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## 2014 is Here! Happy New Year!

### It will be a Rotary Star-Packed Year

**90 Years of Rotary in Bermuda March 14-15 with  
Past Rotary International President Chuck Keller  
Rotary International PolioPlus  
Committee Chairman Bob Scott**

**New York District Conference May 9-10 with  
Past Rotary International President  
Luis Vicente Giay  
Rotary International Director  
Celia Elena Cruz de Giay**

You can read more about these events in this issue of the Engageletter and on our Rotary District 7230 website at [www.Rotary7230.org](http://www.Rotary7230.org).

Year 2013 has been a great year for our Rotary District 7230 as well as for Sundra and me. You can read about it in the previous issues of the Engageletter, which are saved on our Rotary District Website that is programmed and managed by our Webmaster Ted Nygreen.

The energy and enthusiasm in our Rotary District continues, as you can see on the following pages in January's Engageletter. We have great stories about the Polio Battlefront, the celebration of 90 year of Rotary in Bermuda, Rye Rotary Club Hosts Sportsmanship Luncheon, The Rotary Club of Bronx was on Fire in December, On-to-Bermuda Airfare News, Invitation to Explore Cuba with Rotary the next Rotary Networking Meeting, The Rotary International Convention in Sydney, At the Heart of the Rotary Club of Staten Island and Gift of Life District 7230 is on Facebook!





# Rotary International District 7230

## New York & Bermuda

### Save the Dates!

**District Governor Matts Ingemanson  
Presents**

**The District Conference  
May 9 & 10, 2014**

**in Hotel Pennsylvania  
at The Madison Square Garden  
New York, New York**

**The Paul Harris Fellowship Luncheon  
May 9, 2014**

**Rotary International  
President's Representatives**

**Luis Vicente Giay**

Rotary International President 1996-1997  
Rotary Foundation Chair 2001-2002  
Rotary Foundation Chair 2006-2007  
Rotary Future Vision Committee Chair  
Rotary Peace Negotiator between Countries

**Celia Elena Cruz de Giay**

Rotary International Director 2013-2015  
1st Woman Director from Latin America

**Rotary District 7230  
Co-Chairs**

**PDG Paul Caruso**

**PDG Karl Milde**





## On the Polio Battlefront

Polio's return to Syria as we all read in the *New York Times* and all of the major media outlets reinforce the urgent need to interrupt transmission in the remaining endemic countries: Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. These countries serve as reservoirs where the poliomyelitis virus is transmitted from person to person in a continuous chain. Infected person then travel and infect susceptible persons in other countries, leading to outbreaks.

In the past year alone, the polio virus traced to these polio reservoir countries (Nigeria and Pakistan) has sparked outbreaks in the Horn of Africa, and north Syria. The Type 1 virus has turned up in both Egypt and Israel, where thankfully it has not caused cases due to the high immunization rates in the local population.

It is imperative we Rotarians continue the battle to END POLIO NOW and to interrupt the transmission in these three endemic countries. With no source for the new outbreaks, the end of polio will closely follow.

The good news is endemic countries have made remarkable progress this year. Collectively, they have reduced case counts by nearly 40% compared to this time last year. Afghanistan's traditionally endemic Southern Region has not seen a single case since November 20012.

Going forward the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to 35 million dollars per year, every dollar that Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts make to Polio Eradication. If this is fully realized, the value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million US. This way your contributions to Polio Plus will work twice as hard.

<https://map.rotary.org/en/selfservice/pages/SelectFundF.aspx?FUND=APF>

He's got his "purple pinkie"!

# MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK 3 TIMES AS HARD

Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are extending their partnership during this critical endgame phase of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Find out how your donation can triple your impact!

