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Sgt. at Arms Tom Haley, PDG Karen Babin, PDG George Frost and MC Nick George participate in the Saturday morning business session with DG Sam Hall at the podium.

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District Conference April 28-30, 2006

On behalf of Governor Sam and the District Conference Committee, thank you to all the Rotarians who came out to Burlington. In the year for which the Rotary theme was “Service Above Self” the conference participants engaged in several service projects: cleaning graffiti, contributing books for children’s literacy, honoring and contributing to the work of the *Good News Garage*, and hand-coloring over 125 squares that will be turned into more than a dozen quilts to be given to people who need a kind Rotary touch.

The Conference provided plenty of time for Rotary fellowship, for family forays into the attractions of Burlington, as well as the traditional Golf and Bocce Tournaments. The Plenary Sessions were informative and got through the District’s business on time, and in a way that brought Rotarians into dialogue. The District was honored to have as our RI Representative Mr. Greg Podd, who accompanied by his wife Pam gave Rotarians plenty of substantive food for thought at dinner each evening. A Interfaith Service of Peace and Remembrance on Sunday morning honored the memory of all the Rotarians who in the last year have been “called to a higher service.” Special thanks to Fred and Judy Carvin for being the RI Representative’s Aid. Thanks to all the members Fort Anne Rotary Club for all their work behind the scenes, and to their club President, Dawn MacDougall, and to the folks from the Hudson Falls Rotary Club who helped Fort Anne on many Thursday evenings and at the Conference. Thanks to all the speakers, to the Necrology team, and to those clubs who co-sponsored the hospitality rooms for the wine and beer tasting. Thanks to Molly Brindle for all the help with publicity, and to Dan Graves (our newest Paul



President’s Rep Greg Podd and his wife Pam participated actively all weekend in the program.

Harris Fellow) and to Nick George and the rest of the Conference Committee, without whom coordinating all the details would have been next to impossible.
Caspar James Green,
Conference Chair

WHAT

Computers for Charity. Refurbished and Available for \$8 each.

WHERE

GE Main Plant. Off Route 890. Just before the guard shack there is a visitors center (and Credit Union) on your left, with plenty of parking.

WHEN

The GE-Elfun Computer Rehab volunteers meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If this is not convenient, check with them. It may be possible to drop off computers anytime, and they may be able to keep it in the GE visitor’s lobby until the Elfun’s arrive.

CONTACT

Terry Lustofin, program coordinator
GE Elfun Computer Rehab of Schenectady Inc.
1 River Road
Bldg. 262, Room 202
Schenectady, NY 12343
385-9606 (Tuesday and Thursday mornings)
Terry Lustofin <elfpcrehab@ge.com>

FULL DETAILS

<http://www.computerrehab.org>.
Check with the Web site if the computers are the type they accept.



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D7190 Paul Harris Society Formed

At the District Conference in Burlington, Vermont, the Charter Members of the Paul Harris Society of Rotary International District 7190 were introduced on Saturday evening, April 29. The eleven charter members have made a commitment to contribute a minimum of \$1000 per year to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation,

The eleven Charter members, which included some couples, are listed below:

Barbara A. Faraone
Fred A. Carvin
Olive P. Scott and Gerald R. Robideau
C. Blair Hartman
Anne M. Cargile
Harriet B. Noble and Robert L. Flannery
Brian J. Hall and Theresa H. Hall
Barbara M. Hall
Samuel J. Hall and Gayle A. Hall
Terry N. Phillips and Anne P. Phillips
Karen Swaim Babin

Starting this Society in the District will help meet the needs of The Rotary Foundation in working towards its goal of promoting "world understanding and peace." Membership in the Society is open to anyone in the District that is willing to make this commitment for contributions to The Rotary Foundation. For additional information, contact PDG Terry Phillips.

Terence L. Terry Morris, a prominent



businessman, Philanthropist and community leader, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at Albany Medical Center. A lifelong resident of Burnt Hills, N.Y., Terry was 62 years old. Born in Troy, N.Y., Terry was the son of the late Charles and Helen Morris. He was a 1960 graduate of Burnt Hills

Ballston Lake High School. Terry was a successful businessman and owner and president of the Morris Auto Group, Morris Ford Mercury established in 1972 and Terry Chrysler Jeep, in 1984. He was involved in the business of selling and servicing Fords, Mercurys, Chryslers and Jeeps from two family-owned dealerships located on Route 50 in Burnt Hills.

