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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

January 16, 2008

## Canadian Rotaractors' Award-Winning Project Aiding Nicaraguans

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News

Communities in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, are witnessing significant improvements to sanitation and school conditions, thanks to Project Nicaragua, a technological initiative launched in 2004 by the Rotaract Club of University of Calgary, Canada.

Nicaragua, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, lacks the resources to remedy serious health and sanitation issues. This has caused disease and starvation in many communities. Frustrated by what she saw during a volunteer mission, Rotaractor Lyndsey Rosevear returned home to Calgary and encouraged her club to take action.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Calgary, Rosevear and fellow Rotaractors organized Project Nicaragua, a multifaceted initiative focused on improving the quality of life in underdeveloped communities through sustainable technology and resources.


"We are addressing Nicaraguans' basic human needs and basic human rights through technology, information, and ambition," says Rosevear, a student at the University of Calgary. She and other club members have visited Nicaragua several times to assist with the project, which is carried out in two phases in each community.

The first phase is aimed at improving sanitation and educational conditions. Traditional open-fire stoves are replaced with concrete-and-brick eco-stoves, which use

50 percent less wood for fuel and reduce smoke inhalation. Biosand water filters are used to create a safer drinking water supply, and composting toilets, which do not contaminate underground water systems, are installed. School buildings in need of repair are also renovated.

The second phase focuses on health care improvements. A local doctor and dentist visit the community four days twice a month to address health issues such as fever, diarrhea, and dental problems. More than 150 people are treated every month.

The club seeks to raise US\$50,000 for the project. Members have been garnering funds by hosting an annual Battle of the Bands night, putting on bake sales, and petitioning funds from clubs, businesses, and independent donors.

At the 2007 RI Convention, Project Nicaragua was named the international winner of RI's 2006-07 Outstanding Rotaract Project recognition. Rosevear credits the project's success to a support network of motivated Rotaractors: "Our club's core values and principles are helping to improve the quality of life." 



## Quote of the Week

In science it often happens that scientists say, 'You know that's a really good argument; my position is mistaken,' and then they would actually change their minds and you never hear that old view from them again.

They really do it.

It doesn't happen as often as it should, because scientists are human and change is sometimes painful. But it happens every day. I cannot recall the last time something like that happened in politics or religion.

Carl Sagan

## 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

## Rotary Night With Jersey Express Rotary E-Clubs

The Rotary Club of Madison is organizing a "Rotary Day" with the Jersey Express Basketball team. We would like to extend an invitation to the Rotary Clubs of District 7470 to join us.

As you may know, the Jersey Express (formerly the Newark Express) is in its inaugural year in Morris County, playing its home games at Drew University's Baldwin Gym in Madison. The Express are members of the ABA (American Basketball Association) which is a precursor to the NBA. Many of the players in the ABA are former college basketball players who have played professionally here and in Europe.

It is great family fare. The game is fast-paced (they use a red, white, and blue basketball); the entertainment at half-time usually involves fan participation. Rotary will be recognized on the scoreboard during the game. The tickets are quite affordable.

Game Date: Sun., Feb. 10 at 4:00 p.m.  
Teams: Jersey Express vs. the Georgia Gwizzlies (yes, Gwizzlies)  
Tickets: Group rate of \$8.00 per person.

The Express have generously donated their time and talents to various area events, including basketball clinics for children and potential team members. We'd like to show our support and invite you to join us. This is NOT a Rotary fund-raiser.

Your club members just need to identify themselves at the door as members of Rotary and the group rate will be honored. Please pass this invitation to the members of your club and let us know if anyone is interested in attending. If you have any questions, please contact Carmela Moeller (Madison Rotary) at [carmoeller@aol.com](mailto:carmoeller@aol.com). ☺

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 a make-up confirmation emailed to you and forward it in. ☺

## New Member!



New member Jon Wyse with Club President Dolores Bagish and Jon's boss from CitiBank.

## Cell Phone Collection

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! ☺

# Membership Candidate Profile

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Hobbies: Cartooning, Soccer

Sponsor: Jonathan Taylor



## Change of Venue

Please remember that for the next 5 weeks, the Luncheon Meetings will be held at The Dublin Pub in Morristown. We will return to the Spring Brook Country Club on February 20th with a special dinner program. More information will follow on this event soon.

Breakfast meetings continue as usual at the Richard F. Blake Children's Center Wednesdays at 7:30am. ☺

## 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

Jan 16	Club Assembly	Feb 20	Special Dinner meeting - Man of the Year presentation - SBCC
Jan 18	Gift of Life SuperBowl Drawing	Feb 29	Gift of Life Gala - Details to come.

## Rotary Materials Long Term Storage

In any organization like our Club, where the leadership changes yearly, we run into the problem of storage. Many members that have held leadership positions still have Club records and materials in their possession for the simple reason that there is nowhere else to put it. We're going to change that. Joan Berkeley has graciously donated the use of her large and dry basement as a consolidation point for all these materials and records. Once everything has been sorted and organized; records will be scanned for long term computer storage and we may rent a storage facility for any other Club materials that require space. This way, future Morristown Rotarians will have access to all of our Club's fine history. So if you are in possession of records and/or materials that belong to the Club, please contact Joan to make arrangements to move them! ☺

## The Raffle is Coming! The Raffle is Coming!

In the next two weeks Glenn Garth will be distributing your Morristown Rotary Super 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets. As in past years we will ask that all members do their best to sell their 6 tickets. But the more tickets you can sell of course, the better! So start preparing a list of your potential ticket buyers and get ready to sell, sell, sell! ☺

## UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Dublin Pub, Pine Street in Morristown.

### This Week:

Club Assembly

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

### This Week:

Club Assembly



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