



William "Bill" Boyd
RI President

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DISTRICT 7210 NEWSLETTER

JULY–AUGUST 2006

District 7210



"Heart of the Hudson Valley"

District Events

Membership Seminar

Date: Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006

Time: 8:30 AM–12 NOON

Place: Mount St. Mary's College, Newburgh

Who: Every club should be represented by Club President, President-Elect, Membership Chair

Cost: No cost to Rotarians from District 7210

Contact: Co-Chair **Gene Gengel** ggengel@inspirecp.org; **Joe Moriello**, Jmlaw@bestweb.net; or your Region Membership Rep.

Youth Exchange

Orientation Seminar

Date: Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006

Time: 9 AM

Place: Vassar College, Sanders Building, Poughkeepsie

Cost: None

Contact: **Lynn Ratcliffe**, Youth Exchange Chair, SRatcl9033@aol.com

Foundation Dinner Gala

Date: Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006

Time: 4 PM

Place: West Point Officers Club Grand Ballroom

Cost: \$50 pp

Contact: **Jeffrey Keahon**, Annual Giving Chair, jeffreykeahon@optonline.net

July and August attendance will be posted next month. Be sure to submit attendance promptly.

Governor's Message



From **Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Carole Chinn...**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am honored and privileged to be your District Governor for Rotary year 2006–07. I heartily congratulate and thank Immediate PDG Doris Obremski for her leadership in the past year.

RI President Bill Boyd asks us to lead the way by affirming his belief in the power of Rotary to change the world, "one positive act at a time." His emphases are on water projects, health and hunger, literacy, and family of Rotary.

This year, heighten your enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary in all Four Avenues of Service.

Assistant Governors will work closely with Club Presidents to establish goals and plan strategies for success. Every effective club is expected to:

- Sustain and increase its membership base

- Implement service projects to address needs in our communities and other countries
- Support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions
- Promote a positive public image of Rotary
- Develop leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond the club level.

Our District is organized according to the Club Leadership Plan. Clubs should adopt the plan to streamline communication, ensure continuity, and encourage greater member involvement in achieving goals.

Enjoy fellowship and service!
Lead the way!



...to **District Governor Carole Tjoa**, with her husband, **Dr. T. Seng Tjoa** at Top Hat Ceremony in Sturbridge, Mass.

Crisis in Region 5: Massive Flooding

On June 29, parts of Rotary District 7210 were hit with massive flooding. The hardest hit was the working-class community of Livingston Manor, located in western Sullivan County. The 10 inches of rain that fell within 24 hours turned even the smallest creeks into raging rivers, destroying homes and even taking the life a 16-year-old girl.

As a result of the flooding, 35 families lost their homes. In addition, more than 100 families have suffered significant damage to their property and possessions.

Businesses have been wiped out. At the Livingston Manor Rotary Park water reached eight feet above flood stage, devastating the facility. The losses in Livingston Manor are so significant that the District 7210 Region 5 leadership and the Livingston Manor Rotary Club have asked the district to help alleviate

some of the suffering. The clubs of our district have always been generous in donating to the relief of others when natural disaster strikes

After visiting Livingston Manor, District Governor Carole Tjoa and the Disaster Relief Committee proposed the creation of a special flood relief fund. This idea was heartily endorsed by the district leadership team.

A committee of Livingston Manor Rotarians, who will be accountable to the District, will distribute the funds to flood victims using vouch-

ers for local merchants and other stores in Sullivan County. Some of the money may also be used to help the club refurbish Rotary Park. At a later date there may be a call for donations of physical items.

Yours in Rotary service,

Josh Sommers, Region 5 AG

Larry Palant, Disaster Relief, Co-chair

Bob Freedman, Region 5 AGA, Livingston Manor Rotary Club, Member

Betty Renner, Disaster Relief, Co-chair

Make a Donation to the Livingston Manor Flood Relief Fund

Donations to the Livingston Manor Flood Relief Fund are being accepted on an ongoing basis.

To make a donation, please send

checks payable to ROTARY DISTRICT 7210 to:

Marty Nowak

District Treasurer

386 Ingrassia Road

Middletown, NY 10940

Write Livingston Manor Flood Relief on your check.



