

The Toolbox



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FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Like a bargain, how about a little recognition or that great feeling of making the world a better place to live.

Has the district got a deal for you Rotarians that haven't been named a Paul Harris Fellow.

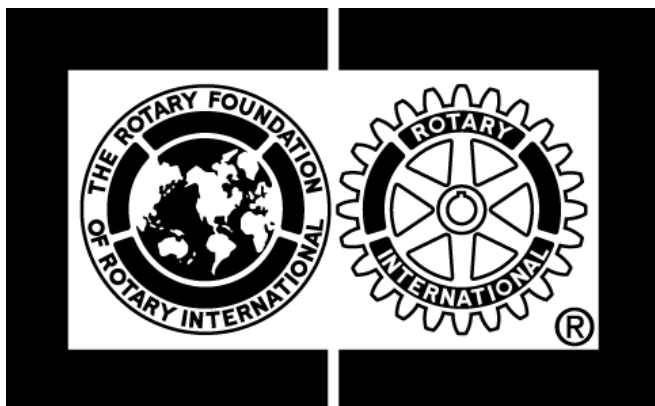
There are still 40 New Paul Harris Matches remaining. You contribute a \$100.00, your club matches your contribution with \$100.00 and the District will match your contribution with \$100.00.

WOW, a \$300.00 credit towards your Paul Harris Fellow and the knowledge that you are helping to change and save lives.

Send a new money contribution (check), have your club match with new money (check) and if you are not a Paul Harris Fellow your District will match with 100 points. Hurry before the points run out.

Please call or e-mail PDG Anne Cargile Annual Givings Chair 877-5530 annec@nycap.rr.com

Remember BE HAPPY



DISTRICT EVENTS

- Thursday March 6, 2008 Rotary Night at the Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes
- March 14 & 15 - Multi-District PETS – Syracuse
- Saturday April 26 – District Assembly
- May 2 - GSE Team to/from District 1910 leave/arrive.
- May 16 – 18 - Rootin' Tootin' Rotary District Conference – Jiminy Peak, Hancock, MA



Glenville Rotary presented Shelter Box with a check for \$1000 from their Amazing Castle Fund Raiser

CLUB NEWS

Granville R.C. Sponsors Trivia Night Competition

On January 26th, at the Forum Restaurant in Granville, Granville R.C. sponsored the first of what is hoped to be a series of annual Trivia Night Competitions. The event, fully supported by the Club upon an initiative proposed by President-elect Charla Jennings and run by Charla herself and fellow Rotarian Pete O'Brien, was based upon her experience playing in a similar event held by the Glens Falls Area Youth Center. Six person teams played five rounds with three rounds of twenty questions each, followed by two "speed" rounds of ten questions. The time allotted for answering in the "speed" rounds was half of that allowed in the beginning rounds. While the team answers were scored between each round, the Master of Ceremonies reviewed the questions and gave the answers. The teams cheered heartily when they had answered correctly. For those interested in trivia, some of the questions (answers overleaf) were:

- What is a YUPPIE?
- What is the name of the dog in "Garfield?"
- What group of animals is called ostentation?
- Name all the states or countries that directly border Utah to the north.
- What was Mickey Mouse's original name?
- In Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze's famous painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware River, how many people were in the boat: 6, 9, 12 or 18?

The Club is very grateful to Charla and to (non-playing) member Phil Edwards for compiling the questions.

Seventeen teams participated, with Fort Ann R.C. joining Granville R.C. as the two Rotarian entrants. Other teams came from the Lions, two local banks, a museum, and the local library amongst others. Now that the competition is off the ground, it is hoped that more District 7190 teams will participate next year.

For the record, the competition and the new trophy, were won by "The Animal Crackers" from the Granville Small Animal Hospital, with 65 correct responses out of a possible 80. Congratulations, Animal Crackers!! (Each team member won a prize of a Telescope

Furniture Director's Bar Chair and a Rotary T-shirt, plus free entry to next year's competition.)

Obviously this whole thing was not just for fun (though indeed it was) but was a fundraiser based on \$150 per team and \$15 per non-playing spectator. Finger foods were included in the entry price, and a cash bar was available through the adjacent restaurant and bar (in the ten to fifteen minutes available between rounds). After expenses, the Club netted approximately \$2000 for local charities, which was a very satisfactory result for a first time event.

