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this family here, and being a guest of this family in India, should send an email to the Committee. All emails and inquiries should be addressed to Rotarian President Kris Chittur, Chair, Friendship Exchange Committee, R.I. Dist. 7230 at kchittur@post.harvard.edu.

Chappaqua Rotarian Honored

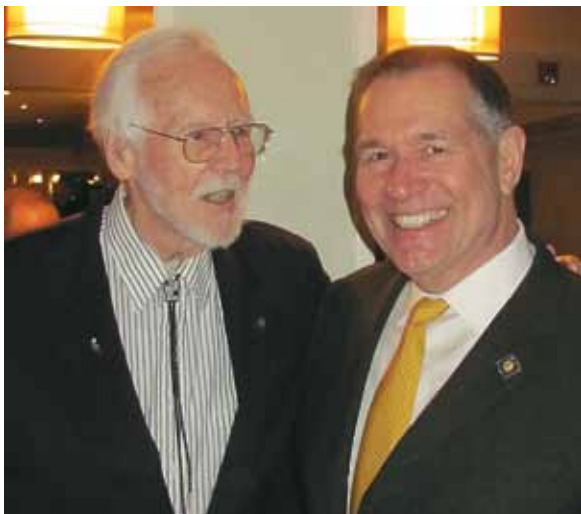
A Past President of the Rotary Club of New York, Manton Martin, 1985-86 and a current long time member of the Chappaqua Rotary Club was honored by his club and his community on February 9th. The Chappaqua Rotary Club's 30th Anniversary Charter Night Awards Dinner was held at a local historic and charming venue of Crabtree's Kittle House Restaurant. Accompanying Manton was his wife Roe. Also in attendance were two good Rotary friends of Manty & Roe who were also Past Presidents of our club, PDG Karl Milde, Jr., 1992-93 and Past President David Del Monte, 2010-11.

Presenting the prestigious Rotary Internationally recognized Paul Harris Fellow Award for Manty's outstanding service to the community and to Rotary was Chappaqua Vice President Lyle Anderson. Manty and Roe are Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation. (See photo)

Further special recognition was given by Westchester County by declaring February 10, 2013 as "Manton Martin Day" and posted this honor on the Westchester County Center electronic reader board for the "whole world" to see. County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz made the presentation.



Manton Martin (l.) was presented with his Paul Harris Fellow Award by Chappaqua Rotary Club VP Lyle Anderson.



Manty and New York Rotary Club Past President David DelMonte.



The Westchester County electric sign board proclaiming Manton Martin Day.

This popular annual event held during the month that the club was originally chartered, was attended by about 150 Rotarians. This very well organized event was moderated by Chappaqua President Linda Kallner with support from President Elect Pam Thornton, Vice President Lyle Anderson and other members of this fine club. Congratulations to Manty, Roe, President Linda and all the members of the Rotary Club of Chappaqua for a fine event.