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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

August 1, 2007

School Uniform Project Boosts Brazilian Students' Pride

By Joseph Derr
Rotary International News

When we think of typical Rotary projects that promote literacy and education, donating books or tutoring children might come to mind. But Rotarians from Mexico and Brazil thought of school uniforms and gym shoes — and made a big difference in the lives of children from Tanabi, Brazil.

Since 2003, Tanabi Rotarians have volunteered as tutors at the Lar das Crianças (Children's Home), an institution in Tanabi that provides free extracurricular programs for 150 children, ages 7–11, from low-income families. Most public schools in Brazil operate only for a half day, so at the Lar at-risk kids from low-income communities in Tanabi find a safe place to continue learning and playing while their caretaker works. The home offers before- and after-school activities, such as classes in music, dance, English, computer skills, and swimming, as well as provides nutritious meals.

While visiting the project on an Individual Grant, Ted Rose from the Rotary Club of Colima, Mexico, saw an opportunity to add to the project.

"I noticed that the children who came to the Lar were shabbily dressed, some more so than others," says Rose, who came to Brazil on the invitation of Tanabi Rotarian Cândido Garcia Soler, a dentist who met Rose when he volunteered at Project Amigo in Colima in 1998.

"If all the children dressed alike, they

would be on a more even footing with each other," says Rose, who has volunteered at the project twice, including for two months in 2004.

In 2006, the Rotary clubs of Tanabi and Colima formed a partnership for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, inviting the Rotary clubs of Pihuamo, Coquimatlán, and Villa de Álvarez, Mexico, to join them and the Rotary Club of Columbia Center, Washington, USA. With District Designated Funds and the matched grant, the total project funding of US\$12,150 helped the clubs purchase uniforms for all of the children. In addition, each student received school supplies, gym shoes, swimsuits, and caps.

"Many of the students and teachers were very moved when they saw the packs, which because they received them in December, became almost like Christmas presents for the kids," says Soler.

Tanabi Rotarians have seen the students' interest in learning and participating in activities intensify after the packs unified them as a cohesive group. "The uniforms have not only leveled the playing field, they have hugely contributed to the children's sense of self-worth and self-pride," says Rose.

It was also a boost for many of the Mexican clubs, for whom this was the first international project outside their local communities. The Tanabi Rotarians continue to host Rotarian tutor volunteers from overseas, fostering the language and geography skills of the Tanabi kids. ☺

Regarding Club Dues and Meals

Our current annual Club Membership Dues are \$200 for the Rotary fiscal year, July 1-June 30. Your Club Membership Dues will be mailed to you shortly.

For meals, Members are to declare if they will be coming predominantly to the breakfast meeting or to the lunch meeting. **Your meal charges will now be billed during the 1st month of each fiscal quarter (July, October, January, and April) and are due upon receipt. This is a change from past procedure, and has been approved by the Board.** Breakfast meal charges are billed at \$10 per week for 13 weeks equaling \$130 per quarter. Lunch meal charges are billed at \$18 per week for 13 weeks equaling \$234 per quarter. For guests, and the few members who have requested (and have received board approval) to pay at the door, the breakfast charge is \$10 and lunch charge is \$20. If a regular lunch member attends breakfast as a make-up, there will be no charge (and we thank you for your \$8 donation to the endowment fund); if a regular breakfast member attends lunch as a make-up, they will pay \$10 at the door. Should you have any questions please contact George McGuinness. (gmcguinness@seeingeye.org).

Send Meeting
Make-Ups to:

John Kuschke
26 Lynnfield Dr.
Morristown, NJ 07960

Incoming Long Term Exchange Student

Submitted by Liz Colquhoun

Our incoming exchange student from Germany, Marco Werner, is apparently quite the sportsman/athlete. He loves to go to the gym and is particularly into golf and tennis. He asked me in an email if he should bring his clubs and racquets. I told him to feel free to bring the racquets but felt sure that with all the golfers in the club someone would have an extra set of decent clubs he could borrow for the year. I have extra clubs but mine are lady petites, so they obviously won't work for him. Would anyone in the Club be able to outfit him with a set of loaner clubs?

