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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 27, 2008

Historian John Cunningham Named Citizen Of The Year By Morristown Rotary

Bio by John Kuschke

Edited by P.J. Thurkauf

Photos by David Bagish

John T. Cunningham has long been known as "New Jersey's popular historian." That title was bestowed on him by the New Jersey Historical Commission – an organization of which he was a founding member. His almost inexhaustible contributions to New Jersey history in his books, magazine articles, documentary films and talks in every section of the state leave no doubt that he knows, writes and talks about his native state from experience and much diligent research. His writings also encompass a wide number of magazine articles on the state's ecological wonders, from our own Great Swamp to birding at Cape May Point.

His first book, *This is New Jersey*, was first published in 1953, and has never gone out of print, although it has been revised several times. He has been honored by myriad New Jersey organizations and associations. In 1986 he won an Emmy for his film, *Dreams of Distant Shores*, a documentary on the still timely subject of immigration.

In his most recent and most local book, *The Uncertain Revolution*, John answers the questions --- Without New Jersey's Watchung Mountains and the towns around Morristown, would the American Revolution have succeeded? Would George Washington's army have survived?

Last Wednesday night, at the Spring Brook Country Club, John Cunningham added another award to his steadily growing collection; Paul Harris Fellow. John was presented his Fellowship by the Morristown Rotary Club in recognition for his years of work and contributions to New Jersey and Morristown history. His dedication is to be commended, and we, the Morristown Rotary Club look forward to working with John in the future to secure Morristown's place in history. 🌀



Above: John Cunningham is awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by Bob Coultas and John Kuschke.

Below: John presents his opinions on Morristown and the Watchung Mountains importance to the American Revolution.



Tips For Funding Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge

In the push to finish polio, Rotarians are pressing ahead with Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge to match the \$100 million grant received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs in the world are each being asked to contribute at least \$1,000 annually for three years.

On New Year's Day 2008, 20 hardy District 7190 (New York, USA) Rotarians, dubbed the "Polar Bears," plunged into the frigid waters of Lake George to raise \$25,000 in support of Rotary's challenge.



District 7190 Polar Bears warm up after their end-polio plunge. From left: Past District Governor Anne Cargile, District Governor-elect Mike Popolizio, and District Governor Harriet Noble.

"There is really no way to look very elegant when you jump into 33-degree [Fahrenheit] water, but we raised a ton of money and major awareness for Rotary and polio," says District

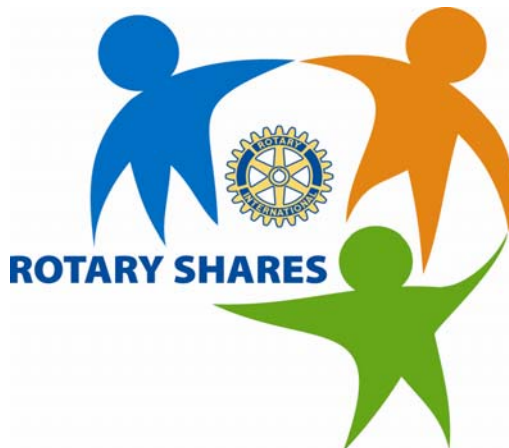
Governor Harriet Noble. "Too cool, no pun intended."

Until Rotary's challenge is met and polio is eradicated worldwide, the Polar Bears say they'll continue their frosty dips into Lake George, inspired by their founder, Don Wildermuth, of the Rotary Club of Wilton.

The Rotary Club of Parker, Colorado, USA, has raised more than \$6,000 for the challenge by contributing \$50 per member from its service fund and matching each additional member contribution up to \$25 from its foundation.

"A number of members of the Parker club have either had polio or have watched loved ones suffer and die from polio," says club president Bill Shriver. "The club believes that no human being anywhere should suffer from this crippling and sometimes fatal disease. Eliminating suffering is what Rotary is all about."

Hundreds of community projects helped fuel the previous polio eradication fundraising campaign in 2002-03. Among them, Rotarians ran in the Los Angeles Marathon, bicycled from Russia to the Netherlands, sponsored theater performances in Tokyo, skydived over England, auctioned off artwork in India, sold state-rooms for a Canada-to-Alaska cruise, and individually sold 2,000 pieces of a puzzle in Turkey depicting Mother Teresa immunizing a child.



A Little Birdie Told Us...

17 Morristown Rotarians attended "Almost Maine" at the Bickford Theater last Saturday night (So far as we know, no one has yet to put in for a make-up). Part of the treat was having Jane MacDougall and Carole Simon join the group. Of course, eating at "The Pub" beforehand was entertainment in itself, even Colette Mongey showed up for dinner. Guess her knee is healing quickly.

Gift Of Life Help Needed

We are looking for a home for our next Gift of Life baby. Please let Carol Delia or Dolores Bagish know if you are able to host a mother and children during the needed stay for the baby's surgery.

Job Shadow Day With Interact

Help our club fulfill one of the most important of the Four Avenues of Service - Vocational Service! Participate in our annual Job Shadow Day by hosting a student from Morristown High School's Interact Club and sharing your career development with him/her. This year's Job Shadow Day is scheduled for April 30th. Your student will shadow you for the morning at your office, and accompany you to the Luncheon meeting at Spring Brook that day. If you would like to participate, please email Jonathan Taylor at jmtaylor123@gmail.com as soon as possible!

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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.rotaryeclubny1.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 a make-up confirmation emailed to you and forward it in.

Help Fill These Pages!!

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 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
Mar 11	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting		

From The Sunshine Committee

Submitted by Dolores Bagish

Get well wishes to Sara Wilkes who is recovering from foot surgery, and to Carole Betz who is back in the hospital, but in Princeton this time. More healing wishes definitely for Irene O'Malley and Colette Mongey, those knees can be a pain in another area.

Good luck to Pat Cunningham with her surgery on Tuesday. We are all here for you guys. Keep us in the loop.

March 8th Dinner Club Cancelled

Submitted by Dick Betz

Due to scheduling problems resulting in an insufficient number of hosts, the March 8 dinners are cancelled. We shall take another look at the situation in June.

To make up for the cancelled dinner(s) we are looking at possibly organizing a catered group picnic for all members sometime in September at a location to be announced later.

Quote of the Week

"A good plan executed today is better than a perfect plan executed at some indefinite point in the future."

General George S. Patton

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

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 Mike Franchino
19 Cattano Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

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