



Governor Jay Kumar's TRUMPET



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GOVERNOR JAY KUMAR HIGHLIGHTS THE ROTARY YEAR IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT DISCON 2011

Governor Jay's Speech at DisCon 2011:

RIPE Kalyan Banerjee, his charming wife Binota Banerjee, 7610 DG Ron Marion from Virginia and his lovely wife Roseann, Rotarians and guests.



It is with pride and gratitude that I stand before you this evening. You have just heard a thought provoking and inspirational speech that is Kalyan's hallmark.

Our theme this year of "Building Communities and Bridging Continents" is very apt for the world today. In the past year, we have experienced the tragedies of war, natural disasters in Haiti, in Christchurch, New Zealand, in Japan, and several here at home in the US. More than ever, while we live in a Global climate, we desperately need to build friendships everywhere. There is no other organization more suited to this task than Rotary. I am grateful that I was given a small role locally to help in "Building Bridges".

My year started with club visits. They were enjoyable and taught me much. Some club members asked me if I would be "stripping", since they had experienced it with past DG's! "I will spare you that sight" was my answer. Some asked if I was going to be a Shakespearean actor as some DGs had been in the past. There were comical moments that I enjoyed.

I was warned that Murphy's laws were always at work. Many gave me sage advice. I was told:

- A pat on the back is only a few centimeters from a kick in the pants.
- You can go anywhere you want if you look serious and carry a clipboard.
- If at first you don't succeed, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it.
- Important letters that contain no errors will develop errors in email.
- The last person that quit or was fired will be the one held responsible for everything that goes wrong - blame everything on that person.
- People are always available for work in the past tense.
- When you don't know what to do, walk fast and look worried.
- Machines that have broken down will work perfectly when the repairman arrives.



Keeping this advice in mind, I began to implement my plans for the year.

- the RI pilot District program
- the notion of continuity through successive DGs
- and monthly meetings with the incoming DGs.



Claude and I shared a common dream of giving back the District to the members when we both won an award as the best president in the District in 1996.

Upcoming District Events

May 21-25
Rotary International Convention
New Orleans, LA

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



[L-R] DGN Bob Parkinson, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Karl Stenhammer, Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith and Governor Jay Kumar at the Polio Champions awards at the Capitol in Washington DC on May 3. [Below] Dupont Circle Provisional Rotary Club members Elise Shutzer and Emily Todd at the reception on Capitol Hill.



My next goal was to raise the exposure of every club to international service. Towards this goal, I encouraged clubs to work together to accomplish their goals in pooling their resources. Many clubs followed through successfully. The Grants Committee worked extraordinarily well with the District leadership to fund large grants for literacy, eradication of malaria, several grants providing water, breast cancer screening and preventing diseases. We have funded projects in Honduras, Ecuador, Chennai, and Niger to name a few. Many of you became friends with one another in the process. This district achieved recognition in submitting 100% of our reports on time, thanks to our wonderful district grants committee. Rachael Blair in particular and her committee members are to be commended for their diligence, efficiency and timely responses.

The Peace Scholar and Scholarship committees under the able guidance and leadership of Peter Kyle and Dr. Carl Schneider and their teams are responsible for our outstanding results, making us one of the top Districts in the world. Conflict Resolution using Peace Scholars should start in DC. Don't you think so?

Some other accomplishments in the District

- We have recently added one new club, The Annapolis evening club, and another is on the way in DC. Thanks to Larry Leahy, Peter Kyle and Ray Streib.

- Another surprise recognition for our District is that we have the highest number of members attending the RI Convention in New Orleans from Zone 33. My thanks for that go to Jessica Barnes from the Waldorf club who worked hard to enroll members. For this we win Ray Klinginsmith's Team Building Award.



- Another distinction: our district was the third highest in Zone 33 in charitable giving for double recognition points. I have you as members to thank for your effort.



In my trips to many clubs, I was inspired by several that have been members for decades. One such member is "Morris" (not our PDG). He is 82. He told me he went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur, be careful.'" At any rate, Morris was still attending Rotary meetings from the boost he got.



