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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the great things about being a Rotarian is that we can give a gift that really makes a difference. By giving to the Rotary International Foundation, we can help fund vital projects in 168 countries around the world. Projects that bring clean water and sanitation to villages and towns, that provide tuition and books so children can learn, that save lives and bring better health to children and adults.

When we put our gifts together, amazing things begin to happen. \$100 will fund tuition and books for one year of school for two children in Kenya. \$500 will supply food for ten months to a child in Guatemala. And \$1,000 will bring clean drinking water to over 300 people in India.

We have received a letter from Rotary International asking us to support this wonderful program. Our Board of Directors has voted to ask every Rotary member of our club to contribute whatever amount you can. If you can give \$100, do that. If you can give something less, please do what you can. Our goal is 100% participation by our club rather than a set amount.

Your check should be made out to The Rotary Foundation of R.I (Rotary International). A form for you to use and directions for where to send it is included with this newsletter. It needs to reach Rotary International before the end of June to count in this year's total.

We have a wonderful club, and here is something we can all do, as a club, to make the world a little better. Please help us. Thank you.

Yours in fellowship and service,
Nancy Wallace, President

REPORT ON TUESDAY'S MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER ~ HYUNWOO "BRYAN" LIM

MAY 2, 2006



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo

Bryan Lim and Nancy Wallace exchange Seoul, Korea and Bronx Club flags.

President Nancy Wallace introduced our speaker, Hyunwoo Lim, known as "Bryan", a Rotary Ambassador Scholar from South Korea. He is being hosted in this country by the Metro NYC Rotary Club, who contacted us.

Bryan grew up in southeast Korea and studied computer science. He received his undergraduate degree and M.B.A. from Seoul National University. He was then contacted by the Rotary Club there to become an Ambassador Scholar, travel to the U.S. and study for his Ph.D in statistics at Columbia University in New York. He has been here since August. Part of his responsibilities as an Ambassador Scholar is to go to speak to other Rotary clubs.

Mr. Kim began by asking how many club members had ever been to Korea. No one had. He then compared Seoul to New York City and said he was surprised at how similar they are. The buildings are tall, there are many cars and people on the streets and people walk fast in both cities.

The biggest difference he noticed however was how multicultural it is in New York. He told us that in Korea, pretty much everyone he sees on the street looks like him. Here in the U.S. on the other hand, everywhere he looks there are a diversity of faces with roots in different parts of the world. You can hear many different languages spoken

and find shops that cater to those cultures and tastes. He admires this diversity and feels it is what makes the U.S. so special.

Other differences he mentioned concern the experiences that an international student would have in the U.S. vs. Korea. Here he found that as a foreign student he had all the same freedoms as students who are U.S. citizens. For example, he can travel anywhere in the country, and he was able to open a bank account here and get a driver's license. These things would not be possible for a foreign student in his country.

However, he also noted that the U.S. has started to close down its "open door" policies for foreign travelers since 9/11. It is more difficult to get authorization for a special Social Security number, which is needed to open a bank account and get a driver's license.

LOOKING AHEAD...

(note some changes from previous schedule)

- 5/16 Club Assembly & Board Meeting.
- 5/23 Dr. Stephen Nicolas speaking on the AIDS program he heads followed by Orientation Meeting for New Members at 1:30.
- 5/30 Hellen Olengailuva from Tanzania speaking about our water project.
- 6/6 Visit of District 7230 Governor Helen Reisler.
- 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.
- 6/27 Club Assembly & Board Meeting.

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President Nancy Wallace opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Romeo. Ed Hicks led *God Bless America*, the invocation was given by Nancy Wallace who also introduced the guests.

GUEST SPEAKER

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Mr. Kim urged us not to shut out foreign students and travelers from our country. He feels that the strength of the U.S. lies in its diversity and openness to the world. He also feels that visiting other countries is a way to break down barriers between people, and that Rotary stands for promoting peace and understanding through such visits.

Thank you, Bryan Lim, for bringing us such an important message.

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:

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Michael Carew, Rev. Charles Gorelick,
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OFFERING PRAYERS

For Maria Staniorski who is undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma. She is doing well and her spirits are good. We keep you in our prayers, Maria.



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Speaker Hyunwoo "Bryan" Lim and Bronx Times reporter Walter Pofeldt were guests of the Club.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

Twelve lucky dollars this time for Diamond Jim Romeo.

DR. HAPPINESS

Twenty-three happy dollars were collected by Taylor Eskew.



