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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 15, 2005

UK Rotaractors Help Build Benin School

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga, Rotary International News

Students at Agla Primary School in Cotonou, Benin, were used to attending classes under a roof of corrugated metal sheets perched precariously on wooden stilts. The makeshift classrooms without walls were frequently flooded during inclement weather, and parents in the school's poverty-stricken neighborhood found the physical dangers faced by their children a ready excuse for keeping them at home.

A Rotaract initiative, however, changed all that. In the week of 23 January, a team of seven British Rotaractors and one Rotarian and their Beninese counterparts worked feverishly to complete construction of a three-classroom block in time for an inauguration that Friday.

"We worked all night," said Brian Stoyel, a past president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland RIBI and chief coordinator of the effort, on 25 January. "Our team will be up another night if they need to."

Stoyel founded Rotaract Overseas Project as an international community service effort in 1992-93, when he was governor of Rotary International District 1290 (England).

Mark Reed, of the Rotaract Club of Derby, England, was one of the volunteers who traveled on the two-week mission to help improve the lives of underprivileged children in Benin's largest city. A management consultant, Reed noted that constructing a building from scratch was a big challenge for the team.

"Here is very different from what we experience in the UK," he said of the conditions in Benin. "But I like it. Overall, it is

what I expected."


Team members responded to an ad Stoyel placed in a variety of publications. Volunteers on any Rotaract Overseas Project must be members of a Rotaract club in Britain or Ireland and willing to work under difficult conditions.

"Rotaractors come from various occupations: I don't mind what kind," said Stoyel. "They don't have to have any particular skills or knowledge of a language of the area they are traveling to. They pay their own airfare and have to also raise sufficient funds for the project."

For the Benin effort, the team raised £19,000 (US\$33,668), all of it to help procure construction materials and pay for associated costs. On average, Stoyel noted, only about £12,500 (\$22,150) is needed to fund a project.

Each Rotaract Overseas Project is aimed at providing a valuable community resource, usually a building, to improve or promote education, health care, or culture. In addition, each effort must be selected or approved by its beneficiaries, involve area Rotarians, and use locally available products.

"I don't believe in going into another country with a European design," said Stoyel. "We eat local food and live and interact with the local people."

Since its inception, the initiative has organized eight missions to Africa and Eastern Europe and helped build or refurbish community centers, libraries, medical clinics, and orphanages, and other institutions. Project-site countries include Bulgaria, Romania, Gambia, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda. 

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
07960

Intercity Meeting With RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

Rotary District 7470 and District 7490 are honored to be co-hosting an intercity meeting with Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at:

The Hanover Manor
16 Eagle Rock Avenue
East Hanover, NJ
973-992-7425

Cash Bar. Cocktail Reception from 6:00pm-7:00pm followed by Dinner and Program.

Cost: \$22.00 per person

This is a rare opportunity for Rotarians to hear the President of Rotary International and to meet and talk with him.

Reservations can be made by e-mail to: karien@comcast.net; by phone: 973-731-1971; or by fax: 973-731-4804.

Make check payable to Rotary District 7470 and mail quickly to:

Karien Ziegler, PhD
District Governor
21 Hutton Ave., #2
West Orange, NJ 07052

Be sure to include a note with your Name, Phone Number, and Club. ☺

Morristown Rotary Bowling Tournament's Senior Champion!



President Bill Weiss congratulates our Senior Champion, Glenn Coutts, at last week's luncheon meeting.

'05-'06 Super Cash 50/50 Raffle Update

Submitted by Tom Lanahan

Sales Results as of 2/8/06

Leaders so far:

Tom Lanahan 15

Chance on a Chance Door 14

Harvey Gilbert 8

Bob Miller 9

Jon Notestein 6

Please don't wait until the last few weeks! Remember to use the now famous "Bagish Method" that was developed by Dolores and David years ago and was passed on to me my first year as a Morristown Rotarian. The famous "Bagish Letter" was in your envelope with a 2005-2006 Super Cash 50/50 Raffle flyer (yellow). If each Morristown Rotarian follows this simple and easy Super Cash 50/50 Raffle sales method it's virtually guaranteed that you will sell your six tickets. **The key is to send the letters!**

#1. Make a list of at least 10 families, friends, or business customers. (The people can live anywhere; I have returns from four different states!)

#2. Write them the "Bagish Letter" enclosing 2005-2006 Super Cash 50/50 Raffle flyer. Enclose an envelope addressed back to you. **Important:** add a postage paid live stamp. Most people don't want to waste the stamp!

#3. When a check and ticket application is returned to you; mail the buyer back their ticket stub(s) with a good luck and thank you note. Give your returns to the 50/50 chairman. (That's me!)

#4. After the April 12, 2006 drawing, mail all of your ticket buyers a list of the winners and wish them luck next year. Of course, if you have a winner let the others know you sold a winner! This last step is important as it will make next year's sales easier.

This entire process takes less than an hour of your time. If any other Rotarian has any other ideas, please share them with us! ☺

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UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

This Week:
 Patrolman Jason Lawler of the Morris Twp. Police Dept. to talk to us about the Child ID Program to help keep children safer in today's society .

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

This Week:
 Dave Walker will give his Classification talk.

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

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



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