Switching to the subject of Polio. Raj Saini has led the effort in our district, helped by Bob Grill and Rob Brown. Giving for Polio has been high and we are waiting for the



tally. They were ably supported by a few Area Governors.

Donations to the Foundation have been better than in previous years. Some members gave generously without being asked.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the clubs for inviting me to your special celebrations and galas. I will always cherish those wonderful memories.

I hope you are all enjoying the camaraderie of this conference, which would not be possible without the input and charitable spirit of many too numerous to mention here. I want to thank many of you who have given much and asked for little. I want to recognize a few stellar Rotarians who have made this conference possible. I want to call on them to stand at their seats and be recognized. Will you all please hold your applause till I have finished naming them all?

Bob Nelson, our conference Chair
Sara Torrence, our conference planner and hotel liaison
Nancy Szlasa, our conference Vice Chair
Sherry Whitworth, our District Secretary
George Hurlburt, our Conference Treasurer
Sharon Walligora, decorations coordinator
All the sergeants at arms

These were the pivotal people. There were many others who helped in many ways both big and small.

Bob Grill and Phyllis are Aides to the President Elect Kalyan Banerjee and his wife Binota.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my lovely wife, Geetha, for all the help she gave me.



In closing, I want to acknowledge how the last year has been a tremendous learning experience. I have learned how to be calmer in times of adversity, how not to micro-manage, and how great gifts come from unexpected sources. For

example, Edco Bailey's extraordinary gift of \$5000 for this district conference!

I would like to finish with a saying by Rabindranath Tagore, "Let me light my lamp", says the star, "And never debate if it will help to remove the darkness."

As Rotarians we will strive to do our part in making the world a better place. Thank you!

KUDOS FOR DISCON

From the Duke Ellington Show Choir:

We had a lovely time on Friday and we want to thank you both for inviting the Show Choir to perform. The kids and Mr. Bonds and the chaperones all enjoyed the wonderful, engaged audience. Rotary definitely wins the award for 'best audience' in 2011rarely do we get to have so much fun.

The show was an important opportunity for the kids to raise money to get to France this summer. We are about halfway there on our fund raising and we are going to be working hard over the coming months to make sure the trip happens. The French Embassy has offered the Show Choir an opportunity to perform at the Embassy for 3 shows sometime in June and we will be in touch with you so that your Rotary members can come out and enjoy the music and fun. We would love to entertain your members again and would welcome their

continued support as we try to get this group of Show Choir kids overseas on their first international trip.

AWARDS AT DISCON

By Larry Leahy, AG

There were three levels of awards. Bronze, Silver and Gold. Of the sixty eight clubs in the District, 41 did not apply. Three applied but didn't qualify.

Gold Awards

Pikesville-Owings Mills,
President Carl Peterson
Carroll Creek, President Olivia White
Washington, President Donald Marx
Potomac, President Joanne Richter
Crofton, President Tom Locke
Frederick, President Andy Carpel
Parole, President Alan Hay
Rockville, President C.K. Dheenan
Hunt Valley, President Eric Miller
Annapolis, President Chara Hutzell
Capitol Hill, President Polly Binns
South Anne Arundel,
President Lee Derrick
Columbia-Patuxent,
President Dawn Audia
Towsontowne, President Ellie Elgin
Columbia, President Earl Wilkinson

Silver Awards

Glen Burnie, President Michael Maultsby
Waldorf, President Jessica Barnes

Bronze Awards

Bladensburg, President Mary Dudley
Aberdeen, President Sheryl Kohl
Gaithersburg, President Teddy Cornejo
Lexington Park, President William Moody
North Bethesda, President James Manley
Bethesda Chevy-Chase,
President Richard Tannenbaum

Interact Awards: South River

Rotaract Awards

Annapolis
Hood College

Upcoming Club Events

May 13 and 14
Parole Rotary
Naptown barBAYq
Barbeque Contest and Festival
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
www.barbayq.com



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PAROLE ROTARY'S VERY B.I.G. SUCCESS STORY

By Tony Read

The Parole Rotary Club of Annapolis signature project, BIG (Books for International Goodwill), has come a long way from its humble beginnings; or should I say gone a long way in terms of books delivered and miles traveled.

