

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Tonight's Program

Welcome District Governor Pat Kasuda



Pat has served in the Glen Burnie Rotary Club since 1993, handling Interact, all four lane director assignments, secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. She led her club to achieve

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International and Club Citation Awards and also Best mid-Sized Club in District 7620. On the District level, she worked with the clubs of

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Our sympathies go to Steve Naron on the death of his mother, Doris.

The memorial service is scheduled for 4pm on Friday, March 30, at Temple Oheb Shalom, 7310 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore 21208 (410-358-0105). The family will be at the home, 2A-1 Stonehenge Circle, Baltimore, MD 21208 (Pikesville) with a sitting on Sunday at 7:30pm. For more information, please call Steve at 301-346-1505.

Get well wishes go to Hugo Souza who has undergone his third chemotherapy treatment at the Lombardi Center at Georgetown University. He would really enjoy hearing from his fellow Rotarians: telephone: 301-469-7773; email: hugoesouza@yahoo.com; address: 7510 Shadywood, Bethesda, MD 20817. Noel Howard has registered Hugo for daily prayers at the Washington Navy Yard Chapel.

March 22 Meeting Report:

Ted Asfaw introduced us to his family who were in town from Olathe, Kansas, on a house-hunting trip. His wife **Cynthia** is a school teacher and they have two sons, **Ruhay**, 15, and **Rohan**, 7, and daughter **Rachelle**, 10. Pictured below is **Todd Nitkin** welcoming the Asfaws who joined us for the meeting. Thanks, Ted, for introducing us to your wonderful family and best wishes on the family's move to this area very soon.



Welcome to guest **Bernard Henry**, Personal Chef, who had his first taste of fine Rotary hospitality.

Nabil Bedewi gave his classification talk that involved a lot of member

participation. He innovatively handed out a crossword puzzle with clues to events in his life and rewarded those giving the first correct answer with chocolates tossed

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Nabil Bedewi's Classification Talk

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across the room. Charter member **Joe Jennette** remarked that this was the best classification talk he has seen.

Nabil's father's family was originally from Lebanon and has resided in Egypt for four generations. His mother was of Armenian/Turkish descent and was born in

Egypt. Nabil's mother spoke French, his father spoke Arabic and the schools taught English. He was baptized with the name "George", but "Nabil" ("noble" in English) is better accepted in the region. In 1960

the Egyptian Insurance Agency that Nabil's father worked for opened a branch in Kuwait and the family moved there from Egypt. His hobbies included soccer, horseback riding and billiards (at which he did extremely well). In 1973 he came to the United States. His Master's Degree is in Systems Engineering (1984) and he has a DSc degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University (1996). He wanted to be a pilot, but his limited eyesight disqualified him as a fighter pilot so he obtained a private pilot's license. In the early 1980's Nabil wrote software for the US Navy for flight simulators and weapons systems. He



was in the telecommunications industry from the late 1980s into the 1990s working for MCI and AT&T. He left in 1997 just before telecom fell into decline and has held several teaching positions over the past decade at George Mason University, George Washington University and Georgetown University. He currently is a visiting professor at Georgetown University in Information

Technology. He met his wife Kareen at a costume party where she was dressed as Cleopatra and he was an Egyptian peasant. On his first date Kareen, a psychologist, seemed to be unimpressed with the hand-built high-tech dashboard on his 1984 Mitsubishi, but love

persisted and they got married in 1990. The Archbishop of the Maronite Catholic Church officiated. The Bedewi's reside in Potomac and they have one daughter, Lucy, age 8, whom they call the "miracle child" because of complications that arose prior to her birth. Lucy was one of the third graders that received a dictionary from our Rotary Club last fall and Nabil was able to participate in the dictionary distribution. He is very impressed with Rotary because it is a "system based organization" of global proportions. We thank Nabil for giving such an excellent presentation.

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Region 8 to raise \$90,000 for mobile dentistry services and the purchase of a dental van for Anne Arundel County. Pat has received the Rotary Distinguished Service Award and the Rotary Humanitarian Award; she is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society. Pat received her Masters degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Maryland. She retired from North Arundel Hospital after 25 years of service, most recently as vice president of operations and chief operating officer. Her community service includes work with the North Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce, Hope House, and Special Beginnings, along with many other activities. She is one of the founders, and a member, of the Friends of the Central Plaza for the Glen Burnie Town Center. She has received the Governor's Citation, Women of Distinction Award, and many other area awards.

