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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 25, 2007

Residents Give Morristown Its Spring Cleaning

BY LANI BUESS

From the DAILY RECORD

MORRISTOWN -- Members of the Morristown cleanup crew took their lives in their hands as they crossed Lafayette Avenue while cars merged onto Route 287 South on Saturday afternoon.

Along the one-mile stretch to Whippany Road, the six Kiwanis Club members, wearing vivid blue shirts, stopped to pick up trash from the side of the street.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the crew disposed of glass bottles, cans, unidentified metal objects and a heavily trampled work jacket into garbage bags provided by the Department of Public Works. A yellow rusted skid from a snowplow also was placed on top of a guardrail for pickup.

"We are all living in this town, so cleaning up the trash is important," said Morris Township resident Charlie Bensley, a Kiwanis Club member. "And it's a good workout."

"It gives me a pain in the back," said Paul Freeland, a Kiwanis member and Morristown resident, of the grueling work.

But the importance of the event overshadowed the painstaking effort.

"Someone eventually has to pick it up," said Kathleen Margiotta, Morristown's cleanup committee coordinator. "If the community doesn't do it, then the town will have to do it and it will cost (taxpayers)."

The cleanup has been organized by Margiotta for the past 15 years in order to ensure a litter-free community. This year's event was sponsored by Century 21 department stores, the Morristown Columbian Club, the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown Partnership, the Unity Center Bank and the Unity Learning Environment.

Twelve tons of trash were disposed of during the initial cleanup more than a decade ago;

this past year, only two tons of trash were gathered, Margiotta said. She believes the reduction in trash pickup is coupled with the public's awareness of litter.

"I think people realize litter is costly and unsightly and don't want to live and work in a dirty town," Margiotta said. "And, if you clean up a street, you're more inclined to keep that street clean."

As the Kiwanians were toting bags on Lafayette Avenue, about 10 Rotarians were picking up trash from Spring Street to the Whippany

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With A Sad Heart We Announce...

Richard Banks Thomas Jr. of Bernards, formerly of Morristown, died Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at Fellowship Village retirement community following a long illness. He was 85. Born on Nov. 17, 1921, he was a graduate of The St. Thomas Choir School in New York, Phillips Exeter Academy, Yale University Class of 1944 (he completed the first three years of his education before serving in the Army) and Yale Law School. He was admitted to the New York and New Jersey Bar as a counselor at law. Mr. Thomas was a partner at Schenck, Price, Smith and King and later at Busch and Thomas in Morristown, working as a lawyer for more than 55 years. Mr. Thomas served in the Army during World War II from 1943 to 1945 and was wounded at Anzio during the Italian campaign. He received a Battle Star and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Thomas was involved in many civic, cultural and charitable organizations in the community, serving as president of the United Way of Morristown, a trustee of the Peck School, Macculloch Hall, the Morris County Bar Asso-

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Group Study Exchange Team

We were fortunate to visit with the Group Study Exchange Team from New Zealand at last week's lunch meeting. Pictured below are photos of the team exchanging banners with Pres. Lanahan at the meeting, and the Team out getting a view of Lady Liberty.

Many thanks to the GSET for their visit with the Club!



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.

New CEO For Girl Scouts of Northern NJ

Helen M. Wronski, a resident of Morris Plains, has been named as chief executive officer, Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey (GSNNJ). The appointment was announced by Rosa Bland, chair of the CEO Search Committee for GSNNJ and current board president, Girl Scout Council of Bergen County. For the past five years, Ms. Wronski has held the position of chief executive officer, Morris Area Girl Scout Council, one of three councils merging to form Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

Prior to joining the Girl Scout organization, Ms. Wronski held various leadership positions with the YWCA including regional field director, Chicago Area, for the National YWCA and executive director of local YWCAs in Texas, Arizona, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Ms. Wronski also brings with her seven years of consulting experience in the for-profit sector. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alverno College in Milwaukee and an Executive Leadership Certificate from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Wronski chairs the Consortium of New Jersey Girl Scout Councils and serves in advisory capacities at the national level. Locally, she also serves on the board and executive committee of Morris Tomorrow, the President's Advisory Council for the Morris County Chamber of Commerce, the Executive Directors Advisory Council for United Way of Morris County, is vice president of The Morristown Rotary Club, and is a volunteer trainer for the Red Cross.



Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey is a

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Super 50/50 Raffle Update

We present you this year's Ten Ticket's or More Sold Club! Great work folks!

- Max Ruefenact 100
- The Bagishes 43
- Chance on a Chance 35
- Jon Taylor 25
- Bill Cunningham 20
- Bob Miller 19
- Jim Mongey 17
- Tom Lanahan 15
- Harvey Gilbert 14
- Scott Randolph 11
- Roy Bumiller 11
- Mike Moore 10
- Helen Wronski 10

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new organization emerging from the restructuring of Girl Scout councils throughout the nation. Girl Scouts: Lenne-Lenape Council, Girl Scout Council of Bergen County, and Morris Area Girl Scout Council are joining together to form GSNNJ, a new, high-capacity council dedicated to nurturing, inspiring, and empowering the more than 37,000 girls currently members in Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and portions of Warren counties, and reaching out to thousands more.

To learn more, visit www.gsnnj.org.

Congratulations Helen, from the entire Morristown Rotary Club! 🍷

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

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| May 3-6 | District 7470 District Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa. | May 22 | District Assembly-Officers and Directors should plan to attend. 3-7pm; Details to come. |
| May 5 | 1000 Woman Hike and Dedication of Jockey Hollow Camp; 8-11am | May 23 | Recruitment Reception at SBCC 6:00pm |
| May 16 | Barrel Planting - Details to come! | | |

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ciation, and on the board of trustees and session of the Presbyterian Church of Morristown. He was a member of the Morristown Field Club and the Morristown Club. Mr. Thomas was a lifelong music lover, singing in the Presbyterian Church choir and writing hymns. An avid skier, racing in NASTAR events, he also enjoyed trout fishing and tennis and was an accomplished amateur photographer. His photographic work was exhibited at the Atrium Art Gallery and the Bernards Township Library. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth Mutch Thomas; his brother, Paul Thomas of Dallas; his daughter, Anne Pariseau of Providence, R.I.; his son, Dr. Richard Thomas of Wellesley, Mass.; and four grandchildren, Sarah and Emily Pariseau and Nolan and Henry Thomas. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the memorial service at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at the Morristown Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the NJ American Parkinson's Disease Association at: NJ APDA, Box 2026, Edison, N.J.08818. 🍷

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A group of our Morristown Rotarians at the Morristown Town-Wide Cleanup!

River. "My first year doing this, we pulled washing machines and motors out of the Whippany River," said Morristown resident and Kiwanis Club member Steve McKinley.

Now, only occasional large debris is found in the river during the annual cleanup, thanks to residents' efforts to keep the area clean, McKinley said. "That gives us less to do," McKinley said with a smile. 🍷

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Tom Slutsker
Classification Talk

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Shobha Deshmuka
Classification Talk



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