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OUR WELCOME SONG

We welcome you to Morristown
Where freedom's wars were fought.
We welcome you to Morristown
Where liberty was wrought.
Come join our age old comradeship,
Break bread with us today.
In real Rotarian fellowship
Our greetings we convey.

THE 4-WAY TEST

- Of the things we think, say or do:
1. Is it the TRUTH?
 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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THE RAMBLER

February 8, 2005

Heart Surgery in Chicago Gives Two Iraqi Children the Gift of Life

By Janice S. Chambers, *The Rotarian*

When Ali Ayad Karim, now 10, and Masuma Hmod, now 1, were born in Iraq, doctors discovered they had a severe congenital heart condition that's routinely corrected with surgery in wealthy countries. The young patients go on to lead normal, healthy lives. But in Iraq, where suicide bombers strike almost daily and the hospitals are filled with war casualties, such children die young. If they're fortunate, like Ali, they spend their days quietly at home, playing Nintendo or other games. Ali rarely left the single room he shared with his parents and two younger sisters. His condition, called tetralogy of Fallot, caused oxygen-poor blood to flow through his heart, so that a simple walk down the street was enough to turn his face blue.


In August, Ali and Masuma flew to Chicago to undergo open-heart surgery, arranged and funded through a partnership of Rotarians and Muslim community leaders. They are among more than 4,000 children in 60 developing countries who have received open-heart surgery through Gift of Life International, a nonprofit founded and operated by Rotarians.

In the wake of 9/11 and the war with Iraq, relations between Muslims and non-Muslims in the United States have deteriorated quickly. "We were kind of wary. This was new territory for us," admits Rotarian George Harris, who is chair of the District 6450 (Illinois) Gift of Life program and a pediatrician at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, where the operation was performed. But any trepidation was quickly dispelled, he says, by the dedication of Rotarians and volunteers at the Mosque Foundation of Chicago, which handled translations, transportation, and housing. "This was

long overdue," Harris adds. The Rotarians also partnered with the Iraqi American Association of Illinois and several Catholic groups. Local Rotarians donated the flights through United Mileage Plus partners. The team members are now planning more joint efforts.

"We are all traveling in the same direction," says Dr. Yacoub Al-Ubaid, originally from Baghdad. "Rotary doesn't discriminate, whether a child is from Russia or China or Iraq. That is my philosophy, too. I hope we can do more humanitarian service together." Several days after the surgeries in early September, the children arrive at the hospital for a check-up. Ali plays the big brother, putting his arm protectively around Masuma, who watches his every move. He seems confident and mature for his age, but that's not surprising, since he's spent most of his life with adults, unable to go to school. "I hope to become a principal," he tells a visitor.

While Ali's chest was being cut open by surgeons in Chicago, more than 40 people gathered at his home in Baghdad, his aunt says. "They prayed through the night," she says. "They kept calling the hospital. Finally, their phone rang. Ali was doing fine." Next, it was Masuma's turn, and her family also got good news. "She's drinking from the bottle now. She doesn't turn blue when she laughs," her mother reports happily.

In November, after Ramadan and the children's return to Iraq, the Orland Park Rotarians honor the volunteers. The audience includes priests, reporters in jeans, Rotarians in business suits, and Muslim women in abayas. Kifah Mustapha, imam of the Mosque Foundation, tells them: "We share common interests, and we have common beliefs. The Koran tells us, whoever helps to save one life, indeed, it is as if he saved humanity itself." 

Happening In Morristown!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Submitted by Charlie Eggert



The Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 11th this year. As usual we will meet behind the Morristown Municipal Building at our Rotary Float. Please be there before 11am.

We always have a great time! Be sure to come down early and take the opportunity to walk around the staging area. It is so much fun to see the Floats, the Irish Wolfhounds, Children, Fire-trucks, and all the Bands warming up! Just seeing the Young Children's Irish Dance Group is heart warming in itself. So be sure to don your Green and join us for a fun filled day! Family and friends are also welcome to join us!

And keep in mind that the event counts as a make-up! ☺

Send Make-Ups to:

John Kuschke
26 Lynnfield Dr.
Morristown, NJ
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Quote of the Week:

Those who dream by day
are cognizant of things that
escape those who only
dream by night.

Edgar Allen Poe
American Author/Poet

From the Sunshine Committee

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

We would like to thank our members Sara Wilkes and Joan Shulman for stepping up to take the co-chair positions of the Sunshine Committee. Best of luck with your new positions! ☺

A Memo From Our Northern Correspondent

(who's really our Floridian Correspondent for the next three months, for anybody that's keeping score...)

Please convey my sincerest sympathy to Jean Wenner on the death of Harry R.I.P. I am sure the whole club was saddened with his passing, as I was. He was truly a great friend to all of us, "A man for all Seasons"

Sincerely,
Finbarr ☺

Psssst...! Guess what we heard?

Submitted by Liz Colquhoun

Here's some exciting news! Ted Goodman's son-in-law, David Strathairn, has been nominated for a "Best Male Actor" Academy Award for his role as Edward R. Murrow in "Good Night and Good Luck." Pretty cool, huh?! ☺

Please Join Us For The Annual Valentine's Day Party

Hosted by

Cindy and Chris Flanagan

122 Washington Ave

Morristown, New Jersey, 07960

Saturday February 11, 2005

6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

The cost is 15.00 dollars per person plus one food item.

Please RSVP to Esli Badenhorst or Chris Flanagan

Directions: Take your best route to Madison Ave heading towards Madison. Proceed past Morristown Memorial Hospital. Turn left onto Normandy Parkway at the traffic light directly before the Friendly's restaurant. Make an immediate Left Turn onto Washington Ave. Number 122 is on the second block on the right hand side.

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Oops!
Ahhh... The perils of cutting and pasting...

In last week's pictures of our Bowling Fund-raiser Glenn Coutts was incorrectly identified as Glenn Garth! We also neglected to list the February Birthdays! The Editor should apparently "*finish*" his coffee before editing *The Rambler*!



February Birthdays

	Roy Bumiller	15
Glenn Coutts	3	Scott Rosenbush 15
Jonathan Taylor	5	Ralph Stiles 21
John Loughman	10	Jim Mongey 22
Harvey Gilbert	11	Richard Martin 23

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

This Week:
 Stuart Lasser and Rob Steidlitz of Project Acorn, will talk to us about the project of helping needy children.

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

This Week:
 Harvey Gilbert will talk to us about growing the Breakfast group.

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

February 21:
 Evening Program
 5:30pm - 7:00pm
 95 Madison Ave, Ste. 305. A light meal and drinks will be served.

Help Fill These Pages!!

Please send stories, news, jokes, photographs, and gossip for *The Rambler* to:
 P.J. Thurkauf at turk11042@hotmail.com or 973.538.2040 (fax)

Calendar of Events

February 11	Morristown Rotary Valentine's Day party. See page 2 for details!	March 11	Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade. Details to follow!
February 21	STAR Program-5:30-7:00pm. 95 Madison Ave., Ste 305; a light meal and drinks will be served.	March 21	STAR Program-5:30-7:00pm. 95 Madison Ave., Ste 305; a light meal and drinks will be served.
March 7	Intercity Meeting w/ Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. Details to follow.		



Contributions to the Endowment Fund should be addressed to:

Morristown Rotary
 Endowment Fund
 c/o Jonathan Taylor
 2 Tulip Lane
 Randolph, NJ 07869

Thanks to the club officers for their continued management of this fund. Balance as of 12/31/05 is \$93,118.09