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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 30, 2008

Rotarians Close JFK Runway For Good Cause

By Aretha Fouch Price
Rotary International News

For more than 30 years, the Rotary Club of JFK International Airport, New York, USA, has taken over a major runway to raise thousands of dollars through a 5-kilometer race.

"It is a unique race, as the main runway is actually closed to aircraft landing and taking off," says Emmlynn Taylor, the group/sponsorship chair for this year's Thomas Carmody Memorial JFK Rotary Club 5K Runway Run, held on 13 April at John F. Kennedy International Airport, which serves the New York City area. Planes are routed to a secondary runway during the event.

The club raised close to \$10,000 from registration fees, raffle tickets, and sponsorships. More than 350 individuals, ranging from babies in strollers to seniors in their 80s, participated. The walkers, runners, and stroller pushers departed from the starting line at 9 a.m. and landed at about 10:30 a.m. The airplanes returned to the tarmac about an hour later.

After the race, everyone was bused to the Chef's Orchid restaurant at the airport, where the top three male and female finishers in various age groups received medals. The club wrapped up the event with raffle prizes, which included airline tickets, New York Mets baseball tickets, a New York Jets autographed football, and gift certificates.

"One of our biggest supporters this year was JFK IAT [International Air Terminal],




The airplane on the tarmac signals the midpoint for runners during the Thomas Carmody Memorial 5K Runway Run.

Terminal 4," says Taylor. "They have been completely phenomenal with helping us get the word out about the fundraiser, gathering prizes, and a multitude of other behind-the-scenes tasks." The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Futures in Education Foundation scholarship program, Gift of Life International, the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, and other local and international organizations.

"As a club, most of the charities we support are based around children, their health and education," says Taylor.

The JFK club has raised more than \$300,000 since it inherited the race in 1975 from another service organization, which held the first event in 1972. The club named the race in honor of one of its founding members and past presidents, Thomas Carmody.

"It's a fun event," says Taylor. "I always tell people it's the only time you can be on the runway and not get arrested." 

Thank You Correspondence

On behalf of the Project Acorn Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers, and the families we serve, thank you for the Morristown Rotary Group's generous contribution.

As an ongoing supporter, you know that Project Acorn has been an innovator in providing equal access to the best early childhood education programs in Morris County, New Jersey and the surrounding communities for more than a decade. We provide funding for children whose parents have a commitment to education, but need financial assistance to obtain a quality preschool program. And, the Morristown Rotary Club's support is essential to our continued success.

Thank you again for the Morristown Rotary Club's generous contribution. Your support will enable Project Acorn to give a local child the gift of an education.

Sincerely,
Karen Titterton
Executive Director

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 07960

Our Youngest Rotarians Dine Out Annual Spring Barrel Planting



Sam and Jack Reppen, together with Maireen Flanagan and Abigail Thurkauf, dined together Saturday night at the Reppen's. Mommys and Daddies were close at hand and enjoying a lovely dinner as well!

District Directory Yellow Pages

Each year District 7470 prints a directory of our District leaders and Club leaders. This is given to all Clubs in our District for every Rotarian. In the center of the directory we have a section of yellow pages in which Rotarians can advertise their businesses. This is done to help to offset the cost of printing the directory. For more information, or to submit an advertisement, please download the submission form off the our Club website www.morristownrotary.org. ☺

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. ☺

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! ☺

Recruitment!

A Cocktail Reception will be held again at Spring Brook Country Club for prospective Rotary members on Wednesday, May 7th, from 6 to 8 PM. If you bring a proposed new member, you and the proposed new Rotarian will attend free of charge. If you would like to attend the event but without a proposed new member, the fee is \$45. Be thinking about which of your friends, relatives or associates would make a good Rotarian and invite them to come learn about Rotary! Printed invitations are available for you to hand out or mail to prospective members, please see Gary Reppen or P.J. Thurkauf for these invitations. Also, email Gary Reppen the number and names of the guests you intend on bringing so we can get an approximate headcount (greppen@jhnetwork.com). ☺

From The Sunshine Committee

Our sincerest condolences to Tom Slutker on the death of his long time sick sister.

Get Well wishes to Carol Garth, hopefully she regains her voice before leaving for the District Conference on Thursday. ☺

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.

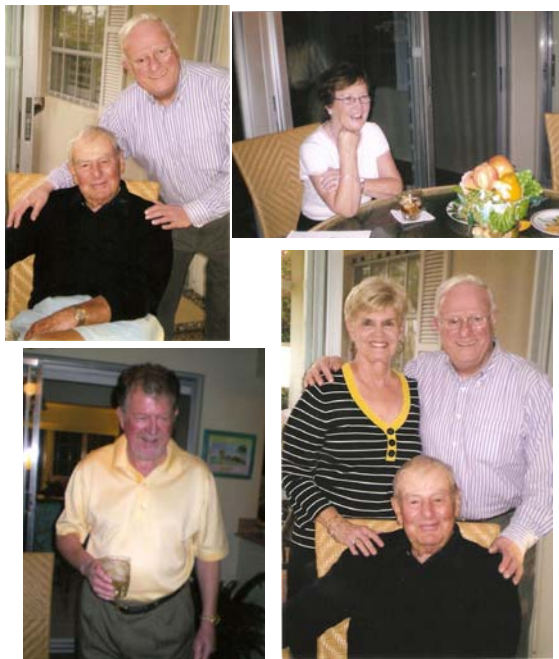
Please let Matt Wirths know if you want to play this year in the event or to donate a gift for the raffle. You may contact Matt at (973) 727-0776 or at atm4nj@aol.com.

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! 🍷

A Visit With The Sterns, and Apologies to Sheila Slutsker

(Over two months ago Sheila mentioned to me she had photos and an article for The Rambler that she would mail me. I never received them, or so I thought, and quite simply forgot all about it. This weekend, found in the middle of a pile of filing I was organizing and putting away, was her unopened letter! Sorry for the delay Sheila!)

I've enclosed some pictures of our recent visit with the Sterns. They surprised us by inviting the Mongeys for cocktails before we all went out for dinner. George just celebrated his 87th birthday and claims to "never have felt better!" They live right on a golf course in Florida and, in addition to playing tennis a few days a week, George is out on the links OFTEN! - Sheila Slutsker



UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

This Week:

Relay For Life / Job Shadow Day

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

This Week:

Marion Sally - Morristown Housing Authority

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

Location: Office of Scott Marum 44 Maple Ave Morristown

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

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| Apr 30 | Job Shadow Day with Interact Club | May 12 | STAR Program, Scott Marum's Office - 44 Maple Avenue, 5:30 pm |
| May 1-4 | District Conference, Sturbridge, MA | May 14 | Spring Barrel Planting—Details on Page 2 |
| May 7 | Prospective Member Cocktail Reception at SBCC— See Page 2 for details | | |