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A Message From District Governor Matts Ingemanson



These happy Rotarians are from left ADG Jewel Moolenaar-Marsh, ADG Kate Farnese, Community Service Chair Sharon Irving, DG Spouse Sundra Lee-Ingemanson, DG Matts Ingemanson and DRFCC & PDG Janet DiBenedetto.

October was an exciting month, which is reflected in the biggest Engageletter so far in our Rotary District 7230. When you read it you will feel the increased energy in our Rotary District. Many Rotary Clubs have written about projects that they are passionate about. You will also read about great future events, including a unique trip to Cuba. Please keep sending in your stories!

A Rotary Radio Commercial is being broadcast in the New York area during November on CBS Radio 880 AM New York about the great success of our Rotary Outreach Food Project. The picture here was taken at a break during this Outreach Food Project on October 19, when 450 volunteers packaged and distributed food for 48,000 hungry people in one day.

We have had a very successful multi district membership seminar on October 12 with Past Rotary International President Rick King, Rotary International Past Director Ken Boyd and Rotary International Past Director Bob Coultas. We are starting to see positive results from our membership enrollment efforts. Since July 1, the Rotary Club of Bronx has increased its membership with 14%, the Rotary Club of Scarsdale with 23%, The Rotary Club of Mount Vernon with 33%, the newly merged Rotary Club of Yonkers & East Yonkers has increased its membership with 28%. Congratulations to these impressive results, it shows great promise for the future of our Rotary District 7230!

It is now the time of the year for our Rotary District to invite qualified Rotarians to apply for the position of District Governor for Rotary year 2016-2017. You can see on page two a copy of my letter to our Rotary Club Presidents and Secretaries, asking them to encourage qualified Rotarians to seek the nomination of District Governor as their service to Rotary.

Our new Rotary District 7230 Directory has been published in the PDF format, with 84 pages of useful information. It can be downloaded from our Rotary District 7230 website. You will need your username and your password. Please let us know if you find any error in the district directory before it goes to print in a couple of weeks.



Rotary International District 7230

New York & Bermuda

Matts O. Ingemanson, District Governor



Date: November 8, 2013

Dear Rotary Club Presidents and Secretaries,

Rotary is one of the great organizations in the world and in world history. Our leadership are volunteers at all levels, who have made a difference in the world both at the international level with the formation of the United Nations and the eradication of Polio and at the local level by distributing 48,000 meals in one day to hungry people and with many additional local projects in our Rotary District.

It is important to have good Rotary District Leadership in order to continue to make a difference in our society and in the world. If you have a qualified Rotarian in your club, I ask you to encourage this Rotarian to apply for the position of District Governor during the Rotary Year 2016-2017.

Obviously, not all applicants will be nominated as District Governor, but by applying, all applicants will contribute to the development of the future leadership of our Rotary District. It will give the nominating committee a wider choice of candidates for this year and for future years. Many successful District Governors have in the past applied more than once before they were finally nominated.

Our Rotary District needs you to encourage qualified Rotarians to apply.

Yours in Rotary Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matts Ingemanson".

Matts Ingemanson
District Governor



The Best and the Wurst of Yorktown Rotary



On a warm, beautiful, sunny September 28, 2013, The Rotary Club of Yorktown held its 3rd Annual The Best and the Wurst Craft Beer Festival at Firemen's Field in Yorktown Heights. There was a fabulous turnout to sample the beers offered by the seven Hudson Valley micro-breweries represented. To accompany the drink there was delicious Wisconsin style bratwurst and hot dogs available.

There were luscious ribs and wings, too. People came, sipped, ate and enjoyed the camaraderie throughout the afternoon. Many took advantage of the warm day to sit on the grass to do this.

The profit the club made from this fund raiser will not only cover the cost of our annual scholarship awards, but will help cover some of our other projects. Many thanks to Club President, David Bowers who spearheaded this event and the club members volunteers.

If you were unable to attend the festival this year, please look for us next September.