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CHUCK-A-BUCK

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

MAKE UPS

District Conference - Glen Nygreen- Apr. 28, 29, 30; Jim Romeo- Apr. 28, 29, 30; Hedy Marin-Manzke- Apr. 28 & 29; Ed Hicks- Apr. 28 & 29; Bea Castiglia-Catullo- Apr. 28 & 29; Mary Gembecki- Apr. 28 & 29; Nancy Wallace- Apr. 28 & 29; Bruce Wallace- Apr. 28 & 29; Dr. Arthur Wolstein- Apr. 28 & 29; Edgar Cornell- Apr. 28 & 29; Salvatore Masrocola- Apr. 28; Rev. Charles Gorelick- Apr. 29; JoAnn Santiago- Apr. 28 & 29. Ed Hicks, Jim Romeo, Taylor Eskew and Rev. David Michel had make ups on May 5th at the Upper Manhattan Rotary Club.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

Club Assembly and Board Meeting. Special Guests: Gift of Life Child Luis Montero and prospective member Barry Fitzgerald. Please plan to attend!

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REPORT ON TUESDAY'S MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER ~ LAVANYA RADHAKRISHNAN

MAY 9, 2006

THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

President Nancy Wallace opened the meeting and called on President Elect Edward Hicks to introduce our speaker, Rotarian Lavanya Radhakrishnan from the New York Rotary Club. Lavanya, whose family is from India, was sent as a Youth Exchange student to France 15 years ago and it was a life-changing experience for her. She went from being a vegetarian to a Rotarian! Now she chairs the outbound Youth Exchange program for her club.

She told us a lot about the program and how it works. The purpose is to promote peace through exposure to other cultures. It provides young people with the opportunity to live and learn with families in another country, and sows the seeds of peace. It is a maturing experience for the youth and helps them become leaders who return home and contribute to their community. Host families, host clubs and their communities also benefit from their involvement with the student exchange.

The Youth Exchange program began with the Rotary Club of Copenhagen in 1929 with European students and has continued ever since, except during World War II. By 1939 it had reached California and Latin American countries, and by 1958, the eastern U.S. Now there are 80 countries, and 8,000 students participating each year, and 1.2 million Rotarians world wide make a community for the program. It is run through the Rotary districts.

There are several types of programs: both long-term and short term exchanges for youth ages 15.5 to 18.5, and a special New Generations Exchange for ages 18 to 25. Some exchanges are for a year, some are for a month or so. Students need to be academically above average, articulate and demonstrate community leadership skills. Youth with disabilities and from economically disadvantaged families are eligible. The New York Club is sending two students from the Bronx on exchange visits in August, one to Chile and one to France.

The Rotary Clubs that receive students need to find host families and make arrangements with the schools the youth will attend. They also have frequent contact with their student during the year, and invite them to one Rotary meeting or event per month. They are generally responsible for a monthly allowance, costs of attending Rotary meetings, and holiday, birthday and parting gifts. Students and their parents are financially responsible for airline tickets, clothing, health insurance, administrative fees and extra spending money.

Lavanya gave us very specific information about how to get involved in the Youth Exchange Program, and all the resources available to help a club. A great deal of printed material, training manuals, insurance policies and other information are available from R.I, and her club and District 7230 would help advise us if our club decides to participate. The total cost to our club might be \$2000 to \$3000.

She emphasized what a difference the Youth Exchange Program makes both to the students and to the clubs, and said it is a wonderful return on a club's investment. Those who get involved stay on for years, as she has. It is a way to contribute to international peace, one student at a time.

Thank you, Lavanya, for introducing us to this rewarding program with youth. You have given us much to think about.



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo
Lavanya Radhakrishnan spoke to members about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

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SPECIAL GUESTS COMING MAY 16TH

Our Gift of Life child, Luis Montero, is out of the hospital after successful surgery on his heart and is recuperating at home with his host family. We expect him and his mother to be with us at the Club Assembly on May 16th. Also, prospective member Barry Fitzgerald, sponsored by Sal Mastrocola, will tell us a bit about himself. Come and meet them!



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo

Luis's coloring is already 100% improved, attesting to the quality of the surgery and care he has been given at Montefiore Children's Hospital.

Birthday Babies

MAY

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

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VISITORS & GUESTS

Wilfredo Irizarry was a guest of Nancy Wallace, Barry Fitzgerald was a guest of Sal Mastrocola, and Stew Grodzinsky and Diane Cerino were guests of Jim Romeo.

DR. HAPPINESS

Luis Torres collected \$45 from happy Rotarians and guests.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To former Club member Paula Gannon, and Tony Connor, whose son, David Joseph Connor, graduates on May 17th from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a B.S. in Marine and Environmental Science and a commission as Ensign, United States Coast Guard.

Be sure to keep in touch with all the latest happenings in our District at:

www.rotary7230.org

and worldwide Rotary news at:

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MEETING TIMES & PLACES of ROTARY CLUBS in DISTRICT 7230

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