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DISCON 2011 FEATURES RI PRESIDENT ELECT, NEW RI CEO, FORMER NASA ASTRONAUT, POLIO SURVIVOR, AND MUCH MORE, APRIL 29 - MAY 1

By Bob Nelson, Chair, DisCon 2011

How can we convene DisCon 2011 in a luxury resort and offer savings of 30% over last year's conference? Recognizing the time demands on all of us, the DisCon 2011 committee reduced the number of overnights from three to two and kept meal costs reasonable. In comparison with a one-day event being held this month in Washington, the total cost of the three-day DisCon including two night's lodging and all meals is actually lower. Don't have time to commit to the entire conference? No problem - just register for the events you want to attend on our "a la carte registration menu."

Want to bring your spouse and don't think they will want to attend all the Rotary sessions? No worries - we have two great tours on Saturday to interest non-Rotarians including the Ellicott City wine tasting, luncheon and historic tour and the Fort Meade BRAC tour by luxury coach. There is also a 10% Rotary discount for using the spa. For those who have attended previous

conferences, there are several innovations including having the golfing on Friday morning, an International Rotary Fellowships forum and roundtables on Friday afternoon, great social time Friday evening with food stations and the famous Duke Ellington Show Choir interacting with the audience. Sunday is also completely new with a health panel, health

screenings, breakout sessions on stress management and many other topics taught by doctors. DisCon culminates in a celebration of the success of Rotary's major world-wide health initiative, the polio eradication program, from the vantage point of a polio survivor

who is unable to stand without braces but has publicized Polioplus throughout Canada by cycling thousands of miles across this vast country using his arms. With rooms going fast and the early registration discount approaching the April 8 deadline, don't miss out on all the fun at DisCon 2011! Sign up at rotary7620.org or use the registration form on page 13.



CLUB OFFICERS MEET THE "DRYWALL GUY" (DG)

By DGE Claude Morissette

Thank you for joining me for the Club Officers Training Seminar. I'm Claude Morissette, the "Drywall Guy." I'm the person the general contractor calls when they are ready to get the partition framing and drywall done. We bring character to the building, closing off the different rooms in a building and giving them their own identity. Your foremen, the club President Elect's, have completed their training and are in process of



designing and building the partitions or the club's structure for 2011. Today, we'll focus on you and you will learn to screw on the drywall, tape and finish the joints as the middle management of club. You will be provided with ideas to create a strong, vibrant club focused on making an impact on your community, the country, and the world. We have assembled a team that has the experience and can share what they did and how you can do the same. The focus will be on "telling

Upcoming District Events

April 26 6pm
Annapolis Evening Rotary Club
Charter Night
DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis

April 29-May 1
DisCon 2011
Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City
Register now at Rotary7620.org

May 21-25
Rotary International Convention
New Orleans, LA

June 25, 2011 6pm
Governor's Installation
Manor Country Club



Above: The Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club hosted all six scholars at the 31st Annual International Night Program on March 26 at the University Club in Washington. On the left is Governor Jay Kumar and on the right is Conrad Fleck.



Above: Members of the new provisional Washington DC Evening Rotary Club. Below: Attendees at the Club Officers Training Seminar on March 26.

your story," to your fellow club members, prospective members, and to those who you continue to serve. Rotary has gone about its business quietly, fulfilling the responsibility of tackling projects and programs that other organizations can't. No longer can this continue. Our story is too powerful not to tell. Effective public relations can help you gather momentum to grow your club so that you can continue to serve. When I begin my club visits in July, you'll no doubt be expecting the traditional speech to focus on membership, community involvement and Foundation giving. While those may be measurable goals that Rotary International may track, they fall short of the true purpose of what I should be doing. I want to be your #1 cheerleader, recognizing the fine work you are doing, helping you tell the club's story. My goal is to help you increase the buy-in of club members, focusing in on taking ownership in the club. It's

the responsibility of ownership that guarantees the success of our clubs. You'll hear me talk about the "pride" of being a Rotarian, the need for each Rotarian

to write their story. It's through active involvement that we begin to see a strong sense of solidarity and a more meaningful purpose to what we do. I'll be asking members to "think outside the box," creating new projects and programs that shake up the club. The goal is to create a vibrant, attractive organization. One that people will line up to join. It starts here and it starts now. I want you to hold me personally responsible for helping you achieve success. Each of us must "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity." Thank you.