Northeast Westchester Rotary Club Supplies Food to the Community Center of Northern Westchester

As part of the Outreach Food Project sponsored by nationwide nonprofit Outreach, Inc., 40 metropolitan area Rotary Clubs raised \$25,000 to purchase food for those who cannot afford it. On October 19th, several hundred Rotary volunteers assembled for a full day at the Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains to package the meals. Each package will feed a family of six, and is available in macaroni and cheese or rice and beans.

The Northeast Westchester Rotary Club, which meets in Somers, contributed \$1,000, and their allotment was then delivered to the Community Center of Northern Westchester in Katonah.

Rotary is a volunteer organization dedicated to reach out to fill the needs of others in our local, national, and global communities. Rotary is active in 200 countries worldwide with over 1.2 million Rotarians. To learn more, visit the Northeast Westchester Rotary Club at www.NEWRotaryClub.org.



Pictured (l. to r.): Lucinda Hicks-Beach Quinn, club president; Art Saltzman, club secretary; Sherry Wolf, Community Center Director



Staten Island Clubs Tally Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts One Year Later

Immediately after the Storm hit – Rotarians were in action: Cooking food, gathering and distributing supplies and food, cleaning out homes, collecting donations. Rotarians had formed work groups and were out volunteering wherever they could.

With so many of the Rotary members of the Staten Island clubs getting involved we thought it best if we had a more focused effort amongst us.

Like we have done for other events/causes, the 5 clubs on Staten Island came together and the 5 club Hurricane Sandy Committee as well as the 5 Club Sandy Relief Fund were both born.

The committee initially met weekly for 8 months following the storm and has met every other week since then. The purpose of this committee was to facilitate information amongst the clubs as well as make decisions on how to use the funds raised.

The committee is comprised of a member from each of the 5 Clubs.

- John Tapinis from the Staten Island Club
- Mitch Lowell from South Shore Rotary
- Joe Bottega from Gateway Rotary
- Chris Williams from North Shore Rotary
- George Dougherty from Mid Island Rotary
- Bernard Del Rey from Mid Island Rotary is our Treasurer
- Charlie Di Bartolo of the North Shore Club handles our website work.

To date \$436,000 has been donated to the 5 Club Sandy Relief Fund. We further applied for and received \$80,000 in RI Matching Funds, with the plan on applying for additional Matching Grant(s).

These monies are in addition to what each of the 5 Clubs did on a separate basis. As each club also ran their own fundraising events and used their respective foundation savings for further funds for Hurricane Sandy related causes.

One such example of this is the challenge John DeAmicis put out to his club. What started out with some good laughter one morning at the Mid Island's Club meeting turned out to be \$14,000 in monies raised for building supplies and one very pricey haircut. In exchange for cutting his "not so golden locks," John challenged his club, family and professional associations that if they donated the money he would shave his head. And at a June Mid Island Rotary Club sponsored Comedy Night, the Haircut took place.

In all, over \$516,000 in donations and matching funds has so far passed through the 5 Club Sandy Efforts

SO - WHERE DID THESE MONIES COME FROM?

We received funds from at least 190 Rotary Clubs – there were certainly more than that, but many clubs pooled their monies through their district and sent a District check to us, and in those cases the individual clubs were not able to be counted

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One of many homes Rotarians volunteered to gut for the homeowners.



Rotarian Mary Lee Montalvo from a Staten Island Club working on a home clean-out.



Rotarian Bernard Del Rey more than knee deep at work.



Staten Island Clubs

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Monies came in from Clubs from 38 States. In addition, funds were received from at least 5 International countries. Hundreds of people donated on an individual basis, with offerings from \$10 to \$5000. Individual Clubs sent payments in excess of

\$5000 while some Districts sent donations in excess of \$10,000.

We had Interact clubs send money. One such story is the Skaneateles Interact Club. This Interact Club created a wonderful T-Shirt Design. They then printed these shirts and sold them at a concert they were holding. The Interact club then sent the proceeds to our Relief efforts. With the permission of the Interact Club, we later used this T-Shirt design as part of District Conference Community Clean Up Day.

