

DISTRICT 7230

LIGHT UP ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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David Del Monte District Governor

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Rotary International

President Elect Training (PETS) Inspires Our President-Elects

PETS 2014-15 Testimonials

I learned that there is a world of things happening in Rotary that I didn't know about. I need to find a way to tap into the vast resources that Rotary offers and share it with my club. That's I believe where you [district leaderships] come in. Great classes, great people all doing great things.

Frank Scarangello PE, Rotary Club of Staten Island

I thought the break- out sessions were good, putting clubs together of like size was good because we all have like challenges. The key speakers were informative and the gentleman from Morehead NC was a hoot while being inspiring and showing us we do not need to take our selves too seriously as we serve as president. The hotel was very nice food and rooms were great the staff were polite and efficient.

Jim Lupfer PE, Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor



Pam Dwyer

I enjoyed the discussions at our PETS conference. I walked away with more knowledge and ideas than when I arrived.

Pam Dwyer PD, Rotary Club of

This year's PETS in my opinion was very informative. I feel like I came away with all the tools I need to be a great President, and confident that if I need any assistance, the District as well as RI will be there for me.

Bernard Morelli PE, Rotary Club of North Shore

Other's solutions to problems I had been considering was so refreshing and encouraging.

Helen Grishman PE, Rotary Club of Pleasantville



Tim Allports

I think what I liked best about PETS was the opportunity to share best practice ideas with repeat presidents and the PEs. Also, John Capps (former night club entertainer?) was especially

good at sharing practical suggestions in a very entertaining way.

Tim Allports President, Rotary Club of Quad Village

PETS was a great way to meet other Rotarians, learn about other club projects and get up to speed with available support and resources.

> Julie Gallanty PE, Rotary Club of New Rochelle.

> > The best part

of PETS training was

the chance to inter-

act with a lot of like

minded folks from

within and outside

of my Rotary District!

The second was the

final wrap up talk

with the very funny

John Capps, PDG,



Steven Castellano

for South Carolina.

Steven Castellano Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers.

PETS inspired me in a great deal with full of rotary spirit and energy. It was good to meet many dedicated and committed

District 7280 AWARDS

See our 37 nominees for 6 categories on page 7.



Dr. Sonny Lee

Rotary Club leaders with passion.

Dr. Sonny Lee PE, Rotary Club of New York.

I liked the impromptu round-table discussions of how the other clubs were organized, where and when

they held meetings, how they attracted new members and what fund raisers were effective. These ideas are worthy to discuss at our individual clubs as we all seek to follow the ideals of Rotary. YIRF

Gordon Ayelott PE, Rotary Club of Bedford Armonk.



Dr. Ron Worth

I found the multi-district PETS meeting a great preparation for my upcoming Presidency. The breakout sessions and general assembly speakers were informative, instruc-

tional and motivational. Coming away from the meeting, I feel that I am now ready

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Membership Tool

Today, & on the 25th of each month.

Update records on Clubrunner
– Club or District website.
RI is updated automatically.

"Leadership Power"

from accurate records.

Assistance is available (914) 941-3554 (Irene Herz will be at the DC to assist.)

Meet Our Presidents

A Recurring Column for the District Light Up Rotary Newsletter

Janet Walsh Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club

I was born in Andover, MA and grew up on the north shore of Massachusetts but moved to Moon Township, PA during high school. My Dad was the township manager and my Mom was the high school principal. As a kid, I rode horses, played in the "Up With People" band, and spent a summer in El Salvador as an exchange student.

I went to Bucknell University and received a BA degree in Economics and Japanese. From Bucknell, I went to Loyola University and earned an MBA with a finance concentration. I'm currently finishing my doctorate degree in Business Administration with a dissertation entitled, "Success characteristics of foreign direct investment in Cuba."

