



# District 7230 PeaceLetter

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Rotary International

## Rotary District 7230 Conference Celebrating Friendship & Service

**Friday, May 17:** Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown

11:30am Registration

Noon Lunch

Comments from PDG Wade Drinkard

RI President's Representative

Recognition of Paul Harris Fellows

Annual Meeting of Rotary District 7230 Foundation

3pm Peace Forum

6:30pm Reception, Music

**REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE  
THROUGH THE DISTRICT  
WEBSITE**

**Saturday, May 18:** Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown

9:30 am Registration

10am Opening Session, including comments from  
PDG Wade Drinkard, RI President's Representative

10:30am Community Service – Projects and Grants

Noon Lunch; Remembering Past Rotarians; Club Awards;  
District Annual meeting

2pm Club Panel: International Service - Friendship Exchange,  
Group Study Exchange, Matching Grants

3pm Break

3:15pm Club Panel: New Generation Service – Interact, Rotaract,  
RYLA, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholar

4:15pm Speech Contest

6:30pm Dinner for Polio Eradication co-sponsored with the Interact and  
Rotary Clubs of Eastchester, 115 North Broadway, White Plains

**Sunday, May 19:** Staten Island: Service Project for Hurricane Sandy Relief

9am Bus departs from Westchester Marriott to Staten Island

9am – 1pm Hurricane Sandy Community Service Project, Staten Island

1pm “Family and Friends” Picnic/BBQ

Closing, comments from PDG Wade Drinkard,  
RI President's Representative

4pm Bus departs for Westchester Marriott



## Get Ready for Spaghetti!

**The Eastchester Tuckahoe Interact Club  
and the Eastchester Rotary Club  
invite you for a spaghetti dinner to raise  
money for End Polio Now.**

Saturday, May 18  
6:30 – 9:30  
The Elks Lodge  
115 North Broadway  
White Plains  
\$30 – all you can eat  
Cash Bar

Register at  
[www.district7230.com](http://www.district7230.com)  
All proceeds to benefit  
End Polio Now



# END POLIO NOW



## Sandys Rotary Club Celebrates 40 Years

The Sandys Rotary Club held two events to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

The first was a very successful raffle with the grand prize of an all-expense paid trip to Tanzania for an African safari!



The second was a gala dinner in March with a featured speaker, Mr. Keith Fitz-Gerald. Attending the Gala were a number of members from the investment, financial, insurance and banking communities. Also present were the Governor of Bermuda, Mr. George Fergusson, the Premier of Bermuda, the Honorable Mr. Craig Cannonier along with a number of government ministers. Over 200 attendees at this black tie event heard Mr. Fitz-Gerald's presentation on the state of the Bermuda economy and the world's economy, and some very creative and thought provoking ideas on how to move forward and overcome the challenges we all face. At the end of the event, there were many comments of high praise for Mr. Fitz-Gerald's fresh insights, his humor and, ultimately, his point driven talk that so completely energized his audience.



# **5 CLUB COUNCIL**

## **ROTARY HURRICANE RELIEF FOR STATEN ISLAND**



*Join the  
Five Clubs of Staten Island  
&  
Rotary District 7230*

*Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2013*

***Celebrating a Day of Service and Friendship on Staten Island**  
Rotarians throughout New York State and from other States and Countries along with local  
volunteers, within the Staten Island Communities will be a cleaning up our community  
**AFFECTED BY HURRICANE SANDY***

***Join this Volunteer Opportunity to Serve  
The Need is Still Great!***

***9am - Registration Starts at Midland Beach Turtle Circle**  
(Registration located off of Father Capodanno Blvd Across from Jefferson Avenue)*

***9am to 1pm - Community Service and Clean up***

***1pm to 4pm - Celebrate at the Olympia Activity Center  
with a Barbecue and much more**  
(Olympia Blvd between Lincoln Avenue and Greeley Avenue)*

***Food, Drink & Entertainment for all the volunteers.....***

***The Five Clubs of Staten Island would like to THANK everyone  
for volunteering their time to help the  
Staten Island Community with a day of Service and Friendship.***



