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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 31, 2007

Club Rallies To Support Youth Exchange Student With Leukemia

By Joseph Derr
Rotary International News

It was late June 2006, and Rotary Youth Exchange student Rony Montalvan was preparing to fly home to Toquepala, Peru, after an active year in Beaverton, Oregon, USA. As a Beaverton High School student, he attended Interact meetings and joined the soccer team. Upon returning to Peru, Montalvan planned to attend the University of Arequipa on a soccer scholarship.

But a week before his scheduled departure, something went terribly wrong. Montalvan became ill with a cough and had difficulty breathing. His host parents, Terry and Kathy Tobin, immediately took him to see a doctor.

"By the end of the day, we knew that he had a very serious illness," says Kathy Tobin.

CT scan tests revealed a large tumor developing in his chest. Montalvan was diagnosed with a T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a life-threatening illness that required immediate and intensive medical treatment. A long flight home to Peru would put his life at risk.

The Rotary Club of Beaverton rallied to his side. The club arranged to sponsor Montalvan for an additional year, which continues his medical insurance through the Youth Exchange program. The club also raised nearly US\$20,000 through an annual community service auction and fundraiser to help cover medical costs. Beaverton Rotarians have also helped Montalvan's relatives who have traveled back and forth from Peru to be at his side.



Rony Montalvan in June 2006 at the beginning of his cancer treatments.

Though his condition is now stable and his leukemia is contained, treatment has been difficult for Montalvan. In August, he suffered a stroke while undergoing chemotherapy, affecting the use of the left side of his body, cognitive abilities, and balance. Later, after switching to an alternative drug, he suffered a severe allergic reaction.

While Montalvan stays at the Ronald McDonald House in Portland, several Rotarians have taken turns to help prepare and deliver meals and provide transportation to him and his family during his ongoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Club member Gloria Jones hosted Montalvan and his mother for the holidays and took them to see the Chinese dragon boats in Portland's harbor.

Janice Olson, Rony's doctor at Legacy
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RYLA

Each summer thousands of young people are selected to attend Rotary-sponsored leadership camps or seminars in the United States, Australia, Canada, India, France, Argentina, Korea and numerous other countries. In an informal out-of-doors atmosphere, 50 to 75 outstanding young men and/or women spend a week in a challenging program of discussions, inspirational addresses, leadership training and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills and good citizenship. The official name of this activity is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program (RYLA), although the event is occasionally referred to as Camp Royal, Camp Enterprise, Youth Leaders Seminars, Youth Conferences or other terms. The RYLA program began in Australia in 1959, when young people throughout the state of Queensland were selected to meet with Princess Alexandra, the young cousin of Queen Elizabeth II. The Rotarians of Brisbane, who hosted the participants, were impressed with the quality of the young leaders. It was decided to bring youth leaders together each year for a week of social, cultural and educational activities. The RYLA program gradually grew throughout all the Rotary districts of Australia and New Zealand. In 1971, the R.I. Board of Directors adopted RYLA as an official program of Rotary International. ☺

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.

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 from Dave Bagish and on both our website and the District 7470 website www.njrotary.com ☺

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 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! ☺

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Emanuel Children's Hospital, shares a common bond with her patient: She was also a Rotary Youth Exchange student. The Spanish Olson learned as a student in Mexico some 30 years ago has helped her communicate with Montalvan's family and contact specialists in Peru to discuss healthcare options upon his eventual return.

Through therapy, he has regained some strength and is smiling again, all the while determined to fight the cancer.

"He is very upbeat and his spirits are incredibly high," says James Rauh, another Beaverton club member.

Kathy Tobin agrees, saying, "Rony has tackled his treatment with great courage and no complaint."

Yet challenges remain. While his required Youth Exchange insurance covers all medical expenses with a \$500,000 cap until this June, Montalvan turned 18 shortly after his diagnosis and is no longer covered by his father's insurance plan in Peru. And Montalvan is only six months into an intensive 36-month plan for his recovery.

To aid with medical costs that continue to mount, the Rotary Club of Beaverton is now accepting donations. Those who would like to contribute can either mail donations to the Beaverton Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 385, Beaverton, Oregon 97075 USA, or donate online at the Beaverton Rotary Web site. ☺

Quote of the Week

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Mark Twain
American Author

Dictionary Donation



Pictured above, Tom Lanahan and Liz Colquhoun presented the Morristown High School Library with 20 new Oxford English Dictionaries earlier this week donated by the Club. We know they will be put to good use! ☺

Neighborhood House Donation



Also this week, President Lanahan was on hand to present a \$7500 check to the Morristown Neighborhood House for their teen center. He is pictured here with some of the Neighborhood House staff and students. ☺

From the Sunshine Committee

We wish to extend our deepest condolences to Rotarian Lesley Hume on the passing of her father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. ☺



Mark Your Calendars Now for June 17-20



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Morristown, NJ
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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 10 Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade; 12 Noon Step-off. Details to come!

March 14 Club Assembly at both Meetings

May 3-6 District 7470 District Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.

UPCOMING LUNCH

PROGRAMS

At the Dublin Pub through Feb 14.

This Week:

To Be Announced

UPCOMING BREAKFAST

PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

John Morytko, Classification Talk

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