

## Postings

For a full list of events, visit [Greenwich-post.com](http://Greenwich-post.com).

### Shays office hours

U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays holds expanded staff field office hours, 10 to 1, Friday, Aug. 15, Greenwich Town Hall, Mazza Conference Room.

### First aid with a real life hero

Karen Maben talks about basic First Aid as well as her story of saving a man's life; 4 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 15; Friendly Connections phone conversation; 661-8841.

### AARP Safe Drivers Course

Greenwich Hospital will offer the second of a two-part driving course; 9 to 1, Saturday, Aug. 16, Cafeteria Conference Room; 863-4277.

### A musical satire

Christina Kompar and Giulia Sanford of Greenwich will perform in Crystal Opera's "The Gondoliers," popular Gilbert and Sullivan musical satire; Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17; Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.; Crystal Theatre of Performing Arts Center in South Norwalk; \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors/students; 847-4850.

### Family friendly musical

Greenwich residents Kari Mansfield and Kari Sweeny, are director and choreographer of Seussical, the musical adaptation of the stories of Dr. Seuss. Greenwich residents Madison Coppola, Savannah Miller, Miles Keeney, Lea Torelli, and Anson Cohen are performing in the show, 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., 16 and 17, Kweskin Theatre; \$26 for adults, \$13 for students/children, and \$18 for senior citizens; 461-6358 ext. 31.

### Benefit bike ride

Chicken Joe's holds a benefit bike ride from Cos Cob to Lake George, N.Y., to raise awareness and money for organizations that deal with diseases that afflict children, Sunday, Aug. 17, to Tuesday, Aug. 19; call Joe Marini at 861-0075 or visit 231 East Putnam Ave.

### Chess camp

Spend a week playing and learning about chess, 9 to 4 (optional half day), Aug. 18 to 22 (Session II), Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center, 449 Pemberwick Road; \$350 per week (full day), \$200 per week (half day); [Silverknightschess.com](http://Silverknightschess.com).

### Concert at commons

Tor and Billy playing rock and pop as part of the Noontime Concert Series of the Department of Parks and Recreation; 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 19; Greenwich Commons; 622-7830.

### Men meet with Murray

The Retired Men's Association of Greenwich meets at 9:30 a.m. followed by 10:15 lecture by Alan Murray, executive editor of The Wall Street Journal; Wednesday, Aug. 20; United Methodist Church; 637-2393; [Decsepel2@aol.com](mailto:Decsepel2@aol.com).

### Critic's Choice at the Avon

Film critic Ann Lewinson of the Fairfield Weekly hosts a showing of *The Little Fugitive* and a question-and-answer session with Mary Engel, the filmmaker's daughter; 7:30; Wednesday, Aug. 20; \$10 nonmembers, \$7 students and seniors, \$6 members; Avon; 661-0321.

### Movie showing at church

Second Congregational Church shows the family-friendly movie *Invincible*; Wednesday, Aug. 20; 7:30 p.m.; Waterman Chapel, 139 East Putnam Ave.; 869-9311, ext. 120.

### Doo-wop in the park

In Harmony sings doo-wop music as part of the Wednesday Night Concert Series; 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 20; Roger Sherman Baldwin Park; 622-7830.

