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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

April 4, 2007

## Former Scholar Turns Stumbling Blocks Into Stepping Stones

By Janis Young  
*Rotary International News*

Young-Woo Kang knows about obstacles. As a teenager, he lost his eyesight, his mother, and his sister within just a few years. Growing up in Korea as an orphan, he faced suspicion and ostracism because of his blindness, which traditionally limited his occupation to fortunetelling or massage.

Kang, however, chose a very different course. He fought to take college entrance exams and was the first blind student in Korea to study at prestigious Yonsei University, graduating with honors. After receiving a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to attend the University of Pittsburgh, Kang overcame regulations preventing disabled people from studying abroad and became the first blind person from Korea to earn a doctorate.

Knocking down obstacles became an intrinsic part of Kang's life. Strong allies in his struggles included his wife, Kyoung, who served as his teacher and later a teacher of the blind, and Rotary. While at Yonsei University, he met William Powell, a blind Rotarian from Wesleyville, Pennsylvania, USA, who helped him obtain the Foundation scholarship in 1972-73 and later invited him to join Rotary.


"William Powell was with me all the way through," Kang says. "When I could not eliminate obstacles, he found a way around them." After receiving his doctorate in special education, Kang and his

wife moved to Indiana, where he joined the Rotary Club of Munster. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.

While in Indiana, Kang realized how U.S. policies and resources assisted disabled people, leading him to establish the Education and Rehabilitation Exchange Foundation to bring similar measures to Korea. He worked with fellow Rotarian Kwan Sik Min, Korea's minister of education, to help change laws and attitudes and empower people with disabilities.

Now a U.S. citizen, Kang is a member of the National Council on Disability, vice chair of the World Committee on Disability, and commemorative chair and senior adviser for the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He has written several books, and his autobiography, *A Light in My Heart*, was made into a feature film in Korea. In October 2006, U.S. first lady Laura Bush invited him to speak at the White House as a role model during National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In his Rotary club, Kang focuses on Matching Grant projects. The most recent one connects his club with District 3650 in Korea to bring Mongolian children with congenital heart disorders to Seoul for lifesaving surgeries.

"Rotary has been an integral part of my life," Kang says. "I can't talk about my experiences without talking about Rotary." 

# Pictures From Last Week's Meetings



Some of our Breakfast regulars posing with the new YMCA scoreboard recently donated by our Club!



Last week's Breakfast meeting had 18 Rotarians in attendance! We're not sure, but think it's a new record... we hope it's the old record soon!



Morris Township Police Capt. Tim Quinn speaking to last week's Luncheon group about the Police Unity Tour.



Pres. Lanahan with members of Morris Township's Unity Tour Bike Team.

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 determine our current tally. We are only ONE WEEK away from the drawing, and we need to know how many tickets are 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 immediately!** 🌀



**April Birthdays!**



*Happy Birthdays to all!*

- 27 Frank Alai
- 26 Wm. D Bruen, Sr.
- 21 Daniel Conway
- 17 Jill Savage
- 15 Leslie Hume
- 14 Tom Torzewski

# Membership Candidate Profile

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Name: Suzanne Samson  
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 Birthday: February 25  
 Hobbies: Books, Theater, Concerts,  
 Learning new things.  
 Sponsor: Tom Slutsker



## 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)

### Quote of the Week

*"Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections."*

**Unknown**  
 (...but greatly appreciated)

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 P.J. Thurkauf at [turk11042@hotmail.com](mailto:turk11042@hotmail.com) or 973.538.2040 (fax)

## Calendar of Events

March 31	Dinner Club	May 5	1000 Woman Hike and Dedication of Jockey Hollow Camp; 8-11am
April 18	Group Study Exchange Team at Luncheon	May 16	Barrel Planting - Details to come!
May 3-6	District 7470 District Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.	May 23	Recruitment Reception at SBCC 6:30pm

## UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

### This Week:

**Marco Lima - Classification Talk**

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

### This Week:

**Marco Lima - Classification Talk**



Contributions to the Endowment Fund should be addressed to:

Morristown Rotary  
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 c/o Jonathan Taylor  
 2 Tulip Lane  
 Randolph, NJ 07869

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