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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

March 7, 2007

## Second Chance Inspires Lifesaving Project

By Tonya Weger  
*Rotary International News*

Four years ago, Randy High was the recipient of a kidney donation, which granted him a second chance at life. Inspired by this life-altering experience, he adopted an organ donation program for his club, the Rotary Club of Eastern Independence, Missouri, USA.

"I can't think of a larger gift of compassion," the club's president says of organ donations. "Now I want to help educate other people through our Rotary project."

According to his wife, Leslie, a member of the same club, a childhood illness damaged her husband's kidneys, causing them to fail almost a half century later. Within a week of physicians informing him of seriousness of his condition, High suffered a cardiac arrest.

"I told Randy, 'I'm going to give you my kidney,' " Leslie High says. "We don't have children — it has always just been us." Fortunately, her kidney was a suitable match.

High says he can't thank his wife enough, so he's making the most of the life she gave him. The Donate Life project he started "is a little payback. Someone did this for me, now I have to give back," he explains.

As a part of the Donate Life project, High tells his story to fellow Rotarians in hope that they will sign up as donors. The Highs and other Eastern Independence

Rotarians are currently visiting clubs in District 6040 in Missouri. "We have talked with nearly 1,000 Rotarians now," Leslie High says.

They also have received requests from other districts and want to expand the program to the community. "We would like to speak with college students and high school students who are old enough to take part in organ donation," explains High.

Additionally, the club has prepared a PowerPoint presentation, a video, and a script so other clubs can take part in the project. "The Donate Life project is economical," High explains. "It's inexpensive, but has incredible impact."

According to Donate Life America, a U.S. not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and local coalitions, almost 100,000 men, women, and children currently need life-saving organ transplants.

In June, the Eastern Independence club received a Significant Achievement Award from District 6040 for its efforts with the Donate Life project.

"This is something everyone can take part in," High says. "In our club, everyone administers the programs or gives presentations." The club also has a 100 percent sign up rate for organ donation.

According to the Highs, Rotarian response has been so great it has amazed those at partner organization Midwest Transplant Network.

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## St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 10th this year. As usual we will meet behind the Morristown Municipal Building at our Rotary Float. Please be there before 11am.

We always have a great time! Be sure to come down early and take the opportunity to walk around the staging area. It is so much fun to see the Floats, the Irish Wolfhounds, Children, Fire-trucks, and all the Bands warming up! Just seeing the Young Children's Irish Dance Group is heart warming in itself. So be sure to don your Green and join us for a fun filled day! Family and friends are also welcome to join us!

And keep in mind that the event counts as a make-up!



**Send Meeting Make-Ups to:**  
**John Kuschke**  
**26 Lynnfield Dr.**  
**Morristown, NJ**  
**07960**

### Organ Donation, *Continued from Page 1*

"We have about a 40 percent return of the signature forms, and many people take them home and send them in later," Leslie High says. "Our contact at the organization told me there is not a day they don't receive a form from a Rotarian."

Stop by the Donate Life booth at the 2007 Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, and learn more about this lifesaving project.

## 2007 Super 50/50 Cash Raffle Update

Please turn in whatever tickets you have sold to Dolores Bagish ASAP! We expect all Rotarians to sell their minimum of six tickets; and the sooner you pass them in the easier it is determine our current tally. We are only 5 1/2 weeks away from the drawing, and right now we have only 145 tickets sold – so please help!!! Our target for selling the 600 can only be done with all of our Rotarians doing their part! If you need more tickets, more literature, or help promoting your ticket sales, please call Dolores!

Also, does anyone know an Art Attonito - he bought a ticket but there is no reference to who sold it! Please let Dolores know.

As of Friday, March 2nd:

Bagishes	11	Gilbert	12
Bruen, Sr.	6	Hoyt	1
Bruen, Jr.	6	Hume	6
Colquhoun	1	Miller	11
Coultas	5	Mongey	6
Deak	4	Slutsker	2
Dibley	1	J. Taylor	19
Door	23	Thurkauf	3
Fromberg	6	Ward	4
Garth	4	Weiss	4

## 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.

## 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)

## March Birthdays!



<i>Esli Badenhorst</i>	5
<i>Richard Betz</i>	7
<i>Michael Elms</i>	11
<i>Marco Lima</i>	20
<i>Sara Wilkes</i>	26
<i>Wm. Weiss</i>	29

*Happy Birthdays to all!*

## 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:

**Barbara Ward,**  
Classification Talk

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

### This Week:

**Leslie Hume,**  
Classification Talk

### Quote of the Week

*I get up every morning determined to both change the world and have one hell of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning my day difficult.*

**E. B. White**  
American Author

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P.J. Thurkauf at [turk11042@hotmail.com](mailto: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!	May 3-6	District 7470 District Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.
March 14	Club Assembly at both Meetings		



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