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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

April 9, 2008

Somalia Scores 'Historic' Polio-Free Achievement

By Dan Nixon and Vivian Fiore
Rotary International News

In a triumph over violence, poverty, and poor infrastructure, Somalia has once again become polio-free. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) announced on 25 March that the East African nation hasn't reported a case of polio since a year ago. Although it eradicated the disease in 2002, Somalia became reinfected in 2005 by poliovirus originating in Nigeria, resulting in an outbreak of 228 cases.

Innovative approaches tailored to conflict areas were pivotal in conquering polio in Somalia. More than 10,000 volunteers and health workers used several doses of monovalent vaccines to immunize children in insecure areas in a short period. With strong community support, the effort succeeded in reaching more than 1.8 million children under age five across one of the most dangerous countries on earth. "This truly historic achievement shows that polio can be eradicated everywhere, even in the most challenging and difficult settings," says Dr. Hussein A. Geza-iry, director of the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office.

One of Somalia's volunteers and health workers is Ali Mao Moallim, the last person on earth to contract smallpox — the first disease eradicated worldwide — in 1977. Working with the World Health Organization, he has traveled extensively in his country to immunize children against polio and promote community support for immunization campaigns. "Somalia was the last country with smallpox," he says. "I wanted to help ensure that we would not be the last place with polio too."

"Somalia beat polio in the midst of more widespread conflict and poverty than that affecting Afghanistan and Pakistan," says Dr. Maritel Costales, a UNICEF senior health adviser in New York, who cited the challenges of overcoming widespread insecurity and large population movements in a country with no central government. "But Somalia shows that when communities are engaged, children everywhere can be reached."

Afghanistan and Pakistan, which together accounted for 5 percent of all polio cases in 2007, could be the first of the four remaining endemic countries — the other two are India and Nigeria — to end polio.

Consistent financial commitment continues to be crucial to polio eradication. Rotary International, the top private-sector contributor and volunteer arm of the GPEI, has contributed US\$9.2 million for polio eradication in Somalia and \$700 million worldwide since 1985. The global effort faces a shortage of \$525 million for 2008-09, funding urgently needed to fight the disease in the remaining endemic countries and protect children in high-risk polio-free areas.

"Somalia clearly shows that the tailored tools and tactics of the intensified eradication effort are working," says Mohamed Benmejdoub, chair of Rotary's Eastern Mediterranean PolioPlus Committee. "A polio-free world is a feasible public health goal and a global public good. I urge governments across the world — and in particular the G-8 countries — to rapidly make available the necessary resources. Together, we can ensure that no child need ever again suffer the terrible pain of lifelong polio paralysis."

Morristown Town-Wide Cleanup

Saturday, April 19, 2008 is the 18th annual Town-wide Cleanup. The Morristown Rotary Club helped initiate this important litter reduction program 29 years ago. Its roll is to promote a clean and beautiful Morristown. Unfortunately, in recent years, our club has not been able to support this effort with a big turnout. Last year we fielded a decent size clean-up crew, but we'd still like to see more Rotarians out there! We encourage all Morristown Rotarians and their families to come out and help make our town even more beautiful! We will be meeting at the Town Hall parking lot (200 South Street) at 9:00am. You will be supplied with all work materials, a commemorative t-shirt, and refreshments, and are only asked for 1-2 hours of your time. Please note this event is rain or shine! ☺

Regarding Make-ups

Please make a note of the new address to send your Make-ups to below. Please also remember that Make-ups should be made and submitted within two weeks of the missed meeting. ☺



Madison Rotary's Turning 85!

Madison Rotary (a Club originally sponsored by Morristown Rotary) will be turning 85 this year! AS such, they will be celebrating with a Rotary outing to Pegasus Racetrack at the Meadowlands. The date is May 10th, contact Hal Moeller (HalMoeller@aol.com) for details if you are interested in celebrating their Club's anniversary with them! ☺

New Member!



A big welcome to our newest member, Chris Vernon! Chris was inducted into the Club at last week's luncheon. We look forward to working with you on future projects Chris!



