

# The Toolbox

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Above: Soon to be governor, Anne Cargile addresses the Rotarians and guests at the change over dinner. The Cargile family was in attendance and the Governor was sworn in by PDG George Frost



## IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT HEARD, THE THOUGHT FOR TODAY IS "BE HAPPY"

It is now July 2006 and we are ready to "LEAD THE WAY"

Together we start down the path of another Rotary Year, that's right, together. It's not the District Governor that makes the Rotary Year successful, its all the Rotarians, and all the clubs in the district. I am here merely to "Lead the Way" and help your clubs in any way possible.

The past year has been very successful let's keep it going. Remember to say Thank You to the officers and team from 2005-2006.

### African Proverb

"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go with others"

Thanks for being part of the team.

Happily Yours In Rotary Service

Anne



# CLUB NEWS



## CHAMPLAIN CANAL

“Champlain Canal Officers Installed by Anne Cargile”  
left to right: Rebecca Wilkinson, Treasurer, Alan Rhodes,  
President-elect, Jennifer Bonnier, Treasurer, Jim Fischer,  
President, Harriet Noble, Past President and Anne Cargile,  
District Governor-elect.

## INTERACT

District Interact members placed rip-rap around a culvert to control erosion at the Camp Rotary Beaver Day. This was one of three projects that the group contributed to the camp's clean up efforts. Participants included Sayan Battacharryya from the Southern Saratoga Interact, and Jelisha Evans, Rocky Payne (adviser), Brittany Hinman, and Deb Dwyer all of the Troy High Interact.”

## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

RI President William Boyd has selected “Lead The Way “ as our Theme. Graduates from the Institute are motivated to become more active in their clubs, and provide the necessary leadership to assist in attaining goals. Attendance at the three part Leadership Institute is an excellent opportunity to gain the knowledge and mission of Rotary.

Plan now to sponsor several members of your club to attend this year's Institute.

Siena College  
November 11, 2006  
Registration \$65.00

You can register on-line at [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org).

Please contact Blase Mercoglan 356-2131 or Fred Carvin 793-4831 for additional information.

## DELMAR

Rotary Club of Delmar held it's third Teeing For Charity event at the Normanside Country Club on Monday, June 12. We were fortunate to have good weather that day and a large turnout, in spite of the fact that we had to play the front nine twice as the back nine was under water. The amount raised from the event was twice that of the previous year and will enhance the club's many charitable efforts. Thanks to those other Rotary clubs of the District and their members who so generously supported our efforts.



## SHENENDEHOWA

Shenendehowa Rotary Club officers for 2006-07 were installed at the changeover dinner as part of Governor Anne's program.

## Ambassadorial Scholar Megan Neumeister

You may recall that Megan was our District Scholar sponsored by South Glens Falls Rotary who went to Bombay, India on her scholarship. Upon her return and after a whirlwind tour of appearances before some of our clubs, she enrolled in a Masters program at the University of Pennsylvania. She sent me a postcard that she successfully completed her program and will be teaching 9th and 10th grade English at a High School in Philadelphia. And knowing her it will probably not be in an affluent section of town. As a part of her local Rotary service she tutored in the slums of Bombay and it turned her life around. She also offered a fun piece of information that says she's been published!! She produced an anecdote about Bombay that has been published in the new Frommers Guide to India Pg 96.

George Frost



# Guatemala Literacy Project

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

My name is Glenn Chamberlain. I am the National Coordinator for the Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) – an initiative to distribute badly needed textbooks, library materials and computers to impoverished schools in Guatemala.

I encourage you to join the 271 clubs and 39 Rotary districts in supporting this crucial World Community Service Project. To date, it has helped over 23,000 students reach goals that were never before possible.

Guatemala is one of the most illiterate countries in Latin America - one in two rural adults cannot read or write.

Textbooks and technology are desperately needed to help disadvantaged communities gain valuable skills and training.

The GLP is effective. Studies show that the use of textbooks and computers in the classroom dramatically improves (by over 70%) retention, comprehension, and interest in subject matter.

The GLP is sustainable. Unlike other international development initiatives, it is 100% self-financing. Students pay nominal usage fees into a revolving fund; these funds are used to replace the books and computers as they wear out.

The GLP has a 10-year successful track record. The GLP has received international recognition including a prestigious World Bank prize. The project was also featured at Rotary's 100th Anniversary Convention and at the 2005 United Nations Rotary Conference. The GLP was profiled in the November 2004 issue of the Rotarian Magazine.

**We need your help to bring this much-needed initiative to more children.** Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in club money this coming Rotary year to fund textbook and computer projects in 21 Guatemalan schools.

