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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

June 6, 2007

Boosting Investment In People To Help Build Peace

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News

Former Rotary World Peace Fellow Umar Shavurov is fond of quoting a proverb popular in his native Kyrgyzstan: "The wise invest in people, fools invest in wars." Shavurov has seen both sides of that proverb in action many times. In 1990, at age 11, he and his family were forced to flee ethnic violence between Kyrgyz and Uzbeks in the city of Osh. "It started several months before the collapse of the Soviet Union," Shavurov recalls. "In a matter of days, people were being slaughtered and rumors spread about it."

Shavurov's family left Osh by car, but was soon stopped by a group of Uzbeks. "They had axes, hammers, all sorts of makeshift weapons," Shavurov says. "Good thing they didn't have guns. Everyone in the car was Kyrgyz, but we sort of looked a mix. My father started speaking in Uzbek and they let us go."


At least 12,000 people died during the one-month violence, he says. Many others disappeared. His family stayed with relatives in a Kyrgyz village until peace returned to the region. "I have always asked why once-close neighbors kill each other and what are the ways to avert such acts," he says.

A Rotary World Peace Fellowship helped provide some answers. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Shavurov studied at the Universidad del Salvador in Argentina, graduating with a master's degree in international studies in 2005.

"This fellowship helped me to acquire the tools for putting problems into perspective

and dissecting them," he says. "Conflicts are everywhere: at home, at work, in society, in the government. So you become like a doctor, who is needed in many places to heal problems." During his fellowship, Shavurov also spoke at several Rotary meetings in Argentina and Paraguay. "Umar made a great impression wherever he went," says Juan Pedro Torroba, a Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator and past governor of District 4920 (Argentina). "He spoke at the district conference in Paraguay and represented his country in a way that everybody could understand that people in Kyrgyzstan and Paraguay have the same values."

Now with the World Bank's Doing Business Project in Washington, D.C., Shavurov helps governments around the world make business regulations simpler and more efficient to encourage free enterprise and foreign investment. "Last year, the Doing Business Project created reforms in 50 countries," Shavurov says. "The project shows governments where to begin sustainable reforms, so millions of people can access basic economic goods and services, improve their lives, send their children to school. We're removing bureaucracy, but we're actually doing far more – we're removing corruption."

Shavurov is thankful for the opportunity to improve people's lives and help build peace. "The peace fellowship has meaning to people who really want to change the world," Shavurov says. "One of the greatest lessons I learned in the program is that peace is about being patient. Everyone has a different understanding of peace and how to achieve it. It takes a lot of patience to bring together all of these understandings." 

Photos From The Camp Merryheart Clean-up

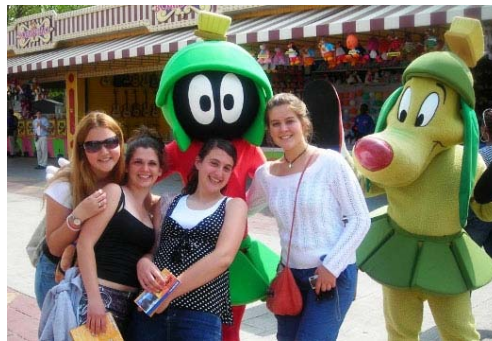
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Great Adventure Trip Photos

As promised in last week's issue, here are some photos from the Club Sponsored trip to Great Adventure with the District Exchange Students!

Thanks to Liz Colquhoun for the pictures and for all her hard work as our Youth Exchange Liaison. ☺



More photos at morristownrotary.org!

June Birthdays!



<i>Douglas Fromberg</i>	1
<i>George McGuinness</i>	5
<i>Joan Berekley</i>	6
<i>Amsale Melaki</i>	6
<i>Rusty Schommer</i>	23
<i>Charles Eggert</i>	24

Happy Birthdays to all!

From the Sunshine Committee

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

A few weeks ago, Morristown Rotary received a \$5000.00 gift for our Endowment Fund from Dr. Dwight Decker, the son of the late Dr. Bill Decker, who was a member of our Club many years ago.

Dr. Bill's wife, Virginia, was living in Franciscan Oaks in Denville when I, as Chairperson of the Sunshine Committee, began contacting all of the widows of Rotarians.

A unique relationship developed between us. Monthly phone calls and weekly mailings of *The Rambler* brought Virginia a little sunshine. Sadly, that connection between us was ended when Virginia could no longer recognize my voice.

Virginia died last week at the age of 97, and I attended the funeral last Saturday. After the church service I met Bill's son Dwight and his wife Linda, who happens to be the daughter of Sid and Charlotte Luckey. They told me when they visited Virginia in Fransican Oaks, they would read the *Rambler* to her. When Dwight saw my Rotary pin, he told me he was a fellow Rotarian, and really appreciated my presence.

Charlotte Luckey also attended the service. Her husband Sid, a great Rotarian, died a few years ago. She told me she will be 90 years old on July 7. Let's all remember her on this very special birthday! ☺

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

Camp Merryheart Cleanup Report

Our annual spring clean-up at Camp Merryheart was a success once again this year thanks to the help of our Rotarians! Many thanks go out to Frank Alai; Joan & Cimba Berekley ; Roy, Michele & Tasha Bumiller; Jim Deak; Harvey Gilbert; Bob Miller; Denny Morrison; Roger Pierson, and to the Committee Chair, Terry Gallagher. Great work team! (photos on page 2, more photos at morristownrotary.org) ☺

Quote of the Week

*Without words,
without writing and
without books
there would be no
history, there could be
no concept of humanity.*

Hermann Hesse

Book-Signing

Honorary Morristown Rotarian, and current member of the Rotary Club of Yarmouth MA, Finbarr Corr and Joe Carroll will be having a double book signing at:

The Madison Community Center
25 Cook Avenue
Madison New Jersey

The signing will be on Sunday, June 24, 2007, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

From FinbarrCorr.com:

Since Finbarr M. Corr came from Ireland to the US in 1960 as a "missionary" priest, he has led a very full life. His ministry included working with inner-city youth and the adults of Northern New Jersey as well as counseling engaged and married couples. From his early years in Paterson, NJ, he was not just tolerant of other cultures and religions, but built bridges of communication and trust among people so that together they could work together for a better world.

After 28 joy-filled years as a Catholic priest, Finbarr resigned the priesthood to marry Laurie Hutton. He continued his ministry as marriage and family therapist, professor and writer. An active Rotarian, he now fosters dialogue between Muslims, Jews and Christians as a step towards world peace and understanding. ☺



UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Hortense Demonchy,
Long-Term Exchange Student

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Hortense Demonchy,
Long-Term Exchange Student

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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

June 9 Dinner Group
June 27 Installation Dinner at Spring Brook Country Club - No regular Meetings.

Aug 18 Morristown Rotary Picnic - Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp - Details to Come!



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