

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Charter Members Honored at Club's 26<sup>th</sup> Charter Night Celebration



### *Mon Dickinson Salutes the Charter Members:*

"Good evening. Jerry has asked me to share some thoughts of mine about our four honored guests of this evening – the charter members who are with us. I joined the club in 1990 so I have known them for 16 years as Rotarians and I have known Joe Jennette who was my sponsor for an additional 30 years or so.

Before I comment on Dick, Lou, Dick, and Joe (in last name alphabetical order) you would be disappointed were I not to speak about the Rotary Foundation. Over the life of our Club we have donated (as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006) a total of \$105,414 and have 78 Paul Harris Fellowships. Of that total, the current members of the Club have donated \$81,065 and have 70 Paul Harris Fellows or an average of 2.7 per member. As of March 1<sup>st</sup> we had 100 percent participation in the Paul Harris program but our three new members have not yet had an opportunity to join the ranks so as to re-establish this record. The Rotary Foundation represents an exceptional program supporting Ambassadorial Scholars, Polio Eradication, and Joint Programs with

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## Rotarians Support Potomac Day



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## Rotarians Support Potomac Day

Many thanks to all the Rotarians who came out on Potomac Day, Saturday October 28, to make it such a grand success. Rotarians volunteered for traffic control duties, greeted neighbors and distributed candy at the booth and along the parade route. President Jerry was featured in the parade. Pictured below is President Elect Don driving the Rotary car with a stash of candy in the backseat.



The day started out with heavy showers, but the sun came out for the parade. The crowd grew during the parade and many political candidates were in the parade and visited the booth area.



## A November to Remember

### *\*Dictionary Project Distribution Dates*

**Tonight - 6:30pm - 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!

**8pm Dictionary Project Work Session**

**\*November 3 - 2:45pm - Wayside ES APR**

**\*November 8 - 11:45am - Poolesville ES CS**

**November 9 - 6:30pm Hunter's Inn**

**New Member Installation**

### **"Living a Healthy and Long Life"**

Dr. Bernard is an MD specializing in nutrition and good health. You will find this interesting and important!

**November 11 Saturday 12:30pm - Hunter's Inn - Membership Committee**

**\*November 14 - 2:30pm - Potomac ES**

**November 14 - 7pm- Manna Center**

**November 16 - 6:30pm Hunter's Inn**

### **"Everything You Want to Know about Investments"**

Stuart Teach manages a 5 Star Mutual Fund (he is not a broker/salesman.) Stuart is very knowledgeable and articulate about the economy, stocks, bonds, interest rates, foreign companies, etc. He will answer **all** your questions. You will profit from this discussion!

**\*November 22 - 10am - Beverly Farms ES**

**November 23 - Thanksgiving - No Meeting**

**November 30 - 6:30pm Hunter's Inn**

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## Charter Members Honored

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clubs such as our current orphanage in Ethiopia. Congratulations one and all.

Now, starting with Dick Alsmeyer. Dick is the tallest of our charter members. He holds a PhD in Animal Science and Nutrition (Meats) and is the only one of the four who continues to work for a living as an international consultant in food regulatory compliance. Little wonder that he works since he supports three houses – one in Florida, one in Potomac, and a third in Massanutten. He was invited to join the initial club gathering by Joe Jennette, a fellow church member, and now his son's father-in-law. He served as the first Club Secretary and later as Club President. Dick enjoys cooking and eating. Anne and I have enjoyed the hospitality of Dick and his wife, Helen, at their home in Potomac and their lodge in Massanutten and, in turn, they have ferried out to Block Island to explore our summer retreat along with the Jennettes several summers ago. Dick has a heart of gold and epitomizes a Potomac Bethesda Rotarian.

Lou Fettig holds an MD in Obstetrics and has practiced obstetrics all of his professional life. He has had both a private practice and has served in the military. For years, Dick Alsmeyer was a neighbor on Wild Olive Court and Dick became a sponsor for Lou as the Club was being formed. Good going! Lou is a Penn State grad and an avid football fan. His wife Emma hails from Pennsylvania and they have two children, Lewis and Elizabeth. More often than not it is Dick and Lou arriving

together at Manna to help prepare food boxes on Tuesday nights. And you find Lou at Rebuilding Together events as well so that he can lend a helping hand. Before son Lewis joined IBM, Lou counseled with Joe Jennette and me to gain assurance that this was a good move since working for a large company was outside Lou's area of experience. Lewis has done well! Lou may now be distinguished as the most elderly of our members; he has successfully overcome a bout with cancer and plans to continue on to be one of the new centurions in Montgomery County.

Dick Gordon's experience as a Rotarian predates the life of our Club since he first served in three Rotary Clubs in Southeast Asia, beginning in January, 1955 over 50 years ago. Those memberships totaling about seven years were most interesting and gratifying, and helped Dick tremendously in his public relations work for the U.S. Information Agency's overseas program. Before joining our Club, Dick and his wife, Jane, were found on the cover of Life Magazine as a result of a harrowing experience when their airplane ditched in the Pacific Ocean. Dick responded to a newspaper ad inviting former Rotarians to join this Club while it was being formed and none other than Joe Jennette was his sponsor. Dick has been a generous and active contributor to the Club. He and his wife, Jane, have hosted a number of Rotary Scholars and other exchange visitors from around the world. And Dick is the only Charter Member who won the Alaska Trip raffle so that he, Jane, and a son could travel on the Norwegian Cruise Line to revisit and explore

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the shores of Alaska. Dick says and I quote: "Rotary...has been such a vital part of my life that I have included a bequest to the Rotary International Foundation in my will." Thank you, Dick.