My professional career has been spent in large multinationals in global I worked opening up and business. managing new markets in Asia, Latin America, Europe, and Australia/New Zealand in the 80's and 90's. In 1999 Lestablished Birchtree Global to increase the financial performance of clients by establishing them in new markets and increasing the profitability of their workforce. I've worked in 76 countries, but my favorites have been Australia, Turkey, Japan, and Argentina. A highlight of my experiences was leading the state of

Georgia's first business development trip to Egypt, and speaking at the Egyptian/ American Chamber of Commerce. I've been fortunate to have enjoyed excellent working relationships with overseas colleagues and employees because I have been genuinely interested in their country's history, people, and unique cultures.

I am an unwed mother of five-three dogs, a horse, and a cat.

I am an amateur archeologist and have discovered a middle archaic work camp on Pumpkinvine Creek in Cartersville, GA. The site had been continually occupied from 5000 BC to 1200 AD. I excavated the site and wrote about it and as a result I was invited to join the Explorer's Club. I raise and show English Cocker Spaniels and horses in my spare time. I enjoy watercolor painting of western horse themes and the paintings have been displayed in the Booth Museum of Western Art in Georgia, and at the Oak and Oil Gallery in Katonah,

I joined Rotary because I wanted to make a larger contribution to the community than I could independently. The Rotarians I've met were so impressive and distinguished, it is a privilege to work with them to improve our local and global environment.

I just hope it doesn't rain for our big John Jay 4th of July Fair. You're all invited



to join us for a rousing old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration at the home of our first Chief Justice of the United States!

*Soon to be Dr. Walsh...read on!

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to lead our club for the next Rotary year. Dr. Ron Worth PE, Rotary Club of Peekskill.

PETS 2015 was a very inspirational day and a half. I really enjoyed the idea sharing amongst Rotary leaders and the advice from 'charged up' Rotarians from different districts. It was invaluable prepa-

ration for my upcoming presidency.

Greg Soares
PE, ACIB, TEP, Rotary Club of Hamilton.



It was a great conference. As a first-time PETS attendee, I found the sessions both practical inspirational. As RI Director Julia

Mary Shackleton

Note: The local promised us, we learned the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" and got motivated to serve above self in the 525,600 (plus a 1,440). 1,440 bonus for the leap year) minutes we have to lead our clubs in serving others.

Mary Shackleton, PD, Rotary Club of MetroNYC

As a repeat President, PETS energized me for my Presidency 2015-2016. Rita Sharples

PE, Rotary Club of Cortlandt Manor



On March 19, 2015 at the regular luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of New York the sole and most important purpose was to show the well deserved respect to one of Rotary truly greats, Sylvan "Barney" Barnet.

After Past District Governor, Representative, Past President Helen Reisler read a beautiful poem dedicated to Barney, a champagne toast followed. Then Board Director Fredlee Kaplan presented a certificate from Gift of Life to Bruce for the generosity that Barney had show to this program for so many years.

We were also honored by the presence of Past Rotary International President



Frank Devlyn who made some eloquent remarks about his friend Barney.

President Rick Martin then jointly with District Governor David Del Monte and Frank

Devlyn presented Bruce with Honorary Membership of the Rotary Club of New York.

A great luncheon for a great Rotarian - Barney you will be missed forever! Welcome in the club, Bruce!

It's 46 Years of Honoring NY's Finest for the Rotary Club of New York



A plaque to the Hero and a grant check to the NYPD Foundation was presented to the Chief.

On March 12 the Rotary Club of New York celebrated for the 46th year Police Recognition Day. We honored Police Officer Rosa Rodriguez.

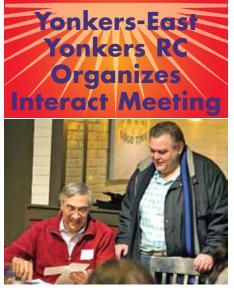
On April 6, 2014, Police Officer Rosa Rodriguez and her partner Police Officer Dennis Guerra responded to a fire on the 13th floor of a New York City Housing development in Coney Island. As they emerged from the elevator, Police Officers Rodriguez and Guerrero were overcome by smoke and carbon monoxide. Both unconscious Officers were transported to nearby hospitals. Police Officer Rodriguez sustained serious and lasting injuries as a result of her bravery and commitment to the City of New York. She did not hesitate to risk her life to save others.

