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#### President

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## LOOKING AHEAD

- 6/22 - Israel Rodriguez - American Latin Association of New York
- 6/29 - President's/Paul Harris Dinner Dance at Maestro's Caterers. 6 p.m. \$100 per person with reservation or \$125 at the door.
- 7/6 - Bruce Eagel will discuss arrangements for a casino night.
- 7/13 - Club Assembly & Board Meeting.

## OPENINGS...

President Cheryl Simmons-Oliver opened the meeting and Dr. Arthur Wolstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sharlene Brown gave the Invocation.

## CHUCK-A-BUCK

Maurice Nwokolo won \$37 in the 50/50.

## DR. HAPPINESS

Maurice Nwokolo collected \$42 from happy Rotarians and guests.

## MAKE UPS

None today.

## VISITORS & GUESTS

Tom Berta was a guest of Igina DeMichele, William Foster visited from the Kingston East & Port Royal Rotary Club. Incoming members Frank Arcuri, Sharlene Brown and Toba Lacrown were guests and Moses Ojo was a guest of Toba Lacrown.

## REPORT ON THE JUNE 8, 2010 MEETING CLUB ASSEMBLY



Photo courtesy of Jim Romeo

*William Foster, from Jamaica exchanged flags with President Cheryl Simmons-Oliver.*

President Cheryl Simmons-Oliver reported that Debby Appel, along with Nancy Wallace and Ed Hicks, has reworked the Club by-laws. They have been sent to members via email for review. The Club will vote yea or nay for adoption at the June 22nd meeting, so all members are urged to review them and make any recommendations before that date.

Cheryl also asked that all committee chairs wrap up their business by June 29th so that Barry can "hit the ground running" when he takes over.

She also spoke about a new mandate by the NYC Board of Ed. that makes it mandatory for all high school seniors to do an internship. Cheryl's office has called a meeting with Samuel Gompers Vocational and Career High School and 6 Bronx businesses. The businesses include 2 unions, 1 architect and 3 cultural institutions.

A non-profit has been started which charges \$685 per student to place them in an internship position. Cheryl feels that this is a big economic burden on the school or individual who must raise the money to be placed in non-paying internships.

Her idea is to ask non-profits and businesses to come onboard and help

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## PRESIDENT'S DINNER

**IT'S UPON US! DON'T DISAPPOINT!**

Make your reservations now for our big fundraiser - a fun-filled evening on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at Maestro's Caterers. - 6 - 10 pm. Come help honor Rev. Bill Kalaidjian and Bea Castiglia Catullo for 50 years of service to our Bronx community and others.

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## CLUB ASSEMBLY

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financially, and that is the purpose of the meeting. Rotary will come into the picture through the InterAct program which involves mentoring. She asked for members to consider mentoring and employing interns in their businesses. She also asked for a volunteer to attend the meeting on the 10th and Miguel Santiago agreed to be Bronx Rotary's representative.

Jim Romeo reported on current Gift of Life activities. NY Rotarian Fredlee Kaplan went to El Salvador to bring back 6 children for surgery. The Pelham Rotary Club is sponsoring a 4 year-old girl named Katherine from El Salvador. She will arrive on June 15th and will have her surgery at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.

Jim also said that in the near future our Club will be co-hosting a child from El Salvador with the Yorktown Club.

Barry Fitzgerald reported that ticket sales for the President's/Paul Harris Dinner were slow. He requested that members start making follow-up phone calls to District personnel, other Rotary Clubs and organizations affiliated with our honorees.

Taylor Eskew said she would use the short time she has before she leaves for Montreal to call District personnel. Nancy, Jim, Barry and Cheryl will also be making calls.

Barry also confirmed that the Bronx Rotary Foundation will be matching donations made by members to the Haiti and Chile earthquake relief and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Taylor spoke about the importance of our Club having 100% in Every Rotarian Every Year. She reminded everyone that the total amount given comes back to the District in 3 years for the District to use. The District also looks at individual Clubs' participation when it comes time to disburse funds for Club projects.

Taylor also announced that after she

comes back from Montreal, in July, she will be leaving the Bronx Club. With regret, she will transfer to the Chinatown Rotary Club which is geographically more convenient to her home and work. She has promised to come to our sunset meetings and special events, however.

