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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 22, 2005

Polio Network Ready to Respond to Avian Flu Outbreak

By Maureen Vaught, Rotary International News

Three cases of a deadly strain of avian influenza were confirmed in chickens in northern Nigeria last week, marking the first appearance of the H5N1 virus in Africa. The World Health Organization immediately responded with offers of aid that take advantage of the country's polio eradication infrastructure.

In a statement released 9 February, WHO Director-General Dr. Jong-wook Lee outlined ways the country's PolioPlus network can support the government of Nigeria during this crisis. Among his suggestions was an offer to make use of the 11-14 February National Immunization Days to distribute information to the public about avian flu. Publicizing the dangers of close contact with sick or dead birds infected with the virus is especially critical in Nigeria, where village households keep free-ranging flocks of poultry as a source for food and income.


Monitoring for human cases, assisting with the collection and transport of diagnostic specimens, and providing avian influenza technical staff with logistical support are some of the other ways the PolioPlus network is ready to help, says Linda Muller, external relations officer for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

The use of the polio eradication infrastructure of human and technical assistance is especially valuable in Africa where a weak health care system is already overtaxed from caring for patients with HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. If Nigeria's government decides to

take advantage of the WHO offer, it will mark the first time the polio eradication network has been used in the early detection and response to cases of avian flu. For the moment, however, Nigerian health officials have ruled out the direct involvement of vaccinators in the public information campaign over concerns that they may not be able to answer questions about avian flu.

Instead, "field supervisors are giving the chicken-avoidance message to village leaders and having them decide the best way to disseminate it," the Washington Post reported on 13 February.

The highly pathogenic H5N1 virus was first discovered in Nigeria's Kaduna state on 8 February. The next day, the strain was confirmed in two other states: at two farms in Kano and on one farm in adjoining Plateau. Because of its ability to spread quickly among poultry flocks and result in severe disease and death in humans, this form of the virus is considered extremely dangerous.

The WHO's polio team has 449 staff in Nigeria, 57 of whom are non-Nigerian citizens. The greatest concentration of staff is located in the northern part of the country and primarily composed of officers for immunization, disease surveillance, and social mobilization. Muller noted that the team is working in full collaboration with the team from Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response, WHO's lead department on such responses. 

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. ☺

2006 District 7470 Conference May 4-7

The District 7470 Conference is May 4-7 at the Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center, in Lancaster, PA. Registration Forms are available online on both the District 7470 website (www.njrotary.com) and our own website (www.morristownrotary.com). Registration forms are due no later than March 22, 2006. ☺

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

Submitted by Tom Lanahan

Sales Leaders as of Wednesday 2/15

Tom Lanahan 19
Chance on a Chance 17
Bob Miller 9
Harvey Gilbert 8
Bob Coultas 6
Jon Notestein 6
Jonathan Taylor 6

Please give the famous Dolores and David Bagish sales method a try!

Send the Letters!

For complete instructions on the "Bagish Method" check out the February 15 issue of *The Rambler* online in *The Rambler Archive* section of The Morristown Rotary Club website: www.morristownrotary.com ☺

**Take off your Red
and put on your
GREEN**

Due to Blizzard of 2006, the February 11th Valentine's Day Party has been rescheduled to a St. Patrick's Day Party, on March 18th, at Chris and Cindy Flanagan's home, 122 Washington Avenue, Morristown, from 6 PM to 10 PM.

If you paid for the Valentine's Day Party and cannot make the St. Patrick's Day Party, please contact Esli for a refund.

If you would like to join us at the rescheduled date, please call to notify us of your attendance and headcount as well as the dish (either an Appetizer or Dessert) you will be bringing. The cost is \$15 per person. Contact – Esli (973) 224-0512. ☺

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Quote of the Week:

“When you cannot make up your mind which of two evenly balanced courses of action you should take - choose the bolder.”

**William Joseph Slim
 British Field Marshal**

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

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.
March 11	Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade. Details on Page 2.	March 24	Gift of Life Gala at The Meadow Wood Manor, Randolph, NJ - Details to follow
March 18	Morristown Rotary St. Patrick's Day Party. Details on Page 2	April 25	STAR Program-5:30-7:00pm. 95 Madison Ave., Ste 305; a light meal and drinks will be served.

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

This Week:
 Scott Rosenbush will talk to us about his trip to China in November

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

February 21:
 Evening Program
 5:30pm - 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