Clubs Quickly Help Livingston Manor

Region 5 AG Josh Sommers, Livingston Manor Pres. Peter Hare, DG Carole Tjoa, and Region 5 AGA Bob Freedman indicate the peak water level on the side of the Ice Carnival Hall.



We acknowledge with gratitude the quick response to our appeal for donations to Livingston Manor Flood Relief.

We wish to thank the following for their generosity and support: Chestnut Ridge Rotary \$100, Ramapo Rotary \$100, Kingston Sunrise Rotary \$230, New Paltz Rotary \$250, Wallkill East Rotary \$500, Warwick Valley Rotary \$1,175, North Rockland Rotary \$151, Suffern Rotary \$1,000, Liberty Rotary \$700, Monticello Rotary \$4,500, Blooming Grove-Washingtonville Rotary \$1,000, Kingston Rotary \$500, and Cairo Rotary President David Hart \$100.

Contact Josh Sommers, Region 5 Assistant Governor, focusyourmedia@aol.com

Contact Bob Freedman, Region 5 Assistant Governor Associate, mrfreed@aol.com

Inside the storage shed, **LM Pres. Peter Hare** points to the high water mark of 2000. This year's flood waters exceeded the height of the wood strip in the photo.

District Mouse Pad Sale to Benefit Livingston Manor Flood Relief

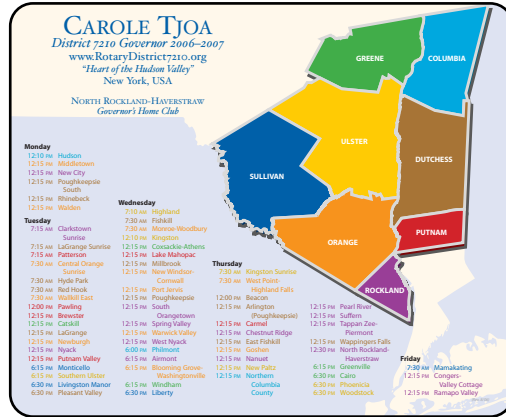
District Mouse Pads are being sold at \$10.00 each to benefit Livingston Manor flood relief. LABOR DAY special, 1 free pad for every 20 ordered by Sept. 14th.

Give name, club, mailing address when ordering.

To order mousepads, please send order and check payable to ROTARY DISTRICT 7210 to:

DG Carole Tjoa
1 Tamarack Lane
Pomona, NY 10970-2005

Write Livingston Manor Flood Relief on your check. Do not fax.
Contact District Governor Carole Tjoa, carole@tjoa.com



Who's Who in District 7210

James Bufalo
President, Newburgh
Rotarian since: 1994
Classification: Life Insurance
Most Memorable Moment in Rotary: Beat Lions at Salvation Army holiday bell-ringing at Wal-Mart.

George Duarte
Assistant Governor Associate
Region 8
Home Club: Chestnut Ridge
Rotarian since: 1991
Classification: Insurance (Ret.)
MMMiR: Delivered fire engines and attended District Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2005.

Steve Hadcock
Assistant Governor Region 1
Home Club: Northern Columbia County
Rotarian since: 2000
Classification: Education
MMMiR: Represented Team USA as GSE team member to Republic of Korea.

Jeffrey Keahon
Assistant Governor Region 8,
District Governor Nominee,
Annual Giving Chair, Foundation
Gala Chair
Home Club: Pearl River
Rotarian since: 1977
Classification: Concrete Products
MMMiR: Immunized two children in Mexico City on National Immunization Day.

Gerald B. Sheehan
President, West Point-Highland
Falls
Rotarian since: 2002
Classification: Security Consultant (Ret. CO New York City Bomb Squad)
MMMiR: Guest Speaker at Patriots Garden Dedication.

