



THE MILT MATTHEWS HOSPITALITY WEEK NEWSLETTER FROM ROTARY DISTRICT 7120

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Our 32nd Year

May 2001

Nineteen Governor Elects from Eleven Countries Attend our 32nd Hospitality Program



Back Row: Chuck Chapin, Jeanie Locus, Pete Schwarz, Deanna Woodhams, and Don Alhart

4th & 3^d Rows: Vijay Vijayakumaran 3220, Krishna Kulkarni 3160; Jan & Alice Koster 1580, Pratap & Gayatri Puranik 3170, Don & Ailsa Hay 9630, Andrew & Rosemary Meek 9980, Madhav & Meena Borate 3130, Jon & Hilary Ball 1210, Mary Alhart in front of Don, Milt Matthews PDG 7120, Raila & Martti Nykänen in front of Milt

2nd & 1st Row: Guna & Mahesh Gunasekarn 3000, Graham & Auriol Thornton 1240, Charles & Angela Adebiji 9110, Suresh & Shshila Rathod 3140, Melt & Geraldene van der Spuy 9300, Ian & Nancy Rule 1020, Ron & Judy Pickford 9780, Risto & Tuula Muinonen 1410, Matti & Virpi Honkala

Attending RI Convention in San Antonio?

***An Alumni Get Together is planned for Tuesday,
June 26, 2001 at 13:00 hours.***

Meet Pete Schwarz at the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) booth and we will find a place to sit, talk and renew acquaintances. Pete & Elaine will be staying at the IFFR headquarters hotel, The Ramada Emily Morgan Hotel (phone 210-225-8486).

Email or write Pete Schwarz if you're coming and where you will be staying so we can coordinate the meeting.
Pete's Email: pschwarz@rochester.rr.com

The Program

For the past 32 years Brighton Rotary Club and District 7120 has home hosted over 395 Governor Elects and their spouses from 35 countries worldwide. Each Governor Nominee guest is assigned two Rotary hosts. Their first host meets them at the airport on arrival and takes them to their home. In the middle of their stay, everyone meets at Brighton Rotary Club's Exchange Dinner. All the hosts and guests have the opportunity to get acquainted and share Rotary experiences.

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Our Guests Arrive

This year our guests were treated with cold and snow and lots of warm hospitality. Here are some being greeted at the airport by their hosts and the committee.



Jon Koster, Chuck Chapin, Milt Matthews, John Filkins, Alice Koster, Eileen Filkins, B.C. Dash, Pete Schwarz



Milt Matthews, Brighton; Gerald & Alice Thompson, Nunda; Matti & Virpi Honkala, D1400; John Henry, Sodus; Krishna Kulkarni D3160, Judy Hoffman, Hilton; Pete Schwarz, Brighton; Mahesh & Guna Gunasekeran, D3000

Martti Nykänen, D1390; Jean Wells, Fairport; Raila Nykänen; Milt Matthews, Eileen Filkins, Prattsburg



Pete & Elaine Schwarz, Brighton; Jean Logan, Canandaigua; Mamie Anderson; Chuck Chapin, Brighton; Hilary Ball, Dave Anderson, Corning; Milt Matthews, Brighton; Jon Ball, D1210; John & Janet Kostolansky, Corning



Bob Smith; Penfield; Vijay Vijayakumaran, D3220, Father Path Maharaja (Father Pius); Elaine Schwarz

A Patient Meets His Dentist

When Bob Smith of the Penfield Rotary Club learned that Dr. Vijay Vjyakumaran, DGE, D3220 Sri Lanka was to be one of our guests he asked his friend, a resident at St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield, Father Path Maharaja if he knew Vijay. Not only did he know him as a fellow Rotarian but as his dentist who had performed root canal work on him while he lived in Sri Lanka.

Vijay arrived at midnight on the last plane and Bob brought Father Pius to the airport for a reunion. Father Pius is a past president of the Trincomalee Rotary Club in Sri Lanka.

