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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 29, 2006

## Participation at UN Event Was Publicity Boon for Rotary, Representatives Say

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga  
Rotary International News

Rotary International is among scores of nongovernmental organizations represented at the 50th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at UN headquarters in New York City. The session, which opened on 27 February, runs through 10 March.

On the opening day, Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn E. Jones and Joan Fyfe, alternate RI representative to the UN in New York, participated in a panel discussion for NGOs on the theme "Empowering Women for Leadership Roles." Jones and Fyfe attended on behalf of Rotary International, which was a sponsor of the panel discussion, along with Soroptimist International and Zonta International.

Jones explains that the discussion, which was chaired by Fyfe, brought the vast reach of Rotarians' humanitarian work to an audience of some 70 representatives of NGOs from around the world.

"If they did not know of Rotary beforehand, they certainly know about Rotary and microcredit banking now," says Jones, who made a presentation about Rotary's support for microcredit projects that mainly benefit women in underserved communities. "I could see from the faces that they all understood that the concept of microcredit banking could work in their countries as well."

Jones's presentation highlighted the success of the Rotary club-sponsored Uniendo América Microbanking Project in empowering women in Central America. The US\$500,000 initiative was set up in the



*Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn E. Jones and RI representative Joan Fyfe at the event.*

1990s by Guatemalan and U.S. Rotary clubs involved with the annual Uniendo América project fair of Central American Rotary clubs.

It was initially aimed at helping hurricane-devastated communities in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. More than 3,000 people, 95 percent of them women, have directly benefited from the effort. Over 20,000 people, mostly children, are indirect beneficiaries.

The fund has grown to \$720,000 as a result of the modest interest charged on the loans provided through the effort.

Fyfe concurs with Jones about the benefits to Rotary of cosponsoring or participating in events such as the UN gathering. "It brings Rotary visibility to hundreds of women from around the world," she explains. "Some women had the impression that [Rotary] is still a man's club."

After the presentation, both Rotarians fielded questions from the audience and the Soroptimist and Zonta representatives, who

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also were participants on the panel discussion.

Jones especially remembers her interaction with Sakena Yacoobi, a copanelist and Zonta representative from Afghanistan.

When Yacoobi responded to a question about how Zonta's educational programs empower Afghan women, Jones saw in it an opportunity to tell the story of Rotary in Afghanistan. She told the audience that when Rotary was reintroduced into the country after the ouster of the Taliban regime in 2001, the charter president of the Rotary Club of Kabul was a woman.

"That drew a huge round of applause," Jones recalls. "At the end of the meeting, my copanelist asked me to send her contact information for the Afghanistan clubs because she would like to propose a joint education project."

Jones says that she still receives e-mail requests for additional information about Rotary and its humanitarian programs from people who took her business card. ☺

Send Make-Ups to:

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# Change Of Venue!

## Breakfast Meeting

### Morris Center YMCA

79 Horsehill Rd.  
Cedar Knolls, NJ

7:30am

## Lunch Meeting

### Morristown Hyatt

12:15pm

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

## Looking to Add a Great Start to Your Wednesdays?

Submitted by Tom Lanahan, 50/50 Chairman

### Sales Leaders as of Wednesday 03/15

Jonathan Taylor 30  
D&D Bagish 24  
Tom Lanahan 21  
Chance on a Chance 21  
Bob Miller 18  
Harvey Gilbert 15  
Mike Moore 15  
Jim Mongey 9  
Roy Bumiller 7  
Paul Bagiola 6  
Bill Bruen Jr. 6  
Bill Cunningham 6  
Bob Coultas 6  
Roger Flanagan 6  
Doug Fromberg 6  
Marco Lima 6  
Jon Notestein 6  
Leslie Honeker-Payne 6  
Scott Rosenbush 6

We have just **4 weeks** until the drawing on April 12, 2006. Please don't wait until the last week to sell your tickets. I would like to have all money turned in by Wednesday April 5, 2006. If you need help call me or look at our web site all the instructions and the 50/50 Flyer are on our Morristown Rotary Club's website:

[www.morristownrotary.com](http://www.morristownrotary.com) ☺

The Breakfast Meeting is up and running, and would love your support! Meetings are every Wednesday morning, 7:30 a.m. sharp, at The Morris Center YMCA (79 Horsehill Rd., Cedar Knolls). This meeting is a great way to makeup for those times you just can't make the Luncheon Meeting; and an opportunity to invite prospective Rotarians who might not be able to make the Luncheon Meeting. Enjoy breakfast with us and help us build the Club! ☺

### Quote of the Week:

"Do more than belong: participate.  
Do more than care: help.  
Do more than believe: practice.  
Do more than be fair: be kind.  
Do more than forgive: forget.  
Do more than dream: work."

William Arthur Ward



## SERVICE Above Self

### From The Sunshine Committee

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

Tom went thru a cardiac bypass procedure last week, it went as expected with no complications. He will be in the hospital for 5 days. He requests that if anyone has intentions of sending him anything; make a contribution to The Morristown Rotary Foundation or the Morristown Memorial Hospital. ☺

### Membership Drive Cocktail Party

Submitted by Gary Reppen

The board has approved the planning of a Cocktail Party to be used as a New Member Drive. There will be an initial Committee meeting for this project this Wednesday, March 29; 5:30pm at Gary Reppen's office: John Hancock Insurance, 10 Headquarters Plaza (next to The Hyatt). If you are interested in joining this committee or participating in the planning process please contact Gary Reppen. ☺

### From The Programs Committee

Submitted by Bob Miller

We are in need of speakers for our Morning Meetings. If you have not given a Classification talk to the Morning Meeting or are a new member that hasn't done a Classification talk at either meeting, please contact Bob Miller. We would love to hear about you! ☺

### Walk for the World

Submitted by Leslie Honeker-Payne

Spring is coming so let's get outside and stretch our legs! Walk for the World is a perfect opportunity to do just that! Come walk with us in an effort to raise money for the Rotary International Foundation. The date is Sunday May 21st and will be at Loantaka Park. We will need walkers (bike riders, rollerbladers, joggers...) and sponsors. As well if any Rotarians know of any other groups that want to walk to raise money for their cause we can reach out to them to get them information on the walk and they can join us that day as well. If you have any questions, please contact Harvey Gilbert or Leslie Payne. ☺

## Help Fill These Pages!!

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

### Calendar of Events

April 25 STAR Program-5:30-7:00pm. 95 Madison Ave., Ste 305; a light meal and drinks will be served. June 21

May 21 Walk for the World at Loantaka Park.

Morristown Rotary Installation Dinner at the Westin Governor Morris. There will be no Breakfast or Lunch meetings this Wednesday.

### UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

#### This Week:

John Cunningham to speak to us about the Green rejuvenation program.

### UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

#### This Week:

Leslie Honeker-Payne will give her Classification talk. Also, Dick Betz will be in to briefly discuss the Retention Committee's new Dinner Club.

### UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

#### April 25:

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