

TUESDAY

ROTARY CLUB OF THE BRONX, NY, INC.

PUBLISHED BI-WEEKLY

Demetrio "Jim" Romeo
Publisher
718-617-1600

Marguerite Chadwick-Juner
718-885-0933
Nancy Wallace
914-949-6217
Editors

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 12:15PM

THE HARBOR • 565 CITY ISLAND AVENUE • CITY ISLAND, NY 10464 • 718-885-1373

Rotary Theme 2006:
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"
Volume 89 • Number 40
May 16, 2006

President

Ms. Nancy Wallace
11 Myrtle Street
White Plains, NY 10606
914-949-6217

Secretary

Kunle Adeyeni
482 Commonwealth Ave.
Bronx, NY 10473
917-903-6284

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Three special events in June are high priority for all Bronx Rotary members, so please mark them on your calendars and plan to come.

June 6th is the official visit of our District Governor, Helen Reisler, and installation of new members.

June 13th is the Annual Meeting of the club and Election of Officers and Board. This is the time when all members can vote on the leaders of the club for the next year.

And June 20th, in the evening, is the annual President's Dinner Dance when new Paul Harris Fellows will be recognized. Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels, who is noted for standing up against wrongdoing, will receive a special Paul Harris. We also will be recognizing members with years of faithful service to Rotary.

Sal Mastrocola and Bea Castiglia Catullo are co-chairs of the dinner, and they need our help to make it a success. We are asking every member to 1) take tickets, 2) take ads, 3) contribute to the Silent Auction. And most of all, COME! Invitations and ad forms have been mailed to everyone. If you need more, call Jim Romeo (718/617-1600).

There are many privileges in being a Rotarian. There are also responsibilities. Whichever way you look at it, supporting major events of the club is something we all need to do. This is a major fundraiser for the club. So come to the party! Help make it happen! See you there!

Yours in fellowship and service,
Nancy Wallace, President

REPORT ON TUESDAY'S MEETING

CLUB ASSEMBLY ~ MAY 16, 2006

Our Club Assembly focus was on 1) New Members, 2) Our Gift of Life Child, Luis Montero, who was present for the meeting with his mom, Elvira, and 3) the Rotary International Foundation.

New Members: Prospective member Barry Fitzgerald introduced himself to the club. He is sponsored by Sal Mastrocola. Barry is an insurance broker who got his start in the business 25 years ago as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is certified in life, health, property and casualty insurance. He recently passed his real estate license exam. He is a member of the New Bronx Chamber of Commerce and the Irish-American Building Society. Barry recently became engaged. His fiancée is from the Dominican Republic and is a certified public accountant.

President Nancy announced that the Board would vote on Barry's application for membership at its meeting that day. An Orientation Meeting for New Members will be held Tuesday, May 23, right after the regular meeting. Installation of New Members will be June 6, when District Governor Helen Reisler, who will be visiting, will be asked to do the honors.

Gift of Life: President Nancy called on Jim Romeo, our Gift of Life Chair, and Hedy Marin-Manzke, coordinator for this child, to tell us about Luis Montero and his surgery. Hedy gave a special welcome to Luis and his mom, and spoke about receiving a "gift" in just being able to help. She spoke of the heart-wrench she felt

when seeing



Luis enjoys the views at The Harbor.

him for the first time at the airport because of the bluish tinge to his complexion.

Luis was born with a hole in his heart and corrective surgery was not available in his country. A few years ago an organization called "Heart Care" went to D.R. to do the surgery, but when Luis was opened up he had more problems than they could handle. They put a shunt in and stitched him back up. A woman in "Heart Care" eventually found out about the Gift of Life through a Rotarian friend and Luis had his successful surgery as a result.

The surgeon told Hedy that Luis' heart was in such bad condition he would not have survived much longer without the surgery.

Luis now has an appetite like never before, his color is good and his future looks rosy.

Jim Romeo spent a lot of time with Luis in the hospital and out, and documented it all with his camera. Other Rotarians who visited Luis in the

Continued on page 2



Photos courtesy of Jim Romeo

Barry Fitzgerald introduces himself to members.