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

		Number	Each	Subtotal
<b>Friday, May 17.....</b>	<b>Paul Harris Luncheon</b>	_____	\$45	\$ _____
	Peace Forum- students and teachers	_____	\$5	\$ _____
	Peace Forum all others	_____	\$25	\$ _____
	Reception & Music	_____	\$30	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, May 18.....</b>	Club projects and awards, Lunch, Speech Contest	_____	\$55	\$ _____
	Spaghetti Dinner for Polio Eradication	_____	\$30	\$ _____
<b>Sunday, May 19.....</b>	Bus to Staten Island (If taking)	_____	\$0	\$ _____
	Hands-on Hurricane Sandy Project, Picnic	_____		
	Adult	_____	\$30	\$ _____
	Youth 10 -18 years old	_____	\$15	\$ _____
	Children under 10	_____	Free	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>				\$ _____

Please mail Individual Registration Form with your check made payable to "Rotary District 7230" to:  
 Lynn Karam, 9 W Prospect Avenue, Suite 402,  
 Mt Vernon, NY 10550



### Friendship Exchange Committee Invites Family Exchange to Brazil

The District has received an inquiry from a Rotarian family from Rotary Club of Jundiaí Vila Arens in São Paulo, Brazil (District 4590). Rotarians interested in hosting this family here, and being a guest of this family in Brazil, 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](mailto:kchittur@post.harvard.edu).

Meanwhile, the District is pleased to announce that the Family Exchange program is off to a wonderful start. The Rotarian Family from Rotary Club of Amravati Midtown will be hosted here by Past President Eva Finkelstein.



### Rotary Friendship Exchange



### Rotary Peace Fellowships

#### Purpose

Rotary Peace Fellowships enable non-Rotarians individuals to pursue a graduate degree in International relations, peace, conflict resolution or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers.

#### Application Deadline

Individual applications must be approved by a Rotary Club and sent to the Abu Shakoor, Chair of the Peace Fellowship Subcommittee at [www.shakoor980@aol.com](mailto:www.shakoor980@aol.com) by June 1, 2013.





## Wade On In and Meet Judge Drinkard, RI President's Representative



Wade Drinkard is a native of Linden, Marengo County, Alabama. He graduated from Linden High School in 1963 and attended Birmingham Southern College and the University of Alabama, graduating from the School of Law at the University of Alabama in 1969. Since that time, he served as an attorney in Marengo County, Alabama, in private law practice until 1989, when he became the Assistant District Attorney for the 17th Judicial Circuit. He was elected the Marengo County District Court Judge in January, 2001, and presently serves in that position.

Wade is an active member in the Demopolis First United Methodist Church, having served in various offices and teaches Sunday School and is a member of both the Chancel Choir and the Men's Gospel singers. On the conference level of the Alabama/West Florida Methodist Conference, he has served on the Board of Missions and the Board of Lay Speaking and currently serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry. He served the Demopolis District as director of Lay Speaking and as its Lay Leader. He is a certified Lay Speaker in the Methodist Church. Wade is also a member of Gideon's International where he has served as President of the Marengo County Camp. He also served two years as an area director and member of the State Gideon's Association cabinet as a director.

Wade has been active in the Boy Scouts of America having served locally as a Packmaster and Scoutmaster for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He has served as the District Director of the Prairie District of the Black Warrior Council and currently serves the Black Warrior Council as a member of its Executive Committee. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and is an Eagle Scout.

Wade joined the Linden Rotary Club in 1970 and served as President of that club on two different occasions. He is currently a member of the Demopolis Rotary Club. He was elected District Governor for District 6880 for 2000-01. He also was the District Rotary Foundation Chair, 2003-06 and served as RI Zone 30's Rotary Foundation Annual Fund chair, 2006-09. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society.

He is a recipient of the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award. He currently serves as a member of the Constitutional and By Laws Committee for Rotary International and will chair that committee in 2015.

He currently is a member of the Mid South PETS Executive Committee as the Program Chair.

