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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

May 23, 2007

## German and Swiss Rotarians Help Land Mine Victims

By Sandra Prufer

Translation by Stefan Meuser

Rotary International News

They are buried in fields, roads, and footpaths. In more than 70 countries, land mines – remnants of forgotten conflicts – have become slow-motion weapons of mass destruction.

According to the United Nations, between 15,000 to 20,000 people are maimed or killed by mines every year. More than a fifth of the victims are children. Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola, and Iraq are the most affected countries. In Afghanistan alone, an estimated 10 million mines and other ordnance are hidden in the ground.

Convinced that it required more than words to fight the problem of land mines, Rotarians from Switzerland and Germany started MINE-EX, a project to help victims of mines and to work for a worldwide ban of the terrible weapons. (Learn more at [www.mine-ex.ch](http://www.mine-ex.ch) and [www.mine-ex-rotary.de](http://www.mine-ex-rotary.de)).

MINE-EX is based on the initiative of Swiss Rotarian Hans Stirnemann, who worked as a surgeon for the International Red Cross in Asia and Africa in the 1990s. Devastated by the suffering he saw caused by the equally cheap and devilish devices, he took action. "I can still see these people, their torn-off limbs and tormented bodies, silently and desperately looking to me, the doctor, for help. And there was not much I could do," remembers Stirnemann. "That's when I learned to hate these weapons."

"Anti-personnel mines are not designed to kill people, but to seriously injure and to

permanently disable," says Gerhard Selmayr, MINE-EX chair.

The organization pursues four goals:

1. Medical and orthopedic care of mine victims (production and fitting of implants, artificial limbs, and so forth)
2. Training of local prosthesis technicians
3. Support of activities for a worldwide ban of the production and distribution of anti-personnel mines
4. Support for the removal of land mines

Since 1997, MINE-EX has worked closely with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to equip thousands of injured people with artificial limbs and to train local technicians – many of them amputees themselves. While the Swiss Rotarians concentrate their work in Cambodia, German Rotarians provide help in Georgia and Central Asia.

"Wissen gegen Minen" (Science against Mines) is another association fighting against land mines. This group, also supported by Rotarians, concentrates on knowledge transfer, which they do by using the Internet to teach mine removal methods. One focus of the organization is to provide information in regional languages. In cooperation with the Institute of Technology in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for instance, the information is distributed in the country's main language, Khmer.

Despite extensive mine removal programs, says Selmayr, it will take decades to clean up the soil in war and post-war regions, a tedious – and dangerous – task carried out with metal detectors, search dogs, and removal devices. There is a lot of work waiting for MINE-EX. ☺

## Photos From 5/16 Breakfast

Det. Doug Meyer of the Morris County Sheriff's Office K9 Division with his partner "Ike" at last week's Breakfast meeting.



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

## Recruitment!

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 email their name and contact telephone number (as well as your own name so you get credit!) to: [greppen@jhnetwork.com](mailto:greppen@jhnetwork.com).

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 Gary so we have an accurate headcount. ☺

### Quote of the Week

*Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.*

*John Wayne*

## District Directory Yellow Pages

Each year District 7470 prints a directory of our District leaders and Club leaders. This is given to all Clubs in our District for every Rotarian. In the center of the directory we have a section of yellow pages in which Rotarians can advertise their businesses. This is done to help to offset the cost of printing the directory. For more information, or to submit an advertisement, please download the submission form off the our Club website [www.morristownrotary.org](http://www.morristownrotary.org). ☺



## Mt. Olive & Netcong-Stanhope Golf Outing

The Mt. Olive and Netcong-Stanhope Rotary Clubs will be holding their 22nd Annual Golf Outing, Scramble tournament on Thursday 12, 2007 at Water Gap Golf & Country Club, Delaware Water Gap, PA.

Donation \$110.00 Per Golfer

Includes:

Green Fees, Power Carts, Locker Room, Towels, Lunch and Refreshments, Dinner Buffet, and Trophies

Each golfer will receive a prize; average value of prize \$20.00. Many large prizes.

Open to all golfers looking for a great day of fun.

Check in time 7:45-8:15 A.M.

Coffee and Doughnuts

For information call:

Dick Drukker 201-572-9447 ☺

## From the Sunshine Committee

We would like to take a moment to wish the best of luck to Harvey Gilbert's wife Terry, who will be having surgery on her knee Tuesday/Wednesday in NYC. ☺

## District Assembly

This year's District Assembly will be May 22nd, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Registration begins at 3:00pm and the price is \$40 per person.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about Rotary in both a Local and International light. Dinner is included with the registration fee, and the evening will conclude with the evening's keynote speaker, Mike McGovern, RI Director 2006-2008.

All incoming Officers and Directors should plan to attend the Assembly. If you are new Club member (those in their first 2 years of Rotary) you are encouraged to attend this educational event. The Board has passed a motion to cover the registration fee of any Morristown Rotarian that wishes to attend, Please contact Dolores Bagish **ASAP** if you are interested in attending this event.

**Also:** Anybody interested in car pooling, please meet in the lower parking lot of the Spring Brook Country Club at 2:15pm. We shall promptly leave at 2:30! Most of us can fit 5 in a car, anyone that has a car that holds more, please bring it! ☺

## Help Fill These Pages!!

Please send stories, news, jokes, photographs, and gossip for *The Rambler* to:  
P.J. Thurkauf at [turk11042@hotmail.com](mailto:turk11042@hotmail.com) or 973.538.2040 (fax)

## Calendar of Events

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| May 22 | District Assembly-Officers and Directors should plan to attend. 3-7pm; Details Page 3 | June 9  | Dinner Group  |
| May 23 | Recruitment Reception at SBCC 6:00pm  | June 27 | Installation Dinner at Spring Brook Country Club - No regular Meetings.     |
| June 2 | Camp Merry Heart Clean-up—Details to come   | Aug 18  | Morristown Rotary Picnic - Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp - Details to Come! |

## First Names & Nicknames In Rotary

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom. In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknames "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features. The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step, which opens doors to all other opportunities for service. ☺

## UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

### This Week:

Morristown Junior League

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

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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