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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

February 7, 2007

## Rotary Foundation Enjoying 'Greatest Moment,' Says Giay

By Antoinette Tuscano  
*Rotary International News*

The Rotary Foundation has surpassed its 2006-07 goals, garnering recognition for its credibility and reliability, said Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay yesterday at the 2007 International Assembly in San Diego.

"There's no question about this — our Foundation is enjoying the greatest moment in its history," said Giay.

More than 200,000 foundations operate in the United States, and The Rotary Foundation now ranks among the top institutions. This year, foundation evaluator Charity Navigator put The Rotary Foundation on its list of 50 best organizations with a maximum rating of four stars.

The reasons for the accolades include the Foundation's efficient administration, sound investments, and excellent control over its programs, said Giay. "Today, one word clearly defines our Foundation and that word is credibility."

More important than attention, the organization's credibility has attracted new donors, raising the bar on fundraising initiatives. In fact, in 2006-07 the Annual Programs Fund set its most ambitious goal to date — US\$120 million.

Giay stressed that these fundraising initiatives give the Foundation the ability to push priorities such as the organization's peace programs — the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict

resolution and Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies. "We're working to end war, because we believe peace is possible," said Giay. Giay listed the Foundation's recent successes:

- ❖ The contributions and revenue from investments in 2005-06 totalled \$162.1 million.
- ❖ The Permanent Fund quickly surpassed the \$500 million mark and should reach its goal of \$1 billion sooner than predicted.
- ❖ Excluding investments in PolioPlus, 2,640 Humanitarian Programs grants totaling more than \$30 million were approved, a record amount.
- ❖ The number of Matching Grants approved that were sustained by the World Fund increased 19 percent, the average amount of each Matching Grant increased 28 percent, and the use of the District Designated Funds grew by 24 percent.
- ❖ Since the creation of Matching Grants, more than 25,000 projects have received financing from the Foundation.
- ❖ Group Study Exchanges participants surpassed 515 this year, the most in the program's history.

In addition, the Foundation counted more than 1 million Paul Harris Fellows. "Soon our Paul Harris Fellows will outnumber our Rotarians," joked Giay. ☺

## Rotary Shares

The 2007-08 theme Rotary Shares will act as a daily reminder of what ordinary people can accomplish through the extraordinary work of Rotary, said RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the 2007 International Assembly's opening session today.

"What makes Rotary great is our expressing the love in our hearts through the work of our hands and our minds," said Wilkinson. "As Rotarians, we don't just sit back and talk about loving other human beings. As Rotarians, we demonstrate that love, and we share that love, through helping each other."

Almost everything Rotary does involves sharing, Wilkinson told the 532 district governors-elect gathered at the meeting in San Diego. "We share our time, we share our talents, and we share our money with others who need our help."

Furthermore, he said, "In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself. Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others."

And Rotarians don't need to do this alone. They know that when the need for service in their community can't be met by one club alone, they can call on Rotarians from around the world to help, said Wilkinson.

More than a theme, Rotary Shares is a call to action. As the incoming governors begin preparing for the year ahead with the training and inspiration they receive at the International Assembly, Wilkinson asked them to focus on sharing their leadership, skills, and dedication to making clubs and districts stronger.

Sharing Rotary does more than strengthens Rotary; it ensures that Rotary continues a second century of service. Rotary Shares means inviting people to join their local Rotary clubs.

"Rotary will only be able to continue sharing if it continues to grow," said Wilkinson. To help Rotary grow, Wilkinson requested that all of the incoming governors ask their club presidents

to bring in one new club member during their year in office.


"Without new members, nothing else matters," he said. Without our youth and new members, "it will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear, and we've already seen that happen in other service clubs."

In addition to the crucial job of welcoming new club members, the president-elect said Rotarians should not forget their past. He asked them to reach out to former club members, including club members' widows and widowers.

Wilkinson reminded the audience that the opportunities they'll have to help may not come their way again.

"This year is your chance to be a district governor, to help your clubs, to guide them, to share your strengths and your love."


In the year ahead, a great deal will be asked of Rotarians, said Wilkinson.

"I ask you all, this year, to share Rotary freely and fully. Work hard, and work with love. And remember that everything you do in service to others is part of the magic of Rotary, the magic that allows ordinary people, like you and me, do absolutely amazing things." 


## 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](http://www.njrotary.com) 

## Morristown Rotary Dinner Group 2007

The Morristown Rotary Club Dinner Group is organizing three dinners for 2007: March 31, June 9, and September 29. We will gather in groups of no more than four couples at host homes on the noted Saturdays for an evening of socializing and good cheer. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Rotarians better. If you have not yet participated in this very enjoyable Rotary activity and would like to do so this year, please contact Dick Betz at [erbetz@attglobal.net](mailto:erbetz@attglobal.net) or 609-860-7904 as soon as possible so you can be included in the 2007 schedule. 



### Quote of the Week

**"Sometimes it isn't what you do, but what you don't do that makes you who you are."**

*Author Unknown*

## From the Sunshine Committee

We wish a speedy recovery to our own David Bagish, who had an unfortunate accident while skiing last week, resulting in a broken leg. Our understanding is that other than the broken leg and a little wounded pride Dave is recovering well under the best possible care. Our thoughts and prayers of healing are with you Dave! Get well soon! 🍀

...and as Dolores will, of course, also be absent these next few weeks, I'm sure she would want us to remind you to:

## Sell Those 50/50's!

### February Birthdays!



Glenn Coutts	3
Jonathan Taylor	5
John Loughman	10
Harvey Gilbert	11
Roy Bumiller	15
Scott Rosenbush	15
Ralph Stiles	21
James Mongey	22

*Happy Birthdays to all!*

## Mark Your Calendars Now for June 17-20



## 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. 🍀

Send Meeting Make-Ups to:

John Kuschke  
26 Lynnfield Dr.  
Morristown, NJ  
07960

## 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:

Amsale Melaku, 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

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## Calendar of Events

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

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

March 14 Club Assembly at both Meetings