



DISTRICT 7230

LIGHT UP ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Rotary International

Don't Miss Buddy Holly & the Crickets



Don't Miss Buddy Holly & the Crickets our Saturday night entertainment at the District 7230 Conference in Valley Forge. www.DavesConference.com

Click here to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBOBUPSzREY>

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp will take place on April 17-19, 2015, at the Alpine Boy Scout Camp in NJ. Applications are available online at: www.clubrunner.ca/7230. All Applications must be submitted by March. Chair: **Kevin Hunt**, Rotary Club of White Plains, (914) 500-3102, khunt@chyten.com Vice Chair: **Barbara Edwards**, Rotary Club of Pembroke, (441) 236-8862, barbarae@northrock.bm. Registrar: **Jon Erbilgin**, Rotary Club of New York, (917) 578-1964, 7@nyrotary.org.

Travel with Rotary via a RFE



Ten District Rotarians, with their spouses, are invite to visit Western Turkey or

Northern California on the **Rotary Friendship Exchange Program**. Each trip is open to Five Rotarians, with spouse or without. As visitors, our hosts provide accommodation with other Rotarians, meals and sightseeing. Guest Rotarians provide the accommodations, meals and sightseeing when our Friendship Exchange Partners visit us in our District. For more info and application, go to www.clubrunner.ca/7230 or call Chairman Kris Chittur, (917) 375-4426 or kchittur@post.harvard.edu.

Rotary District 7230

Paul Harris Luncheon

Friday, March 27, 2015

Presented by the Rotary Club of White Plains

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL • 66 HALE AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS

Honoring all Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Arch C. Klumph Society Members, Paul Harris Society Members, Bequest Society Members, Benefactor Members.

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Register at: www.clubrunner.ca/7230



Speaker is Stephanie Urchick, Past Rotary Foundation Trustee

Sign up for "House of Friendship" Space



Nadine Homan

The House of Friendship is a gather place at the District Conference where each club displays its good work to share with other Rotarians and, frankly, get a pat on the back. It's simple to do. We provide a table top about 24" x 30" plus an acrylic display stand. We ask

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Meet Our Presidents

A Recurring Column for the District Light Up Rotary Newsletter

Rita Ann Sharples Rotary Club of Cortlandt Manor

I was born in Cold Spring, NY and raised in Peekskill, NY. I have no biological siblings but my parents were family oriented so the increased our family with 2 foster sisters and 2 foster brothers. Though not formally adopted, my sister Carman and I have been together for 55 years. As a youngster, I was involved in Girl Scouts, ballet and attended Catholic School through High School. My father worked for my aunt and uncle in a hardware store after his discharge from the army. In 1964, he purchased the business and later the building which housed the business. My mom was a stay-at-home mom until she was needed to use her bookkeeping skills in the business. Since the purchase of the business, I spent more time with hardware than pots and pans.

I pursued my desire to be a teacher by attending the State University College at Oneonta for my BS in Elementary Education and the State University College at Buffalo for my MS in Education of the Handicapped. I taught in Special Education for 4 years in upstate New York until my husband Larry went to Texas for work. My son Larry was born in Texas in 1979 but we returned to New York soon after because Larry got sick at 1 month and was left with developmental disabilities.

Unfortunately not long after returning to New York, I divorced my husband and went back to teaching as a substitute until returning to the hardware store to help my parents. I became a partner in the hardware business in 1988. In 1989, my boyfriend Hugh, whom I lost to cancer in 2010, and I welcomed our son Karl. The partnership continued until 1999 when my mother passed away and my father retired and remarried in 2000. I remained in charge until the business closure in 2011 due to a broken ankle that had me homebound for 5 months. I opened an indoor flea market late fall 2011 until 2013 when I sold the building. I tried retirement but missed interacting with customers in a retail environment so I started working at Walmart where I am a Customer Service Manager.

Larry and Karl worked in the store after school and on weekends. Karl went to the University of Miami in 2007 to become an Athletic Trainer. He is employed by the University of Miami as a trainer for the football team after being an intern with the Washington Redskins in the NFL and obtaining his Masters Degree.

I started my association with Rotary in 2007 with the Rotary of Putnam Valley, District 7210. After 3 years as President, I cut back in my participation due to my broken ankle. When I got back on my feet,



I missed "doing for others" and joined the Rotary Club of Cortlandt Manor, where I reside.

When I do finally retire, I hope to move with Larry to be closer to Karl and his future family (which looks like it will be in Florida).