Terry was recognized with the Time Magazine Quality Dealer of the Year Award for Business Achievement & Community Services in 1992. In addition to operating two successful automobile dealerships, Mr. Morris served on the board of directors of First National Bank of Scotia and was chairman of the NY State Insurance Fund, NY's largest Workman's Compensation Program.

Terry's involvement in the community began earlier as a founder of the Burnt Hills Teen Canteen, where he met his wife while playing Santa Claus. He established the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Business and Professional Association in 1985. The Association does many community services and sponsors the Flag Day Parade, as well as donating to needy families around the holidays. Terry is well known for his involvement in community affairs as deputy supervisor for the Town of Ballston in the 1980s, and as a former councilman for more than 10 years, he also served as treasurer of the Saratoga Republican Committee. He is a past president of the New York State Automobile Dealers Association. Terry was a lifelong Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow as well as past president of both the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Rotary and the Ballston Spa Rotary and a current member of the Glenville Rotary Club and an Elk. He was actively involved in fundraising for numerous civic organizations including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Leukemia Society, Hospice Services, Our Lady of Hope Residence and CHS. Terry served on the board of the Schenectady Alcoholism Council and was a former member of the Associate Board of Trustees at Siena College.



Tom Haley and the Lake Champlain creature, Champ.

Articles for this newsletter may be submitted to B. Hartman for inclusion. Please share your club's activities and accomplishments.



CLUB NEWS

Amsterdam

On May 17th the Amsterdam Rotary Club will be hosting a "Mystery Ride" for club members that will start at the Brown Bus terminal located @ Veneer Ave (off 5s -5PM. It should be a fun time with great camaraderie.

Menands

Boating Safety Course

Safe boating and legal practices are taught in this course introducing boating to all. Students completing course earn a NYS Boater safety certificate. Ages 14 and above are required to complete this 8 hour instructor administered course and exam. **This is for personal watercraft.**

Operators aged 10-18 will be permitted to operate a boat by themselves without a person 18 or older. Open to all with photo ID.

Course fee is \$30. Adults pay a mandatory fee of \$10 to NYS Parks and Recreation. Proceeds benefit Menands Rotary for their scholarship fund.

Course is taught at Menands Fire Hall (above firehouse) Saturday May 20 9-5. Boy Scouts will provide a light lunch for \$5

To pre register (no walk ins) contact **Peter Mason 4498711**

Albany

The Washington Park Lobster Festival presented by the Rotary Club of Albany is set for Saturday, June 10, 2006. This year, proceeds of the Lobster Festival will benefit Mohawk Hudson Literacy Volunteers, the Albany High School Booster Club and the Albany Rotary Foundation. For dinner tickets and information, please call 518-867-4100 or visit www.albanyrotary.org.

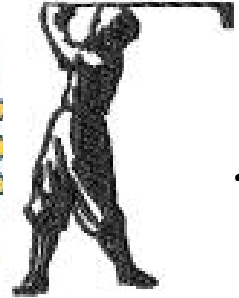
Delmar

The Rotary Club of Delmar hosts its 3rd Annual Teeing for Charity, June 12, 2006 at Normanside Country Club! Please join us for a great day of golf and to support your fellow Rotarians! \$125 per golfer or tee flag sponsorship! Be a Gift of Life Sponsor, a Water Buffalo Sponsor, or a Pure Water Sponsor! Contact Ginger Landy at 439-4212 or vlandy@nycap.rr.com.

Wilton Rotary Club President Don Wildermuth Honored at District Conference

Wilton

Don Wildermuth has something to say for his first term as Wilton Rotary President - thank you! Don's father is serving as his club's president this year, and both father and son were there in Burlington as District Governor Sam Hall honored Don with Club



Annual Wilton Rotary Golf Classic

Saturday, June 17th 2006 1PM
(Registration at 12 NOON)

Airway Meadows Golf Course

The Rotary Club of Wilton, NY, is excited to announce its first annual golf tournament at Airway Meadows, 1PM on Saturday, June 17, 2006! It will be a shotgun start, 4-person scramble followed by a chicken barbeque dinner on the clubhouse deck. This promises to be a fun-filled day of golf, food, and fellowship, and we want YOU to be a part of it! There will be fabulous prizes for a variety of challenges on the golf course, including "Longest Drive", "Closest to the Pin", and a Putting Contest.