SO WHAT DID WE DO WITH THIS MONEY?

We started by giving out \$100,000 - \$20,000 to each of the 5 clubs to distribute to those individuals/groups that they saw were in need.

Next we Distributed \$35,000 to families that the committee "vetted" – we did this by giving out one hundred forty \$250 grants to individual homeowners affected.

\$2500 to Freedom from Fear – this is an organization that while simultaneously counseling victims of the storm, it was replacing items that were lost and damaged from its own storm related flooding.

\$5,000 to the YMCA – to assist in providing financial aid for memberships and programs for those financially affected by the storm.

\$5,000 to Eden II to help repair flooding damage to their new building.

\$30,000 went to a Program where Sheetrock and Lumber was purchased and distributed.

\$13,000 – for our Community Clean Up day – that became part of our District Conference – although the weather failed to cooperate, that didn't stop us from planting over 1000 plants, shrubs and flowers in much needed areas. We had over 200 volunteers participating and this was followed by a wonderful party for volunteers and the community in the Midland beach Area.

\$45,000 went to a RI Matching Grant that has purchased appliances for individuals.

\$25,000 went to restore the Olympia Activity Center – a vital part of the Midland Beach Community.

\$15,000 to Yellow Boots – a disaster recovery organization - assisting in getting people back into their homes.

\$100,000 to SI Mental health to continue counseling programs for children surrounding the Post Traumatic Stress that natural disasters like this creates.

\$15,000 to the VFW Hall on Mill Rd – to be used to repair their roof.

\$10,000 to Habitat for Humanity – to offset some of the expenses associated with the 10 houses they began rebuilding this past week.

\$18,000 to pay for the delivery of 6 consecutive months of Tractor Trailer Shipments of building materials being delivered to Staten Island.

And several other Grants are still taking place, as the need for assistance is still substantial throughout the storm ravaged areas..

SO WHAT CAN WE TAKE AWAY FROM ALL THIS?

It was really eye opening to witness the enormous network of clubs that came together to help. As Rotarians, we are all a part of an organization that puts "Service Above Self."

We were 5 clubs that came together, yet we received assistance from hundreds of other clubs. Most of this assistance was unsolicited. And we did this with little to no fanfare.

SO WHY WERE THESE FUNDS SENT TO US?

It was because other clubs, other districts, other individuals – all trusted that as Rotarians – we would do "The Right Thing."

And I think we certainly have!



Rotary Clubs in Bermuda to Celebrate 90 Years of Service



*The Rotary Clubs of Bermuda
"Service Above Self"*

Invite you to come and celebrate

90 years of Service in Bermuda

March 12th to March 15th, 2014

Schedule of Events



Wednesday March 12, 2014

Welcome Reception

at 6:00 p.m.

Venue to be announced

Friday March 14, 2014

Unveiling of the Rotary Four Face Clock

at

City Hall, Hamilton

at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday March 15th, 2013

90th Anniversary Banquet

Celebration

at

Hamilton Princess Hotel

Harbourview Ballroom

at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday March 13, 2014

Corporate Presentation

at XL Insurance Bermuda

"O'Hara House"

Hamilton

at 5:30 p.m.

Government House Reception

(pending confirmation)

at 6:00 p.m.

For Further information please email HR1924@live.com

Come one come all to Bermuda to help us celebrate this memorable occasion.



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.





Rotary Community Corps of Keon Gets in the Action with Gift of Life



On Tuesday, October 15 the Rotary Community Corps of Keon had a wonderful surprise when White Plains Rotarian and Gift of Life Chairlady Georgene Mongarella and Eastchester Rotarian Richard Sullivan showed up with candy treats for all in attendance!

This past summer the Rotary Community Corps of Keon had sold raffle tickets for Yankee Tickets and a host of other donated prizes making a total of \$2,000. One of the members, Janet had asked if this time the money could be given for a child or children in the hospital since she had been in the hospital many times when she was young. The membership decided that Janet had a wonderful idea and voted to give the proceeds from the raffle to Gift of Life.

