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## District Clubs Roll Out the “Welcome Matts”



*Pictured (l. to r.): Past R.I. Director Ken Boyd, District Governor Matts Ingemanson and Past R. I. President Rick King.*

Fellow Rotarians,

I have now visited 13 Rotary Clubs and they have all been great visits. I am very impressed by our Rotarians and their Rotary Spirit. They have many great ideas, which shows that Rotary is a powerful grass roots organization. My mission as District Governor is to empower our Rotary Clubs to pursue service projects that they are passionate about. A great such example is the Outreach Project, which is now supported by 20 of our 46 Rotary Clubs. They have already collected \$25,000, which is enough to serve up to 150,000 meals. The quality of the food is good. Sundra and I have tasted it at the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant. It tasted very good after I added salt and pepper.

The ability to enroll new members is very important to all Rotary Clubs. There will be a Seminar about How to Increase Membership and Annual Giving on October 12 at the Double Tree Hotel in Tarrytown with Past Rotary Director Ken Boyd. All Rotary Club Presidents saw Ken in action during our PETS in March. He mesmerized us all with his knowledge about how to enroll new members.

Past Rotary International President Rick King was able to increase Annual Giving to the Rotary Foundation five times when he was District Governor. It increased from \$100,000 to \$500,000, which means that after 3 years their Rotary District collected \$250,000 in District Designated Funds (DDF). This could in our district mean \$5,400 per Rotary Club and save the lives of up to 250,000 children. Rick will participate in our seminar on October 12 and teach us how he did it. You can register on our Rotary District Website at [www.rotary7230.org](http://www.rotary7230.org).



## Philanthropist and Academician Kaushik Joins Briarcliff Rotary

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor is delighted to announce that Prof. Surendra Kaushik, acclaimed philanthropist and Professor of Finance at Pace University has joined the Club.

Prof. Kaushik, Ph.D. in economics from Boston University, is Professor of Finance at the Lublin School of Business, Pace University in New York since 1981. He is also the Associate Director, Center for Applied Research since 1993, at that School, and Director, Center for Applied Research (Westchester) since 1986.

Prof. Kaushik established Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College in 1999 in his native place Malsisar, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, where there was no college in a 35-kilometer radius, let alone a women's college. The college, which provides tuition-free education to women in a poverty stricken area, has graduated 1,300 students since its inception with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees.

The Briarcliff Rotary welcomes Prof. Kaushik to the Club.



*Pictured (l. to r.): Prof. Kaushik and Rotarian and Immediate Past President Krishnan Chittur.*



## On-To-Bermuda 2014

Hold the dates of March 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for District Governor Matts Ingemanson's On-to-Bermuda event. This will be a special visit to that beautiful Island. This trip will include visits by Matts to the four Bermuda Clubs, a celebration of "90 Years of Rotary in Bermuda" on the 15<sup>th</sup>, an event to honor PDG Walter Maddocks for his countless contributions to Rotary, and many other exciting events. Watch future District Engageletters for more exciting details as they become available.

Planned are two dates of arrival – Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Coby Ellingwood at [coburn.ellingwood@altour.com](mailto:coburn.ellingwood@altour.com) or 914-993-4044 for information on group hotel rates air, transfers, etc.





## Bronxville Club and District Grant Brings Technology to After-school Program

In Southwest Yonkers Iglesia San Andres, a community-based Episcopal church, provides essential services to the residents of the community around it. Food pantry, after-school programs with homework help, English-as-a-Second-Language, summer camp, the Church is a lifeline for many children.

Among the church's outreach program volunteers are students from Sarah Lawrence College and Bronxville High School, working on projects that have received support from the Rotary Club of Bronxville and Rotary International District 7230.

The most recent development in the year-old partnership is the addition of four iPads to the resources available for work with the children who come to the center. The student volunteers are using the tablets in back-to-basics programs to improve skills in math, science, reading and writing, general tutoring and homework help, as well as enrichment programs that help motivate the children to focus on learning. Reverend Yamily Bass-Choate, rector of the church and director of the outreach programs, reported that she watched one child improving her English daily through work with one of the student tutors and an iPad app.



One Sarah Lawrence student researched a variety of free apps – ranging from literacy and math skill building programs to games that encourage reading – that the student volunteers have downloaded.

“These devices will have a profoundly enjoyable impact on the academic, artistic, and technical skills and interests of our students,” said Reverend Bass-Choate.

The iPads are also enabling the college and high school volunteers to pursue new and exciting projects, said Sarah Lawrence Professor Kim Ferguson. Among them is a recipe search and cookbook design for a nutrition program. A “pen-pal” project, focused on literacy and cross-cultural understanding with the Janada Batchelor Foundation for Children in Tanzania, is planned for the future.

Underlying the work at Iglesia San Andres is the concept of partnership and learning by all parties. The context for the Sarah Lawrence students in the 2012-2013 academic year was a psychology course – “Child and Adolescent Development in North American and African Contexts” with a ‘service-learning’ component. The Bronxville High School students were enrolled in a “Humanities Research Seminar.”

Bill Meyer, teacher of the Bronxville High School Humanities seminar said that an important goal was to help his students connect their classroom work with the profound experiences they found outside the classroom, providing them with a better understanding of the community in which they live and work.

In addition to their regular classroom schedule, the two classes met together once a month with their teachers and invited guests from both faculties to reflect on community partnerships and service learning and the implementation of effective community-based work. A series of three interdisciplinary roundtables on the theme “Inequalities and Opportunities,” each with participating SLC and BHS faculty and community members were held during the year.

