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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.

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Of the things we think, say or do:  
1. Is it the TRUTH?  
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Winning!*

# THE RAMBLER

May 24, 2006

## E-club's Only Boundaries Are Time And Technology

*By Bettina Kozlowski  
Rotary International News*

Two years after Europe's first Rotary e-club was chartered, the members of the Rotary E-Club of Verkkorotary (which means Rotary on the Web) in Finland say they're so tightly knit that one member recently participated in the online meeting while on a flight from Teheran, Iran, to Frankfurt, Germany.

E-club member Matti Keijola says the fellowship among Verkkorotary's 30 members is strong because no member has to miss a meeting, even if he or she is thousands of miles away from the club's headquarters in Finland.

"Our only boundaries are technical connections and time," says Matti Kivinen, a past district governor. As a septuagenarian, Kivinen says he's the opposite of a computer geek, but he finds the technology easy and fun to use.

On three out of four Tuesdays every month, the Finnish e-club members from District 1420 meet online at 9 p.m. (Finnish time) in a virtual conference room, logging on from anywhere with an Internet connection.

Equipped with microphones and Web cameras, the participants can see and talk to one another, while simultaneously chatting online. They can click on a smiley face symbol to express laughter and on a clapping hands symbol for applause. The meetings are very lively, says Kivinen. "Seeing and hearing one another makes all the difference. Otherwise, it would just be an online chat."

To avoid online chaos, the electronic-meeting chairman decides who gets the

microphone at any given time and whose Web camera image to post for all to see. A maximum of four faces can be displayed at once. "It's not like you can leave and make yourself a sandwich. You better be prepared to have the camera switched on to you," occasional chairman Hannu Aronsson jokes. Meetings are recorded and can be re-experienced at any time.

Many Finnish Rotarians admit Verkkorotary.fi would not be the same without the once monthly in-person meetings. That's where the members bond, says Aronsson. "The personal contact builds the online community," Aronsson says.

But thanks to the available technology, those who can't attend the terra (in-person) meetings can participate online, which results in an original mix of live and online meetings.

The Verkkorotary club members see partial e-clubs as Rotary's way of the future. They believe Rotarians may want to remain a part of their original Rotary club, even if living abroad. Partial e-clubs allow these ex-pats to do so, while exposing the at-home club to members who bring a fresh, international perspective to the club.

The cost, however, for an online club's infrastructure — consisting of a server, the conference software, and the access portal — is high, an estimated \$US65,000 per year. A Verkkorotary member's employer sponsors the cost, however.

This club benefit allows these Rotarians to bond in ways that may not otherwise been possible. "The whole world should participate in international meetings online," says member Tomi Laamanen. ☺

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## From Last Friday's Relay For Life!

Dave Bagish submitted these Great photos of a group of Great Rotarians out supporting a Great cause!



## Hold The Dates!

We will be celebrating our new Club Officers (as well as the first day of summer!) at our Installation Dinner on June 21st. All the widows have been invited to attend this special night and have accepted our invitations. The dinner will be held at The Spring Brook Country Club; and there will be *No Regular Meetings* that day.

Saturday, August 12th will be the Rotary Family Picnic at the Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp. Times will be announced soon!

Also, looking more towards fall, Saturday November 4th will be Rotary Day at The United Nations this year!

## The Story of the Mexican Fisherman

A boat docked in a tiny Mexican village. An American tourist complimented the Mexican fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took him to catch them. "Not very long," answered the fisherman. "But then, why didn't you stay out longer and catch more?" asked the American. The fisherman explained that his small catch was sufficient to meet his needs and those of his family. The American asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?" The fisherman responded, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, and take a siesta with my wife. In the evenings, I go into the village to see my friends, have a few drinks, play the guitar, and sing a few songs. I have a full life."

