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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

December 26, 2007

Son of GSE Alums Crusades For Clean Water

By Tiffany Woods
Rotary International News

Ryan Hreljac is a typical 16-year-old. He plays sports, spends time on the computer, loves to sleep, and is up to his neck in schoolwork. But there's one thing that makes him stand out, besides his lanky 6-foot-6-inch frame.

He's the founder of Ryan's Well Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Kemptville, Ont., Canada. It has raised more than US\$3 million to fund nearly 320 water projects serving almost 500,000 people in 14 countries since it was created in 2001, according to his mother, Susan, who is its executive director. She participated in a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange (GSE) to France in 1992-93. Her husband, Mark, traveled on a GSE to Mexico in 1991-92.

Ryan's interest in clean water started when he was just six years old. His first-grade teacher, during a school charity drive for developing countries, rattled off a list of items that their donations could buy. She said \$70 could fund a well. As Ryan recalls, she told the class that people were dying because they didn't have access to clean water and that some had to walk several kilometers to get a drink.

"I thought that was unfair, so I decided to do something about it," says Ryan, who was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2004. "I went home and said, 'Can I have \$70 to build a well in Africa?'"

"Being good parents, we ignored him," his mother says. "One night at dinner he was


still pestering us. He said, 'You don't get it. Someone just died because they didn't have clean water.' I thought, 'Whoa.'"

They decided to let him do extra chores to earn the money. Ryan collected pinecones for his grandmother's craft projects, vacuumed, and washed windows. "If he didn't do a good job, I'd make him redo it," Susan says.

Ryan saved the money he earned in a cookie tin. Four months later, he reached his goal and presented his tin to an official at WaterCan, a charity dedicated to clean water.

He was told, however, that a well would actually cost about \$2,000. "I said I'd do more chores," Ryan recalls. He kept doing them, but in the meantime his story picked up momentum in the media, and donations started coming in. In 2000, he traveled to Uganda to visit the well that he helped finance.

Ryan has since become the face of his foundation, which has worked on water projects with Rotary clubs and has a Rotarian board member. He's also given numerous speeches to various groups, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors.

For other young people – or anyone – looking to make a difference, Ryan offers this advice: "Find something that you're passionate about. The world is a huge puzzle. You have to figure out where your piece fits. My piece was clean water. You don't have to devote your life to something. Have fun – but at the end of the day, it's important to lend a hand and give back." 

Apologies From The Editor

My apologies to the Membership for the tardiness of this week's issue of The Rambler. Due to the Holiday rush, visitations, and a mildly flooded basement Christmas Eve morning... well, time just got away from me, as it seems wont to do lately. I shall hopefully return to normal publication this weekend. Best wishes and a Happy New Year to you all!



Regarding Make-ups

Please make a note of the new address to send your Make-ups to below. Please also remember that Make-ups should be made and submitted within two weeks of the missed meeting.

Send Meeting Make-Ups to:
Joan Berkeley
36 Nottingham Ct.
Morristown, NJ
07960

Thanks From The Morristown Historical Society

Thank you to the Morristown Rotary Club for the recent \$1500 contribution to our Matching Grants Fund (archival digitization project). Your generous gift helps us carry our dual responsibilities of preserving Acorn Hall and encouraging an appreciation and understanding of the history of Morris County.

We are most grateful for your financial support.

Sincerely,

Learned T. Bulman
Development Chairman

President's & Foundation Ball

Submitted By Liz Colquhoun

This year the President's Ball and the Foundation Ball have been combined into one fabulous event

Date: January 12, 2008

Location: Mayfair Farms, West Orange
(<http://www.mayfairfarms.com>)

Cost: \$75 per person

Those of us who've attended in the past had a great time. Of course, the more Morristown Rotarians there are, the more fun everyone will have! Please contact Liz Colquhoun for a reservation form.

Quote of the Week

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.

Benjamin Franklin

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 and follow the simple instructions. At the end of your "online meeting make-up" 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.

A Note From The Notesteins

Here are a couple of pictures from our time in Spain the week before Christmas. The one of Jeanne and Alicia Lamana (exchange student 2001/2002) in Gibraltar and the second of Alicia outside the bull ring in the Mountain town of Ronda, Spain. Alicia is much the same as she was when she lived with us. She has one more year of college after this year and will be graduated with a dual degree in Business and Law. Also on this trip was Clive Coutts - Glenn can explain that one. Its Christmas eve as I send this from Paris. We were able to find a "packed house" English speaking church for Christmas eve services. Hope all is well in Morristown. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



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Cell Phone Collection

Submitted by Bill Cunningham

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! ☺

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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

Be A Santa To A Senior Update

Submitted by Bill O'Malley

Thanks to all the Rotarians who participated in the Be a Santa to A Senior Project. We have received hundreds of donations that have been wrapped by Family Services of Morris County and are being distributed to those in need. With over 85% of the donations received coming directly from Rotarian involvement in this program, we are happy to call it a great success. ☺

A Note of Thanks

Submitted by Bill O'Malley

Thank you to a the Rotarians who called, stopped by with, and emailed get well wishes to me regarding my shoulder. It has healed well, and I appreciate all your kind words and support! ☺

Silent Auction

Submitted by Bob Miller

Don't miss out - bid now. Only two weeks left for the Rotary Members Only Silent Auction.

You all should have received an email containing all the item details and bidding instructions; but please feel free to contact me if you did not. (Bmiller0107@aol.com) Remember the minimum opening bids and the incremental bid amounts.

GET YOUR BIDS IN NOW!!! ☺

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Dublin Pub, Pine Street in Morristown.

This Week:

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

This Week:



Contributions to the Endowment Fund should be addressed to:

Morristown Rotary
Endowment Fund
c/o Jonathan Taylor
11 Pine St
Morristown, NJ 07960

Thanks to the club officers for their continued management of this fund. Balance as of 09/10/2007 is \$154,800