BIG's Steve Frantzich, President and Project Director, was recently invited to attend the 20th anniversary of the Points of Light Foundation at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. The organization, founded by Pres H.W. Bush in 1990 was created as an independent, non-partisan, nonprofit organization to encourage and empower the spirit of service. Steve commented, "It was a thrill to be in the same room with the four living presidents who extolled the value of volunteerism in America. It was an honor to be among the leaders of over 1500 individual and small group volunteer programs making America and the world a better place to live. It was an evening of short-winded speeches, and great entertainment with the likes of Garth Brooks and Reba McIntyre. I wish I could have shared it with all the B.I.G. volunteers." Steve was privileged to receive an award in 1999 when BIG had just delivered its millionth book.

Recognition of BIG's milestone achievements have come in the form of other awards from the Maryland Governor's office, some foreign governments and Paul Newman's "Make a Difference" day sharing the award with the Midshipman Action Group at the Naval Academy. It has also won the Rotary District award for the best international service project.

Talk about humble beginnings. The BIG project, whose mission statement is "Spreading Literacy by Keeping Books Alive", was launched in 1994 in the garage of a Parole Rotary club member. It then moved to the old Pepsi plant on West St. and over the next decade and a half moved 4 more times before ending up in its present location on the lower level of the Capital Gazette Newspaper Building, 2000, Capital Drive (off West St.) in Annapolis, MD.

The B.I.G. project has now delivered more than 4.5 million books around the globe especially to developing countries in Africa,

Eastern Europe and South East Asia as well as to underserved US communities. Over 6000 books have been sent to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, including recipients from the Annapolis area. For instance, profits have recently covered shipments to Pakistan, Kenya, Cameroon and Nigeria. B.I.G is an all-volunteer operation and sends books overseas for an average of 15 cents each. More than 60,000 good new and used books (greater than 50% are new) are available at each monthly sale. Fill a grocery bag for \$30 or \$1.50 for hardbacks, \$1 for trade paperbacks and 50 cents for pocket paperbacks.

Further information on the project, donation location, volunteer activities and a map are available at www.big-books.org or by contacting: Steve Frantzich at 410 293 6865 or frantzich3@verizon.net.

\$23K RAISED BY WALK4WATER

By David Crumbley

On April 9 over 150 Howard County Teens joined forces with nearly 100 Howard County residents and the Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Club to raise funds that will give the gift of water—and a better, healthier life—to more than 20,000 Ethiopians.

The Walk4Water was a 5k walk held on Saturday, April 9th, 2011 at Centennial High School in Columbia, MD. Participants in the event are still actively raising funds to support a project to drill 12 water wells and improve sanitation practices in ten villages just outside Gondar, Ethiopia. These efforts will provide an overall improvement to health and quality of life for 21,887 people from these villages. But more importantly... this project will save lives. Over two million people die every year from preventable water related illnesses, almost four per minute.

A note from the students of the H.C. Interact Clubs, please come out and join us to help these people! You don't have to be a Howard County student to help. Everyone is welcome to participate, fundraise or donate to the Walk4Water. We know that a few students can't raise the money necessary for this project. But we believe in our community and the people in it. Together, we CAN do this.



Howard County Rotarians and Interactors Walk4Water to drill wells in Ethiopia.



FOUR-WAY TEST FINALISTS AWARDED \$3750 AT DISCON 2011

By Kathy McPherson

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. Recent events contributing to our nation's current economic calamity strongly underscore that need in today's society.

One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy.

Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

“Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”**

The FOUR WAY TEST is key to being a Rotarian. It reminds us that we daily practice high ethical standards in our everyday lives. When we can promote the 4-Way Test in a younger generation it strengthens our community. So Rotarians across the world host speech contests that help spread the word to our communities about these ethics on which Rotary stands.