Georgene came and explained the Gift of Life Program with photos and stories of previous Gift of Life Children. Georgene announced that hopefully with a partner Rotary Club the RCC of Keon could be the proud sponsors of a child in 2014 if all goes well. This will be a special event to be able to participate in for each of the RCC Members.

Editors Note: Janet herself had a hole in her heart at birth resulting in her having surgery to correct a similar problem to many Gift of Life recipients.



Georgene accepted a check from Janet at the RCC Keon meeting.



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2014**

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Scarsdale Rotary Club Experiences Rebirth



In 2009 the Scarsdale Rotary Club was at a crossroads. Membership was at a historically low level and almost all the members had already served in various leadership positions in the Club for numerous years. The number of new members was so few that the Club's continued existence was in doubt.

There were a few core members that had been there for years who refused to accept the Club's demise. Members like Rick Reuter and Jane Buck served multiple terms as President rather than let the Club suffer extinction. Others such as Doug Metz, Fran and John Galloway and Ira and Lynne Wilson remained active and did what they could to persevere.

In 2009, under new leadership, the Club collectively made some changes that, in retrospect, were critical for its continued existence and at least partially responsible for the burgeoning membership it enjoys today. The first, seemingly superficial, was to change the venue and time for the meetings. The venue had already been changed several times over recent years but the service and quality of food was spotty and very often members found themselves waiting long periods of time for meals and meetings extended beyond the allotted time.

In Moscatos Restaurant on Scarsdale Ave., the Club found an attractive ambience in a convenient location central to most of the members. Moreover, the management of the restaurant was receptive to the idea of hosting Rotary Meetings at the location and offered high quality complete meals at reasonable, fixed prices. They also offered an exclusive area within the restaurant where the Club could meet and conduct business and guaranteed that the food would be served promptly and efficiently so attendees could get back to their workplaces at a reasonable time.

Some of the Rotary traditions that had gone to the wayside in recent years were reinstituted. Clear meeting agendas, even if sparse at first, became the norm. Weekly guest speakers were reintroduced, a much more structured environment ensued and members began to attend more regularly.

But perhaps the single most important factor in revitalizing the Club and attracting more members was the commitment to do at least one major fundraiser in the 2009 Rotary year and to thereafter rapidly disburse any funds raised at the event to some worthy cause. For at least the prior ten years, the Scarsdale Rotary Club had not done any kind of coordinated, large scale fundraising and any funds that were disbursed for charitable causes came from treasury funds that were collected from dues.

Doug Metz, a longtime Scarsdale Rotary member, came up with the idea for a wine tasting event and given the opportunity to participate, virtually all the members jumped in with both feet. In short, the event was a great success and Club members were clearly excited and motivated to seek further success. In addition, the excitement and energy at the event generated many questions from the attendees about Rotary, who we were, where we meet and what we do. Soon more people began to attend our lunches and some of those elected to join.

The success of the event also enhanced the camaraderie among the members and gave us a sense of purpose and accomplishment, which motivated us to look for more worthy events in which we could

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Scarsdale Rotary

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participate, which in turn led to more recognition in the community and further interest in the Club.

As the Club revitalized, the current and past leadership began to realize that other competent Club members should be actively and aggressively recruited to

serve in leadership positions in the Club. As a result, we have had many newer members, who are prominent in the business community, step up and volunteer to assume the leadership roles. Each has brought a new sense of vibrancy to our Rotary Club and a new set of connections to their own business networks where new members can be found.

The revival of the Scarsdale Rotary Club was really accomplished through the return to the spirit of volunteerism and service that marks any successful Club. Once our members re-connected with the notion and saw proof that we could positively affect the quality of lives in our own community, as well as the international community, enthusiasm blossomed and new members came through the door.



