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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?

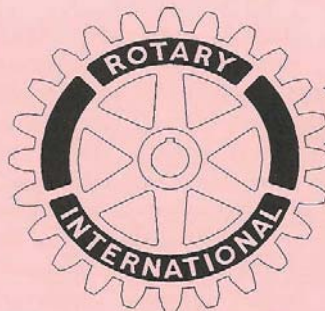
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# THE RAMBLER

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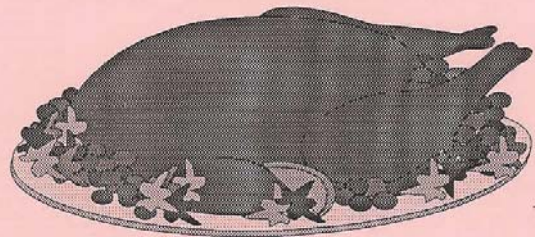
*The following issue of The Rambler was published 10 years ago this week... The article, and history, were both worth repeating. With thanks to Harvey Gilbert!*



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### APPRECIATING THE PAST EXPECTING THE BEST TO COME



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Before we turn our attention to the seasonal holidays with all of their good cheer and secular closing of another period of marked time, 'tis now also the season to reflect on the smallest of our good fortunes: Those of us who can enjoy the meeting and haven't been prevented by ill health, those of us who enjoy the support of family and friends who have not been taken from us, those of us who breathe the sweet air of our political freedoms... all of us.

Nearly 400 years of appreciating the harvest and preparing for the harshness of winter has become as close to spiritual as a secular event can come. Indeed, it was at the start most likely purely religious. Now, we have made roasted turkey a state celebration that transcends origins and faiths. It is a faith of its own. I witnessed long lines of different kinds of folks this weekend at the supermarket, each taking home their bird and assorted other stuff. Articles in the local newspapers about popular figures include how each has woven his particular family heritage into the turkey celebration.

Politically, this time of year always reminds me of Dallas, Tx. some 34 years ago. Regardless of your party affiliation at present, if you are within 10 years of my age, the utter destruction of the glittering hope for humans to find their way to a golden age was taken away one day when we all weren't looking. Ever since, I've been thankful for whatever we do get. No one politician has the right combination for all. But now, when we get the kind of uplift to our hopes that a JFK or a Ronnie Reagan can provide, it opens doors of enthusiasm and opportunity that would otherwise not be there. With that fresh air comes people who believe that "it" can be done. And "it" can be if only one face is turned up to the future. Only you can turn yours up.

## 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! ☺

## New Member

Congratulations to our newest Member, Jim Boyer! Jim was inducted into the Club at last week's Luncheon meeting. Welcome Jim! We look forward to working with you on future projects! ☺

Send Meeting  
Make-Ups to:

John Kuschke  
26 Lynnfield Dr.  
Morristown, NJ  
07960

## 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.rotaryclubny1.com](http://www.rotaryclubny1.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. ☺



## Pancake Breakfast With Santa

Sponsored by The  
EAST HANOVER ROTARY CLUB

December 2nd 2007

From 9:00 TO 12:00

At the

Tom Rinaldi Recreation Center

Lurker Park (off Eagle Rock Ave.)

East Hanover, New Jersey

Adults \$6.00

Children \$3.00

For Additional Information Call:

973-884-9343 -or- 973-428-8200

Please come out to have fun and support your fellow Rotarians

## Project Homeless Solutions

Those in attendance at last week's meetings heard a presentation from Project Homeless Solutions. We are pleased to announce that the Board has approved a \$500 donation to Project Homeless Solutions to support their upcoming event on December 6th. We also wish to send special thanks to Scott Rosenbush who volunteered to purchase the remaining Rotary stadium blankets we have left over to donate to their cause.



### Quote of the Week

*"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."*

*Melody Beattie*

# The Beginnings of Thanksgiving

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast which is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. This harvest meal has become a symbol of cooperation and interaction between English colonists and Native Americans. Although this feast is considered by many to the very first Thanksgiving celebration, it was actually in keeping with a long tradition of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a successful bounty of crops. Native American groups throughout the Americas, including the Pueblo, Cherokee, Creek and many others organized harvest festivals, ceremonial dances, and other celebrations of thanks for centuries before the arrival of Europeans in North America.

Historians have also recorded other ceremonies of thanks among European settlers in North America, including British colonists in Berkeley Plantation, Virginia. At this site near the Charles River in December of 1619, a group of British settlers led by Captain John Woodlief knelt in prayer and pledged "Thanksgiving" to God for their healthy arrival after a long voyage across the Atlantic. This event has been acknowledged by some scholars and writers as the official first Thanksgiving among European settlers on record. Whether at Plymouth, Berkeley Plantation, or throughout the Americas, celebrations of thanks have held great meaning and importance over time. The legacy of thanks,

and particularly of the feast, have survived the centuries as people throughout the United States gather family, friends, and enormous amounts of food for their yearly Thanksgiving meal.

What foods topped the table at the first harvest feast? Historians aren't completely certain about the full bounty, but it's safe to say the pilgrims weren't gobbling up pumpkin pie or playing with their mashed potatoes. Following is a list of the foods that were available to the colonists at the time of the 1621 feast. However, the only two items that historians know for sure were on the menu are venison and wild fowl, which are mentioned in primary sources. The most detailed description of the "First Thanksgiving" comes from Edward Winslow from A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, in 1621:

*"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, among other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed upon our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."*

## 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 19	A Taste of Morristown - Morristown Armory	Dec 11	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting
Nov 21	Joint Thanksgiving Luncheon with Kiwanis Club.	Dec 19	Holiday Meeting - Spouses Welcome
Dec 8	Bell Ringing for Salvation Army - Century 21 Department Store 10-4:30		

## UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

### This Week:

**Thanksgiving Joint Luncheon with Morristown Kiwanis**

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

### This Week:

**Round Table Discussion**



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