Police Chief Terrence Monahan gave an overview on the NYPD and the latest task forces and technologies.



On Our Membership Night of February 10, 2015 we were pleased to have PDG George Camp come and induct our newest member, Maryellen Howard of Crompond. Maryellen has jumped in and taken over as Literacy Chairwoman and been participating in all activities of the club. We can't express the way the club loves this "Newest Rotarian". Congratulations & welcome Maryellen!





PDG Greg Arcaro and Jeffrey Landsman (above) worked with enthusiastic students.



The Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers held its organizational meeting for Interact at Uno Pizzeria and Grill in Yonkers on Friday, March 6th. The gathering was initiated by Shaw Latif, International Fundraising Committee Chair. PDG Greg Arcaro took the helm at the meeting, and he was assisted by Shaw, President Dave Schildwachter, and Jeffrey Landsman, Membership Chair. Each of them addressed the group. Greg will continue to guide the group until they elect their own Officers and are able to perform on their own.

There were 14 students (aged 14-18) from 4 High Schools in attendance, and they all filled out membership forms for Interact. Greg also addressed the parents who were there, and gave them information on both Rotary and Interact. PDG Greg distributed the Interact Club Handbook to students and parents.

The group will meet again on March 20th, and more students are expected to attend at that time.

Photos are posted on our Website at www.eastyonkersrotary.org and please "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/yonkerseastyonkersrotary.

Meet Our Presidents

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Rick Martin Rotary Club of New York

Rick was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, just north of Boston and shares that during the month and year of his birth, the Cuban Missile Crisis was keeping everyone on edge and the Soviets were well ahead in the Space Race. But he adds, "But it is difficult to remember because he was so young."

Rick's father installed Fire Suppressant/Sprinkler systems and his mother was a Special Education Teacher's Aide. He has one sister. Rick early years as a cub Scout, Boy Scout, Eagle Scout, Scoutmaster prepared him ultimately for full time work with Boy Scouts of America. He worked for BSA for 21 years

Rick received his Bachelors of Fine Arts, from the Massachusetts College of Art. His major was in Design and Illustration and received Honors in Painting. (The editor has seen one of Rick's paintings and it is amazing!)

As the Director of Development for the Ronald McDonald House, he runs the Fundraising Department with a team of 7 employees. This is the only job I have had while at RMHNY – thus it is my favorite job.

When questioned about where did he like to spend time, Rick replied, "This is an interesting question written in the past tense, I feel like it would be a question asked by St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. I've lived in NY Metro area since November 2008. Before that I lived in the Boston area with many a summer spent in New Hampshire on Mountains, Lakes and hiking trails. After living in Manhattan for 10 years I moved to Queens and fell in love with Long Island Beaches. I spent many a weekend in Philadelphia in the early 2000's, and as a result of that I became we and we moved to Westchester County to hear crickets and own a car.

To the family question, Rick shares "Morris Gaines and I have been married since marriage equality was achieved in New York State, but we've been together longer, almost a decade and a half.

To the favorite activity question, Rick lists 'our favor activities in this order, are:

- 1. Spending time and enjoying the love of family
- 2. Morris cooking, me eating Morris' cooking
- 3. Two week vacations in Italy with Morris (and he is translating and often cooking)
- 4. One week vacations in August out in the Hamptons with people around us that we love, and Morris is cooking.
- 5. Three day weekends with lots of snow and that bottle of wine you've been saving up, and that lamb shank Morris was cooking.
- 6. Weekends where I don't have to do anything except make the coffee or the drinks and eat extraordinary dishes cooked by Morris
 - 7. Skiing in March
 - 8. Hiking in October
- 9. Cycling on the Bronx River Parkway

10. Camping in Evans Notch in NH/ME (this is when I do the cooking).

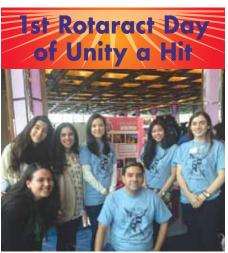
About Children: "We have not been blessed with children, but both of us have had responsibilities for large amounts of Elementary to High School Age children at any given point. My cousins' kids are destined to be spoiled by their uncles."

