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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 30, 2008

## Pacemakers Keep Hearts Beating

By Anne E. Stein  
*The Rotarian Magazine*

In 1977, cardiologist Federico Alfaro returned to Guatemala from the United States after completing his education at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. A year later, a 17-year-old boy under his care died because his family couldn't afford a pacemaker, a battery-operated device that helps the heart beat in a regular rhythm.

"It made a big impact on me," said Alfaro, a member of the Rotary Club of Guatemala de la Asunción. "It left a scar on my heart and as time went on, I realized the situation was the same, or worse, throughout the country."

Vowing not to let such a tragedy happen again, he proposed that his club establish a center that would provide pacemakers and free implant surgery to low-income Guatemalans. With the help of a US\$261,200 3-H Grant from The Rotary Foundation, that initiative snowballed and in 1984 resulted in the creation of Heartbeat International, a nonprofit in Tampa Bay, Florida, USA. Over the years, senior Rotary leaders have supported the organization, including Past RI Presidents Herb Brown, Carlos Canseco, Frank Devlyn, and Rajendra Saboo. It has also received Matching Grants from the Foundation.


Today, Heartbeat International has 46 pacemaker distribution centers in 28 developing countries, says its president, Wil Mick, a member of the Rotary Club of Tampa Downtown Daybreak, Florida, USA. The system works like this: Local Rotary clubs, which oversee the centers,



*Rotarian cardiologist, Rogelio Tangco, examines a patient, Jose Ramie Baltero, whom he implanted with a pacemaker, in Manila, Philippines.*

assess a person's economic need. Once financial need is established, Heartbeat International ships a free pacemaker to the center, and a doctor implants it. All medical services, which are frequently provided by Rotarian doctors, and lifetime follow-up are free.

Nearly 9,000 devices have been implanted (80 percent were pacemakers and the rest were defibrillators) in adults and children, Mick says. The youngest patient, he says, was a newborn in Mexico and the oldest was a 102-year-old in Honduras.

"When you give someone back their life and their future, when you give a family back their child or mother or father, you create bonds of international goodwill which lead to peace," Mick says. "These are Rotary ideals, so we believe that our pacemakers are peacemakers." 

## Dinner Club 2008 Sign Up

The Rotary Club Dinner Group is organizing three dinners for 2008 on March 8, June 14, and September 27. The purpose of these dinners is to get to know one another better by meeting in small groups at member's homes for an evening of fellowship, good cheer, and dinner. We strive to mix it up so that you are with a different group of members and their spouses/partners at each dinner. We also strive to have each participant host one of the dinners at their home if they are able. We limit the number of guests at each home to three couples, eight persons maximum including the hosts. The inability to host a dinner does not preclude participating in the Dinner Group. The cost of each dinner is shared equally with all of the couples at that dinner. If you would like to join us you will find an application form and the Dinner Group Guidelines on the Club website ([www.morristownrotary.org](http://www.morristownrotary.org)) under "Forms and Documents". The schedule for the March 8 dinner is under development, so get your application in shortly if you would like to be included. Please contact Dick Betz at 609-860-7904 or [er-betz@attglobal.net](mailto:er-betz@attglobal.net) for further information.



## Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

*Submitted by Glenn Garth*

Glenn announced at our meetings last Wednesday that Bob Coultas was the first Rotarian to turn in his first two sales. Also, he announced that Jonathan Taylor turned in 15 tickets he sold and wanted 15 more. **So have you made any calls or sent out the letter to prospects?** ☺



## The Return To Spring Brook

*Submitted by Dolores Bagish*

We return to the Spring Brook Country Club on February 20, 2007 with a unique event. There will no regular breakfast or lunch meeting that day - the day's meeting will take place during our "Citizen of the Year" award dinner. The newspapers will be there to cover this very special event and hopefully you all can make it. As a Morristown Rotarian your dinner expense is subsidized by the club, the price for your guest is \$65.00. We will be taking the first 80 who register. Please contact Jon Wyse and confirm that you are going and if you are bringing a guest or not. His email is: [jon.e.wyse@citi.com](mailto:jon.e.wyse@citi.com)

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and should be over between 9-10pm at the very latest. ☺

## Thank You Correspondence

*We received the follow letters of thanks from three different organizations recently, and wanted to pass the thanks where it belongs; to you:*

On behalf of the Morristown Clean Communities Committee, Morristown Recreation and the Holiday Decorating Contest Participants, I thank you for your financial support. The \$100 donation has been used to provide gift certificates for the winners.

I greatly appreciate your continuing support of Morristown Clean Communities, and I thank you for helping to keep Morristown beautiful.

Sincerely,

Kathleen O'Niell Margiotta - Coordinator

We at Family Service of Morris County thank you, and all the people involved in your generous gift giving program for our clients this year. Please extend our thanks to the Morristown Rotary Club as well. You all have made our client's Christmas much more special by your contributions.

Yours Truly,

The Staff at Family Service of Morris County

On behalf of the recipients of the Emergency Medallion Program, we thank you and the Morristown Rotary Club for the installation of these instruments. They are so grateful to have the peace of mind to be able to contact someone for help in case of an emergency. John Loughman has done a wonderful job of coordinating this project. His group has been pleasant and helpful to all the people they contacted.

Again thank you for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Mary L. Tracey

# Membership Candidate Profile

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# Change of Venue

Please remember that for the next 3 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.

# 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!

# From The Sunshine Committee

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

We send sincerest Get Well wishes to Colette Mongey for a speedy recovery from knee replacement surgery.

## Quote of the Week

Black holes are where God divided by zero.

Steven Wright

# 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

Feb 12	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting	Mar 8	First 2008 Rotary Dinner Club
Feb 20	Special Dinner meeting - Man of the Year presentation - SBCC	Mar 11	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting
Feb 29	Gift of Life Gala	Mar 15	Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade - Details to come!

# UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Dublin Pub, Pine Street in Morristown.

## This Week:

To be announced

# UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

## This Week:

To be announced



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