Rotarian William Foster visited from the Kingston East & Port Royal Rotary Club and exchanged Club flags with President Cheryl.

## A NEW ROTARY YEAR

A new Rotary year is set to begin, and with it a number of changes to the way clubs and districts do business.

Here are some changes that will primarily affect Rotary clubs:

- No club may limit membership based on sexual orientation.
- Clubs must inform their district governor of a proposed change to the club name or locality at least 10 days before voting on the proposal.
- The immediate past club president will be considered a club officer and a member of the board.
- The RI Board may suspend or terminate the membership of any club that retains any member who has misused funds from The Rotary Foundation or who otherwise has breached the stewardship policies of the Foundation.
- Clubs accepting a transferring or former Rotarian must first secure a certificate from the former member's club confirming that person's membership. The former club is obligated to verify that the member does not owe any debts to the club. A prospective member cannot join a new club until all debts have been paid.



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## Birthday Babies

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William J. Gouldman - 22nd

Maxwell S. Pfeifer - 27th



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## REPORT ON THE JUNE 15, 2010 MEETING INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND BOARD

### OPENINGS...

President Cheryl Simmons-Oliver opened the meeting and Sal Mastrocola led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Rev. Susan Chadwick.

### CHUCK-A-BUCK

Dr. Arthur Wolstein won \$19 in the 50/50.

### MAKE UPS

None today.

### VISITORS & GUESTS

Stacey Thomas, a student from Samuel Gompers HS and Vivian Holmes were guests of the Club and DGE George Camp visited from the Ossining Rotary Club.

### DR. HAPPINESS

Frank Arcuri collected \$66 from happy Rotarians and guests.

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*Photos: Top left: DGE George Camp (r.) Inducts new member Frank Arcuri. Middle: Sponsor Dr. Arthur Wolstein (r.) pins Rick Sherman with the Rotary pin. Right: Sponsor Bea Castiglia-Catullo with Sharlene Brown from Bronx YMCA. Bottom left: DGE George Camp directs his inspiring remarks to all the inductees as new member Amir Asadi looks on.*

It was a very busy meeting, but the highlight was the installation of the new Officers and Board for 2010-2011, (with the exception of incoming President Barry Fitzgerald who will be installed at the President's/Paul Harris Dinner on June 29), and 4 new members. DGE George Camp did the honors of inducting new Bronx Rotarians Amir Asadi,

Richard Sherman, Frank Arcuri and Sharlene Brown.

The new Officers and Board installed for 2010-2011 are as follows: President-Elect, Cheryl Simmons-Oliver; 1st Vice President, Igina DeMichele; 2nd Vice President, Amir Asadi; Secretary, Rev. Susan Chadwick; Assistant Secretary, Mary Springman; Treasurer, Ed Hicks; Assistant Treasurer, Jim Romeo; Board Members: Bea Castiglia-Catullo, Dr. Arthur Wolstein, Marguerite Chadwick-Juner, Geoffrey Ukekweh, Debby Appel and Miguel Santiago.



*Newly installed Officers and Board Members shown above (L. to r.): Mary Springman, Amir Asadi, Igina DeMichele, Rev. Susan Chadwick and Cheryl Simmons-Oliver.*

Miguel Santiago introduced Vivian Holmes who accepted a check from Bronx Rotary for the Foundation for Sight and Sound.

The Foundation for Sight & Sound is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals affected by various visual and/or auditory challenges.

As a registered 501C3 not-for-profit organization, FSS funds their programs through limited private and public grants. In order to qualify for these grants, they need to provide direct services (and/or) engage in research

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# INSTALLATIONS

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Surrounded by happy Bronx Rotarians, Bronx Rotary Foundation Chair William Gouldman (3rd from l.) presents a check to Vivian Holmes from the Foundation for Sight and Sound.

that meets the specific mission of their organization. In addition, The FSS helps fill the economic gaps of other organizations who also share their vision.

All grants given to the FSS are channeled only to specific projects and not to an organization's general fund.

FSS is dedicated to creating a world where people with vision and/or hearing challenges can realize their full potential and live their lives with unlimited possibilities.

The Foundation for Sight and Sound in partnership with the EarQ Group has developed the Help America Hear Program to provide hearing aids for men, women, and children with limited financial resources.

