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The Brooklyn Bridge Walk For PolioPlus



Honoring Barney Barnet RI Alt Rep to the UN

Sun., May 31, 2015

Sign in: 8:30 to 9:30 am Start: 10 AM

Max Registration is 1,000 www.Rotary7230.org (\$15 p/p, includes T-Shirt) Online Contributions Encouraged

Info: BBWalk@Rotary7230.org



DGE Marilyn Masiero

This was the first time in my Rotary experience that the entertainment had every one on the dance

floor!

It was great having the Interactors fully participating in the conference..

This was a truly exciting inter-generational event.



Fabian Tiefenbacher Rotaract Club at the UN

First of all, thank you for putting this together. I can't wait to read the

District Newsletter. Three elements of the Rotary District Conference that wow-wed me:

Members: Every single person I met at the Rotary District Conference wowed me with an openness and committment that I had rarely seen before.

Band: What a band that rocked Saturday night :)

Rotaract Symposium: A great opportunity to get connected and share passion with other Rotaract Clubs

But to be honest: The whole conference wowed me as a whole! Thank you and I look forward to reading the next District Newsletter.



Cynthia Lippolis Rotary Club of Croton-on-Hudson Kudos to David

Delmonte and his team for an outstanding conference.

Keynote Speakers were top notch. D.F Pace the Philadelphia Peace Scholar was most inspiring, John Nanni's personal struggles and triumphs with polio & post polio was informative and heartwarming. And the best was saved for last.... President "Teddy" Roosevelt's humorous look back on history and the importance of Rotary then and now. The breakout sessions were relevant and informative; the extraordinary display of projects, fresh ideas and opportunities were exceptional. The display of "legs" from the Bermuda hospitality night with a "dark and stormy" was priceless.

Glad I didn't miss this great Rotary venue.

PDG Leon Horwitz



District Rotarians Weigh in on

Valley Forge Conference

The Conference was very good and enjoyable. However, the best part was the Bermuda Night. It was truly a "dark and

stormy" evening made more fun by seeing so many people exposing their knobby knees in all sorts of Bermuda shorts.

Mark Heller



As a lifelong student of human nature I have rarely seen camaraderie feature abundant care,open minded discussion and shared

responsibility, taken together very compelling.

I enjoyed hearing 3 national anthems sung powerfully by the same voice :)

PDG Janet DiBenedetto

Congratulations on a very successful district conference. The program was well planned and the fel-

lowship was at it's best.



President Rick Sherman Rotary Club of the Bronx

I was deeply moved by the comments regard-

ing Post Polio Syndrome by John Nanni. I remembered the pools being closed during the 1950's because of the scare that the polio virus would spread and

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people would catch the disease. John's comments brought back the memories of those days. I appreciate first hand accounts , and the experience that John went through, and the work of Dr. Bob Scott in leading immunization teams in different countries makes my contributions to Polio Plus more meaningful to me.

Cynthia Lyman, AG for Rotaract District 7450

As a member of Rotary District 7450, it was a privilege to welcome the attendess of this year's conference to our home district. Along with 10 PA Rotaractors I was honored to attend the 7230 District Conference at the invitation of DG David DelMonte. It was most inspiring to be with this terrific group of UN Rotaractors, sharing ideas and projects and just hearing the outstanding ways in which they are making an impact on their communities.



David Schribman, AG Our District Conference

was well organized, educational & loads of fun. I left Valley Forge with a big smile & great memories!



President Tim Allport Rotary Club of Quad Village

Congratulations on a well-run, interesting Conference. My network

of quality people has been greatly expanded as a result of my attendance.

Namia Sultana Rotary Club of Rye Brook-Port Chester

It was my first time attending RI district conference as a fairly new Rotarian (7months) and I had a spectacular time at the conference. What made the event a "wow" factor for me was first and foremost the people who attended. I had the opportunity to meet so many amazing, accomplished, seasoned Rotarians from all walks of life and geographically diverse clubs. At the Leadership breakout session I was further "Wowed" as we explored topics relating to scale, scope, and people involved with Rotary International. I walked away from that session with a great quote relating to the importance of recruiting other members..."when the student is ready, the teacher appears". Truly a meaningful quote as Rotarians we are constantly growing and learning as well as coaching others.