Ed Hicks, President Nancy Wallace, Jim Romeo, Luis Montero, Hedy Marin-Manzke, Elvira Montero and Rev. Charles Gorelick.

A SPECIAL VISIT

June 6 - Special visit to our club by District Governor Helen Reisler, who will install our new members. Please make a special effort to be present for this meeting.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Continued from page 1

hospital were Sal Mastrocola, Nancy and Bruce Wallace and Rev. Charles Gorelick.

Rotary International Foundation: President Elect Edward Hicks showed a video about the work the I.R. Foundation does. It featured the story of a Rotary Ambassador Scholar who was sent to Singapore National University for her studies in business and law. While there she traveled to India and saw such hunger and deprivation that it impacted her permanently. When she finished her law degree she joined Rotary to be hands-on and make a difference. Her efforts are shown in the video.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Meeting on May 16, 2006, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

New Member - voted to accept Barry Fitzgerald as a new member. Barry's sponsor is Sal Mastrocola.

Dues - voted to raise dues from \$180 to \$200 per year, beginning 7/1/06.

Lunch Fee - voted to raise the cost of lunch from \$19 to \$20 to cover the costs of guest speakers beginning June 1st.

President's/Paul Harris Dinner Dance 6/20/06 - decided to honor members with long and faithful service to the Club. Paul Harris Fellows will also be honored: Igina DeMichele, Rev. Charles Gorelick, Maria Staniorski, Nancy Wallace and a special Paul Harris to Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels.

African Project - voted to endorse the action of the Trustees of the Bronx Rotary Foundation in sending \$100 for humanitarian relief in Africa. Dan Nalven, chair of our District's Gift of Life, will distribute funds to needy villages on his trip to Africa.

Fundraising Idea - Dr. Arthur Wolstein shared the obituary of a Rotarian from another club. The family suggested that instead of flowers, contributions might be made to that club.



HUDSON VALLEY BANK

3130 East Tremont Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461

Tel: (718) 892-4830

Igina DeMichele-Bobson Tel: (914) 961-6100

Assistant Vice President Fax: (718) 892-4769

E-mail: idemichele@hvbank.com

ATRIA RIVERDALE retirement living

Call today to schedule your complimentary lunch and tour to experience retirement living at its most tasteful.

3718-3726 Henry Hudson Parkway

Riverdale, NY

718.432.2448

OPENINGS...

President Nancy Wallace opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sal Mastrocola. Hedy Marin-Manzke led *The National Anthem* and the invocation was given by Glen Nygreen.

MAKE UPS

None today.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Barry Fitzgerald and Visiting Rotarian Joe Arlotta from the Elmsford Rotary Club were guests of Sal Mastrocola, Ghalia Abreu and Mary Springman were guests of Jim Romeo, Wilfredo Irizarry, Walter Pofeldt, Gift of Life child Luis Montero and mom Elvira were guests of the Club and Magbule Malushi and Nazmije Madni were guests of Shqipe Malushi.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

Joe Arlotta was the fortunate winner of \$21 this week which he donated to the Gift of Life fund.

DR. HAPPINESS

Barry Fitzgerald collected happy dollars from Rotarians & guests.

OPEN MEETING & ELECTION

The Annual Meeting is called for June 13th at 12:15 by the Board of Directors for a report on the year and the election of Officers and Directors for the year 2006 - 2007. All members in good standing with current dues paid may vote. The slate:

Officers

President Edward Hicks
President Elect .Salvatore Mastrocola
1st Vice Pres..... Taylor Eskew
2nd Vice Pres. ..Cheryl Simmons-
Oliver
SecretaryNancy Wallace
Ass't. Secretary .Mary Gembecki
TreasurerIgina DeMichele
Ass't Treasurer..Syed Ahsan

Directors

Michael Carew, Rev. Charles Gorelick,
Hedy Marin-Manzke, David Michel,
Jim Romeo, Dr. Arthur Wolstein

Signature
SIGNATURE BANK

Syed Q. Ahsan
Associate Group Director

Signature Bank
421 Hunts Point Avenue
Bronx, NY 10474
Tel: 646-822-7170
Fax: 646-822-7179
sahsan@signatureny.com



718-993-4747
Andy Pane '92

Discounts to Rotarians
HANSEL TIRE CORP.