MEET ROTARY DISTRICT SCHOLARS AND PEACE FELLOWS AT DISCON

By Dr. Carl S. Schneider

Rotary District 7620 has enjoyed its proximity to the nation's capitol and many world renowned universities that attract Rotary International Visiting Scholars. In the current year 2010-2011 we have six inbound Ambassador Scholars from Japan, South Korea, Germany and Denmark. These scholars are required to address



ten groups during their one year stay and this has included Rotary Clubs, the District Super Summit, the Baltimore Community television show *Top of the Morning*, and the District Conference at Turf Valley Country Club on 30 April. The scholars include Min Jung Cho of South Korea, hosted by Mary

Anne Rishbarger of the Baltimore Rotary Club and studying international health policy at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Yoshihisa Matsushita of Japan is hosted by Jane Kamau of the Baltimore Rotary Club and is pursuing Post Doctoral studies in pancreatic cancer at The Johns



Hopkins University, Dr. Ikue Kusumoto of Japan is hosted by Hilla Keren of the



Towsontowne Rotary Club and is a post doctoral fellow at the National Institute of Drug Abuse in Baltimore. Shown in the group photo is Naho Orita of Japan, hosted by Bill Cammack of the College Park Rotary Club, who is studying at the

University of Maryland. Signe Fosgaard of Denmark, sponsored by Debbie Harrison of the Capitol Hill Rotary Club is studying at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced



International Studies. Vera Wedekind of Germany, hosted by Davis Kennedy of the Washington DC Rotary Club, is studying at American University. Also in the picture are Rob Brown, Rotary District Foundation Chair, Carl Schneider, Rotary District Scholarship Chair, and Steve Naron and Conrad Fleck who coordinate the incoming scholars.



In the 2011-2012 year District 7620 is hosting three Global Grant Peace Fellows from Italy. Alessandra Forni, Alessandro Stelzer and Marco Zefferino are sponsored by the Bologna Ovest Guglielmo Marconi Rotary Club of Italy, matched by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant and hosted by the Washington D.C. Rotary Club to study conflict management at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C. We are grateful to Peter Kyle for his energy and dedication to the Peace Fellows Program and are delighted that he will lead the District as District Governor starting in 2013. District 7620 has sponsored two outgoing Scholars in each of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Both of last year's scholars were Ambassador Scholars while one of this year's scholars is an Ambassador Scholar and one is our first Future Vision Global Grant Scholar. District 7620 Rotarians may be pleased to know that we are among roughly one quarter of all Rotary Districts world wide selected to participate in the three year transition period from the Ambassador to Global Grant program for selecting and supporting Visiting Scholars. This program began in 1947 to reduce international tensions after World War II. The goals of the programs have been modified to ensure focus on six

areas of development: peace and conflict prevention and resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. Essays of the Global Grant application are of



unspecified length but limited to 2000 characters on the web form. References

are not required but were requested by our district. One university must certify admission of the Global Grant scholar versus five targeted in the Ambassador form. Foreign language proficiency must be tested and certified for both Global Grant and Ambassador Scholars. Several pages of legal and behavioral standards must be agreed to and signed for the Global Grant Scholars. Sustainability of Global Grant projects and relevance of scholarly training to the six Rotary focus areas must be described.



Jasmine Hogan of the Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute. Emily has a dual major in Mathematics and English, a 4.0 grade point average and is an avid sailor. She will pursue a Master's Degree in Operations Research, or applied mathematics, at the University of Melbourne, Australia, with a track in epidemiology to control the spread of disease throughout the world. Jasmine is a harpist who has performed world wide and performed 8 March on the Baltimore Community Channel 75 show *Top of the Morning* and will perform for our District Conference on 30 April at Turf Valley. She will study Classical Chinese Music at the University of Beijing and speaks Mandarin. Emily is our first Global

Grant Scholar and Jasmine is likely our last Ambassador Scholar and is hosted by the first Rotary Clubs in China in over half a century.

District 7620 has introduced for the 2011-2012 academic year local college scholarships for local students. We have available \$18,000 to match scholarships given by the Rotary Clubs in our District to excellent students who have displayed community consciousness and support for the goals of Rotary. The current application form on our website is no longer necessary and clubs may forward proposals accepted by their clubs to rotary@district7620.org for consideration by the scholarship committee. Matches will be made at any time during the year up to \$2000 until funds are exhausted. The purpose of our active scholarship program is to support the goals of Rotary, growing new Rotarians, building communities and peace around the world.

District 7620 sponsored Andreana Lefton to attend the London School of Economics during the current year. Her sponsor Varda Fink of the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rotary Club described Andreana as an outstanding student with almost unlimited potential for growth, exceptionally intelligent, self disciplined and articulate. District 7620 also sponsored in 2010 Brent Edwards to finish his Ph.D, in International Education Policy at the University of Amsterdam. His sponsor Dr. Anna-Mae Kobbe of the College Park Rotary club pointed to Brent's exceptional grades at both the University of Maryland and the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his master's degree. Both Andreana and Brent are fluent in second languages although they were not needed



Upcoming Club Events

April 3 12 noon
Howard County Rotary Clubs
Soup'r Sundae
10275 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia

April 9 10am
Annapolis Rotary & Rotaract
"Moving Around the World"
5K Run and Walk
Quiet Waters Park Sassafras
Pavilion
movingaroundtheworldrun.com

April 15 9am
International Summit on Water in
Developing Countries
National Press Club
Washington, DC
Register at www.watersummit.org

CARROLL CREEK HOSTS ETHICS AWARDS EVENT

By Bill Talley

The 3rd Annual Frederick County Business Ethics Awards ("FCBEA") Dinner was held on Friday, March 18th in Frederick, MD with 100 in attendance. This event is co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek and the Frederick News Post ("FNP"). Rotarian John Fieseler emceed the event for the past three years. President-Elect David Weaver introduced the list of distinguished guests, which included Myron Randall of the FNP and Claude Morissette the District Governor-Elect for 2011-12, along with "extinguished" guests, as John Fieseler worded it, PDG Andy Baum and PDG Paul Frey.

