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A Message From District Governor Matts Ingemanson

Sundra and I have now visited 27 Rotary Clubs. All these Rotary Clubs have been unique experiences. The October issue of the Engageletter has more pages than ever before from Rotary Clubs responding to my call for more stories. What you write in the Engageletter is published and archived on our Rotary District website. It also goes down in our Rotary District History.

I am very honored to inform you that PDG Don and Diane Lee were inducted as Arch Klumph Society Members at the 2013 Rotary Zone Institute in Cherry Hill, NJ. This is the highest honor that The Rotary Foundation bestows on Rotarians. You can read more about it on page 2.



Lora and Janet are enjoying themselves at the 2013 Zone Institute.

Rotary District Treasurer Lora Hugelmeyer and District Rotary Foundation Chair Janet DiBenedetto are two strong women, who both became Major Donors during the 2013 Zone Institute in Cherry Hill, NJ. Congratulations to both of you!

The 2013 District 7230 Outreach Food Project has inspired even more Rotarians during the last month. 41 Rotary Clubs have now joined, collecting more than \$25,000, which will enable us to distribute more than 600,00 meals on October 19. The article on page 2 says 450,000 meals, but the number of meals have increased since the article was written. I have never seen so much excitement in the district before. We expect to have 700 active volunteers on October 19.

There is also a lot of interest about a unique Invitation to Explore Cuba on page 5. Many Rotarians are signing up. This is a special opportunity to visit Cuba.

You can read on page 4 about the On-To-Bermuda March 9-15, 2014. It will be a very special trip with the celebration of 90 years of Rotary in Bermuda. We will also celebrate the legacy of Walter Maddocks, who was instrumental in making PolioPlus the success that it has become today. Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Chair Bob Scott will be there. So will also Past Rotary International President Chuck Keller. Chuck was President when Walter was leading the effort to raise \$240 million, which moved PolioPlus into the big league on the world stage.

There are also many other great articles in the Engageletter!

It is great with the way you have responded to my call for articles. Please keep on sending more articles!



Diane and PDG Don Lee Inducted Into the Arch C. Klumpf Society



Diane and PDG Don Lee were inducted into the Arch C. Klumpf Society at the Zone Institute in September. Donors whose cumulative gifts total \$250,000 or more become members of the Arch C. Klumpf Society and have their photos displayed permanently in the Arch C. Klumpf Gallery at RI headquarters.

The following statement from Diane and Don was read at the presentation ceremony:

"Diane and I believe in Rotary. And we believe that each one of us can help make the world a better place for our children. As a lifelong Rotarian, my wife and I are proud to be making a gift to The Rotary Foundation and remain committed to living the ideals of Service Above Self."

Newly inducted Arch C. Klumpf Society Members Dr. Diane Lee and Professor Don Lee, from the Rotary Club of Staten Island in District 7230, receive the Crystal Globe from District 7230 Rotary Foundation Chair Janet DiBenedetto.



2013 District 7230 Outreach Food Project



For the first time in awhile our District has an opportunity to make headlines, as we assemble packages of either Macaroni & Cheese or Rice & Beans on Saturday Evening October 19 at the Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains. We are inviting churches, seniors, high schoolers, fraternities, and other volunteers of all ages to join us to do what Rotarians do best ... MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES!

At the moment without all pledges in from every club we are in excess of 72,000 packages that will feed over 450,000 people in Westchester, the Bronx and Manhattan. The final total is expected to exceed over 100,000 meals that will feed in excess of half a million New Yorkers in our area! Each club will be able to distribute the meals covered by their donations in their neighborhood to pantries, soup kitchens, school backpack programs or any other program addressing the hungry in their back yards.



Rotarians worked hard during brainstorming sessions for the Outreach food packaging and distribution program.



Briarcliff Manor Rotary Celebrates Community Day and Inducts 2 New Members



Pictured (l. to r.): Rotarian Treasurer and PP Bob Maher, New member Lou Fitzgerald, DG Matts Ingemanson, New member Beth Hussain, Rtn. Pres. Anne Cargill, and Rtn IPP, Director, and District Membership Committee Chair Kris Chittur.

