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The Philippines Still Needs Help!



Rotary Service Above Self Recipient Jim Kushner is now in the Philippines, helping to organize the distribution of 1.5 million meals that Rotary and Outreach has shipped there. When Jim arrived, he found a lot of suffering. There is so much need for help and the world seems to have forgotten about it. Jim took the picture above as an example of the absolutely horrid devastation that he saw. Jim has spent a lot of his own money, but he needs more money. Even with \$10,000, he can do wonders, using local suppliers at very low prices. Jim and his friends have already rebuilt 50 plus homes. Jim will show receipts for everything, down to the last nail. You can read about it in the article on the next page. You can reach Jim through Rotary Club of Inwood President Ky Williamson, P.O. Box 535, New York, NY 10034, telephone 212 304-8882.

There are many other interesting stories in the March issue of the Engageletter, like two stories about the suffering in Syria and how our Rotarians are getting ready to help. There is a story about our Rotary District Friendship Exchange Program with Rotarians in Scotland under the leadership of Kris Chittur. There is another story about a former U.S. Navy Officer, who joins the Briarcliff Rotary Club.

We will have a great trip to Bermuda next week. It is not too late to sign up! The Rotary Club of Pleasantville will have their 14th Annual Westchester Wine Experience on March 22 and you can sign up for a historic trip to Cuba.



A Very Exciting District Conference in the Most Exciting City in the World!

We will have a Very Exciting District Conference on May 9 & 10 in the Most Exciting City in the World. You can sign up for Early Bird Rates until March 15. You can read all about it in this issue of the Engageletter.



A Rotarian Cheer for Jim Kushner & Friends Helping Those in the Philippines

The following letter was received from Ky Williams of the Inwood Rotary Club:

Dear R.I. President, Rotarians, and Friends,

This is a note to share that we just found out that our Rotarian Jim (James) Kushner and many friends have succeeded in not only getting 1.5 million servings of food to a port in the Philippines from Oklahoma, through Outreach, Inc., but is ... as you will read in a moment ... now in the process of getting that food from that port to devastated area's in the Philippines brought about by Typhoon Haiyan this past November. Some of these area's the food is going to, I understand, have yet to receive any aid.

So ... let's give a Rotarian Cheer for Jim and to all supporters, contributors, & helpers along the way reaching out to aid those people suffering, who have survived ... I know that Jim has worked - practically non-stop - to begin this particular work for relief and to see it through.

Jim's ongoing works, now in the Philippines, began with sending our able disaster-relief Rotarian, Todd Shea, there to help, including assisting our Philippine Rotarian Districts as one of the 1st Responders needed shortly after this disaster began. He will now continue to give his own hands-on support while he remains in the Philippines aiding those in ravaged areas for the next few weeks... If you can help Jim further, please let me know.

This is what I just cropped out from Jimmy Kushner's new Facebook site that was posted 2/13/14 by Consuelo Locop near Tabok, Philippines: "Finally, after 3 long toxic days of processing unfeasible docs, our 5 40-footer containers filled with nutritional rice packs have finally been released from Cebu International Seaport. Thanks to Somebody Cares America for these goods & to Just Projects International, Love Asia Missions Partner, Operation Airdrop, James Jimmy Kushner New York & Brian Lydon."





Fighting Polio in Syria

The United Nations said Wednesday a polio vaccination campaign has begun in Syria's encircled Yarmouk camp, UNRWA has secured the formal authorization for the transfer of 10,000 polio vaccines to Yarmouk. The process has been completed without incident and the vaccination of thousands of children in the camp is now under way.

Our Foundation (The Rotary Foundation) provided a \$500,000 emergency response grant to support efforts to stem the recent polio outbreak in Syria. The funds are the first to the World Health Organization in direct support of a Global Polio Eradication Initiative are conducting large-scale immunization campaigns in the Middle East.




Yarmouk refugees.

The Bottom Line

**\$100,000 donation
+ \$200,000 double match
from the Gates Foundation
=
1/2 million children
immunized against polio**

Don't give up! We can do this!

 **ENDPOLIONOW**



Rotary Syrian Refugee Children Project

Syrian children are losing their lives, their homes, their parents and their schooling. Many refugees have little or no opportunity to take any belongings with them. They flee with just the clothes on their back and what they can carry.

