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LOOKING AHEAD

- 12/21 -No Meeting.
- 12/28 -No Meeting.
- 1/4 Dr. Jonathan Kazdan -
Osteoporosis and Arthritis issues.
- 1/10 Club Assembly & Board Meeting.
- 1/18 ML King -Black History Sunset
Meeting.
- 1/25 - Dr. Christine Walsh from
Montefiore Hospital.
- 2/15 - Celebration of Dominican
Republic Sunset Meeting.
- 3/13 - Celebration of Greece Sunset
Meeting.
- 4/19 - Celebration of Persia Sunset
Meeting.
- 5/17 - Celebration of Mexico Sunset
Meeting.
- 6/28 - President's/Paul Harris Dinner

OPENINGS...

President Barry Fitzgerald opened the meeting and Dr. Arthur Wolstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cheryl Simmons-Oliver gave the Invocation.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Guest speaker Leyland Hazelwood, Enver and Ermal Sejdiu were guests of the Club. Lyn Roth Jacobs visited from the Pelhams Rotary Club. Ikuna Hasangjekaj was a guest of Bea Castiglia-Catullo.

REPORT ON THE DECEMBER 7, 2010 MEETING GUEST SPEAKER ~ LEYLAND HAZELWOOD

Dr. Arthur Wolstein spoke about Pearl Harbor Day and reminded us all about the solemnity of Dec. 7th. 2,400 servicemen and women were killed during the bombing of Pearl Harbor and over 1,000 more were injured. He spoke about how it changed his own and everyone else's life at the time.

President Barry Fitzgerald introduced Pelham Rotarian Lyn Roth Jacobs who is acting as host family for 6 year-old Ermal and his father from Kosovo. Her Club sponsored Ermal for Gift of Life surgery just one week ago. It was wonderful to see him at the meeting looking so well and digging into a pile of chicken fingers and french fries.

Barry then introduced the guest speaker, Leyland Hazelwood who, along with his brother Vernon, head up Dimpex, a New York based general management and technical assistance firm.

Mr. Hazelwood is passionate about his humanitarian projects in Africa. In Burkina Faso he designed and implemented a project to provide wells to 550 villages over 6 years. He said that sometimes they have to drill as much as 300 meters down to reach potable water. They have built 640 water wells so far.

Prior to having wells in their villages, women and children would have to walk as much as 17 miles a day to get water that is usually contaminated and will spread disease if not boiled properly.

He said it is an indescribable feeling to visit a formerly dry village and see the people pumping out potable water.

Another project Mr. Hazelwood has been involved in is in Mauritania. He said that the capital and other larger cities may have adequate medical facilities, but when one moves into the outlying regions there are little or no facilities. To address the need, he has designed a project to bring low cost medical assistance to these areas. The main thrust was to train 200 community healthcare workers. Initially the largest barrier they had to overcome was the diversity of languages spoken by all involved. Everyone had to become versed in French as a common language for com-



Photos courtesy of Jim Romeo

President Barry Fitzgerald presents a Certificate of appreciation to Leyland Hazelwood.

munication between trainers and trainees.

They were helped tremendously in the end product communication with their often illiterate patients by a system of symbols for communicating health problems which was developed by the U.S. government.

They trained 220 people. An interesting outcome was that the training made the women more desirable for marriage and many matches were made as a result. The government considered it successful enough to replicate the project in other parts of the country.

Mr. Hazelwood has also been to Zimbabwe to help children orphaned by AIDS. He found some difficulties there however as the country is not particularly stable and he had many restrictions imposed upon him concerning what he

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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Rotary Club of the Bronx is pleased to announce that it will be hosting another wonderful sunset meeting on January 18, 2011 in celebration of Black History Month. Details will be forthcoming, so keep an eye out for a flyer with details in your inboxes and mailboxes!

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LEYLAND HAZELWOOD

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could do and say, by the current government. However as the country is not particularly stable and he had many restrictions imposed upon him concerning what he could do and say, by the current government.

He also could not get help from the American Embassy there when he was seeking the location of the village because it was a weekend. A local man finally came to his aid and arranged transport to the remote village about 20k from Victoria Falls.

At the village he found children living in desperate conditions. They fed the children, bought clothing, shoes and blankets for them, and eventually arranged for them to be brought to Victoria Falls where facilities and conditions were much improved.

