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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

August 15, 2007

Wilkinson Presents \$45,000 For New Homes Along Katrina-Ravaged Gulf Coast

Rotary International News

Photo courtesy of South Bend Tribune/Greg Swiercz

To support the rebuilding of homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, Rotary International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson presented a US\$45,000 check to Pete Owsianowski president of the Rotary Club of South Bend, Indiana, USA, and former University of Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps on 27 July.

The South Bend club is working in cooperation with the National Association of Basketball Coaches to provide new homes for displaced families. Phelps seeded the effort with his own financial contribution and invited the South Bend club, Indiana's second largest Rotary club, to assist in fundraising.

"The commitment of the South Bend Rotary club to the long-term recovery of the Gulf Coast is a perfect example of the impact Rotary can have on people's lives," Wilkinson said. Since the disaster, thousands of Rotarians have also volunteered their time and resources to help Gulf Coast residents.

The \$45,000 contribution comes from The Katrina Relief Fund, which was established through The Rotary Foundation in the wake of the August 2005 hurricane. The fund has distributed \$2 million, with support coming from Rotary clubs and friends of Rotary around the world – and is part of more than \$20 million being channeled through local Rotary hands in



RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson presents a check for US\$45,000 from The Katrina Relief Fund.

the rebuilding effort.

Local leaders in affected Gulf Coast communities will select eligible families for the homes. Under the program, each family agrees to pay 25 percent of the mortgage over time and to perform 20 hours of community service each month. Each home is worth about \$120,000.

The check presentation took place at one of seven membership conferences being held by Wilkinson across North America to brainstorm strategies for recruiting new members. ☺



Governor's Visit Aug. 15

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

Our Distract Governor, George Mitola will be visiting us in two weeks, on August 15th, at both the Breakfast and Luncheon Meetings. In honor of his attendance we will be having a little contest! It's the "Ugly Tie, Shirt and/or Scarf Day. Please wear the ugliest your wardrobe has to offer!

Please bear in mind that you must still adhere to the SBCC Dress Code at Lunch. This includes no t-shirts, no jeans, and no sneakers. (Yes, we know last week we said you could wear white sneakers... we were wrong. No Sneakers, thank you!)

If you CAN'T make the Rotary meeting at either Breakfast or Lunch that day, please submit your entry to Dolores with your name and she will submit it to the judges.

**Send Meeting
Make-Ups to:**

**John Kuschke
26 Lynnfield Dr.
Morristown, NJ
07960**

Reminders!

This Wednesday District 7470 Governor George Mitola will be visiting. Please see the column at left.

Next week on August 22nd, our Luncheon Meeting will be 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. These are both great opportunities 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.)

Rotary UN Day

Rotary Day at the United Nations will be on November 3rd this year in New York City. As in past years, we hope to have a contingent of Morristown Rotarians in attendance. Details will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars!

Look Who We Found



Scanning through this week's issue of "This Week in Morristown" we came across these familiar smiling faces!

Quote of the Week

***"Twenty years from now
you will be more
disappointed by the things
that you didn't do than by
the ones you did do.
So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe
harbor. Catch the trade
winds in your sails.
Explore.
Dream.
Discover."***

Mark Twain

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. Thurkauf. Keep in mind we welcome spouses, friends, and associates to help out as volunteers!

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P.J. Thurkauf at turk11042@hotmail.com or 973.538.2040 (fax)

Calendar of Events

Aug 15 District Governor's Visit - Both Meetings

Aug 16 Japanese Exch. Students Arrive

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 **if you have not yet RSVP'd for this event please contact Helen immediately.**

Directions 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.



UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

District 7470
Governor's Visit

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