The American interrupted, "I have an MBA from Harvard and I can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat." "And after that?" asked the fisherman. With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers. Instead of selling your fish to a middle man, you can then negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City, Los Angeles, or even New York City! From there you can direct your huge new enterprise." "How long would that take?" asked the fisherman. "Twenty, perhaps twenty-five years," replied the American. "And after that?" "Afterwards? Well my friend, that's when it gets really interesting," answered the American, laughing. "When your business gets really big, you can start selling stocks and make millions!" "Millions? Really? And after that?" said the fisherman.

"After that you'll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings drinking and enjoying your friends."

The moral is:  
**Know where you're going in life... you may already be there.**

## Membership Drive Cocktail Party

Submitted by Gary Reppen

Don't forget the Membership Drive Cocktail Party is **THIS WEDNESDAY** at The Spring Brook Country Club, 6:00-7:30pm. All Morristown Rotarians are invited, indeed, *encouraged* to attend. There is no charge to Morristown Rotarians so long as they bring at least one potential new Rotarian to the event. Printed invitations have been created for the event, if you need one or two to hand out, please contact Gary Reppen. ☺

## A Brand New Membership Challenge

Submitted by Bob Miller

I would like to offer a new Membership Challenge. Any member who sponsors a new member that is accepted by September 6 will get an invitation for two to the "6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob and Krys Cheese and Wine Festival" to be held on September 9, 2006 from 2:00 to 7:00. ☺

## Special 80th Birthday Wishes

The Morristown Rotary Club extends BIG "Happy Birthday" to Billie Schloerb this upcoming June 1st! For those who know her, it's hard to believe that she is 80; she is looking as radiant as ever! Billie is the widow our Jack Schloerb, a past president of the Morristown Club who ran the Morristown YMCA for many years. ☺

**Happy Birthday Billie!**

## Help Fill These Pages!!

Please send stories, news, jokes, photographs, and gossip for *The Rambler* to:  
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## Calendar of Events

May 24	Membership Drive Cocktail Party; at The Spring Brook Country Club, 6:00pm-7:30pm	August 2	District 7470 Governor's Visit. Both meetings.
June 21	Morristown Rotary Installation Dinner at the Spring Brook Country Club. There will be no Breakfast or Lunch meetings this Wednesday	August 12	Rotary Family Picnic at the Jockey Hollow Girl Scout camp. Time to be announced.

## Morristown's Annual Spring Barrel Planting

Submitted by Doug Greenberger

Out of a low pressure weather pattern that has been hammering the Northeast, we pulled one of the ten best nights of the year. Louise Abato sent help again from the MUA in the form of a truck and its driver, David, who also helped last year. A veritable gang of Rotarians and friends turned out as follows : Badenhausen, Bangiola, Betz, Bumiller & Bumiller, Colquhoun, G.Coutts & Co, Ken & Linda Coutts Snyder, Deak, Eggert & Eggert, Gallagher & Co., Gilbert, Greenberger, Harrigan & Harrigan, Kostrowski x2, Lengyl, Lima, Marum, Melaku, Mongey & Mongey, Moore & Moore, Morrison x2, MUA driver David, Nowel, Payne, Ward, Weiss, and Wilkes.

Liz was all over the place with that smile; Charlie and Cheryl get most points for coolest truck. Remote controlled electric burglar proof rollup door on the bed? I can't take it. Linda and Ed Kostrowski, as usual are just over the top prepared for *ANYTHING*.

Everyone planted, ate, drank and had a good time. Thanks to all for pitching in to help with one of our primary cyclical beautification projects. ☺

## News From the District Conference

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

Congratulations to our very own PJ Thurkauf, the Editor of our newsletter. He received the District Award for "Bulletin - Best Format" for *The Rambler*!!! Also, Bill Cunningham had the highest net score in golf on Friday at the Conference and Jon Notestein highest net score on Saturday. ☺

## UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

### This Week:

Ed Delia of Delia Associates will talk on "Personal Branding"

### Next Week:

Leslie Payne-Honeker will give her classification talk

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

### This Week:

Chris Flanagan on Internet Security Myths

### Next Week:

Morris Habitat for Humanity will give us a presentation on local projects.



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Endowment Fund  
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