Larchmont Rotary Introduces Fall Speaker Series

The Rotary Club of Larchmont continues its Speakers Program this Fall with lunchtime talks from varied community- and county-wide leaders and experts:

- On October 4, the field of film and television will be the topic of a talk by Matt Sullivan, Larchmont Mamaroneck Community Television (LMC-TV), Associate Director.
- On October 11, volunteering will be the focus of Brenda Wilkin, Community Outreach Coordinator for The Volunteer Center, the leading volunteer engagement agency in Westchester and the Mid-Hudson Valley.
- On October 18, Captain John Caparelli of the Larchmont Fire Department will address fire prevention and safety.
- On November 1, the programs of the Westchester Miracle League, which enables disabled young people to play baseball, will be the subject of a talk by Executive Director Steve Madey.
- On November 8, Judy Myers, Westchester County Legislator representing Larchmont and Mamaroneck, will offer her take on the recent election and its potential impacts.
- On November 15, Janet Buchbinder, President of Larchmont Mamaroneck RADAR (Responsible Action: A Drug and Alcohol Resource) will speak about drug and alcohol

The Club's meetings are open to the public and take place at the Larchmont Yacht Club on Fridays from 12:15 to 1:30pm. Please RSVP to club President Stephen Bartell at president@rotarylarchmont.com or 914-833-8683. The cost for lunch is \$20.

"The Speakers Program is only one of our several initiatives designed to provide our members and area residents with information that enhances their understanding of the community and the remarkable individuals who contribute to it," says President Bartell.

The Rotary Club of Larchmont was founded in 1929 and has since continuously performed public service projects and provided humanitarian aid locally, regionally and globally. Rotary Club of Larchmont luncheon meetings occur every Friday at the Larchmont Yacht at 12:15pm. The Club is open to new members: interested individuals may simply come to a Friday meeting or call Stephen Bartell at 914-833-8683 or get information about the Club at or www.rotarylarchmont.org.





Rotary International Convention in Sydney

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA ~ JUNE 1—4, 2014

Sign up now for this year's Rotary International Convention.

Sydney is one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in the world! Its robust natural surroundings and gleaming harbor make it a bucket-list destination. With the dramatic silhouette of the Sydney Opera House, the arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, a plethora of shopping outlets, delicious waterfront dining, and buzzing nightlife, the city will leave you awe-struck.

While you're in Australia, make plans to visit other memorable destinations such as the Great Barrier Reef, Great Ocean Road, Gold Coast, Adelaide, Perth...and more! Visit <http://www.australia.com> for wonderful tourism information.

The Rotary International Convention will be held at a place familiar to many of us as the sight of the 2000 Summer Olympics. The facilities provide ample space for an extra-large house of friendship, with full handicap accessibility, and a vast array of other amenities.

Free public transportation, starting three days before and ending one day after the Convention, makes it easy to enjoy every corner of magnificent Sydney, nearby legendary beaches, Hunter Valley wine country, and majestic Blue Mountains.

Be sure to register for the Zones 24 and 32 Beyond Borders Event. You'll enjoy cocktails and a generous array of Hors d'oeuvres (you might even skip dinner afterwards!). The Beyond Borders Event will be Sunday, June 1 from 7 to 9 PM at L'Aqua, overlooking Darling Harbor. On the terrace, you'll enjoy seeing "Vivid Sydney" a light show that will continue throughout the convention. Here's a sampling of Vivid Sydney: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldQjtfqPNQo>

Look for the Beyond Borders Event registration information by following this link: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?zid=22>

KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Nov. 3, 2013: Group Housing forms due

Dec. 16, 2013: Increase in registration price

USE THESE USEFUL LINKS TO KEEP UP WITH CONVENTION UPDATES:

Host Committee: <http://www.rotary14.com.au>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ricon14>

Registration Info: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_registrationform_en.pdf

Zone Website Info: <http://www.zones28-29.org/sydney-ri-convention-information/>



REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Rotary International looks forward to welcoming you to the RI Convention 2014 in Sydney, Australia's beautiful Harbour City