THE FOUR WAY TEST Speech Contest has

become a feature in Rotary Clubs across District 7620 and in 200 countries around the world. Clubs fund their own contests, and both at club and District level. Mike Phennicie of the Rotary Club of Glen Burnie has done a great job leading this effort for 12 years at the Club level and has led this at the District level for the past 8 years.

On 9 April judges heard exceptional speeches at the Four-Way Test Semi-finals and found it challenging to select only 4



finalists, who are among the best speakers in central Maryland. Departing the semi-finals, judges remarked on how well the contest was managed. Daniel Dawson of Glen Burnie, Sukhi Gulati of Frederick, Matthew Trotta of Columbia, and Quentin Ezell of Carroll Creek were invited to compete in the Rotary International District 7620 Contest on 30 April at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. At the District Conference, these finalists presented phenomenal speeches that caused concern for follow-on (world renown) speakers. Matthew, who attends Long Reach High School, was sponsored by the Ellicott City Sunrise Sunrise Club, received a \$500 prize. Sukhi, attending Thomas Johnson High School, and sponsored by the Fredericktowne Club, spoke on eliminating nuclear weapons, won a prize of \$750. Daniel, who attends the

Rockbridge Academy and was sponsored by the Annapolis Club spoke on a life of service to others, received a \$1000 prize. The first place winner, Quentin, who attends Walkersville High School and the Technology Center, was sponsored by the Carroll Creek Club, spoke on adversity creating character, and received a \$1500 prize. The Rotary International President Elect, Kalyan Banerjee of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, joined District 7620 Governor, Jay Kumar from the Rotary Club of Columbia in congratulating these young orators on their accomplishments. Mike Phennicie also congratulated the parents, grandparents, teachers, and the Rotary Clubs who sponsor and mentor these extraordinary high school students. Reminding many to be thankful for those who support our Rotary endeavors, Mike also thanked his wife Debbie who is instrumental in this very successful project.

Looking ahead to 2012: District clubs will again have an opportunity to sponsor a local contest and provide prizes to first, second and third place winners. Participating clubs will recruit students from their local areas, pay a registration fee that generates the prize money, then promote, execute and give prizes at the club level. Club winners might be given prizes in the magnitude of \$100, \$50 and \$25. The Club winners will advance to the Rotary District 7620 semi-finals. Those winners will advance to the finals to be held at the 2011-2012 District Conference.

Please contact Mike Phennicie at mphennicie@bwairport.com, or Kathy McPherson at KathyMcP@aol.com for additional information.



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[Above] Keynote Speaker Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools.

[Below] Master of Ceremonies Irving Spitzberg



[Above] Student winners. [Below] School principals and sponsor teachers from 14 schools.



HUNT VALLEY'S FOUR-WAY TEST ETHICS PROGRAM WINNERS

By Jane MacMillan

The winners of the 2011 Four-Way Test ethics program, in which 14 schools participated this year, were honored at an April 5 awards ceremony at Hereford High School. The event was hosted by the Rotary Club of Hunt Valley and The James W. Houck Foundation, Inc., and featured keynote speaker Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools, the preeminent leader of public education in any state in the United States.

Superintendent Grasmick endorsed the Hunt Valley Rotary Four-Way Test Program as supporting her priority for character education and service learning. She intends to urge her successor to continue these programs.

Participating students were encouraged to express their thoughts about the Four-Way Test, with cash prize incentives for the top three finishers in each grade or school. Elementary school students were asked to develop posters, middle school students wrote essays, and high school students wrote speeches as part of their public speaking courses. The four high school winners presented their speeches at a

luncheon meeting on March 30 at Hayfields Country Club to determine the grand prize winner. In addition, elementary schools promoted the program by recognizing students who demonstrated components of The Four-Way Test.

