

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Tonight's Program:

Howard Friedman, wine specialist at Calvert Woodley Wine Store, will speak on "What You Need to Know About Wines." Come sample some great Chilean wines!

International Night Set for April 14

The 27th Annual International Night will be held at a fabulous setting in the Japanese Embassy on the evening of Saturday, April 14th. Our Ambassadorial Scholars will be the guests of honor.



Steve and Laura Naron have been planning an excellent evening with great food from

the caterer. There is capacity for only 80 persons, so sign up now for this wonderful evening!



March 8 Meeting Report

We welcomed home **Todd Nitkin** from his mission to Africa and **Dick Alsmeyer** from a trip to Florida. **Klaus-Dieter Ordemann** visited the club for the third time and we welcomed back **Peter and Anna DelAquila**. We wish **Gladys Howard** a speedy recovery and send a special get-well greeting to our very dear Rotarian, **Hugo Souza**. *(continued on page 2)*

March 13 Manna Food Center

With a record turnout at the Manna Food Center on March 13, **Alex Naron** had plenty of assistance to quickly complete the packing of 144 food boxes. Thanks so much to **Nabil Bedewi, Gladys Cineas** and her granddaughter **Torshie, Todd and Hibst Nitkin, Kathy Tassis** and her son **Evan, Steve Naron, Bob Nelson**, and other volunteers including Girl Scout Troup 5829. Youths receive credits for community service that are needed for graduation.



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March 8 Meeting Report (continued)

Alan Cookson gave his classification talk. While in London studying for his PhD he met his wife **Elizabeth**. He worked for Westinghouse in Pittsburgh for 20 years before coming to the National Institute for Standards and Technology for the past 15 years. The Cooksons have two sons, one residing in the area and one in Atlanta. Alan was formerly a Rotarian in Pittsburgh for five years. Elizabeth gave a presentation on the



Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery where she is a volunteer. On July 1, 2006 the National Portrait Gallery welcomed home their treasured collections to a newly restored historic building. Among

thousands of artworks returning to public view were the famous "Lansdowne" portrait of George Washington, as well as portraits of notable Americans such as Marilyn Monroe and Shaquille O'Neal. The museums are located at Eighth and F Streets, NW, D.C., above the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metrorail station. Thanks so much to Alan and Elizabeth for your talks, and we give you a warm welcome to the Rotary Club!

**Send your photos and articles to
Bob.Nelson@NASA.gov
for inclusion in the
Rotary Club newsletter.**

Calendar for March and April

March 22 - 6:30pm Rotary Club Meeting

Nabil Bedewi Classification Talk

March 29 - 6:30pm Rotary Meeting

District Governor Pat Kasuda

April 5 - 6:30pm Rotary Club Meeting

April 10 - Community Service Night

6pm Sophia House

7pm Manna Center

April 12 - No meeting

April 14 - International Night

at the Japanese Embassy

Get Empowered To Keep Clubs Vital At Upcoming Membership Conferences

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To promote membership growth, RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson invites you to join him in one of seven presidential conferences about sharing the magic of Rotary. The conferences will be held in Canada and the United States in July and August, and each one opens with an evening reception followed by a one-day meeting.

Conference locations and dates are Philadelphia, 13-14 July; Nashville, Tennessee, 20-21 July; South Bend, Indiana, 27-28 July; Denver, Colorado, 3-4 August; Vancouver, British Columbia, 10-11 August; San Jose, California, 17-18 August; and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 24-25 August.

The conferences are intended for all Rotarians who are committed to strengthening Rotary membership, but especially club and district membership development committee members, club presidents and officers, and district-level officers including governors.

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The meetings are designed to empower Rotary clubs to take up their own membership initiatives that will help Rotary stay vital and growing in the years to come. Participants will learn about and discuss practical ways to identify and recruit new members, retain existing members, and extend Rotary through new clubs. Participants will also discuss how clubs and districts can effectively manage change.

"In order for Rotary to continue to meet the ever-increasing demand for humanitarian service, we must continue our work toward membership retention, growth, and development," says Wilkinson. "We must build stronger clubs, and keep Rotarians informed, connected, and involved."