Answers

- Young Urban Professional
- Odie
- Peacocks
- Idaho and Wyoming
- Mortimer
- 12

Scotia

SCOTIA ROTARY ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT SALE! For information contact Doreen Oathout at 393-7033(H) or 385-5082(W) or doreen.oathout@ps.ge.com

Champlain Canal

Will meet for LUNCH - FIRST AND LAST Wednesday of every month - Sonny's Restaurant in Stillwater (near the school) - 12 Noon - The other Wednesday's they will continue to meet at the Mid-Rise Apt Community Room - 8:00 AM

Twin Bridges Rotary

Join us for a fabulous, fun-filled family event on **Saturday March 22nd from 8 AM – 12 PM** at the Elks Club on Mac Elroy Road in Clifton Park.

Enjoy breakfast, beverages, and a chance for children to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny (a nominal charge applies – Interact Fundraiser).

We'll have giveaways and prizes during the Easter Egg Hunt for the children (11 am)... plus a 50/50 raffle!

Admission is ONLY \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 6-12, and children under 5 are free!

FLOOD BUCKET DISTRICT CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

With spring flooding just around the corner as well as other local, national and international emergencies we are putting together Flood Buckets as our district service project at the Conference on May 16 – 18 at Jiminy Peak.

We are asking that each club put together a bucket with the following items or bring some of these items for inclusion in the buckets. Flood Buckets will be distributed through UMCOR

Flood Bucket Kit Items - Value: \$45 per bucket.

Note: if the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size. If nothing is available in the requested or smaller size, put masking tape on the outside of the bucket saying, "This bucket contains no _____"

5-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle. Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
5 scouring pads
7 Sponges
1 scrub brush
18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
50 clothes pins
Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
5 dust masks
2 pair latex gloves
1 pair work gloves
24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See Special Requirements below.)
1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol cans must have protective caps.

See Special Requirements below.)
Important Kit Assembly Information

All items included in kits must be NEW items.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment. Special Shipping Requirements

Cleaning Agents. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic bottles. No powders. Pack them inside a bucket or strong outer box.

Aerosols or Flammables. If including these types of supplies, ship kits by UPS Ground, Fed Ex Ground, or by truck. Do NOT ship by US Mail or DHL/Airborne freight.

Thank you for your donation- it helps sustain lives!
For more information please contact Assistant Governor Dawn MacDougall at dmacdougall3@yahoo.com

ROTARY 7190 EXCHANGE



AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

District 7190 is now accepting applications for an Academic Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year. This scholarship provides a maximum award of \$23,000, to a student who desires to study at an academic institution in a foreign country. An applicant must be at least a Junior in college.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship is to further Rotary's objective of promoting peace and understanding in the world. During the period of study, each Scholar is expected to be an ambassador of goodwill to the people of the host country.:

In some years, a Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship is offered for intense language study and cultural immersion. Of particular interest are candidates in helping professions (police, social workers, medical personnel, etc.) who could benefit from enhanced cultural knowledge and language proficiency in serving their clients. There is a three month program which grants a \$11,000 scholarship and a six month plan provides a \$16,000 grant..

Rotarians are encouraged to be observant for excellent students, who are sensitive to needs of people in the world around them and who may see an opportunity to develop a service project. This could have a positive effect on the goal of Rotary to be of service and work for world peace and understanding.

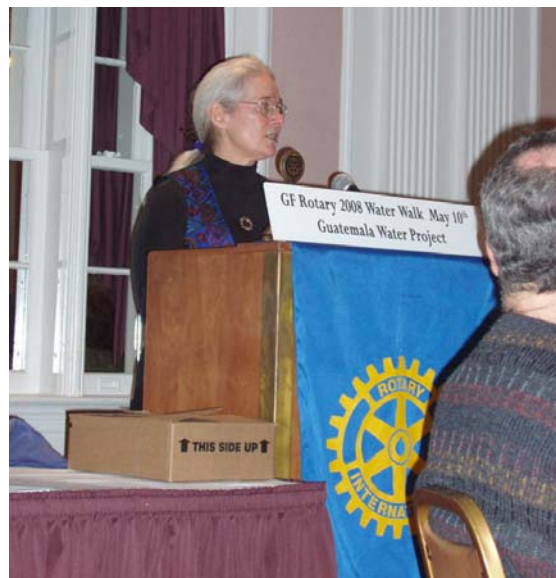
Rotarians or those related to a Rotarian are not allowed to make application for this scholarship. If you desire any more information, please call the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Dr. Charles Lindholm, at cdlind@nycap.rr.com or by telephone at 518-399-1202 and by visiting Rotary's website, www.rotary.org

This program is a great opportunity for Rotary members to provide an Ambassadorial Scholarship to a worthy student, ...to someone they know who can experience a year which can change the student's life as well as the lives of people he/she meets

I look forward to hearing from you,

Charles D. Lindholm
District Chairman of the
Rotary Scholarship Committee

ROTARY CLUB OF GLENS FALLS PARTNERS FOR PURE WATER PROJECTS ~ NEW TARGET: GUATEMALA.