OUR GUESTS AND HOSTS – February 7 – 15

Governor Elect Guest	Host	Host's Club
District 1020, Scotland Ian & Nancy Rule	Jim & Jane Holden Doug & Delores Cook	Canandaigua Rochester
District 1210, England Jon & Hilary Ball	John & Janet Kostolansky Carolyn & David Meisel	Corning Geneseo
District 1240, England Graham & Auriol Thornton	John & Wilma Johnson Gib & Marilyn Blew	Hornell Brighton
District 1390, Finland Martti & Raila Nykänen	Jeannie & Bob Wells Jim & Holly Mullin	Fairport Geneseo
District 1400, Finland Matti & Virpi Honkala	Judy A. Hoffman Chuck & Louise Chapin	Hilton Brighton
District 1410, Finland Risto & Tuula Muinonen	Art & Deanie Traphagen Joyce M. McChesney	Wayland Rochester
District 1580, The Netherlands Jan & Alice Koster	Eileen & John Filkins Angus & Pamela Mackenzie	Prattsburg Honeoye Falls-Mendon
District 2241, Romania	Ram & Rekha Shrivastava	Brighton
District 3000, India Guna & Mahesh Gunasekaran	Jerry & Alice Thompson Dave & Pat Long	Nunda Rochester
District 3130, India Madav & Meena Borate	Gerhard & Marianne Escher Judy A. Hoffman Elizabeth & Dan Richardson	Elmira Heights Hilton Greece
District 3140, India Suresh & Sushila Rathod	Tom & Mary Lou Mees Dinesh & Rashmi Chawla	Canandaigua Rochester
District 3160, India Krishna & Rada Kulkarni	John & Mary Alice Henry Doug & Jan Volland	Sodus Rochester
District 3170, India Pratap & Gayatri Puranik	Donald & Lynne Colvin BC & Asha Dash	Wolcott Brighton
District 3220, Sri Lanka Vijay Vijayakumaran	Suresh & Terry Gulati Tim & Terry Forward	Corning Brighton
District 9110, Nigeria Charles & Angela Adebisi	Jean & Jonathan Logan PDG Glenn & Diana Balch	Canandaigua Scottsville
District 9300, South Africa Melt & Geraldine van der Spuy	Dave & Mamie Anderson Pete & Elaine Schwarz	Corning Brighton
District 9630, Australia Don & Ailsa Hay	Gary & Elaine Pruyin Fred & Joan Micha	Bath Rochester
District 9780, Australia Ronald & Judith Pickford	PDG Jim & Helene Wilkison John & Joanna Blyth	Brockport Rochester
District 9980, New Zealand Andrew & Rosemary Meek	Ted & Mary Ann Marks John & Maureen Hall	Corning Fairport
District 7120, USA Dave & Linda Ryan		Watkins-Montour

Exchange Brunch

This was the second year we made a prepared presentation to introduce the governors elect. They all sent photos and information about themselves and their districts. From this we made poster displays and a slide presentation. Here is Andrew Meeks, DGE 9980 New Zealand and his wife Rosemary exchanging flags with PDG Milt.

The Program

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When the meeting is over the guests leave with their second host for the balance of their stay. The following pages include some of this years activities. If you are an alumnus of our hospitality program we hope this issue brings back fond memories and that you will be reminded to recommend our program to your Governor Elect. If you are a Governor Elect we hope this newsletter will entice you to sign up for our hospitality program



Fred & Joan Micha with Don & Alisa Hay dining at Grinell's Restaurant



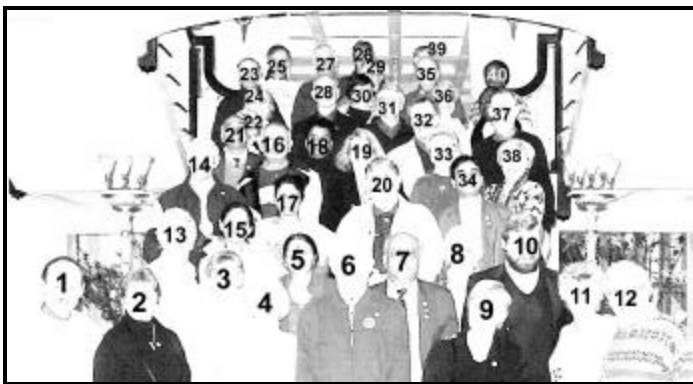
Charles Adebisi presents his club flag to Karen Chan, Scottsville Club President



George Eastman International Museum of Photography Tour



Photo taken on the Grand Staircase of George Eastman's Home which is part of the Museum.
George Eastman was the founder of Eastman Kodak Co.