On the Zone level he has served as Operations Chair, 2007, Springfield, Mo., Zone Institute; Arrangements Chair, 2008, Indianapolis, In., Zone Institute; GETS Training Leader, 2011, St. Louis, Mo., Zone Institute; currently serves as the training leader for the 2012, Huntsville, Al. Zone Institute; will serve as the Program Chair for the 2013, Lexington, Ky., Zone Institute and will be the General Chair for the 2014 Kansas City, Mo., Zone Institute.

He is married to the former Glenna Moring, a retired high school counselor and part time sales representative for Jostens Yearbook Company. Wade and Glenna have two grown children: Laura Drinkard Hodge, an assistant U. S. Attorney in Huntsville, Al; and Counce Drinkard, an associate with Wiley Bros. – Aintree Capital, Nashville, TN. He is the proud grandfather of four beautiful granddaughters.

In his spare time, Wade enjoys weight lifting, running and reading.



## Rotary Clubs of Larchmont and New Rochelle Clean Up Premium Marsh for Earth Day

On April 14, to commemorate Earth Day, volunteers from the Rotary Club of Larchmont and Rotary Club of New Rochelle were joined by community residents and the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity from Iona College to clean up the damage to Premium Marsh in Larchmont caused by Hurricane Sandy. The result is a dramatically cleaned area with a defined walking path, significantly beautified because of the efforts.

Premium Point Marsh Conservation Area (off Dillon Avenue) was seriously impacted by Hurricane Sandy. A significant amount of trash washed up the inlet into the marsh and up on the surrounding shoreline. Remnants of old boardwalks were also scattered in the marsh. The Rotary Clean-Up Project volunteers picked up and sorted a huge amount of trash, collected in a just few hours. In addition, many limbs and large sticks were piled to be carted away. The larger branches were used to outline a new walking path in the area. Two major accomplishments were the removal of large, heavy wood planks from a destroyed boardwalk and stones and concrete pieces from the stream bed, primarily achieved by twelve members of Pi Kappa Phi.

Nancy Seligson, supervisor of the Town of Mamaroneck, who also attended and worked very hard herself, said, "Thank you for the great work of the Rotary Clubs (and other volunteers) this past Sunday cleaning up the Premium Marsh Conservation Area. It was wonderful to have so many volunteers there for such an important job. We appreciate the help. I think we really made a difference in reestablishing the trail; cleaning up the floatable debris in the marsh deposited from Storm Sandy; and cleaning construction debris from the river."

Stephen Bartell, president of the Rotary Club of Larchmont, said, "This Earth Day initiative is only one kind of service project, among many, that Rotary does all over the U.S. and the world. We were proud to organize this effort and so pleased to have the participation of the Rotary Club of New Rochelle and their friends from Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at Iona. It was a wonderfully productive and satisfying day!"

Elizabeth Paul, director of the Conservation Department for the Town of Mamaroneck said, "This was a great clean-up effort. We will be doing a similar one at the Hommocks Conservation Area on April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the gravel parking area, directly across from 510 Hommocks Rd., on the right side of the road."



***Rotarians from Larchmont and New Rochelle cleaned up the Premium Point Marsh with help from the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity (middle picture).***





# The Fight to End Polio Adapts to Changing Times



For years, polio vaccination has faced strong resistance within conservative Islamic communities in northern Nigeria, largely due to a deep distrust of the West, persistent rumours that the vaccine is harmful, and the house-to-house approach taken by immunization campaigners, which many saw as intrusive.

Over recent years, polio campaigners have changed their methods to try to win over reluctant community members and religious leaders - to mixed effect. In February of this year, 10 polio vaccinators were killed in the northern city of Kano by anti-western Boko Haram militants, the latest setback to efforts to eradicate the virus from Nigeria.

The country is one of only three where polio is still endemic. In 2012, Nigeria recorded 122 cases - over half of the global total that year.

Sheikh Nasir Muhammed Nasir, imam of Fagge Juma'at Mosque, the largest in Kano, is an advocate of polio immunization.

"There is nothing wrong with the polio vaccine. The major reason why people reject it is the deep-seated suspicion they harbour against the West, particularly the United States due to its foreign policies in the Muslim world, especially the war in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said.

