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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

May 14, 2008

Rotary Clubs Provide Emergency Shelter, Aid To Thousands In Myanmar

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News

As the humanitarian crisis worsened in Myanmar's delta region after a powerful cyclone hit on 3 May, a response team of four specially trained volunteers moved into devastated areas on Thursday to distribute more than 800 ShelterBox containers.

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, was among the first charities to reach cyclone victims. Desperately needed aid from many other international groups had been stalled at the border for days by Myanmar's military government.

More than one million people have been left homeless by the disaster, and 100,000 are feared dead, the United Nations reports. The team will work in cooperation with local groups in Myanmar to line up transportation and determine where the shelters will do the most good amid the massive devastation.

The first deployment of ShelterBoxes will benefit more than 10,000 survivors. Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months. Some include two 10-person tents, doubling the usual shelter capacity.

With no Rotary presence in Myanmar, Rotarians' direct involvement in the relief effort will be limited. But Beth Palmer, executive director of ShelterBox USA, has noticed a spike in online contributions and says her phone has been "ringing off the hook" as Rotary club members have called



to donate. ShelterBox offices in Australia, Canada, and Germany have reported a similar increase in contributions.

Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, and the founder of ShelterBox, says 224 containers left Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Tuesday. Another 220 boxes have been sent from Melbourne, Australia, and 400 are en route from ShelterBox headquarters in Cornwall, England.

ShelterBox was launched in 2000 as a project of the Helston-Lizard club and quickly garnered support among Rotary clubs worldwide. To date, the nonprofit has raised US\$29 million and delivered aid to over 40 countries in response to more than 70 disasters. Each complete ShelterBox costs \$1,000 to sponsor, and Rotary clubs provide about half the charity's funding. Learn more about the ShelterBox program at www.shelterbox.org.

Thank You Correspondence

On behalf of the Community Theatre family, thank you again for the Morristown Rotary Club's generous pledge to The Community Theatre's Setting the Stage Capital Campaign. Your second installment of three was received on February 13, 2008.

Your financial commitment and leadership enable The Community Theatre at Mayo Center for the Performing Arts to keep the creative spirit of New Jersey alive through a wide range of performances and programs that promote education, encourage intercultural exchange, and support the local economy. Through your generous support of the next phase of our capital development, we will continue to grow-engaging new artists and inspiring an ever-evolving audience, while simultaneously driving business to our neighbors in Morris County.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our organization and we look forward to seeing you at the Theatre often as we continue another wonderful season.

Allison Larena
Executive Director



From The STAR Committee

Submitted by Esli Badenhorst

This Monday, May 12th

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. The venue for the Star Program will be the Offices of Scott Marum, at 44 Maple Ave. Please RSVP to Esli if you are planning to attend: esli@eslibadenhorst.com.

Quote of the Week

*Happiness makes up in height
for what it lacks in length.*

Robert Frost

Rotary E-Clubs

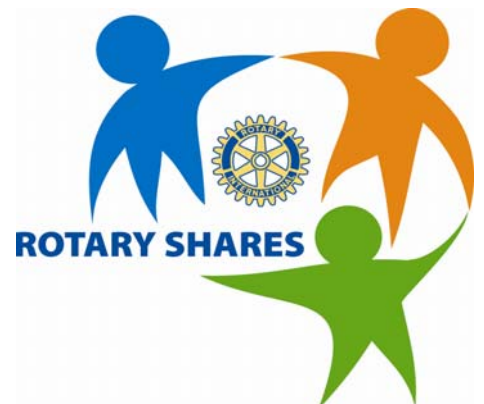
In this, the 21st Century, it is entirely possible for every Rotarian to have 100% attendance. How? Rotary E-clubs! If you miss a meeting, and can't make an actual make-up at another physical Club meeting, you can make-up online. Point your favorite internet browser to www.rotaryclubny1.com and follow 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.

Annual Spring Barrel Planting

The annual Spring Barrel Planting is upcoming **THIS WEEK** 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!

41 Very Happy \$'s

At last week's luncheon meeting Harry Hoyt gave forty-one happy dollars: \$40 for the final publication of his English translation of Russia's favorite classic, Pushkin's "Eugene Onegin—a Novel in Verse" (one dollar for each of the 40 years it took him to complete and publish it); and \$1 in belated celebration of Harvard's undefeated Ivy League football championship. Harry has a website at www.hmhoyt.com, where the book is described and where it can be ordered from the publisher. It's also carried by Amazon.



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! ☺

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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| May 12 | STAR Program, Scott Marum's Office - 44 Maple Avenue, 5:30 pm | May 20 | District Assembly - Hanover Manor, East Hanover, 3pm-8:30pm |
| May 13 | Morristown Rotary Board Meeting | May 31 | Bickford Theater Trip - See Dolores if interested |
| May 14 | Spring Barrel Planting—Details on Page 2 | | |

Camp Merry Heart Cleanup!

Submitted by Frank Alai

Now is the time for all good Rotarians to come to the aid of CAMP MERRY HEART!

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Yes, boys & girls, ladies & germs, it is once again that time of year to get out your rakes, hedge clippers, saws, leaf blowers and weed whackers and to convene at the camp in beautiful Hackettstown, New Jersey, for the annual Morristown Rotary Camp Merry Heart Clean-Up.

We'll get there early to take advantage of the cooler morning temperatures for work. We can then lounge beneath the covered picnic area as we enjoy various victuals, libations and fellowship. Canapés under the canopy!

Bring your spouses, kids, neighbors, etc. You know that prospective member that you brought to the Cocktail Party? Bring him or her along to see how Rotarians get the job done. Many hands make for light work.

Hey, you new guys. This is what Rotary is about. Be there or be square! ☺

District Assembly

This year's District Assembly will be May 20th. The Assembly is a great training opportunity for ALL CLUB MEMBERS. Break-out sessions for 2008-2009 Presidents, Club Secretaries and treasurers, membership & club committees, service projects, the Rotary Foundation and Youth Protection. The evening's keynote speaker will be Jeffry Cadorette, PDG District 7450. All incoming Officers and Directors should plan to attend the Assembly. Please mark you calendars! ☺

UPCOMING LUNCH

PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

This Week:

UPCOMING BREAKFAST

PROGRAMS

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

This Week:

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