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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

February 13, 2008

## Rotarians Take A (Healthy) Bite Out Of Hunger

By Maureen Vaught  
Rotary International News

Waste Not, Want Not could be the motto of District 5030's First Harvest project. The statewide program collects farmers' surplus produce and makes it available to food banks throughout Washington, USA. Since 1982, more than 120 million pounds of fruits and vegetables have been contributed.

With a staff of three and an annual budget of less than \$300,000, First Harvest Executive Director David Bobanick works with food donors, trucking companies, and food bank distribution warehouses to bring nutritious produce to Washington's hungry.

"We have to be opportunistic," says the member of the Rotary Club of Mercer Island. "Food donations typically drive the process, but sometimes we hear of a truck that's available, and our challenge becomes to find food to fill the truck."

Food banks often cannot obtain or store fruits and vegetables, which are perishable and typically expensive. By rescuing produce that would otherwise go to waste, First Harvest allows the facilities to offer food that promotes health and helps prevent disease.

Rotary club involvement has been key to the program's success, adds Bobanick. All 55 clubs in District 5030 provide financial support and have members on First Harvest's board. Rotarian farmers, truckers,



David Bobanick is executive director of District 5030's First Harvest project, which is bringing fresh produce to Washington State's hungry.

and food bank staff also donate their services to the project.

"I would like to see Rotarians around the country get involved in eliminating hunger," Bobanick says. To that end, First Harvest has created a CD-ROM for Rotarians interested in starting similar efforts.

Clubs in Florida and Oregon already have launched First Harvest projects, and the participating Rotarians there are no less enthusiastic. "Hunger should not exist!" says Sharon Parks, a member of the Rotary Club of Klamath County, Oregon, and board president of the District 5110 (California; Oregon) First Harvest project. "I believe that through Rotary, hunger can be conquered." ☺

## 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.

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

## Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

*Submitted by Glenn Garth*

*WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?* Jimmy Mongey won the 50/50 Chance on a Chance again on Wednesday! That is two weeks in a row. This is real Irish Luck Arg! John Kuschke was the other winner. Don't Forget to BUY your chance next Wednesday.

Quote of the Week -- Bill Bruen Jr. -- "Hello Glenn, Dad and I have sold all our tickets plus the 5 additional tickets you gave me last Wednesday for a total of 17 tickets sold." --Way to Go Bill and Bill!!

Please turn in your money and tickets stubs to Glenn Garth ASAP on tickets you have sold. It will make life much easier for him. ☺

## The Return To Spring Brook

*Submitted by Dolores Bagish*

### **NEXT WEEK!**

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. ☺

## Gift Of Life Gala Event

*Submitted by Carol Delia*

Thanks to your incredible support, GOL is celebrating 24 years of "saving little hearts" this year! We wanted to invite you join the Morristown Rotary's tables at the Annual Gift Life Gala scheduled for February 29th from 7:00-12:00 midnight at the The Villa on Route 46 East in Mountain Lakes. I understand this is a beautiful locale for a terrific Black Tie Optional gala event!

The cost is \$75 per person and is it so important that Morristown is well represented at this crucial fund-raiser. For that cost you will enjoy an open bar, sumptuous gourmet dinner and dancing with live music. There will be a silent auction, which will include a week in Orlando, Florida, golf outings, spa gift certificates, sports memorabilia and other vacation opportunities. They are also seeking more silent auction items so if you have any leads or are interested in donating an item - please contact Christine Romanowsky at [chris.romanowsky@honeywell.com](mailto:chris.romanowsky@honeywell.com) or Laurie Braun at [laurie-braun@optonline.net](mailto:laurie-braun@optonline.net) to discuss the donation this week if possible! Last thing, anyone interested in purchasing a journal ad should contact Suzanne Freaney at [suzannef@mmuair.com](mailto:suzannef@mmuair.com). The ads range from \$50-600 - so all interested Rotarians are welcome - camera ready ads are due by February 15th!

If you would like to join the Morristown Rotary tables, please let me know by via return e-mail or voice message by February 15 and send me your check made out to: New Jersey Gift of Life and mail it to 15 Tower Road, Martinsville, NJ 08836.

We know that everyone is being pulled in a thousand directions, but your continued support for Gift of Life is essential to the success of the program so thanks in advance for your consideration! With your help, we will be able to save more young lives!

# Membership Candidate Profile

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Sponsor:

## Happy Birthday!

We inadvertently missed a birthday on last week's February Birthday list. Happy Birthday to Rick Salamanca (Feb 4)!

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

# Membership Candidate Profile

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Sponsor: Glenn Garth



## Gift Of Life Super Bowl Raffle

Submitted by Carol Delia

The winning ticket was purchased by Marilyn Marsh of the Morris Plains Rotary Club; she and her husband were so excited about their win that they turned around from a trip to Florida to hop on the next plane to Arizona! We are also happy to report that the Morristown Club raised more funds this year than last, so we thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

## 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