Syrian refugees are in a desperate need of humanitarian assistance, especially the children. Many are wounded, exhausted, terrified and have health and nutrition problems. 75 percent of the Syrian refugees are women and children.

This project is an International Rotary humanitarian response to the Syrian Crisis in cooperation between Rotary District 7230 in New York and Bermuda and Rotary District 1130 in London. You can read more about the Rotary Syrian Refugee Children Project on our Rotary District website at the following link: www.rotary7230.org/T/14Matts/District%207230%20regarding%20Syrian%20Refugee%20Children%20Project.pdf



Friendship Exchange Committee Extends Deadline for Applications to Scotland Trip

The Friendship Exchange Committee has extended the deadline for applications to be submitted for the upcoming trip to Scotland to March 31, 2014. The team will visit Scotland as guests of the Scottish Rotarians from May 30, 2014, to June 8, 2014.

The Program is a wonderful opportunity to travel, to cultivate new friends from another country, and understand another culture first hand. Instead of visiting a foreign country/city as typical tourists, we would stay with local Rotarians who would show us what's best in their area, while we also share their home and their family life. This is far more meaningful and fulfilling in terms of cultural understanding, and paves the way for long-term relationships on the individual, Club, and District levels - one of the best ways to enhance international understanding while enjoying Scottish hospitality.

The District plans to send a team of five Rotarians and an adult companion each, i.e., a maximum of 10 adults. Participating Rotarians will bear their own airfare to Scotland, and take care of their own visa requirements. While ticket prices vary, they are expected to cost around \$1,500. Local lodging, boarding and transportation will be provided for by the local Rotarians. Team members may choose to spend more time in Scotland at their own expense.

The reciprocal exchange from Scotland is expected to occur next year. Team members would host the incoming team, and showcase the best of New York hospitality.

Full details, and the application form, are in the last issue of Engageletter (February 2014), available at the District's website. Please note that members will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis, and hence, those who are seriously interested should apply asap.

Last year's Exchange was with Bangalore, India, and was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all concerned. The full report was published in the February 2013 issue of the District Newsletter, which is also available in the District website.

Please send in your Application forms - or any questions you may have - to Rtn. Kris Chittur, Chair, Friendship Exchange Committee (R.I. Dist. 7230), at kchittur@post.harvard.edu.



Rotary Networking Meeting – Don't Miss It!

A Rotary Networking Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2014 at 8 a.m. The meeting for April is on the 11th at the same time.

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.



What's Going on at the Rotary Club of Metro NYC?

ONE DAY UNIVERSITY

Sunday, April 6, 2014 • 9:30 am - 4:15 pm
New York Hilton • 6th Ave. & 54th St., NYC

An entertaining day of seminars by professors from the finest schools present special versions of their very best lectures - LIVE. The professors that teach at One Day U have won dozens of awards and earned the highest possible ratings from their students. Our students have the opportunity to go back to college with these amazing professors for just a day - no homework, no exams. Just the pure joy of learning.

Pathways Togo (<http://www.pathwaystogo.org/>) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization that provides scholarships, mentoring, and life skills training to Togolese girls in middle school and high school, as well as Togolese women pursuing undergraduate degrees at the university level. By attending and using "ROTARY" as the coupon, 30% of the ticket price, \$45, will go to send a girl in Togo to school.

Sign up online: www.OneDayU.com. Use the Coupon Code **ROTARY** to discount your ticket, pay only \$149 and help a young girl in Togo.

Contact Martin Nolan, Martin.Nolan@gmail.com, 917-697-5138.



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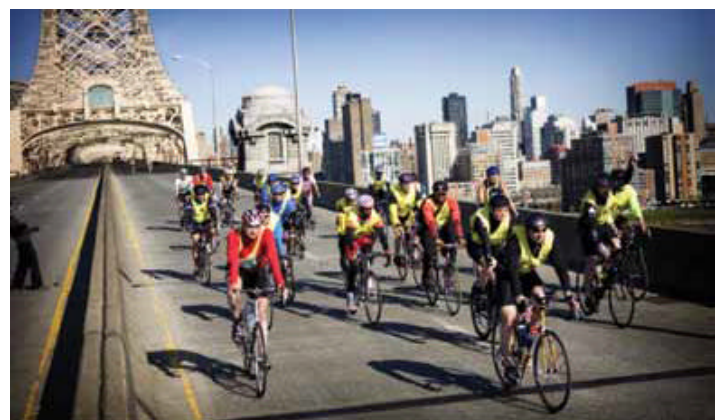


5 BORO BIKE TOUR

Ride through all 5 of NYC's boroughs with no automobiles - beautiful vistas while pedaling over the Queens-borough Bridge, the FDR and more. Just you and 35,000 of your closest friends biking the Big Apple. Rotary Metro NYC has VIP entries available for those who wish to raise money for the Haiti Hydroelectric project, HaitiHydroelectric.org.