Finally the most compelling "Wow" factor was the story of a polio survivor John Nanni. My take away from his struggles was Hope and Heath are some of our greatest strengths. Anytime someone overcomes a tremendous obstacle this quote comes to mind "He moved a mountain with his faith. Although he is not the mover, God is. But he moved God enough, to cause Him to move it". This significantly ties in to the tremendous efforts of the Rotary in almost entirely eradicating Polio.



I was wowed by the conference overall, how-

ever, the speaker John who enlightened us about Post Polio Syndrome wowed me the most and makes me want to do more for Polio Plus and to see that Rotary takes on a mission to assist those with Post Polio Syndrome. "Teddy Roosevelt" was just awesome. The Memorial Service was touching and moving. The Rotaractors rocked. Our Rotarians know how to have fun as they danced the night away to the fabulous "Buddy Holly" band. Kudos DG Delmonte for a job well done.



President Brian Benevento South Shore Club

I throughly enjoyed the district conference. I especially liked the hospi-

tality room where all the clubs set up their kiosks representing club activities. The entertainment was top notch. The Buddy Holly group was terrific and the gentleman portraying Teddy Roosevelt was very entertaining. Lastly, I enjoyed

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Communication For International Understanding

A Group of Rotarians dedicated to using communication to support the 4th Object of Rotary

These Programs, developed and facilitated by CFIU and its partners, are intended to help Rotarians to cultivate understanding between people from different places.

Tangible Options for Peace Small efforts can yield big results.

Goodwill, to an accountant, is considered to be intangible—we cannot touch it. Yet, it correctly appears on the balance sheet as an intangible asset, often of great value.

Our aim is to use tangible programs to generate an abundance of Goodwill and Under-standing in a uniquely highyield process.

1) Tandem Language Learning Rotary Clubs facilitate the establishment and use of peer-to-peer reciprocal learning ar-rangements, in which equal partners partici-pate in learning the other's native language. Tandem Language relationships may be local and face-toface, or cross-border by video-link.

2) Computers for Schools

International one-on-one matches are

estab-lished between participating Clubs and Schools.

3) Video Link for Schools

Classrooms are linked via Video-Conference, in a reciprocal educational exchange program. Sponsored by Rotary Clubs and with theme-based Curriculum provided by CFIU.

4) International Discussion Fora

Through theme-based blogs, and monitored dis-cussion groups, common issues, and their treat-ment in different locales, is explored. Themes are developed, and discussions are fa-cilitated, by CFIU.

5) Inter-Generational Online Learning

Seniors in one country connect via video-link to students in another. In monitored meetings, they discuss cultures and practice language.

6) Online Education /Distance

Using Partner-Providers, Rotary Clubs encourage, facilitate and sponsor online learning, especially in disadvantaged communities.

7) Food Diplomacy

Specific Program to be determined...

To learn more or get involved, contact Vin Coakley at: *carracorp@optonline. net.*

2014-15 District 7230 Award Winners



Rotarian of the Year: Dr.

Ted Nygreen, Rotary Club of White Plains. Longtime active member in our district, a major donor and who

served for 14 years as district webmaster



President of the Year:

President Heather Miller, Rotary Club of White Plains. Awarded for effective leadership of one of the largest clubs

within our district.

Rotary Club of the Year: Peekskill. Donald Feldman, President. powerhouse club serving many aspects of the community of Peekskill includ-

ing its 44th Annual Horseshow and County Fair project as its signature event.

Fundraising Project of the Year:

Children's Fair Raffle, Rotary Club of Pembroke, Bermuda. In in its Annual Children's Fair 2015, Pembroke Rotary contributed \$71,000 to 11 Primary Bermuda Schools and \$8000 to miscellaneous charities, raised through the sale of raffles worth \$30,000. In the last 20 plus years, this Annual Fair has donated over \$1,500,000 to various primary schools and other charities.

This event is held the same time every year and is gaining momentum each year due to its popularity in the cause and its fabulous prizes. The beneficiary schools sell most of the tickets and get a set percentage of their income as a return. Very popular indeed!

International Service Project of the Year:

Syrian Refugee Children Project, Rotary Club of New York. Many refugees have little or no opportunity to take any belongings and flee with just their clothes on their back or what they can carry. Many are wounded, exhausted, terrified and have health and nutrition problems. Many refugees, especially the ones with children, are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance. Our club's International Service Project was funded with \$15,000 contributed jointly by the Rotary Club of New York, Rotary Club of Ankara and Rotary Club of London.