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➔ [ENDPOLIONOW.ORG](https://endpolionow.org)

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*Rotary Clubs  
of  
Bermuda:  
Hamilton  
Pembroke  
St. George's  
Sandy's*



*Itinerary  
for  
90 years of Rotary Service  
In Bermuda  
March 12th to March 15th, 2014*

*Schedule of Events*

*Wednesday March 12, 2014*

*Welcome Reception  
The Reef's Hotel  
At  
6:00 p.m.*

*Thursday March 13, 2014*

*Corporate Presentation  
at  
XL Insurance  
O'Hara House  
1 Bermudiana Road  
Hamilton HM 08  
At  
5:30 p.m.*

*Continued*

*Friday March 14, 2014*

*Unveiling of the Rotary Four Face  
Clock  
at  
City Hall, Hamilton  
at  
12:30 p.m.*

*Government House Reception  
(Invitation Only)  
at  
6:00 p.m.*

*Saturday March 15, 2014*

*Banquet  
at  
Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel  
at  
7:00 p.m.*

*Available Hotels*

*Oxford House  
Standard Room  
\$220.00 Single Occupancy  
\$246.00 Double Occupancy  
Includes breakfast and free internet  
Not including taxes  
(441) 295-0503*

*Roseton Hotel  
61 Pitts Bay Road  
Pembroke HM08  
Standard Room  
\$239.00  
Includes full breakfast and free internet  
Not including taxes  
(441) 295-6140*

*Available Hotels/Guest House  
continued*

*Rosemont Guest Suites  
Standard Room  
Single Occupancy \$238.28 including tax  
Double Occupancy \$248.28 including tax  
(441) 292-1055*

*Royal Palms Hotel  
Mini Suites include  
breakfast and free internet  
\$328.00 per night not including tax  
(441) 292-1854*

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*Service Above Self*



## Rye Rotary Club Hosts Sportsmanship Luncheon

The Rotary Club of Rye, NY hosted our annual Sportsmanship Lunch where the rival football team chooses the opposing player demonstrating the best sportsmanship. The initial lunch included team captains from the Rye and Harrison teams, plus coaches and school administration.

At a subsequent lunch a trophy was presented to the Rye Team member who was chosen to show superior sportsmanship.



## Rye Rotary Club Hosts Sportsmanship Luncheon

In 2012 at the International Alzheimer's convention in Vancouver, it was announced that Ballroom Dancing has been known to help stop the progression of Alzheimer's disease....Presently 5.4 million people in the US have Alzheimer's disease- and by the year 2050 13.5 million people are expected to develop the disease...The numbers are staggering- and in a time of uncertainty in our healthcare system- no one really knows the outcome!!!!

This year across the country for those of us who Ballroom Dance- there are fundraisers being held to raise monies for the fight against Alzheimer's Disease..This disease -I am sorry to say- has touched most of our lives-in one way or another and will continue to do so.The National Dance of America has endorsed this cause- and is helping to promote events that will inform and educate the public to the benefits of Ballroom Dancing.!!Presently our society is finally accepting the concept that the Arts can deeply enrich the lives of people with Alzheimer's Disease -that the power of the Arts reaches deeply into our souls- and helps to improve the quality of life not only for those with the disease-but for the families as well.

As you observe when the music starts to play the person resonates to the sound-the beat- the feeling that is produces-and a mind that was lost in darkness suddenly awakens..Whether it is a toe that is tapping- a head that is moving, or an individual who actually remembers-all participate - and continue to challenge themselves with guidance and understanding.

What is the message? It is quite simple- perhaps as a group we too can help to fight this disease . Perhaps as a group- we can help to raise funds through our galas and benefits and events across the nation.. Perhaps some of us could even learn to dance! Hoping that we can come together and help those in other countries that don't have the education and understanding learn a new way of dealing with this disease.

So this is the wish for the New Year and hopefully as we fought to eradicate Polio- we can help to fight this too!!!

