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ROAST AT LEHMAN COLLEGE
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. GLEN NYGREEN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Following are
President Sal
Mastrocola's
words from the
roast on the
evening of May
20, 2008:



As you know, this is a roast of Glen Nygreen, a fund raising event to benefit a water project on tap in Nigeria and

other Rotary projects. So this fits well for Glen because he is a swishy washy type of guy. That is why we call him the wet Rotarian. If he likes you that is OK but if he doesn't watch out. He will put you in barrel and roll you into a river; not the Bronx River but the one that feeds Niagara Falls. Watch out for that first step it's a doosey.

Don't be caught on a fishing trip with Glen or you will be in big trouble. Especially if you fall in the water because you won't get a life preserver, instead expect a boat anchor. Glen likes to attempt the impossible so he frequently has a hard time keeping his head above water. For instance when he was younger, a trip to the beach was a good event. However he tried some unusual things like trying to poke a hole in water with his finger but that didn't work. So he grabbed a pail went down to the water filled it up and emptied it into a hole dug in the sand. This went on repeatedly during the

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John Mauk Hilliard acted as emcee for the evening and Taylor Eskew kicked things off by explaining that although the original idea was to "roast" Glen Nygreen, it was decided that it would be impossible since he is just so nice. Instead it became a celebration of his wonderful life. A quiet, yet evocative slide show of Glen's life provided a backdrop for the speakers.

John introduced Ricardo Fernandez who has been President of Lehman College for 18 years. Although Glen had already retired before he came into office, Mr. Fernandez was aware from conversations with the previous President that Glen was a person he could trust and have confidence in. He said that Glen effected people in his own inimitable, quiet way by making himself available and sharing and listening. He made suggestions rather than directed people.

Ms. Donna Drayton representing Senator Ruth Hassel-Thompson stepped up to wish Glen many more years and blessings on the joyous occasion.

A very large part of Glen's life has revolved around serving educational institutions. Sigma Alpha Epsilon International Fraternity is one of those closest to his heart. He was it's International President many years ago and one of it's guiding lights. John Mauk Hilliard introduced John Cohen, a representative from the fraternity who attended to honor Glen.



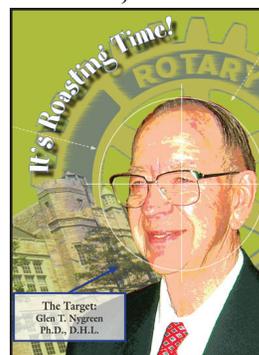
Ted Nygreen talked about his dad.

person through the Rotary process.

Son Ted Nygreen's turn came and he said that in his adult life he recognized his father as a peacemaker and a conciliatory person who makes harmony. He also said Glen listens and coaches, but does not direct.



Bronx Rotarian and Lehman College colleague John Mauk Hilliard emceed the event.



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day until someone asked him what he was doing. He explained that he was trying to drain the Atlantic Ocean with a bucket.

One day when Glen was a bit older he was driving down to New York City to see a show and he got stopped for speeding. The state trooper smells alcohol on his breath and then he sees an empty wine bottle on the floor, and he says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" And then Glen replies, "Just water." The officer says, "Then why do I smell wine?" And Glen looks down at the bottle and says, "Good Lord, He's done it again!"

Then there is Glen's favorite Golf joke. One day three fishermen were out in a boat in the Gulf of Mexico. They had not caught a thing all day when suddenly, one of the fishermen's poles started jerking. He grabbed it and started reeling in his line and shouting, "I got something! I got something!" He had caught a nice fish, about ten inches long. The fishermen were about to revel in his accomplishment when the fish shook the hook out of his mouth and transformed into a being, half man and half fish, sporting a crown and holding a trident. "Who are you?" said the frightened fisherman who had caught him. "I AM NEPTUNE, GOD OF THE SEA, AND I AM GOING TO PUT A CURSE ON YOU LOWLY MORTALS! BEFORE YOU LEAVE HERE TODAY YOUR BOAT WILL SPRING A DOZEN LEAKS! ...NO, MAKE THAT A DOZEN AND A HALF!" And with that, he dove back into the waters. As soon as he was gone, the fishermen's boat had sprung so many leaks they were forced to swim to shore. To this day, they never forgot Neptune's eighteen-hole Gulf curse.

