

THE RAMBLER

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California Rotaractors'"Vacation" Helps At Risk Jamaican Children

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas Rotary International News

Jamaica's laid-back lifestyle, Caribbean rhythms, and all-inclusive resorts are what

ship skills to local children.

The Rotaractors were funded by their university's Student International Business Council and hosted by the Rotary clubs of Kingston and New Kingston. They traveled with chaperone Rob Mullally, of the Rotary Club of Del Mar, California, USA, who lived in Kingston for 20 years before moving to California. He keeps in touch with several nonprofits on the island, so he arranged for the Rotaractors to visit community schools in areas of Kingston known as war zones of gangs, drugs, and "second-chance prostitution. These schools" serve kids who dropped out of traditional schools or can't afford them.

classroom in the middle of the city dump," Mullally says. "And there's people living in shacks all around, making their living off of scavenging and keeping pigs and goats that eat the garbage. But the land is free, so they don't go somewhere they'd have to pay rent."

draw most people to the island. But hitting the beach wasn't on the agenda for nine University of San Diego Rotaractors who visited Jamaica for 10 days in January. Instead, the group went to Kingston's poorest neighborhoods to deliver school supplies and teach leader-

"One school we visited was just a big

Rotaractor Ana Luisa Villagran says she



San Diego Rotaractors Bram Hutchinson (far left) and Sam Conway (far right) helped deliver school supplies and teach leadership skills to children in Jamaica.

learned more about life in the 10 days she spent in Kingston than she had during her entire 21 years. "There is no doubt that we made an impact on the lives of those we came in contact with," she says. "We taught them about leadership and the possibilities of going beyond the obstacles that often appear to limit you, but everyone we came in contact with in Jamaica taught us about staying positive during adversity. We went as teachers and came back as students."

In April, the Rotaract club members organized a golf tournament in Coronado, California, to benefit the children they met in Jamaica. The club raised \$8,000 for the charities running the community schools.

"The kids that we met really touched us," says Katie Schaefer, 06-07 president of the University of San Diego Rotaract club. "We hope to plan a trip back to Jamaica again this year to continue to help."

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Of the things we think, say or do: I. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Quote of the Week

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank or in your wallet, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not."

Author Unknown

Belated Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to Bob Miller (Jan 7) whose name was inadvertently left off last week's birthday list.

> Send Meeting Make-Ups to: John Kuschke 26 Lynnfield Dr. Morristown, NJ 07960

Colonial Symphony Concerts

Submitted by Jill Savage

Paul Hostetter, Conductor of the Colonial Symphony, will be our guest speaker for both the morning and lunch meetings on January 10, 2007. A speaker you won't want to miss!

Suzanne Samson of the Colonial Symphony has offered Morristown Rotary a fabulous concert series subscription!

Three Concerts for \$75!

The Colonial Symphony performances are presented at the Morristown Community Theatre on the following dates:

Saturday, February 3, 2007 @ 8:pm Saturday, March 24, 2007 @ 8:pm Saturday, May 12, 2007 @ 8:pm Pre-concert talks at 7:pm; children are free

We need at least 20 Rotarians to sign up for this great opportunity!

We can make it a Rotary Night Out -- dinner and the Symphony.

Email or Call me to arrange a "Rotary Subscription" of \$25/concert for the Spring 2006 Concert Series!

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Mark Your Calendars Now for Next June 17-20



Rotary is Expanding Worldwide

Every twelve hours of every day a new Rotary club is chartered in one of the more than 180 countries and geographic regions in which Rotary exists. This steady growth in new clubs is extremely important in extending the worldwide programs and influence of Rotary International. New Rotary clubs may be established anywhere in the world where the fundamental principles of Rotary may be freely observed and wherever it can reasonably be expected that a successful club can be maintained. A club must be organized to serve a specific "locality," or clearly identified territory in which there are enough business or professional persons of good character engaged in proprietary or management positions. A mini-mum of 40 potential classifications is necessary for a proposed new club, and from that list a permanent membership of at least 25 members must be enrolled. Occasionally an existing club will cede a portion of its territory or will share the same territory with a new club. In the process of organizing a new club the first step is to conduct a survey of the locality to determine the potential for new club extension. The district governor's special representative guides the organization of the new club. Among the requirements for a new club is the adoption of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, a minimum of 25 charter members with clearly established classifications, payment of a charter fee, weekly meetings of the provisional club and the adoption of a club name which will distinctly identify it with its locality. A provisional club becomes a Rotary club when its charter is approved by the board of Rotary International. It is a great opportunity and special duty of all Rotarians to assist and cooperate in organizing new clubs. Knowing that two new Rotary clubs will be chartered someplace in the world today, tomorrow and every day provides a strong endorsement of the vitality and extension of Rotary service throughout the world.

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New Member!



Photo Courtesy of John Kuschke

Last week Luncheon saw the Induction of our newest Morristown Rotarian, Matthew Wirths, pictured here with Club President Tom Lanahan, his sponsor. Congratulations Matt, we all look forward to working with you on future club projects!

Looking to Add a Great Start to Your Wednesdays?

The Breakfast Meeting would love your support! Meetings are every Wednesday morning, 7:30 a.m. sharp, at The Morris Center YMCA. This meeting is a great way to makeup for those times you just can't make the Luncheon Meeting; and an opportunity to invite prospective Rotarians who might not be able to make the Luncheon Meeting. Enjoy breakfast with us and help us build the Club!

Charity Bowling Event

The Rotary Club of Morristown will sponsor the second annual bowling tournament for all ages to benefit the Battered Women's Shelter. Please come for an afternoon of bowling to support this important organization!

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2007

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Place: Hanover Lanes 119 Route 10 East East Hanover, NJ

FEATURING

- · 2 Hrs. Unlimited Bowling
- · Prizes in many catagories
 - · Lunch Included
 - · Cash bar

Tickets \$45 per adult (\$25 per child), to purchase tickets please see Walt Taylor, Chris Flanagan or Gary Reppen. Tickets may also be purchased at regular Breakfast or Lunch meetings.



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Calendar of Events

Jan. 28 Morristown Rotary Charity Bowling Tournament! Hanover Lanes, 2pm-4pm.

UPCOMING LUNCH PROGRAMS

At the Spring Brook Country Club, Morris Township.

This Week:

Paul Hostetter from The Colonial Symphony

UPCOMING BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

At the Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls

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Paul Hostetter from The Colonial Symphony

UPCOMING STAR PROGRAMS

At Michael Moore's office; A.G. Edwards, 67 Park Place, 10th Floor

Jan. 16, 2007
"Our Club Activities
& Fund Raising"
by Charlie Eggert



Contributions to the Endowment Fund should be addressed to:

Morristown Rotary Endowment Fund c/o Jonathan Taylor 2 Tulip Lane Randolph, NJ 07869

Thanks to the club officers for their continued management of this fund. Balance as of 11/14/2006 is \$130,900

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