"The US invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan - which caused deaths and destruction - is seen by many Muslims here as a war on their brethren. They wonder how the same countries responsible for this colossal carnage can now turn and save lives elsewhere. To them, it doesn't make any sense that you offer to save my children from a crippling disease yet are killing my brothers," said Nasir.

A father of three children in Kano, said: "I can't understand how the West will spend millions of dollars in providing medication against polio for our children while they systematically killed 500,000 Muslim children in Iraq by imposing an embargo that denied them access to basic medicines.

Another Kano resident was quoted as saying "How could I be so naive as to allow my children to be given polio drops by people who go door-to-door giving the vaccine free while the government has failed to provide medication for the most urgent diseases affecting us, such as malaria and typhoid?"

## Infertility

For years there has been suspicion that the polio vaccine is laced with infertility hormones as part of a US-led plot to reduce the Muslim population. The Kano State government suspended polio immunization between September 2003 and November 2004 following the spread of such rumours by some Muslim clerics. The suspension led to an unprecedented number of infections and transmission of the virus to 17 countries that had been polio-free.

Kano resident Zulaihatu Mahmud says most people understand polio is caused by a virus, but even so, she and others fear the vaccine could be harmful: "Nobody wants their child to be crippled by polio, and nobody wants her child to be sterile, either."

In 2003, to address these concerns, the Kano State government and federal government set up committees of doctors and clerics to test the polio vaccine. Following trials in Nigeria, South Africa and Indonesia, they declared the vaccine safe.



**PDG George Camp administers polio drops during a recent NID.**

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## Fight to End Polio

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However, they also confirmed the presence of traces of two sex hormones - oestrogen and progesterone - that are used in contraceptive medicine, which reinforced the sterility rumours in some communities.

Sadiq Wali, a professor of medicine who was involved in the committee, explained that the vaccine is developed in a culture made of monkey kidney, which contains the two hormones. Since hormones are highly water-soluble, traces are bound to be found in the vaccine, but they are too minute to have a contraceptive impact, he said. The amounts are so infinitesimal that special equipment is needed to detect them.

Several people in the north referred to the introduction of cigarettes to Nigeria by the British 50 years ago. Kano tobacconist Habu Iro and several residents told IRIN that in the 1950s, when people bought cigarettes, they would find money in the packet. The amount included was gradually reduced as people became addicted.

"We now know what [the] cigarette does to human health. The white man will never give anything for free. It is the same thing with [the] polio vaccine. They are hiding something," 73-year-old Kano resident Diye Umar said.

### Changing approaches

Early polio campaigners' approaches were also seen as too insistent, combining radio advertisements, community workshops and teams of health workers going door to door, according to a polio expert with an international agency who asked to remain anonymous.

But because most inoculations take place in health clinics or hospitals, many families did not trust health workers arriving at their doorsteps.

One polio expert, who wished to remain anonymous, called initial campaigns "aggressive". "They... sent a wrong signal to parents. We didn't take account of the social dynamics then," he said, referring to the need for more efforts to get communities on board.

Before 2005, polio campaigners partnered only with political and health authorities. They later learned to work closely with community and religious leaders. Most northern states have since formed polio immunization task forces with village and religious leaders as members.

The results were largely positive, with greater community acceptance and an improved understanding of polio and the vaccine, said an anonymous polio expert, who said uptake of the vaccine had increased since 2005.

But in February of this year - following the killing of the 10 polio vaccinators in Kano - the approach changed once again. The campaign is now limited to health clinics and hospitals as part of routine immunizations, and it is entirely government-led.

Many doctors fear this approach will threaten eradication efforts. To eliminate polio, vaccinators must reach at least 90 percent of children, giving each four doses over a 6-12 month period, according to the World Health Organization.

"The halt in house-to-house immunization is a serious threat to eradication... A large chunk of children will have no access to the vaccine and will be at risk of infection," Adamu Isa, a paediatric nurse at Nassarawa Specialist Hospital in Kano, told IRIN.

The National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), which oversees polio immunization in Nigeria, plans to hold a national workshop in Abuja for Muslim clerics and traditional leaders to clear up all misconceptions about the vaccine. Rotary International has continued in it's outreach to those neglected areas.

