

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

Today's speaker, George Camp, is a very special person who has been dedicated to the ideals of Rotary for 29 years, as a member of the Ossining, New York club. He has been awarded Rotarian of the Year multiple times by his club, and has received the Service Above Self Award from R.I.

As a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, George has served in many different capacities at the District level, and will become the District Governor of 7230 in 2010.

George's passion is Polio Plus. Last June he spoke to our Club about his National Immunization Day trek to Bangladesh, with all of the teams able to immunize millions of children in one day.

He also told us of the abject poverty in Bangladesh, the problem of clean water and proper medical care, and the chronic need for help in these areas. He gave us information, and showed us photographs of Rotary's work in Bangladesh, and the remarkable success RI had with their polio plus program, their medical work, and clean water projects.

George is the owner and Directory of Dorsey Funeral Home, Inc., and while at the State University of Farmingdale, he was Director of the College Tutoring program.

In Ossining, he has been President of their Chamber of Commerce, President of the area Jaycees, has been on the Village of Ossining Planning Board, and chaired their 175th Anniversary program.

George has been honored as the Ossining Citizen of the year, and the village has even proclaimed a "George Camp Day." His two boys, 18 and 16 are members of Interact. Yes, George Camp is a model Rotarian, and we are lucky to hear about his remarkable trips to help those unlucky folks who are so in need of help. Thanks, George. You make us all proud to be Rotarians.

Some dates to remember:

5/26 GD Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting luncheon, Amber Room

6/13 Westerners Golf tournament, The Golf Club, Oxford Greens; \$190 a golfer, \$40 dinner only

6/15 Ann's Place Ladies Golf Classic- \$175 person for foursome, Richter Park

6/22 Hanahoe Clinic Dinner honoring Dr. Hines, Amber Room, cocktails at 6:30 pm. **IT IS IMPORTANT WE SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS MOST REMARKABLE WOMAN!**

6/20 Great Duck Race, Wpt Sunrise, 11 am to 3 pm-2,500 ducks launched into Saugutuck River, at Parker Harding Plaza, \$20.00 a ticket—can win\$5,000! www.westportsunriserotary.com

6/23, Visionary Meeting, Pamela Burdette-Miller, Chair. Note Change. Place is yet to be determined.

Speakers-

May 13th - GSE Team Visits. Bring the family. See Larry Andrea if you wish to participate.

6/3 Scholarship luncheon, Ethan Allen

Amber Alert-

5/31 Brookfield Fire Dept, 11 am-3 pm

6/6 Teddy Bear Family Craft Fest, N.Mfd, 10 am-3 pm

6/13 Stony Hill Fire Dept, 10 am-3 pm

6/14 Burnum School, Bridgewater, 2 to 6 pm

6/20 Westerners, Rogers Park, Dbry 9 to Noon

7/24 and 7/25 Village Fair Days, N Milfd.

10/10 Trumbull Mall TBA

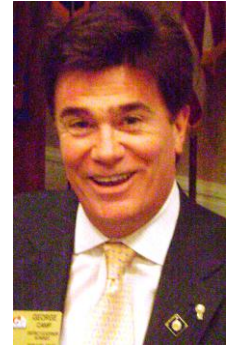
10/17 Reed School, Newtown, 10 am to 4 pm

April 29th Meeting-

Future D. G. of New York District 7230, George Camp, on his most recent trip to Nigeria:

We were favored with another important journey taken by George Camp. The last time he spoke to us, he brought back a remarkable tale about his NID trip to Bangladesh, where he saw grinding poverty mixed with the warmth and affection of a people who extremely grateful for what Rotary is doing for them, through immunizations, health care, and clean water. He talked proudly about the efforts RI and the World Health Organization to end Polio worldwide, and told us of the Bill and Melinda Gates \$100 million matching grant to make the defeat of Polio a reality.

At that time George told us he was now going off to Nigeria, and he kept his word. Again the picture he painted was troubling, with people wearing shoes on their hands because they could not walk, and unspeakable poverty and poor health care. His next trip will be to India. He is, indeed, tireless and determined. If we just could all follow his example, think of what a world this would be.



The Club Working the Chow Line



Happy Birthday to Bob Vetter, our future DG Julie Reppenhagen, and Paula Greenberg.

Luncheon Tidbits:

Our congratulations to Jessica Baker, grand daughter of Bob Vetter, who just received her Masters Degree in Education. She will be teaching biology in our school system, soon.

The GSE Team Visit:

If you wish to become involved with the group from Germany we will be meeting May 13th, please contact Larry Andrea. They will be busy touring the area this coming week, and Larry would appreciate your support and involvement.



District Conference:

We had a presence at the District Conference, and Amber Alert won one of the awards. Great going, Bob! Also our young people (see below) were recognized for their efforts. They will be the future of Rotary.



The accompanying photos were taken while George Camp was in Bangladesh. The situation in Nigeria was not much better. The need is great, and the resources few. Rotary's work in the third world countries is imperative, and so very important.



Make-ups:

- Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
- Mon. 6:15 pm, Newtown, Inn at Newtown, 19 Main St.
- Mon. 6:00 pm, Brkfld, Mario's Pasta Garden, 174 Federal Rd., Brkfld
- Tues. 12:15 pm, Westport, Inn at Longshore, 260 Compo Rd, So
- Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn
- Wed. 6:00 pm, Ridgefield, Parks and Recreation
- Thurs. 12:15 pm New Canaan, Roger Sherman Inn
- Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Trackside Restr.
- Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, Westside Campus

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Did You Know--

..that the paper used for money is not made out of paper? In reality it is 75 percent cotton, and 25 percent linen, so why do we keep calling it paper money? Go figure. Also, paper money originated in China in 910 and amazed Marco Polo when he visited three 300 years later. He also noted that the emperor, Kublai Khan was printing an awful lot of notes that ultimately wrecked the economy. It appears that things have changed very little since then.