Community Service Project:

Playground Build, Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers. This project helped build a new playground for PS 9 and its students, pre-k through 6th grade plus the surrounding community to play and exercise. The funds raised were over \$100,000.

Calls for award nominations were sent out in February throughout the district. 38 nominations were received covering all 6 categories. District PDGs reviewed and ranked all categories with the top vote getters in 5 of 6 categories being declared the category winner. Only category not declared a winner by PDGs was Rotarian of the Year. PDGs screened that category to top 5 with those finalists being voted on by district club presidents. Ted Nygreen was the top vote getter earning him the title of "Rotarian of the Year". The only person privy to the results before the announcements at the District Conference was Awards chair PDG Eric Storberg. Even DG David had no knowledge or involvement in the vote tallying process.



The Rotary Club of the Bronx will hold it's President's Diner at the Marina Del Rey in the Bronx on Thursday, June 25, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m. for the cocktail hour. Our Honorees are all people who are actively engaged in "Forming a Better Bronx", hence the theme: "FABB" (Some of you will remember the laundry detergent were ar spoofing!).

They are: former Assemblyman Stephen kaufman, R.A.I.N. CEO Anderson Torres and Eliezer Rodriguez, Esq., from the Bronx Manhattan North Association of Realtors. Inc.

Tickets are only \$100 in advance and will be in the mail soon. If you don't receive yours, contact Mary Springman at: 914-954-4748.





My name is Bappy Nath and I graduated from the HS of Math, Science and Engineering at CCNY in 2012. I was fortunate enough to attend RYLA camp in 2010 as a sophomore

and was invited to come back two years later as a camp counselor.

As of now, I am approaching the end of my third-year as a student at Syracuse University where I am pursuing a dual degree in IT and Supply Chain Management with a minor in Global Enterprises & Technology. I am the president-elect of my fraternity, have served in a variety of leadership and volunteering roles throughout college, and will be interning this summer in NYC with a Big 4 firm doing consulting work. I am also currently studying abroad in Hong Kong where I've been able to take classes and pursue an internship in sales and operations.

The RYLA experience has benefited me in numerous ways. Although the camp was three days long, the lessons I've learned

and the friendships I've built have carried on for years. Through various team building exercises and workshops, our group learned how to develop effective leadership skills. We brainstormed, tackled mental and physical challenges, held discussions, and addressed important issues all while being surrounded by other selected youth who were recognized for their potential. This recognition was consistently emphasized during my time at the camp and served as motivation to not only try to be as engaged as possible then, but also pay it forward and utilize these skills in school and my community. Furthermore, this is all done while laughing and enjoying each other's company. Every event was planned meticulously and made us feel like we were in good hands. Years later, I've been able to see how much RYLA has impacted not only me, but other invited students within my high school. Receiving this push to do better at the age of 16 has accelerated my growth and made me realize my true leadership potential. I am extremely thankful to have been blessed with this opportunity and look forward to spreading the ideals of Rotary International.





Great day of Facilitator training in preparation for RYLA camp, April 17-19, at Alpine Boys Scout Camp, at the Briarcliff Manor Fire Department today. Great group of kids, again!



Here are our RYLA facilitators at their pre-camp training by 5 time camp leader Kevin Hunt, Rotary Club of White Plains. Kevin is an EMT at the Briarcliff Manor Volunteer Fire Department.



Opening plenary at Reeve's Lodge at Alpine Boy Scout Camp in New Jersey on April 17-19, 2015. The class of 2015 is the largest at 44 Campers and near 20 facilities.



Picture This...At the District Conference



At the District Conference, PDG Sully Sullivan & Sandys' (pronounced Sands) President Stephen Todd hosted a Dark & Stormy cocktail party. D & S are a traditional Bermuda cocktail of Ginger Beer and Gosling rum.

In this photo in front of the Bermuda Flag (I-r) PDG Don Lee and his wife Diane; RI President's Rep PDG Gonam An & his wife PDG An, Dede & DG David, President Stephen and good Bermuda friend, Past President of our Hamilton Club Averylon Simons. PDG Don is serving President Rep's Aide.



The dance floor was unusually packed while we dance away the night to the music of Buddy Holly presented by Todd Meridith of the Rave-ons. Friends of Dave and Helen Bowers, they proved to be an excellent choice. They often perform at BB King's in "the City."