### Men discuss global warming

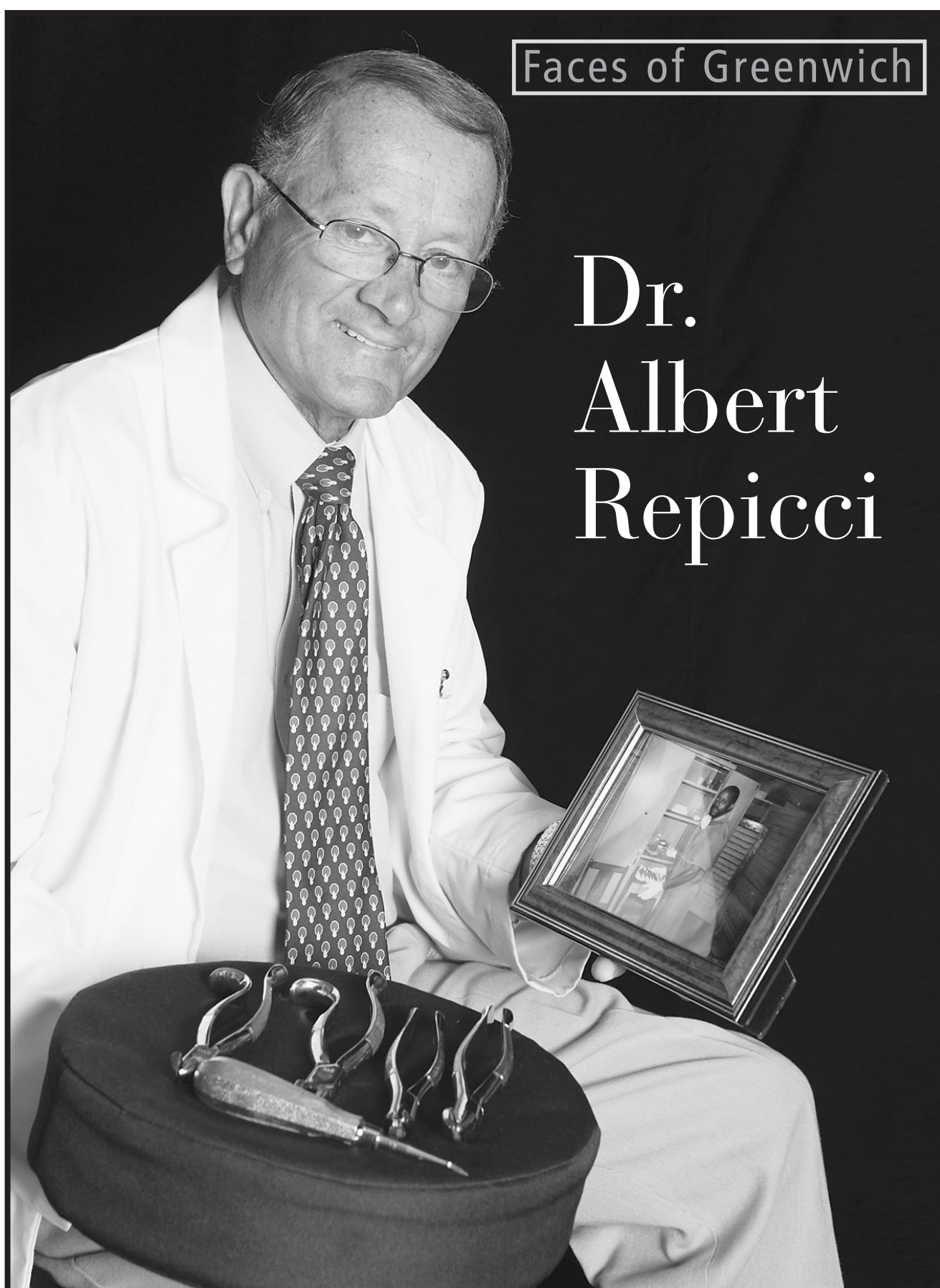
The Retired Men's Association of Greenwich meets at 9:30 a.m. followed by 10:15 lecture by Peter Goldmark on Global Warming and Conservation; Wednesday, Aug. 27; United Methodist Church; 637-2393; [Decsepel2@aol.com](mailto:Decsepel2@aol.com).

### Potluck picnic

La Leche League holds a World Breastfeeding Week fund-raising potluck picnic and children's clothing swap, 10 to 2, Saturday, Sept. 6, Greenwich member's home to be disclosed; call 869-5344 for directions.

### Children's acting workshop

Cos Cob Library will host a children's acting workshop and performance with Rebecca Vaccaro; 2 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 6; Cos Cob Library; 622-6883.



### By Kari Campano

An orthodontist in Greenwich for the past 37 years, Dr. Albert Repicci is indeed familiar in town.

He is also increasingly familiar to thousands he has helped worldwide. Dr. Repicci has participated in more than 25 short-term dental and medial volunteer missions in more than 13 impoverished countries since 1981.

