

New York Rotarians host Lobsterfest fundraiser

Last July, the Rotary Club of Albany, N.Y., USA, hosted the first Washington Park Lobster Festival. Club members cooked about 1,200 lobster and steak dinners for more than 4,000 guests. The event included music and family activities, and will now be an annual fundraiser. “We are looking at this as a long-term investment into the community,” says Carolyn Peterson-Vaccaro, Lobsterfest co-chair.

The club says it met all three goals it had established before the event: (1) to raise funds for service programs, (2) to raise the visibility of the Rotary Club of Albany and (3) to bring its members together to work on a major project.



Rotarian-led dental mission goes to Guyana

On the heels of their recent dental mission to Guyana, members of

Rotarians from Albany, N.Y., USA, labor over a hot stove to prepare more than 1,200 lobster and steak dinners.

the Rotary Club of Bridgewater & District, Nova Scotia, Canada, are all smiles. The mission provided emergency tooth extractions and pain-relieving treatment to Guyanese who can't afford dental care. The Rotarians moved from village to village via bus (donated by the Rotary Club of Virginia, Minn., USA), and during their 12-day visit, three dentists performed more than 500 extractions, while providing fillings and routine oral examinations. The team also distributed toothbrushes and educated their patients about the importance of proper oral hygiene.

The Bridgewater & District club solicited contributions for the dental mission from local food-store chains, pharmacies and financial institutions. Two of the dental team members – Dr. Veenu Lekhi and Curtis Swinimer – are members of the Bridgewater club, while dental assistant Bobbi Banks is a member of the Rotary Club of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The Bridgewater Rotarians say that the Rotary Club of Georgetown, Guyana, provided “exceptional” project support.



Hong Kong Rotarians donate computers to Mongolian high schools

The Rotary Club of Kowloon North, Hong Kong, donated U.S. \$25,000 worth of computers to high schools in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. Pictured: William Benter, past president of the Rotary Club of Kowloon North, points to one of the new computers, while RI Vice-President Gary Huang (left) observes.