Also, he's arriving very soon... weeks earlier than I had anticipated. Hortense is leaving on the evening of the 13th and I pick Marco up the afternoon of the 15th. That means he'll be here for 3 weeks before school starts and I need help keeping him occupied. I'm pretty positive he'd be thrilled to be asked to play golf and/or tennis with any and all of you in the Club. It would also be a great way to get to know our student! He is 15 years old right now...will turn 16 in March. Please contact me if you can help with these matters! ☺

Quote of the Week

*We hate some persons
because we do not know them;
and we will not know them
because we hate them.*

Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832)

Rotary Golf Outing

The Morristown Rotary Golf Outing will be Monday, September 17th this year. This is truly a fun event (even if you don't play golf!) that helps support the many programs the Club sponsors. If you have a four-some together for the event, or are planning to put one together, please contact Liz Colquhoun with the names of your group. Also, if you would like brochures to hand out to prospective golfers please see Liz or P.J.

If you can volunteer for all or part of the day at the event please contact P.J. Thurnkauf. Keep in mind we welcome spouses, friends, and associates to help out as volunteers!

Liz: Elizabeth-Colquhoun@burgdorff.com

P.J.: turk11042@hotmail.com ☺

Rotary Friends & Family Picnic

Submitted by Helen Wronski

Our annual Rotary Friends and Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 18th at the Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp in Mendham. The time will be from 10:30am to 1:30pm. The camp has facilities for swimming, hiking, horseback riding, and pavilion to protect us from the weather (the picnic is rain or shine). This has always been a fun event for all Rotarians, and their friends and families; and this year we encourage you to use this event to invite prospective members and show them the Fellowship of Rotary!

The cost for the event is \$5 per person (checks should be payable to Morristown Rotary Club) and registration forms are available from Helen Wronski, Chris Flanagan and our Morristown Rotary website. Direction to the camp will be emailed to you once you are registered.

Direct any questions to Helen Wronski: 973-248-8200 ex: 22 or Chris Flanagan: 973-795-2287. ☺

August Birthdays!



<i>Thomas Farkas</i>	2
<i>Robert Miller</i>	7
<i>Chris Flanagan</i>	8
<i>Ted Goodman</i>	12
<i>Lori Konya</i>	12
<i>Gary Reppen</i>	12
<i>Midge VanDalinda</i>	23

Happy Birthdays to all!

Gift of Life

Leslie Hume, GOL Chairperson
Chris Flanagan, GOL Host

Please note, Daniel's surgery has been moved to next week due to a prior surgery last Wednesday that took a great deal longer than scheduled. Yecenia and Daniel will be returning to the Flanagan's for the weekend.

Chris will advise as further information becomes available.

We are still in need of volunteers to help drive Daniel and his mother to/from Children's Hospital of NJ at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center over the next few weeks.

This will for the majority include driving in the morning to the hospital and picking up at the end of the day. It would be ideal if we can also be of assistance to Daniel's mother at the hospital.

Please contact either Dolores or contact me (lesleyhume@optonline.net). If we all took ownership of a day or two, it would not be too much burden on any one person.

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

Aug 15	District Governor's Visit - Both Meetings	Aug 18	Morristown Rotary Picnic - Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp - Details Soon!
Aug 16	Japanese Exch. Students Arrive	Aug 22	Joint Lunch Mtg. w/ Madison Club @ Rod's w/ Japanese Students - No Breakfast - See above
		Sept 17	Morristown Rotary Golf Outing - Lake Mohawk Country Club

Some Upcoming Meeting Moves

Next month a few of our meetings will be moved around to accommodate a few events. On August 22nd, our Luncheon Meeting will be with a joint meeting with the Madison Rotary Club and the Short-term exchange students from Japan. This year's joint meeting will be held at the Madison Club's meeting place, Rod's Steak & Grill at the Madison Hotel in Convent Station. The meeting will begin at 12:15. There will be no Breakfast meeting August 22nd, as we encourage all members to try and attend the special Luncheon Program. Instead we invite all those that cannot attend the Luncheon to attend Breakfast on Friday, August 24th with the Morris Plains Rotary Club. The Morris Plains Club meets at Bretton Woods (361 Speedwell Ave, Morris Plains) at 7:47am. This is a great opportunity to meet some fellow Rotarians and experience another Club.

The following week's Breakfast meeting on August 29th will also be in a different venue due to the YMCA being closed that week. We will be meeting instead at Mennen Arena at our regular time of 7:30am. Our speakers will be from the NJ-NY Revolution Arena Football Team who will play their 2008 season at the arena.

August 29th's Luncheon meeting will meet at Spring Brook Country Club at our regular time.

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Amsale Melaku
Classification Talk

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

This Week:

Carol Delia -
American
Cancer Society



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**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