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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

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Catching The Green Bug

Excerpt from The Rotarian

The monthly publication of Rotary International

Sometimes global problems seem so, well, global, especially when it comes to the environment. It can get downright overwhelming when you're constantly bombarded with headlines that scream, "EU Warns of Global Climate Chaos" (*The Guardian*) and, "Pollution in China out of Control" (*Edmonton Journal*). And then there are all the alarming statistics: The World Bank projected that, on average, 1.8 million people would die each year between 2001 and 2020 because of air pollution.

In the contiguous United States, the past nine years have been among the 25 warmest on record, an unprecedented streak, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. But Rotarians are not ones to sit idly by, no matter how daunting the task seems. Maybe that's because they know a secret: Just as tossing a tiny pebble can cause a ripple across an entire pond, the smallest project can have profound global effects. Good ideas, after all, are contagious, especially if you're part of a worldwide network.

Take the Rotary International Preserve Planet Earth focus. It was launched by Past RI President Paulo V.C. Costa in 1990. That year, about 2,000 club projects aimed at protecting the environment began. Today, Rotary clubs around the world are doing everything from promoting alternative energy practices to planting trees.

Here's just one idea from a few that have been successful, just in case your club catches the "go-green" bug.

Washington Rotarians restore coastal habitat

When the Bay Street beach in Port Orchard, Wash., USA, became littered with broken concrete and asphalt, Rotarian Wayne Wright grew concerned.

As a fishery and wetlands scientist, Wright, a member of the Rotary Club of Port Orchard, knew that concrete and asphalt dumping was hurting the natural habitat along the shoreline. He examined the area and found that debris had entered the intertidal zone, leaching hydrocarbons and chemicals, which polluted a place where crabs, clams, and barnacles usually thrived. "I thought, let's get the habitat back in order," Wright says.

With a team of 20 local leaders, Rotarians, and Boy Scouts and a \$20,000 grant from the State of Washington, Wright headed up the restoration of the beach. The team removed 25 tons of concrete rubble and asphalt and delivered it to a local recycling plant.

"The biggest improvement is that the biology of the beach will return to a natural state," Wright explains, which will allow fish, such as juvenile salmon, and other smaller organisms to thrive again.

For more ideas on how to Go-Green visit http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/0704_tr_if_green.html

Get Your Article Published!

The *Rotarian* magazine is looking for readers who have experience with the following topics. Do you fit the bill? Write them!

Ethics 101

We're introducing a new column to help Rotarians navigate ethical dilemmas. Have you experienced a problem without a black or white answer? Tell us.

Closing the gap

The United Nations aims to eliminate gender disparity in all levels of education by 2015. What are you or your Rotary club doing to help?

Head count

Should Rotarians be involved in family planning projects in places where the economy isn't keeping pace with population growth? Has your club taken on a project that educates people about issues such as child spacing and the impact of population growth on sustainable development? How'd it go? Give us your take.

Doing good, feeling well

Recent studies suggest that activities such as volunteering and donating are actually good for our health. Has your health improved after getting involved in a project? Tell us about it.

Alternative therapies

Do you use any form of complementary therapies, such as massage, acupuncture, meditation, or chiropractic medicine? Are you a physician who incorporates such therapies into your practice? If so, we'd like to hear from you about what worked (or didn't) for you.

To send your stories and tips, e-mail rotarian@rotary.org; write Your Stories, The Rotarian, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201 USA; or fax 847-866-9732.

Recruitment!

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 using the Prospective Member Slip below, so they will receive a personal invitation. ☺

Prospective New Member
Please ensure that this Potential New Rotarian is invited to our Cocktail Hour at the Spring Brook Country Club!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor: _____

*Cut out & turn this slip in to
Dan Conway, Gary Reppen, or Glenn Garth.*

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 to 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. ☺



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

I begin to think, that a calm is not desirable in any situation in life. Every object is beautiful in motion; a ship under sail, trees gently agitated with the wind, and a fine woman dancing, are three instances in point. Man was made for action and for bustle too, I believe.

Abigail Adams
First Lady of the United States
1797-1801

Membership Candidate Profile

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Learning new things.
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P.J. Thurkauf at turk11042@hotmail.com or 973.538.2040 (fax)


Calendar of Events

March 31	Dinner Club	May 23	Recruitment Reception at SBCC 6:30pm
May 3-6	District 7470 District Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.	June 13	Installation Dinner, at SBCC; 6:00pm - There will be no regular meetings this day.
May 5	1000 Woman Hike and Dedication of Jockey Hollow Camp; 8-11am	Aug 18	Morristown Rotary Annual Picnic; 1:30pm - Details to come.

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 

RI Convention



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

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Tim Quinn -
Police Unity Tour

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Barbara Ward -
Classification Talk