About Hobbies & Passions: Past, present or future I think what we most enjoy is spending time together. Travelling seems to be something we really enjoy doing together. Our Club has been very welcoming, as has the District as a consequence we have many Rotary friends."

About "What do you like best about Rotary. Random acts of kindness done by skilled people from different disciplines are very important for society to stay glued together. The basic ideas of Rotary are to do good works, get people involved and enjoy the company of friends. Leadership is fostered and imaginations are also allowed to flourish, this is very cool – you can pretty much attain whatever you might dream, including eradicating a disease as old as mankind

And, Rick shares his dream "That the relevance of Rotary to our day and age becomes increasingly apparent to the general public.





On March 14, 2015, the Rotaract Club of New York at the United Nations (RCUN) organized the first-ever Rotaract Day of Unity. This international service event leveraged the international Rotaract community in five continents! Participating clubs planned and led service events in their home regions that fell into Rotary's six areas of focus. We are happy to announce that this first-year event attracted more than 50 clubs from around the world.

Locally, RCUN members volunteered at the 25th annual Latino College Fair, which provides resources and support for high-school students considering or preparing for college. RCUN was thrilled with the international reception of Rotaract Day of Unity and will continue to annually organize this event.







Bill Fishman

A Rotary Means Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 8 a.m. Please RSVP by February 14.

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

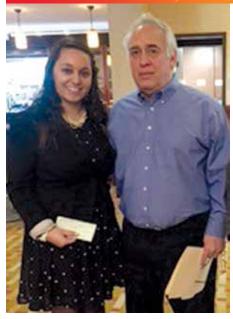
Al Lambert

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*.

A Storm of Activity at Elmsford Rotary Club





The Elmsford Rotary Club has been very active in the New Year. Two new members have been inducted and we are looking forward to inducting two more. We held a Valentine's Day luncheon for Elmsford Seniors. Lunch was prepared by members and service was available by our Hamilton Interact members. We also had our Bryan Johnson Scholarship luncheon at which a scholarship was awarded to a Doubletree employee. Our fundraiser with Subaru



Valentine's day Seniors Luncheon

ended in February and we are looking forward to receiving their contribution to our club. Many of our members attended the Gift of Life event-very retro and lots of fun. Bryan Conybeare gave a presentation on the New Tappan Zee bridge that was very interesting and informative. Burger King in Elmsford will be hosting a fundraiser on April 16th for one of our members-JT McFadden-who is running for Man of the Year for LLS. We look forward to participating in that event. Also, April 20th is our spring Captain Lawrence Brewery event.

Bronx Rotary Sponsors a New-Interact Club at Bronxdale H5

The Rotary Club of the Bronx is very proud to announce that it is sponsoring an Interact Club at Bronxdale High School. The High School is located at 925 Astor Avenue on the Christopher Columbus campus.

The Interact Club at Bronxdale High School has 17 members ranging from ages 14 through 18 and covering all of the grades of the high school. There are 7 females and 10 males in the initial group. The members of the Interact Club chose its officers, reflecting a smooth transition into the next year.

Ana Menendez is' the teacher advisor of the Interact Club. The Principal of Bronxdale High School is Carolyne Quintana. Toba LaCrown, of the Bronx



Club, spoke to the members of his experience in Interact while he was in Nigeria. Lilyanna Pekic, also of the Bronx Club, offered suggestions of possible projects for the students. Other members of the Bronx Club will visit the school to talk with the club members in the near future.