While the students tutored and interacted with the children at San Andres they began to consider ways they could contribute even more. By discussing their ideas with San Andres’ staff and their teachers, students were able to better understand the objectives of the agency and how they could best work together. The project will continue in the fall.



## Cortlandt Manor Recognizes The Best



***Pictured (l. to r.): Charles Hellmich of Mahopac National Bank, Evan Liaskos of Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant, Melissa Smith of Panas High School, Supervisor Linda Puglisi, Rotarian Vickie Winkelmann, Dominic Volpe of Domenic's Cleaners and NYS Trooper Awardee.***

This year at the Annual Anniversary Celebration the Cortlandt Manor Rotary took the opportunity to recognize some of the BEST in our community!

Awards were given to Mahopac National Bank for the Best Corporation in our area for their support on literacy projects for Rotary Clubs around our District for many years in addition to many other charitable endeavors. Charles Hellmich accepted the Award for Mahopac National Bank.

Evan Liaskos from Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant was recognized as the Best Restaurateur for his constant good deeds for the citizens in need in our community. He has done many things over his years including Easter Dinner for the Fire Victims of Hudson View Apartments to Giving Back 20% to Charities in the Area doing dining events at CCR plus many other noteworthy ways of contributing to our community.

Melissa Smith of Walter Panas was awarded Best Teacher of the Year. Melissa has a long history of personal contribution to her community. In addition to being a role model to students, she has started a number of clubs and organizations to do everything from deal with grief to contribute to their neighborhoods.

Supervisor Linda Puglisi and Rotarian Victoria Winkelmann both received the highest honor in Rotary as they became Paul Harris Fellows. They joined the ranks of Mother Theresa, Itzhak Perlman, Jane Goodall, Arnold Palmer, Queen Noor and many more distinguished citizens of the world.



***Linda Puglisi (l.), Supervisor of the Town of Cortlandt and on right Rotarian Victoria Winkelmann, Secretary of Cortlandt Manor Rotary Club were both awarded as Cortlandt Manor Rotary's newest Paul Harris Fellows.***

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volunteers his time as well, being involved with many civic organizations and serving on boards in our communities.

The Best Law Enforcement Officer was given to a local State Trooper who has been very involved with community service and serves as a member of the Coast Guard.



## Bronx Rotary Club Welcomes Its Sixteenth Gift of Life Child

Jaedan Ramkaran, a sixteen month old boy from Trinidad, arrived with his mom, Jacqueline on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. He is the newest Gift of Life child sponsored by the Rotary Club of the Bronx. He and his mom were met at JFK airport in the wee hours of Tuesday morning by Bronx Rotarian Ed Hicks and Gift of Life D7230 Chair and White Plains Rotarians Georgene and Joe Mongarella.

Jaedan and Jackie attended the Bronx Club's meeting on August 27 and Jaedan, dressed in sunny yellow to match his personality, absolutely charmed everyone with his freely bestowed smiles. Members were happy to see that he seemed to have a decent appetite, his color was good, as was his stamina. So many of the children the Club has sponsored in the past could not make those claims pre-op.

As of the publication of this newsletter, Jaedan has had many of his pre-



**An obviously exhausted Jacqueline Ramkaran and son Jaedan were met at the airport at 1 a.m. Pictured with them are Georgene Mongarella (l.) and Ed Hicks (r.).**

op testing and visits with his care team as well as his pre-op exam by his surgeon, Dr. Samuel Weinstein of Montefiore's Children's Hospital in the Bronx. His surgery is scheduled for September 10.

The Rotary Club of the Bronx is grateful for the support of Louise and Louis DiMeo who donated the funds for this surgery. You have changed the destiny of this child forever! The Club is also thankful for Jaedan and Jackie's host while they are in New York, Lucille Payne of the Bronx.

And last, but by no means least, a big thank you to Georgene Mongarella and her incredible Gift of Life team, especially, Ed Hicks, Lyn Roth Jacobs and Mike Fix, who made so many things possible for Jaedan, from finding carseats, a crib and a host, to being at the airport at 1 a.m., and to helping Jaedan make all his doctor's appointments.

**Jaedan Ramkaran from Trinidad gives a pre-op hanging loose sign.**



# VISIT CUBA!

## A TRIP OF A LIFETIME...SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ROTARIANS FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 1, 2014



The Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club, working with Insight Cuba\* and District 7230, has put together a special trip to Cuba for Rotarians, their families and friends to learn about the history, culture, art, music, agriculture, business, education, and health services in Cuba – the first international location of Rotary.

This 7 day/6 night educational trip is a full schedule of meaningful people-to-people meetings in the cities of Havana and Santiago de Cuba including - subject to modification:

- Managers in the hotel industry
- Artists at Casa Taller Antonio Eriz
- Dancers from the ProDanza Ballet School
- Patients and doctors at a local health clinic
- Farmers at Vivero Organoponico - an organic urban
- Jazz musicians at the Casa Artex and the La Zorra y El Cuevo
- Members of the AfroCubanismo movement and the Casa Artex
- Owners of emerging businesses including "casa particular" (B&B) industry
- Faculty and students at the Literacy Museum and the University of Havana
- and, of course, visits to El Morro castle, Ernest Hemingway's house, and a cigar factory!

Interested?...contact Bedford-Armonk Rotarian Janet Walsh at [jlwalsh@aol.com](mailto:jlwalsh@aol.com) or log on to <https://booknow.insightcuba.com/icgroupenroll/joingroup.aspx> and type in "RotaryClub" for the Username and "BARC223" for the Password.

\*Travel provided by Insight Cuba, a division of Cross-Cultural Solutions; a licensed provider of people-to-people travel.



# **RYLA** WEEKEND 2014

**Fri. Apr. 11 - Sun. Apr. 13  
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