Joe Jennette and his wife, Evelyn, were our neighbors in Endwell, New York in the 60's when Joe and I both worked at IBM Owego for the Federal Systems Division. Joe was in Marketing and I was in Engineering. Years later when we were both in Federal Systems Division assignments in the Washington Metropolitan Area, I had Joe as my manager for several years until we both were given staff assignments at the headquarters, mine technical and his marketing. When I retired from IBM and was about to join Grumman, it was Bob Nelson and Joe who met with me at breakfast to discuss Rotary and, as I have already said, it was Joe who became my sponsor when I joined Rotary. Joe has been the backbone of the Club during its formation. He has spoken eloquently at the funeral of fellow Rotarian, George Gerrish, who was a member of this Club and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1982. He has visited my wife at the hospital and introduced her to Grisham adventure literature. He has been a generous contributor of frequent flyer miles for our raffles. He has doubtless introduced more people to the Club than any other person. And he has been a friend to us all.

And so we salute the four charter members. We thank each of you for your steadfastness and your contributions to the Club over the past quarter century and wish you well. Please stand to be recognized. Dick and

Helen Alsmeyer. Lou and Emma Fettig. Dick and Jane Gordon. Joe and Evelyn Jennette. Thank you all."

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

## **RI Convention will hold first Rotary World Peace Symposium**

*Rotary World 27 October 2006*

A Rotary World Peace Symposium is slated for 14-16 June, just before the [2007 RI Convention](#) kicks off in Salt Lake City. The event marks the first time a symposium will be held in conjunction with an RI Convention.

The symposium will honor [The Rotary Foundation's](#) 90th anniversary celebration and the 10th anniversary of the launch of the [Rotary Centers for International Studies](#) in peace and conflict resolution. Located at seven leading universities around the world, Rotary Centers provide fellows the chance to study in a master's level program in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and other related disciplines.

The agenda includes a retrospective of the program's first decade and panels on how the work of these scholars is affecting conflicts worldwide. Participants will also get the chance to network, attend regional alumni events, and learn about The Rotary Foundation's short-term [Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program](#), launched earlier this year.

Most symposium events will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center and are open

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to all alumni and fellows. The US\$250 registration fee includes the symposium, dinner on 14 June, and alumni registration for the convention. Interested Rotarians and friends registered for the convention may attend for an additional fee of \$150 and join the dinner for \$50.

*Discover the Fabulous West with the Hamden, Connecticut Rotary Club's 15th Annual Convention Tour to Salt Lake City. Early Registration Offer: Save \$100 when you book by Tuesday, November 7, 2006. For details visit [www.hamdenrotary.org](http://www.hamdenrotary.org).*

## **Permanent Fund reaches milestone 26 October 2006**

[The Rotary Foundation's](http://www.rotary.org) [Permanent Fund](http://www.rotary.org) has hit the US\$500 million mark.

In September, the fund reached a total of more than \$505 million in expectancies and net assets, thanks to the contributions of dedicated Rotarians and supporters from around the world.

The fund, established in 1982, secures a strong future for the Foundation by providing additional income for all Foundation programs. Its dramatic growth has helped increase program support more than sixfold since 1994. For example, last Rotary year, the spendable earnings from the fund totaled \$4.9 million while the principal remained untouched.

Since its inception, the fund has benefited millions of people in need and helped take Rotary closer to realizing its major goals. An outstanding example of initiatives established

with fund contributions is the [Rotary Centers for International Studies](http://www.rotary.org) program. Currently, several funds within the Permanent Fund support the program, which opened its doors to the first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows in 2002.

Reaching the \$500 million milestone signals just the beginning of what the fund can help Rotary accomplish. If the fund's next target of \$1 billion in assets and expectancies by 2025 is achieved, the Foundation's programs may benefit from \$50 million in earnings instead of the current \$5 million. An increase of that size will enable Rotary to do more good in the world.

For more details or to make a donation or commitment to the Permanent Fund, visit the <http://www.rotary.org/foundation> or send a request to [plannedgiving@rotary.org](mailto:plannedgiving@rotary.org).

## **Rotarian audiologist hears the needs of South African deaf school**

By Maureen Vaught *Rotary World*  
October 2006

Rotarian and audiologist Marie Heintzman knows firsthand the benefits of carrying out multiple projects at the same time.

In January, Heintzman, then president of the Rotary Club of Oakville-West, Ontario, Canada, accompanied three Rotarians to Tzaneen, South Africa, to hand over a water purification system for 26 rural villages. But before she left, she contacted Gwenn van Schalkwyk, past president of the Rotary Club of Tzaneen, to ask about any hearing needs in her area.

"Gwenn replied that there was a school for the deaf with 208 students, ages 6-14. And

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she added, 'They've never had a visit from an audiologist!'" says Heintzman, who is director and audiologist of Hearing Solutions and the Child Development Centre of Oakville.

She spent two mornings at the Yingisani School for the Deaf testing the hearing of 22 newly enrolled students. Of those, she found that four children had only moderate hearing losses and that with hearing aids and speech therapy they could progress from sign language to speech.

"When the children were first fitted with hearing aids, their eyes opened wide in amazement," Heintzman says, adding that one eight-year-old boy shrieked excitedly when he heard the school's speech-language pathologist and school principal, July Nyambi, talking to him.

To ensure that students are correctly diagnosed and treated in the future, Heintzman taught Nyambi how to test the children's hearing. She also donated audiology equipment and supplies that she had collected in Canada.

Heintzman spent the rest of her time in Africa visiting and assessing future sites for water projects, including one in Accra, Ghana. But before she left, she managed to squeeze in one more charitable act. Working with the spouses of members of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg, Heintzman secured enough metal mugs for all of the Yingisani students to enjoy tea time together.

"This made my stay complete," Heintzman says.

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