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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Come to the Party!** Visitors often say they like coming to our club because it is *fun* and our members are warm and friendly. They say we make them feel welcome. And you know, they make us feel good too, by adding to the spirit of the meeting or event.

All too often we have to deal with the pressures of work, the stress of "to do" lists that never seem to end, the frustration of little - or big - things that sometimes just don't go right when we really need them to. And it can mean a lot to take a break and come to Rotary and enjoy a meal and a good time with people who care.

So here's an invitation to come to the party on Thursday night, October 20th, when we will dine and dance at our President's/Paul Harris Dinner Dance, thank our past president, install our new officers and board members, and honor our Paul Harris Fellows. And raise much-needed funds at the same time.

The reception is at 6, dinner is at 7, and whether you are a member, a guest, or a visiting Rotarian from another club, you are most welcome. We plan to limit the speeches, encourage the dancing and celebrate Rotary.

AND...something new this year: a collection of hand-made jewelry will be for sale, with prices from \$4 to \$150, also diamond jewelry at higher prices. You can do your Holiday shopping while you have fun! So, if you haven't made your reservation yet, call Jim Romeo at 718/617-1600 and come to the party!

Yours in fellowship and service,  
Nancy Wallace, President

## REPORT ON TUESDAY'S MEETING GUEST SPEAKER ~ REVEREND ANN GENTILE OCTOBER 4, 2005

Tuesday's meeting was amazing. The center of attention was baby Nairaj Budnarine, with his mom Pria, present for a farewell visit with the club before returning to their home in Guyana. His aunt, Malini Persaud was with us, too. Everyone wanted to hold this precious baby, looking much more lively since his heart-repairing surgery. Cheryl Simmons-Oliver presented him with a gift of an "Owie Bear" on behalf of the club, along with a pink backpack for his 8-year-old sister at home.

Prez' Nancy thanked the family for their generous contributions of \$1250 to our Gift of Life fund so another child can be helped in the future. And so the gift is passed on.

Chaplain Ann Gentile, from the hospital where Nairaj had his life-saving surgery, was our speaker, coincidentally, and told us about the "Treasure Tree" she has created at the hospital so parents can hang their prayers and wishes for their children on it. It began as a way to give hope and consolation to parents, and has collected over 10,000 messages to date. Messages are left on the tree for a month, and then taken down and preserved.

She would like to put up trees in other areas of the hospital, and is looking for sponsors. Rotary could sponsor a "Gift of Life" tree if we wish, and will consider it at a Board meeting. The cost is \$1500.



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo

President Nancy Wallace (r.) delightedly presents healthy Gift of Life baby Nairaj Budnarine in the arms of Pat Borawski.



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo

Reverend Ann Gentile spoke about the wonderful work being done at the Maria Ferari Children's Hospital at the Westchester Medical Center.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

October 20 - Don't miss this important celebration/fund-raiser. The President's/Paul Harris Dinner. Dining and dancing at The Harbor Restaurant begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

October 25 - Board of Directors will meet following regular meeting. Please notify Nancy Wallace in advance if you cannot attend.

Be sure to keep in touch with all the latest happenings in our District at:  
[www.rotary7230.org](http://www.rotary7230.org) and worldwide Rotary news at: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## HOW TO RAISE \$\$\$ IN A HURRY

Something happened at our meeting on October 4th that surprised us all. We raised over \$500 in ten minutes at the meeting, just by asking.

Foundation Treasurer Sal Mastrocola stood up and asked for contributions so we could take out an ad in the Journal for the Lehman College event on October 27th honoring President Ricardo R. Fernandez. We were up against a deadline, so Sal needed the money RIGHT NOW.

A few people began, then we all caught the spirit, Rotarians and guests, and before you knew it, Sal had a collection of five, ten and twenty dollar bills, and a bunch of checks in hand totaling over \$500. We have never raised money so fast! And then we all went on to contribute to Happy Dollars. What a club!

Many thanks to all the instant donors, including guest Pat Borawski, Nairaj Budnarine (by his mom), Mike Carew, Bea Catullo, Dominick Chirafisi, Gilda Chirafisi, Edgar Cornell, Chaplain Ann Gentile, Rev. Charles Gorelick, Edward Hicks, guest Donna McElroy, Shqipe Malushi, Sal Mastrocola, Rev. David Michel, Glen Nygreen, Caroline Pitts, J.C. Polanco, Cheryl Simmons-Oliver, Jim Romeo, Maria Staniorski, Nancy Wallace and guest Anna Walsh.