1732 Webster Avenue, Bronx, NY
10457

(at Cross Bronx Expressway)
Tel: 718-299-1000 • Fax: 718-299-8653

Jay Hansel jay@hanseltire.com



HISPEED Established 1934
PRINTING COMPANY
1123 WORTHEN STREET
BRONX, NY 10474

"A Complete Printing Service"

- Offset Lithographers
- Computerized Scanning
- Typesetting & Imagesetting
- Complete Bindery Department
- Laser Digital Color Copies

ENVELOPE SPECIALISTS SINCE 1934
(718) 617-1600 FAX: (718) 328-7509
E-Mail: hispeed@hispeedprinting.com

**Monroe
College**

CAROLYN R. TABACHNIK

Director
Career Services/Cooperative Education

2467 Jerome Avenue
Bronx, NY 10468

718-933-7065 • Fax 718-364-4979
Email: ctabachnik@monroecollege.edu

SINNOTT MANAGEMENT CO.
Real Estate Management

Peter J. Sinnott, III '68

621 Tiffany Street • Bronx, NY
10474
718-542-5080

Rotary Theme 2006:
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"
 Volume 89 • Number 41
 May 23, 2006

OPENINGS...

President Nancy Wallace opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Charles Gorelick. Hedy Marin-Manzke led the singing of *The National Anthem* and Glen Nygreen gave the invocation.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Rotarians Ted Nygreen and Chuck Katze were guests of Glen Nygreen. DGN Bob Cucinell visited from the Hartsdale Rotary Club. Elvira Tejada and Luis Montero were guests of the Club, Mike Flora and Riverdale Rotary Club member PDG Gilda Chirafisi visited as a guest of Dominick Chirafisi. Wilfredo Irizarry was a guest of Nancy Wallace and Barry Fitzgerald was a guest of Sal Mastrocola.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

The \$22 50/50 jackpot found its way to lucky winner Geoffrey Ukekweh who donated for a goodbye dinner for Luis Montero.

OFFERING PRAYERS

For Maria Santiorski who is undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma. She thanks us for the fruit basket we sent.

For safety for Shqipe Malushi who leaves on Sunday for Afghanistan, where she will be doing education on gender issues for the next month.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

Hellen Olengailuva from Tanzania, who will coordinate our water project there will be with us, along with Father Stephen Mosha. Hellen also works on the beautiful embroidered pillow-cases brought to our club last fall by Father Mosha.

Quinn Miller Associates
 Kate Quinn Miller Ph.D '87
 Public Relations 800 Grand Concourse
 Fund Raising The Bronx, NY 10451
 718-402-5202

Salvatore P. Mastrocola
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
 4444 VAN CORTLANDT PARK EAST
 BRONX, NEW YORK 10470
 TEL: (914) 961-3434
 FAX: (718) 325-8335

REPORT ON TUESDAY'S MEETING
GUEST SPEAKER ~ DR. STEPHEN NICHOLAS
MAY 23, 2006

PDG Chuck Katze introduced Dr. Stephen Nicholas, a Yonkers Rotarian who has been both Director of Pediatrics, Harlem Hospital Center and Director, International Family AIDS Program. Dr. Nicholas has worked with HIV/AIDS patients for most of his career. He has developed innovative treatments that have almost eliminated the transmission of the virus from mothers to their newborns in NYC.



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo
Dr. Stephen Nicholas.

Dr. Nicholas arrived in NYC in 1981 to do his training at Columbia University and then Harlem Hospital. At that time there was no evidence of an epidemic of AIDS among children. Very shortly, however that would change as drug usage, sharing of used needles and addicted women trading sex for drug money spread the virus in Harlem at a rapid rate. Within 7 years infection rates went from 1% to 50%. NYC and Harlem had the largest population of infected babies in the nation. Adding to the problem was the fact that the mothers invariably died, leaving a growing number of orphaned AIDS babies who had to be left in the care of hospitals since people were too afraid to care for them.