Glens Falls Medical Mission spokesperson, Dr. Kathleen Braico, speaks to the Rotary Club of Glens Falls on their upcoming partnership to provide water filters in Guatemala.



District Governor, Harriet Noble, speaks to the Glens Falls club on the Pure Water Summit held last year in Haiti. DG Harriet attended the summit and represented District 7190; meeting delegates from across the World and sharing ideas and information on this vital initiative.

At the February 7th meeting of the Glens Falls Rotary Club, the speakers shared their perspectives on Pure Water projects either initiated or being organized by the club. The first speaker was Dr. Kathleen Braico of the Glens Falls Medical Mission (GFMM). Dr. Braico has been going down to Guatemala with GFMM for many years working in a small rural region of that country. The Mission have, for over a decade, brought free medical, dental, optical and educational services to this part of Guatemala.

This year, the third annual Pure Water Walk hosted by the Glens Falls Rotary Club is dedicated to a new project in Guatemala. By providing safe drinking water; the work of the GFMM will be greatly amplified and be more effective. The Mission has begun taking base line measurements that will determine the effects of the filters on the overall health of the people being serviced there.

The next speaker was our own DG, Harriet Noble. Harriet spoke about her experiences attending the recent Pure Water Summit in Haiti. She spoke of the great work that Rotary Clubs are doing and especially the work of the clubs in our district. The summit was organized by Charles Adams, a member of the Glens Falls club (who was also present at the meeting).

The Pure Water Walk will be held on Saturday, May 10th, 2008 from 9 am to 3pm. More information or to register a team call (518) 793-5660 or go online to www.GlensFallsRotary.org

To find out more about the Rotary Centers program, contact your local Rotary club or the Rotary Centers Department at The Rotary Foundation.



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Rotary Foundation announces a call for applications for the 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) and January 2009 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program session. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for these sessions is 1 July 2008.

Program Synopses

The Rotary Centers for International Studies program offers fellowships for master's degree study fields related to peace and conflict resolution. Beyond academics, the Rotary World Peace Fellows who participate in the program also gain practical skills in conflict resolution appropriate to their individual careers.

Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows each year each year enroll in the six Rotary Centers based at leading universities in five countries: International Christian University, Japan; Universidad del Salvador, Argentina; University of Bradford, United Kingdom; University of Queensland, Australia; University of California-Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A., and Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is a professional development program held in Bangkok, Thailand, through which up to 30 participants embark on three months of intensive study instructed by some of the leading specialists in the peace and conflict resolution fields. The customized curriculum has been crafted by specialists in the field to capitalize on the experience of both participants and lecturers while balancing theoretical and practical learning.

Ideal for busy professionals, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program's customized curriculum helps promising leaders expand their global outlook, strengthen their negotiation skills, and ultimately make a positive impact on future peace and conflict resolution efforts worldwide.

Promotional Materials

Please feel free to use this announcement to advertise Rotary's peace programs and recruit applicants. We appreciate your help and support as we train leaders to build peace.

For More Information

Please contact Laura Tell, Rotary Centers Program Assistant, at +1-847-866-3307 with any questions or for more information. Program materials and participant profiles can be downloaded at www.rotary.org.

WHAT IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH?

Rotary Literacy Month highlights literacy and education issues around the world. Celebrated in March each year, Rotary Literacy Month is an excellent opportunity for Rotary clubs and districts to raise awareness about literacy, launch new literacy initiatives and projects, and recognize literacy accomplishments from the past year. Rotarians everywhere are encouraged to participate in Rotary Literacy Month by engaging in service or activities that specifically address literacy and education issues either in their communities or abroad.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and a crucial component of effective social and economic participation, human development, and poverty reduction. According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) nearly 800 million people over the age of 15 lack even basic reading and writing skills worldwide. In addition, there are roughly 137 million school age children who are illiterate around the world. Sadly, over 64% of all illiterate people in the world today are women.

The benefits of literacy to society are undisputed. The Education for All Global Monitoring Report published in 2006 by UNESCO argues that literate populations are less likely to experience civil strife and are more likely to develop economically. There is also a direct connection between literacy rates and community health. People who are literate are generally more aware of health concerns in their communities and are therefore better equipped to avoid illness.