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor celebrated the "Community Day" in the Village of Briarcliff Manor on September 7, 2013. In accordance with what has become a tradition in the Village over the last quarter century, the Club provided cold beverages and fresh-cooked food. About 15 Rotarians from all walks of life rolled up their sleeves to grill burgers, roll cotton candy, and pop the popcorn for community members.

A major attraction newly introduced this year was the marching band from St. Christopher's, a residential treatment center and Special Acts school headed by Dr. Robert Maher, former principal of and a Rotarian. Briarcliff Residents were thrilled with the performance, with mothers and youngsters swinging away to the rhythm.

As in the past year, the Club also had an information booth which provided information about Rotary International, and the local activities of the Club. The Briarcliff Manor Rotary has been very active in the community. It has installed almost every park bench in Briarcliff Manor, provided scholarships to students, and sponsored the Interact Club in the High School. Among its several exciting upcoming projects include launching a youth exchange program, wherein High School students may spend up to a year in a foreign country, and Briarcliff residents would get the opportunity to host a high school student from abroad. The Club is also involved in organizing Friendship Exchange programs to foreign countries with reciprocal Rotary Clubs, wherein local Rotarians would visit a foreign country and be hosted by locals - a unique opportunity to experience the country and its culture firsthand, through the eyes and ears of locals.

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor is delighted to announce that Mr. Lou Fitzgerald, a retired advertising executive, and Ms. Beth Hussain, a teacher have joined the Club. They were inducted as members by Rotarian Matts Ingemanson, District Governor of our Rotary District.

Lou Fitzgerald is a long time local resident of Briarcliff Manor. He lives with his two sons - Louis and Nick - and has been a volunteer for over 10 years at St. Christopher's, Inc., a 130-year-old residential treatment center (RTC) and Special Act school based in Dobbs Ferry, which helps

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Briarcliff Manor Rotary

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profit, non-sectarian organization committed to improving the lives of vulnerable young men and women and helping them lead fulfilling, productive lives that serve family, community and society.

Beth Hussain is a relatively new resident of Briarcliff Manor, where she lives with her husband and four young children. Beth is no stranger to Rotary either: she was a participant in Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program, and spent a year in Switzerland while in High School. "I am delighted to be a member of Rotary, and hope to be able to contribute my time and service to advance the Youth Exchange Program," she said. "I've seen the Club's many contributions to our community, and am honored to be a part of it."

The Briarcliff Rotary welcomes these two new members to the Club.



Oktoberfest with Elmsford Rotary Club

On Tuesday, October 8, 2013, The Rotary Club of Elmsford, Captain Lawrence Brewing Company and North American Gold Refinery invite you to an evening of beer tasting, German style food and all around fun at a rollicking Oktoberfest.

The event will run from 6:00 TO 9:00 p.m. at Captain Lawrence Brewing Company, 444 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, NY 10523. Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 per person at the door.

Bring in your gold, silver, watches, gems, diamonds or sterling silver flatware to be appraised. Payment on site!

There will be a 50/50 raffle and a raffle of coins and jewelry. The food will be provided by Doubletree Hotel, Tarrytown, NY. For more information go to: www.nargoldparty.com.



On-To-Bermuda 2014

Hold the dates of March 9th to the 16th, 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 15th, 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 9th and Wednesday the 12th.

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





Invitation: Explore Cuba!

The Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club, working with Insight Cuba* has put together a special trip in Cuba for Rotarians, their families and friends of all ages. The delegation will learn about the history, culture, art, music, agriculture, business, education, and health services in Cuba – where the first Rotary Club in a non-English speaking country was established in June 1916.

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Day 1 - Havana

Arrive at the José Martí International Airport; travel to hotel with Cuban host; afternoon program orientation with Cuban Guide and Insight Cuba representative; dinner at the hotel; visit Morro-Cabaña Castle.

