

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Meeting Notes: October 19

President Jerry introduced the new dinner buffet. The buffet will continue into November to see if the members like the new format. Please advise Jerry regarding your opinion.

We welcomed back Nadim Salti and Mon Dickinson. Mon has returned for a few weeks and then goes to Block Island again; Nadim is back with us after his leave of absence. It was so nice to have them attend. We also welcomed guests Gladys Howard, wife of Noel, and their daughter. Caesar Kavadoy also brought a guest, Oscar Hendrick who works for the International Monetary Fund. Thank you Caesar for continuing to build club membership.

Happy 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Bill Johncox who saw the Ohio State Buckeyes play in Columbus.

Happy Dollars: \$100.00 collected by Dick Alsmeyer.

Colonel Will O'Brien, Director of the Navy's Injured Marines and Sailor's Unit, was our guest speaker. Col. O'Brien has worked extremely hard and has succeeded in simplifying the process whereby our soldiers who have lost the use of hands and legs can receive monetary compensation upon their return to the United States. Previously, the wounded veterans had to deal with many large government agencies and red tape before they started to receive any benefits. This process normally would have taken 3-6 months.

Col. O'Brien has worked with top government officials at the Department of Defense, Veterans Administration and Social Security Administration so that once an injured soldier

*(Colonel Will O'Brien continued on Page 2)*



*Join in the Fun at the Potomac Day Parade on Saturday, October 28. President Jerry and wife Shelley will be in the Parade! We'll be setting up a booth to provide information about our Rotary Club along with some treats. Come celebrate Potomac Day!*

### Upcoming Events:

**October 26 – Rotary Club  
26<sup>th</sup> 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  
"The Dialogue Between Science and Religion"**  
Walter Shropshire, noted Smithsonian scientist and ordained pastor, discusses how recent scientific discoveries interact with theology. Topics include the Big Bang, Cosmology, God and Space, Time, Life, Relativism, DNA and many more exciting issues. Guaranteed to be fascinating and informative!

**November 4 – Rotary Day at the UN**

**November 9 – 6:30pm  
Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn  
"Living a Healthy and Long Life"**  
Dr. Bernard is an MD specializing in nutrition and good health. You will find this interesting and important!

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## **Colonel Will O'Brien (continued)**

is declared "temporarily disabled" they can start receiving VA benefits and social security payments. Social security payments are made directly to the disabled veteran and children until they turn 18 years old. All payments received by the injured soldier are "tax free". Depending on their service time and combat grade, many disabled veterans and their families can receive in excess of \$50K in disability payments. The disabled veteran and their family may remain on the military base and continue their career in the military. If they decide to pursue another career and go back to college, graduate school or law-school, the Veterans Administration will pay the entire cost of schooling. Every month Col. O'Brien meets with the representatives of 16 agencies, which include 53 representatives, to make sure that each agency is aware of the benefits available to them. Col. O'Brien has developed a briefing book that provides details to the injured soldier and their families about monetary compensation and medical benefits available to all injured soldiers. His background of serving in over 30 years in the Marine Corps, being an attorney and growing up in Boston has enabled the Colonel to cut their all the red tape and make sure the veterans and their families receive all the benefits available to them. In addition, Col O'Brien is working with the manufacturer of the Segway riding vehicle to make this transportation vehicle available to the disabled veterans. Individuals can make tax deductible contributions to a 501(c) (3) organization that collects funds to provide the vehicles to the disabled veterans.

## **Potomac Bethesda Rotary Club Policies**

### **1) Billing Policy -**

Third quarter bill will be payable on September 30, 2006. Fourth quarter bill will be payable on November 30, 2006. 2007 first quarter bill will be issued on January 31, 2007. Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2007, all quarters will be billed in advance (Article V - Sections 2 and 4 of the Bylaws).

### **2) Notices Policy on Unpaid Dues**

There will be a first notice thirty days after the bill is due and a second notice sixty days afterwards. Members who don't pay their dues will be referred to the Board (Article V - Section 5).

### **3) Tax Policy**

Meals paid and not attended are tax deductible by issuing a check to the Foundation or requesting a receipt at the end of the year.

### **4) Guest Policy**

A member may bring guests if the member pays \$25 to the Treasurer at the beginning of the dinner. Three dinners are free for potential members.

### **5) Leave Policy**

Leaves for one or more quarters may be requested in writing and in advance to the Board. \$ 100 dues will be payable with the request. A member on leave has to pay \$25 if he/she attends any dinner.

### **6) Make-up Policy**

Make-ups are accepted if presented in the standard form to the Treasurer. Amounts paid as food are deductible from the dues if receipts are presented.