Mr. Hazelwood is obviously a man of great determination and conviction and we thank him for visiting our Club to tell us about his worthy projects.



Lyn Roth Jacobs hosted GOL child Ermal and his father (pictured behind him). Also in photo are Bea Castiglia-Catullo, Barry Fitzgerald and interpreter Ikuna Hasangjekaj (far right).

MAKE UPS

Ed Hicks and Cheryl Simmons-Oliver had make ups at the Riverdale Rotary Club.

DR. HAPPINESS

Jim Romeo collected \$42 from happy Rotarians and guests.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

Ed Hicks was the lucky winner of \$21 in the 50/50.



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NOVEMBER

Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo - 1st
Cheryl Simmons-Oliver - 4th
Rev. Andrew M. Pane - 10th
Ram P. Gupta - 12th
Dr. Ian Amritt ~ 21st
Arthur Wolstein, D.P.M. - 22nd

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President Barry Fitzgerald opened the meeting and Dr. Arthur Wolstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Bill Kalaidjian gave the Invocation.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

Valerie Kalaidjian won \$113 in the 50/50 which she pledged to donate to a program that provides service dogs to disabled veterans..

MAKE UPS

None today

VISITORS & GUESTS

Bronx Opera’s Michael Spierman, Leslie Swanson, Jake Armstrong and Liza Wu, Visar & Hetem Naziraj, Martha Pucca and Walter Pofeldt were guests of the Club. PDG Gilda Chirafisi visited from the Riverdale Rotary Club and Bill Ruffanello visited from the South Shore Rotary Club. Other guests were Joann Appel, Rae Concabage, Pat Fichera, Janice Hicks, Jose Martinez, Shirley Martinez, Jeff Miller, Marcia Mitchell, Jim Mularkey, Elizabeth Padilla, Flor Lopez, Ken Reiss, Fortunato Romeo, Janell Torres, Louis Vazquez and Diane Wolstein.

DR. HAPPINESS

Jim Romeo collected \$169 from happy Rotarians and guests.



Bea Castiglia-Catullo and Dr. Arthur Wolstein seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

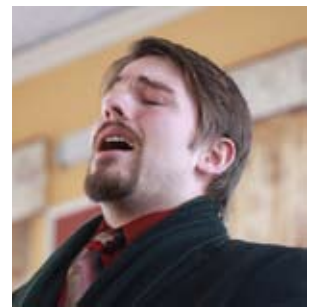
**REPORT ON THE DECEMBER 14, 2010 MEETING
 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION WITH THE BRONX OPERA COMPANY**



Photos courtesy of Walter Pofeldt
*Bronx Opera Company Director
 Michael Spierman.*



Soprano Leslie Swanson.



Tenor Jake Armstrong.

The holiday event is always so joyous and such a wonderful way to kick off the season and this year it was different only in that it was even more special. We were lucky to have our Gift of Life child, Visar Naziraj and his father, Hetem with us. Visar had his surgery on Dec. 6th and was looking quite healthy at the luncheon only a week later.

President Barry Fitzgerald pointed out the gifts heaped on the table at the back of the room and explained that they had been brought by members and they were going to the Bronx YMCA. The YMCA, in turn, will bring them to the Dominican republic where they will be distributed to underprivileged children.

Barry then introduced Michael Spierman, the director of the Bronx Opera Company who in turn introduced soprano Leslie Swanson, tenor Jake Armstrong and keyboardist Liza Wu who all came to entertain.

Ms. Swanson performed first. She did a melting rendition of “O Mio Babbino Caro” from Giuseppe Verdi’s “Gianni Schicchi”. She was followed by Jake armstrong who performed “Maria” from Stephen Sondheim’s “West Side Story”. Many voices could be heard in the audience following the irresistible tune.

The story of “La Traviatta” was summarized by Mr. Spierman as an introduction to the duet “Parigi O Cara” sung by Ms. Swanson and Mr. Armstrong.

The last two pieces needed no introduction as they are holiday time staples. Ms. Swanson sang “Do You Hear What



Bill Gouldman and Frank Arcuri were in a holiday mood.



Good food was followed by yummy pastries supplied by Mary Springman.