"The Girl in the Picture" - a photo in the museum gallery

Of the many photo in the gallery, the one that most of our guests will remember was the famous Vietnamese war photo taken by Nick Ut. It was the disturbing photo of a 9 year old naked girl fleeing the village of Trang Bang moments after a napalm bombing. The girl in the picture is Phan Thi Kim Pauc who later escaped Communist Vietnam and now lives in Ottawa, Canada. Ms. Kim Pauc was one of the speakers at the International Convention that our guests attended in Anaheim. See Matti & Virpi Honkala's letter on page 8.

1. & 2. Valentin & Elena Cismaru
3. Judy Pickford; 4. Carolyn Meisel
5. Sushila Rathod; 6. Graham Thornton
7. Suresh Rathod; 8.
9. & 10. Alice & Jan Koster
11. Auriel Thornton; 12. Pete Schwarz
- 13 & 14. Geraldine & Melt van der Spuy
- 15 & 16. Gyatri & Pratap Puranik
17. & 18. Mahes & Guna Gunasekaran
- 19 & 20. Angus & Pamela Mackenzie
21. Krishna Kulkarni; 22. Nancy Rule
23. & 24. Andrew & Rosemary Meek
- 25 & 26. Jon & Hilary Ball
27. Ian Rule; 28. Doug Cook
- 29 & 30. Ailsa & Don Hay
31. Ron Pickford
- 32 & 33. Matti & Virpi Honkala
34. Vjay Vjayakumaran
- 35 & 36. Glenn & Diana Balch
- 37 & 38. Martti & Raila Nykänen
- 39 & 40. Charles & Angela Adebiji



Guests Enjoy Pure Maple Syrup

PDG Glenn & Diana Balch introduce Charles & Angela Adebisi to pure New York State Maple Syrup made here at this country restaurant, the Maple Tree Inn.



Bath, Hammondsport, & Prattsburg Clubs Combined Meeting

Hammondsport Pres. Mary Ryan, Prattsburgh Pres. Mara Parker, Charles Adebisi, Jan Koster, Suresh Rathod, Graham A. Thornton, Don Hay, Melt van der Spuy, Jon Ball, Bath Pres. Don Debolt



Suresh & Sushila Rathod and Tom Mees at the Mount Morris Dam in Letchworth Park



Helene Wilkison, Ailsa Hay, Elaine Schwarz, Marion Turner at buffet party at the Wilkison's Home



Glenn & Dian Balch dress-up in native costumes—gifts from Charles and Angela Adebisi



Niagara Falls from Goat Island on the American Side

Melt photos the ice in the rapids



Charles & Glenn at the American Falls



Marti & Raila Nykänen, Jim Mullin, Elaine Schwarz, Hillary Ball, Geraldine & Melt van der Spuy, Jon Ball



Brighton Rotary Hosts & Guests at the Shrivastava's Home

Rear: Marilyn Blew, Auriol Thornton, Gib Blew, Geraldine van der Spuy, Elaine Schwarz, Melt van der Spuy, Graham Thornton, Pratap Puranik, Vijay Vijayakumaran, Matti Honkala, Tim Forward, B.C. Dash, Ram Shrivastava, Chuck Chapin.