Happy New Year to All



Judith Simon  
President of Mount Kisco Rotary





## The Rotary Club of the Bronx was on Fire in December!

On Saturday, December 7, Bronx Rotarians Jim Romeo, Ed Hicks, Sal Mastrocola and Marguerite Chadwick-Juner visited the St. Brendan's Church Saturday Senior Lunch Program to lend a hand with the food service.

The Bronx Rotary Club has given a grant to help support the lunch program at St. Brendan's for several years, and once a year, leading up to the holidays, Rotarians are invited to participate.

Tina Romeo did an amazing job of cooking the delicious meal of stuffed shells and meatballs which was served with Italian bread slices. Rotarians and several students from Fordham University served the seniors who were very grateful.

On the morning of December 10, 2013, Bronx Rotarians gathered at P.S. 811x in the Bronx to help distribute toys and other gifts to the children there. All of these children are special needs kids, some being severely handicapped.

The toys and gifts were all purchased by Lilyanna Pekic with the individual needs in mind and were funded by Bronx Rotarians, the Sons of Italy and an anonymous donor. A good crowd from both organizations showed up at 9 a.m. in the ice and snow eager to play Santa and his elves. Bronx Rotarians present were: Ralph Scottino, Pat Fichera, Mary Springman, Ed Hicks, Jim Romeo, Jim Lanfranchi, Rick Sherman, Lilyanna Pekic and Marguerite Chadwick-Juner.

The shouts of "Santa! Santa!, It's Santa!" when volunteers went into the rooms were enough to alert all the classrooms around us that Santa was on his way. Students that were able to, ran up to Santa and all his "elves" and gave hugs that never seemed to end. Each classroom of students had prepared a handmade thank you card to Santa signed by all the students.

The Club had a great turnout for the annual holiday party with the Bronx Opera Company. Although the falling snow was a cause for concern for travelers, it provided a picturesque backdrop for the party.

District Governor Matts Ingemanson visited with his wife Sundra and he was presented with a hardcover Snapfish photo book of his installation created by Jim Romeo.

Bronx Opera Company soprano Julianne Haumla absolutely blew the doors off the *Continued on page 7*



**Ed Hicks serves it up (love the appropriate signage), Tina Romeo whips it up, and the seniors eat it up.**



**Bronx Rotarians turned out to help distribute gifts to the children of P.S. 811x. Pictured (l. to r.): Jim Romeo, Ed Hicks, Lilyanna Pekic, Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, Ralph Scottino, Mary Springman, Pat Fichera, and Rick Sherman. Not pictured is Jim Lanfranchi.**



**Carts heavily laden with gifts were eagerly awaited by the children as was Santa Rick Sherman and his Mrs. Claus.**



## Rotary Club of the Bronx

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room with her powerful performance! Blake Friedman was up next as Violetta's lover Alfredo, and jokingly asked Ms. Hamula why she had to be such a hard act to follow. However, Mr. Friedman did not disappoint and their duet which followed was impassioned and moving.

Many a lunch got cold as those gathered preferred to listen than eat and the pair received a standing ovation for their efforts.

President Ralph Scottino then presented Mr. Spierman with a check to help support the BOC in 2014.

And last, but not least, the Club has a new Facebook page: The Rotary Club of the Bronx. Please make sure to visit often and "Like" us!

The Club wishes all our Rotarian family and friends a Healthy, Happy and Peace-filled New Year!



**Lilyanna Pekic serves miles of smiles with her cookies as Santa Jim Lanfranchi bonded with the students.**



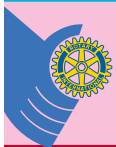
**Pictured (l. to r.): Jim Romeo, Sundra Ingemanson, Ralph Scottino, Matts Ingemanson and Amir Asadi with the photo book Jim made of Matts' installation as District Governor.**



**Julianne Hamula**



**Blake Friedman**



## On-to-Bermuda Airfare News

Coby Ellingwood started with some of the air ticketing for Matts's great trip in March, and find that most of the fares are pretty good, (now under \$350 as of 12/27/13). Air fares are bound to fluctuate, but as a rule, the earlier that you book, the better. As mentioned in the On-to-Bermuda brochure, air is not included, in the package, as many of Rotarians have frequent flyer miles, and/or other preferences.