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## **RI president makes big outreach effort in U.S. capital**

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga Rotary International News  
20 October 2006

During a two-day visit in September with Rotary clubs in the Washington, D.C. area, [RI President Bill Boyd](#) met with leaders of international organizations, diplomats, and media based in the U.S. capital.

Speaking at a news event hosted by the prestigious National Press Club on 27 September, Boyd explained how Rotary is a force for good, especially in improving the lives of disadvantaged people and promoting world peace and understanding. As Washington's premier news forum, the press club has both prominent members and speakers. It has counted among its members leading journalists and all of the U.S. presidents since Theodore Roosevelt. Its roster of speakers includes world leaders from Winston Churchill to Nelson Mandela.

Boyd is the second RI president, after Jonathan Majiyagbe, to speak at an event organized by the 98-year-old institution. The *Washington Times* and the *Record*, the press club's weekly newsletter, featured Boyd's address. The two publications highlighted Rotary's pioneering leadership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and its outstanding record of working with other organizations. The RI president attended a Major Donor reception, District 7620's second annual Rotary Foundation Dinner, and the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. He discussed Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs with Graeme Wheeler, World Bank vice president and treasurer; Dan

Runde and Jim Thompson, respectively director and deputy director for global development alliance at USAID; and Sakil Malik, senior project officer at the International Reading Association, which has a cooperative relationship with RI. "Bill was a huge hit with all audiences," says Doris Margolis, of the Washington Rotary club and a member of Rotary's Public Relations Resource Group. "He was very inspiring. After listening to him, Rotarians are now fired up to go and give more of their time and money to community service." Boyd, a New Zealander, also attended a reception hosted in his honor at the New Zealand Embassy. A highlight of the reception was an announcement of New Zealand's gift of NZ\$500,000 (approximately US\$331,745) to polio eradication efforts in recognition of Boyd's election as RI president. A silent auction also raised funds for [polio eradication](#).

## **Eradiation now hinges on more commitment from polio-endemic nations**

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga Rotary International News  
19 October 2006

The success of the effort to rid the world of polio now depends largely on "political will" in the four remaining polio-endemic countries according to the Advisory Committee on Polio Eradication (ACPE).

The APCE, which provides independent oversight on the fight against polio, addressed the media on 12 October during its third annual review meeting at World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva.

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Polio-endemic Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan have all reported new cases of polio this year. India is experiencing a challenging outbreak that has so far infected 386 children, most of them in the state of Uttar Pradesh. In response, health officials and politicians in the four countries are pledging renewed commitment to the goal of eradication.

"Polio eradication hinges on vaccine supply, community acceptance, funding, and political will," said Robert Scott, chair of Rotary's International [PolioPlus](#) Committee. "The first three are in place. The last will make the difference."

"With a more effective monovalent vaccine and accelerated lab processes for identifying poliovirus, these countries have the best tools we've ever had," noted Stephen Cochi, ACPE chair and senior adviser to the director of the global immunization division at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Eradicating polio is no longer a technical issue alone. Success is now more a question of the political will to ensure effective administration at all levels so that all children get the vaccine."

The most serious setback to the goal of completely eliminating the poliovirus occurred when some states in Nigeria boycotted the oral polio vaccine for 11 months. That boycott ended in 2004, but the polio outbreak it triggered eventually reinfected 25 countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. After aggressive immunization campaigns, however, most of the affected countries have since stamped out the imported cases of polio.

ACPE officials noted that several governments are already showing the political resolve needed to finish the job of eradicating polio. For example, Afghan President Hamid Kharzai moved polio immunization directly under his office, after a spike in new polio cases in southern Afghanistan. And Saudi Arabia now requires proof of polio immunization for Muslims traveling to Mecca for this year's pilgrimage.

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

## ***Kits help clubs introduce Rotary to prospective and new members***

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Clubs can now educate prospective and new members about Rotary more easily by using a series of membership kits that contain a variety of prepackaged RI publications and videos.

The five kits – three containing publications and two containing videos – offer prospective and new members a basic understanding of the programs, structure, and history of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. (See kit descriptions below.) The kits can also complement a club's existing member orientation program (or assist clubs in developing their own) and provide a simple method of distributing essential Rotary information.

For example, the *New Member Information Kit* includes publications such as *Rotary Basics*, *The ABCs of Rotary*, and *Rotary*

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*Foundation Facts*. Of the two video packages, the *Prospective Member Video Kit* includes the current issue of *RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine*, *This Is Rotary*, and *You – The Rotary Foundation*. Most kit items are available in nine languages.

Clubs are encouraged to purchase the kits and share the materials with prospective and new members.

