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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

January 17, 2007

Students Learn A Lesson In Law From Rotarians In Hong Kong

By Lisa Baker

Rotary International News

Some Rotary clubs in Hong Kong decided the best way to teach some students a lesson was to take them to court – or least a mock court.

As part of an adopt-a-school project, clubs in District 3450 (Hong Kong) worked with the Education and Manpower Bureau of Hong Kong to teach secondary school students about crime and punishment.

The clubs teamed up with their local schools to give students hands-on professional expertise. Ten clubs and nine schools participated and planned activities such as career talks, vocational visits, mentorship, and a mock trial, where the Rotary Club of Kingspark turned students at Hotung Secondary School into lawyers. Alexander Mak, past district governor of District 3450, explained, "The main goal of the mock trial is to enable the students to understand the operation of our legal system, cultivate a critical way of thinking, broaden their exposure, make informed judgments toward civic and legal issues, and understand that many things can be looked at from different angles."

Seventy students participated in two trials – one involving the case of someone accused of breaking into a car and stealing money from it, and the other case involved the defendant allegedly possessing illegal drugs. The students were divided into four groups – each group was assigned to either the prosecution or defense of one of the trials.

To train the students, club members took

them to a local police department. The policemen explained their duties – what equipment is at their disposal, how to handle suspects, and how to take and prepare witness statements.

Then both Rotarians and law experts helped train the students in honing their legal skills. The teams of prosecutors were trained by lawyers from the Department of Justice in Hong Kong. The two defense teams trained with a criminal barrister. Two police inspectors and one immigration officer also helped out as the prosecution's witnesses.

The experts taught the students how to examine witnesses without asking leading questions, present evidential materials, argue before the court, and make closing statements.

"Although these students had no prior legal training, we managed to turn them into confident prosecution and defense lawyers," said Mak.

The students did so well that Magistrate Adrian Ching, who served as the judge in both trials, said their performance was even better than some of the newly trained lawyers she saw in her court.

The mock trial program was so successful that more Rotary clubs and schools want to participate in the program next year. Mak is working on packaging the project so it can be easily replicated.

Furthermore, the students loved the experience. One student even plans to improve her English so she can attend law school. ☺

The Rotary Foundation

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning. In 1917 R.I. President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II. In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for The Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received. It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$40 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world. ☺

District 7470 Conference

Most Rotarians have never attended a Rotary district conference. They have not experienced one of the most enjoyable and rewarding privileges of Rotary membership. A district conference is for all club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members. The purpose of a District Conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters which make one's Rotary membership more meaningful. Every person who attends a district conference finds that being a Rotarian becomes even more rewarding because of the new experiences, insights and acquaintances developed at the Conference.

Those who attend a Conference enjoy going back, year after year. Every one of Rotary's 500 districts has a conference annually. These meetings are considered so important that the Rotary International president selects a knowledgeable Rotarian as his personal representative to attend and address each conference. The program always includes several outstanding entertainment features, interesting discussions and inspirational programs.

One of the unexpected benefits of attending a district conference is the opportunity to become better acquainted with members of one's own club in an informal setting. Lasting friendships grow from the fellowship hours at the district conference.

This year's Rotary District 7470 District Conference will be held at The Hudson Valley Resort and Spa from May 3rd - May 6th, 2007. Immerse yourself in Rotary and meet fellow Rotarians from different clubs all around the District!

Dave Bagish will provide registration information as it becomes available. ☺

A Taste of Madison

The 6th annual Taste of Madison, an event hosted by the **Rotary Club of Madison**, the Madison Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Commission, will be held January 25, 2007 at the Madison Hotel. General Admission tickets are \$65 per person. Tickets may be purchased online at www.garyswine.com; in all 3 Gary's Wine & Marketplace stores - Madison, Chester, Bernardsville - or by calling Gary's at (973) 822-☺0200.

Quote of the Week

We do not succeed professionally despite our commitment to doing what is right - we succeed because of it.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International

Congratulations!

For those who might not have heard this announcement from Leslie Hume -- she got married over the Christmas holidays in Canada!! A few Rotarians had the chance to meet him at the Taste of Morristown, but are all looking forward to meeting him again in the future.

*"To keep your marriage brimming,
with love in the wedding cup,
whenever you're wrong, admit it;
whenever you're right, shut up."*

~ Ogden Nash

Congratulations and Best Wishes from the entire Club! ☺

Mark Your Calendars Now for Next June 17-20



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Looking to Add a Great Start to Your Wednesdays?

The Breakfast Meeting would love your support! Meetings are every Wednesday morning, 7:30 a.m. sharp, at The Morris Center YMCA. This meeting is a great way to make up 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! ☺

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

Jan. 28	Morristown Rotary Charity Bowling Tournament! Hanover Lanes, 2pm-4pm.	May 3-6	District 7470 District Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.
March 10	Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade; 12 Noon Step-off. Details to come!		
March 14	Club Assembly at both Meetings		

Charity Bowling Event

The Rotary Club of Morristown will sponsor the second annual bowling tournament for all ages to benefit the Battered Women's Shelter. Please come for an afternoon of bowling to support this important organization!

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2007

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Place: Hanover Lanes
119 Route 10 East
East Hanover, NJ

FEATURING

- 2 Hrs. Unlimited Bowling
- Prizes in many categories
- Lunch Included
- Cash bar

Tickets \$45 per adult (\$25 per child), to purchase tickets please see Walt Taylor, Chris Flanagan or Gary Reppen. Tickets may also be purchased at regular Breakfast or Lunch meetings. ☺

Temporary Change Of Venue

For the next few weeks, though February 14th, Luncheon meetings will be held at the Dublin Pub. We will return to the Spring Brook Country Club February 21st. ☺

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Dublin Pub through Feb 14.

This Week:

Peter Schaub,
Classification Talk

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Jean McMullan,
District Conference

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

At Michael Moore's office; A.G. Edwards, 67 Park Place, 10th Floor

THIS WEEK!

Jan. 16, 2007

"Our Club Activities & Fund Raising"
by David Bagish



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 12/31/2006 is \$134,600