Conference participants will attend at no cost to Rotary International, meaning participants will cover their own registration fees, as well as travel, lodging, and meal costs. Further details, including conference venues and program information, will be posted on RI's Web site and announced in other Rotary International and local media when available. Registration and arrangements are being handled at the local level.

Alabama Club Plans To Help Community Rebuild Following Deadly Tornado

By Joseph Derr Rotary International News
9 March 2007

Alabama Rotary clubs are planning how to put Service Above Self to help their communities recover and rebuild after a deadly tornado. On 1 March, a tornado

ripped through Enterprise, Alabama, killing eight students at Enterprise High School.

Danny Dicus, president of the Rotary Club of Enterprise, who was near the school when the tornado hit, said it was "like a war zone."

"It was a nightmare. There were smashed cars, roofs ripped off houses, and dazed people walking around."

Dicus and his club are working with Past District Governor Bob Rudder to assess the needs of the community while they collect relief and recovery funds through their club's foundation. Any clubs wishing to contribute can do so by sending a check noted "Tornado relief" to: Enterprise Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 310664, Enterprise, AL 36330.

After evaluating how to best make an impact, the club will work with local officials, disaster relief organizations, and other local volunteers to develop projects. The club is also in contact with the Rotary Club of Enterprise Sunrise to discuss pooling together their efforts.

Although the club is looking into organizing a clean-up day to help move dead trees and debris, it has set its sights on identifying long-term needs to be addressed.

"There is a tremendous amount of volunteer help going on right now in the community, in the form of food and clothing drives for the short term. In a few weeks, when all of that begins to slow down, we hope that Rotary will step in and fill in the void for long-term recovery, because in reality it will take us years to recover from this disaster," says Dicus.

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Best Cooperative Projects Award Deadlines Near

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Share the good work of your clubs' cooperative service projects with Rotary International. The Best Cooperative Projects Award offers a great opportunity for clubs to be recognized for their outstanding service projects performed in cooperation with other organizations.

Qualifying projects must have been well established during the 12 months prior to 15 March. The projects also should have generated increased awareness and understanding of Rotary through its work with other organizations.

Rotary clubs must submit the applications for the Best Cooperative Projects Award to the district governor by 15 March, and those submissions must be received at RI headquarters no later than 15 April.

Club projects done in cooperation with the United Nations and its agencies, other international humanitarian organizations, or both, will be given priority.

Get more details about the Best Cooperative Projects Award and download a nomination form from the Rotary website, www.rotary.org.

Foundation Grant And Museum Visit Pave Path Of Peace

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga Rotary International News
6 March 2007

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay recently presented a US\$10,000 "Special Initiative Grant" to the Hiroshima branch of the Children's Cancer Association

of Japan.

"[This visit to] District 2710 in Hiroshima is a touching moment in my life; it's [also] an opportunity to recognize the generosity of Japanese Rotarians," Giay told attendees at the event hosted by the Rotary Club of Hiroshima Ryohoko on 22 November. "The Children's Cancer Association is filled with the spirit of service and the spirit of Rotary."

Established in 1968 by parents of pediatric cancer sufferers, the association has provided emotional and financial support to thousands of children with cancer and their families. It also sponsors efforts to reduce the risk of childhood cancer through medical research and public awareness campaigns. The grant will support some of the organization's programs.

Masao Kobayashi, who received the grant on behalf of the cancer association, noted that it was not the first time that Rotarians were lending them a hand. "This is a great encouragement coming from a great organization like Rotary," he said. "I thank The Rotary Foundation for its generous support."

Attendees at the event included RI General Secretary Ed Futa, RI Director Yoshi Watanabe, Past RI Director Yoshikazu Minamisono, District 2710 Governor Shigeru Iwamori, and other Rotary leaders. Earlier, many of the participants were at a Rotary zone institute in Okayama.

Giay and Futa also visited the Hiroshima Peace Museum to pay tribute and lay wreaths in memory of the city's atom bomb victims.

"If more people are given the opportunity to visit the city of Hiroshima and feel that they

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are standing on holy ground, then peace has a chance," said Futa.

"The presentation and museum visit were done in the Rotary spirit of building peace," Giay explained. "For both Ed and myself, it was the completion of a journey that began almost 21 years ago."

