

Greene Rotary Newsletter

Old Mill Diner
Wednesday @ 12:05 pm

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Members Present last week 08/06/2008: _____

Jim Saroka, Bob Sternberg, Debra Eggleston, Fibber Magee, Sherry Guiles, Karen Wright, Jeff Henry

Guests: Dean Quick - Whitney Point Rotary

Important Dates To Remember

Aug 11, 2008 - District 7170's Public Relations - 7pm at Aiello's Restaurant - Whitney Point, NY.

Aug 13, 2008 - DG Visit

Aug 15, 2008 - Barbecue

Aug 23, 2008 - Berean Bible Church Concert

Sept 1, 2008 - Labor Day Picnic

Sept 18, 2008 - Groton Rotary 70th Anniversary Celebration

Sept 19, 2008 - Annual Golf Outing

October Vocational Service Month

Oct 18, 2008 Membership and Foundation Seminar

October 30, 2008 - Foundation Dinner

November Rotary Foundation Month

Dec 2008 Elect Club President and Secretary

Dec 31, 2008 - 2008 Deadline to report new slate to RI

Last Week's Program:

This weeks meeting was an informal meeting. That said since August is such a busy month we did review all of our up coming events, to make certain that all of the details were covered.

Empire Natural Gas Open House:

Debbie, Sherry, Fibber & Sally attended the Empire Natural Gas Open House.

It was great to visit a local business and see how it operates.

District Governor Visit:

On Aug 13th we will have District Governor Lana Rouff who will make her annual visit to our club. We have decided to change our meeting place for this meeting to the Baron's Restaurant on Route 12 - Greene.

This is an important meeting to attend as we will learn more about the emphasis of the 2008 - 2009 Rotary Year.

We will also induct Terry Webb into our ranks.

Summer Barbecue

On August 15, 2008 - 6 P.M. to whenever, Sally & Fibber will host a barbecue at our home - 145 Jackson Hill Rd, Greene. Past Pres. Jeff offered to get the clams, Sally & I will provide the meat something on the spit, Corn. We ask that those who attend to bring either liquid refreshments or salads or desserts.

If you have not already confirmed your presence, please do so by Aug 8th so that we plan on sufficient food.

Berean Bible Church Concert:

Berean Bible Church Concert, we will be selling Popcorn. Jim reported that Charlie Dietrich is supplying the canopy. The popcorn Machine has been reserved. Jeff is arranging for the Interact Club to man the booth. We need members to volunteer to support the Interact Club.

Labor Day Picnic:

Greene Rotary Club
PO Box 384
Greene, NY 13778
email:
mclarence@stny.rr.com

We're on the Web!
www.greenerotary.org

We also need volunteers for the Labor Day Picnic on September 1, 2008. Again we will be backing up the Greene High School Interact Club. Jim has ordered and received the prizes for this event.

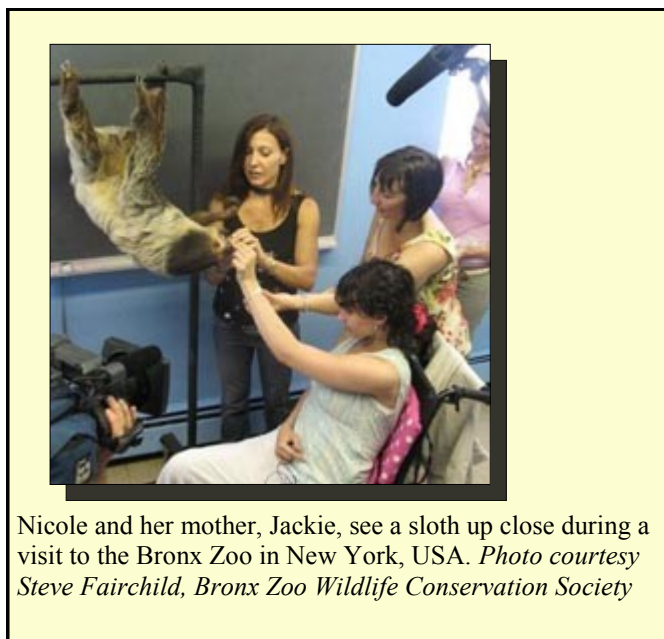
Annual Golf Outing

Jim Saroka is working on the paperwork for the upcoming golf outing. It should be ready to circulate through out the community shortly.

Rotary clubs make dream real for British teen

By Donna Polydoros
Rotary International News - 07 August 2008

Cameras rolled as 19-year-old Nicole Dryburgh and her family stepped off their flight from London and embarked on a one-of-a-kind tour of New York City, led by some of the city's savviest tour guides: New York Rotarians.



Nicole and her mother, Jackie, see a sloth up close during a visit to the Bronx Zoo in New York, USA. *Photo courtesy Steve Fairchild, Bronx Zoo Wildlife Conservation Society*

Members of the Rotary Club of the Bronx, New York, USA, greeted the British teen, who had battled a rare form of cancer since the age of 11 and lost her eyesight and much of her hearing.

A BBC news team tagged along to document the trip, which included tours of sites like the Statue of Liberty and the Bronx Zoo, shopping, and a luncheon with the Rotary Club of Staten Island, New York, USA.

"I was really pleased how Rotarians pitched in," said Taylor Eskew, president of the Rotary Club of the Bronx. "Nicole is full of spunk and energy. Everyone felt admiration for her and saw her as an inspiration."

Rotarians volunteered to drive the Dryburghs between sites and arranged custom tours of places like the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which opened its doors early to give Nicole a tactile and olfactory tour of the Egyptian art collection. The Bronx Zoo "pulled out all the stops" and let Nicole touch and hold exotic animals like a sloth and an armadillo, said Eskew.

Making it happen

The week-long vacation was organized by Tony Betts, secretary of the Rotary Club of Redbridge, England, who first learned of Nicole's dream to visit New York during the 2008 Rotary Young Citizen Awards ceremony, sponsored by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) in conjunction with BBC News 24. Nicole was honored for her exceptional fundraising work.

"I just thought to myself, I'm going to make that happen," said Betts. "But I didn't have a clue how I was going to do it."

Betts reached out to other Rotarians at home and abroad. With help from Eric Storberg, then governor-elect of District 7230 (New York, USA), and Robert Mintz, manager of Corporate Relations and Global Travel at Rotary International, Betts secured complimentary airline tickets from British Airways and free accommodations at the Time Hotel in New York.

Allan Jagger, president of RIBI, encouraged districts to contribute to the trip, eventually raising enough to give the Dryburghs £600 spending money and an airline ticket for Nicole's brother, Lee. The rest of the money was donated to a charity of Nicole's choosing, the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The BBC news story about Nicole's trip aired on 19 July, 2008.

"I never expected it to turn out like this," said Betts of the media attention. "All I wanted was to give the family a holiday of a lifetime and [for Nicole] to achieve one of her dreams."

[View a BBC News profile of Nicole from 2008.](#)

[Visit Nicole's Web site.: www.c-h-o-c.org.uk](http://www.c-h-o-c.org.uk)

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