Rotary Club of Chinatown President Taylor Eskew was honored with a bouquet of roses from her fellow members attending the Valley Forge District Conference. Shown here are Shaw Latif, RCY-EY, Past President Frances Wong, DG David, Past President Al Lau, Taylor, Treasurer David Chew, wife Linda. (A lot of class, Chinatown Club!)



Displayed here are signs designed to provide information, direction and support spirit. Past President Christian Rietzke, Architect, RC MetroNYC designed the graphics that gave us a professional looking sign program that mirrored the quality of the conference. PDG Leon Horwitz, Rotary Club White Plains is holding the RI President Gary Huang sign & Dede Del Monte is holding the RI President's Rep sign.



Rotary NY Joins Hands!

Twice a year Rotary Club Metro New York (RCMŃY) joins hands with Rotaract at Baruch, Rotaract at the UN, and other Rotarians to participate as one Rotary Team – for the Rotary New York Joins Hands in New York Cares Day! On Saturday, April 18th, the RCMNY joined with Rotary clubs; NY Harlem & Wall St Rotary; & ÚN Rotaract to plant a roof garden at the Staten Island Ferry terminal as a team participating in New York Cares Day, which is a day of volunteering across New York City. At the Staten Island Ferry terminal roof top garden, we joined with other volunteer groups to till garden soil and plant kale and lettuce for eventual harvesting for a food pantry.







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*.



Bill Fishman

A Rotary Networking Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Mayh 21, 2015 at 8 a.m. Please RSVP by May 19.

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.



North Shore Rotarians show their blue bulbs in support of Autism Awareness.

The North Shore Rotary Club has been quite busy. Here's a look at the past months happenings:

The club inducted three new members this month, including welcoming back a former member. They are: Gale Strassberg, former member; David Nyamsi, who came to us through a lead via *Rotary.org*; and Giuseppe Lentini. All who have been officially welcomed to the North Shore Rotary Club Family. To date, the club has inducted 6 new members in the 2014-15 Rotary Year.

April is Autism Awareness Month. The North Shore Rotary Club will host its largest fundraiser of the year, a Bowl-a-Thon, supporting the Autistic Community of Staten Island on Sunday April 19th. As part of the Campaign the club joins forces with Autism Speaks and distributes over 1,200 bulbs to the community through participating businesses asking for all to Light it Up Blue by changing an outdoor lightbulb to Blue starting April 2 (World Autism Awareness Day).



The men get a taste of baby shower hijinx.

The Club hosted its first "Baby Shower" in honor of Club Member, Regina Boukhvalova, who is expecting a little girl soon! The men of the club got their first look at what happens at a Baby Shower, and had a ball playing games.

International Project Invitation from Downunder





Australian school teacher Cathy Booth extends an invitation to your Rotary Club to join her in building a self-sustainable children's village in Kenya. Your club's support will help children and communities

to break the cycle of poverty. Together we can achieve the extraordinary. To learn more please contact Cathy at: *cathy@umojahome. com.*

The desire of power in excess caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall: but in charity there is no excess; neither can angel nor man come in danger by it.

Sir Francis Bacon

Rotary Club of New York Honors Scholar of the Month



Ms. Salisha Henry is a law enforcement explorer in the New York City Police Department Explorer Post for the 69th Precinct in Brooklyn, NY. Ms. Henry has been an explorer for the

past two years and currently holds the rank of Corporal. As an explorer during this time, Ms. Henry has attained accolades in exploring for over one hundred hours of community service, Exploring Excellence and also had the opportunity to serve as Commanding Officer for a Day at the 69th Precinct. Throughout her tenure in exploring, Ms. Henry saw an increase in her academic performance from seventy percent grade point average, to her current average of ninety-two percent, she credits the encouragement of her post advisors for her continue strive for excellence. Ms. Henry is currently a senior at Clara

Congratulations to the District Rotary Foundation Committee

Dear Governor Del Monte.

On behalf of the Trustees, thank you for participating in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) grants programs to serve communities in need. I am writing to update you on the world reporting analysis conducted in April 2015. The analysis is performed on a quarterly basis to track each district's compliance with reporting requirements for Rotary Foundation grant projects.

I am happy to inform you that District 7230 was 100% up-to-date with reporting requirements for grants sponsored by the district and its clubs as of the April 2015 analysis. The Trustees rely on district leaders to ensure that stewardship guidelines are being upheld worldwide and they thank you for your efforts. We recognize the hard work involved to maintain this level of compliance and encourage your district and its clubs to continue your good work.