I Hear?” and Mr. Armstrong sang “O Holy Night”. Gorgeous renditions, all, that left the audience light of heart and full of holiday spirit.

President Barry presented a check from the Bronx Rotary Foundation to the Bronx Opera Company for \$2,000 to help them continue their great tradition.

In closing Past president Cheryl Simmons-Oliver came to the podium to acknowledge the great work of President

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

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Barry Fitzgerald, President Elect Frank Arcuri, Ed Hicks and Jim Romeo. She also said that the Club owes a debt of gratitude to all the older members who have worked so hard and paved the way for the Club. She asked Bea Castiglia-Catullo, Rev. Bill Kalaidjian, Dr. Arthur Wolstein and PDG Gilda Chirafisi to stand and accept the Club's recognition and thanks.



Rotarians gather around Visar and his father Hetem. Visar gave the party a big 2 thumbs up.



Bronx Rotary Foundation Chair Bill Gouldman and Sal Mastrocola present Michael Spierman with a check for the Bronx Opera Company.



PDG Gilda Chirafisi introduced Visar and Hetem.



Ed Hicks is no stranger to a good time.

OFFERING PRAYERS

For Igina DeMichele's husband who had a serious injury to his hand from a table saw.

For Bea Castiglia-Catullo's son and daughter, both of whom are battling cancer.

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MEETING TIMES & PLACES of ROTARY CLUBS in DISTRICT 7230

MONDAY		
Bedford-Armonk	6:15p	Bedford Presbyterian Church
Bronxville	12:15p	Fogarty's Town Tavern
Central Bronx	7:00p	Jol Kabar Restaurant
Chappaqua	12:15p	Crabtree's Kittle House
New York	12:00p	Harvard Club
Northeast Westchester	6:15p	John-Michael's Restaurant
St. George's	6:30p	Grotto Bay Beach Resort
TUESDAY		
Bronx	12:15p	The Harbor Restaurant
Chinatown	1:00p	Hop Lee Restaurant
Croton-on-Hudson	12:15p	Bella Paula
East Yonkers	12:15p	Luciano's Restaurant
Hamilton	12:15p	Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club
Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley & Irvington	6:15p	Doubleday's
Mount Pleasant	12:00p	Casa Rina Restaurant
PortChester-Rye Brook	12:10p	T&J Trattoria
Scarsdale	12:00p	Moscato's
Somers	6:15p	Pinnacle Restaurant
Staten Island	12:30p	Ligreci's Staaten Restaurant
Upper Manhattan	6:00p	Gran Piatto d'Oro Restaurant
White Plains	12:15p	Crowne Plaza
WEDNESDAY		
Eastchester	12:15p	CIAO Restaurant
Gateway	7:15p	Lake Club
Harrison	12:15p	Emilio's Restaurant
Hartsdale	12:15p	Alaroma Restaurant
Inwood Manhattan	7:00p	Garden Cafe
Metro NYC	7:30p	Trattoria Dopo Teatro
Mount Kisco	12:15p	Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn
Mount Vernon	12:15p	Bona Sera Restaurant
New Rochelle	6:15p	Davenport Club
Ossining	12:30p	The Tuscan Grille
Pelhams	12:15p	Rockwells
Sandys	6:30p	Henry VIII Restaurant
Tarrytowns	12:15p	Westchester Marriott Hotel
Wall Street	5:30p	Downtown Association
Yorktown	12:15p	Murphy's Restaurant
THURSDAY		
Cortlandt Manor	7:00p	Cortlandt Colonial
Elmsford	12:15p	Rinis Restaurant
Mamaroneck	12:15p	Emilio's Restaurant
Mid-Island	7:30a	Dakota Diner
North Shore	7:00p	LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant
Peekskill	12:15p	Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant
Pembroke	7:15a	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
Pleasantville	12:15p	Riviera Restaurant
Riverdale	6:45p	The Riverdale Greentree
South Shore	12:15p	Marina Grand
Yonkers	12:15p	Luciano's Italian Restaurant
FRIDAY		
Briarcliff Manor	12:15p	Briarcliff Recreation Center
Larchmont	12:15p	Larchmont Yacht Club
Rye	12:15p	Coveleigh Club



Ralph Scottino and Cheryl Simmons-Oliver (above photos) and keyboardist Liza Wu with Michael Spierman (bottom photo).