She is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, a registered nurse, and has served as legislative assistant to a Maryland state senator.

Pat has been married to John for 42 years. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

Welcome Past Governor Ray Streib

Raymond E. (Ray) Streib was born in Baltimore, Maryland and moved to Catonsville, Maryland in 1947. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1965. In 1966,

he relocated to Glen Burnie, Maryland and accepted a position with the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works as Chief of the Traffic Division. He spent 11 years at the County during which he was promoted to Chief Engineer. In 1978, Ray left to start his own engineering and surveying firm, Developmental Facilitators, Inc., specializing in design, survey construction management, and inspection. The firm is a multi-million dollar practice, employing over 100 people working with state and local government agencies.



In 1980, Ray joined the Rotary Club of Glen Burnie. He has been responsible for the formation of three new Rotary Clubs (Linthicum in 1993, West Anne Arundel County in 2001, and Downtown Towson in 2002.) He is responsible for the creation of an indoor golf

fundraiser (which has been adopted by other Rotary clubs in the district) and the Glen Burnie outdoor golf fundraiser.

On the district level, Ray has been a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, District Club Service Director, Membership Chair, Fund Raising Chair and Aide/Assistant Governor. He was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Northern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

Ray and his wife, Phyllis, currently reside in Severn, Maryland. They have two grown daughters and four grandchildren. His hobbies include photography, fishing and softball.

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Upcoming Rotary Events

April 5 – 6:30pm Rotary Club Meeting
John Oldfield, Water Advocates, will speak on the pressing need worldwide for access to safe, affordable and sustainable supplies of drinking water and adequate sanitation. John also spoke last week at the National Press Club on World Water Day.

April 10 – Community Service Night-Rockville
6pm Sophia House, 12250B Wilkins Avenue
7pm Manna Center, 614 Lofstrand Lane

April 14 – 6:30pm International Night at the beautiful historic Japanese Embassy
Cocktail hour-dinner-dessert
Hear the wonderful Ambassadorial Scholars

April 19 - 6:30pm Rotary Club Meeting
Ned Leonard, "Future Coal and Energy Under Carbon Sequestration"

April 26 – 6:30pm Kenwood Country Club
Group Study Exchange Team from Russia

May 3 - 6:30pm Rotary Club Meeting
Capt. Michael Rojas: "Salvation Army Services in Montgomery County."

May 4-6 District Conference
Brochures and registration forms arrived in Rotarians mailboxes this week. For room reservations contact the Solomons Holiday Inn Select, 410-326-6311 by April 3. Register under the block of rooms provided for the Rotary District 7620 Conference. The registration form is also included on page 7.

May 5 – District Assembly

President's Inspiration

"Could we change our attitude, we should not only see life differently, but life itself would come to be different."

- Katherine Mansfield

Don't Miss the District Conference Being Held This Year in Solomons, Maryland, May 4 to 6

Our annual District Conference will take place May 4-6, 2007 at Solomon's Island, Maryland. This promises to be an outstanding and exciting Rotary Event. This will also be the first time our District Conference has been led by our First Lady District Governor of District 7620.

The District Assembly is being held in conjunction with the District Conference on Saturday morning, May 5. The purpose of the District Assembly is to prepare incoming Rotary Club leaders for their roles, but everyone is invited to participate. The morning begins with a sumptuous breakfast buffet followed at 8:45 am by presentations on the 2007-2008 Rotary International theme, district strategic planning, and program goals for the upcoming Rotary year. Keynote speaker, Past District Governor Sandra Duckworth from Virginia, will give a very motivating message to close the morning plenary session. Beginning at 10:30 am there will be breakout sessions for each club officer, lane director, and club leaders. Whether you are interested in building club membership, having the best club programs, planning excellent fundraisers, increasing Rotary Foundation participation, improving your club bulletin, being a better Sergeant at Arms, learning about Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, RYLA and other programs, this time is for you! Don't miss this great opportunity to gear up for the new Rotary year!

