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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

March 1, 2006

Former Exchange Student Makes Polio Eradication Her Passion

By Tiffany Woods, Rotary International News
Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/RI

On her first day of school in the United States, exchange student Jenny Horton got sent back to her host parents' house to change because her skirt was too short. That was 35 years ago in Frederick, Oklahoma, USA, a little farming community amid cotton and wheat fields. The 16-year-old Rotary Youth Exchange student from Walcha, New South Wales, Australia, let the hem out of her skirt, and went on to spend the next year learning how to handle bigger challenges and forming life-long friendships.

"I am who I am today as a direct result of that year," Horton, 51, said at Rotary's International Assembly, a training conference for incoming district governors taking place 16-23 February in San Diego, California, USA.

"My Youth Exchange experience enriched my life in so many ways, and I see it as a pivotal year for me. I came home a very different person, one who had grown in strength and courage, who was not afraid to step out of the box or out of her comfort zone, one who had learned not to be judgmental and to always look beyond the wrappings of life. But mostly it taught me about love and commitment, commitment to God, to life, and to each other."

After arriving in Frederick, Horton immersed herself in almost anything she could find. "I was headstrong, extremely active, impatient, and wanting to be involved in everything," she said. She joined a church and the cheerleading squad. In addition, she worked as a volunteer at a local hospital, spoke to community groups, participated in track and field,



RI President-elect William B. Boyd praised Jenny Horton & the power of Rotary Youth Exchange at the 2006 International Assembly.

and played basketball.

When it came to time to say good-bye to Frederick, Horton's heart broke. She had become so close to her host families. Even today, her eyes get misty as she talks about the farewells. Back in Australia, Horton became a nurse and worked in the fields of aboriginal health, drugs and alcohol, prison medical services, palliative care, severe dementia, and public health.

On a return trip to Frederick to visit her host families, one of Horton's Rotarian host fathers told her about efforts to eradicate polio. About 10 years later, she traveled to India to vaccinate children against polio. She had never seen people with such crippled legs. She picked up one boy, and his leg flopped like a ventriloquist's doll. She set him down, hugged him, walked away, and wiped the tears from her eyes. Horton, who by then had become a Rotarian and had lost her Rotarian husband to a brain tumor, returned to India two more times for additional vaccination campaigns.

Polio eradication started to consume her life. She spent her evenings assisting with

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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

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fundraising and telling people about the eradication efforts. She read everything she could about the paralyzing disease. Horton volunteered with Stop the Transmission of Polio (STOP). Through the program, she traveled to Ethiopia, Botswana, and Pakistan, spending three to four months in each country.

"Polio eradication had taken over my life, and at all costs I wanted to be in the field working toward our goal of a polio-free world," she said. "The pain I felt in seeing someone affected by polio was a driving force for me."

Today, Horton lives in Pakistan and is a World Health Organization consultant working on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. She gives technical support and advice to government health offices, analyzes data, does disease surveillance, and teaches health professionals to look for signs of polio. "This is all because of Rotary, and it all began with Youth Exchange," she said. ☺

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

Submitted by Tom Lanahan

Sales Leaders as of Wednesday 2/22

Jonathan Taylor 20
Tom Lanahan 20
Chance on a Chance 20
Bob Miller 16
D & D Bagish 7
Harvey Gilbert 8
Bob Coultas 6
Jon Notestein 6
Scott Rosenbush 6

Please don't wait until the last week to sell your tickets. Before it's too late (only six weeks to go) use the famous "Bagish method". The key is to **send the letters!** All instructions, the letter, and the 50/50 Flyer are on the Morristown Rotary Club's website. www.morristownrotary.com.

Good luck! ☺

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. ☺

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. ☺

From the Sunshine Committee

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

Jean Wenner has had two cataract surgeries in the last two weeks and asked us to be sure and thank everyone from the Rotary Club for the beautiful plant, cards and visits around Harry's death. She will forever be a Rotary-Ann and hopes to see us all soon! ☺



SERVICE Above Self

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. ☺

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.

A Memo From Our Northern Correspondent

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

I am happy to report that Jim, Colette, Herb, Gretchen and I had a delightful evening with George and Caroline Stern on Friday evening at the Porta Bello Restaurant, in Tequesta. The Sterns, along with their friends from the Bahamas, Bill and Clare, invited us to celebrate the good news that George is now free of cancer! He looks great and stayed awake during the whole dinner (some of the older members need to explain to the newer members how George used to go to sleep at Rotary meetings [even if I was the speaker])!!! The question that remained unresolved was does this count as a make up meeting with four members present? ☺

Quote of the Week:

**Meditate.
Live purely. Be quiet.
Do your work with mastery.
Like the moon, come out
from behind the clouds!
Shine.**

**Buddha
The Enlightened One**

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

This Week:

Judy Pedersen of Interregnum will speak on grief, loss and transition and the Healing Hearts program.

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

This Week:

Bob Miller will speak on "The fear of public speaking; is it real?"

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

March 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