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! ☺

Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

Submitted by Glenn Garth

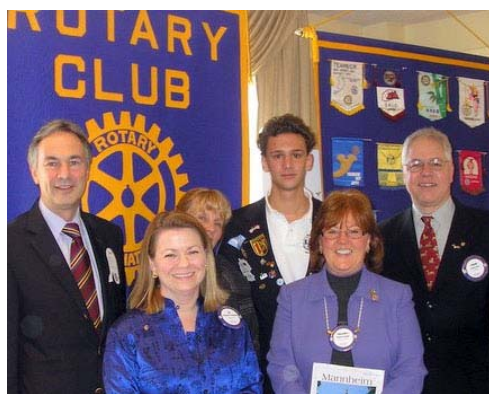
DRAWING THIS WEEK!

Many thanks to all of our membership for doing their part for the Super Cash 50/50 Raffle! As of last week's luncheon it would appear that all 600 tickets appear to be SOLD! Great work folks! We know it is not easy and we appreciate your hard work! ☺

Very Special Guests!



Last week's Luncheon speaker was Dr. Joel Hardin, Pediatric Cardiologist. Dr. Hardin performed the surgery on Daniel our Gift of Life child last year. He spoke about his work as a surgeon with forward position Marines in Iraq.



Also in attendance at last week's Luncheon were the parents of our Exchange Student, Marco Werner. Pictured here are Marco's father Joachim Werner (at left) and mother Monika Leschik-Werner (peeking from behind Liz) together with Marco, Frank Alai (Marco's first host-father) Liz Colquhoun and Dolores Bagish.

Creative Volunteer Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to make a money tree for the Club to take to the District Conference for the raffle. The money will of course be supplied; you supply the creativity for putting together something that people will buy chances on. Please contact Bill Cunningham if you can help, or know someone that can! Thanks. ☺

Quote of the Week

A recipe that cannot fail

Take twelve fine, luscious full-grown months. See that they are thoroughly free from all memories of bitterness and jealousy. Separate them completely from all clinging particles of spite. Pick off all specks of pettiness. Have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the storehouse of time. Cut these months into thirty parts. This portion will keep for only one year. Do not attempt to make the whole bunch up at one time, as so many people spoil the entire batch this way. Prepare only one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 of patience, 10 of serenity, 9 of cheer, 7 of confidence, 6 of rest, 5 of loyalty, 4 of hope, 3 of charity, 2 of prayer and 1 well-selected resolution. Add to this one heaping teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of gaiety, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cup of good humor.

Pour into the whole a liberal amount of love and happiness and mix with mirth. Cook thoroughly into a fervent heat, garnish with laughter and a sprig of joy. Then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and courage, and a full successful year is a certainty.

~Ruth Barrick

Rumble With Rotary

The Rotary Clubs of Florham Park and Rockaway are having a fun event that we might all enjoy! It's important show our support to the other clubs in our district, and this would be a great way to help.

RUMBLE WITH ROTARY - Motorcycle Poker Run, Picnic & Pig Roast. Be a rider or just come for the picnic and pig roast (1-4) on Sat. May 10th. For a flyer or more information contact Bob Feld, co-chairman at BobF2@optonline.net. Pre-register \$25.00 Picnic, Pig Roast & T-Shirt. Day of Event \$20.00 Picnic, Pig Roast only. Children 5-11 5.00 - no t-shirt ☺

Group Study Exchange Team

We will be hosting the GSE (Group Study Exchange) from Monday, April 21st thru Friday, April 25th. The team members have been placed already in host families. Still looking for someone to host the Team Leader. She is a 48 year old female Rotarian who is a pediatrician, specializing in child abuse, neglect and hemophilia. She has been a pediatrician for 15 years, married with two children and is a vegetarian. Any one who has a guest room or someone you might know that can house her for five days would be appreciated. Please contact President Dolores if you are interested or can help. ☺

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

This Week:

Super 50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing!

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

This Week:

"Contact We Care" - David Owens

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

Location:
Office of Scott Marum
44 Maple Ave
Morristown

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

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

Apr 8	Morristown Rotary Board Meeting	Apr 21	STAR Program, Scott Marum's Office - 44 Maple Avenue, 5:30 pm
Apr 12	Leadership Seminar - Seton Hall Prep	Apr 30	Job Shadow Day with Interact Club - See Page 2 for Details
Apr 19	Morristown Town-Wide Cleanup - Details on page 2	May 1-4	District Conference, Sturbridge, MA