The Rotary Foundation appreciates the good work that you do and we thank you for your efforts to comply with the Foundation's reporting requirements.

> Sincerely, Meredith Burlew Department Manager, Stewardship



PDG Janet DiBenedetto Chair



PDG Andrew Morzello PDG Larry DeNoia PDG Leon Horwitz PDG Helen Reisler Stewardship Sub-Committee Chair

Our Committee



Doris Benson Grant Sub-Committee Chair



Barton High School in Brooklyn, NY and plans to attend college this upcoming fall semester perusing a degree in Criminal Justice and aspires to be a law enforcement officer for the Drug Enforcement Administration.





Susanne Gellert, a member and founding President of the Rotary Club of Wall Street went to Namibia in January to support the Bernard Nordkamp Centre, a day-care centre, where orphans and other vulnerable children receive not only a warm meal but also education and enjoy sports, crafts and educational games:

The Director of the BNC is Marybeth Gallagher, a Rotarian, who came to our Club 5 years ago as a speaker. She and her story were so inspiring that ever since I met her I had wanted to visit her and those amazing children and find a way to support them.

Susanne asked her many friends, other like minded Rotarian friends and colleagues to join a small fundraiser I organized at a small bar, in order to help to enhance the lives of those children and to avoid the vicious circle of no education no job - no money - no education for the next children. My message was that even if it is just a small donation it makes a difference. Every dollar goes to the children. "It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness"- Confucius. I was able to raise over 3000 USD.

Susanne has been a Rotarian for 7 years iscurrently serving as an Alternate RI Representative to the United Nations in addition to her Club work. More info at http://www.thebncnamibia.com.



the comradery that was shared with all the conference participants.

Horton Hickerson

What a great job you did with the conference. You have a warm and wonderful District and I enjoyed renewing friend-

ships with a number of your PDGs. I had heard the young man for the Philadelphia Police Department at our PETS this past winter, but what a wonderful example of what the Rotary Peace program can do. He is such a great ambassador for being a peace fellow.

I would also like to rave about the wonderful golf tournament that you invited me to. I would but it would not meet the Four-Way Test. Maybe next year it can be warmer.

Louisa Boyle Rotary Club of New York

Highlights for me were; The band on Saturday night which had everyone up dancing and made for an amazing Rotary night of fellowship and fun; the excellent House of Friendship and the 6 pack talk which allowed Rotarians to learn about each others projects and be inspired by all we can and have achieved; and Rick and David's excellent leadership with Rick doing an exceptional job as MC throughout the weekend and David and Dede acting as the perfect hosts of an amazing event.

President-Elect Sonny Lee Ph.D. Rotary Club of New York

The 7230 District Conference was so much fun, productive and successful. I admire you as our proud district governor, so thoughtful, enthusiastic and commendable.

You put so much effort and time to prepare this great event to be successful with other officials tiredlessly.

With your leadership, we had wonderful participation through out the district. My wife. Sarah and I enjoyed golf outing and all the other program very much. Again, thank you for all you do as our proud Governor.



Mootze Michel-Roache Rotary Club of Mount Vernon

a tightly run conference. A

great deal was covered in a very short time, with time left for touring and relaxation.

Registration was a 'breeze'. The breakout sessions were outstanding. The presence of the Rotaractors added a unique dimension to the conference. They represented 'energy' and the future of Rotary. Thank you to the conference team for a job well done.



Rotary Club of White Plains Fundraising Day of Golf, Evening Cocktails and Dinner

May 4, 2015

GET TICKETS ONLINE AT www.rotarygolfevent.brownpapertickets.com

Westchester Hills Golf Club 401 Ridgeway, White Plains, NY 10605 Full Day of Golf -Lunch, Cocktails and Seated Dinner 10:45am to 8:30pm

> Pricing: Early Bird \$300 pp individual golfers/\$1,120 foursome After April 15 to May 1, \$350 pp individual golfers/\$1,280 foursome \$135 pp for Cocktails and Seated Dinner Only 5:30pm-8:30pm (Sorry, no walk-ins)



Foundation Club Grants Certification Training



May 7, 2015 6:30- 8:30 PM

You are cordially invited to attend

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Club Grants Certification Training For District 7230

Eastchester Odyssey Diner 465 White Plains Road, Eastchester, NY 10709

> Coffee & Dessert \$10 per person

RSVP by May 2nd, 2015 917-797-6702 or

rsherman1@mac.com





