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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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<http://www.morristownrotary.com>

THE RAMBLER

March 14, 2007

Clubs Empower Guatemala's Children With Books, Computers

*By Dean Golemis
Rotary World*

U.S. Rotarian Glenn Chamberlain has traveled to Guatemala 11 times since 2000. His annual visits are supporting a decade-old literacy project that is helping impoverished school children sharpen their reading and computer skills.

A member of the Rotary Club of Ephrata, Washington, Chamberlain travels to the country's poor rural areas to identify schools that can benefit from the self-sustaining Guatemala Literacy Project, or GLP. Months later, he returns with a team of Rotarians and other volunteers to deliver the needed textbooks, computers, and other supplies. More than 260 Rotary clubs in North and Central America support the project, in partnership with the U.S.-based nonprofit Cooperative for Education.


"We are targeting the Mayan population, who are the poorest of the poor," says Chamberlain, who is one of the project's coordinators. "The vast number of people living in the country have no electricity and indoor plumbing. Without literacy, they will never be able to have a better life."

Torn by three decades of civil war, Guatemala has been suffering from one of the highest illiteracy rates in the Western Hemisphere. A 2003 study by the World Bank found an illiteracy rate as high as 60 percent in rural Guatemala, compared to the country's overall rate of 30 percent.

But that's changing. The GLP has cut the dropout rate in half at participating schools, according to a 2005 study by Marroquin University in Guatemala City. The yearlong study of 10 schools notes that students "experience increased interest in their schoolwork as a result of having access to books," allowing them to study at home.

Since the GLP started in 1996, Rotarians and their partners have delivered more than 120,000 math, science, language, and social studies textbooks to about 23,500 Spanish-speaking students in 135 schools. The project has also established 17 mini-libraries and 16 computer centers, which are providing 8,700 high school students with the skills they need to secure technology-based jobs that will lift them out of poverty.

Chamberlain says the GLP owes its longevity to strong Rotarian support and the project's self-sustaining system. Each student pays a small annual fee to rent four textbooks and use a computer center. The money is placed in a five-year revolving fund that is used to replace worn-out books and equipment.

The project's success has attracted other donors, including Microsoft, which in April presented a US\$255,000 grant for computers and software. 

Find project information and sign up for delivery tours at:
www.guatemalaliteracy.org.

Did You Know???

A new \$1 coin promises to give the dollar bill a run for its money. A coin featuring the likeness of President George Washington debuted in February. Every three months a new coin will be released, honoring each of the presidents in the order that he served. In addition, each presidential spouse will be honored with a 24-karat gold coin. Every day the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing prints approximately 22.5 million paper notes in denominations ranging from \$1 to \$100. The US Mint issued the first paper money on this date in 1862; an act of Congress made it legal tender a week later.

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Make-Ups to:

John Kuschke
26 Lynnfield Dr.
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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:

Badenhausen	2	Gilbert	12
Bagishes	26	Hoyt	1
Bruen, Sr.	6	Hume	6
Bruen, Jr.	6	Lanahan	7
Colquhoun	2	Miller	11
Cunningham	15	Mongey	6
Coultas	5	Shulman	3
Deak	4	Slutsker	2
Dibley	1	J. Taylor	19
Fromberg	6	Thurkauf	3
Garth	4	Ward	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 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

Recruitment!

Morristown Rotary is #1 in New Member Recruitment for our District!

Thanks for your help in making us the leader in the District for obtaining new members, if it was not for you we could not have added 11 New Members this year. The new members and their sponsors are listed below:

New Member	Sponsor
Nick Walsh	Mike Elms
Scott Randolph	Mike Moore
Lesley Hume	Harvey Gilbert
Midge Van Dalinda	Dolores Bagish
Bryan Harrigan	Tom Harrigan
Frank Alai	Bob Coultas
John Morytko	Bob Coultas
Shea Dibley	Glenn Garth
David Shepiro	Roger Pierson
Dan Conway	Glenn Coultts
Matt Wirths	Tom Lanahan

A Recruitment contest sponsored by the District has as its prizes three Time Share Vacations. Each Sponsoring Rotarian's name will be entered in the drawing for each new Rotarian added to our rolls. The drawing will be held at the end of the Rotary year. Also, each Sponsor of a new Rotarian will receive a cash gift of \$1.

A Cocktail Reception will be held again at Spring Brook Country Club for potential Rotary members on Wednesday, May 23rd, between 6 and 8 PM. If you bring a proposed new member, you and the proposed new Rotarian will attend free. If you attend without a proposed new member, the fee is \$35. Be thinking about which of your friends or relatives would make a good Rotarian and turn their name into Dan Conway or Gary Reppen, so they will receive a personal invitation.

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

March 14 Club Assembly at both Meetings

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

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!



Quote of the Week

*It's not that I'm so smart,
it's just that I stay
with problems longer.*

Albert Einstein

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Club Assembly

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Club Assembly



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