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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 20, 2008

Getting To Know Your Exchange Student

By Liz Colquhoun
Morristown Rotary Club

Our club is indeed very fortunate to have Andreas Marco Werner as our exchange student this year. Marco comes to us from the city of Mannheim. Mannheim is in southwestern Germany, in the state of Baden-Württemberg, which borders France and Switzerland. Among other things, it's known for being the home base of Mercedes Benz. Marco's family consists of parents Joachim and Monika, and older brother Nico. The Werners are a Rotary Youth Exchange host family, and are currently hosting Leah, an American student from Wisconsin. Joachim is the director of a bank, and Monika is a nursing instructor.

Marco's main goals in coming to the United States were to improve his English, to experience our culture, and to put on some weight. Though his English was already excellent upon arrival, he's been refining it in the months he's been here. As for the weight gain, I assured him that wouldn't be a problem...that's something at which we Americans truly excel. So far he's been making progress with that as well. Recently he told me he's having a hard time fitting into his Exchange Student blazer.

Marco is a Junior at Morristown High, and with the exception of Phys Ed, he opted to load his schedule with academic courses such as Comparative Economics, U.S. History, English, Spanish, Calculus and Sociology. Thus far he has been achieving excellent grades across the board. Marco is



Above: Marco's arrival at Newark Airport back in August, with Liz and DG George Mitola.

Below: Marco, his family, and their exchange student back home in Germany.



extremely outgoing, thoughtful, and quite funny. As a result, he's found it quite easy to make friends and loves spending time with them. Like many teens, his preferred music is Hip-Hop or R&B and his "moves" have made him a popular partner at school dances.

Marco has a tremendous amount of natural athletic ability. Athleticism and fitness are

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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) 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 for further information.

**Send Meeting
Make-Ups to:**
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very important to him, and he's a regular at the gym. Initially he surprised everyone... a German who is uninterested in soccer? His favorite sports are golf and tennis, which for boys are both on the spring sports schedule at Morristown High. Intent on participating in team sports while here, he chose to run Cross Country in the fall. His mind is set on being part of the tennis team this spring. He hopes to spend a lot of time on our local golf courses as well. Having played with him several times, I can tell you his drives are reminiscent of John Daly on a good day. He also has a handicap most in any age group would envy.

Rotary's program provides for students to live with multiple families, so they have the fullest possible cultural experience. At the start of the year, after a brief stay at my house, Marco moved into the Morris Township home of our own Frank, Susan, and Julia Alai. They promptly took him to Long Island for a long weekend, where they enjoyed kayaking, culinary exploration, and getting to know one another. Marco's first trips into New York City were with the Alais, and included attending a professional photo shoot and a Yankee game. From all accounts, they very much enjoyed each other during the months of their hosting experience. Marco acclimates to different situations extremely well, and those of us who've had him stay in our homes have actually had a hard time letting him go. I think Frank's best friend Leo even misses him!

At the end of November Marco moved into the Cutler Street home of second host family, Stefan and Margarita Armington. The Armingtons have two young sons, Garan and Sean, so Marco gets to experience being the older brother for a change. They became a host family as a result of the efforts of Jonathan Taylor. Jonathan's judgment in thinking of these clients as a good host family was better



Marco and his biggest fan (Liz's niece, Quinn) goofing around at the Pub on her birthday.

than I could have dreamed. This is a great example of how any of us can contribute to our very important Youth Exchange program, even if unable to host ourselves. The Armingtons are a terrific fit for Marco... in fact, all concerned have agreed that he will stay with them until the end of the school year. A bonus is that the location of their home makes it easy for him to walk to school, to friends' homes, and venture around town. They've traveled quite a bit already, going skiing and visiting family members in other states and cities, including Boston. Marco has shown a decided interest in the Yankees, however, so no need to worry that Beantown influenced him unduly.

Marco has already attended a number of Morristown Rotary meetings, participated in our golf outing, pitched in at our booth at Fall Festival, and helped set up the Armory for the Taste of Morristown. He attended our holiday luncheon with host mother Margarita. He'll be coming to more meetings and events throughout the remainder of his year with us. He's hard to miss, at just shy of 6 feet 4! When you see him, come say hello. Remember, he's not a guest, he's OUR exchange student, and considered a member of our club for the time that he's here. Better yet, invite him to join in on your family activities. Play tennis, golf, or just go to a movie with him. You'll be missing out if you don't. ☺

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New Member!



At our final Luncheon Meeting at the Dublin Pub, our newest member, Eileen Heltzer was inducted into the Club. Welcome, Eileen! We look forward to working with you in Rotarian fellowship!

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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

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!
Mar 8	First 2008 Rotary Dinner Club	Mar 29	Interact Club Garage Sale at Morristown HS

The Return To Spring Brook

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

We return to the Spring Brook Country Club this Wednesday 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 event starts at 5:30 p.m. and should be over between 9-10pm at the very latest.



Last week's Luncheon also saw the presentation of our donation to the Morristown Community Theater. Above, Jim Mongey presents the check to Molly from the Theater.

A Message From Our Northern Correspondent

Submitted By Finbarr Corr

Jim Mongey should put his hands up to God and say "Thank you God for moving Finbarr to Cape Cod, because since he left, I have all the Irish luck to myself, and wining all these 50/50 tickets." I actually miss all of you, especially coming up to election time. I am about to give Rotary the Last Rites down here in Southern Florida.

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Dublin Pub, Pine Street in Morristown.

This Week:

No Meeting

Man of the Year Dinner at SBCC

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

This Week:

No Meeting

Man of the Year Dinner at SBCC



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