By participating in this year's Guatemala Literacy Project, your club:

- Sponsors a project for which 100% of the money raised goes to purchasing and delivering textbooks and computer equipment to needy schools in Guatemala. Not one penny is spent on salaries or administration.
- Receives thank-you letters and testimonials from the schoolchildren who benefit.
- Can match its donation two-to-one through District and Foundation matching funds.
- Gains the opportunity to participate in GLP trips to Guatemala to view the projects first-hand.

Please respond to this e-mail if you are interested in participating in this worthwhile initiative. Together we can

# "Foundation Works"

## Annual Foundation Workshops

District-Club Chairs are encouraged to attend one of the remaining following workshops to find out and learn how the "Foundation Works."

Please choose one of the following sites:

July 18 Brookside County Club Macungie PA  
**Yvette Palmer**, Registrar, [ymp@hughes.net](mailto:ymp@hughes.net)

July 19 The Holiday Inn, East Harrisburg, PA  
**Allen Smith**, Registrar, [allendsmithesq@prodigy.net](mailto:allendsmithesq@prodigy.net)

July 20 Burlington community College, Toms River NJ  
**Yvette Palmer**, Registrar [ymp@hughes.net](mailto:ymp@hughes.net)

July 29 - Dartmouth Medical School, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
Lebanon, NH  
**Pete Powers**, Registrar, [pcpowers@earthlink.net](mailto:pcpowers@earthlink.net)

A confirmation will be sent by email and contain directions along with nearby hotels if you plan to arrive the night before.

**Who should attend?** District Governors, Governor-Elects and Nominees, District and Club Foundation Chairs, Assistant Governors, and any interested Club Rotarians.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Club/State \_\_\_\_\_

Current position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost is \$35.00 which includes continental breakfast and lunch.**

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bring the promise of literacy and a route out of poverty to thousands more Guatemalan children.  
Yours in Rotary Service,

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## ***My sincere thanks and gratitude***

Dear Governors and Incoming Governors:

As I complete my two-year term as an R.I. Director, I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our dedicated district governors and extend my sincere best wishes to the governors for 2006-7. I have been most impressed with the hard work of our district leaders and their progress for Rotary in our region. All of you should be very proud of your accomplishments.

Please give your full support to Director Mike McGovern during the next two years. He is truly an outstanding and dedicated Rotary leader and I am confident that he will lead Rotary to new heights in Zones 31 & 32.

All of our governors have been supportive of my efforts and I very much appreciate the kind hospitality, friendship and warm welcome of all of you during my visits to your clubs and districts. Yesterday I completed a club/district visit to every one of our 32 districts and am amazed at the wonderful service projects and spirited activities in our Zones. My visits around the world (29 countries and many parts of the USA) have given me an insight and appreciation of the global scope of Rotary that certainly influenced some of my work on the Board.

I want to especially thank Zone Treasurer John Wilczynski, Zone Secretary Knut Johnsen, Webmaster and Editor Gene Hastings and my two Zone Institute Chairs, Mike Colasurdo and Dan Spencer and the many many past governors who gave me wonderful support.

My final visit was to the Easton PA Rotary Club in District 7430, accompanied by District Governor Roger Whitcomb, two incoming governors and the assistant governor assigned to that club. It seems to be a wonderful club. On my way to Easton, I crossed the Delaware River and saw the tremendous damage caused by the flooding in our region. After consultation with Director Mike, we wrote today to The Rotary Foundation asking their leaders to create a disaster sub account for contributions for whatever help we can offer to this region. These funds will be used by the districts involved to help the people of our region who are in need. Director Mike will coordinate the development of the plans and will no doubt be in touch with you after hearing from the Foundation.

I hope to remain active in Rotary and will continue my efforts to work with Divisions of The Rotary Leadership

## **Rotary Rendezvous in Salt Lake City in '07**

The 2007 Rotary International Convention will be held June 17-20, 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah and District 7190 will be 'leading the way' to the convention.

Whether this is your first conference or your 21<sup>st</sup>, you'll discover new friends, new project ideas and a renewed sense of commitment at the meeting. And best of all, it's all under one roof! Salt Lake City's state-of-the-art convention center, the Salt Palace, is located at the heart of town and within walking distance of most hotels – no need to hop a bus or tram. The Host Organization Committee, made up of Rotarians from Utah, is planning various events to showcase the city; everything from a rodeo to a performance by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir!

For genealogy buffs, there will be genealogy stations in rooms throughout the convention all and folks to help you explore your ancestry. If museums are your thing, check out the largest Dinosaur Museum in the world, the Children's Museum of Utah, the Clark Planetarium and the Hogle Zoo. You can take to the road and visit one of the fifteen scenic national parks that are within a day's drive of Salt Lake City.

District 7190 plans to host a lunch or dinner at the convention and hotel and airline plans are also underway. Watch for information coming soon.

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Institute around the world. I am sure that I will see most, if not all of you, from time to time and certainly at the Hershey Zone Institute.

With warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks, Dave

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