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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

February 21, 2007

In New Orleans, Rotarians Chart Ways To Address Calamities

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News

A disaster response workshop in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, attracted more than 200 participants, many of them Rotarians with experience in providing emergency relief and rebuilding communities in distress. Senior Rotary leaders, including RI President William B. Boyd and RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, also attended.

The 11-13 January event was aimed at discussing best practices, strategies, and management skills that Rotarian volunteers can apply to increase their effectiveness in responding to disasters.

"The workshop showed us that we need to coordinate, cooperate, and communicate among ourselves and other organizations wishing to respond in a disaster," explained RI Director Donald L. Mebus, who convened the workshop with RI Directors Barry Rassin and Robert Stuart Jr.

Donald Chauvin, who chaired the workshop, said the event was a great opportunity to share experiences and create more awareness about the different ways Rotarians can help when disaster strikes. He was governor of District 6200 (Louisiana) when much of the Gulf Coast, including New Orleans, was heavily damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

"We wanted to elicit an opinion on what Rotary's role should be in the event of a

disaster and how to measure our response," Chauvin said.

Seven facilitators, including several past district governors with disaster response experience, led discussions during breakout sessions. Topics included defining Rotary's role, planning and preparing, working with other organizations, communicating and publicizing, harnessing the Rotary network, and utilizing district and club foundations.

The facilitators assembled a panel of experts to help answer audience questions and comment on participants' suggestions for addressing disasters. "It was important to hear what our diverse audience had to say about relief aid provided through Rotary," Chauvin said.

Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, and founder of the emergency relief organization ShelterBox, said the workshop provided a great networking opportunity and was very well organized.

"I know from my conversations that many district governors and other Rotary officers greatly benefited from the conference and were going back to their respective districts and areas to reflect and plan for potential disaster relief," he noted.

One such leader is Richard McCombe, governor-elect of District 7020, which spans 10 countries and geographical areas,

U.S. news program spotlights Rotarian's commitment to Afghan children

Rotary International News

On 9 February, the U.S. news program *NBC Nightly News* featured the efforts of Rotarian Fary Moini as part of the show's "Making a Difference" series.

The report focuses on how Moini worked with her club, the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle (San Diego), to construct a school equipped with a science lab, library, and computer room for 2,000 children in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

To view a video of the segment or read the transcript, visit this MSNBC Web site:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17072499/>

Moini has led her club in a series of community service projects in the war-torn country. An Iranian-born U.S. citizen, Moini has traveled to the region six times, often as a Rotary Volunteer (<http://www.rotary.org/programs/volunteers/index.html>), with support from Rotary Foundation programs.

Learn more about the club's current efforts in Afghanistan at www.stevebrownrotary.com.



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including the Bahamas and U.S. Virgin Islands. "Our plan is to have a disaster relief plan in place by the end of Rotary year 2007-08, which takes into account all the learned lessons from the workshop," he explained.

After the event, participants toured New Orleans neighborhoods and other Gulf Coast areas in Louisiana and Mississippi that haven't yet recovered from the hurricanes.

"The tour proved to be a sobering moment for all as they witnessed miles and miles of total devastation," noted Chauvin. "The reality of what had happened on August 29, 2005, began to sink in as a vivid picture of what a disaster in their hometowns might look like."

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

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 or 609-860-7904 as soon as possible so you can be included in the 2007 schedule.



Quote of the Week

"Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers."

*Veronica A. Shoffstall
American Poet*

We Return to SBCC This Week

Just a reminder to all that we will return our regular weekly lunch meeting to the Spring Brook Country Club this Wednesday Feb. 21st. See you there! ☺

Question of The Week!

Can you guess which members were so determined to get their weekly Rotary fix that they braved last week's inclement weather to attend Lunch at the Dublin Pub? There were 11 in all (plus one guest)! ☺

From The STAR Committee

The STAR Program (Special Training for Action in Rotary) is designed to promote a more involved and knowledgeable Club membership. The program highlights the many different facets of Rotary in both our local and international service projects.

There will be a STAR Program this Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 5:30pm – 7pm. The venue will be Michael Moore's offices, at A.G. Edwards, located at "1776 on the Green" (67 Park Place), 10th Floor.

All new Rotarians are urged to attend this important program. ☺

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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| Feb. 20 | STAR Program - At Michael Moore's office; A.G. Edwards, 67 Park Place, 10th Floor | 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 | | |

Mark Your Calendars Now for June 17-20



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! ☺



UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Bill O'Malley
Classification Talk

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Bill O'Malley
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