Meet Bronx Rotary's Latest Gift of Life Child

Enea Ejupi had her surgical procedure on the morning of March 13 and did quite well.

Rich Sullivan picked up Enea, mother Ardita, and Zoja Rrasi from the host family around 6 a.m.

Bill Currie met them shortly thereafter at Maria Ferari Hospital. They were met at the hospital by Cheryl Simmons-Oliver and Ed Hicks from the Bronx Rotary Club and Roza Rrasi, sister of Zoja and her son (Roza was the host family for Erda who was our last GOL child in December and January).

Those in attendance saw Dr. Erb around noon and he told them that things went well. The major problem was a valve in the upper chambers of Enea's heart that did not work and they were able to repair this without having to perform open heart surgery. After several hours in recovery, Enea returned to the host family later THE SAME DAY!

On Sunday, March 15 Bill Currie saw Enea at the home of the Rrasi's, the host family. She was having a great time playing with the grandchildren of Zoja and Zef Rrasi. He said you would never know that the less than 2 days before, she had a surgical procedure.

The Bronx Club is grateful to Louise and Louis Dimeo, friends of our own Bea Castiglia-Catullo, for donating the funds for Enea's surgery.

Is Rotary Club Central up to date for YOUR Club?

Retary Community Corps of Keon's 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner



On Friday, March 27, 2015, the Rotary Community Corps of Keon is sponsoring their 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Rotary

District 7230 Gift of Life Program in memory of Dora May Murphy. This 501c3 non-profit humanitarian organization founded in 1994 has brought over 200 children from around the world here for life saving surgery.

The fund raiser which only costs \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 12, will be held at Keon Center, 2 John



Walsh Blvd, Peekskill, NY 10566 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For information or tickets, please call: 914-293-0710.

Will and Mount Pleasant Rotary Glubhost Rotary Youth Exchange Students from 4 Rotary Districts



Area Rotary Youth Exchange Students with DGE Marilyn Masiero and Bronx Club Pres. Richard Sherman.



Mount Pleasant Rotary Club YES: Marisa Lindholm Sophia Kovoor, Dylan Werl, and Liam Dore.

Valhalla International Fund had their 53rd Annual Banquet at Valhalla High School on Feb. 28th. Over One hundred twenty Youth Exchange Students, host students, and host families, teachers, village members and Rotary members attended the 3 hour program and dinner.

Sixteen Rotary Exchange Students

from District 7255 (Long Island), District 7230, District 7470; NE NJ, and District 7510; middle NJ, attended the 4 day event. They made friends with the 31 exchange students, 15 YFU (Youth For Understand students) by talking over experiences, snow tubing, a talent show, ice skating and seeing sites. They came from many countries from around the world: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Mexico, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Thailand.

Community Pancake Breakfast



The Rotary Club of Yonkers - East Yonkers and St. John's Riverside Hospital will be

holding a Community Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers. This all you can eat fundraiser costs \$5 for children & seniors \$5, \$6 for adults.

There will be free parking, a magician for the children, raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing. This fundraiser will benefit food pantries in Yonkers, fFinancial aid for community organizations, and scholarships for Yonkers High School students. www.eastyonkersrotary.org





On April 20, 2015, the Rotary Club of Elmsford, the Briarcliff Manor Rotary Club and the Captain Lawrence Brewing Company banish Old Man Winter and welcome in Spring with an evening of beverages, food and music.

There will also be a silent auction, beer tasting, raffles and a 50/50 raffle.

Come revel from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Brewery, 444 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, NY 10523. Tickets are \$30 per person.





Mark Heller

Mark is an expert in his field, and works with CEO's of Top Companies and their leadership team. This is our opportunity to get tips that will help us perform our own

leadership roles more effectively and which leads to more personal satisfaction. Mark will "Enable our sustainable excellence.