"It will be frank, honest and no-questions-barred discussions where we will clear any misgiving they have about the polio vaccine with concrete proofs and evidences, because once we secure their support, we secure the confidence of the public in accepting the vaccine," NPHCDA's director-general, Ado Mohammed.

PDG George R. Camp  
Rotary Intl. Promotions Sydney Promotions Committee Member  
RI Zone 34 Sydney Promotions Committee Chair  
Rotary D-7230 Polio Plus Sub Committee Chair  
Rotary Foundation Cadre Technical Adviser  
Rotary District 7230



## INFORMATION & REMINDERS



### Upcoming Dates:

- May 30** - Deadline for submitting articles for June Newsletter
- June 1** - District Assembly - Concordia College Bronxville, NY
- June 1** - Deadline for submitting Rotary Peace Fellowship application to District 7230
- June 23-26** - Rotary International Conference - Lisbon, Portugal
- July 13** - DG Matts Ingemanson Installation

### New Members

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



## Briarcliff Rotary Commences Community Service Project on Preventative Health and Awareness



*Rotarian President-Elect Anne Cargill (l.) with Dr. Erica Jones.*

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor has commenced a new community service project, a "Preventative Health and Awareness" Program to help people understand common health issues and adopt habits and lifestyle changes for healthy living. The first in this series was held in the Briarcliff Manor Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Dr. Erica Jones, a renowned cardiologist and an academic clinician for 18 years, was the featured speaker for this presentation. She addressed issues such as how to best prevent and/or treat cardiovascular disease, including heart attack, stroke, and peripheral arterial disease.

The presentations are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month. Admission is free, and open to the public.



*Dr. Jones addressing the audience.*



## Attending the Annual Peace Scholars Seminar

Dede and David Del Monte, DGN, at the invitation of TRF Chair and PRIP Wilf Wilkerson, attended the 10th Annual Peace Scholar Seminar held in Chapel Hill, NC on the Campus of University of North Carolina. UNC and nearby Duke University are one of the seven worldwide centers for Rotary's Peace and Conflict Resolution studies. The seminar presented 10 Peace Scholars from the Class 10, who were returned from the field to tell the audience of 300 about their work and future plans.

Thus far, there have been 716 Peace Scholars have been graduated for the seven center. The Peace and Conflict Resolution program goes much deeper than settling a dispute. It is about determining and eliminating the root cause of the issue and as varied as it is complex. For instance, in the Sudan, lack of literacy is a problem and this problem is exacerbated due to the country having 400 difference languages -further, it is difficult to educate children with the parent are uneducated. The Peace Scholar from Sudan is working on the "Mongolian Model" where education serviced is delivered with radio broadcast.

Karina Ito, a peace scholar from Brazil and now working for UNICEF fund in NY spoke about her work. To arrange for Karina to speak at your Club meeting, contact her at: (919) 939-6343 or [kito@unicefusa.org](mailto:kito@unicefusa.org).

This program is being funded by an endowment with TRF. So far, the endowment is \$83,000,000 with a goal of \$95,000,000 by July 2015. It is expected that the goal will be reached this year. The fund raising campaign is 'under the radar' in that it is being 'quietly run.' So far, about 2,700 donors have contributed the \$83 million with the major portion coming from 78 donors at the Arch C. Klumph level (\$250,000 to \$1,000,000).

This program will change our world and again, Rotary is making an impact.



*Pictured (l. to r.) at the Peace Scholars Seminar are: Dede Del Monte, RI President Sakuji Tanaka and David Del Monte.*



*Karina Ito speaking to a rapt audience (photo above). President Tanaka makes his stirring presentation (photo below).*



*Rotary International Immediate Past President Wilf Wilkinson has a moment with current President Sankuji Tanaka.*







**The Hudson Valley Renegades  
invites you to an evening of  
Baseball and Fun at Dutchess Stadium  
while supporting The Rotary  
Internationals' Fight Against Polio!**

Sponsored by



***Finish The Fight.***

**Help Rotary to Eradicate Polio Worldwide.**

Rotary raises funds to make sure every child receives access to the polio vaccine. Polio cases have declined rapidly since 1985, but the fight isn't over. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, and for as little as US\$0.60, a child can be protected against the virus for life. If we don't finish the fight right now, more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralyzed by polio in the next 40 years.