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Past DG Hugo van Perlstein Passes



Hugo van Perlstein was DG 1978-1979 and a member of the Pleasantville Club. Michele van Perlstein, Hugo's daughter, called to advise Hugo passed away this morning from complications of pneumonia at the age of 94.

For those than wish, and in lieu of flowers, donations to The Pleasantville Rotary Foundation would be welcome. PO BOX 169 Pleasantville NY 10570.

Hugo was chair of the youth exchange program for almost 30 years.

Wine & Dine with Pleasantville RC

15th Annual Westchester Wine Experience

SAVE THE DATE!



March 21, 2015

The Rotary Club of Pleasantville invites you to its wildly popular

Westchester Wine Experience. This will be the 15th year for this event which features tastings of wonderful wines from all over the world provided by Wine Sponsor Aries Fine Wines and Spirits, beer from the local Captain Lawrence Brewery and cuisine from Westchester's top restaurants.

WWE will again be held at the Kessel Campus Center on the Pleasantville Campus of Pace University on Saturday, March 21st from 1-4 p.m.

Tickets are an excellent value at \$55 in advance or \$60 at the door.

As always, funds raised will benefit the many local and global charities of the Rotary Club of Pleasantville.

For ticket information call: 914-310-0739 or visit: www.westchesterwineexperience.org

Rotary Networking Meetings



Bill Fishman



A Rotary Means Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 8 a.m. Please RSVP by February 17.

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 prospective members 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 are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at the law offices of Bill Fishman, 11 Martine Avenue, 12th Floor, White Plains, NY 10606, but please contact **Bill Fishman** at: lwf7471@gmail.com to confirm the time and place and for more information.



Charles DiBartolo



Al Lambert

Attention Staten Island Rotarians!

Drop into your own RMB charter meeting on the 2nd Tuesday each month at the Unicorn Diner, 2944 Victory Blvd from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Paul Harris began Rotary with a networking benefit idea. People do business with people they know and trust. RMB on Staten Island is for Rotary members only. Non Rotarians can join Rotary and participate in RMB plus all the Community Service work and social activities of Rotary.

For information call **Charles DiBartolo**, (973) 390-4719 or **Al Lambert** (718) 351-4200 or email Charlie.dibartolo@gmail.com.

Clubs Come Together to Accomplish Difficult Surgery for Child

The family of 12 year-old Lei Francene Nuguid Vitug of the Philippines, who was born with a facial cleft, approached the Rotary Club of Mabalacut for help 4 years ago. Unfortunately due to the high cost of surgery her case was set aside until the Club could find the funds for the surgery. Last year, the Club was fortunate that their sister Club, RC Cortlandt Manor had sent them funds raised by its Rotary Community Corp of Keon. The amount of P146T+ (\$3500) will help defray part of the 2-3 stages of surgery which was estimated to cost around 200-300K pesos because of the titanium to be used for the skull.

In December of 2014, the Club had a small mission that handled operations for 29 children with harelip and cleft palate. Gloria Nethercutt talked to the group of plastic surgeon and Dr. Hector Santos agreed to take the case.

She was given the approval to undergo a facial scan first to see what was wrong. The Clubs provided the funds for this procedure. The surgery will take place at the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital in Manila in March.

See the full story at: www.clubrunner.ca/7230



Awards Nominations Now Open

You will find applications for District Awards online at www.clubrunner.ca/7230. A copy was sent to all club presidents and secretaries. Your club and our district has leaders & projects that deserve recognition. We are looking for Rotarian of the Year, President of the Year, Club of the Year and Projects of the year.



Every application received will receive a District Governor's Citation because someone cared enough about the work of someone else. The top candidates will receive other special recognition.

District Awards Chairman Eric Storberg, PDG needs YOUR help finding every deserving member who deserves to be acknowledged for good work. eric.p.storberg@ampf.com or (718) 370-2770x232. www.clubrunner.ca/7230.

Sign up for "6 Pack" Breakout"



Kathy Carley-Spanier

This is an interesting and fun Breakout session to attend and/or present a project. Each of 6 presenters have 6 minutes to tell about a project... bang, bang, bang, no questions until after the sixth presentation. These fast paced presentation are interesting and fun. We ask that each presenting club have a House of Friendship Display for follow up.

Chair: **Kathy Carley-Spanier**, Rotary Club of Rye, 914-447-3793, Kathys@greenhosp.org.

