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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

June 11, 2008

Former Scholar Keeps Vaccine Pipeline Running in Pakistan, Afghanistan

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News

Once an Ambassadorial Scholar, Farrukh Jamal Syed today plays a key role in the battle to end polio. His Pakistan-based company manufactures vitally needed vaccine carriers that are being provided through a PolioPlus Partners grant.

Substantial funding for the grant came from Dan Holzapfel, of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Queensland, Australia.

The Pakistan PolioPlus Committee saved around US\$40,000, thanks to the involvement of this former Rotary Foundation Scholar, says committee chair Abdul Haiy Khan of Syed's contribution to the polio eradication effort. Khan adds that other carriers cost at least three times more than the ones produced by Simcon.


Khan had approached Syed with the committee's need for an easily transportable carrier that would keep vaccines safe in temperatures as high as 115 degrees Fahrenheit (46 degrees centigrade). Syed was up to the task: His firm, Simcon International, specializes in industrial product design, development, and manufacturing.

Since 2006, Simcon has produced approximately 100,000 carriers. "It is a nice feeling of satisfaction and great achievement [to work] for humanity and The Rotary Foundation," Syed says. "Work for the Rotary name has great importance in my life."



Former Rotary Foundation Scholar Farrukh Jamal Syed (right) hands a vaccine carrier to Abdul Haiy Khan, chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee. Photo courtesy of Syed.

Syed has maintained ties with Rotary ever since he studied computer-assisted design and manufacturing as a 1989-90 Ambassadorial Scholar in England. He later joined his sponsor Rotary Club of Islamabad (Metropolitan), but was unable to maintain membership in Rotary after moving his company to a remote area. He has since relocated his business to downtown Karachi and says he would like to rejoin the organization that helped launch his career.

"The experience I gained from the scholarship directly helped me in building the concept for Simcon," he says, adding that it also helped shape his worldview. "Generally, people from any part of the world have the same feelings and the same needs. What matters is how quickly we can understand each other by establishing good communication and giving respect." 

Regarding Club Dues and Meals

Our current annual Club Membership Dues are \$200 for the Rotary fiscal year, July 1-June 30. Your Club Membership Dues will be mailed to you shortly.

For meals, Members are to declare if they will be coming predominantly to the breakfast meeting or to the lunch meeting. Your meal charges will now be billed during the 1st month of each fiscal quarter (July, October, January, and April) and are due upon receipt. This is a change from past procedure, and has been approved by the Board. Breakfast meal charges are billed at \$10 per week for 13 weeks equaling \$130 per quarter. Lunch meal charges are billed at \$20 per week for 13 weeks equaling \$260 per quarter. For guests, and the few members that have requested (and have received board approval) to pay at the door, the breakfast charge is \$10 and lunch charge is \$20. If a regular lunch member attends breakfast as a make-up, there will be no charge (and we thank you for your \$10 donation to the Club); if a regular breakfast member attends lunch as a make-up, they will pay \$10 at the door. Should you have any questions please contact Liz Colquhoun.



Thank You Correspondence

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, staff, and the 1200+ businesses the Morristown Partnership serves in Morristown's Special Improvement District, thank you for the wonderful job Morristown Rotary Club volunteers did with the planter barrels this year,

Everywhere one looks from Morris Street to South Street, Speedwell Avenue, Washington Street and The Green, the sidewalks are graced by flowers and plants your organization planted. There appears to be more planter barrels than ever this year.

Please convey our thanks to your membership for all of their help in beautifying downtown Morristown. Residents, business owners, community members, and visitors alike will be enjoying your work throughout the summer season. We're very grateful.

Sincerely Yours,

France Delle Donne
Director of Development
The Morristown Partnership

From The Sunshine Committee

Hopefully by the time this is in the Rambler, Krys Miller will have already recovered from her back "issues." Get Well Soon from your Friends from Rotary. ☺

Quote of the Week

If people never did silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.

Ludwig Wittgenstein

Annual Installation Dinner at SBCC

Submitted by Tom Lanahan

Our annual Club Installation Dinner is upcoming, June 25th at the Spring Brook Country Club. Starting June 4th, at both the morning and luncheon meetings a sign-up sheet will be passed around, please indicate if you are planning to attend and whether you will be bringing a guest. If you regularly pay your meals quarterly, your cost has been covered by your meals payments. If you pay at the door, your cost is \$60. The cost for your guests is also \$60. Please bring checks made out to Morristown Rotary Club to the meetings prior to the dinner. Checks should be given to Tom Lanahan at lunch and to Gary Reppen at breakfast.

Please direct any questions to Tom Lanahan: tlanahan@optonline.net ☺



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! ☺

Golf Outing Tee Sign Challenge!

Submitted by Matt Wirths

What might you do to help with the Golf Outing this year? Tee Signs! The gauntlet has been thrown down; and the challenge is to sell a minimum of 100 tee signs for the outing. If each Rotarian can get one local business, friend, relative or associate to sponsor our Club by purchasing a Tee Sign this challenge will be no problem! We already have 27 sold, only 73 to go! Tee sign applications are on the back of the Golf Outing brochure.

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!

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.

Golf School at The Golf Outing

Submitted by Matt Wirths

Concurrently with our golf outing, we will be having a golf school! For the same price of playing in the outing, you'll be able to participate in a 3 hour golf school and learn the fundamentals of the sport. Teaching pros will be able to accommodate the first 8 individuals that sign-up. While your friends and colleagues are playing in the tournament, you can also be part of the fun. This school is designed for both the person that wants to learn, and for the beginner trying to improve but not quite ready to play tournament golf. Lunch, cocktail hour and dinner are all included with your fee, so don't miss out in the day's event.

Please contact me through e-mail or phone at 973-727-0776 if you or someone from your company would like to be included in the golf school.

Looking to Add a Great Start to Your Wednesdays?

The Breakfast Meeting would love your support! Meetings are every Wednesday morning, 7:30 a.m. sharp, at The YMCA's Richard F. Blake Children's Center. This meeting is a great way to make-up for those times you just can't make the Luncheon Meeting; and an opportunity to invite prospective Rotarians who might not be able to make the Luncheon Meeting. Enjoy breakfast with us and help us build the Club!

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township

This Week:

David Shapiro - Classification Talk

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

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

This Week:

Chris Vernon - Classification Talk

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

June 10 Morristown Rotary Board Meeting - Joint Meeting with 07-07 & 08-09 Boards

June 30 Morristown Rotary Golf Outing

June 14 Dinner Club

June 25 Morristown Rotary Installation Dinner @ S.B.C.C. - No Breakfast or Lunch Meetings



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 05/12/2008 is \$160,500