If you would like to volunteer with our team, we'll have a great time PLUS you will get a guaranteed entry into the 5 Boro Bike Tour 2015.

Contact Martin Nolan, Martin.Nolan@gmail.com, 917-697-5138.



**14th
Annual**

Westchester Wine Experience

**SAVE THE
DATE!**



Presented by The
Rotary Club of Pleasantville

Featuring the Cuisine
of Top Westchester
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**Saturday
March 22
2014
1-4 p.m.**

Event Sponsors
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Tickets \$55 in advance
\$60 at the door

For ticket information call:
914-310-0739

www.westchesterwineexperience.org
No one under 21 years of age



Former U.S. Navy Officer Joins Briarcliff Rotary

The Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor is delighted to announce that Mr. Sean Santiago, a former member of the U.S. Navy and currently a corrections officers at the Ossining Prison, has joined the Club.

Mr. Santiago, 44, had a 4-year tenure in the U.S. Navy as a Master Helmsman, small arms storage handler, and Gunner's Mate. He was awarded a "Letter of Appreciation" for professional achievement for his duties on a 5/54 MK 45 Gun Weapons System. Also, he was awarded a Letter of Commendation for Services as a "Tiger Team" member from 22-28 August 2000. He assisted fellow sailors during readiness of all vital engineering spaces while at sea. He fulfilled his 4-year commitment with a "Good Conduct Medal and received a Honorable Discharge while on the Aegis Destroyer -USS McFaul DDG-74.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Santiago was employed by the U.S. Postal Services for about 1 ½ years. Since 2006, he has been employed by the New York State Corrections Department, and is now posted in the third oldest jail in New York State (Sing-Sing).

Mr. Santiago was sponsored by Rotarian Kris Chittur, Immediate Past President and Chair, Membership Committee, of the Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor. We welcome Mr. Santiago to the Club, and look forward to his participation in, and initiation of, Rotary projects at the local, national, and international level, and wish him many happy, fruitful years of "Service Above Self" at Rotary.



Briarcliff Rotary Club President Anne Cargill inducted new Rotarian Sean Santiago.



Still Time to Get "In The Pink" at Bermuda!

Presently we have 20 folks ready to enjoy our great time, with our Bermuda friends, helping them to celebrate "90 years of Rotary, in Bermuda". They are still adding receptions, etc., for the occasion.

The air fares have remained low, for that quick 2 hour flight to PARADISE. I guarantee that this will be one of the best of our 57 On to Bermuda weeks, to that beautiful island. Time is sneaking up, so get your application in ASAP.





57th Annual Rotary "On-To-Bermuda"

at The Fairmont Southampton
March 9 to March 16, 2014
And March 12 to March 16, 2014

Tentative Schedule for Planned Activities

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday 8-day trip departs JFK, LGA or Newark	Welcome Swizzle Party	Free Evening
Monday Pool, Beaches Golf & Tennis	Tour of Aquarium & Zoo Sightseeing in St. Georges	St. Georges Rotary Dinner at 6:30 pm Grotto Bay
Tuesday Shopping in Hamilton	Lunch with Hamilton Rotary Club at 12:30 pm. at Royal Hamilton Dinghy Club	Free Evening
Wednesday 5-day trip departs JFK, LGA or Newark	Welcome Swizzle Party Ferry to Royal Naval Dock- yard, Maritime Museum Art Center & Craft Market	Sandys Rotary Club Dinner at Henry VIII 6:30 pm
Thursday Pembroke Rotary Breakfast 7:30 am @Bermuda Royal Yacht Club	Free Afternoon	XL Insurance Corporate Event
Friday Pool and Beaches	Clock Dedication at City Hall Honoring PDG Walter Maddocks	Reception at Government House
Saturday Pool, Beaches Golf & Tennis	Free Afternoon	Rotary 90 Years in Bermuda Banquet
Sunday Depart for home		



57th Annual "On-to-Bermuda"

Sponsored by
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL-DISTRICT 7230

FEATURES OF OUR FUN TRIP TO BERMUDA

Included are transfers to and from hotel, Arrival swizzle party, on site shopping, beach, golf, pool, tennis, and 4 delightful restaurants. Don't forget the exquisite daily breakfast, which is included.