Meet Our Presidents

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Vincent Luongo, Mid-Island Rotary Club

I was born and raised in Staten Island, New York, where I still currently reside after purchasing a home in 2013. I was also told I was the youngest president in our district, currently 29 years old and born in 1985. I went to college at the University of Albany where I graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a BS degree in Business Administration and Finance.

I currently am a financial planner and business retirement plan consultant for UBS Financial Services in midtown Manhattan. I received the CRPC designation in 2011 (Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor) from the College of Financial Planning, and am currently studying for my CRPS designation (Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist).

I will be getting married in April of this year to my fiancé Chrystie-Lynn, and honeymooning in Hawaii for two weeks. I enjoy playing golf, traveling on vacation, and going to the gym.

What I enjoy most about Rotary is the camaraderie amongst the group of members and putting together events that help the less fortunate. My favorite yearly event is the assembling and distribution of almost 1000 Turkey Baskets to needy families on Staten Island around Thanksgiving. I am currently President of our Mid-Island Rotary club AND President-elect. I am hoping my club will send me to Aruba next year to celebrate my 2nd term!



Eakin Carters O'Donnell McLaughlin, St. George's Rotary Club

Eakin 'Donnie' McLaughlin was born in the City of Hamilton on 29 May 1942 and was christened at the Cathedral just across the street from his home.

He was the only child of E. Carters and Martha McLaughlin. His father was the publisher of a visitor's guide called *This Week in Bermuda*, which he started just after the Second World War to take advantage of the reviving tourism industry. Donnie's parents moved the family to Devonshire when he was very young, and later to Jennings Land in Smith's in the 1950s.

From there, he attended Whitney Institute. During his school years he wasn't a particularly great scholar. After he graduated from high school he went to the seismograph station located at Fort George in St. George's. The station was there to detect and measure earthquakes and had a two man staff. He said the earth's crust is like a bell and if there is a large earthquake somewhere then it vibrates all over. During his time, the station only detected about two very minor quakes near Bermuda.

When Donnie was 21 years old he registered with the Department of Agriculture's apprenticeship scheme to learn horticulture, tree planting and botanics. He did so well that he won a scholarship to study at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew, England. It was an intensive, two-year course with only two weeks holiday during the year. As part of the course he was moved to different departments at Kew throughout the year. He found tree pruning a

bit disconcerting in the middle of an English winter. He wasn't used to the cold.

Donnie returned to Bermuda and worked for the Department of Agriculture for a number of years. He left the department to pursue private sector opportunities. When his father died suddenly he took over *This Week in Bermuda* for the next 20 odd years. He retired in 2001.

Now, his time is primarily occupied by committees in St. George's. He has been a senior councilor with the Corporation of St. George's since 2009. He is on the St. George's Historical Society committee, and is also involved with the Friends of St. Peter's Church as its treasurer. He is also a Justice of the Peace. "I am just as busy now as I was before I retired," he said.

He has been a member of the St. George's Rotary Club for the last 10 years. He has been involved in helping them with raffies, barbecues and fundraising of different types. He will take over as president in July 2014. He said everyone in the club takes a "turn at the wheel".

Donnie's hobbies are gardening and horticulture. He likes growing fruit crops, particularly bananas, and has five different varieties of them. He said, since he left the Agriculture Department, he has won a few awards at the Agricultural Show for plants like Easter lilies.

He has been married twice. His first wife, Justine Sadar, was an American who came to Bermuda to work for Bermuda

Forwarders. Unfortunately, she died after 15 months of marriage from pancreatitis. His second marriage was to Susan Meyer. They were married 12 years before she died of deep vein thrombosis.

Remember, the second meeting of each month is a "Bring a Guest Meeting."

The Leader Inside



By Don Nelson,
LCSW

Anderson Cooper did a piece on CBS 60 Minutes, Sunday evening Dec. 14th, on a subject called "Mindfulness". Essentially it's about being in the present moment as much as we possibly can. Not fixed in the past, which I often refer to as ruminating, regrets, and what I call "replay" of events we didn't like with a different outcome. And not in the future, which I often refer to as "wishful event planning".

Nothing new about this idea of course. We hear it in meditation classes and much of Eastern philosophy discussions. It's geared toward clearing up some of the mental "clutter" that interferes with being more in the moment. However, in our busy, digitally distracting multi-tasking world it's a BIG challenge. Since I talk a lot about self-awareness I think this concept is a good jumping off point for sharing a tip on further developing our ability to be "Be Hear Now" which is also the name of a book written by Richard Alpert, (aka Ram Dass) the Harvard professor who "dropped out" in the 1970's.