At 40 years old and despite numerous obstacles, Dr. Repicci set forth to accomplish his longtime goal of wanting to help those who couldn't help themselves. He started by traveling to Antigua in the Caribbean for the first 10 years to provide basic and emergency dental services to the villagers, many of whom have never even seen a doctor. He immediately discovered that he could also help many more people through a preventive effort with a National Fluoride Program.

Most of the services that he offers are surgical in nature — tooth extraction being the primary treatment rendered. His wife, an oral surgical assistant, and his two children have supported his efforts from home and sometimes join him to assist during the two-week trips. With exposure through the Catholic missionary sisters during the early years of his volunteer missions, it became apparent that many other critical needs demanded attention, from basic nutrition and medical care to shelter, education and social justice.

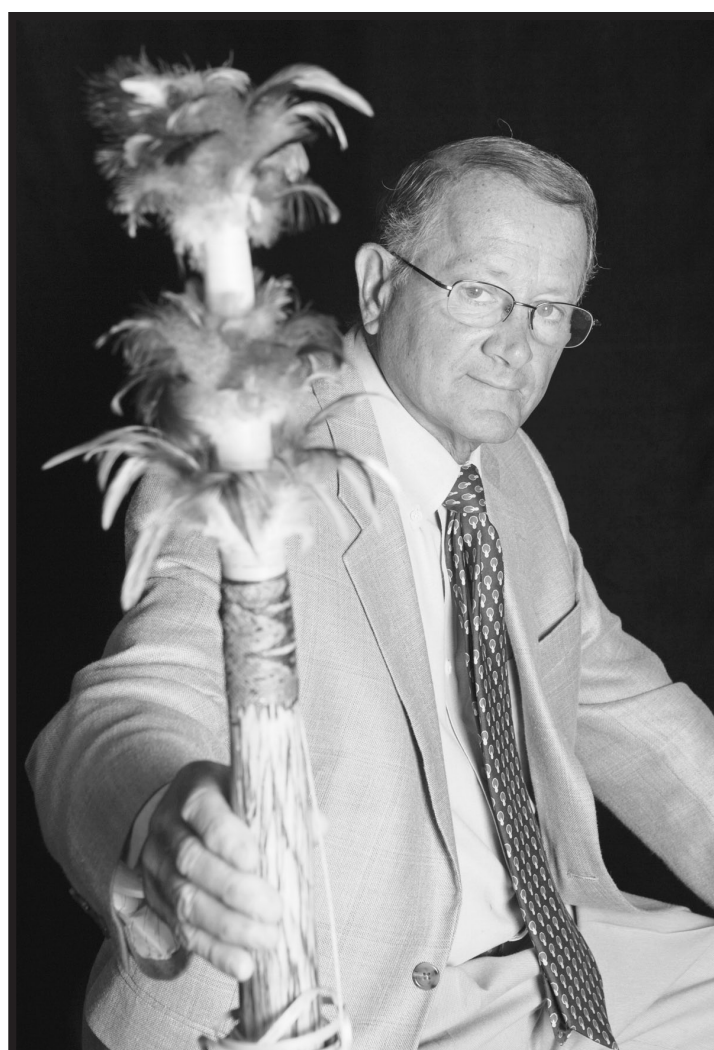
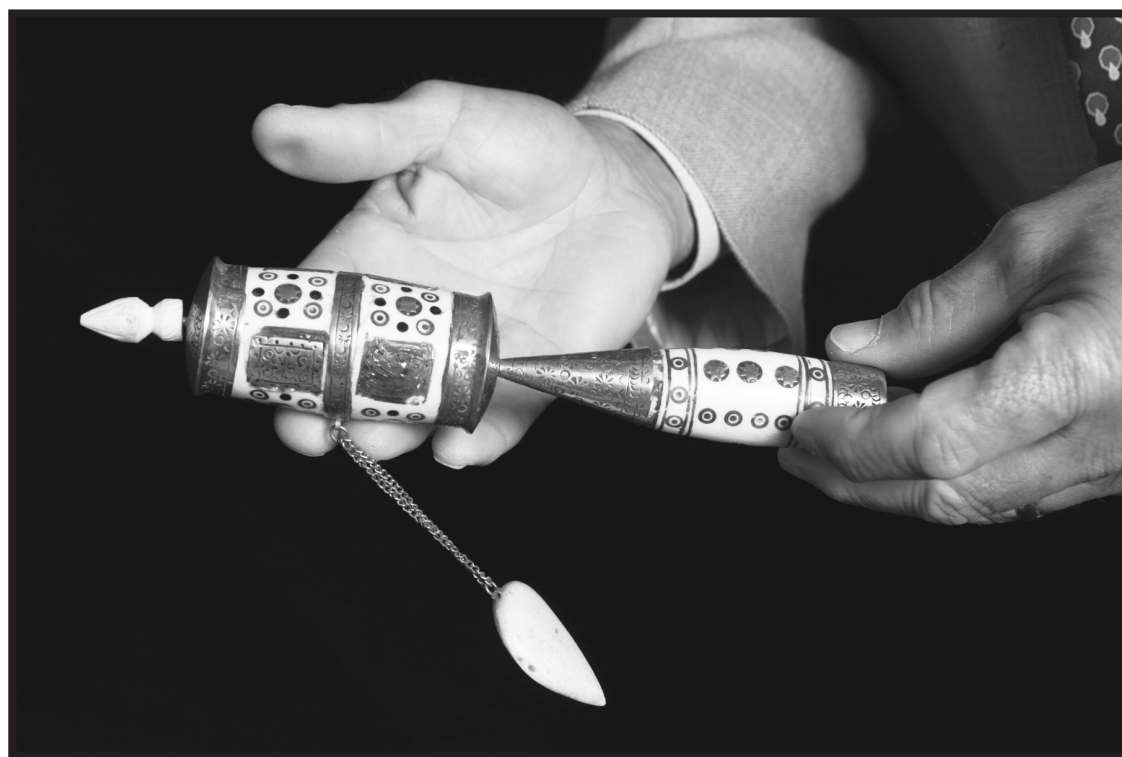
Dr. Repicci's missions around the world became a vehicle to identify these other needs and then to develop projects to address them during the period between missions. He created the non-profit organization, Stop the Tears Foundation, created children's fluoride programs in southern Africa, Vietnam, Nepal and Rwanda; developed livestock farms in the Philippines, and nomadic dwellings in Mongolia. Hospital beds and a dental clinic were shipped to Antigua and water wells were installed along the Amazon in Peru. In Kenya, a protocol has been established for the delivery and administration of thousands of doses of vaccines to families in remote areas.

