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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

November 14, 2007

## Rotary, UN Celebrate Common Goals

*By Barbara E. Walters  
Rotary International News*

In Tanzania, villagers buy mosquito nets through a Rotarian-supported program that aligns with the United Nations' goal to reduce malaria. In Kenya, families build Rotarian-funded rainwater collection tanks, complementing UN efforts to prevent deaths, especially among children, linked to poor sanitation. In Romania, farmers receive heifers through an effort backed by a Rotary Foundation grant that goes hand in hand with the UN goal to fight hunger.

These stories were highlighted during Rotary-UN Day at UN headquarters in New York City as ways Rotarians are helping the United Nations advance its goals to improve lives around the world. Held annually, the occasion celebrated the organizations' 62-year partnership. More than 1,300 Rotarians, UN officials, Interactors, and Rotaractors from 48 countries attended the day of panel discussions on water, literacy, health, and hunger on 3 November.

Rotary's relationship with the UN dates back to 1945, when 49 Rotarians acted as delegates, advisers, and consultants at the conference that founded the global association of governments. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to any nongovernmental organization by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies.

"Ever since the United Nations was founded, you have been a wonderful partner to our organization," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said to Rotarians in remarks delivered by Kim Won-soo, dep-

uty chef de cabinet and special adviser. "You have worked with the UN for health, literacy, and poverty eradication. You have promoted peace through your exchange programs. You have helped people understand what the UN is, what it does, and what it can do."

Ban and Kiyotaka Akasaka, UN undersecretary-general for communications and public information, praised Rotary for working on the UN Millennium Development Goals, which aim to slash poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other social ills by 2015. But more work is needed, Akasaka said.

"It is intolerable that 72 million children are not in primary school. Maternal health remains a scandal, and HIV is growing faster than treatments can be made available," he explained, adding that climate change threatens to undermine work toward all the goals.

During a panel discussion on water, John Boot, of the Rotary Club of Summerland, British Columbia, Canada, described how Kenyan villagers have built 12,000 concrete water tanks and planted hundreds of trees as a natural purifier.

The event also featured a presentation by Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program graduate Richelieu Allison, of Liberia, who received the day's only standing ovation. "Rotary has become a passer of the light," Allison said. "The Four-Way Test has transformed my life. It can transform the world." ☺

## Cell Phone Collection

Submitted by Bill Cunningham

We have a new project... and it's easy!!!

Instead of recycling, or worse yet, throwing out that old cellular phone, please collect all your old cell phones and bring them to lunch and give them to Bill Cunningham. We will be shipping them to Oklahoma and receive cash back which will go to the benefit of our many community projects.

JC Reiss, Alphagraphics and Morris County Duplicating also have collection bins for your convenience if you choose. Also, please remember to tell all your friends and family to drop off their old phones at any of these locations!☺

## Morristown HS Interact Club

The Morristown HS Interact Club recently elected its Officers for 2007-2008:

President: Eileen Madden

VP Mentoring, Gabby Spada

VP International, Kate Fleischer

VP Local, Krista Scorsune

VP Membership, Lauren Skibiel

We are also pleased to announce that the Interact Club will be running a coat check fundraiser at the Taste of Morristown.



Our Interactors recently held a used Bike Collection for the benefit of Pedals for Progress! From Left: Tom Nickgraf, Sarah Fisch, Kate Fleischer, Lauren Skibel, Rebecca Schwartz, Stephanie Rodgers, Bianca Chih, and Gabby Spada

## Rotary E-Clubs

In this, the 21st Century, it is entirely possible for every Rotarian to have 100% attendance. How? Rotary E-clubs! If you miss a meeting, and can't make an actual make-up at another physical Club meeting, you can make-up online. Point your favorite internet browser to [www.rotaryeclubny1.com](http://www.rotaryeclubny1.com) and follow the simple instructions. At the end of your "online meeting makeup" you can either print off a report to submit to the Club Secretary, or have an make-up confirmation emailed to you and forward it in. ☺



## Every Rotarian Every Year

The *Every Rotarian, Every Year* effort encourages Rotarians worldwide to participate fully in their Rotary Foundation. Our Club President, Dolores Bagish, has made the *Every Rotarian, Every Year* effort one of her goals of this 2006-2007 Rotary year. She is encouraging every Club member to make a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation for this Rotary year. Tom Lanahan has accepted the responsibility of leading this effort. He will be collecting your checks, or please let him know if you have already made a contribution for the 2007-2008 Rotary Year. Checks should be made payable to "The Rotary Foundation."