***Join us!***

***July 30th @ 7:05 pm***

**Hudson Valley  
Renegades  
vs.  
Vermont Lake Monsters**

**For every ticket sold, \$3 will be donated to Rotary International!**

\$11 package: Reserved grandstand and a Renegades hat.

\$14 package: Premium reserved seat and a Renegades hat.

**Order tickets online** at [www.Gadesgroups.com](http://www.Gadesgroups.com) - Enter 'rotary' as the password



**July 30th - Rotary International Fight Against Polio**

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

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

County/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**If paying by check:** Mail the form below to: HV Renegades, P.O. Box 661, Fishkill, NY 12524

**Questions?** Call Kristen at (845) 838-0094 ext. 223 - Email: [khuss@hvrenegades.com](mailto:khuss@hvrenegades.com)





## North Shore Rotary Bowl-a-thon a Winning Success

The 5th Annual Bowl-A-Thon, a major fundraiser for the Charities of the North Shore Rotary Club was a great success. An estimated \$25,000.00 was raised by the hardworking members of this Staten Island Rotary Club. Shown here (L to R), Ronnie DiGiacomo, President Elect, Bowl-A-Thon Chair, Christine DeHart, Club President, Chris Williams and Julia Petosa a Rotaractor from the Richmond County Rotaract Club.

This annual event has great support from the club members and the community. The project 'model' is to 'lease' 30 bowling lanes from Rab's Country Lanes on Staten Island and 'sell' bowling spots for a minimum donation of \$75. The bowler gets 2 hours of bowling, Pizza, Drinks and a lot of fun. The Project nets about \$50 from each bowler. Additional revenue comes from 'lane sponsors' who receive a sign at the end of a lane for \$100 or more, from a 50/50 Raffle and from a Raffle for many donated prizes.

The charities that are benefited include Eden II, On Your Mark, Autism speaks, PS 37 and PS 373.



*Pictured (l. to r.): Jamie Rimschnick, Sabeeha Rehman and Christine DeHart.*



*Let the games begin!*



*The impressive display of raffle and auction prizes.*



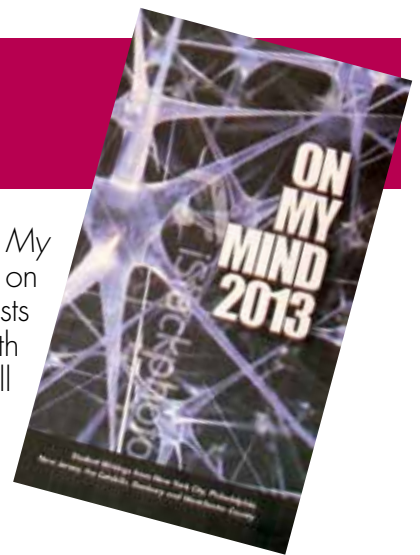
*Pictured (l. to r.): Ronnie, Chris, Chris and a Rotaractor (photo, left). Dig that quirky brainy bowling ball (photo, right)!*





## Notheast Westchester Rotary Club On My Mind

From the Northeast Westchester Rotary Club: The Book Launch for *On My Mind 2013* will be held at Somers High School on Route 139 in Somers, NY on Wednesday, May 8th, Pizza and Pepsi for the student authors and their guests will be served from 5:30 PM to about 6:15 PM. The Awards Ceremony with authors representing some of the 200 students from seven diverse schools will then be held, concluding at 7:30 PM. Jo Pitkin, noted poet, will be keynote speaker, and we will hear from many of the authors. There will be a number of recognized guests. All Rotarians are invited to attend. See the website at [www.NEWrotaryclub.org](http://www.NEWrotaryclub.org)



## 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 traditional 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](mailto: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".



## 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: [mjuner33@gmail.com](mailto:mjuner33@gmail.com), (718) 885-0993 or (646) 201-3625.