The guest speaker was Dr. D. Kirk Davidson, who is a Morrison professor of International Studies for the School of Business at Mt. St. Mary's University. He is also an adjunct professor at both George Washington University and American University. He has authored two books, *Selling Sin* and *The Moral Dimension of Marketing*, as well as a considerable number of book chapters and published papers. He is currently working on a project covering the nature and status of corporate social responsibility in Indian and Chinese companies.

inception in 1905. A couple of decades later, the organization codified its association with ethics through the adaptation of the Four Way Test.

The judges were Dr. Anita Baker, Saul Singer and Judge John "Hamp" Tisdale. Dr. Baker taught business ethics for the Business and Management Department of the University of Maryland University College ("UMUC") and is currently Collegiate Professor in the Graduate School of Management & Technology at UMUC. Saul Singer is the Senior Legal Ethics Counsel for the District of Columbia Bar. Judge Tisdale was appointed to the Circuit Court for Frederick County in 1995 and was appointed chair of the Judicial Ethics Committee in 2007.

The two month nomination process that ended in mid-November brought forth twenty nominations. The completion of the application process in mid-January yielded six applicants. The judging phase then ran until mid-February.

The applicants were Frederick Mutual Insurance Co., Integrity Consulting, Mental Health Association, St. Thomas More Academy, The Temple: A Paul Mitchell Partner School and the YMCA. The winners were the YMCA for the Large Employer – one with 100+ employees and the Mental Health Association for the Small Employer – less than 100 employees.



Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Club celebrated its 25th anniversary. Above is the current Board of Directors. Below is President Dawn Audia with Governor Jay Kumar and Area Governor Nancy Szlasa.



Below: Hood Rotaractors with Carroll Creek Rotary Club President Olivia White.



The Frederick County Business Ethics Awards (modeled after the American Business Ethics Awards), recognizes companies that

exemplify high standards of ethical behavior in their everyday business conduct and/or in response to a specific ethical crises or challenges. Entries are judged by a distinguished, independent panel who represent the business, academic, public service, and consulting communities.

The judges evaluate the companies on documented evidence of the integrity of their corporate code of ethics, as well as on a clear demonstration of the company's commitment to ethical business practices through management and employee behavior. The judging criteria are stringent.

It is altogether fitting that these awards are co-sponsored by Rotary. Rotary has been imbued with a sense of business ethics since its

HOOD ROTARACTORS COLLECT EYEGLASSES

By Mary Ford Nail

The Rotaract Club at Hood College, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Carroll Creek and Frederick, discussed its drive to collect used eyeglasses in support of the Global Re-Vision Network, a non-profit organization that collects and processes the "recycled" eyeglass for international distribution. Eyeglasses may be dropped off to the main desk at Whitaker Campus Commons Center at Hood College, 401 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick daily during normal hours of operation. In addition to collecting used eyeglasses, the Rotaract Club at Hood College is also collaborating with Rotaract Club of Jogja Merapi, Indonesia, to help Mount Merapi eruption survivors in their recovery.

LAUREL ROTARY CLUB PARTNERS WITH DINOSAUR PARK FOSSIL DIG

By Gwendolyn Glenn, Laurel Leader, March 16, 2011

Last year, more than 5,000 people came to Laurel's Dinosaur Park to take a tour, hear lectures or participate in archaeological digs, according to the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission. However, visitors to the park are sometimes exposed to the elements during the hot summer months and on rainy days because the park does not have covered areas where they can take refuge. To make the park more convenient and enjoyable, members of the Rotary Club of Laurel are joining two other area Rotary clubs in raising money to have a pavilion or some type of covered structure built at the park.

"It gets pretty hot out there when you're digging for fossils, so we want to build a pavilion so the children and others who come can have a place to sit and get out of the sun, or the rain, and have a place to have classes there too," said Joy Kline, member and a past president of the Rotary Club of Laurel. "We hope a pavilion can be built that is big enough to seat 15 to 20 people."

The Laurel club is being joined in its fundraising effort by the Towson Towne and Greenbelt Rotary clubs. Other nearby clubs may join in the project.

Each club plans to raise \$1,500, mainly through contributions from members and supporters from the community. The money raised will be turned over to the Parks and Planning Commission, which owns and manages the park.

"We're optimistic that we will reach our goal. We have raised \$500 so far and are still collecting donations," Kline said. "The Rotary District office will give \$4,500 for the project."