Then there is Glen's dry sense of humor with the following jokes. Did you hear what the sink said to the faucet? You are a real drip! Did you hear the watermelon joke? At best it is pitiful.

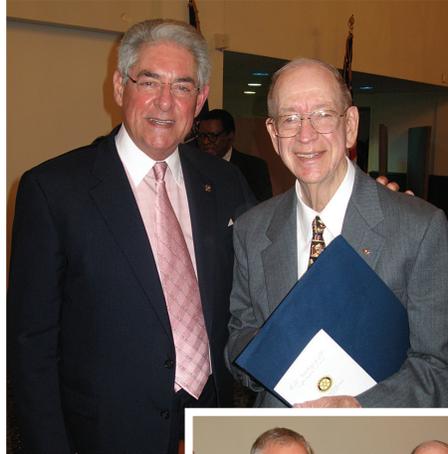
Salvatore P. Mastrocola



Taylor wrangles with PowerPoint.



Nigerian Consul rep Janet Odeka presenting check from the Consul General for Bronx Rotary Projects.



Everyone wants a photo op with the man of the hour.



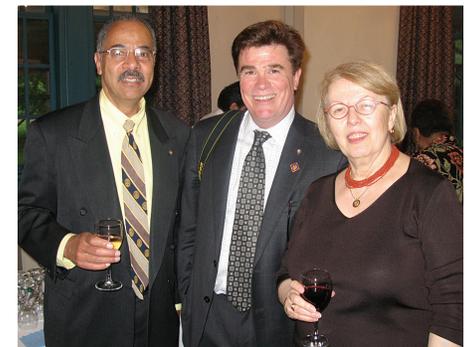
DG Bob Cucinell presents the Outstanding Achievement Award to Glen.



Arthur Wolstein, Bea Castiglia-Catullo and Teresena Bryant.



The current and past District Governors strike a pose.



Ed Hicks, George Camp and Kate Quinn-Miller enjoy themselves.

Ted talked about Glen's recent honor from United Way and the video they did about him in which it mentioned that he is interested in building community and seeking peace and doing justice. He said that his dad is exceptionally focused and good at these things and that he is very proud of him for that.

President-Elect Taylor Eskew who grew up surrounded by Rotary, spoke about how she felt so fortunate to wind up in the Bronx Club with Glen who would always take the time to explain things in depth about Rotary. She said that the Bronx Club is the most fortunate in the District because Glen is a member and because he keeps the Club on balance and well grounded.

"We're a small Club, but we do really big things" she stated. Those things include, but are not limited to: sponsoring 8 children for the Gift of Life program, local projects like scholarships and equipment for schools, St. Brendan's Saturday Lunch Program, refurbishing a school in Owerri, Nigeria, providing clean water to a village in India, helping an AIDS clinic in the Dominican Republic and a clean water project underway for Abagana, Nigeria.



Ms. Janet Odeka

Representative of the Consul General of Nigeria, Janet Odeka came forward then to express her gratitude for Rotary and Glen's interest and involvement in Nigeria.

District Governor Bob Cucinell agreed that Glen's way is to advise but not direct. He said that he found Glen's advice along the road to the District Governorship and since to be superlative.

DG Cucinell quoted English statesman Benjamin Disraeli who said "The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own". He said that this is exactly how he sees Glen because he brings out what is within a person.

DG Cucinell then presented Glen with and award for outstanding achievement in honor of the many years of unselfish dedication to the ideals of Rotary.

PDG Andrew Morzello came up to say that the Rotary District Foundation was founded by 2 Rotarians 18 years ago, one of which was Glen Nygreen. The primary mission is to help Clubs establish their own foundations and to become a place from which Clubs could get grants for their ser-



Above: A representative of United Way of Westchester acknowledges Glen's involvement.



PDG Dave Black spoke about RI Foundation.



We all know this character!



Lehman College President Ricardo Fernandez.



PDG Andrew Morzello.

vice projects. Glen served as President for 15 years and when he retired, he was made President Emeritus.

PDG David Black called Glen a "lighthouse". A tremendous guide for the entire District

President Sal Mastrocola's comments can be read in their entirety on page 1 under the *President's Message*.

DG Cucinell then presented Glen with Rotary's highest honor, a Paul Harris Fellow. This makes #5 for Glen.