If you don't golf, join us afterwards for the BBQ (approx. 6PM) and receive a free raffle ticket for various prizes donated by area businesses. We will also have a live auction for a number of other terrific items. All proceeds go to various charitable causes!

Please fill in your information below and mail it back with a check (payable to "Wilton Rotary Club") **no later than May 31, 2006** to:

Wilton Rotary Club P.O. Box 2098 Wilton, NY 12831
Forms available at: www.wiltonrotary.com

President of the Year award. Never one to say no, Don "took the plunge" for Polio Plus and started his club's New Year's Day Polio Bears plunge into Lake George, raising \$4,000 in the past three years. He supported the Glens Falls club's Water Walk, helping the Wilton Club raise the largest donation in District 7190. And now he's following his passion by instituting a Father's Day Golf Tournament at Airway Meadows. Don invites other clubs to send golfers for only \$75.

Tournament is Saturday, June 17th, shotgun start, four person scramble followed by a chicken barbeque.



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Update: Million Dollar Shipments to Pakistan

THE PLAN

The plan is to ship five (5) 40-foot containers: Two (2) containing Medical Supplies out of Houston and Three (3) containing Children's Books, Shoes, Sneakers, Computers and Bikes out of the Capital Region.

STATUS

Matching Grant #59694 has been approved for \$24,950 to pay for shipping. We are in the process of setting up the bank account to receive these funds; \$6,475 DDF from Rotary District 7190 (Capital Region, NY); \$3,000 DDF from Rotary District 7170 (Oneonta Region, NY); \$2,000 DDF from Rotary District 7870 (Southern VT, NH); \$1,000 DDF from Rotary District 7780 (Southern Maine, some of NH and MA); and \$12,475 from The Rotary Foundation's Matching Grant Funds were provided by District Designated Funds (DDF). DDF is provided by The Rotary Foundation to the Districts to designate how the money is spent. The amount of DDF from The Rotary Foundation equals 50% of our contributions, 3 years prior.

THE FIRST TWO CONTAINERS ARE PREPARING TO SHIP

Medical Bridges is ready to ship the first shipment out of Houston. We have enough collected in Argyle (John Aspland's warehouse) and in Colonie (Jezreel's warehouse) to ship our first shipment out of the Capital Region. But first we need to inventory and pack. Work parties will be set up by Barbara Nezek (518-843-6293) of Albany Rotary and by Larry Jones (399-9578), Chris Trow (399-9314) and Helen Penna (399-4522) of Glenville Rotary.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO COLLECT BOOKS BEING DISCARDED BY SCHOOLS

Bring School Books, Reference Books, Children's Books, Shoes, Sneakers and Bikes to the Jezreel Warehouse in Colonie.
www.jezreelinternational.org 518-438-4370
Bring Computers to GE-Rehab at the GE Main Plant in Schenectady Tuesday and Thursday Mornings:
www.computerrehab.org 518-385-9606

BASED ON NEEDS

Traditional humanitarian assistance activities provide commodities selected by donors and are often based on surplus items in a "supply-driven system." Our programs are driven by the needs of the recipients. The Rotarians of Lahore Garrison have met with the villagers frequently, conducted needs assessments, and together have selected the items to be shipped.



Boy with Water Buffalo.

World Peace—One Water Buffalo at a Time

Delmar Rotary Contributed 1-1/2 Water Buffalo

But it's not about the Water Buffalo. It's about Self Sufficiency. It's about Rotarians Worldwide working together. It's about creating a Mini-Rotary Club within the village. It's about 25% Return on Investment!!!

How does it work:

1. Rotary creates a Rotary Community Corp (RCC) in a Village.
2. Capital Region Rotary provides the Village RCC with 38 Water Buffalo for \$27K.
3. The RCC selects 38 of the poorest families.
4. Thirty-eight families derive sustenance and income from their Water Buffalo.
5. The Village RCC has a 50% interest in the calves.

Bottom line: A perpetual Fund for Improving the Village.
\$27K seed money from Capital Region Rotary District 7190 . . .
. . . generates \$7K annually . . .
. . . that the Village RCC can use . . .
. . . for sewing machines, bicycles, school supplies, drinking water, health clinics, and so on, . . .
. forever



Women at the Well.



Proposed Enactment

To expand and revise the manner that clubs and districts can challenge actions taken by the Council on Legislation.