Front: Virpi Honkaka, Gayatri Puranik, Louise Chapin, Asha Dash, Rekha Shrivastava, Elena & Valentin Cismaru

Alumni Listing – Rotary District 7120 Governor Nominee Hospitality Program (con't)

3270	Pakistan	9710	Australia
2000	Suhail & Tauheed Ahmad	1997	William & Margaret Doherty
3300	Malaysia	1998	Max Jenny Kuhnell
1999	Jeff & Jay Mohamed Ali	1999	Rob & Lurline Wylie
3850	Philippines	2000	John & Janet Lawrence
1973	Charles Reith		Australia
3870	Philippines	1985	Frank & Lorraine Jacobs
1974	Dante Sarraga	1990	Keith & Judy Gromm
4630	Brazil	1992	Jeff & Beryl Binder
2000	Nelson & Emiko Shiokawa	1993	Dennis & Kathleen Wilson
4790	Argentina	2000	Eddie & Val Loughnan
2000	Danilo & Elsa Marcón	2001	Ronald & Judith Pickford
9110	Nigeria	9800	Australia
2001	Charles & Angela Adebisi	1998	Colin & Chris Gibbons
9210	Zimbabwe	9910	New Zealand
1996	Derek & Mary Broome	1982	Ron Trotman
1999	Eric & Mary Marques	1984	John & Alison Swinburne
2000	Derrick & Merna McDiarmid	9920	New Zealand
9250	South Africa	1974	Ken Joslyn
1993	Jos & Marcelle Graindor	1980	Hugh & Elma Francis
1994	Jan & Marie van Zyl	1981	Melvyn & Colleen Cooper
1996	Mark & Lyn Doyle	1982	John Ellis
1997	Reginald & Margaret Loo	9930	New Zealand
9270	South Africa	1974	Lee Graeme
1981	David & Megan Higgs	1980	Garth & Joan Button
1984	Heywood & Winkie Tanner-Tremaine	1981	Michael Ailee & Leggott
9300	South Africa	1984	Jack & Marjorie Marshall
1981	Michael & Hazel Colman	1986	Brian Colleen & Burmester
1982	A. Serrano	1993	Alan & Nolene Cooper
1984	Leslie & Lorraine Lucas-Bull	1994	Kenneth & Barbara Hayman
1991	Aubrey van der Bijl	1995	Edward & Lyndsay Mason
1992	Bryan & Shirlee Thurtell	9940	New Zealand
1993	Hilliard & Rosemarie Hurwitz	1980	William & Di Carthew
1994	William Myrna Hills	1982	William Boyd
2001	Melt & Geraldine van der Spuy	1982	J. & Alison Frame
9320	South Africa	1984	David & Jose Jull
1980	Piet & Wanda Uys	1986	Fred Judith & Burns
1984	Les & Denise Swift	1988	Alastar & Nicky Osborn
9500	Australia	1990	Don & Jenny Speirs
1996	John & Yvonne Downing	1992	Glen & Patricia Caves
1999	Allan & Fran Wilson	1994	Dexter & Celia Bambery
	Australia	9970	New Zealand
1997	James & Jill Beresford	1973	Jim & Aileen Keenan
1998	John & Asha McLaren	1974	Ian Galloway
9600	Australia	1984	Don & Gillian Eadie
1986	Gerry & Christine Meijer	1989	Ellis & Betty Buchanan
1988	Ian & Joc Wilson	1999	Art & Jan Bradbury
1989	Ray & Elaine Black	9980	New Zealand
1990	Duncan & Joan Bird	1980	R.A. & Isobel Morrison
1991	Alan & Diana McCray	1984	Stan & Olive Wilkinson
1992	John & Judy Feros	1997	Rob & Gretel Wilton
	Australia	1998	James & Valmai Rayner
1992	Tony & Monica Williams	2001	Andrew & Rosemary Meek
1994	Lew & Pat Granville		
1995	Brian & Patricia Price		
1996	Patrick & Erin Galligan		
1999	Mel & Elaine Langleigh		
2000	Max & Myrna Cribb		
2001	Don & Ailsa Hay		

Matti & Virpi Honkala (left) make a presentation about their hospital in Raahe, Finland followed by a tour, which included changing into scrubs and going into the operating room. Lakeside personnel are Amanda Mac Donald, Community Relations; Carolyn Vacanti, VP Patient Services, (at table); Bud Hendershot, Hilton Rotary & Robert Harris, Hospital President (rear). Judy Hoffman, Hilton Rotary took the photo.