The Four-Way Test competition is an annual project of the Hunt Valley Rotary Club. It was originated in 1968 by the late James W. Houck, Sr., a member of Hunt Valley Rotary and the former Timonium Rotary.

Among the honorees on April 5 was speech grand prize winner Bobby Lindsey, a senior at Towson High School. He received an additional award for winning the Rotary Club of Hunt Valley's competition. The speech runner-up was Saidat Adeleke of Loch Raven High School who also received an additional award.

In addition to Lindsey and Adeleke, winning students were honored from the seven elementary schools, three middle schools, and four high schools that participated. A total of 83 students received checks, personalized certificates, and a "favor" of a mint-filled Rotary Four-Way Test cup. "Baltimore County Public Schools appreciates the support of community partners like the Rotary Club of Hunt Valley with The Four-Way Test," said Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Joe A. Hairston. "The Rotary Club's long-standing reputation in Baltimore County makes its official code of ethics a wonderful lesson to teach our students, who will one day be members and leaders of this business community." Dr. Hairston is a member of the Hunt Valley club.

According to Greg Pierce, past-chairman of the James W. Houck Foundation, Inc. and past-president of The Rotary Club of Hunt Valley, "It is truly inspiring to see the effort and enthusiasm that these students invest in the Four-Way Test Contest each year, and I wish we could recognize all of the more than 1,500 participants. We are truly grateful to all of the teachers and administrators who work very hard with Hunt Valley Rotarians to make this program an important element in the character development of our future citizens, workforce, and leadership."

This year, through the program, the Rotary Club and its sponsors awarded more than \$4,000 in prize money for students. Program sponsors this year include St. John Properties, Hayfields Country Club, Honeybaked Ham, Hunt Valley Business Forum, SPARKS! Web|Media|Marketing, UBS Financial Services, Inc., Shawan Downs, Towson Rotary Foundation, and Loch Raven Photography.

CAPITOL HILL ROTARY GLEANS PRODUCE TO FEED HOMELESS

By Polly Binns

In 2010, the Capitol Hill Rotary Club began gleaning fresh produce at the FreshFarm Farmer's Market by the White House. All



of the produce received from the market benefited Thrive DC and the hundreds of men, women, and children we serve each day. Thrive DC makes sure that no one has to face homelessness alone or on an empty stomach. Over 6,000 people in Washington, DC face the night without knowing where they will sleep or what they will eat. Each day, Thrive DC provides over 200 meals and supportive services to help homeless men and women satisfy their most basic needs as well as regain their independence.

Each Thursday, the Capitol Hill Rotary Club brought 3-5 members with food bins to the White House Farmer's Market. Whatever farmers and market vendors had set aside or couldn't resell was given to Thrive DC. In 6 months, Rotary members had gleaned over 5,200 lbs of fresh produce for Thrive DC! That's almost 200 lbs of food each week!

Due to this new support from the Capitol Hill Rotary Club, Thrive DC was able to expand its food security programming in 2010, providing not only meals twice-a-day, but also weekly fresh produce groceries and emergency food assistance to the vulnerable men, women, and children who turn to Thrive DC for help. The Farmer's Market initiative is a simple yet potent idea. Perfectly good food that would otherwise be unused and thrown away is utilized for people who are truly

in need of its nutritional value. For many people, Thrive DC's program is their ONLY reliable meal received each day. This is why the marriage of farmer's markets to human service providers, like Thrive DC, is vital to ensuring all members of our community live without the fear of hunger each day. Thrive DC is grateful for the Capitol Hill Rotary Club's commitment to ensuring all members of our community have access to healthy foods.