Day 2 - Havana

Breakfast; morning educational exchange with Cuban patients, residents and doctors at the local polyclinic; meet Cuban farmers and administrators at Vivero Organopónico; lunch at Vivero Organopónico; visit Finca Vigia, the birthplace of many of Ernest Hemingway's best works; meet with the director of the Casa Taller Antonia Eiriz (papier mache); dinner.

Day 3 – Havana/Santiago

Breakfast; meet with the Director of Havana Club Rum; visit the University of Havana's FLEX program; meet the director of the Literacy Museum in Havana; lunch; meet Cuban dance students at ProDanza Ballet School and the owner and director of the Laura Alonzo; fly to Santiago de Cuba; dinner.

Day 4 – Santiago

Breakfast; visit the village of Cobre and view the Basilica of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre; lunch at El Morro fortress; tour Santiago de Cuba; visit the Museo de Carnival; dinner.

Day 5 – Santiago/Havana

Breakfast; discuss "Afrocubanismo" at a local artist's studio; walking tour of Santiago en route to a visit of a Casa Particular; lunch; visit the Casa Artex with an Afro-Cuban dance performance; fly to Havana; dinner.

Day 6 – Havana

Breakfast; meet with ICAP (Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples) representatives and owners of local businesses; lunch; listen to jazz musicians at La Zorra y El Cuevo; discuss life in Cuba with students from the Cuban Amigos; dinner and night club show.

Day 7 - Havana

Breakfast; discuss Cuban economics with a prominent Cuban hotel manager and a specialist in the field; visit a cigar factory; lunch.

Interested? ...

Contact Bedford-Armonk Rotarian Janet Walsh at jlwalsh25@aol.com or log on to: <https://booknow.insightcuba.com/icgroupenroll/joiningroup.aspx> using Username: "RotaryClub" and Password: "BARC223"

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Archie Comics Co-CEO and More Exciting Programming at Larchmont Rotary

The Rotary Club of Larchmont was privileged to have, as a speaker, Nancy Silbergleit, Co-CEO for Archie Comics and a former educator with 25 years of in-classroom experience. She is a dynamic, stimulating and motivating speaker.

She feels comic books are needed in classrooms and libraries because they engage a variety of learners, while promoting literacy and a love of reading. She believes the graphic comic book format enriches and develops a creative mind. It's a powerful tool to stimulate and build today's children into strong creative thinkers, preparing them to approach complex situations.

"By enhancing literacy and encouraging self-confidence and knowledge through age-accessible, non-threatening reading materials, such as specially created, topical comic books, we strive to stimulate creativity and tolerance in young people, giving them the tools to become a positive influence on their peers through overcoming social challenges. This is the kind of learning that can spark a child's world and awaken an interest in the research process, the gathering of information to solve a real world problem, allowing a child feel that they are part of the solution."

Nancy has established her own foundation Rise Above Social Issues Foundation, Inc., as a non-profit that addresses challenging social issues, such as childhood obesity and other chronic medical conditions, as well as bullying, discrimination and environmental concerns through comic books.

At Archie Comics, she has a creative and talented team of free-lance writers and artist that keep the Archie story lines not only entertaining , but also demonstrating corporate responsibility to addressing relevant global issues.

As an example, Archie Comics has developed a story: "Drastic With Plastic" which focuses on "Refusing, Reducing and Recycling plastic". The story was sparked from her visit to Rwanda, a developing African country that has successfully taken a stand on banning plastic bags nationwide. It was so exciting to see how this kind of environmental awareness could be transformative and spread to other places around the world.

It is important that classroom instruction today be relevant and dynamic. "Drastic With Plastic" is a story with a platform filled with many teachable moments -- it celebrates diverse world cultures, and highlight stories that connect us all as global citizens.

"Drastic With Plastic" is a comic book in digest form, available for \$3.99 -- Archie & Friends Double Digest/ Digest #31. It's an excellent resource for teachers. For more information or to order contact Nancy at nancys@archiecomics.com She has agreed to sign each book ordered personally.