Proposed by the Rotary Club of Glens Falls, NY- USA

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the Rotary International By-Laws be and hereby are amended as follows: (page 194-MOP)

Article 8.140.2 Report of the General Secretary

The general secretary shall transmit to the secretary of each club, district governor, and district secretary, a report of action by the council on all legislation adopted by the council within two-months of the adjournment of the council. The report shall be accompanied by a form, to be submitted to the district governor for use by any club in the district desiring to record its opposition to legislation adopted by the council.

Article 8.140.3 Opposition to Council Action

~~Forms from clubs recording opposition to action by the council in adopting any legislation must be certified by the club presidents and received by the general secretary no later than the date stated in the report of the general secretary, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of such report. The general secretary shall examine and tabulate all forms duly received from clubs recording opposition to actions by the council.~~

The district governor within two month after the mailing of the general secretary's report shall receive all forms from the clubs that have been certified by the club presidents, indicating their desire to record opposition to legislation adopted by the council.

The district governor shall submit all certified forms to the general secretary no later than the date stated in the report by the general secretary. The district governor shall also prepare and submit a summary of the total allowable ballot-by-mail votes represented by the clubs who are in opposition to the legislation adopted by the council.

The general secretary shall examine and tabulate all forms duly received from the districts that record opposition from the clubs to actions by the council.

Article 8.140.4 Suspension of Council Action

The action of the council on such legislation shall be suspended when opposition to that action as submitted by clubs to the districts, is received from 15 percent of the districts worldwide or where clubs representing at least 10 percent of the votes entitled to be cast by the clubs file forms recording their opposition.

Article 8.14.5 Vote by Clubs through Ballot-by-Mail

If one or more items of approved legislation are suspended due to opposition by clubs, or districts, the general secretary shall prepare and distribute a ballot to the district governor secretary of each district club within one month following suspension. The general secretary's ballot shall submit the question of whether the action of the council should be sustained in regard to the suspended item of legislation. The district governor shall be responsible to submit the question of whether the action(s) of the council should be sustained in regards to the suspended item(s) of legislation to the clubs in their district for a vote. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual payment preceding the adjournment of the council. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The ballots by clubs must be certified by the club presidents and received

by the district governor within one month, general secretary no later than the date stated on the ballots, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of such ballots. ~~The district governor shall submit the results of the majority vote of the district to either sustain or revoke the suspension of the council action(s), along with the total breakdown of the votes by clubs, to the general secretary, no later than the date stated on the general secretary's ballot, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of the general secretaries ballot.~~

Article 8.140.6 Balloting Committee Meeting

The president shall appoint a balloting committee which shall meet at a time and place determined by the president to examine and count the ballots. The ballots by districts clubs in regard to suspended legislation shall be counted by the balloting committee within two weeks after the last date for the receipt of such ballots. The balloting committee shall certify its report of the balloting results to the general secretary within five days of the committee's adjournment.

Article 8.140.7 Results of Balloting

If a majority of the votes received from the districts entitled to be cast by clubs are to sustain the suspension and reject the actions of the council, the action of the council in regard to such item shall be nullified from the date of the suspension. Otherwise, the suspended action shall be reinstated as if no suspension occurred.

Proposed Resolution

To request the RI Board to authorize the General Secretary to provide any action reports on those Board decisions that require implementation or follow-up, along with a non-confidential summary of the Board minutes be published in the Rotarian magazine in a timely manner.

Proposed by the Rotary Club of Glens Falls, NY- USA

- 1 WHEREAS, actions taken by the Board are subject only to appeal by clubs to a
- 2 regular or special convention and
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- 4 WHEREAS, the Board has a responsibility to motivate the member clubs and
- 5 Rotarians generally in the furtherance of the purposes of the association, and
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- 7 WHEREAS, the association belongs not to its leaders, but to its members who
- 8 determine through a democratic process, who the leaders are that will represent
- 9 them at the association level, and
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- 11 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the association, its member clubs and
- 12 Rotarians in general, to be provided with as much information as possible about
- 13 the conduct and actions of those democratically selected representatives, and
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- 15 WHEREAS, it is understood that discussions, notes and individual votes may
- 16 contain proprietary and confidential information and that a "privileged"
- 17 relationship may exist between any attorney engaged by RI and the Board
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- 19 IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Directors authorize the General Secretary
- 20 to provide any action reports on those Board decisions that require
- 21 implementation or follow-up, along with a non-confidential summary of
- 22 the Board minutes be published in the Rotarian magazine in a timely manner.