Princess Diana's historic visit to the AIDS babies at Harlem Hospital helped to turn the tide of public fear. When Dr. Nicholas opened the first residence for AIDS babies in Harlem, local people lined up to work there. The wonderful outcome was that inside of 2 years, 180 babies previously shunned went through the facility into foster care, and all were eventually adopted.

Dr. Nicholas told us that with the advent of AZT for the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients real progress against the virus was made. Subsequent drugs have only made treatments more effective. A huge leap forward was also made when it was found that treating a pregnant woman with AIDS drugs, delivering babies by C-section, treating babies with the AIDS drugs and not letting babies breast feed prevented the transmission of the virus from mothers to children. The dramatic results are reflected in the figures. In 1990, 800 babies were infected with AIDS in the state as opposed to in 2002, only 8 were.

Now Dr. Nicholas wants to apply his experience to the elimination of AIDS in babies in the Dominican Republic, which has the highest rate of HIV/AIDS in the Spanish-speaking world. Our Rotary District 7230 has established an AIDS Committee which is seeking contributions from local Rotary Clubs to be matched by the Rotary International Foundation in a \$50,000 grant to support this project.

Dr. Nicholas will go to the D.R. for a whole year with his family, beginning in August, to oversee a program of intervention and treatment for HIV/AIDS mothers and children there. Each \$500 will treat one mother and child for a year. The \$50,000 project will treat 100 mothers and their babies.

President Nancy Wallace announced that this project will be brought to our Service Committee and then to our Board and Foundation to consider supporting this vital work by Dr. Nicholas.

718-325-7200 914-725-3300
 Fax 718-325-7595 Telex 371-2767

PASCAP CO. INC.

*Dealers in Scrap Iron,
 Non-Ferrous Metal and Plastic Scrap*

4250 Boston Road • Bronx, NY 10475
In Memory of PP Frank G. Capasso '88

CHATAM MANAGEMENT Co. INC.
 Real Estate - Investments
 Management - Sales

2123 Williamsbridge Road
 Bronx, NY 10461

(718) 824-5001
Fax 824-5053

RAM P. GUPTA '87

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 5/30 Hellen Olengailuva from Tanzania speaking about our water project.
- 6/6 Visit of DG Helen Reisler and Installation of New Members.
- 6/13 General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for the year 2006 - 2007.
- 6/20 President's/Paul Harris Fellows' Dinner Dance - 6pm to 10 pm at The Harbor Restaurant. No regular meeting at 12:15 that day.
- 6/27 Club Assembly & Board Meeting.

Birthday Babies

MAY

Shqipe Malushi - 3rd
 Maria Staniorski - 6th
 Ruth Malatino - 12th
 Rev. Charles Gorelick - 14th

NEW & QUALITY PRE-OWNED VEHICLES

Steven Kalaidjian
SMITH-CAIRNS
 900 Central Park Ave.
 Yonkers, NY 10704
 TEL: 914-377-8100 Ext. 119
 www.smithcairns.com FAX: 914-377-8119

White Plains, NY Mt. Kisco, NY Brewster, NY

KAZDAN CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE

DR. JONATHAN KAZDAN '91
 808 ALLERTON AVENUE • BRONX, NY 10467
 (718) 655-0487

Counsellor at Law

Maxwell S. Pfeifer

Accidents
 Injuries
 Medical Malpractice
 Products Liability

714 East 241st Street • Bronx, NY 10470
 718-325-5000
 Toll Free
 800-411-1493

MAKE UPS

Carmen Robinson and Hedy Marin-Manzke each had 2 make ups at the Riverdale Rotary Club.

DR. HAPPINESS

Geoffrey Ukekweh collected the tidy sum of \$78 from happy Rotarians and guests.

NOT MUCH TIME LEFT TO GIVE

We are all asked to give to the RI Foundation before the close of the fiscal year on June 30. These gifts fund scholarships and grants and provide funds for matching grants to clubs like ours for international work. Our club has a goal of 100% participation by our members. If you can give \$100, please do that. If not, give what you can. Make sure you include The Bronx Rotary Club name and mail to: The Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 75133, Chicago, IL 60675-5133. Or go online to: www.rotary.org.

