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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Come vote on June 13th. And come hear Curtis Sliwa on June 20th, 6pm.

June 13th is the Annual Meeting of the club and Election of Officers and Board. We are going back to tradition and our By-laws to hold this meeting at the end of the year for the general membership to hear a report on the year, a report on our Bronx Rotary Foundation and vote on officers and directors for the year 2006-2006. Come be a part of this important meeting.

And June 20th, at 6 pm we need every Bronx Rotarian to support our President's/Paul Harris Dinner Dance at the Harbor Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels, talking about **Standing Up For What Is Right**. Mr. Sliwa will be made a special Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his contribution to the community.

We will also honor our Bronx Rotarians with more than 20 years of faithful service. If you are an "Old-Timer", please come!

In addition to dinner, music, dancing and good fellowship, there will be a Silent Auction beginning at 6 pm. You can bid on lovely china, hand-stitched pillow covers from Tanzania, a free chiropractic session, a basket of cheer, commission a painting and much more! Don't miss it!

Reception is at 6 pm, dinner starts at 7. Tickets are \$80. This is our major fund-raiser this spring. We need everyone to support this event with your presence and/or your ad for the Journal. Come make it happen!

Yours in fellowship and service,
Nancy Wallace, President

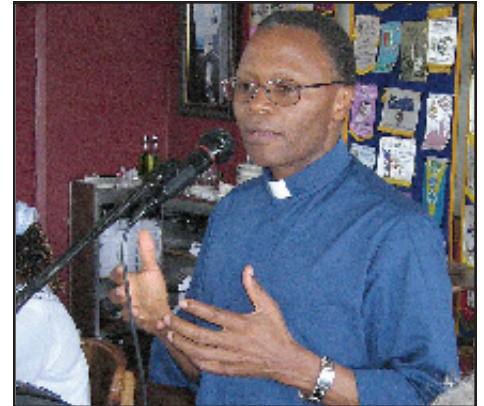
REPORT ON TUESDAY'S MEETING

GUEST SPEAKERS ~ FR. STEPHEN MOSHA & HELEN OLENGAILUVA

MAY 30, 2006

Bob Cucinell, District Governor Nominee for the year beginning July 2007, introduced Father Stephen Mosha who is overseeing the construction of 2 water wells in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. This is a project sponsored by District 7230 and supported by Bronx Rotary. The wells will be installed near two hospitals, one being renovated and one being built, and will be used by both the hospitals and the community.

Mr. Cucinell also told us that Fr. Mosha is a busy humanitarian who is a pastor at St. Augustine's Church in the U.S., founder of Life Project for Africa and director of Apostles for Jesus in Dar Es Salaam.



Father Stephen Mosha.



Helen Olangailuva shows off the beautiful stitchery by women in Dar Es Salaam.

Fr. Mosha said that the first well will serve 128,000 people in the area currently without a nearby, clean water source. He is profoundly grateful for the wells as care and treatment of patients is next to impossible without water. He thanked Rotary for their support of the water project and introduced Helen Olangailuva who is coordinator of health services at the hospital in Dar Es Salaam as well as coordinator of HIV/AIDS services and other projects at the hospital. In Fr. Mosha's absence she also administers the construction of the well.

Ms. Olangailuva also spoke of the great difficulties caused for the hospital by lack of water. They cannot wash linens and towel or clean the wards properly. Keeping a sanitary environment is next to impossible. She

wanted Rotarians to know what a great gift of life and health the wells will be.

She also oversees a stitchery project by the local women which raises money for the wells and for food. She brought embroidered items for sale such as pillow cases and tablecloths. More of the items will be offered at the silent auction at the President's Dinner for those who missed this opportunity.

Mr. Cucinell regained the podium to answer questions of water storage. He told us that tanks are being purchased to store water for arid seasons when the water table is low so that the people will never be without water.

Thank you, Fr. Mosha and Helen Olangailuva, for your visit and update about the wells.

OPENINGS...

President Nancy Wallace opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Cucinell. Hedy Marin-Manzke led *God Bless America* and the invocation was given by Rev. Charles Gorelick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 13 - General membership meeting and Election of officers and board.

June 20 - President's Paul Harris Dinner, 6p.m. at The Harbor. No luncheon meeting that day.

SIMPLE ABUNDANCE

\$125 was collected from members to buy a bicycle for Luis Montero. He has received so much through Rotary, and his obvious healthy and joyful radiance is the gift he gives to all who meet him.

Luis and his mom visited again for their last luncheon with Rotary. They each spoke briefly to the Club with Hedy Marin-Manzke acting as translator. Of course they are both deeply grateful, but Luis is mostly very excited to start his new, active life which includes going to school, lots of play and riding his bicycle!

They left the luncheon early to catch their afternoon flight back to the Dominican Republic.

OFFERING PRAYERS

For the sister of new member Barry Fitzgerald, who suffered a stroke on Tuesday, June 6.

For Maria Staniorski, who is still undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma.

For Dorothy Altieri, friend of JoAnn Santiago, who is seriously ill but now out of the hospital.

Our prayers are with you all.