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JUNE 1—4, 2014

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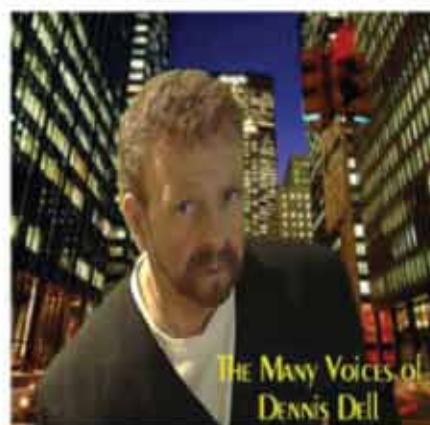
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Rotary Networking Meeting – Don't Miss It!

A Rotary Networking Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 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: lvf@fishmanlaw.net to confirm the time and place and for more information.



Million Trees Care Captain of the Month



Kyla Williamson (second from left) and the Rotary Club of Inwood built tree guards on Vermilyea Avenue during their "Greening and Cleaning" events this September. Kyla has successfully reached out to her community to gather together many neighbors for tree care projects, including Glenn Gigerich, a master carpenter, two citizen pruners and several high school students from IS 52. Thank you for being a tree hero, Kyla!



Whirlwind of Participation at Rotary Club of the Bronx

The Rotary Club of the Bronx has been very busy with projects and events in the past 2 months.

Our sixteenth Gift of Life Child, Jaedan Ramkaran, from Trinidad, arrived in NY for his heart surgery at Montefiore Children's Hospital in mid-August. He had a very successful surgery, but his hospital stay was a long one because he had a post-surgical fever that had to be cleared up before he could be released. He and his mom Jackie flew back to Trinidad at the beginning of October. He was so adorable, we were all a little sad to see him go.

On October 15, the Club had a special sunset meeting with a celebration of Italy. The buffet dinner was attended by about 70 people and marked the installation of 4 new member to the Club. They were Teah Wulah sponsored by Toba LaCrown, Pat Fichera sponsored by Bea Castiglia-Catullo, Carlos DelaConcha sponsored by Frank Arcuri and Lilyanna Pekic sponsored by Sal Mastrocola. Another highlight of the evening was the installation of Bea Castiglia-Catullo as Honorary President of the Club.

Then, on October 19, several members of the Club joined other District 7230 Rotarians in White Plains to participate in the packaging of meals from the Outreach Food Program. The Club raised over \$1,000 which translated into 18 boxes each containing 36 bags of meals that serve 6 people each. The Club selected 4 food pantries in the Bronx to which the food was donated. All the members that attended the event said that the energy was high and the camaraderie couldn't be beat. Members hope that the Outreach project will be repeated again next year so that even more can "experience the love" as member Miguel Santiago put it.

Pictured below, l.: Some of the Bronx Rotarians and friends that showed up to help package meals paid for by the Club. Mainland District 7230 Rotarians packed the hall to package meals (photo below, r.).



President Ralph Scottino presented Bea Castiglia-Catullo with roses after installing her as Honorary President.



Gift of Life child Jaedan Ramkaran is pictured above with his mother Jackie. Jaedan is the Club's 16th Gift of Life child.



The newest Bronx Rotarians received their pins from their sponsors. Pictured top to bottom are new members: Teah Wulah, Pat Fichera, Carlos Dela Concha and Lilyanna Pekic.





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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Education and Rehabilitation Center for Syrian refugee children in Turkey

OCTOBER 2013

Since April 2011, thousands of Syrian families have been fleeing their homes and communities – going to the closest country across the borders. The war and violence in Syria have driven these families to locations of greater safety. As of October 2013, there are some 600,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey. Some families are sheltered in refugee camps; others have found their own lodging outside the camps, while others are staying with family and friends in various local communities. It is estimated that over 75% of these individuals are women and children.

