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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

January 24, 2007

Clubs Aid Typhoon Battered Philippines

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News

Rotarians responded swiftly to appeals to provide emergency relief for more than two million survivors of Typhoon Durian in the Philippines.

The disaster, which struck on 30 November, left at least 2,700 dead and destroyed property and infrastructure across 13 provinces. Many victims were buried alive by a mudslide.

District 3820 Governor Teotimo Reyes Jr. received news of the catastrophic rains while attending a Rotary zone institute in Jakarta, Indonesia. He immediately flew back to the Philippines, set up a disaster account, and sent out an appeal for aid.

Coordinating their activities through e-mail, phone calls, and Internet discussion groups, Rotary clubs and districts all over the country raised funds and collected relief items such as rice, noodles, clothes, medicine, and bottled water.


"The sight of the devastation affected all of us," said Past District Governor Michael Lirio, who accompanied Reyes on a visit to some of the disaster sites in December. "What made it worse in Albay [Province] was the fact that a few months back, Mayon Volcano had been spewing rocks and ashes, which turned into a killer mudflow with the more than 400 centimeters of rains dumped by the typhoon."



Photo courtesy of Ursula Lijauco

Rotarians coordinate the shipment of 120 ShelterBoxes to Legaspi City in the Philippines.

ShelterBox, a Rotary club-affiliated emergency relief organization based in Cornwall, England, quickly assembled and shipped 610 ShelterBoxes to the Philippines. Each consists of a 10-person tent, 10 sleeping bags, water purification tablets, plastic water carriers, plastic bags, cookware, a stove, flashlights, and an assortment of tools packed in a 49-gallon reusable plastic container.

"We are always ready," said ShelterBox founder Tom Henderson, of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard. "This time, we immediately contacted the district governor and offered to help even before he asked us to." 

How to Be A Sponsor

The bylaws of Rotary clearly outline the procedure for a prospective member to be proposed for Rotary club membership. The "proposer" is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary. Without a sponsor, an individual will never have the opportunity to become a Rotarian. The task of the proposer should not end merely by submitting a name to the club secretary or membership committee. Rotary has not established formal responsibilities for proposers or sponsors; however, by custom and tradition these procedures are recommended in many clubs. The sponsor should:

1. Invite a prospective member to several meetings prior to proposing the individual for membership.
2. Accompany the prospective new member to one or more orientation/informational meetings.
3. Introduce the new member to other club members each week for the first month.
4. Invite the new member to accompany the sponsor to neighboring clubs for the first make-up meeting to learn the process and observe the spirit of fellowship.
5. Ask the new member and spouse to accompany the sponsor to the club's social activities, dinners or other special occasions.
6. Urge the new member and spouse to attend the district conference with the sponsor.
7. Serve as a special friend to assure that the new member becomes an active Rotarian. When the proposer follows these guidelines, Rotary becomes stronger with each new member.

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!

Registration forms are available on both our website and the District 7470 website www.njrotary.com

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

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

Vince Lombardi
American Football Coach

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.

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! ☺



Mark Your Calendars Now for Next June 17-20



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

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| 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.

This is truly a fun afternoon event and now is the time to sell these Bowling tickets! This event is next Sunday and we only need to sell 100 tickets to make this a success once again! 20 Rotarians bringing 4 people: Success! 25 Rotarians bringing 3 people: Success! Please contact Walt, Chris, Gary or P.J. if you need tickets! ☺

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Dublin Pub through Feb 14.

This Week:

John Morytko - Classification Talk

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Tim Quinn - Police Unity Tour

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

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

Feb. 20, 2007

"Rotary Youth Exchange"
by Roy Bumiller



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