Being in the present makes us feel vitally alive. Sometimes scarily alive. In therapy sessions I'll ask someone what just happened when I notice some change in their manner that seems relevant to our discussion. A sudden thought, feeling, memory and perhaps mood change took place. We can do this ourselves. Ask ourself "what just happened" that I want to leave this place, room, event or get away from this person. Maybe your cell phone beeped. Or maybe your internal "cell phone" sent a message.

The monitoring of our inner life changes can be fascinating if we view them as not being a flaw but a trait to be accepted. A lot easier than it sounds. Let me know what you're learning about yourself and any suggestions we can share on this blog to help others at don@don-nelson.com.

Hartsdale Rotary Holiday Party & Christmas Giving



Hartsdale Rotary celebrated the Holidays at their annual Holiday Party on Sunday, Jan. 11th at Buon Amici Restaurant on Central Ave in Hartsdale, NY. We were very pleased to have in attendance our District Governor, David Del Monte, PDG Janet DiBenedetto, Past DG, Lora Hugelmeyer, District Governor Nominee and Barbara Edwards, DGN Designee. David presented our President, Diana Juettner, with two awards for the Club. The first was a flag for Hartsdale being the #3 in the District for Annual Giving for 2013-2014. The second was an award from the Rotary Foundation for our contribution to the "End Polio Now"



fund. The Club was honored to receive these awards. A great time was had by all.

Once again, Hartsdale Rotary joined with the Theodore D. Young Community Center to provide Christmas for Greenburgh families. In all, 175 children and their families received food, toys, hats & mittens. Students from the Greenburgh Schools helped load the boxes of food, choose toys, hats & mittens and helped the parents & caregivers to load their vehicles. We have been given "Thanks" many times over from members of the Community Center for our contributions, says Janet Kuney, chairman of the project. We really enjoy being able to help others.

Scarsdale RC's 6th Wine Tasting

ROTARY CLUB OF SCARSDALE

Save the Date

6th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Thursday, March 12, 2015
6pm - 8pm \$80pp

The Scarsdale Woman's Club
37 Drake Road

For Tickets & Information visit:
www.scarsdalerotary.org

Please join us for the Scarsdale Rotary's 6th annual wine-tasting. It promises to be another fabulous evening of fine food, wine and friends. There will be a silent and live auction, with all proceeds going to grants, scholarships and many charitable organizations.

For your purchasing convenience, you may now buy your tickets on line at www.scarsdalerotary.org.

Thank you for supporting the club and we look forward to seeing all of you on March 12th.

Great PR by RCWP!



On a DG visit, this sign 'jumped out at me' and shouted Rotary!. It is inviting to all, especially to potential members and other visitors. Congratulations to the RCWP and their meeting greeting sign! Thank you President Helen Miller and President Elect Bill Fishman.

Bronx Rotary Bids Farewell to Two Cherished Members



Rev. Bill Kalaidjian

It is with great sadness that the Rotary Club of the Bronx announces the passing of Rev. Bill Kalaidjian and Dr. Arthur Wolstein.

Rev. Bill Kalaidjian died on January 16, 2015 at the age of 90. He was a member of the Club for 55 years and a Past President in 1987-88.

He had a remarkable career spanning 61 years as a pastor, chaplain, police officer and Navy veteran, serving God, his country and his fellow man in times of war and times of peace.

Arthur passed peacefully on Sunday, January 18, 2015. He just celebrated his 100th birthday in November and was always proud to say that he was the oldest member of the Club. He was a 30 year member and a Past President in 2003-04.

Arthur was proud of his service in the infantry during WWII and had a thriving practice as a podiatrist once he returned stateside.

Both Bill and Arthur were staunch supporters of our veterans.



Dr. Arthur Wolstein

Wall Street Club Leverages District Grant to Serve HS Students!



WSNY Rotarian, Jahnbaz Almas viewing HS E&F bulletin board where students can view and sign up for a book from the Wall Street Rotary PROJECT.

The Youth Leadership Council initiatives with the High School of Economics and Finance (HSEF) supporting 850 students is one of the RCWS most successful Service Projects. This Service Project is based on the RI Education and Literacy initiatives. This year we will be sending 60-75 students to participate in the Model United Nations and currently I visit every Wednesday the HSEF and teach students the history of United Nations. Also, Via the District Grant,

we bought 285 books worth \$3,000 and on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, a special day is selected by the High School of Economics and finance inviting the Rotary Club of Wall Street Board and regular members to distribute the books to the students. For info, call Jahnbaz Almas at almasaTaaa@aol.com.