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District 7190 Group Study Team in Brazil

The GSE Team from District 7190 arrived in Maringa, Parana, Brazil on Saturday 29 April to begin a month long visit as guests of the Rotarians of district 4630. District 4630 occupies most of the State of Parana which is in the south of Brazil on the border with Argentina and Paraguay. The team was met at the airport by a large and enthusiastic delegation of Rotarians and driven to their hotel in a cavalcade of Antique cars. The delegation included Rodolpho Bernardi Neto who many of our readers may remember as the leader of the GSE team from D4630 that we hosted last year. The team reported that they were overwhelmed with the warmth of the welcome they received.

The Team will spend four weeks traveling throughout the district immersed in the culture of southern Brazil and seeing how each of their professions are practiced in that culture. They will stay in the homes of Rotarians, visit many Rotary Clubs and the District 4630 conference. They will represent our District in eight formal PowerPoint presentations delivered in Brazilian Portuguese to Rotary Clubs, the final presentation to be given at the district conference. One of the highlights of the trip will be a visit to Iguazu Falls the site of the world's largest hydro-electric power generating plant built in partnership with Paraguay. The falls are much larger than our Niagara Falls and, surrounded by a nature preserve, a site of awesome natural beauty.

The Team, shown in the photo above is led by Dr. John Theodore (Ted) Brothers of the Glens Falls Rotary. Ted is a former marine and a retired Presbyterian minister who resides in Lake George. Team members seated from left to right are Anne Hobday, Senior Graphic Designer at Spiral Design Studios, sponsored by the BH/BL Rotary and Elizabeth (Betsy) Gorman-Bernardi, Director of Public Relations at The Saint Anne Institute, Sponsored by the Albany Rotary. Standing from left to right are Kelly Connison, Project Independence Coordinator at the Schenectady YWCA, co-sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Schenectady and Saratoga Springs and Samantha Driscoll, Senior Administrative Analyst at the New York state Office of the Comptroller, Sponsored by the Champlain Canal Rotary.

With this year's team safely in Brazil, the GSE committee has turned its focus to preparations for the 2006/2007 exchange with district 4600 of Brazil. District 4600 includes the States of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, home of the cities of the same names. We are

Interfaith Celebration of Service, Peace and Remembrance

Sunday April 30, 2005
7190 District Conference
Burlington, VT

They have been called to Higher Service

Albany	Mort Lynn, Helen Schoenthal
Amsterdam	C. Jordan Vail
Broadalbin	Henry C. Ley, Byron Chapman, Jr.
Burnt Hills	Ballston Lake Rotary Floyd Baker
	Fritz Newman, Gerry Smallwood
Colonie- Guilderland	A. Edward Jenner PDG
	Elvin N. Jones
Corinth	John Higgins
Fort Ann	Charles Jones
Glenville	Terry Morris
Glens Falls	Mary F. Adams, Tom Angelo
	Dr. Jack Iron. Merritt Scoville
Lake George	Lothar Bachem, Shirley McPhearson
Niskayuna	Jack Hastings
North Creek	Frank Holwell
Northern Lake George	Carol Brown
Saratoga Springs	Ron Lair
Schenectady	Albert M. Demont
Scotia	Fred Ogle, Howard Pitcher
Sharon Springs	Ruebin Comrie
Twin Bridges	Barbara Hoffman

now actively recruiting potential team leaders and members who will begin a seven month training period in November leading up to departure for Brazil in May of 2007. Training includes language instruction in Brazilian Portuguese along with introduction to Brazilian culture and the mission of Rotary. Candidates for Team membership must be non-Rotarians, not directly related to a Rotarian, between the ages of 25 and 40 and a Citizen of the USA residing or working in district 7190. If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Garry Morrow at (518) 399-8213 or via e-mail at cmorrow@nycap.rr.com.

Shenendehowa Rotary Club

District Governor Fundraiser Dinner at the
Shenendehowa Senior Center
"The Center on the Common"

Pasta Fest Dinner



\$7.00 Adults \$6.00 Seniors
\$5.00 Children 6-12 Children under 5 are Free

Friday, June 2, 2006
Serving at 5:30PM and 7:00 PM

Tickets are available from Shenendehowa Rotary Members. Tickets will also be available at the door. Seating is limited, so please buy your tickets in advance.

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