The 3-acre fenced-in Dinosaur Park opened in 2009 just off of Contee Road on Mid Atlantic Boulevard. In addition to the dig site, where fossils more than 110 million years old have been found, the park includes an interpretative garden with vegetation indicative of that time period. Paleontologist Peter Krantz, who has searched for fossils at the site for 30 years

and is president of the Dinosaur Fund, the volunteer group that conducts tours and educational programs at the park, said a pavilion is sorely needed.

"Last summer, we had an old beach umbrella in the ground to shelter people from the sun on hot days, and they used it," Krantz said. "We expect to have more visitors this year, and it's so important to do something better."

Krantz said the area Rotary clubs became involved in raising money for a pavilion after he gave a presentation about the Dinosaur Park in Glen Burnie.

"Andy Roth is a member of the Towson Towne Rotary Club, and he was (there and was) impressed with how children enjoy the park. We had a list of our needs -- a shelter, water, a display space -- and Andy looked at the list and said, 'We want to help build a shelter,'" Krantz said. "Andy arranged for me to make presentations at other area (Rotary) clubs, and three made pledges to raise money for us."

Parks and Planning Commission officials are expected to contribute funds for whatever covered structure is built at the park, but it is not known how much that will be at this point. Dinosaur Fund officials presented potential designs for a covered structure to the Commission, whose officials will decide what can be done and where at the site.

"One option we're considering is a concrete pad with a metal picnic shelter over it, and another is more of a boardwalk deck overlooking the (dig) site with a permanent shelter structure over it and steps leading to the dig area," said Anthony Nolan, chief of the Parks and Planning Commission's Natural and Historic Resources Division.

The first option, which Kline said the Rotary Club favors, is the most expensive to construct, about \$30,000, because of the concrete that has to be laid and the labor costs involved. Kline said the second option, the covered deck, would cost about \$15,000 to \$20,000, and is seen as more realistic by the Parks and Planning Commission.

"The deck is more affordable and could

get done quicker. The money we'll get from the Rotary clubs wouldn't be enough to do (the pavilion)," Nolan said. "The problem is we don't have any money now for the project."

The Rotary clubs are hoping for a covered pavilion with a table, benches and chairs. But if the deck is all the county can afford, Nolan said chairs could be placed on the deck and it could be built to accommodate 50 people.

"There's a hillside with naturally occurring erosion, and at the base of that hill is where sediment comes out and visitors do their sifting (for fossils). We'd want the deck overlooking that hill," he said. "I think we could get that done."

An important site

Krantz and many other experts, including those at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, which cares for fossils found at the park, have described Laurel's Dinosaur Park as an important dig and research site. According to Smithsonian officials, it is the only place on the East Coast where fossils older than 100 million years old can be found and in a high quantity.

Last September, a 7-year-old Elkridge boy found a dinosaur jaw fragment at the park that is thought to be more than 115 million years old. It is the first dinosaur jawbone to be uncovered in Maryland since the late 1800s. Krantz said the jawbone was from a small, meat-eating theropod dinosaur.

"The jawbone was broken with fresh breaks on it, which implied that other pieces were around. We found a second part of the jawbone by looking around, and after collecting soil and sifting through it, we found a third piece," Krantz said. "The fossil lab head with the Smithsonian was shown where the jaw was found, and they found two more pieces."

"So, we have five pieces of the jaw, which is still incomplete. We hope more of it will be flushed out."

Nolan hopes to know later this month how much money the Parks and Planning Commission can contribute to a covered structure at the park, which he hopes can be built in time for the warmer months.

Below: Another round of Paul Harris Fellow milestone pins at Columbia Patuxent Rotary, bringing their total for this year to a "stone" cold 13! [L-R] Annie Geiermann, Alan Jefferson (PHF+4), President Dawn Audia (PHF+3), San Croson (PHF+3), Doug Dribben (PHF+1).



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IS MY FAVORITE CHARITY

By Kenneth R. Solow, Columbia-Patuxent

I was proud to receive my Paul Harris Society

pin with one ruby on the night we celebrated our club's 25th anniversary. For those that don't know, one ruby means you are being recognized for 7

Paul Harris fellows, or Paul Harris +6. There were several other club members who received Paul Harris recognition that night, but in the spirit of the moment, perhaps the proper comments dignifying the occasion didn't get made. I wanted to share a few thoughts about Paul Harris

Fellowship with all of you and explain why I am so proud to receive this pin.

We are all besieged by charitable requests each year. Most of them deserve our support. However, for me at least, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is my favorite charity, for a lot of reasons. The purpose of our Foundation is to promote world peace through health, humanitarian, and education programs. If you've been following the news, you might consider that there has never been a time when our purpose has been more relevant. I have come to believe that we may seriously underestimate the amazing benefits that are the direct result of Rotary programs around the world.