"House of Friendship"

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everyone to make a 8 1/2 x 11 sign for the acrylic display stand and 50 to 100 handouts explaining who, what, why, when, where and how.

Chair: **Nadine Homann**, Metro-NYC Club. Nadinehny@yahoo.com, (917) 653-9675.

Is Rotary Club Central up to date for YOUR Club?

JT McFadden For LLS Man of the Year!



JT McFadden

JT McFadden will be running for the title of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) 2015 Man of the Year, in honor of his father-in-law, William Wilson, a blood cancer survivor.

The candidates will officially be introduced on February 19th at a Kickoff celebration at the Hyatt Regency in Old Greenwich, Conn. The local man and woman who raise the most dollars for research during the 10-week campaign will be awarded the titles of Connecticut Westchester Hudson Valley Man and Woman of the Year at a special Grand Finale Gala on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency.

If you would like to donate to JT's campaign, join his campaign team, or purchase tickets to the Grand Finale Gala, please visit www.TeamAll-In.org.

For more information, please contact Caroline Preneta at Caroline.Preneta@lls.org or 203-665-1411.

UN Rotaract President in the Rotarian



Alana Walker

We are very proud of our own Rotaractor Alana Walker, president of the Rotaract Club of the United Nations. She was mentioned in February's 2015, Rotarian Magazine story of "Rotary at the UN". In the article, Alana was described as "Bespectacled" Alana Walker, who urged all Rotarians attending the Rotary Day at the UN, to also attend the Rotaract Club's after-party at a nearby pub. "It is an open-bar the first hour" she said, planning for all to enjoy talking-over the day, and also if they can, to open their wallets for her club's favorite project of life-saving surgery for children for through The Gift of Life program!

NY Rotary Loses Revered Member



WWII Vet, PR Pioneer and Rotary Representative to the UN. Sylvan (Barney) Barnet died January 7 after complications from cancer surgery according to his family. Barney's career spanned seventy years in international communications in the fields of publishing, public relations, advertising, and government and as a long serving representative of Rotary International to the United Nations.

See more at: www.clubrunner.ca/7230.

SI Rotarian Given Leadership Award



Bernard Del Rey

Each year, Staten Island business leaders are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Staten Island community, through the Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Awards - co-sponsored by the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce and the Staten Island Advance.

Grymes Hill resident Bernard Del Rey, founder and partner of Del Rey & Company, CPAs, LLP, in New Dorp, is one of eight business leaders being honored this year.

See full story at: www.clubrunner.ca/7230.

RCNY Demands Change (Within itself, that is)



The leaders of the Rotary Club of New York want a change for the better. To move beyond the 'status quo' President Rick Martin called for a second club planning meeting to 'look to the future.' Member Bret Brintzenhofe, President of Coalition Strategies LLC, designed and led the Identity & Communication Workshop. Bret enlisted members Bill Sullivan, Can Erbilgin, Louisa Boyle to serve on the panel about activities and prospective on recruiting and retaining members. All attendees have agreed to report back on actions steps that Bret is compiling into an action report. For more information email: bret.brintzenhofe@gmail.com.

Quad Village Does It Again-Twice

Congratulations to President Tim Allports and his members Kristy Schmidt and Bill Florin for inviting two more members to the Quad Village Rotary. DG David had the honor of inducting Jean Kim Sears, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and Greg Neff, an Intellectual Property Attorney. The 'induction' dinner held at Sam's Italian Restaurant in Dobbs Ferry on January 20th. Quad Village is the nickname for the Rotary Club of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry



& Ardsley. "The track record of this growing club is very impressive with its community projects, Annual Giving, RYLA & District Conference participation.

WP Rotary Honors its Vets



On November 4, 2014 in a pre-Veterans Day celebration, the Rotary Club of White Plains honored its 18 Veterans (15 in attendance). Led by Past President Larry Severino, each veteran spoke about his service and accomplishment, as his picture flashed across a screen orchestrated by PDG Andy Morzello. Guest speaker State Assemblyman David Buchwald presented each veteran with Certificates of Commendation as each was pinned with Rotary Veteran Pins by RCWP members. A special guest of Brian Wallach and the Club was highly decorated 25 year-old Army Sergeant William Segal who is an army recruiter in White Plains. RCWP thanks all veterans for your service.