## THANK YOU

Mary Gembecki gave a birthday check for each of her years for her birthday.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/21 VISIONS luncheon \$75, 12 noon at The Harbor
- 10/22 Wine & cheese reception sponsored by Donna and Joseph McElroy for NY Club. For info call 646-279-2309.
- 10/27 Lehman College event at the Botanical Garden honoring President Ricardo Fernandez.
- 11/4 Art show opening at Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Ave., 7:30 p.m. New works by Marguerite Chadwick-Juner.
- 11/5 Rotary Day at the U.N. 9:30-4:30. \$30 includes lunch. Register by 10/22.

## Birthday Babies

### OCTOBER

Edward Hicks - 10th  
Eric J. Oppenheimer - 12th  
Hedy Marin-Manzke - 24th  
Dr. Kathleen Quinn-Miller - 26th

## OPENINGS...

The meeting was opened by President Nancy Wallace and the invocation was given by Rev. David Michel. Bruce Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance, Hedy Marin-Manzke led us in singing the *Star Spangled Banner* and Cheryl Simmons-Oliver introduced the guests.

## DR. HAPPINESS

J. C. Polanco collected \$90 from happy Rotarians and guests.

## CHUCK-A-BUCK

Guest Mary Springman was the lucky winner of the \$45 50/50. A bottle of wine donated by Donna McElroy was won by Ed Hicks

## MAKE UPS

Rev. Charles Gorelick, Edward Hicks, Hedy Marin-Manzke, Glen Nygreen, Jim Romeo, Maria Staniorski, Bruce Wallace, Nancy Wallace, Geoffrey Ukekweh all attended the District Water Resource Seminar on 10/3.

## VISITORS & GUESTS

Nairaj and Pria Budnarine and Donna McElroy were guests of the club. Mike Flora and Gilda Chirafisi were guests of Dom Chirafisi and Mary Springman, Carmen Roa, Malini Persaud and Laura Montefusco were guests of Jim Romeo. Pat Borawski was a guest of Beatrice Castiglia Catullo. Anna Walsh was a guest of Shqipe Malushi.

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## By Special Appeal!!

Meetings start Promptly  
 at 12:15 pm and need to end at 1:30  
 pm. As a consideration to our  
 speakers please come and  
**BE ON TIME!**

## OPENINGS...

Pres. Nancy Wallace opened the meeting, Dr. Arthur Wolstein led the Pledge of Allegiance and Hedy Marin-Manzke led the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner*. The invocation was given by Rev. Charles Gorelick and guests were introduced by Edgar Cornell.

## CHUCK-A-BUCK

Caroline Pitts was the fortunate winner of the \$42 50/50.

## MAKE UPS

None today.

## COMING UP IN TWO WEEKS...

*Giving the Gift of Water* - Father Stephen Mosha presenting water projects in Tanzania. 20/25/05



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# REPORT ON TUESDAY'S MEETING

## GUEST SPEAKER ~ PROFESSOR CARLO SCLAFANI

### OCTOBER 11, 2005

Professor Carlo Sclafani, Chairman of the Language Department and Faculty Advisor to the Language Club at Westchester Community College, was introduced by Pres. Nancy Wallace. Professor Sclafani visited us to speak about Italian Heritage Month which starts off with Columbus Day and he opened his talk in a spirited, light-hearted manner with a mini-instruction in a few words of Italian.

He told us that each year an important Italian figure is chosen to represent Italian Heritage Month. This year, that person is Giuseppe Mazzini, an important figure in the battle to acquire independence and unify the "city-states" into the country, Italy.

In particular, Professor Sclafani wanted to make us aware of the great contributions made to America and the world by specific Italian individuals. Of course, we all know about the discovery of the "new world" by Christopher Columbus in 1492. He is credited with the discovery and mapping of much of Central America's coastline and the Caribbean Islands during his 4 journeys across the Atlantic. Closely following Columbus was Amerigo Vespucci for whom the Americas were named by a German map maker who recognized the importance of Vespucci's explorations and mapping of the South American coastline.

A surprise to us all was that navigator and explorer John Cabot who is largely responsible for the exploration and mapping of northern America and Canada, was really an Italian by the name of Giovanni Caboto.

The exploration and mapping of the east coast of the United States is credited to Giovanni Veranzano who sailed for



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo  
 Professor Carlo Sclafani addressed the Club in celebration of Columbus Day and Italian-American heritage.

the French.