Remember Tom has the hard part... he has to ask you for your check... you have the easy part, just write out the check! If you have any special circumstances that might prevent you from participating in this effort, please contact Tom.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund ensure a brighter future for all. Imagine how much more good we could do with the participation of *Every Rotarian, Every Year*. ☺

## District Membership November 2007

Submitted by Harvey Gilbert

It appears that the tide has turned at least for the moment. I know that 15 years ago the district had 2400 members and now we have slightly over 1400. That's the wrong direction in anybody's book. But for now it looks like we have stopped the bleeding. RI census numbers recorded between the July 1<sup>st</sup> start of the Rotary year and the October 31<sup>st</sup> end of the first third of the year shows that our 54 clubs have reported a net gain of 6 members. If we do this consistently for the balance of the year we will have a net 18 new members on a base of 1400. This is a little better than a 1% increase in our ranks. This is nothing really to write home about to mom and dad. But it's not a negative and it shows that there's some spark left in the machine... I'm hoping that where there's spark, there's some smoke and where there's smoke, there's some fire too.

Now before I have you running for the extinguishers, remember to ask someone to our **Taste of Morristown** so that they can see what Rotary can do and have some fun in the process. This is your opportunity to have a chance to bring someone into Rotary. Have fun, share your fun, help the club raise money, and help us make our club a stronger and more interesting group of good people. Stock the pond with your friends. Change a life. ☺

### Quote of the Week

*In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.*

*Robert Frost*

## Rotary Water Symposium at FDU

Submitted by Rusty Schommer

Lack of proper sanitation causes 1.5 million child deaths per year (4,000 deaths daily) largely from diarrhea and cholera alone. Simple sanitation such as hand washing and cleaning is not available without fresh water, resulting in widespread disease transmission. These remarks were heard by Morristown Rotarians Dolores Bagish, Glenn Garth, Roger Pierson, Scott Marum and Rusty Schommer who attended the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG) symposium hosted by the Madison Rotary Club at Fairleigh Dickinson University on November 2nd. Speakers from public organizations such as UNICEF, Rotarians involved in international projects and academics (Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program) were guest panelists for the presentation. One billion people in the world lack access to clean water. A lack of basic water supply means that much of the underdeveloped world suffers from disease and poor living conditions. These are some of the stark realities presented by the panel. Rotary International is pursuing water projects and sanitation improvements throughout the world as one of the major initiatives for RI. The Morristown Rotary Club will be investigating potential water and sanitation projects primarily through partnering with other Rotary clubs both here and abroad to help towards this important goal. This will involve a multi-year commitment by the club. Expect to hear more on this in the future.

## 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

Nov 13	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting	Dec 11	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting
Nov 19	A Taste of Morristown - Morristown Armory	Dec 19	Holiday Meeting - Spouses Welcome
Nov 21	Joint Thanksgiving Luncheon with Kiwanis Club.		

## Membership Candidate Profile

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Birthday: March 9  
Hobbies: Pets, Volunteer work w/  
animal rescue, landscaping,  
home improvement  
Sponsor: Scott Marum

## The Taste of Morristown

Reminder to all Rotarians: Monday night; November 19, 2007 is coming around quickly... and The Taste of Morristown Committee can not do everything all on its own!

Please give us a hand by helping out on the following:

- Reach out to all business contacts to see if you can obtain **SPONSORSHIPS**.
- Start the sales process by reaching out to all potential **TICKET BUYERS**.
- Solicit donations of Silent Auction items

Sponsorship and Silent Auction forms will be available on the Morristown Rotary Website in the "Forms and Documents" section.

Visit [www.tasteofmorristown.org](http://www.tasteofmorristown.org) for more details!

## UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

### This Week:

**Project Homeless Connection**

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA's Richard F. Blake Children's Center, Cedar Knolls.

### This Week:

**Project Homeless Connection**



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 09/10/2007 is \$154,800