That journey started at a district conference in Hawaii in 1986. Giay was an RI director-elect representing the RI president, and Futa was the governor-nominee of District 5000. The duo visited the USS *Arizona* Memorial to lay wreaths in memory of the victims of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Popular Service Project Guides Revamped

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Rotary's favorite service guides have been recently revised to provide clubs with the latest resources to help plan service projects. A new service kit bundles together updated versions of *Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Service* (605A) and the *Menu of Service Opportunities* (605B) as well as a new addition to Rotary's service library, *Community Assessment Tools* (605C).

Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects is Rotary's comprehensive guide to selecting, planning, implementing, and evaluating effective service projects in a community. The revised version includes new sections about project liability and protection, tips on promoting projects, updated information about RI programs and resources, and a new project submission form. The publication is available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean,

Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish.

Menu of Service Opportunities includes information sheets on important social issues like literacy, poverty, hunger, health, and the environment. It highlights Rotary's approach to addressing issues, tips for taking action, and Rotary stories from the field. Look for extensive lists of online resources for each issue, as well a new section on Rotary and the Millennium Development Goals. Available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish, the *Menu of Service Opportunities* serves as an excellent resource for presentations at a club meeting or district training event.

Community Assessment Tools, a new publication, is designed to provide clubs with some simple tools to evaluate needs in their communities and improve the effectiveness of their service projects. This resource provides eight session guides for carrying out practical and low-cost community needs assessments. In addition, it serves as an excellent resource to help clubs understand their community better and identify hidden assets that might contribute to a project's success.

Buy hardcopies of Rotary's service kit online or download the three parts separately for free.

**Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club
President's Membership Goal:
3 More Members and the Potomac
Village barber at our evening meeting
will shave Jerry's head, beard and
mustache! Let's meet his challenge!**

REGISTRATION AND TICKET FORM
2007 Rotary International 98th Annual Convention
17-20 June 2007 — Salt Lake City, Utah, USA



Complete the registration and ticket form below. Please type or print clearly.

MAIN REGISTRANT INFORMATION: The main registrant is the individual who will receive all correspondence.

Category: A = Rotarian B = Rotaractor C = Non-Rotarian Foundation Alumnus(a)
D = Youth Exchange Student E = Foundation Scholar F = Interactor G = Employee of Rotary Club/District

Main Registrant Category _____

Family Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name or Initial _____

Badge/Call Name _____ Classification/Former Classification (Rotarians Only) _____ Membership ID _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR MAIN REGISTRANT

District _____ Club Name _____

District Governor Year _____ - _____ 2006-07 RI Committee/Task Force Chair _____

LANGUAGE PREFERENCE: Your response to this question will be used to determine the need for simultaneous interpretation, as this service cannot be automatically guaranteed in all languages. Indicate which language you wish to use at the convention:

English French German Italian Japanese
 Korean Portuguese Spanish Swedish

CONTACT INFORMATION: The address provided below should be where you receive your Rotary mail, including *The Rotarian* magazine. If you are a current or incoming officer (club secretary, club president, district governor, etc.) the address provided should be your **officer** address. Any changes made below will be reflected in your membership data profile.

Address or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone (circle one): Business Voice _____ Home Voice _____

Fax (circle one): Business Fax _____ Home Fax _____

E-mail (very important – confirmation will be e-mailed) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In case of emergency during the meeting, please contact (include country and city codes):

Name _____ Telephone _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: If any registrant has special needs, please note any special arrangements required below or on a separate page.

Wheelchair Vegetarian Other _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Personal Information Sharing: RI may provide your contact information to Rotarians to assist them in planning current and future convention-related activities. Indicate here as to whether you want your contact information shared with others.

Yes, RI may use my contact information as outlined above.
 No, RI may not use my contact information as outlined above.

Volunteer Sergeant-at-Arms – Indicate here if you wish to serve as a volunteer sergeant-at-arms. You will be contacted at a future date with additional information.

Please indicate how you obtained this form:

Direct mail International Assembly International Convention
 The Rotarian magazine Regional magazine Web (download) Other _____

For more information about the 2007 RI Convention, please subscribe to the Meetings and International Convention E-Group through Member Access.

