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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 16, 2008

## Key Indian State Turns The Tide Against Polio

By Dan Nixon  
Rotary International News

Last year, Uttar Pradesh not only accounted for nearly 40 percent of India's 864 polio cases but more than a quarter of those worldwide.

If current trends continue, however, India's most populous state will no longer qualify as the "poliovirus capital of the world," as some health experts have called it.

Eighty percent of Uttar Pradesh's 339 polio cases occurred in the Muslim community in 2007. But a Rotary-led initiative helped drop that rate to 30 percent of 20 cases during the first three months of 2008.

Overseeing the state's effort to end polio is the Ulema Committee for Polio Eradication, established by Rotary International in July 2007. (Ulemas are leading Muslim legal experts in Islamic law.) Nearly 200 Muslim clerics and school representatives at the meeting received a booklet published by India's National PolioPlus Committee, which linked polio immunization to the duties of parents as explained in the Quran. The booklet also listed the names and phone numbers of Ulema committee members who could be contacted to clear up any misconceptions about the polio vaccine.

Since that meeting, committee members have visited districts in Uttar Pradesh that reported large numbers of polio cases and convinced parents that the polio vaccine was safe and not contrary to Islam.


"The ulemas have done a remarkable job in making the polio program acceptable to hitherto ignorant Muslim parents," said RI Director Ashok Mahajan, chair of the committee, at a meeting of the executive committee in January. "We want to spread the message of good health through the ulemas, who are so much revered in the Muslim community."



More than 5,000 people ran in Lucknow's 11-kilometer mini-marathon in February to promote public support for making Uttar Pradesh and India polio-free.

"Misconceptions and rumors that were widespread in the community against polio have almost been removed, due to the efforts of the Ulema committee, and we will continue with our efforts until polio is eradicated," said committee member Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahali, president of the Ulema Council of India. "Our religion is not against immunization. Even the Saudi Arabian government has issued a directive that pilgrims visiting Mecca and Medina along with their children should carry polio vaccination certificates."

In February, The Rotary Foundation awarded US\$5.65 million to the World Health Organization and UNICEF for social mobilization activities and operational support focused on more than 4,300 high-risk communities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The Foundation disbursed the funds from the \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication it had received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"Rotary's Ulema committee is a very positive development," said Ananth Mishra, health minister for Uttar Pradesh. "Eradication of polio is possible due to the pioneering efforts of organizations like Rotary, and more NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] should pitch in to mobilize the masses to achieve such health goals." 

## 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. ☺

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

## Annual Spring Barrel Planting

The annual Spring Barrel Planting is upcoming on Wednesday, May 14 at 6 pm. As in previous years we will meet at the Morristown Municipal Building and finish at The Dublin Pub. The Barrel Planting is also a great opportunity to get family and friends involved in Rotary! Feel free to invite spouses, children, friends and business associates to come out and join us in beautifying Morristown. Also, if you have extra gardening tools (trowels, spading forks, water cans, etc) please bring them along. It is always better to have too many, than not enough! ☺



## Super 50/50 Cash Raffle Results

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Denis Ciklic - \$6,750  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - C. Badenhause Grp. - \$3,750  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Gary Jolliffe - \$2,250

### 15 Prizes of \$150

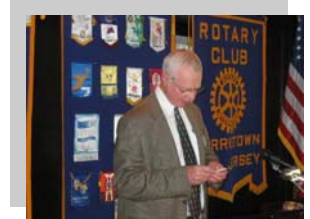
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 Mike Franchino  
 Liz Gianis  
 Kevin Toner  
 Carl W. Badenhause Group  
 Jim Prusinowski

Congratulations to all our winners! And thanks to all who purchased tickets! ☺

## Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

Submitted by Glenn Garth

I want to thank each of you for helping to make the 2008 Super 50/50 Cash Raffle a success. We sold all 600 tickets and will make a profit of \$15,000 with which we can fund our many charitable efforts. While our 50/50 raffle makes only \$15,000, which is not a lot in today's fund raising terms, even compared to our Taste of Morristown and Golf Outing, it was our first effort to raise larger amounts to fund our important projects, and it is still an important contribution to our treasury as well as an important tradition. We look forward to doing it again next year under the leadership of Scott Marum. ☺



Some photos from last week's Super 50/50 Cash Raffle drawing! Thanks to Bill, Bill, PJ and Shoba for auditing the count and assisting in the drawing.

## Golf Outing

Submitted by Matt Wirths

This year's Rotary Golf Outing is shaping up to be one of the best attended outings in years. A full field of 144 golfers are to play at the NJ National Golf Club this June 30, 2008 with additional guests expected for the dinner portion of the outing. Corporate sponsors have been pledging their support and filling up the foursomes quickly. Numerous Rotarians have also pledged foursomes to the extent that the event might be full shortly.

What might you do to help with the outing this year? A concentrated effort is going to be placed on obtaining tee signs for \$250.00 each from local businesses and from individuals. In addition, we are seeking raffle prizes and silent auction items. These items are very important as they will help us raise funds incrementally from the large turnout of golfers. Please look to your favorite restaurants and service industry businesses for a donation. If every Rotarian produced just one raffle prize or silent auction item this would prove to be a very successful event for our club.

Please let Matt Wirths know if you want to play this year in the event or to donate a gift for the raffle. You may contact Matt at (973) 727-0776 or at atm4nj@aol.com.

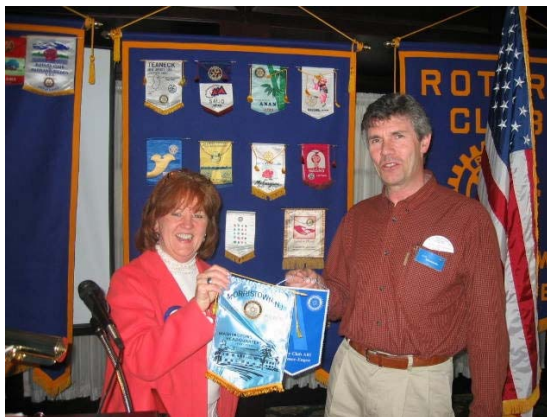
Also, as in years past, we will need some Rotarian volunteers on hand the day of the event to help with hole spotting, raffles, and the putting contest. If you can help for the day or part of the day, please contact P.J. at turk11042@hotmail.com. Thanks! ☺

## Bickford Theatre Trip

Some pictures from the Rotarian outing to lunch at Cinque Figlie followed by a play at the Bickford Theatre last weekend! Reports are a great time was had by all!



## Banner Exchange



Club President Dolores Bagish exchanging Club banners with Axel Tabertshofer, a guest Rotarian from Germany at last week's Luncheon Meeting.

## 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 19	Morristown Town-Wide Cleanup - Details on page 2	May 1-4	District Conference, Sturbridge, MA
Apr 21	STAR Program, Scott Marum's Office - 44 Maple Avenue, 5:30 pm	May 12	STAR Program, Scott Marum's Office - 44 Maple Avenue, 5:30 pm
Apr 30	Job Shadow Day with Interact Club	May 14	Spring Barrel Planting—Details on Page 2

## UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

### This Week:

Phil Demicco - Prosecutor's Office

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

### This Week:

Len Kuker - Handwriting

## 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