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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 18, 2007

Rwandan Scholar Blazes A New Trail

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News

Alexandre Ngamije broke new ground for himself and Rotarians alike when he arrived in Rockford, Illinois, USA, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar from Rwanda in August 2006.

"When I came to the U.S., I had my own culture," says Ngamije, age 31, who is in a two-year master's program in business administration at Rockford College. "Then I gained a new culture. In Africa, we don't have development as it is here. [In the U.S.] I see many paved roads, tall buildings, and how people behave in a different culture."

Ngamije's first time outside Africa also marked a first for his host District 6420.

"We are excited to receive our first Ambassadorial Scholar in 15 years and the first one from an underdeveloped country," says Elise Cadigan, of the Rotary Club of Rockford. "Alex arrived with two small suitcases, little cash, and incredible determination to work hard, [and] better himself and his family."

"Rockford Rotarians have come together to provide him with everything else he needs," says District 6420 public relations chair Brian Adams. "Rotarians helped him obtain clothing, a computer, and other personal items."

Ngamije was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and moved to Rwanda, his parents' homeland, in 1994 after the genocide had ended. While working there for a nongovernmental organization, he

served as an interpreter for Bob Cerwin, of the Rotary Club of Asheville, North Carolina, USA. Cerwin told him about the Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

"My dream was to continue my education but I did not have the means," says Ngamije, whose wife and 16-month-old son live in Rwanda. "I was extremely happy when my scholarship was approved. The Rotary scholarship is very good, because wherever you go you are a member of the Rotary family."

Ngamije, who was raised speaking French, has also been intensively studying English. "When I came to the U.S., English was my fourth language," he says. "Now it is the first one I speak."

Once Ngamije felt comfortable enough with English, he began making presentations to Rotary clubs. In January and February alone, he spoke to seven clubs.

Ngamije has discovered, however, that people generally have a one-dimensional view of his homeland.

"Unfortunately, many people don't know Rwanda for good things, only for genocide," he says. "But they want to know the real situation and I am happy to tell them. Rwanda erected a genocide memorial, so it could teach others to avoid that kind of evil in Rwanda and throughout the world. Also, Rwanda is a good country to visit for tourism."

After he returns to his country, Ngamije would like to start his own business, perhaps in the transportation field. But he also has other ambitions.

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STAR Program

This Week!

The STAR Program (Special Training for Action in Rotary) is designed to promote a more involved and knowledgeable Club membership. The program highlights the many different facets of Rotary in both our local and international service projects.

The next STAR Program is set for April 17 at 5:30 PM at A.G.Edwards office, 1776 Bldg., 10th Floor. Mr. Morristown himself, Glenn Coutts, will be our featured speaker. Glenn is a past president of our club and a great Rotarian and community leader.

All new Rotarians are encouraged to attend this important program. ☺

Ngamije, from Page 1

"I am studying as an Ambassadorial Scholar and want to be connected with Rotary International wherever I will be. To be an ambassador of goodwill, I must be an ambassador everywhere that I am." ☺

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

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

And the winners are...

First Prize

T & J Patrick Walsh, Ticket #461
(sold by D. Bagish)

Second Prize

Mike Kelly, Ticket #160
(sold by Denny Morrison)

Third Prize

The Group, Ticket #429
(sold by Mr. & Mrs. Eggert)

\$150 Prize Winners

Margaret Stone/Jon. Dee, Ticket #585
(sold by Bagish)
Richard Betz, Ticket #372
(sold by Richard Betz)
Richard Drukker, Ticket #278
(sold by Harvey Ginbert)
Mark & Rachel Arnold, Ticket #312
(sold by Roy)
Rosemary McGuinness, Ticket #199
Joann Jefferson, Ticket #181
(sold by Bob Miller)
R. Coultas, Ticket #456
(sold by Club)
Carship Overseas, Ticket #506
(sold by Max Ruefenacht)
Scott O'Neil, Ticket #533
(sold by Max Ruefenacht)
Nate Pugliese, Ticket #214
(sold by Marco Lima)
Poskitts, Ticket #341
(sold by B. Cunningham)
Scott Marum, Ticket #202
(sold by Scott Marum)
Constance B. Meunier, Ticket #452
(sold by Bagish)
R. Long, Ticket #210
(sold by John Loughman)
Harold Kaisen, Ticket #333
(sold by B. Cunningham)

Congratulations to all our winners! ☺

Quote of the Week

You are capable of more than you know. Choose a goal that seems right for you and strive to be the best, however hard the path. Aim high. Behave honorably. Prepare to be alone at times, and to endure failure. Persist! The world needs all you can give."

Edward O. Wilson
American Pulitzer Prize Recipient

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 6:00pm

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

District Assembly

This year's District Assembly will be May 22nd. Details will follow shortly. All incoming Officers and Directors should plan to attend the Assembly. Please mark you calendars!



UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Group Study Exchange Team From New Zealand

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

To Be Announced

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

At Michael Moore's office; A.G. Edwards, 67 Park Place, 10th Floor

April 17, 2007

Speaker:
Glenn Coutts



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