Refugee women have additional trauma for they have experienced the effects of the violence which are compounded with responsibilities for the safety and care of their children – with very few resources. In addition, all too often the men in their lives have been killed or seriously injured from the war and violence. Women, then, experience a lack of money, no stable home, husbands who are gone or not able to fulfill traditional roles in the family, and frequently few ways to make a living. In addition, refugee women are vulnerable to violence in the camps themselves as well as being confronted with illegal or marginally legal schemes that, on the surface, would seem to relieve them of the stress and worry they encounter. In fact, however, these schemes do not usually solve the problems the women face – or the schemes can even exacerbate their problems. And then there are the pressures to marry again immediately or give their young women to marriages of convenience, either of which can complicate their lives and frequently cause even greater sorrow and grief.

Rotary is now aiming to help Syrian refugees children by developing an Education and Rehabilitation Center (ERC) in collaboration with Turkish Authorities.

The aim of this project is to develop an Education and Rehabilitation Center for Syrian refugee children in Turkey through intensive academic learning. Children to be served could be living either inside or outside the camps, depending on need. Such focused academic skill building will help make up for any learning skills they may have missed if they have not had an opportunity to go to school in their home communities before they fled the violence. Turkey has already provided schools for many Syrian refugee children. The Syrian children may not have attended school for 18 months to 2 years so may not be up to grade level. Focused teaching can help fill that gap. The Learning Center will work with the Turkish Department of Education to ensure the Center is giving maximum assistance to students transitioning into the Turkish education system.

Children between the ages of 3 and 15 will be served. Throughout the work there will be a special emphasis placed on involving parents in the education and learning of their children. Children whose parents are involved in their growth and development are better able to learn and become productive adults.

ERC will also place an emphasis on parents being part of their children's education and general development. There will be special opportunities for mothers in particular to acquire new skills, refresh some of those they already know and be involved in interests that might lead to job training possibilities.

The preschool program will be organized in the form of a co-op where mothers work with the children under the supervision of a trained teacher. The volunteer receives training for this work which assists them as aides in the classroom as well as giving them ideas for working with their children at home. The preschool children will work on pre-academic learning through play.

The Center will also actively involve the mothers of the children served in mother's committees. Programming will include discussions and activities focused on the well-being, care and learning about their children, knowing that children are best served if parents are part of their growth and development.

This Project is initiated by RC of New York, RC of London and RC of Ankara Bahcelievler and now supported by other Rotary Clubs all over the World hoping that many others will join to contribute to the Project.





A Tribute to PDG Alan David Nemlich

September 3, 1929 - September 4, 2013

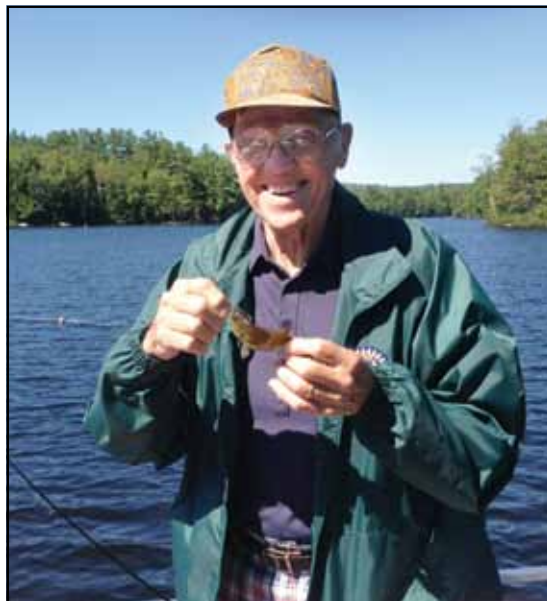
Born in Lawrence, NY, Alan was born on a farm in Croton. He and his wife, Magda Eichenwald, graduated from Adelphi University in 1951 after which he served in the Air Force 1951-1955. After his discharge he worked for his father in the furniture business, then opened his own store in Elmsford, NY in 1959. Regan of Westchester became the largest office furniture store serving not only Westchester but New York City and Rockland as well. He served as Chairman of the Better Business Bureau for those same three counties for an unprecedented three consecutive terms. In 1959 he became a Charter Member of the Elmsford Rotary Club. Alan served the Elmsford Club as Club Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Vice President and became President in 1968-69. He has been a Rotary Information and Indoctrination Chairman for over 25 years and been a prime fund raiser for many years. He served as Club President a second time in 1995-96.

