

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk: Programs of the Rotary Foundation—

Our speaker, today, George Camp, has provided us with living proof of what the Rotary Foundation does. But PolioPlus is only a part of the Foundation. As Rotary International has put it, "Through Foundation grants and programs, Rotary can help change the world."

Still, let's take PolioPlus first. The committee works closely with the WHO and UNICEF. In addition to an ongoing effort, the grants sponsor the National Immunization Days similar to the program George Camp was involved with, and has major program providing information and immunizations particularly in high risk countries.

Another grant program involves Humanitarian Disaster Relief and Recovery. This program was created in 2005 and the Foundation has four Disaster Recovery accounts for Hurricanes in Mexico and Guatemala, Hurricane Wilma in the U.S., the earthquake in India and Pakistan, and Solidarity in South Asia.

The District Simplified Grants are awarded to any District that shows the need for a program in their area; in addition there are Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants for large projects which have now been funded at \$74 million since 1978 bringing clean water and food to millions, matching grants for international projects of clubs and districts, and Volunteer Service Grants supporting the international travel of qualified Rotarians and their spouses involved in worthwhile community projects.

The Educational Programs, involve the Ambassadorial Scholarships where Rotarians go to other countries as Ambassadors of good will, the Group Study Exchange of which we are all familiar, Rotary Grants for University teaching abroad, a peace and study program that just began in July of 2006 providing intensive training in conflict resolution, and a Rotary World Peace Fellowship which provides masters level training in peace and conflict resolution.

When you give your \$100 to the Foundation you are giving to the world. It is one of the best things one can do.

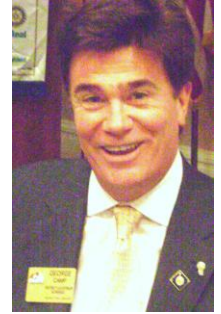
R. S. Welsh, Spoke Editor

Amber Alert-

- 7/19, 12 noon to 4 pm Rail Rd Days, Salisbury
- 7/25, 11 am-4 pm, Village Fair Days, New Mlfd
- 7/26, 10 am-4 pm, Village Fair Days, New Mlfd
- 8/23, 11 am to 6 pm, best buy, Orange
- 8/31, 11am to 3:45 pm, N. Britain Stadium
- 9/6, 12 noon-7 pm, Taste of Dbry, Cty Cntr
- 9/7, 12 noon-7 pm, Taste of Dbry, Cty Cntr
- 9/20, 12 noon to 4 pm, Kids Day America, Sndy Hook
- 10/4, 10 am to 4 pm, Sheppard Meadows, Bristol
- 10/5, 11 am to 3 pm, Sheppard Meadows, Bristol
- 10/11, 10 am to 4 pm, Fairfield Middle School
- 10/18, 10 am-4 pm, Reed Mdl Schl, Newtown

July 16th Meeting- George Camp on his NID (National Immunization Day) PolioPlus Trip to Bangladesh--

What a story we heard, from George Camp, the future District Governor of District 7230, who hails from Ossining, New York. Last Fall, George and a select group went to Bangladesh and the team, along with other NID teams, were able to immunize millions of kids in one day. Imagine that. One day!



Rotary has been active in Bangladesh for years. In addition to Polio, they are providing DPT and Tetanus shots, and are running clinics for corrective surgery. An operation that would cost thousands of dollars in the U.S., costs \$700 in Bangladesh. Moreover, they have put in numerous tube wells that have to be deep enough to go below a permanent layer of arsenic laced soil, and blindness is a major problem with 30% of the population in one province being blind.



Andrew Dick, George's Asst.



A life saving tube well



A few drops does it This is a country where the per capita income is \$150 a year, and every bit of material we would put in our garbage is utilized in one way or another.

George was impressed with the generosity and kindness of the people wherever the group went. Their colorful clothing and flower markets masked the extreme poverty that exists throughout the country.



A play pen

George proudly talked about the success of PolioPlus and R.I. with the World health Organization UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and the help of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which recently gave PolioPlus \$100 million in a matching grant. George will now be off to Nigeria, soon, and another NID mission.



SCHOOL BUS IN BANGLADESH

Speakers:

7/23, Steve Dewitt- Special Olympics next Spring, in Danbury
 8/13, David Dear, Jr. News-Times Publisher

Area Activities and Events:

Danbury Chamber Golf Classic: Wed. 10:30 am, Centennial Golf Club, Carmel, NY-- \$250 fee.
 HV Sports Charity Bfst., Thu 7/24/08 Portuguese Cult. Cntr; we have table for 10, only 3 lined up.
 Nutmeg State Games; 7/27/08, 1 pm, Dnbry High, need 5; one signed up. 8/2/08, 8 am (swimming) Brkfld Y, need 5. 8/2/08, 7:30 am (wrestling) Dnbry High, need 5.
 Rhode Island District Conf., Newport, R.I., May 1-3, 2009. Hyatt Regency, Goat Island. If you wait, you will not be able to attend—get your room, 401-851-1234.

Luncheon Tidbits:

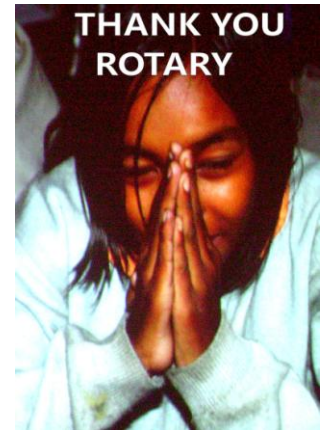
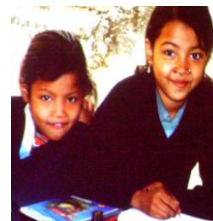


Wayne Curtis wondered if he was under a curse. His entire Card Raffle team is either not available, or having troubles in some way (Joe Bolduc is waiting for a knee replacement, Richard Stoops is spending a lot of time at the Bethel Nursing Home, providing comfort to his mother who was hit by a car—and the problems go on and on). Bob Vetter suggests that Wayne’s curse is due to an attendance problem involving the luncheons, and another member was heard to whisper that he was glad he wasn’t selected for Wayne’s team.

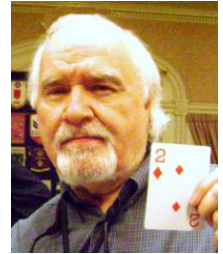
Have you given your \$100 for the Foundation? If not, you might think of adding it to your dues. Today’s program shows those dollars in action. *Marvin Paige*

Randy Friedman’s “Your Inner Swing” is available at www.yourinnerswing.com. Rotary gets \$5.00 for each book purchased before August 9th.

These are the faces of some of the children we are trying to protect. Like all of children the world over, they are our future.



Peter Darling (left) won the raffle last week and then won the “big” draw, for \$250. Your editor, R. Welsh, pulled as bad a card as you could get, for \$10.00, this week.



Make Ups:

Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Silvermine Tavern
 Mon. 6:00 pm, Newtown, Inn at Newtown
 Tues. 12:15 pm, Westport, Inn at Longshore
 Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn
 Wed. 6:00 pm, Ridgefield, Parks and Recreation
 Wed. 6:30 pm, Brookfield, Bailey’s Backyard Rest.
 Thurs. 12:15 pm New Canaan, Roger Sherman Inn
 Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Silvermine Tavern
 Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, Westside Campus

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Neologism from the Washington Post: Coffee—the person on whom one coughs.