Wegman's Super Market Tour



Top: Wegmans's Store Manager gives a guided tour of their "flagship" facility at Pittsford Plaza in Rochester.

Middle: Pratap Puranik inspects a rose held by Auroil Thonton, right, while Gayatri Puranik admires the tulips in the flower section.

Right: Geraldine van der Spuy and Elaine Schwarz check out the variety of packaged meats available.

The tour was arranged by Elizabeth Richardson, President Greece Rotary

Matti & Virpi Visit Lakeside Hospital



A few comments from this year's and previous year's guests

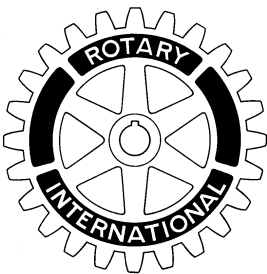
Matti & Virpi Honkala, D1400 Finland wrote in February 2001: "Thank you once more for the most wonderful time you arranged for us in Rochester! The week in Anaheim was just as busy as we had been told it would be, but it was also a lot more fun than we would have guessed. Richard King, Frank Devlyn and Bhichai Rattakul are all splendid speakers in different ways and listening to their messages surely gave a lot to think about. The most touching speech was given by Ms Kim Pauc, who is the naked Vietnamese girl burned of napalm running terrified in that world famous photograph we saw at the Eastman gallery - can you imagine such a coincidence that we saw the picture in Rochester and there she was, a lady now living in Canada and working as a UN representative for peace telling her story for all those Rotarians all over the world!! We're sure there was no eye without tears after her presentation.

"Your superb hospitality program fulfilled all expectations one might have to such an extent one could never imagine! In addition to recovering from jet lag very soon we only in Anaheim truly realized what a gift it was to meet all those DGE-friends and their spouses and to get to know them before the assembly. We met as old friends, had long talks and made plans for Rotary programs we could have together. We just know that we will meet again with you and with those friends from different parts of the world."

Andrew and Rosemary Meek, D9980 New Zealand wrote in March 2001: "The wonderful time we spent in your country is now a memory. It was however a truly special time and Rosemary and I would like to say a very big thank you for all the time and effort you all put into the Hospitality Program and for making us feel so welcome. Previous Governors had told us you guys were great and they were right! It was especially nice to arrive at Anaheim and recognise some friendly faces and when I think of all the people we met during our time away, these other DGEs who were part of your program together with our host families will be the ones we maintain contact with and regard as friends. It goes without saying that we would love to see you if you are ever in this part of the world with time on your hands."

Ted and Lynn Mason, D9930 New Zealand wrote in October 1998: "We have had you very much in our thoughts for the last few days as we have had Evert & Beata Vles, D1600 Netherlands, staying with us. They were enjoying your DG Nominee Hospitality programme at the same time we were, way back in 1995..... We had a very enjoyable time with them. See the far-reaching effects of what your Rotary guys do!"

Lynn Mason put it simply after their visit in 1995: "It was the most wonderful experience—to have the opportunity to live in people's homes and share their lives for a few days, it was the sort of experience that not many tourists have. We feel we made real friends."



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Rotary International District 7120 The Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality

**Next Year's Program
January 20 to 28, 2002**

The Committee for 2002



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Program Founder-
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Brighton Rotary
Past President
Hospitality Chair
1995-2001
Newsletter Editor



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Brighton Rotary
Past President.
Hospitality Chair
1998-1994



Deanna Woodhams
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Brighton Rotary
Club



Judy Hoffman
Past President
Hilton Rotary Club



Dave Anderson
Past President
Corning Rotary
Club

A program reflecting the Fourth Object of Rotary: "The Advancement of International Understanding, Good Will, and Peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service"

Send us the name and addresses of your next Governor Elect