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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

June 13, 2007

Skiing Fellowship Gives Lift To Adaptive Skiers

By Maureen Vaught
Rotary International News

Ski enthusiasts are always looking for that something extra — whether it's fresh snow or tree-lined runs. For the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians, it's adaptive ski programs.

"To see someone confined to a wheelchair suddenly skiing, virtually independently, is a very special moment," says Past District 6450 Governor Brian Andersen, co-founder of the fellowship and a member of the Rotary Club of Darien, Illinois, USA.

And since 1998, the fellowship has helped people with disabilities do just that by hosting an annual North American ski benefit and meeting. Last year's event drew 180 members from 11 countries to the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska, USA. The resort boasts an adaptive ski and snowboard school operated by Challenge Alaska, a nonprofit organization that provides sports and therapeutic recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

In addition to enjoying the Alaskan skiing, the participants raised US\$27,325 through auctions, a raffle, and a ski race during the event. More than half of the funds were donated to the Rotary Club of Girdwood to support Challenge Alaska's adaptive ski programs and purchase equipment.

"There is always a big need for adaptive ski equipment, and it's something that benefits everybody, whether you're a



Jim Tomlin, of the Rotary Club of Peoria North, Illinois, USA, and Don Peters reach the finish line of the skiing fellowship's "fun race" in Girdwood, Alaska.

child or an adult," says Beth Edmands, Challenge Alaska's executive director.

The remaining money was donated to the fellowship's Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation. The funds will be used to promote skiing for the disabled by raising awareness, purchasing equipment, and training ski instructors worldwide.

Created in 1974, the skiing fellowship has 410 members from 25 countries. An international ski trip, featuring competitive racing, is held every two years. This year's event was in San Candido, Italy.

The 2007 North America event and meeting was held 10-17 February in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA, and supported the Steamboat Training Adaptive Recreational Sports.

Find more information at www.isfrski.org

Installation Dinner

Our annual Club Installation Dinner is upcoming, June 27th at the Spring Brook Country Club. At both the Morning and Luncheon Meetings sign-up sheets will be passed around, please indicate if you are planning to attend and whether you will be bringing a guest. As a club member your dinner cost is covered by the club, the cost for guests is \$60. Please bring checks made out to Morristown Rotary Club to the meetings prior to the dinner. Checks should be given to Bill Weiss at lunch and to P.J. Thurkauf or Chris Flanagan at breakfast.

Please direct any questions to Bill Weiss:
weisscap@verizon.net

Japanese Short-term Exchange Program

Submitted by Amsale Malaku

Our Short-term exchange students from Japan will be arriving into this area on August 16 around 5:30 pm; and we're in need of host families! We like to house 2 per home, but if you have room for more and are willing, please let me know.

You will pick up your students at the Park Avenue Club that Thursday night. Friday morning you would drop them back there for their day trip and then pick them up again at 5:30pm that night. Saturday is our Morristown Rotary Picnic at Jockey Hollow where there will be fun for all. You could bring them to that and they would be yours until Wednesday with pick up and drop offs each day. They will lunch at our Rotary Luncheon Meeting on Wednesday the 22nd of August and they will be transported at that time to their hotel and leaving the next day from there.

Please call or email me (amsalemalaku@yahoo.com or 973-997-0142-cell) on how many students that you would be able to house. There are 18 girls and 8 boys. Sign ups will start this at this week's morning and noon meetings. Please let me know ASAP. We need to know this early on for you will have to fill out a quick security check to able to do this.

A Great Student & A Great Speaker!

Last week at both the Morning and Luncheon meetings we were treated to a great multi-media presentation by Hortense Demonchy, our Long-term Exchange student from France. Thank you, Hortense for speaking to us and telling us about your time with us here in the United States.

Also, in order to raise some money for her upcoming sightseeing bus trip, a raffle was held for a great package of camera equipment. Congratulations to our winner Mike Moore! No excuses now, Mike, we want to see more pictures of Mike Jr.!



Hortense Demonchy, our Long-term Exchange Student speaking at last week's Luncheon meeting. Photos Courtesy of John Kuschke.





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. ☺

Quote of the Week

We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.

John W. Gardner

Happy 85th Birthday



Morristown Rotary Club!

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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 27 Installation Dinner at Spring Brook Country Club - No regular Meetings.
July 4 Independence Day - No Regular Meetings

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

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Morristown Rotary Club 85th Birthday!

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