Another consideration is the genius behind the structure of TRF. Giving to the Foundation is a statement that you trust the integrity and professionalism of Rotarians around the world who actually determine what programs need to be funded and oversee their implementation. As I say in my Foundation talks around the District, Rotary has a fantastic and irreplaceable "ground game." I seriously doubt that there is another organization (other than faith-based organizations) that can boast of having 1.2 million members all committed to the same ethical code like the Four Way Test and who are committed to world peace. It is

no accident that Bill Gates committed several hundred million dollars to TRF in order to fight Polio. No other organization in the world can do what we can do in terms of putting motivated people on the front lines of fighting poverty, illness, and a lack of education. Then there is the issue of competence. It turns out that the Rotary Foundation is an excellent steward of our money. We can see this first hand as Lon Chestnut and others work with the Foundation to obtain grant money to subsidize our clean water project. The rules are strict and meeting the grant criteria isn't easy. All of which should give you, like me, a sense that our money is being well spent around the world. I often say that Rotary's "brand" is unblemished. What other organization can boast of such a pristine track record for giving away hundreds of millions of dollars each year without a hint of scandal? Believe me...not many.

Finally, I am a Rotarian. And while other charities have wonderful goals that are important to me, in many ways giving to the Rotary Foundation confirms my identity as a Rotarian. As the chairman of our club's charitable trust, and as someone who has contributed significant dollars to our local fundraisers, including The Game Show and the Walk for Water, I recognize that much of what we do locally is vitally important, but not necessarily unique to Rotary. Many other fraternal organizations support their local communities while promoting the ideas of service to others. It is only Rotary, through our Foundation, that has the ability to make such a huge impact on world peace through our humanitarian grants, education grants and exchanges, Peace Institutes, Polio Plus, and more. We should be very proud of the stature that Rotary has achieved internationally and proud to be part of such an amazing organization.

So congratulations to the Paul Harris recipients from last Friday's 25th anniversary celebration, and to all of our club members who have earned their Paul Harris Fellows. In fact, we have a very large group in our club who are working on their second, third, and fourth Paul Harris's. As a club we are one of the top per capita givers to the Foundation each year in our District, which is something else for us to be proud of as a club. Sometimes it's good to step back and celebrate why we give our \$200 each year to the Foundation and consider what it means to be a Paul Harris Fellow. I hope you are as proud of our achievements as I am.



Above: Howard County Rotary Clubs sponsored the Howard County Library BumbleBee Awards with Area Governor Nancy Szlasa speaking (see article on page 7).



Above: Rotarians sample soup at the Lake Shore Rotary Club fundraiser (see article on page 7). Below: Lake Shore Rotary Club President Douglas Devaughn flanked by guests.



LAKE SHORE ROTARY SECOND ANNUAL SOUP COOK-OFF

Lake Shore Rotary held its Second Annual Soup Cook-Off March 27, 2011 from 1PM-4PM at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena. 425 people paid to sample Maryland Crab and Cream of Crab soups from 13 participants. 11 local restaurants and 2 individuals, Kim Ward and George Vanskiver, served up delicious recipes that everyone enjoyed. Kurtz's Beach provided crab cakes and shrimp salad and Giant Food of Lake Shore provided 2 sub rings as well. Yogis Place took 1st place honors for Maryland Crab Soup while Gourmet Pizza & Subs took 1st place for their outstanding cream of crab soup. Kim Ward won 2nd place for MD Crab, 3rd place was won by Bamboo Bernies. Cream of crab second place was won by Bella Napoli and Yogis Place won an additional award for 3rd place for their cream of crab recipe. Each winner will be presented with their awards at an upcoming Lake Shore Rotary meeting. Proceeds fund the many community service activities for the club. The club raised over \$4,200 in this event.

SOUTH ANNE ARUNDEL ROTARY CLUB'S "BOUNTIFUL BACKPACKS"

From The Capital, January 27, 2011
What initially began as a small effort to help 15 families of students at Edgewater Elementary School last August has grown into a weekly service project sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County in partnership with Lothian Elementary School, 5175 Solomons Island Road. Bountiful Backpacks launched at Lothian on January 14, sending a weekly backpack of groceries home to students whose families qualify for the Maryland State Free and Reduced Meals program. It is hoped that the food supplements family supplies over the weekends.

SECOND ANNUAL HAND-TO-HAND TO HAITI AROUND CENTENNIAL LAKE

By Pete Pichaske, Howard County Times, March 24, 2011
About 1,000 people gathered in Centennial Park March 19 to listen to music, enjoy sno-cones and hold hands while encircling a portion of the lake -- all in an effort to raise money for the victims of the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti. The fundraiser, organized by the Ellicott City Rotary Club and the Build Haiti Foundation, was the second held at Centennial Lake since the earthquake. It was billed as "Hand-to-Hand to Haiti 2." "The idea of reaching out hands is symbolic, to make sure people keep Haiti in mind and keep reaching out to help," said Larry Jackson, of the Ellicott City Rotary Club. "People forget that there is still a need." This year's event included two local bands, Jah Works, a reggae band; and the Deanna Bogart Band. Jackson said earlier this week the organizations have no final figure on the amount of money raised, but have a goal of \$80,000 and are still accepting donations. The money will go to the various projects the Rotary Clubs are working on in Haiti, as well as the Build Haiti Foundation, a Columbia-based nonprofit organization. Anyone who wants to contribute can go to www.happydollars.org. The earthquake in Haiti killed at least 100,000 people and left at least 1 million homeless.

