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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 8, 2006

Nigeria Immunizes Over 30 Million Children

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News

More than 30 million children received the oral polio vaccine during National Immunization Days in Nigeria, held 11-14 February.

The event was the first of four NIDs and two Subnational Immunization Days recommended by an expert review committee that convened in Abuja, Nigeria's federal capital, in mid-December, to explore new approaches to polio eradication this year.

"Nigerian Rotarians have declared the year 2006 as 'End-Time for Polio in Nigeria,' and this is now the battle cry of the nation itself," says Nigeria PolioPlus Committee member Busuyi Onabolu. "[We] are therefore geared for this final battle and are now working at the community, wards, local government, state, and even national levels, lobbying the political leadership to release funds for the program."

According to Onabolu, Rotarians are also leading efforts to mobilize the public, supervise and monitor immunization teams, and provide logistical support during NIDs.

A month before the February NIDs, the National Programme on Immunization (NPI), the agency in charge of planning and coordinating all immunization activities in Nigeria, organized a retreat to discuss ways to achieve polio eradication in 2006. Part of this year's target is to increase routine immunization coverage to 65 percent of the population for all vaccine preventable diseases.

As in past NIDs, children in all of Nige-

rias 36 states and Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory, were targeted. But for the first time, the monovalent oral polio vaccine (mOPV1) was used on a pilot basis in Kebbi, Lagos, Rivers, and Taraba states.

"There was no negative report from the four states where mOPV1 was administered," says Onabulo. "It will, therefore, be administered in all the 36 states and Abuja during the second round of NIDs in March."

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative announced on 1 February that mOPV1 will be the vaccine of choice in all polio-affected areas this year. Aimed at individual virus strains, mOPV1 is the most effective vaccine against poliovirus types 1 and 3, which are circulating in countries where polio is still endemic or imported.

Nigerian media have recently reported that President Olusegun Obasanjo is unhappy that the country is still polio-endemic.

According to This Day, a daily newspaper based in Lagos, NPI's new chief executive, Edugie Abebe, told journalists at a news briefing in early February that "Obasanjo was disturbed by the classification of Nigeria as the largest reservoir of wild poliovirus in Africa."

The same newspaper reported that the Nigerian president has directed the NPI to aim at halting transmission of the wild poliovirus before the end of 2006 by carrying out agency reforms, through better planning and coordination, and by mobilizing elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels of government to be more involved in polio-immunization activities.

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

Change Of Venue!

Due to the issue of the numerous sporadic Breakfast and Lunch locations we've been experiencing at the Morristown Hyatt, the Club will be trying out a couple of different meeting places this week! Please make a note of the changes!

Breakfast Meeting

In Thyme Café
Headquarters Plaza
(near the old Bennigans)
at 7:30am

****Special Note****

Parking will NOT be validated; there are generally spots open at metered spaces on Speedwell Ave at this hour, but be sure to feed your meter!

Lunch Meeting

Ora Restaurant
90 South St.
(Next door to the Community Theatre)
at 12:15pm

Please use metered parking.

We will keep you up to date in *The Rambler* about future venues as information comes available. Questions should be directed to Gary Reppen regarding the Breakfast Meeting and Bill Weiss regarding the Lunch Meeting. ☺

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

Submitted by Tom Lanahan

Sales Leaders as of Wednesday

21	Tom Lanahan
20	Jonathan Taylor
16	Bob Miller
11	David & Dolores Bagish
8	Harvey Gilbert
7	Mike Moore
6	Bob Coultas
6	Roger Flanagan
6	Scott Rosenbush
6	Jon Notestein

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!

Quote of the Week:

"Dreams are renewable. No matter what our age or condition, there are still untapped possibilities within us and new beauty waiting to be born."

Dr. Dale E. Turner

Author/Columnist

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. ☺



March Birthdays

Esli Badenhorst	5
Richard Betz	7
Maria Cacciabauda	9
Michael Elms	11
Bill Weiss	29



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. ☺

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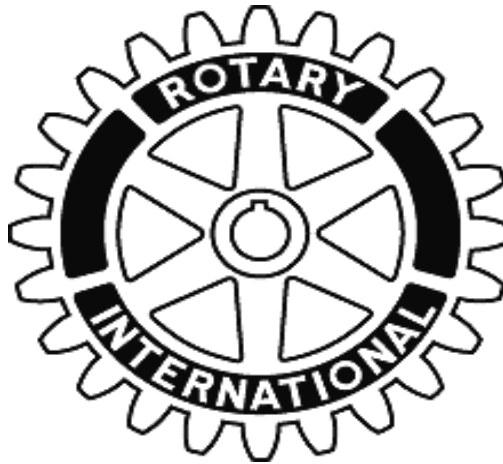
Please send stories, news, jokes, photographs, and gossip for *The Rambler* to: P.J. Thurkauf at turk11042@hotmail.com or 973.538.2040 (fax)

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.

Did You Know...

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem. ☺



UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS
**Please Note VENUE CHANGE See Page 2*

This Week: John Cunningham will speak to us about the Importance of Morristown during the Revolution.

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS
**Please Note VENUE CHANGE See Page 2*

This Week: Discussion of meeting location/ breakfast

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