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We welcome you to Morristown

Where freedom's wars were fought.

We welcome you to Morristown

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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 28, 2007

Aids Hike Inspires US Walkers

*By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News*

University of Northern Iowa campus residents learned something new on 1 February: Rotary clubs are concerned about the global HIV/AIDS situation and are doing something to help those most affected by the pandemic.

Their source of information was the AIDS Walk, an HIV/AIDS awareness event held at Maucker Union, a multipurpose complex that serves as the hub of student activities at the Cedar Falls, Iowa, USA, university. The centerpiece of the effort was a two-hour walk around the complex aimed at drawing attention to the plight of Africa's 12 million AIDS orphans.

Volunteers passed out bookmarks and brochures about Rotarians for Fighting AIDS, a Rotarian Action Group that is implementing community-led responses for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in seven African countries.

"A lot of people came together to make it happen," says Brittany Jungck, who conceived the AIDS Walk to raise awareness and funds to support RFFA activities. Area businesses, local media, student organizations, and university employees helped Jungck recruit volunteers and provided publicity, financial support, and in-kind donations.

For example, Kohl's department store donated red scarves and another store contributed more than 400 red HIV/AIDS ribbons that were handed out to participants. A copy center availed its facilities for printing publicity materials. And an on

-campus AIDS coalition and other student groups helped organize the event and set up an information booth at the union.

Despite the wintry subzero weather, hundreds of students, staff, faculty, and a local Rotarian attended the AIDS Walk. More than US\$500 was raised at the event.

"I was impressed with the people I saw who showed up to walk outside around the Union," says Brad Braley of the Rotary Club of Cedar Falls, who was happy to support an international service project. "I walked for about 45 minutes and had a good visit with Brittany. So I got a good education and a good workout at the same time!"

"It's all about collaborating with people who are concerned," explains Jungck, who is an internal communications specialist at the university. "If you team up your efforts with someone else, then you're stronger and you are better able to get people's attention and your voices are louder when you're speaking about the issue."

Jungck says her effort was inspired by AIDS Hike 2006, a 1,249-mile (2,010-kilometer) event in South Africa. In December, six international students — four of them Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars — hiked from Johannesburg to Cape Town to raise awareness of the AIDS orphans crisis.

One of the scholars, Keegan Kautzky, grew up with Jungck in Perry, Iowa. "From a very early age, Keegan has been involved in the community," she notes. "I

Fast Facts About Peace

- ❖ More than 200 Rotary World Peace Fellows from 60 countries have benefited from the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution since 2002. In 2006, Rotary launched the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program.
- ❖ The 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Muhammad Yunus, pioneered the idea of microcredit loans, which inspired many Rotary club projects. He received the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace in 1999.
- ❖ Although Rotary is not a voting member of the United Nations, it holds the highest consultative status offered by the UN to a non-governmental organization.
- ❖ About 30 armed conflicts around the world have displaced more than 30 million people, 50 percent of whom are children, according to the International Rescue Committees.
- ❖ Learn more at: www.rotary.org/interactive/index.html



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am very inspired by him. There was a time he ran a food bank in our hometown all by himself."

In turn, the AIDS Walk has inspired more action. A group of students that sells roses for charity during Valentine's Day week is donating all proceeds from this year's sales to RFFA. In addition, Cherrie "Chillin" Nelson, a local poet, newspaper columnist, and graphic artist plans to increase HIV/AIDS awareness and raise funds for RFFA at a future poetry reading. 🌐

Quote of the Week

Maybe we should develop a Crayola bomb as our next secret weapon. A happiness weapon. A beauty bomb. And every time a crisis developed, we would launch one. It would explode high in the air - explode softly - and send thousands, millions, of little parachutes into the air. Floating down to earth - boxes of Crayolas. And we wouldn't go cheap, either - not little boxes of eight. Boxes of sixty-four, with the sharpener built right in. With silver and gold and copper, magenta and peach and lime, amber and umber and all the rest. And people would smile and get a little funny look on their faces and cover the world with their imagination."

*Robert Fulghum
American Author and Unitarian Minister*



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. 🌐

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 🌐



Bill O'Malley presenting his Classification Talk at last week's Lunch Meeting.
Photo by John Kushke

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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

Mark Your Calendars Now for 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 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:

Sue Smith -
from the
Newark Museum

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Nora Peyton -
from the
Newark Museum



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