Just a little tip for you lucky folks that can join us for that beautiful time in PARADISE.







## 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.

### Interested? ...

Contact Bedford-Armonk Rotarian Janet Walsh at [jlwalsh25@aol.com](mailto:jlwalsh25@aol.com) or log on to: <https://booknow.insightcuba.com/icgrouopenroll/join-group.aspx> using Username: "RotaryClub" and Password: "BARC223"



*\*Travel in Cuba is provided by Insight Cuba, a division of Cross-Cultural Solutions; a licensed provider of people-to-people travel. Insight Cuba is a division of Cross-Cultural Solutions; an independent, not-for-profit organization founded in 1995, and is independent of the Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club.*



## Rotary Networking Meeting – Don't Miss It!

A Rotary Networking Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2014 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](mailto:lvf@fishmanlaw.net) to confirm the time and place and for more information.





# WEEKEND 2014

**Fri. Apr. 11 - Sun. Apr. 13**  
**Alpine Boy Scout Camp, NJ**  
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# Rotary International Convention in Sydney

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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](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

#### Enjoy!

Sydney Opera House Concert

The Great Aussie Barbeque

Rotary Restaurant Night

Australian Football Match

Explore this beautiful city and the nearby beaches

**JUNE 1—4, 2014**

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## At the Heart of the Rotary Club of Staten Island

Robert Columbia, husband and father, with another baby on the way needed a new kidney to live. After a two year illness and with after raising awareness not just for his own need but for organ donation, the 36 year died on August 31, just one week after a postponed transplant date. He had no life insurance.

Robert's wife Nicholle is pregnant with their second child. In response to this tragedy the members of the Rotary Club of Staten Island have sought donations and began a fundraising effort. Members Neal Segal and Michael Behar chaired the activity. Mr. Segal participated in 5K run gaining sponsorships that benefit Nicholle and other members urged friends and family to give to the cause.

The Club's foundation (Staten Island Rotary Foundation) has given Nicholle \$1250 to assist with her needs.

The members of the Rotary Club of Staten Island have done their best to fill the wishes of a Staten Island family in need for this Holiday season. The family of five received gifts from a wish list that included a bed, clothes and other necessities as well as fun items. The members delivered the gift wrapped and ready for the tree. The family is recently reunited after receiving services from Seamen's Society for Children and Families which helped them secure the apartment in which they now reside.



Photo ourtesy of Fine Art Fotos

**Pictured (l. to r.): Rotarians Rosemarie Scampas, Neal Segal and Club President John Tapinis with Nicholle Columbia (far right) and family members including daughter Guiliana at the Baby Shower given by the Rotarians to assist Nicholle and her daughter.**



Photo ourtesy of MaryLee Montalvo

**Pictured (l. to r.): Brian Harty, Erica Steiniger (holding baby Bridgette Harty) with Member of Rotary Club of Staten Island John Tapinis, President; Michael Behar, Rosemarie Scampas, Rob Myers and MaryLee Montalvo**





## Gift of Life District 7230 is on Facebook!

Gift of Life District 7230's website is currently in the process of a big redesign. It will be online with a totally new look soon. The website will have information about Gift of Life in general, District 7230 in particular with some highlighted vignettes about past Gift of Life children and a page through which one can make donations.

In the meantime, a Gift of Life District 7230 Facebook page has been created. This is the place where Clubs can post photos and information and pictures about children they will sponsor, have sponsored, information about how their kids are doing now, fundraising efforts, etc.

This is a place for your District 7230 Club to have direct input and a personalized experience about what you are doing, a place for your Club to shine! **And please "Like" us and share our page!**



Rotary District 7230



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