Nancy Silbergleit, Co-CEO of Archie Comics, Inc., receiving a speakers pen from Stephen Bartell, President of the Rotary Club of Larchmont. Our very active speakers' program is managed by members Yolanda Robinson and Laura Eckley.



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At the August 16, 2013 meeting of the Larchmont Rotary Club, President Stephen Bartell (second from right) presented Major Gifts Officer for Zone 32 of the Rotary Foundation Jenna Archuleta with a Club flag. Also present were DGE David Del Monte (left) and Zone 32 Endowment and Major Gift Advisor Mac Leask (right).



George Homer received a Certificate Of Appreciation from Rotary Club of Larchmont President Stephen Bartell for his many years of outstanding service and consistent support to the Club at the August 16, 2013 meeting.



The Celebrate Somers Event on September 28, 2013



Top photo: Robert Herber, Rotary Club of Somers member, mans the Club's booth seen below.

It was a great event. Food, music, entertainment, and loads of people. The Northeast Westchester Rotary had a good location, right in the center of action, and quite a few people stopped by to see our display and talk to us, and certainly virtually everyone saw the Rotary signs and the banner.

A member had the great idea of providing water and life savers. It gave the opportunity to talk about our water project and saving lives. We gave out almost all the "On My Mind" extra volumes from our Literacy Project that accumulated over the years, and we had many discussions about that project.



Remembering PDG Alan David Nemlich

September 3, 1929 – September 4, 2013

The last thing he did was catch a fish, off his beloved boat, on Flying Pond in Vienna, ME, his wife of 63 years there to snap his picture – Alan D. Nemlich was full of life to the end.

Born in Lawrence, NY, Alan was raised on a farm in Croton. He graduated from Adelphi University in 1951 and served in the Air Force until 1955. After his discharge he worked for his father in the furniture business, then opened his own store in Elmsford NY in 1959. Regan of Westchester advertised itself as "Westchester's only office furniture department store," and became the largest office furniture store serving not only Westchester but New York City and Rockland County as well. He served as chairman of the Better Business Bureau for those same three counties for an unprecedented two terms.

He became a charter member of the Elmsford Rotary Club in 1959, serving as president twice and as District Governor for Westchester, Bronx, Staten Island, and Bermuda in 1981-82. Rotary was Alan's religion, the place he found community and direction for his life. He had perfect attendance for over 50 years, and always lived by the Four-Way Test. Declaring "it's payback time," he devoted himself to community service projects through Rotary, the largest being a project to ship used hospital equipment to developing countries all over the world.

Having sold the business and retired in 1991, he and Magda left their long-time home in Scarsdale NY in 2010. Thereafter they lived half the year in Allentown PA and half in Farmington ME. In Farmington he found friends and a new Rotary club to devote himself to.

Alan was treasured by all who knew him for his irrepressible personality and sense of humor. He loved boating, fishing, reading, home construction projects, westerns, football, and most of all his family.

In 1948 he met the love of his life, Magda Eichenwald, at a party and proposed two weeks later. They were married in January of 1950. They shared 63 loving years together, and were never apart.

He was predeceased by his parents, Bernard and Jeanetty, and by an older brother, Ian. He is survived by his wife, Magda, brother Lee, and three children: daughter Karen Komlos and husband Dennis of Orefield PA, son Aryeh Ben-David and wife Sandra of Efrat Israel, daughter Victoria Cohen and husband Jonathan of Farmington ME; by grandchildren Jedd, Shachar, Ma'ayan, Amichai, Samuel, Yaniv, Rosa, Nell, Ra'aya, Eli, Lilach, and Miriam; and five great-grandchildren. Condolences and tributes may be shared on Alan's memorial wall at www.wilesrc.com. Donations may be made to the Alan D. Nemlich Fund of the Farmington Rotary Club, PO Box 864, Farmington, ME 04938.