Birthday Babies

JUNE

Azad Dermesropian - 8th

J. C. Polanco - 16th

William J. Gouldman - 22nd

Dominick J. Chirafisi - 24th

June Eisland - 25th

Maxwell S. Pfeifer - 27th

Hon. Frederick W. Eggert - 28th

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VISITORS & GUESTS

We were visited by DGN Bob Cucinell and Gift of Life child Luis Montero and his mother Elvira Tejeda. Speakers Father Stephen Mosha and Hellen Olengailuva were guests of the Club as was prospective member Barry Fitzgerald. Wilfredo Irizarry was a guest of Nancy Wallace.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

Ed Hicks won \$18 dollars in the 50/50 and donated it to the Gift of Life.

DR. HAPPINESS

Rev. David Michel collected \$34 happy dollars from Rotarians & guests.



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GUEST SPEAKER ~ DG HELEN REISLER

JUNE 6, 2006

OPENINGS...

President Nancy Wallace opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Edgar Cornell. Hedy Marin-Manzke led the singing of *The National Anthem*, Glen Nygreen gave the invocation and Ed Hicks introduced the guests..

VISITORS & GUESTS

Debra Martinez was a guest of Hedy Marin-Manzke, Barry Fitzgerald was a guest of Sal Mastrocola, Ripsim Kapnoginia was a guest of Azad Dermesropian and Wilfredo Irizarry was a guest of Nancy Wallace. Pauline Augustin and Joann Santiago were guest of Jim Romeo and speaker DG Helen Reisler was a guest of the Club.

CHUCK-A-BUCK

Another win for Jim Romeo! \$26 in the 50/50. You have to be in it to win it.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for the year 2006-- 2007.

MAKE UPS

None today.

DR. HAPPINESS

Azad Dermesropian collected \$55 from happy Rotarians and guests.



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President Nancy Wallace introduced District Governor Helen Reisler who began by stating that the Bronx Club is very close to her heart because of the close working relationship she has with many of the members.

She thanked Edgar Cornell for being her assistant secretary, always organized, efficient and, above all, in good humor; Jim Romeo as an exceptional Assistant Governor who attended almost every function and who, as official photographer, took huge numbers of memorable photographs; Hedy Marin-Manzke who did a fantastic job as District Newsletter Chair, using her graphic ability to turn Helen's vision into the best newsletter the District has ever had and PDG Glen Nygreen who as Foundation President conducted an elegant memorial service at the District Conference and who served on her Leadership Committee with a calming presence and sage advice.

Ms. Reisler noted that the Bronx Club is an outgoing, well liked group who do good service but also know how to have fun and fellowship, making it very popular Club among other Rotarians. She commended Nancy Wallace for her fine job of leadership of the Club this past year and had special commendations for the Club as a whole for the work they have done with Gift of Life. She went on to list the projects that the Bronx Club has initiated or participated in the last year: Career Day for high school students, gifts, love and support given to hospitalized children during the holiday season, support for meals for homebound seniors and to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, science equipment for underserved P.S. 90 and summer camp for homeless children. On an international level, Ms. Reisler noted the Club's participation in earthquake relief for Kashmir, Pakistan, refurbishing a school in Owerri, Nigeria, 2 wells in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and the joint project with Yonkers Rotary Club of collecting used computer equipment to be sent to schools in third world countries.

Ms. Reisler's battle cry has been "Blow Your Own Horn". She is thrilled at the way Bronx Rotary has garnered so much media attention through news programs, newspapers and their own "attractive and informative" newsletter. She said that through publicity Rotary can share its good works with the community and raise the desire to get involved.

She then turned to the accomplishments of the entire district over the past year. The theme initiating this new century of service has been "Service Above Self" with concentration on water, health, hunger and literary projects and public image. All this while also addressing the unexpected disasters of the Tsunami and Katrina.

When it was learned that children around the world were dying every 8 seconds for lack of clean water, a leading project for the District was the provision of pure water in Honduras, Tanzania and Bangladesh. Another project was the Lunchbox Program to provide children in Pretoria, South Africa with at least one good meal a day. In the midst of war, Iraqi children were given life-saving surgery through the Gift of Life. Almost every Club in the District adopted a Literacy Project in their local community, 5 of them with the help of the Mahopac National Bank as a partner.

In the District, 2 training forums were sponsored on Community Service, and Membership. Communication was enhanced through an interactive website, mailings and the newsletter. The District leadership team worked very hard to ensure continuity and smooth sailing into the future. And an eventful District Conference was highlighted by guest speaker Mia Farrow, who suffered polio as a child and spoke of the great strides Rotary has made to inoculate 1.4 million children against polio, almost eliminating it worldwide. Our District raised \$850,000.

Ms. Reisler gave her heartfelt thanks to the Bronx Club for all they have done and reminded us of the extraordinary opportunity Rotary gives to make a difference in people's lives.

Thank you, DG Helen Reisler for your diligence and for your words of recognition and support!"



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo
 Barry Fitzgerald (l.) receiving his Rotary pin from District Governor Helen Reisler at his installation as a member of Rotary. His sponsor, Sal Mastrocola looks on.

