

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Contribution Builds New Canal Boat



Through many donations including a large grant from the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club, the National Park Service now has a new canal barge at Great Falls Tavern.



To celebrate the launching of the new boat, the club hosted a picnic and cruise on October 8, a beautiful Sunday afternoon.



President Elect Don and President Jerry greet Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars Tomohiko Kamiya, Yeunkum Lee and Kozue Tominaga.



After the meal, we boarded the new boat for a ride through the lock and up the canal.



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Upcoming Events:

October 12 - 6:30pm - Hunter's Inn
Speaker: State Delegate Jean Cryor
(see more information below)

October 14 - Saturday 12 Noon
Board of Directors Meeting
at Hunter's Inn

October 19 - 6:30pm Rotary Club
Meeting at Hunter's Inn:
Wounded Troops Use of Segways

October 26 - Rotary Club
26th Annual Charter Night
Golden Bull Restaurant, Gaithersburg
6:30pm Cocktails; 7pm Dinner

October 28 - Saturday - Potomac Day

November 2 - 6:30pm Rotary Club
Meeting at Hunter's Inn

November 4 - Rotary Day at the UN

Thursday Night's Speaker:
State Delegate Jean Cryor



Jean Cryor Represents District 15 in the Maryland House of Delegates. Jean is most

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widely known and acknowledged as a staunch and fearless defender of the Potomac River. Original author of the Potomac River Protection Act . Other legislation includes: State Buildings - Pictures of Abducted Children, the first state legislation in America concerning children abducted by strangers that requires space be reserved in State buildings for the purpose of displaying pictures of children abducted in non-custody related abductions, 1998; and Security Guards - Certifications and Renewals - requiring applicants for certification as a security guard to be of good moral character and reputation; establishing a renewal process and authorizing refusal under certain circumstance and disciplinary action if an applicant or individual pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is convicted of certain crimes, 1999.

Jean was born in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. She attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; the University of Pennsylvania; and Loyola College (MBA, 1979). She is a writer and a former editor and publisher of the Gazette Newspapers. She serves on numerous boards including the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes; the Convent of the Sacred Heart; the Potomac Theater Company; the University of Maryland/Shady Grove; and the National Conference of State Legislators. Jean Cryor is a widow with three children and three grandchildren.

Get Well Wishes to Evelyn Jennette following surgery!

Thanks to all the volunteers at the Manna Food Center on October 10, 144 boxes of food were packed in less than an hour. Students receive credit for their community service.



Photo by Steve Naron

Seattle club uses technology to advance Service Above Self

By Lisa Baker Rotary International News
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Although the Rotary Club of Seattle in Washington is the fourth oldest club, celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2008, it hasn't kept them from advancing with the times. This summer, the club began using streaming video of their meetings on their Web site.

The club came up with the idea a few years ago when members realized that their meetings were a valuable resource that wasn't being shared with the Seattle community.

The club president, Bill Center, admits that until now, their meetings did not have a

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strong service element. "We wanted to use our meetings as a way to continue Service Above Self," says Center.

Because they are Rotary's second largest club, professors, politicians, and business leaders from all over the world speak at their meetings.

According to David Endicott, club member, "We can use technology to generate broader and deeper conversation about the issues of the day. Sharing this resource generates more awareness of what Seattle Rotary does. We try to get other leaders involved who are not Rotarians, in hopes that they will want to join."

The club hires an independent company to videotape the meetings. Usually, the meeting is online within two days. Almost all of the US\$1,000 per meeting cost is underwritten by area companies.

Endicott says that the use of streaming media can be adapted to any community. "It gives better opportunities in individual cities to talk about larger issues important to national and international communities. It sparks conversation, thought and hopefully action," says Endicott.

Center says that currently, Rotarians can't use their technology as a virtual makeup meeting, but they hope to get to that point someday. To view Seattle's meetings [online](#), you need broadband Internet access and Windows Media Player.

It's a Rotarian's Privilege and Responsibility to help grow club membership.

Direct Foundation questions to new Contact Center

5 October 2006

English-speaking Rotarians in the USA and Canada can now direct inquiries about Foundation programs to a central location called the Contact Center.

North American Rotarians can call or e-mail to check on donations and recognition points, deadlines for grants and applications, whom to contact regarding applications, and any other questions about the Foundation.

**Call 1-866-9ROTARY (1-866-976-8279)
or e-mail the Contact Center at
contact.center@rotary.org.**

A team of Foundation specialists will answer calls Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST.



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