Rotary Networking Meeting – Don't Miss It!

A Rotary Networking Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2013 at 8 a.m.

Our mission is "Promoting networking in Rotary, and promoting Rotary in the business community."

Begun in the Rotary Club of White Plains, we invite Rotarians from every Club and non-Rotarians who a Rotarian thinks may be a good candidate for a Rotary Club. We begin and end promptly so people can get to work; cost is only \$5 and includes breakfast – great deal!

Meetings will be tentatively scheduled for the second Friday of each month, but please contact Bill Fishman at: lwf@fishmanlaw.net to confirm the time and place and for more information.



October is Just Ducky at Cortlandt Manor Rotary

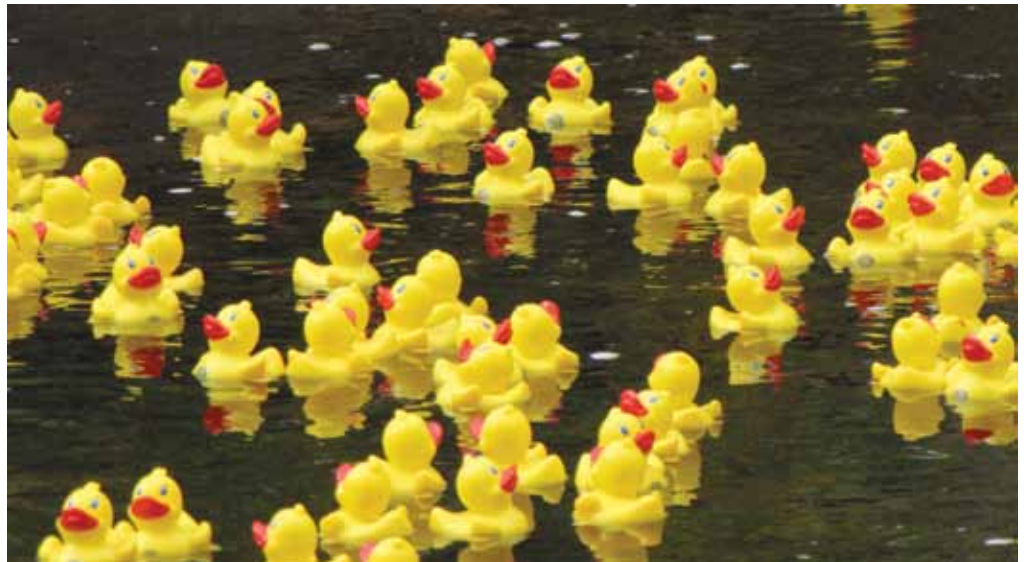
Come Join the fun with Cortlandt Rotary on Sunday, October 6th, 12 noon to 4pm on the shores of 130 Sprout Brook Park in Cortlandt Manor. There will be duck races, children's games, a live band, food & more!

Win \$1000, \$500, \$250 or a FREE 6-Quack for 2014 Race!

Buy your tickets ... a flock of 13 for only \$100, a 6-Quack for \$45, a 3-fer for \$25 or 1 for \$10!

Children can make a "Design-A-Duck" of their own to race in a special race with special prizes for the little ones for only \$5 each.

Autumn is beautiful in the park so come and join us! For more information please call - 914-293-0710



Eradicating Polio in Nigeria

The image is familiar to Polio Eradicators. A mother, was alternately defiant and tearful. His father had left early that morning with strict instructions not to let the polio vaccinators inside. So when the vaccination team came to her house on a dusty street in a town in Kaduna state in northern Nigeria, she turned them away, and she wouldn't budge when they tried to push their way through the curtain that serves as a front door. When the team left, they marked the mud wall "RX" with chalk—the message "noncompliant."

Since it started in 1988, GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative, run by a partnership of WHO, Rotary International, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and most recently, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has driven polio cases globally down more than 99%. That last 1% has proved remarkably tough, but over the past 2 years, as global cases fell to an all-time low of 233 in 2012, the end has finally seemed in sight.