There are challenges which define Leadership effectiveness. His "how to" will focus on building, growing and if needed, fixing our organization. He recognizes that the approach/skills at each stage often overlap so to add leverage, we will examine these stages individually.

Don't miss this great opportunity for our District at the District Conference.

DISTRICT 7230 AWARDS 2014-2015

Each nominee & winning recipient will be proudly recognized at the District Conference on April 26, 2015

Nominees for Rotarian of the Year

Lawrence DeNoia (Peekskill)
Delano Ingham (Pembroke)
Eric Lebenson (Briarcliff Manor)
Ted Nygreen (White Plains)
James Robert Kushner (Inwood)
Helen Grishman (Pleasantville)
John Amodio (Staten Island)
John (JT) McFadden (Elmsford)
Brian Benevento (South Shore)

Nominated for Rotary Club of the Year

Peekskill Elmsford Inwood (Manhattan) North Shore (Staten Island) Yonkers-East Yonkers

Nominated for Fundraising Project of the Year

Peekskill Rotary 44th Horseshow & County Fair New York Rotary Child's Champion Award

Pembroke Rotary Children's Fair Raffle

Elmsford Rotary Annual Gold Outing Yonkers-East Yonkers Comedy Show/Dinner-Empire Casino Scarsdale Rotary Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Nominees for Club President of the Year

Barbara Eannazzo (Elmsford)
David Schildwachter (Yonkers-East
Yonkers)
Christine DeHart (North Shore)
Ann Herrero (Chappaqua)
Rita Sharples (Cortlandt Manor)
Brian Benevento (South Shore)
Heather Miller (White Plains)
Eric Lebenson (Briarcliff Manor)
John G. Crawford (Ossining)
Geri Schwalb (Yorktown)
Kyla Williams (Inwood)
Eric Livergood (Wall Street)

International Service Project of the Year

Syrian Refugee Children Project-New York Rotary Typhoon Yolanda Relief-Inwood Rotary

Community Service Project of the Year

The Refuge, HOPE Community
ServicesNew Rochelle Rotary
Playground Build at Local SchoolYonkers-East Yonkers Rotary
Literacy and Education Book ClubWall Street Rotary

Thank you to Awards Committee Chairman, PDG Eric Storberg and all Participating PDGs & Presidents who served as the 'Ranking Committee.'

Wine Tasting to **Benefit Memorial** Fund



Jason Soury was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 2004. He was always very giving of himself to help family and friends. The Jason Soury Memorial Fund was established to perpetuate his memory. Over the years the fund has distributed thousands of dollars to dozens of worthy students through scholarships and awards. Your contribution will memorialize lason and enrich the lives of students for years to come.

Please join us for a Wine Tasting Reception to benefit The Jason Soury Memorial Fund, Inc. on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Sam's of Gedney Way, 50 Gedney Way, White Plains, NY.

The event will run from 6 - 8 p.m. and donations are \$85 per person.

There will be hors d'ouerves and wiine included. Cash bar. Silent Auction. Please RSVP by April 27 and make checks payable to:

The Jason Soury Memorial Fund, Inc. 245 Albemarle Road White Plains, New York 10605

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates Lao Tzu

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IN Rotaract, NYRC and GOLI Member Create Comforting Dolls for Kids

The UN Rotaract Club, some members of the Rotary Club of New York and Fredlee Ann Kaplan of Gift of Life International (GOLI) held a joint event Sunday March 1 to make medical play dolls for hospitalized children in our pediatric cardiac surgery program El Salvador. The purpose of these dolls is to enable the children to learn about medical procedures and practice them on the dolls with staff and parents so that they are less worried while in the hospital. These play experiences are proven through research to help children relax, and be more cooperative with staff and heal more effectively. Everyone had a great time, shared some pizza and made over 20 dolls. The Rotaract Club commit-



ted to hold future events to keep supplying dolls to Benjamin Bloom Hospital in San Salvador. The partnership between the Rotaract Club, the RCNY and GOLI is special to all of us!