Another very interesting Italian figure is Fillipo Mazzei who came America in 1774 and was a close friend of Thomas Jefferson. "He is credited with giving Jefferson the phrase "all men are created equal" which is at the beginning of the Declaration of Independence."

Prof. Sclafani informed us that Italians have been a presence in the United States for a very long time. The first Marine Band of the U.S. included 14 Scicians brought over from Italy in the 1700's. Also, Maryland had such a large population of Italians at the time that even their coat of arms is written in Italian.

Lastly, Prof. Sclafani spoke about the influences from Italy to be seen in American art and architecture. Specifically he talked about our Capitol building and how the form of the Rotunda is one that comes from ancient Rome. A majority of the sculptors responsible for the carvings in the Capitol were Italian and the incredible frescoes that run throughout the ceilings of the building are the work of Constantino Brumidi. Brumidi painted the ceiling in the Rotunda at the end of the Civil War. The height of the ceiling is 180 feet and the Professor estimated the height of the figures to be 9-10 feet high.

Thank you Professor, for your enlightening and riveting talk!



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## DR. HAPPINESS

Luis Torres collected \$61 from happy Rotarians and guests.

## VISITORS & GUESTS

Donna McElroy was a guest of the Club and both Michael Flora and Gilda Chirafisi were guests of Dom Chirafisi.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Some really special programs are coming up in October and November. You won't want to miss these!

10/18 No meeting.

10/20 President's/Paul Harris Dinner  
6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner.  
The Harbor Restaurant, \$75.

10/25 Giving the Gift of Water - Father Stephen Mosha presenting water projects in Tanzania.  
Board of Directors meeting.

11/1 Curtis Sliwa - Founder of the Guardian Angels.

11/8 Observance of Veteran's Day  
Speaker from the Veteran's Hospital and special guests arranged by Rev. Bill Kalaidjian, honoring Charles Rasher, Frank Capasso and Martin Healy, veterans and former Club members.

11/15 Club Assembly: Sharing information from District Workshop on Membership and R. I. Foundation funding for international club projects.  
Board of Directors meeting.

11/22 Janet DiBenedetto, PDG, presenting program on refurbishing schools in South Africa.

### MEETING TIMES & PLACES of ROTARY CLUBS in DISTRICT 7230

<b>SATURDAY</b>		Hartsdale	12:15p	Mitty's Restaurant
Central Bronx	7:30p	Metro NYC	7:30p	Call for location 646-205-8050
<b>MONDAY</b>		Mid-Island	7:30a	Dakota Diner
Bronxville	12:15p	Mount Kisco	12:15p	Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn
Chappaqua	12:15p	Mount Vernon	12:15p	Galitos Restuarant
St. George's	6:30p	New Rochelle	6:15p	Davenport Club
<b>TUESDAY</b>		Ossining	12:30p	Cambridge House
Bronx	12:15p	Pelhams	12:15p	Rockwells
Chinatown	1:00p	Sandys	6:30p	Henry VIII Restaurant
Croton-on-Hudson	12:15p	Scarsdale	12:15p	Central Square Café
East Yonkers	12:00p	Tarrytowns	12:15p	Doubletree Hotel
Hamilton	12:15p	Upper Manhattan	8:00a	Doubletree Hotel
Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley & Irvington	6:15p	Yorktown	12:30p	International House
Katonah 1st & 3rd Tues	6:15p		12:15p	The Heights Bistro & Bar
2nd & 4th Tues	12:15p	<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Mount Pleasant	12:15p	Elmsford	12:15p	Tony's La Stazione
New York	12:00p	Mamaroneck	12:15p	Chef Antonio Restaurant
PortChester-Rye Brook	12:05p	North Shore	7:00p	Staaten Restaurant
Somers	6:30p	Peekskill	12:15p	Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant
Staten Island	12:30p	Pembroke	7:30a	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
White Plains	12:15p	Pleasantville	12:15p	Riviera Restaurant
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		Riverdale	6:30p	Josepina's Restaurant
Armonk	6:15p	South Shore	12:15p	Marina Grand
Eastchester	12:15p	Yonkers	12:00p	Ramada Inn
Gateway	7:15p	<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Harrison	12:15p	Briarcliff	12:15p	Briarcliff Recreation Center
		Larchmont	12:15p	Larchmont Yacht Club
		Rye	12:15p	Whitby Castle

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