Nigeria stands in the way. Last year, it had more cases than any other country, and it was the only one of the last polio strongholds where cases went up. Nigeria, along with Pakistan and Afghanistan, is one of just three so-called endemic countries that have never stopped transmission of the virus, even for a year. It is the only country in the world where all three types of the poliovirus are still circulating. It has had one of the largest and longest-running outbreaks of vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2. And of the three holdout countries, it tends to be the one that keeps GPEI officials up at night.

Nigeria has spawned more outbreaks in previously polio-free countries

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than the other two combined, earning its reputation as the country that reinfects the world each time the wild virus is almost gone. The latest such outbreak began earlier this year in Somalia and Kenya.



It's not that the virus circulating in Nigeria is any more dangerous. The problem lies in the lousy rates of routine immunization across a large swath of Africa, which leave huge numbers of kids vulnerable whenever the virus jumps the border from another country. By contrast, Pakistan's neighbors India and China have erected a high "wall of immunity" through strong and continuing vaccination campaigns.

As in the other infected countries, polio in Nigeria is a disease of the poor and disenfranchised. By 2005, polio had been dispatched from the relatively wealthier southern half of the country, which is mostly Christian. It has entrenched itself in the Muslim north, which has some of the worst health and development indicators in the world. More than half of the population lives in grinding poverty. Routine immunization rates in some parts of

the north are as low as 13%. Many people there have no access to toilets and clean water, maternal and child mortality rates are off the charts, and diarrhea remains one of the country's biggest childhood killers.

So when vaccination teams come around with nothing to offer but drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV), many people are suspicious and fall prey to rumors that the vaccine is contaminated with the AIDS virus or infertility drugs. I personally witnessed these rumors and misinformation when I was immunizing in Kaduna and Kano 2010.

The challenges now are as great as ever. This year, the antipolio vaccination movement has resurged, with opponents circulating CDs and texting people in advance of campaigns, warning of the supposed dangers of the vaccine. The country's violence and terrorism took on a chilling new dimension with the murder of 10 polio workers in Kano in February. Rotarians are remaining diligent with their partners.

The Gates Foundation has brought in the Seattle group Global Good to develop a model to assess population immunity, or what proportion of the population is adequately vaccinated against polio. With foundation support, Nigeria introduced geographic information systems and global positioning systems, and satellite mapping found thousands of settlements no one knew existed. It turned out that polio cases were increasingly concentrated along the borders between states and districts, where everyone thought it was someone else's responsibility, and along nomadic routes. Soon, digital maps replaced vaccinators' hand-drawn plans.

The Gates Foundation has also bankrolled the new Emergency Operations Center in Abuja, which now has offshoots in several high-risk states. For the first time now, the partner agencies work in the same building, where data feed in from the districts and states.

The Horn Outbreak

On 9 May, the inevitable happened. A case of wild polio was confirmed in a 32-month-old girl near Mogadishu—the first there since 2007. Genetic analysis showed the virus came from Nigeria. A week later, another case was reported in Kenya in the Dadaab refugee camp near the Somalia border, the first wild case in that country in almost 2 years. Just when cases globally were at a record low, Nigeria had once again reinfecting the Horn of Africa. By the end of September, cases in the Horn had soared to 191, more than double the number in Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan combined. The outbreak, spreading fast because the conflict has left so many kids unvaccinated, is a devastating blow and a tough test of GPEI's recently announced plan to stamp out any new outbreak within 120 days.

Nigeria itself seems back on track. The program took a hit in March after the killings in Kano, when vaccination coverage stagnated or declined in some places. The influential Polio Eradication Independent Monitoring Board, which has often been scathing in its reviews, in May 2013 gave the country high marks, noting that "The pace of improvement in Nigeria's Polio Program over the last six months has been greater than at any other point in its history." Cases are down 45% from this time last year.

Rotarians are in this fight to the end. END POLIO NOW. <https://www.rotary.org/en/take-action/end-polio>



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