This year we'll be treated with extra activities in Hamilton, for their "90 Years in Bermuda" celebrations, with free boat shuttle to the Fairmont Hamilton.

The Fairmont Southampton offers Extraordinary views of beautiful Hamilton Harbor & the Ocean.

It is just minutes away from the island's famous pink sandy beaches, local restaurants and entertaining nightlife featuring luxurious guestrooms plus numerous amenities, The Fairmont Southampton unites old Bermuda grace with modern convenience. We offer free boat service to and from sister Hotel Fairmont Hamilton.

For additional trip information please contact:

MR. COBY ELLINGWOOD,
c/o Altour, 287 Bowman Ave., Purchase, NY 10577
Phone: 914-993-4044
Email: coburn.ellingwood@altour.com

Additional tour information
can be obtained from Hotel Concierge,
or in Town at Information Center



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Registration for "On-to-Bermuda" 2014 – The Fairmont Southampton

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-Day Trip, March 9 to March 16, 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Day Trip, March 12 to March 16, 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,349.00 per person, double occupancy | <input type="checkbox"/> \$838.00 per person, double occupancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$2,114.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$1,275.00 |

Passports Required
AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

Full Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Business) _____ (Home) _____ Email _____

Name(s) of additional members in my party: _____

I would like to charge the Airfare to my credit card: Card Name _____

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Depart ☐ JFK ☐ LGA ☐ Newark ☐ On Own ☐ Golf Tournament ☐ Tennis

Do you want trip insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please send insurance information

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Signed _____ Date _____ Rotary Club _____ District _____

To make your reservation, send your deposit, by check, in the amount of \$200 per person. Airfare only may be charged to your credit card. Deposit check must be received no later than December 31, 2013. Final balance is payable by check on January 15, 2014. Be sure to indicate whether you want the 8-day trip or the 5-day trip.

Please make checks payable to "Rotary-On-To-Bermuda"

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ON-TO-BERMUDA COMMITTEE

Matts Ingemanson

District Governor 2013-2014, Chair

CO-CHAIR

Coby Ellingwood

Rye Rotary Club





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 or log on to: <https://booknow.insight-cuba.com/icgroupenroll/joingroup.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.*



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**WEEKEND
2014**

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Alpine Boy Scout Camp, NJ
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Staten Island, Westchester
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Perfect for Interactors in 10th Grade

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(914) 949-3005

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Rotary International District 7230

New York & Bermuda

**District Governor Matts Ingemanson
Presents**

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

**Hotel Pennsylvania near
The Madison Square Garden
New York, New York**

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

Early Bird Price \$199 until March 15 for all events included!

**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



Rotary



Rotary District 7230 Conference Program

Friday May 9, 2014

8:30 am Getting Ready Breakfast
10:00 am Rotary District Business Session
12:00 pm Paul Harris Luncheon
1:30 pm Rotary District Foundation Meeting
2:00 pm Rotary Sessions

Outside of Hotel Pennsylvania

6:00 pm Pre-Theatre Dinner
8:00 pm Theatre Show

Saturday May 10, 2014

9:00 am Memorial Breakfast
10:30 am Rotary Sessions
12:00 pm Award Luncheon
2:00 pm Rotary Sessions

6:00 pm Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm Governor's Ball



The Exhibits are open on Friday and Saturday!

Rotary District 7230 Conference 2014 Registration Form



<u>Description</u>		Early Bird Special un- til March 15	March 16 - April 30	After April 30
<u>May 9, 2014</u>	<u>#</u>			
Getting Ready Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Paul Harris Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
<u>May 10, 2014</u>	<u>#</u>			
Memorial Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$35.00
Awards Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
Governor's Evening Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$90.00
Total		\$225.00	\$245.00	\$264.00
	<u>#</u>			
Package Price for all events	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$199.00	\$215.00	\$230.00

TOTAL to be remitted

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
Rotary District 7230

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Send this form with your check to:

Lynn Karam
9 W Prospect Avenue, Suite 402
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Rotary Club: _____



All sessions between the meals are free of charge!