Alan became District Governor in 1981-82 as well as a District World Community Service Chairman many times over a 50 year span. Alan was Chairman of the Jewish Relations Committee of Washington Irving Council Boy Scouts for 4 years and received the Ner Tamid Award.

He was appointed by Rotary International President Charles Keller to be Rotary's United Nations delegate and report to him personally in 1988-89 and served in the same position again in 1989-90 reporting to Rotary President Royce Abbey.

He was awarded District 7230 "Rotarian of the Year" 1985-86 and Rotary's 3rd highest honor "Service Above Self" by President William Huntley 1995. He had perfect attendance over 50 years and always lived by the Four-Way Test. Rotary was indeed Alan's religion, the place he found community and direction for his life. Declaring "it's payback time" he devoted himself to community service projects through Rotary, the largest being a project to ship used hospital beds and equipment to developing countries all over the world. In 2002 Alan was awarded Rotary International's second highest service honor by receiving a "Meritorious Service" Citation.

In 2010 Alan and Magda sold their home in Scarsdale where they had settled back in 1957 to purchase homes in Allentown, PA and Farmington, Maine where their two daughters Karen and Victoria lived with their families. They purchased their boat, "The Timid Traveler" where Alan and Magda sailed on Flying Pond in Vienna Maine. Magda, his wife of 63 years was there to snap the picture only a couple of hours before his death. Only Alan could have a smile bigger than the fish he had caught.



Here he is a man full of life, love, knowledge, generosity, and appreciation for life. Three members of the club had the honor of attending Alan's Celebration of Life Memorial in Farmington, Maine two weekends ago. There we listened to many stories of Alan's advice that his children and grandchildren held dear. Yes we knew how Alan had excelled in his life as a Rotarian but his accomplishments, respect and love of his family were superior. His idea of family fun was getting together to give to Rotary. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when his granddaughter sang "I'll be seeing you in all the old familiar places" dedicating it to Grampi. His grandson who recently served in Israeli Service shared some of the things that Alan told him that helped him in the management and leadership of his men. One of Alan's sayings, if you went to bed at night and thought about your actions of the day and realized that you had not given 100% of yourself, then it wasn't good enough. Yes, Alan not only lived the Rotary Four Way Test but here he was the one who always gave 110% to everything that he did.. Rest in Peace Alan until we meet again.

Following is the email that Alan wrote to so many on August 24th:

Hi all, Life is better than good, life is grand !! These past 2 weeks have been wonderful, had visiting guests who lit up our lives, talked, played bridge/fished but caught nothing/boated and cruised and swam in the lake, gardened at rear of the house and started a new garden at wetlands that abuts our house, reclaiming our land from the wild wet lands, Continued on page 4



Alan Nemlich

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and the Yankees are on a roll, (except for last night when they got clobbered!!).

Rotary had great, strong vibrant speakers, (fund raiser Sunday evening of pasta dinner at THE local restaurant coming up). And we

had great warm weather, no rain (well, just a mite at night), and the building of the house across from ours has it's roof on it, wow!!, that went up fast, am the unpaid sidewalk supervisor, great job, not too much responsibility, though!!

Been more with the grandchildren now that they are home, but Rosie leaves very soon for Israel and Eli & Miriam go back to school, and Vickie & Jonathan go back to teaching. So we have to be thankful for these past enjoyable days.

Thanks to Heidi Case and Marjorie for bringing some additional joy into our lives, AND Shachar, Zev and Rafael are coming here as a stop over on their way back to Israel. Magda and I just hope you enjoy your lives as much as we do, and don't sweat the little things. At our age, it's mostly about the grand and great grand children, watching them mature and solve their own problems (after making them)!!

Love to you all, enjoy every day. Magda sends her love as do I

Alan

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