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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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<http://www.morristownrotary.com>

THE RAMBLER

May 2, 2007

The Solomon Islands Receive Shelter After The Storm

By Tonya Weger
Rotary International News

Rotary District 9600 (Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and parts of Australia) is working closely with clubs affected by the earthquakes and tsunamis that struck the Solomon Islands Western and Choiseul provinces on 2 April. Rotarians are assessing the scope of urgent needs and planning long-term rebuilding.

The disasters left about 9,000 homeless. Members of the Rotary Club of Honiara and the Rotary Club of Gizo are on the ground determining the state of sanitation, clean water, shelter, and necessary supplies.

The district contacted suppliers of Shelter-Box, which sent 200 units, each containing a 10-person tent and other survival equipment from the United Kingdom to Australia and on to the island's capital of Honiara. "From there, it's about another 200 miles by sea to the island of Gizo, which is where the worst damage occurred," says ShelterBox spokesperson Huw Thomas.

In addition to the ShelterBoxes, the district arranged for the delivery of 400 Aquaboxes, 30 solar water purifiers, and cooking utensils. The shipping of mosquito nets is also being expedited, as public health experts are warning of the possibility of malaria outbreaks among the displaced.

District 9600 reports many offers of help from local and overseas communities, including Thailand, which was devastated in 2004 by a tsunami. Rotarians previously working in Gizo and Babanga are returning to rebuild their businesses and the community's infrastructure.

According to Past District Governor Charles Guesdon, local communities responded favorably to Rotarian fundraising efforts at various Australian shopping centers on 7 April. "Further talks are being held to plan additional long-term responses," he says. The district will now focus on the long-term disaster recovery phase by providing funds to rebuild the island's water supply, schools, hospitals, and sanitation.

RI District Governor Michael Gregory has appointed Director Nominee John Lawrence to handle fundraising, Guesdon to coordinate all relief and reconstruction, and District Governor Nominee Wayne Morris, of the Rotary Club of Honiara, to act as a local liaison.

To make a contribution to this recovery effort, please make checks payable to, "Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium Community and International Fund." Checks can be mailed to Director Nominee John Lawrence, P.O. Box 750, Toowong QLD 4066, Australia. For more information or to arrange for an electronic transfer, contact Past District Governor Charles Guesdon, phone: 0408 724 173 (mobile), fax: 617 5432 4711. ☺

The Forever Stamp

The USPS unveiled the "Forever Stamp" at recently. The Stamp features a Liberty Bell image and the word "forever." Postmaster General



John E. Potter said "the Liberty Bell was selected because it resonates as one of the nation's

most prominent and recognizable symbols associated with American independence."

The stamp will be good for mailing one-ounce First-Class letters anytime in the future — regardless of price changes. The Forever stamp goes on sale April 12 at 41 cents. Customers can begin using the stamp when postage changes May 14. "Beginning April, 12, the Forever stamp will be available at ATMs in sheetlets of 18, in booklets of 20 through www.usps.com, through Post Office vending machines, at Automated Postal Centers and in Post Office lobbies nationwide. Once prices change May 14, the Forever stamp will remain on sale at the 41-cent First-Class one-ounce letter price until the next price change. The Forever stamp will then be available at the new price."

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 email their name and contact telephone number (as well as your own name so you get credit!) to: GlennGarth@att.net.

Printed invitations are also available for you to hand out to prospective members, please see Gary Reppen for these invitations. Please still be sure to email Glenn so we have an accurate headcount.

Spring Clean-up Follow-up

Submitted by Glenn Coultts

Thank you all for coming to a very important event - Morristown Cleanup Day. It was a beautiful day with 12 people showing up and working hard. This project has a long history with the Morristown Rotary Club. In fact, our new member David Shapiro came early and got started by himself on James Street, the rest of the crew cleaned up the Spring Street Hill area. Who says you can't have fun and work hard at the same time? Fun was had by all!!

Interact Club

Submitted by Linda Kostrowski



Here's a photo of our kids working at Camp Merry Heart April 21st. We are looking forward to May 2nd, when 13 kids will join Rotarians for a morning at work and then LUNCH!



Quote of the Week

*"If it is not truthful and not helpful, don't say it.
If it is truthful and not helpful, don't say it.
If it is not truthful and helpful, don't say it.
If it is truthful and helpful, wait for the right time."*

*Buddha
'The Enlightened One'*

Relay For Life

Submitted by Scott Marum

The annual Relay For Life to benefit The American Cancer Society will be held Friday, May 18, 2007 starting at 6:00 pm at the Morristown High School field (Atno Ave.).

Please help out by making a donation and/or join our Team Rotary and help us support the cause! We all have an interest in helping out, as nearly every American knows at least one person affected by this terrible condition. I hope as many Rotarians as possible can attend this very moving event, or at the very least donate to this worthy cause.

WAYS TO DONATE:

1. You can buy a Company Track Sign for the event at \$100-\$150/each
2. You can buy luminaria memorial to be displayed at event for \$10/each
3. You can make a donation, provide a check to Scott Marum or donate through the Team Rotary website at: <http://tinyurl.com/38wztz>

Scott Marum will also have forms at our weekly Rotary meetings.

All former Team members from last year and any new potential Team members please also go to the Team Rotary website and register as a member for this year!

Thank you! For further information write or call, Scott Marum @ 973-631-7985 -or- sm.esq@verizon.net

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! ☺

May Birthdays!



<i>Shea Dibley</i>	6
<i>MaryEllen Barrett</i>	9
<i>John Morytko</i>	20
<i>Herb Braunschweiger</i>	22
<i>Brian Harrigan</i>	26
<i>Barbara Ward</i>	28

Happy Birthdays to all!

A Recently Spied Classified Ad

Free Puppies:
1/2 Cocker Spaniel
1/2 Sneaky Neighbor's Dog

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

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!		

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Shea Dibley
Classification Talk

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

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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