ROCKVILLE ROTARY'S FREE HEALTH FAIR

[From the Gazette Newspaper]
Rockville Rotary Club joined with Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and the City of Rockville to offer a free community health fair on Saturday, March 23. The fair included health screenings, a nutrition workshop, fitness demonstrations and games and fun activities for the kids.

HOWARD COUNTY CLUBS SPONSOR "BUMBLEBEE COMPETITION"

By Valerie Cross, President&CEO, Howard County Library (HCL) to AG Nancy Szlasa
I write to express our profound gratitude for your support of the HCL BumbleBee Celebration last Tuesday. Thank you for representing all Howard County Rotary Clubs at the event, and for your fitting remarks. Please convey our thanks to all of the Rotary Clubs for your joint sponsorship, and for the dictionaries. With more than 150 people in attendance, this year's BumbleBee was a huge hit! Once again, my heartfelt thanks for your support of Howard County Library.

LAUREL ROTARY GATHERING RELIEF FOR JAPAN

From Laurel Leader, March 16, 2011
As communities around the world respond to the tragedy of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the Rotary Club of Laurel invites residents to help their relief efforts that are already underway. Through a disaster aid organization, the Laurel Rotary is raising money to purchase and ship shelter boxes -- containing a tent and boxes of cooking utensils -- to areas of Japan that were hardest hit by the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and its aftermath. Rotary member Joy Kline said the group already has some relief boxes ready to go, and the club plans to continue purchasing the boxes. "Japan could use a lot more. This is unending," Kline said. Rotary is an international organization with members across the globe, including in Japan. Kline said international aid has always been at the forefront of Rotary's efforts worldwide. "We work on clean water, literacy, peace and hunger," Kline said. "We help all over the world." To make a donation toward the Laurel Rotary's effort to send shelter boxes to Japan, call Kline at 301-498-4950.

BREAKING NEWS: ROTARIAN MAGAZINE GOES DIGITAL

[From Rotary International News]

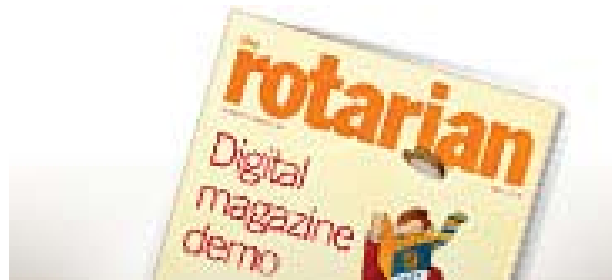
Beginning in July, *The Rotarian* will bring you the same print content you've enjoyed for years -- in paperless form. If you switch to digital, a link to the new issue will be delivered to your e-mail inbox each month from Zinio, the world's largest digital newsstand. Plus download the Zinio app on your iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, or Samsung Galaxy to take *The Rotarian* digital magazine with you wherever you go.

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The Rotarian digital magazine debuts in July. But you can see a preview now at http://www.zinio.com/reader.jsp?issue=416162402&RF=rotarian_may11&o=ext

Editorial Note: In 2008 PDG Bob Nelson initiated the proposed enactment for the *Rotarian* Magazine to offer an electronic version. PDG Pat Kasuda successfully advocated this legislation at the 2010 Council on Legislation where the RI Board of Directors stood in opposition to this enactment. By Rotary International's own estimates, this one enactment could save Rotary up to \$3.6M per year and reduce the environmental impact of printing 6 million copies of paper magazines each year. Clubs and districts have been successfully utilizing electronic publication of newsletters for many years. It's finally time to bring Rotary International into this 21st century digital age!

“One’s nativity is not of his own choosing, but whatever it may be, it is entitled to respect; and all nations have honorable place in the world’s family.” - Paul Harris

April is Rotary Magazine Month Trumpet Rotary!

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DisCon 2011 at Turf Valley Resort

Preliminary Program 4/4/11

Friday, April 29, 2011

1:30 PM Opening Plenary Session – Tiffany

Convener: Nancy Szlasa, Senior Area Governor

Opening: Rotary Governor Jay Kumar

Welcome: Howard County Executive Ken Ulman

Introduction of RIPE Kalyan Banerjee: Governor Jay Kumar

Welcoming Remarks: RIPE Kalyan Banerjee

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Geetha Jayaram

Keynote Speaker: John Hewko, RI General Secretary Elect

Golfing Fellowship Awards: Balbir Lakhnpal

2:50 – 3:00 PM – Break

3:00 – 4:30 PM – Breakout Sessions

Track 1 - Rotary Fellowships:

Panel and Roundtables – Crystal

Convener: Nancy Szlasa, Senior Area Governor

Tomislav Maravic, International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

Jay Davies, International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians

Gus Gallagher, International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

Richard Cody, International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Patrick Clarke, International Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians

Phil Komornik, International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