A mission to Cambodia in late 1999 revealed a country, not only struggling with deprivation, but one that was still reeling from genocide during the reign of the despot, Pol Pot.

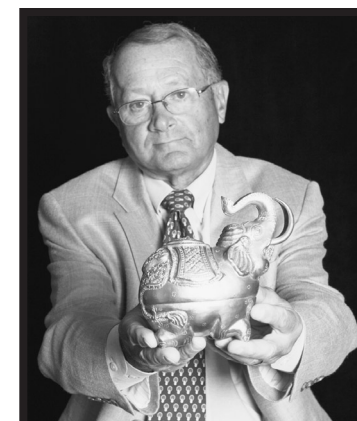
Southeast Asia, especially Cambodia and Thailand, are notorious for sex trafficking and rampant child prostitution. Women and children are exposed to venereal disease and many have contracted AIDS. Dr. Repicci's organization, Stop the Tears, sees this issue as a primary focus, providing at risk women and families with health services, literacy programs and trade education.

Dr. Repicci's daughter, now 31 years old, continues to work with her father as a psychologist and has most recently counseled people of Cambodia for post-traumatic stress.

For more information, visit [Stopthetears.com](http://Stopthetears.com).



Photos  
by Annie Watson



'Faces of Greenwich' is a photo series by photographer Annie Watson that appears in the 'Post' the second Thursday of each month. It features portraits of people from around town who are personalities we meet in our daily lives. To nominate a person for this series, e-mail [AWatsonPhoto@aol.com](mailto:AWatsonPhoto@aol.com) (Subject: FACES). Visit [Anniawatson.com](http://Anniawatson.com) for more information.