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Rotary Support Helps Teen Cancer Patient Return To Peru

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It has been a long wait, but Rony Montalvan is finally going home. After months of fighting leukemia and other difficulties, the 18-year-old Youth Exchange student's cancer is in remission following multiple rounds of chemotherapy and transfusions. He is scheduled to leave Beaverton, Oregon, USA, for his hometown of Toquepala, Peru, on 25 March.

Just days before his year-long Oregon stay was to have ended in June 2006, Montalvan was diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a life-threatening disease that required immediate and intensive medical treatment. The Rotary Club of Beaverton did what Rotary does best – they rallied to help a family in need, raising both awareness of Montalvan's situation in the community, and US\$20,000 to help cover medical costs.

Thanks to support from Rotary and the surrounding community, Montalvan returns home with a two- to three-year supply of cancer-fighting drugs. He will continue monthly treatments at a hospital in Lima, Peru. Rotary clubs in Peru will continue to assist the family.

"I am excited and happy to go back home. I have a strong relationship with the Rotarians," says Montalvan. "It's like a special friendship."

Montalvan got a special surprise on 3 March, when he was feted as a guest at a home game of the professional U.S. basketball team the Portland Trailblazers. There, he received a

team-autographed ball and met courtside with several of his favorite players.

"Rony was walking on air," says Jim Rauh, a Beaverton Rotary member who helped organize Montalvan's support team. In addition, Rauh developed a public relations campaign about the young man's plight that garnered widespread attention and a nomination for best public relations campaign by the American Marketing Association.

Throughout his recovery, Montalvan had been imagining what he'd do upon his return. First on his list: going to the beach. He eventually plans to study at the University of Arequipa.

The Rotary Club of Beaverton continues to accept donations for Montalvan's family. Contributors can mail donations to the Beaverton Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 385, Beaverton, OR, 97075 USA, or donate online at the Beaverton Rotary Web site.

Membership Classifications Needed

Home-Based Business Owner

Pharmacist

Hotel Manager

Restaurant Manager

Insurance Agent

School Principal

Builder-Developer

Automobile Dealer

Newspaper Editor

Electric Company Manager

Grocery Store Manager

Ambassador

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Deadline For 2006-07 Presidential Citation Approaching

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District governors have until 15 April 2007 to submit a list of qualifying Rotary and Rotaract clubs for the 2006-07 Presidential Citation to RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Participating clubs are encouraged to submit certification forms to their district governors as soon as possible. Governors must provide RI with a complete list of qualifying clubs by 15 April in order for those clubs to receive the Presidential Citation.

The purpose of the Presidential Citation is to increase Rotary club involvement in service activities, while at the same time encouraging Rotarians' personal involvement in serving others and promoting a high standard of Rotary service in the community. The award is revised on an annual basis by the RI president and traditionally highlights the president's theme.

To qualify for the 2006-07 citation, clubs must achieve a net increase of at least one member by 1 April 2007 and complete four of the activities listed on the Presidential Citation brochure. The activities listed fall under the categories of membership, club service, vocational service, community service, and international service. Clubs must complete the Presidential Citation certification form and submit it to their district governor in order to be considered. In addition, Rotaract clubs may qualify for a citation by submitting a Rotaract Presidential Citation certification form.

How To Properly Place New Employees

[Thanks to [Caesar Kavadoy](#) for submitting this article]

1. Put 400 bricks in a closed room.
2. Put your new hires in the room and close the door.
3. Leave them alone and come back after 6 hours.
4. Then analyze the situation:
 - a. If they are counting the bricks, put them in the Accounting Department.
 - b. If they are recounting them, put them in Auditing.
 - c. If they have messed up the whole place with the bricks, put them in Engineering.
 - d. If they are arranging the bricks in some strange order, put them in Planning.
 - e. If they are throwing the bricks at each other, put them in Operations.
 - f. If they are sleeping, put them in Security.
 - g. If they have broken the bricks into pieces, put them in Information Technology.
 - h. If they are sitting idle, put them in Human Resources.
 - i. If they say they have tried different combinations, they are looking for more, yet not a brick has been moved, put them in Sales.
 - j. If they have already left for the day, put them in Marketing.
 - k. If they are staring out of the window, put them in Strategic Planning.
 - l. If they are talking to each other, and not a single brick has been moved, congratulate them and put them in Top Management.Finally, if they have surrounded themselves with bricks in such a way that they can neither be seen nor heard from, put them in Congress.

