



THE RAMBLER

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6th Annual "Taste" A Success!


P.J. Thurkauf
Editor

The 6th Annual "A Taste of Morristown" was held last Monday night and all indications are that this year's event was again a successful fundraiser! This year's Taste marked the first time our Club held the event at the Morristown Armory, which created some unique challenges. But the Taste Committee, led by Committee Chair Scott Marum, managed those challenges creating a fun night had by all those in attendance. Preliminary estimates place the night's attendance at near 500, and we have heard little negativity regarding the change of venue to the Armory. And how could we, after the "Site Decorations" Subcommittee's amazing transformation of an empty Armory into the festive and elegant dining room it became that night. A big round of applause to Tom Lanahan, Peggy Lanahan, Liz Colquhoun, Moira Colquhoun, and Bill Weiss for their work in designing and decorating the Armory for the event.

Our Club would also like to thank once again all of the Sponsors of this year's Taste. Many thanks go out to Gary's Wine and Marketplace, The Whiskey Guild, The Residences at Morristown, Prudential Financial, Schindler Elevator, The Daily Record, A.G. Edwards, Re/Max, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Scottrade, and Provident Bank. With the help of their sponsorships, in combination with ticket sales, 50/50 sales, and the silent auction, preliminary tallies point to over \$ 40,000 raised.



Thanks also go out to the 34 different restaurants, caterers, and food purveyors that donated their time, energy, and importantly, food to the event. The array of different dishes to choose from were staggering; from Italian, to Sushi, to contemporary fusion dishes, to barbecue... and the quality of the food was top notch. To simply say it was all delicious would not do it justice.

Finally, it goes without saying that we *MUST* stand up and applaud our own Scott Marum for leading the charge in making this event a success. Scott's tireless efforts (and incessant emails) are to be commended and serve as a prime example of Service Above Self. 

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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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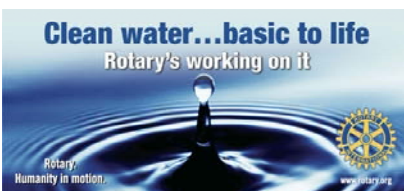
Cell Phone Collection

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! ☺



RI and Gates Foundation Together Commit \$200 Million to Eradicate Polio

EVANSTON, Ill., U.S.A. (Nov. 26, 2007) -- Rotary International today announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will inject a much-needed US\$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere.

The Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. The Evanston-based volunteer service organization will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

"The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal."

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Since then, Rotary has contributed \$633 million to the eradication effort.

"Rotary members worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our

approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, who leads Rotary's polio eradication effort and chairs The Rotary Foundation, the not-for-profit charitable arm of Rotary that will administer the grant. "We hope that this shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation will challenge other donors – including foundations, governments and non-governmental organizations – to step up and make sure we have the resources needed to rid the world of polio once and for all."

Adds Rotary International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson: "This endorsement of Rotary's polio eradication efforts by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is just the catalyst and challenge Rotary members need to keep our promise to the children of the world that polio will be eradicated."

The Gates Foundation grant comes at a crucial juncture for the initiative, which urgently needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. Although the GPEI has succeeded in slashing the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. The polio cases represented by that final one percent are the most costly to prevent due to such factors as geographical isolation, worker fatigue, low coverage with the vaccine, armed conflict and cultural barriers.

Last month, WHO released data confirming that all four remaining polio-endemic countries are on track to achieve eradication. In particular, significant progress has been made in India and Nigeria, which together account for 85 percent of the world's polio cases. Nigeria has reported 226 cases so far this year, compared with 958 at the same time last year. In both countries, more effective oral polio vaccines have contributed to steady progress in reducing polio cases.

WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan says the Gates Foundation grant reaffirms that polio eradication is both feasible and achievable. "This investment is precisely the catalyst we need as we intensify the push to finish polio," said Chan. "We have the technical tools to do it, and we can achieve a polio-free world if the rest of our financial partners step up to meet the challenge."

Most of the initial \$100 million will be spent in support of mass immunization campaigns in polio-affected countries, poliovirus surveillance activities and community education and outreach. The grant will also support an expanded research agenda on ways to halt the spread of the poliovirus. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

"The funds made possible through the Gates Foundation grant will help the Global Polio Eradication Initiative scale up its efforts to provide oral polio vaccine to children in those isolated locations where it's most needed," says UNICEF Executive Director Ann M. Veneman. "This important contribution will improve the capacity to protect vulnerable children from this debilitating disease."

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding says the collaboration between Rotary and the Gates Foundation underscores the importance of private sector involvement in major public health efforts. "As a government agency, we think it's wonderful that our private-sector colleagues have taken a leadership role in something as important as polio eradication. Their participation is absolutely critical." ☺

Quote of the Week

Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion; you must set yourself on fire.

Reggie Leach

Pancake Breakfast With Santa Claus

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

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Please come out to have fun and support your fellow Rotarians

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

David Helmer -
Morris County
Parks

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

This Week:

**Round Table
Discussion**

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Calendar of Events

Dec 8 Bell Ringing for Salvation Army - Century 21
Department Store 10-4:30

Dec 19 Holiday Meeting - Spouses Welcome

Dec 11 Morristown Rotary Board Meeting



Contributions to the Endowment Fund should be addressed to:

**Morristown Rotary
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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