GUEST REGISTRATION

Main Registrant: _____

Categories: 1 = Rotarian 2 = Non-Rotarian Spouse 3 = Rotaractor
 4 = Non-Rotarian Foundation Alumnus(a) 5 = Youth Exchange Student 6 = Foundation Scholar 7 = Interactor
 8 = Employee of Rotary Club/District 9 = Guest 19 years and over 10 = Guest 18 years and under

If your name appears on page 1 as the main registrant do *not* write it again.

Guest 1 – Category _____	Guest 2 – Category _____	Guest 3 – Category _____
Family Name _____	Family Name _____	Family Name _____
First Name _____ Middle Name/Initial _____	First Name _____ Middle Name/Initial _____	First Name _____ Middle Name/Initial _____
Badge/Call Name _____	Badge/Call Name _____	Badge/Call Name _____
Classification (Rotarians Only) _____	Classification (Rotarians Only) _____	Classification (Rotarians Only) _____
Club/City _____	Club/City _____	Club/City _____
Country _____	Country _____	Country _____

REGISTRATION FEES: Fees indicated below are **per person**. **Kindly note new deadline dates.**

Category	Deadline 1: 1 Dec. 2006	Deadline 2: 31 Mar. 2007	On-site	Total Registrants by Category	Total (Total Registrants x Fee)
Rotarian, Spouse, Club/District Employee, Guest 19 years and over	US\$275	US\$315	US\$355		
Rotaractor, Non-Rotarian Foundation Alumnus(a), Foundation Scholar	US\$70	US\$90	US\$110		
Guest 18 years and under, Youth Exchange Student, Interactor	US\$20	US\$30	US\$40		
Registration Total:					

PRECONVENTION MEETINGS AND TICKETED EVENTS:

Select **one** pre-convention meeting if you wish and indicate the number of people registering for it.

	Quantity	Price	Total
World Peace Symposium – Registration for Rotary World Peace Fellows/Alumni only – Includes convention registration fee and World Peace Symposium Dinner (15-16 June 2007)		US\$250	
World Peace Symposium – Registration for Rotarians and their guests (15-16 June 2007)		US\$150	
World Peace Symposium Dinner – For Rotarians and their guests only – Included in World Peace Fellows/Alumni World Peace Symposium registration fee (14 June 2007)		US\$50	
International Institute Rotarian – Includes dinner (15-16 June 2007)		US\$230	
International Institute Guest – Includes dinner (15-16 June 2007)		US\$210	
Rotaract Meeting (15-16 June 2007)		Gratis	
International Institute Luncheon – For Non-Institute Spouses/Guests (15 June 2007)		US\$35	
International Institute Dinner – For Non-Institute Spouses/Guests (15 June 2007)		US\$45	
Youth Exchange Officers Banquet (15 June 2007)		US\$50	
Youth Exchange Officers Meeting (15-16 June 2007)		Gratis	
Paul Harris Fellows Event (17 June 2007)		US\$40	
President’s Recognition Luncheon (18 June 2007)		US\$35	
President-elect’s Leadership Luncheon (19 June 2007)		US\$35	
Rendezvous in the Rockies Luncheon (20 June 2007)		US\$35	
Tickets Total:			
Total Owed (Add Registration and Tickets Totals):			

PAYMENT: All registrants must pay fees in U.S. dollars using one of the following forms of payment: VISA, MasterCard, JCB or American Express credit cards. Bank transfers are not acceptable to RI Headquarters in the USA. All RI international offices and fiscal agents will accept payment for the RI Convention. Registration forms received after 31 March 2007 will not be accepted or acknowledged. After 31 March 2007, you may register on-site in Salt Lake City. **Please note:** Personal or club checks will **not** be accepted on-site.

CARD NUMBER

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: Please check one:

VISA MasterCard JCB American Express

13 or 16 digits 16 digits 16 digits 15 digits

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				

Cardholder’s Name (as it appears on card) _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature (if different from person submitting form) _____

SIGNATURE: By my signature, I submit the registration and ticket form and have read the cancellation policy on page 2. **NOTE: Registration and tickets are not transferable.** All forms must be signed.

Signature _____ Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Fax the completed registration form to +1-847-866-3064 or refer to “How to submit the registration and ticket form” for mailing addresses. EN—(706)