“The more one knows about the many avenues, projects, and specific humanitarian endeavors of RI and the Foundation, the more likely someone will remain involved, find their niche, and be proud of the their organization,” says Toni McAndrew, a member of RI’s Membership Development and Retention Committee and the Rotary Club of Mid-Valley (Dickson City), Pennsylvania, USA.

## **Developing Your Club’s New Member**

**Information Program** (425-ENB) Materials to assist the club officer responsible for developing the club’s prospective and new member information program. Contents: *New Member Orientation* (414-EN), *Membership Development Resource Guide* (417-EN), and *RI Catalog* (019-EN). \$4

## **New Member Information Kit** (426-ENB)

Provides new members with essential information on RI and Rotary Foundation programs. Contents: *Rotary Basics* (595-EN), *The ABCs of Rotary* (363-EN), *RI Theme Folder 2006-07* (900-06EN), *Welcome to Rotary* (265-MU), *Rotary Foundation Facts* (159-EN), *The Rotary Foundation Quick Reference Guide* (219-EN), *Every Rotarian*,

*Every Year Brochure* (957-EN), and *Two Needs, Two Ways of Giving* (173-EN). \$5.25

**New Member Video Kit** (427-ENB) For use as part of structured new member information sessions on the history of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation, and as an introduction to all Rotary Foundation programs. Contents: *Service Above Self: A Century of Extraordinary Purpose* (929-EN; with EN kit only), *Every Rotarian, Every Year DVD* (978-MU), and the current issue of *RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine*. (EN only) \$35; also available: FR, GE, IT, JA, KO, PO, SP, SW versions (428-MUB) \$35

**Prospective Member Information Kit** (423-ENB) Provides basic information on Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, and the responsibilities of club membership. May also be distributed to club visitors. Contents: *Rotary Basics* (595-EN), *This Is Rotary* (001-EN), *What’s Rotary?* (419-EN), *Rotary Foundation Facts* (159-EN), and *Welcome to Rotary* (265-MU). \$3

**Prospective Member Video Kit** (424-ENB) For use at the beginning of a prospective member information session or as part of a structured prospective member program. Contents: *Rotary: The Possibility* (688-MU), *This Is Rotary* (449-MU; EN version shipped for German orders; FR version shipped for Italian orders), *You – The Rotary Foundation* (170-MU), *The Rotary Heritage Collection DVD* (020-MU), and the current issue of *RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine*. \$50

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## Five questions about Intercountry Committees

Intercountry Committees (ICCs) are one of Rotary's many paths to fostering peace and goodwill among nations. Here we answer your questions on ICC basics.

### 1. What are ICCs?

According to the [Manual of Procedure](#), Intercountry Committees (ICCs) in Rotary are committees of "Rotarians, Rotary clubs, or districts formulated by and with the approval of governors concerned, to encourage contacts between clubs and Rotarians in two or more countries, thus developing understanding and promoting fellowship among the peoples of different nations." ICCs facilitate home visits between Rotarians of two countries and strengthen friendships and Rotary service that can lead to international projects that cut across club, district, and national borders.

### 2. What types of activities can an ICC do?

Throughout the Rotary world, ICCs have traditionally served as a catalyst for [World Community Service](#) and other international service activities through a variety of activities. Typical ICC projects include:

- [Rotary Youth Exchanges](#) (coordinated with district Youth Exchange programs) coupled with home hospitality
- Professional training courses that help broaden the horizons of students in the project country while fostering improved socioeconomic relations between countries
- Rotary [Friendship Exchanges](#), which often take place during holidays and Rotary International conventions

### 3. How are ICCs formed?

First, two Rotary countries must decide to improve international relations and to increase understanding. Then contacts begin at the club-to-club level. As contacts between the two participating countries grow, local Rotarians in both countries recommend forming an ICC, working with district governors in both countries.

### 4. How can I get involved?

- Talk with fellow Rotarians at your Rotary club meeting about forming an ICC.
- Explore existing ties your club or district may already have with clubs or districts in foreign countries through World Community Service and other international projects.
- Ask your district's Youth Exchange officer about ways to get involved in ICCs through Rotary Youth Exchange.

### 5. Where can I find additional information?

[Rotary's ICC brochure](#) available on the Rotary website provides details about ICCs, their history and function, and how to get involved. It also includes numerous examples of activities that have been carried out worldwide. Some ICCs have established Web sites (not all have English translations available). Below is a sampling of sites:

- [France ICCs](#)
- [France-Bulgaria](#)
- [Rotary Comites Interpays](#)
- [District 5240-Romania](#)
- [UK:Russia](#)
- [Netherlands-Ukraine/Belarus](#)
- [Italy ICCs](#)

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