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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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<http://www.morristownrotary.com>

THE RAMBLER

March 12, 2008

A Centennial Project Built To Last

By Lisa Baker
Rotary International News

The Rotary Club of Del Mar, California, USA, started a community service project in 2005 that will leave a lasting impact on the San Dieguito River Park and the Del Mar community.

The San Dieguito River Park runs 57 miles from the Pacific Ocean at Del Mar to Volcan Mountain. When the park is completed, it will include connecting paths for hiking, biking, and horse trails. Lagoons, wetlands, and ponds will extend three miles inland.

The Del Mar club's project to commemorate the Rotary centennial was initially aimed at constructing a quarter-mile trail from the park's parking lot to the information center. The club paved the trail and put up trail markers under the supervision of a club member who is a contractor. According to Del Mar Rotarian Bob Fuchs, the club members enjoyed the project and wanted to do more.

"This project is helping our district build on something significant," says Fuchs. "We started from the ground up, and it has given Rotary a lot of local visibility. We are fortunate to have the park in our back yard."


The park's director asked the club if it would install wood planks on an existing base to create a boardwalk over the wetlands, which will give visitors the sensation



Members from the Rotary Club of Del Mar, California, USA, give a helping hand on the construction of a new boardwalk that will run through the San Dieguito River Park.

of walking on water. Using recycled wood from a demolished bridge, 50 Rotarians completed the project in one day, saving the park more than \$40,000 on construction costs.

The Del Mar club recently started the Donate a Plank fundraising effort to build a trail stretching from the boardwalk to several miles inland. For \$100, the donor gets a nameplate on a boardwalk plank. So far, members have raised more than \$30,000.

"We have committed 5 to 10 more years of work in the San Dieguito River Park. We're in it for the long haul – this isn't a quick job. It has been, and will continue to be, a huge commitment," said Marty Peters, past governor of District 5340. "It was something we wanted to do for our grandchildren." 

St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 15th this year. As usual we will meet behind the Morristown Municipal Building at our Rotary Float. Please be there before 11am.

We always have a great time! Be sure to come down early and take the opportunity to walk around the staging area. It is so much fun to see the Floats, the Irish Wolfhounds, Children, Fire-trucks, and all the Bands warming up! Just seeing the Young Children's Irish Dance Group is heart warming in itself. So be sure to don your Green and join us for a fun filled day! Family and friends are also welcome to join us!

And keep in mind that the event counts as a make-up!



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

From The STAR Committee

Submitted by Esli Badenhorst

The dates for the remaining STAR Programs for the 07-08 Rotary year have been set. The meetings will be held on March 24, April 21, May 12, and June 23.

The STAR Program (Special Training for Action in Rotary) is designed to promote a more involved and knowledgeable Club membership. The program highlights the many different facets of Rotary in both our local and international service projects. Rotary serves our local community, our region, our nation, and the world; and this is a fantastic forum to learn how that happens.

All new members of our club are required to attend four STAR programs to become a member in good standing. Meetings begin at 5:30; most meetings are completed by 7:00. Light refreshments will be served. Meeting location is awaiting confirmation, and will be announced in *The Rambler* next week.



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!

Ticket No. 000

Morristown Rotary Club 2006-2007 Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

Drawing will be held April 11, 2007 at 1pm Spring Brook Country Club, Morristown, NJ

Raffle to benefit: Rotary Foundation, Gift of Life, Rotary Scholarships, Rotary Clinic Projects, Pullo Film, Camp Henry Hill, Trustees of the Morristown Green

Prizes:

- First Prize 45%
- Second Prize 25%
- Third Prize 15%
- Fifteen Prizes of 1%

Prizes awarded based on a total sale of 600 tickets. If less than 600 tickets are sold, prizes may be reduced accordingly. Morristown Rotary Club has never failed to sell the total amount of tickets for sale.

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Name: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Sold By: _____

Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

Submitted by Glenn Garth

The 50/50 Drawing is now only 29 DAYS AWAY (April 9). You have had your tickets and packets since January 15th.

- ❖ Have you made your calls, mailed letters or asked you friends, relatives and neighbors to purchase a ticket?
- ❖ Have you sold all your tickets?
- ❖ Have you turned in your sold stubs and money? (It is really hard to tally 600 tickets at the last minute, so please turn them in as you sell them!)
- ❖ Do you want to be one who has not done his/her share; would that be "Fair To All Concerned?"

As we discussed at the last meeting, this is one of our major fundraisers. So if we do not raise the dollars, some programs will have to be eliminated. It takes entire group effort to make this project work, and we have always sold all 600 tickets. Have you done your share?

I.A.D.O.Y. - - - - - It All Depends On You!

The Chance on a Chance at the breakfast meeting was won by Glenn Garth. The luncheon winners were Bill Cunningham and Paul Nelson.

Pres. Elect Glenn Garth will not be at this Wednesday's meeting, but turn in any sold ticket stubs and money to Scott Marum.

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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 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.

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!

Regarding Your Meals Invoices

Going forward, Rotary Meals accounts will be handled by Liz Colquhoun. Please make a note that all future payments should be mailed to:

Morristown Rotary
c/o Liz Colquhoun
26 Sand Spring Road
Morristown, NJ 07960

Please be sure to update your address books and/or accounting software. If you have not yet paid your first quarter meals invoice please do so ASAP as the second quarter billing will be mailing soon!

Quote of the Week

An idealist believes the short run doesn't count. A cynic believes the long run doesn't matter. A realist believes that what is done or left undone in the short run determines the long run.

Sydney J. Harris

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

Mar 11	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting	Apr 8	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting
Mar 15	Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade - Details on Page 2.	Apr 12	Leadership Seminar - Seton Hall Prep
Mar 29	Interact Club Garage Sale at Morristown HS	Apr 19	Morristown Town-Wide Cleanup - Details to come!

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

This Week:

Scott Chesney - "Life Enhancement"

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

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Scott Chesney - "Life Enhancement"

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

LOCATION TBA

MARCH 24
APRIL 21
MAY 12
JUNE 23



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