Steve Gobles, Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship

Chris Puttock, Environment Fellowship of Rotarians

Marilyn Rognvaldson, Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers

Tin Tin Nu Raschid, PDG, Rotary Global History Fellowship

Dr. Geetha Jayaram, International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors

Track 2 – Grant Management Seminar:

MOU Certification – Ellicott

Conveners: Rob Brown, PDG, and Rachael Blair

Paul Derstine

Chris Siciliano

Dr. Barry Thompson

Bob Parkinson, DGN

Dr. Chris Puttock

Kathy McPherson

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Hospitality Suites Open

6:00 PM – 7:45 PM Reception and Food Stations – Tiffany

Convener: David Bittner

7:45 PM – 9:00 PM Entertainment: Duke Ellington Show Choir

9:00 PM Hospitality Suites Open

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7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Continental Breakfast – Ballroom Foyer

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM District Business Meeting – Regency

9:00 AM – New Generations Breakout Session: Interact – Crystal

Convener: Andy Baum, PDG

<p>9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Plenary Session – Tiffany “Building Communities” <i>Convener: Dr. Anna-Mae Kobbe, Area Governor</i> <i>Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Governor Jay Kumar</i> <i>Keynote Speaker: RIPE Kalyan Banerjee, “Rotary Today”</i> Club Signature Project Highlights <i>Annapolis Crab Feast, Bethesda Turkey Chase, St. Mary’s Oyster Festival, Frederick Band Shell, Parole Tuxedo Ball, Northern Calvert/Chesapeake Beach Boys and Girls Club, etc.</i></p>	<p>Track 3 - New Generations: Interact - Crystal <i>Convener: Andy Baum, PDG</i></p>
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10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Body Mass Index Screenings – Bridal Suite

10:15 AM – 10:20 AM – Break

10:20 AM – 11:20 AM – Breakout Sessions

<p>Track 1 - Rotary and the Environment: Cleaning Up the Chesapeake Bay – Tiffany <i>Convener: Bob Parkinson, DGN</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Dr. Samuel Hancock, Moderator, TV producer of Emerald Planet,</i> ❖ <i>Jackie Takacs, Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program, U of Md</i> ❖ <i>Bob Lewis, Executive Director St. Mary’s River Watershed Association</i> ❖ <i>Steve King, Water & Sanitation Focus Group</i> </p>	<p>Track 2 – Building Clubs - Regency Membership MOJO/District Clubs With The Highest Membership Growth <i>Convener: Darrell Nevin</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Jessica Barnes (Waldorf)</i> ❖ <i>Albert Hess (Pikesville)</i> ❖ <i>Sherri Brogan (Columbia-Patuxent)</i> ❖ <i>Peter Kyle, DGND, (Capitol Hill)</i> </p>	<p>Track 3 - New Generations: Interact - Crystal <i>Convener: Andy Baum, PDG</i></p>
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11:20 AM – 11:25 AM – Break

11:25 AM – 12:25 PM – Breakout Sessions

<p>Track 1 – Service Projects – Tiffany <i>Convener: Dr. Geetha Jayaram</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Darrell Nevin, “Choose Civility”</i> ❖ <i>John Kolm, Haiti School Project</i> ❖ <i>Abba Polangin, Fundraising for Local Community Projects</i> ❖ <i>Dr. Ila Shah, Womens’ Health</i> </p>	<p>Track 2 – Building Clubs - Regency New Models for Club Extension <i>Convener: Ray Streib, PDG</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Annapolis Evening</i> ❖ <i>Washington Evening</i> ❖ <i>Southern Harford Cty.</i> </p>	<p>Track 3 – New Generations: Interact - Crystal <i>Convener: Andy Baum, PDG</i></p>
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Saturday, April 30, 2011 *(continued)*

11:30 AM – Ellicott City Wine Tasting, Luncheon and Tour

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Plenary Session – Cameo
“Four-Way Test Luncheon”

Convener: Olivia White

Four-Way Test Contest: Mike Phennicie

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Bob Parkinson, DGN

Keynote Speaker: Pierre Thuot, Former NASA Astronaut

Announcement of Four-Way Test Winners: Mike Phennicie

1:00 PM – New Generations Breakout Session: Rotaract – Crystal

Convener: Navin Valliappan, District Rotaract Representative

1:30 PM – Fort Meade BRAC Tour

2:30 PM – 2:40 PM – Break

2:40 PM – 3:30 PM – Breakout Sessions

“Bridging Continents”

Track 1 - Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars and Peace Scholars – Tiffany

Conveners: Peter Kyle, DGND, Peace Scholars

and Carl Schneider, Ambassadorial Scholars

Scholars: Amanda Martin, Zarrin Caldwell, Cameron

Chisholm, Vera Wedekind, Signe Fosgaard and

Jasmine Hogan.

