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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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THE RAMBLER

April 11, 2007

Rotarians Help Hospital Navigate to Distant Shores

By Bettina Kozlowski
Rotary International News

A new, state-of-the-art hospital that provides free medical care to thousands of the world's poorest patients will soon arrive in the West African nation of Liberia — by sea. Expected to anchor off the coast of Monrovia, Liberia, this summer, the Africa Mercy will be one of the world's largest floating hospital ships. The ship will complete its maiden voyage from Newcastle, England, to Monrovia harbor thanks in large part to the support of Rotarians worldwide.

The Africa Mercy is one of a small fleet of hospital vessels owned and operated by Mercy Ships, a U.S.-based charity founded in 1978 to bring medical and humanitarian services to the most economically blighted nations, including war-torn Liberia and Sierra Leone.


For two years, Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland have helped fund the US\$62.5 million transformation of a former 16.5-ton, Danish ferry named Droning Ingrid into a floating hospital with six operating rooms, a dental clinic, an 80-bed patients' ward, and nearly 500 cabins to house medical and other volunteers.

The British and Irish Rotarians donated nearly £700,000 (almost US\$1.4 million) toward an on-board eye surgery center where doctors will work on patients with cataracts and glaucoma, enabling some patients to see for the first time in their lives. They also sponsored an international lounge, where volunteers from nearly 40 nations can interact.

U.S. Rotarians from Jacksonville, Florida, raised \$285,000 for the Africa Mercy, the highest contribution from a single Rotary

club. Buoyed by a US\$150,000 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club of Jacksonville's gift to the new ship totaled nearly half a million dollars. Mercy Ships founder Don Stephens says the contributions will help equip the Africa Mercy's hospital space, spanning the entire 500-foot-long ship with computers, security cameras, and on-board Land Rovers. "It came at just the right time," says Stephens about Rotary's gift. "We had the ship ready to go and completed, but we needed the crucial equipment to run a hospital on board. We had hoped for something like this for a long time."

The Africa Mercy replaced the Anastasis, the previous Mercy Ships hospital boat that was last docked in Tema, Ghana. Though the Anastasis only had three operating rooms, volunteer surgeons were able to perform nearly 1,400 fistula operations and more than 1,000 eye surgeries in addition to treating cleft palates and removing hundreds of facial tumors in 2006. On the Africa Mercy, doctors hope to carry out 7,000 surgeries a year, says Stephens. "The electrical power capacity needed to keep the gigantic facilities running equals that of a small town," says Stephens. Satellites will allow doctors to beam medical test results back and forth between Europe and Africa in minutes.

Jacksonville Rotarian Benson Woodberry, an advocate for Mercy Ships, coordinates all Matching Grant-related activities with the partner clubs in Tema and Monrovia via e-mail, fax, or phone. He plans to take teams of U.S. Rotarians on board the Africa Mercy. "I want every Rotarian to see the life and work onboard a Mercy Ship," says Woodberry. "The experience will change you forever." 

April 11th in History

491 - Flavius Anastasius becomes Byzantine Emperor, with the name of Anastasius I

1775 - Last execution for witchcraft in Germany.

1865 - Abraham Lincoln makes his last public speech.

1876 - The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is organized.

1899 - Spain cedes Puerto Rico to the United States.

1905 - Einstein reveals his Theory of Relativity.

1915 - Charlie Chaplin releases The Tramp.

1921 - First sports broadcast on the radio.

1945 - World War II: United States forces liberate Buchenwald concentration camp.

1961 - Bob Dylan makes his singing debut in New York City.

1965 - The Palm Sunday tornado outbreak of 1965: Fifty-one tornadoes hit in six Midwestern states, killing 256 people.

1968 - Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibiting discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing.

1970 - Apollo 13 is launched.

2002 - An attempted coup d'état in Venezuela against President Hugo Chávez began.

2006 - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announces that Iran has successfully enriched uranium. ☺

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! If, by some strange circumstance, you still have unsold tickets upon receipt of this article, please, Please, PLEASE call Dolores Bagish immediately at 973-540-9563! We can and will get them sold, but only if you let us know you still have them. ☺



New Member!



We wish a sincere welcome to our newest Member, Suzanne Samson of the Colonial Symphony! Suzanne was inducted at last week's Luncheon meeting by Pres. Tom Lanahan and Sponsor Tom Slutsker. We look forward to working with Suzanne on future Club projects! Congratulations! ☺

Quote of the Week

"All your life you are told the things you cannot do. All your life they will say you're not good enough or strong enough or talented enough; they will say you're the wrong height or the wrong weight or the wrong type to play this or be this or achieve this. **THEY WILL TELL YOU NO, a thousand times no, until all the no's become meaningless. All your life they will tell you no, quite firmly and very quickly. AND YOU WILL TELL THEM YES.**"

- NIKE Advertisement

Show Your Pride in Morristown

Saturday, April 21, 2007 is the 17th annual Townwide Clean-up. The Morristown Rotary Club helped initiate this important litter reduction program 28 years ago. Its roll is to promote a clean and beautiful Morristown. Unfortunately, in recent years, our club has not been able to support this effort with a big turnout. Let's change that! We encourage all Morristown Rotarians and their families to come out and help make our town even more beautiful! We will be meeting at the Town Hall parking lot (200 South Street) at 9:00am. You will be supplied with all work materials, a commemorative t-shirt, and refreshments, and are only asked for 1-2 hours of your time. Please note this event is rain or shine! ☺

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

April 21	Morristown Townwide Clean-up; Details on Page 3	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

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 ☺

Randolph/Roxbury Rotary Casino Night

The Rotary Clubs of Randolph and Roxbury will be holding a joint Casino night on Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 6:30pm-11:00pm at St. Therese RC Church, 151 Main St., Succasunna. Tickets are \$50.00 in advance or \$60.00 at the door; all proceeds will benefit Charity Programs and Projects of the Randolph and Roxbury Rotary Clubs. For more information contact Greg Mohr at 973-945-5191 or email rotary@gmohr.com ☺

UPCOMING LUNCH

PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Morristown Rotary Super 50/50 Cash Raffle drawing!

UPCOMING BREAKFAST

PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

To Be Announced



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