The Board of Directors of Rotary District 7230 Gift of Life, Inc. Cordially invite you to a 50s - 60s rockin' party to celebrate and support our Gift of Life program.

Sun., March 8, 2015 • Doubletree Hotel • 455 South Broadway • Tarrytown, NY
 Honoring Bea Castiglia-Catullo, Founder of R.A.I.N and supporter of GOL and Georgene Mongarella, Immediate Past Chair Gift of Life
 Festive Attire • Cocktail Reception at 4:00p.m. • Dinner at 5:00p.m.
 Reservations: \$125 per person through February 15 • \$150 afterwards
 Table for 10 - 10% Discount • RSVP by February 28, 2015

South Shore Rotary Club Honored!



Congratulations and thank you to the leadership and members of the magnanimous Rotary Club of South Shore, Staten Island. For the 2013-14 Rotary year, they earned the honor of being an EREY Club AND a 100% Sustaining Member Club. The South Shore Rotary is one of only 1,200 clubs worldwide to attain this status. One of only 2,515 clubs worldwide earn the EREY Club status. EREY Club means 100% of the members make a personal contribution of some amount and the total averaged \$100 per person. (The Raccoon Cap was given to DG David by the club during the official DG visit – Fun spirited club on Shore Shore.) **Other honored Clubs are MetroNYC, Pembroke for both awards. Thank you also the Pleasantville & Yorktown, too, who are 100% EREY Clubs. You are ALL the BEST!**

Rotarian Fundraising Services Offered

MM Memorabilia specializes in making money for charities through silent auctions featuring sports and celebrity memorabilia. There is never any cost to the charity. We will set-up, breakdown and be on-site to run auction, at the end we will process all sales and have a check to your organization in less than two weeks. 100% of club provided auction items go to the club. Please visit our website at www.mm4charity.com or call Mike at (718) 877-8813. Proud member of South Shore Rotary.

New Generation Seminar



Nasifeh Ahmad

Melissa Navas

Report by Pace Rotaractors Nasifeh Ahmad & Melissa Navas

Our participation in the New Generation Seminar was both enlightening and noteworthy. Not only did we learn more about the Rotaract and Rotary clubs, but we also learned about the leadership-training program, RYLA. We learned about its encouragement of leadership and its emphasis on community growth – not only locally but globally. Another aspect of the New Generation Seminar was a focus on **EarlyAct***, which is an organization similar to Rotary, however, its members are in middle school. Three middle school students presented a video about what leadership meant to them, what were the challenges of being a good leader, and how positive leadership can change communities for the best. To see such young individuals inspired to change the world was one

*<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vm3YgOoViD8&sns=em>

of the most rewarding parts of the New Generation Seminar. Also, during our visit, we were given the opportunity to hear from three young leaders making progress in their respected Rotaract communities. We heard from two Interact members and their passion for combating mental illness among youth, which we found to be encouraging as well as informative. We also had the pleasure to hear a presentation from a global grant scholar and his humanitarian project in Tibet. The most memorable presentation of the afternoon was by Rotaractor Katie Picchione, in which she spoke about her club and their partnership with Engineer's Without Borders. Their plan is to help the people of Guatemala by supplying clean water to those who have restricted access to it. The presentation evoked feelings of motivation and compassion towards those in dire need. Due to the New Generation Seminar, our plan is to extend an invitation to Ms. Picchione to come down to a Pace University Rotaract meeting and give a similar presentation to fellow members. It would be enriching to partake in a global service project such as hers; it would help broaden the horizon of our civil duties as young Rotaract members, and to demonstrate our leadership skills.

RC of Briarcliff Manor Inspired to Act



Eric Lebson

The Executive Director of Heartsong, Marion Anderson, was our speaker...She talked about her wonderful organization, which incidentally was started with seed money from the Bronxville Rotary Club in 1992.

Heartsong's Mission Statement is "to provide clinically-based therapeutic, educational and rehabilitative creative arts programs that seek to enhance the functioning level and quality of life of individuals with special needs"...Put another way, they use music and other

arts to help children with Autism, Down's Syndrome, and other diagnoses; and also the elderly who have mild dementia, early onset Alzheimer's, and other debilitating ailments.

You can read about the organization right here: <http://heartsong.org/>

And see a great video right here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4HoW6CpNRI&x-yt-cl=84503534&x-yt-ts=1421914688&feature=player_embedded

Marion's talk, along with the video she shared, was inspirational and moving, so much so, that the Briarcliff Rotary Club and Board, on the spot, presented Heartsong with a \$1000 check.