Track 2 -

New Generations: Rotaract – Crystal

Convener: Navin Valliappan, District Rotaract

Representative

3:30 PM – 3:40 PM – Break

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM – Breakout Sessions

“Bridging Continents”

Track 1 -

Rotary Foundation Future Vision - Tiffany

Convener: Rob Brown, PDG, Rotary Foundation

District Chair

Track 2 -

New Generations: Rotaract – Crystal

Convener: Navin Valliappan, District Rotaract

Representative

5:00 PM Reception – Ballroom Foyer and Regency

Harpist and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Jasmine Hogan

Irving Harris, Photographer

6:00 PM Governor’s Gala Dinner – Grand Ballroom – Formal Attire Optional

Convener: Dr. Geetha Jayaram

Indian Dancing (please, no eating or drinking during this performance)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Governor Jay Kumar

Keynote Speaker: RIPE Kalyan Banerjee

Governor’s Awards, Special Recognition for District Projects, Governor’s Address

9:00 PM Hospitality Suites Open

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Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:00 AM Plenary Session – Regency
Memorial Service: Remembering Past Rotarians
Convener: Rev. Edco Bailey, Area Governor

8:40 AM – 8:45 AM – Break

8:45 AM Brunch and Plenary Session – Tiffany
“Staying Healthy to Serve”
Convener: Dr. Geetha Jayaram
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Nancy Szlasa, Senior Area Governor
Keynote Speaker: Victor Broccolino, CEO, Howard County General Hospital,
“Effects of the New National Health Plan”
Medical Panel: “Staying Healthy to Serve”

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Breakout Sessions

Track 1 - Three Keys to Mastering Stress - Regency Convener: Kathy Passe Kathleen Plasse, R.N. M.P.A.	Track 2 – Wellness – Crystal Convener: Dr. Geetha Jayaram ❖ <i>Dr. Earl Wilkinson, “Acupuncture”</i> ❖ <i>Dr. Prasad, “Yoga”</i> ❖ <i>Bob Duggan, Founder and President Emeritus, Tai Sophia Institute</i>	Track 3 - Body Mass Index Screenings – Bridal Suite Convener: Maia Alloy
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11:00 AM – 11:05 AM – Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Body Mass Index Screenings – Bridal Suite

11:05 AM Closing Plenary Session – Tiffany
Convener: Dr. Geetha Jayaram
Closing Remarks: DGE Claude Morissette
Closing Remarks: Governor Jay Kumar
Closing Remarks: RIPE Kalyan Banerjee
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Raj Saini, PDG
Keynote Speaker: Ramesh Ferris, Polio Survivor
Adjourn

A Day in Old Town Ellicott City

Want to learn about historic Ellicott City, get a little exercise and have some fun? Join us for our popular daytime walking tour.

Travel along Main Street and learn about a 1800s-style bucket brigade used to put out fires...learn how the rock formations along the road were blown up before dynamite...explore one of the mystifying alleyways of Tonge Row and experience the sounds of Main Street during the 1700s.

In this lively one-hour walking tour along Main Street, learn the 5Rs (Railroad, River, Road, Rock and Rebuild) of Ellicott City. Learn about 20 historic sites, including the raging Patapsco River, the first national road, the town's hidden cobblestone alley, B&O Railroad Museum, the gigantic rock cliffs alongside the sidewalks and the mysterious marker near the Railroad bridge. Discover the abundance of antique stores, restaurants and specialty shops as you walk along the bustling historic district.

Experienced tour guides provide a safe, educational, interactive and entertaining tour. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



Saturday, April 30th

Leave Turf Valley at 11:30 am
and return by 4:30 pm



Wine Tasting ♦ Luncheon ♦ Guided Tour

Wine Tasting at The Wine Bin with a California Vintner

♦Taste, shop, and even purchase Rotary labeled wine

Special French Dining Experience at Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant

♦Includes paired wines and a visit with Chef and fellow Rotarian Michel Tersiguel

Tour Old Town and Shop

♦Learn the history of this quaint town and shop as you go to the many charming boutiques

Register by April 12th

Only \$40 per person

Transportation is included by Private Van Service

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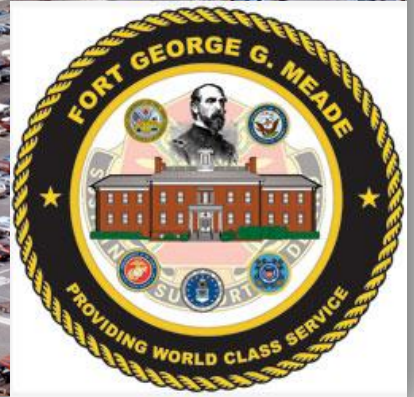
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Tour Fort Meade

Saturday, April 30th



Driving Tour of Fort Meade by Executive Coach

Fort Meade is home of the National Security Agency, the Defense Information Systems Agency and 80 other tenant organizations occupying 5,500 acres, employing 48,000 people, and home to 15,000 residents. Learn how the BRAC realignment will impact this region. There will be stops at Fort Meade Museum and the NSA Cryptological Museum.

Your guide for this fun and informative tour will be Colonel Kent Menser, US Army (Ret) Fort Meade Commander from 1990 to 1993. The Colonel is currently the Executive Director of the Howard County Maryland BRAC Office and Coordinator of the Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee.

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