THE BRONX ROTARY OFFICERS

President Nancy Wallace
 President-Elect Edward Hicks
 1st Vice President Salvatore Mastrocola
 2nd Vice President Taylor Eskew
 Secretary Kunle Adeyeni
 Assistant Secretary Mary Gembecki
 Treasurer Igina DeMichele
 Assistant Treasurer Jim Romeo
 Immediate Past President Caroline Pitts

DIRECTORS

Michael Carew Rev. Charles Gorelick
 Hedy Marin-Manzke Rev. David Michel
 Cheryl Simmons-Oliver Dr. Arthur Wolstein

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Rev. Charles Gorelick

Steve Garrido
 Banking Center Manager

Bank of America
 2198 White Plains Rd.
 Bronx, NY 10462

Tel: 718-828-3320
 Customer Service: 800-432-1000
 Fax: 718-828-2144
garrido.steve.m@bankofamerica.com

Eric J. Oppenheimer

Licensed Real Estate Broker

530 E. 138 St. Bronx, NY 10454
 (718) 585-1030 Fax (718) 665-6274

730 C West Broadway
 Woodmere, NY 11598
 (516) 569-1560 Fax (516) 569-1562

South Bronx Board of Trade, Inc.
 564 Southern Blvd. The Bronx, NY 10455
 (718) 292-9530 Fax: (718) 585-2114

In Memory of PP Michael Nuñez '73

MEETING TIMES & PLACES of ROTARY CLUBS in DISTRICT 7230

SATURDAY					
Central Bronx	7:30p	Office of Muhammed Mujumber	Harrison	12:15p	Emilio's Restaurant
MONDAY			Hartsdale	12:15p	Mitty's Restaurant
Bronxville	12:15p	Town Tavern	Metro NYC	7:30p	Maharaja Indian Restaurant
Chappaqua	12:15p	Crabtree's Kettle House	Mid-Island	7:30a	Dakota Diner
St. George's	6:30p	Mulligan's, St. Georges' Golf Club	Mount Kisco	12:15p	Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn
TUESDAY			Mount Vernon	12:15p	Galitos Restaurant
Bronx	12:15p	The Harbor Restaurant	New Rochelle	6:15p	Davenport Club
Chinatown	1:00p	Sweet-n-Tart Restaurant	Ossining	12:30p	Cambridge House
Croton-on-Hudson	12:15p	Just-In-Time	Pelhams	12:15p	Rockwells
East Yonkers	12:00p	Ramada Inn	Sandys	6:30p	Henry VIII Restaurant
Hamilton	12:15p	Mariners Club	Scarsdale	12:15p	Central Square Café
Hastings, Dobbs Ferry,			Tarrytowns	12:15p	Striped Bass Restaurant
Ardsley & Irvington	6:15p	Rudy's Beau Rivage	2nd Wed. of the month	8:00a	Striped Bass Restaurant
Katonah	6:15p	Katonah Memorial House	Yorktown	12:15p	The Heights Bistro & Bar
2nd & 4th Tues	12:15p	Katonah Memorial House	THURSDAY		
Mount Pleasant	12:15p	Casa Rina Restaurant	Elmsford	12:15p	Tony's La Stazione
New York	12:00p	Princeton Club	Mamaroneck	12:15p	Chef Antonio Restaurant
Port Chester-Rye Brook	12:05p	T&J Villaggio	North Shore	7:00p	Staaten Restaurant
Somers	6:30p	Pinnacle Restaurant	Peckskill	12:15p	Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant
Staten Island	12:30p	Ligredi's Staaten Restaurant	Pembroke	7:30a	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
Upper Manhattan	6:00p	International House	Pleasantville	12:15p	Riviera Restaurant
White Plains	12:15p	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Riverdale	6:30p	Peppino's Restaurant
WEDNESDAY			South Shore	12:15p	Marina Grand
Armonk	6:15p	Bechive	Yonkers	12:00p	Ramada Inn
Eastchester	12:15p	CIAO Restaurant	FRIDAY		
Gateway	7:15p	Bocelli Restaurant	Briarcliff	12:15p	Briarcliff Recreation Center
			Larchmont	12:15p	Larchmont Yacht Club
			Rye	12:15p	Whitby Castle