Region 7 "Relief for Livingston Manor Flood Disaster" Concert Features Grammy-award Winner Will Ackerman

An Evening of Entertainment
Featuring Will Ackerman, guitar
Grammy Award Winner
Founder of Windham Hill Records
Accompanied by David Cullen, guitar
www.williamackerman.com



Friday, October 6, 2006

Bistro Opens at 7 PM • Dinner: 7-8:30 PM • Concert: 8:30 PM
Putnam National Golf Club • 187 Hill Street, Mahopac, NY

Tickets: \$42.50 each (\$50 each after Sept. 29 and at the door)
Includes Concert, Light Dinner, Dessert, and Coffee
Seating is Limited • Cash Bar All Evening • Casual Attire

Tickets and Information: Region 7 AG Amy Covais (845) 225-5323

Order prior to September 29 to receive your tickets by mail.
Orders received after September 29 will be held at the door.

Mail your name, address, phone number, and check,
made payable to ROTARY DISTRICT 7210, to:
Relief for Livingston Manor Flood
Rotary Club of Carmel
PO Box 421
Carmel, NY 10512

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Your life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

District 7210 congratulates its newest Paul Harris Fellows:

Jim Murphy (Pearl River)

Virginia Mangold (Greenville)

Peter Huff (LaGrange)

George Kuchler (LaGrange)

Peyton Pinkerton (Pawling)

Michael Cavaliere (Brewster)

Michael Nesheiwat (Brewster)

Stephen Ross (Brewster)

Congratulations! Thank You!

Contact and report new Paul Harris Fellows to Jo Lore, District Secretary, jlore@mandtbank.com

September is *New Generations* Month

President Bill reminds us that programs such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract, Group Study Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) have tremendous value not only to the participants but also to the future of Rotary. By promoting educational and cultural exchange and introducing volunteer service at an early age, the seeds of service, friendship, and international understanding are planted. With a new generation of potential future Rotarians and world leaders, we hope to attain peace on earth.

We cordially welcome the ten high school students from all over the world who have arrived in our District for the new school year to begin.

We sincerely thank the host families and Rotary clubs that sponsor the young people.

New Paltz President Mike Fairweather and District Governor Carole Tjoa welcome new Rotarian **John Camp**.



Welcome to Rotary

District 7210 welcomes the following new Rotarians:

John Camp (New Paltz)

Bob Wolleben (Wallkill East)

Bill Brenner (LaGrange Sunrise)

Frank Giannino (Wallkill East)

Patty Lipinsky (Fishkill)

Riccardo Rios (New Windsor-Cornwall)

Callie Kessler (North Rockland)

Mary Pat Papini Guidetti (Middletown)

Matthias Ndulaka (Monticello)

Carol Pozefsky (Monticello)

Robin Waizenegger (Port Jervis)

Fight Hunger In Your Community

Water, Health and Hunger Committee Chair **Tansukh Dorawala** reminds us that World Food Day is Oct. 13. Between now and Sept. 30, all are asked to conduct a Food Drive to help their local soup kitchens or food pantries. Rotary members and their families, Interact and Rotaract Clubs, are to collect food items to address the issue of hunger in their community.

Most needed food pantry items are: boxed cereal, rice, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, beans, soups (canned or packaged), tuna fish, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned beef stew, canned fruit.

Contact: Tansukh Dorawala, WHH Chair, dorawalast@aol.com; Jo Lore, PR Co-chair, jlore@mandtbank.com

24 Clubs Qualify for Presidential Citation

Congratulations to the following 24 clubs in District 7210 that qualified for Presidential Citation:

Arlington (Poughkeepsie), Carmel, Catskill, Clarkstown Sunrise, Coxsackie-Athens, Fishkill, Greenville, Highland, LaGrange Sunrise, Lake Mahopac, Nanuet, New City, Nyack, Patterson, Pearl River, Pleasant Valley, Putnam Valley, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Spring Valley, Suffern, Walden, Wappingers Falls, and Windham.

Change in Region 9 Leadership

Governor **Carole Tjoa** announces effective Aug. 13, **Walter Root** (Clarkstown Sunrise) is Region 9 Assistant Governor; **Ron De Caprio** (North Rockland) and **Nick Longo** (North Rockland), AG Associates.

Call for “Rotarian of the Month” Nominations

Submit nominations for Rotarian of the Month, giving name, club, Rotarian since what year, classification, and claim to fame (10 words or less), to carole@tjoa.com