To learn more about how to help provide healthy food to your neighbors, visit www.ThriveDC.org or contact Thrive DC Community and Volunteer Resources Manager, Nathan

Mishler, at volunteer@thrivedc.org.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARDS DINNER

By Mary P. Felter

Three local residents were recognized by 250 Rotarians and guests at the 2011 Service Above Self Awards dinner held



April 21 at the Loews Annapolis Hotel, hosted by the South Anne Arundel Rotary Club with the Parole and Annapolis Rotary Clubs. At the event are, from left, South County Rotary Club President Lee Derrick, and honoree Bill Scrivens of Gambrills, for his work with Haiti, getting computers into the classrooms there; honoree John "Rusty" Porter of Annapolis, for his work with Habitat for Humanity, with Annapolis Club President Chara Hutzell; and honoree Larry Griffin, of Annapolis, recognized for his work with We Care and Friends, with Parole Rotary President Alan Hay. The SAS awards are given annually to non-Rotarians for outstanding contributions to the community. Guest speaker was Deborah Derrick of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

PAROLE ROTARY'S NAPTOWN BARBAYQ

By Don Chomas

The Parole Rotary Foundation is proud to announce that the Naptown barBAYq 2011, featuring music, food, local artists and crafts and the biggest Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) Sanctioned contest in Maryland, will run from 4-10 p.m. Friday, May 13 and will continue Saturday, May 14 beginning at 11 a.m., leading up to the season opener of the World Champion Chesapeake Bayhawks professional lacrosse season. Admission is free and 15,000 people are expected to attend. Funds raised by the Parole Rotary Foundation will be benefit the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center for Pediatric Oncology Research. Governor of Maryland Martin O'Malley has sanctioned this as the "State Championship" Kansas City Barbecue Society contest. The maximum of 48 professional cook teams already signed up. More than 60 KCBS certified judges from more than six states will decide

over the winners of over \$8,000 in cash and prizes. Naptown barBAYq 2011 will feature appearances by Bayhawks' players and cheerleaders; fireworks following the game; live music on two stages; a kid's tent

(with balloons, face painting, arts and crafts, live children's music and more); over a dozen food vendors including four different BBQ's; beer trucks by Bud Light & Fordham; a Biergarten Tent and a cornhole game field. Tickets for the Peoples' Choice Tasting Tent are \$40 and include a seat at the Bayhawks game. Tickets for other food and activities can be purchased on site from the Parole Rotary Club. Event sponsors include WRNR, Bay Weekly, Chesapeake Bayhawks, Annapolis Produce & Annapolis Seafood Market, Naval Academy Athletic Association, DoubleTree Hotel, Heartland Payment Systems, Anne Arundel Community College, First Citizens Bank and Grand Events. For more information please visit us at www.barBAYq.com.

NORTHERN CALVERT COUNTY ROTARY GIVES TWO-WAY TEST BANNERS TO SCHOOLS

By Phil Pfanschmidt

The "Two-Way Test" banners were well received at schools in Calvert County (photos show Tidewater and Huntingtown) . The Tidewater School is a private school having a weekly meeting with the students where they discuss issues, ideas, procedures, etc. The Director was really excited and during their discussions the students continued to question any change/whatever ... asking: "Did it meet the Test?" In other words, it really impacted the kids in a positive way.



FREDERICK ROTARY GIVES \$2400 TO MARYLAND ENSEMBLE THEATER

By John Laughlin

On April 6, the Rotary Club of Frederick presented the Maryland Ensemble Theater with a check for \$2,400. The funds will be used to support an artist in residence program.



Pictured from left to right are Fred Ridgeway club Grants Chairman, MET associate artistic director Julie Herber, club president Andy Carpel and MET managing director Dan Brick.

POTOMAC ROTARY HOSTS AMBASSADOR FROM PARAGUAY

By Sarah Beth Hensley, April 6, 2011

At Wednesday's Rotary Club of Potomac meeting, the group had a special guest. The Ambassador of Paraguay, Rigoberto Gauto Vielman stopped by the meeting at Normandie Farm Restaurant to share some information about Paraguay and their Bicentennial Celebration, which will take place in May. The Rotary Club of Potomac hopes do a future project in Paraguay to help with restoring clean water or education, said President of the Rotary Club of Potomac Jeanne Richter.

"Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines." - Paul Harris

May 21-25: Rotary International Convention in New Orleans *Trumpet Rotary!*

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