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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

March 5, 2008

President-Elect Lee Challenges Rotarians To Bring In More Members

By Lisa Baker
Rotary International News

Increasing membership, especially among younger generations, was the focus of the Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinators Training Seminar, held earlier this month in Skokie, Illinois, USA. The annual RRIMC event trains Rotarians to help clubs and districts achieve membership growth.

RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee called on the RRIMCs to get every Rotary club to bring in at least one new member in 2008-09. During his term, he will challenge each district to achieve a 10 percent net increase in membership and to start two new clubs.

Lee stressed the importance of recruiting younger Rotarians: "If we don't bring in younger members, we'll miss out on a great deal of energy and expertise. The strongest Rotary club is one that is diverse. It has members of different ages, both men and women. It has members of many different vocations and professions. It has members with different skills and talents."

He also spoke about Rotary's youth programs and alumni. "Good Rotaract and Interact clubs create good future Rotarians," he said. "Clubs should maintain contact with alumni, so when it's time, they can be invited to join Rotary."

"Most alumni aren't asked to join Rotary, and that represents a tremendous invest-




Regional Rotary International Membership coordinators attend a training seminar on how to help clubs and districts achieve membership growth.

ment of our capital that we are ignoring," explained RI General Secretary Ed Futa. "They have to knock on our door and beg us to be a part of the Rotary family. If we aren't going to invest in them, then let's stop the programs."

John Hockin, a member of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee, urged the RRIMCs to be role models for all Rotarians. "Our approach and attitude must be changing. Bring in members – not members your age, but two generations younger."

According to Hockin, if all clubs and districts meet Lee's challenges, Rotary will welcome 100,000 new members next year.

The 10 clubs and districts with the highest percentage membership growth will be recognized during the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. 

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. ☺

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! ☺

March Birthdays



<i>Esli Badenhorst</i>	5
<i>Richard Betz</i>	7
<i>Jim Boyer</i>	9
<i>Michael Elms</i>	11
<i>Sara Wilkes</i>	26
<i>Eileen Heltzer</i>	28
<i>Bill Weiss</i>	29

Happy Birthdays to all!

Quote of the Week

The direct use of force is such a poor solution to any problem; it is generally employed only by small children and large nations.

David Friedman

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

This Week:

Dr. Mark Oliver - "DVT"

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

This Week:

Dr. Mark Oliver - "DVT"

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

LOCATION TBA

MARCH 24
APRIL 21
MAY 12
JUNE 23



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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

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Calendar of Events

Mar 8	First 2008 Rotary Dinner Club	Mar 29	Interact Club Garage Sale at Morristown HS
Mar 11	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting	Apr 8	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting
Mar 15	Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade - Details to come!	Apr 12	Leadership Seminar - Seton Hall Prep