Another program they have is the Trekker Global Positioning System (GPS). A GPS device helps the visually impaired navigate their way anywhere in the world through global positioning. It pinpoints exact locations and announc-

es street names that enable the visually impaired greater independence and mobility. The manufacturer's list price

is \$2,000 per unit. The GPS device can be used alone or with a guide dog. Since they began earmarking funds towards this program, FSS has purchased 20 units that have enhanced the lives of blind or visually impaired individuals who are assisted by a trained guide dog.

Visiting the public library has become more fulfilling for those with visual impairments. The Foundation for Sight & Sound provides assisting technologies to many local libraries through their Library Project. By enhancing the magnification of computer and CCTV screens they are bringing printed word to life for all.

Stacey Thomas from Samuel Gompers High School was also present to receive a check from Bronx Rotary Foundation. This will be seed money for the InterAct Club there.



Photos courtesy of Mary Springman

Stacey Thomas from Samuel Gompers High School who will be organizing an InterAct Club there.

Taylor Eskew is heading for the RI convention in Montreal which takes place from June 20-23, 2010. Sadly, when she returns, she will be transferring to the Chinatown Rotary Club which is more convenient to her home and work. President Cheryl gave her a gift as a token of her own and the Club's appreciation of her great service to the Bronx Rotary Club. We will all miss you very much Taylor, but we wish you well in your new endeavors.



President Cheryl Simmons-Oliver presents Tayloe Eskew with a token of appreciation from the Club.

## MEETING TIMES & PLACES of ROTARY CLUBS in DISTRICT 7230

<b>SUNDAY</b>			Harrison	12:15p	Emilio's Restaurant
Central Bronx	7:30p	Jol Khabar	Hartsdale	12:15p	Alaroma Restaurant
<b>MONDAY</b>			Inwood Manhattan	7:00p	Park Terrace Bistro
Bronxville	12:15p	Town Tavern	Metro NYC	7:30p	Trattoria Dopo Teatro
Chappaqua	12:15p	Crabtree's Kittle House	Mid-Island	7:30a	Dakota Diner
New York	12:15p	Harvard Club	Mount Kisco	12:15p	Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn
St. George's	6:30p	The George & Dragon	Mount Vernon	12:15p	Bona Sera Restaurant
<b>TUESDAY</b>			New Rochelle	6:15p	Davenport Club
Bronx	12:15p	The Harbor Restaurant	Ossining	12:30p	Isabella's Restaurant
Chinatown	1:00p	Hop Lee Restaurant	Pelhams	12:15p	Rockwells
Croton-on-Hudson	12:15p	Just-In-Time	Sandys	6:30p	Henry VIII Restaurant
East Yonkers	12:00p	Luciano's Restaurant	Scarsdale	12:15p	Scarsdale Metro Restaurant
Hamilton	12:15p	Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club	Tarrytowns	12:00p	Kendall on Hudson
Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley & Irvington	6:15p	Doubleday's	Yorktown	12:15p	Murphy's Restaurant
Northeast	1st & 3rd Tues 6:15p	Katonah Memorial House	<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Westchester	2nd & 4th Tues 12:15p	Katonah Memorial House	Elmsford	12:15p	Rinis Restaurant
Mount Pleasant	12:15p	Casa Rina Restaurant	Mamaroneck	12:15p	Chef Antonio Restaurant
Port Chester-Rye Brook	12:05p	Villaggio Trattoria	North Shore	7:00p	LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant
Somers	6:30p	Pinnacle Restaurant	Peekskill	12:15p	Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant
Staten Island	12:30p	Ligreci's Staaten Restaurant	Pembroke	7:30a	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
Upper Manhattan	6:00p	International House	Pleasantville	12:15p	Riviera Restaurant
White Plains	12:15p	Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza	Riverdale	6:30p	The Riverdale Greentree
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			South Shore	12:15p	Marina Grand
Armonk	6:15p	Beehive	Yonkers	12:00p	Ramada Inn
Eastchester	12:15p	CIAO Restaurant	<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Gateway	7:15p	Lake Club	Briarcliff	12:15p	Briarcliff Recreation Center
			Larchmont	12:15p	Larchmont Yacht Club
			Rye	12:15p	Coveleigh Club

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