Glen's turn to speak came and his words were touched by emotion. He said that the advice he would give is that if given a chance, learn more about other people and their hopes and fears. He said that one's own life becomes richer as one seeks to help others grow. He recommends "Service Above Self", working in community organizations and being active in the church of one's choice, in counseling assistance and welfare organizations. He said he feels very fortunate in his life and that he wishes the same opportunities for

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PDG Gilda Chirafisi and Kate Quinn-Miller.



A nice crowd came to honor Glen.



Glen thanks the crowd.

others that he has had.

A proclamation from _____ was presented by Cheryl Simmons-Oliver to Glen.

Rounding out a very full program, Leslie Swanson of the Bronx Opera Company graced the event with her beautiful voice and music dedicated in honor of Glen Nygreen. After the musical interlude, President Sal Mastrocola presented BOC President, Michael Spierman with a \$700 grant check to help support their program which brings opera to children in the public schools.

Refreshments, entertainment and fellowship after the program was enjoyed by all.



The hot seat looks more like the cat bird seat judging by that smile.



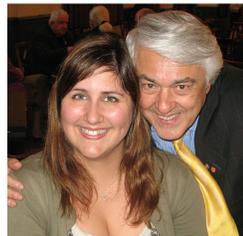
Leslie Swanson sings for Glen and appreciative hugs are shared by President Sal Mastrocola and BOC President Michael Spierman.



Cheryl Simmons-Oliver presents a proclamation.



Food, Fun & Festivity!



MEETING TIMES & PLACES of ROTARY CLUBS in DISTRICT 7230

SATURDAY		
Central Bronx	7:30p	Office of Muhammed Mujumber
MONDAY		
Bronxville	12:15p	Town Tavern
Chappaqua	12:15p	Crabtree's Kittle House
New York	12:15p	Harvard Club
St. George's	6:30p	Mulligan's, St. Georges' Golf Club
TUESDAY		
Bronx	12:15p	The Harbor Restaurant
Chinatown	1:00p	Sweet-n-Tart Restaurant
Croton-on-Hudson	12:15p	Just-In-Time
East Yonkers	12:00p	Ramada Inn
Hamilton	12:15p	Mariners Club
Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley & Irvington	6:15p	Rudy's Beau Rivage
Northeast	1st & 3rd Tues 6:15p	Katonah Memorial House
Westchester	2nd & 4th Tues 12:15p	Katonah Memorial House
Mount Pleasant	12:15p	Casa Rina Restaurant
Port Chester-Rye Brook	12:05p	T&J Villaggio
Somers	6:30p	Pinnacle Restaurant
Staten Island	12:30p	Ligreci's Staaten Restaurant
Upper Manhattan	6:00p	International House
White Plains	12:15p	Crowne Plaza Hotel
WEDNESDAY		
Armonk	6:15p	Beehive
Eastchester	12:15p	CIAO Restaurant
Gateway	7:15p	Bocelli Restaurant

Harrison	12:15p	Emilio's Restaurant
Hartsdale	12:15p	Oporto's Restaurant
Inwood Manhattan	7:00p	Park Terrace Bistro
Metro NYC	7:30p	Maharaja Indian Restaurant
Mid-Island	7:30a	Dakota Diner
Mount Kisco	12:15p	Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn
Mount Vernon	12:15p	Bona Sera Restaurant
New Rochelle	6:15p	Davenport Club
Ossining	12:30p	Cambridge House
Pelham	12:15p	Rockwells
Sandys	6:30p	Henry VIII Restaurant
Scarsdale	12:15p	Central Square Café
Tarrytowns	12:15p	Striped Bass Restaurant
2nd Wed. of the month		
Yorktown	8:00a	Striped Bass Restaurant
	12:15p	The Heights Bistro & Bar
THURSDAY		
Elmsford	12:15p	Tony's La Stazione
Mamaroneck	12:15p	Chef Antonio Restaurant
North Shore	7:00p	Staaten Restaurant
Peekskill	12:15p	Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant
Pembroke	7:30a	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
Pleasantville	12:15p	Riviera Restaurant
Riverdale	6:30p	Peppino's Restaurant
South Shore	12:15p	Marina Grand
Yonkers	12:00p	Ramada Inn
FRIDAY		
Briarcliff	12:15p	Briarcliff Recreation Center
Larchmont	12:15p	Larchmont Yacht Club
Rye	12:15p	Coveleigh Club

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