What can my club do to celebrate Rotary Literacy Month?

Rotary clubs and districts celebrate Rotary Literacy Month in many different ways. Some clubs invite speakers to discuss literacy and education issues that are important to their communities, some clubs plan literacy and education related service activities, and other clubs plan large community campaigns to encourage literacy.

Planning is crucial and many clubs appoint a special literacy committee at the beginning of each Rotary year to plan and coordinate literacy events during Rotary Literacy Month and throughout the year.

Some ideas for Rotary Literacy Month activities include:

- Raising awareness about literacy and education
- Invite local literacy or education experts like teachers, school administrators, government education officers, and university professors, to speak at your club's meeting about local, regional, or international literacy and education issues.
- Arrange for club members to visit local schools, universities, libraries, and tutoring centers to learn about your community's literacy and education resources.
- Facilitate a discussion session at your club's meeting about literacy and education in your community.

Take action for literacy

- Launch a new literacy project during Rotary Literacy Month
- Work with existing literacy providers to plan a literacy project
- Arrange for club members to volunteer at a tutoring center
- Begin a student mentoring program
- Encourage local businesses to offer education opportunities for employees
- Start an adult education program at a local school or community center
- Conduct a teacher training event for your district
- Conduct a literacy awareness campaign in your community
- Donate books for a community library, school supplies for under privileged students, or teaching materials for underprivileged schools
- Celebrate literacy
- Arrange a community award to recognize contributions to literacy and education
- Hold a literacy ball to raise money for literacy programs in your community
- Conduct an essay contest to encourage writing among students in your community
- Arrange a literacy fair and invite local bookstores to participate, local authors to read about literacy, and local government agencies to display information about literacy and education programs

NOTES FROM THE GOVERNOR

March Notes..... Literacy Month

A significant change to our monthly Rotary calendar takes place in March as Literacy Month moves from its traditional July timeframe to the month of March.

Literacy is traditionally defined as the ability to read and write but it also can include functional abilities like using a computer, reading road maps, looking up telephone numbers and reading signs. Literate people are more likely to develop economically, live healthier lives and be more peaceful.

Nearly 800 million people worldwide over the age of 15 can neither read nor write. Women and girls account for about 64% of this group and nearly half the children in Africa will never complete secondary school.

Although these statistics are staggering, it's great to know that Rotary supports literacy and is active in efforts to increase literacy and numeracy around the world.

Here in District 7190 we have worked hard to build a literacy bridge to the world. Books to libraries in Lebanon, books to several countries in Africa, books and a computer lab in Pakistan and that's just for starters.

Mitch Angel, Northern Lake George Rotary, and his wife are on a Volunteer Service Grant to Thailand teaching English at an elementary school. Locally we have distributed thousands of dictionaries to third graders, we read at schools and libraries, work with Literacy Volunteers of America and provide vocational days at many schools.

What more can we do? To better support Rotarian literacy projects, Rotary International maintains a cooperative relationship with the International Reading Association which seeks to improve the quality of reading instructions and spread information about literacy. The IRA includes a network of 300,000 educators in nearly 100 countries who support professional programs of advocacy and outreach, nationally and internationally.

Why not plan a joint project with your local Reading Association and celebrate International Literacy Day on

September 8th? Go to www.reading.org and check it out.

One of my favorite things to do each morning to promote reading is to click on www.theliteracysite.org. By doing so I make it possible for children to receive books through First Book and Room to Read. So easy.

Connect your child or grandchild to reading – tell them stories, read your favorite kid's book or make up poems and stories.

Last month we talked about your ideas for World Understanding and Peace Day and I'm happy to report that Jack Dunne, Assistant Governor in Area Six (Schoharie County) came up with a great idea. Jack contacted his local county supervisors and had February 23 in Schoharie County named as International Rotary Day. The board of supervisors also recognized Sharon Springs 60th Charter Anniversary. Great idea Jack!!

We welcome DGE Mike Popolizio back from the International Assembly in San Diego and look forward to Make Dreams Real, the theme for next year.

Til next month, remember that Rotary Shares in District 7190
The Gov.



The Schenectady Rotary Club will be celebrating their **90th Anniversary** on Thursday March 20th 5:00 PM at the Stockade Inn.

The Rotary Club of Shenendehowa is celebrating their **50th Anniversary** on Saturday March 29th at the Edison Club – 891 Riverview Rd. – Rexford

One Arbor Lane
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Photos OF THE MONTH! GOL DINNER DANCE!

