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Rotary Club Speaker for April 5



John Oldfield of Water Advocates will speak on the pressing need worldwide for access to safe, affordable and sustainable supplies of drinking water and adequate sanitation. John

is currently Director of Partnership Development with Water Advocates, a lobbying and advocacy group in Washington, DC, dedicated to increasing US financial and political support for worldwide access to safe, affordable and sustainable supplies of drinking water and adequate sanitation. His background includes years in private equity, business and policy research (The Conference Board and the National Academy of Sciences), and international management with USAID and US Department of State contracts. John is fluent in French and Italian and holds a BS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. He arranged for an excellent panel discussion at the National Press Club on March 22 and he is also speaking at the Rotary District 7610 conference in Virginia.

April and May Rotary Events

April 10 - Community Service Night-Rockville
6pm Sophia House, 12250B Wilkins Avenue
7pm Manna Center, 614 Lofstrand Lane
Come serve a meal to the homeless on Tuesday, April 10. Call Noel Howard, 301-983-1977 to coordinate what you are bringing and plan to come meet the homeless people and see what Rotary can do to reach out to our community.

April 12 - No Rotary Club meeting

April 14 - 6:30pm International Night at the beautiful historic Japanese Embassy
Cocktail hour-dinner-dessert
Hear the wonderful Ambassadorial Scholars
Call Steve Naron 301-346-1505 for information and reservations.
\$60 per person

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 Rotary District Conference
Brochures and registration forms arrived in Rotarians mailboxes last week. For room reservations contact the Solomons Holiday Inn Select, 410-326-6311 by April 5. Register under the block of rooms provided for the Rotary District 7620 Conference.

May 5 - District Assembly
Motivational addresses and training for all club incoming officers, directors, committee chairs and interested Rotarians.

*Best Wishes for
Passover and Easter!*

World Health Day is April 7 marking the founding of the World Health Organization, one of Rotary's primary partners in the fight to eradicate polio.

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March 29 Meeting Report:

We were delighted to welcome back **District Governor Pat Kasuda** and **Past Governor Ray Streib**. Governor Pat reviewed the successes



for the year, where community needs have been identified and Rotary Clubs have met these needs. She talked about the Dictionary Project initiated by Past Governor Ray

Streib three years ago where third graders throughout Maryland in public and some private schools receive dictionaries from Rotarians as Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club has done. She acknowledged all the new members we had brought into the club and invited them to attend the District Conference in Solomons, Maryland. Six new Interact, five Rotaract and several Rotary Clubs have been formed this year. The new Bowie Rotary Club was chartered on March 27 and currently has 26 members with a goal of 100 members within a year. A special Rotaract club made up of mentally and physically challenged young people will be chartered on April 16 in Frederick. A new Rotaract Club in DC will convert to a Rotary Club in 2009 when the membership reaches 30 years old.

Past Governor **Ray Streib** gave us a



perspective on the wider Rotary community and said that our district was the only one in the mid-Atlantic area to have consistently grown over the past few years. He praised the passion that President Jerry has been bringing to recruiting new members. PG Ray left us with three great concepts. (1)

Vision: "Where are you going?" Develop a long-range strategic plan for the club just as you would plan for your business. Involve the new members. (2) **Purpose:** Have a purpose for the club, international programs and projects and reaching out to the local community; (3) **Pride:** Have pride in the Rotary club and what it is accomplishing. PG Ray exhibits passion in Rotary having two new Rotary club extensions per year – 13 in total. We thank Governor Pat and Past Governor Ray for their inspiring talks and for pouring out their hearts in Rotary service. You are great!!!

We welcomed back **Bernard Henry** who will be traveling for the next five weeks in France to see his family for Easter and South Africa where he will be a personal chef for two weeks. His son resides in Romania where he has a girlfriend. Have good travels Bernard and we welcome you back when you return.



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Visiting from the Potomac Rotary Club was **Andrew Winters**.

Phil Meade announced that an anonymous donor would match happy dollars up to \$100. \$300 in happy dollars were collected including the matching funds.

Membership News:

Get well wishes go to **Hugo Souza** who has undergone his fourth chemotherapy treatment at the Lombardi Center at Georgetown University. We hope to see him at a club meeting soon. He would really enjoy hearing from his fellow Rotarians: telephone: 301-469-7773; email: hugoesouza@yahoo.com; address: 7510 Shadywood, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Our sympathies go to **Steve Naron** and his family on the death of his mother, Doris. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to his father who has been hospitalized and will shortly be moving to a rehabilitation facility in Baltimore. A membership fireside chat has been set up for **Klaus Ordemann** at his home on Wednesday, April 11, at 7pm. Check with Bob Nelson for all the details.

We received this email message from **Elizabeth Glines**: "Thanks for sending the newsletter. Can you please direct me to the member that handles new memberships? I am interested in joining, as well as bringing two additional members, but I need information. Thanks much." We gave Liz additional information and welcome her and her husband back to the next club meeting. Thanks so much. Liz, for your interest in becoming a new member and bringing others into Rotary!

Rotary Project Brings Clean Water To Tajikistan Communities

The Rotarian 22 March 2007

The 900-year-old village of Sayod in Tajikistan is nestled in some of the highest mountains in the world, surrounded by enormous glaciers. Yet until recently, its residents didn't have access to clean water for their families, livestock, or land. Women, sometimes accompanied by donkeys, would have to climb up mountain passes daily to fill buckets with water from unreliable streams.

Rotarian John Capece, a former professor at the University of Florida, learned about the inability of tens of thousands of villagers living in the mountainous former Soviet republics of Central Asia to glean water from their snowcapped resources, and decided to do something about it. Capece, who had worked as a hydrologic engineer in Africa, worked with former interns and CARE partners to develop a water filtration system that uses gravity to deliver fresh water from the mountains. During the process, the Rotary Club of Dushanbe was chartered, and Tajikistan became a new Rotary country.

Look for the full article in April issue of *The Rotarian*.

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

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District's Novel Approach To Leadership Development Fuses Personal Growth, Rotary Ethics

Interview by Joseph Derr Rotary International News 30 March 2007

To foster the development of leadership skills and increase awareness about Rotary at the club level, the RI Board recently created the optional club-level trainer position. RI provides basic guidelines, but how clubs and districts implement the program is limited only by their own creativity.

During the past two years, members of two Rotary clubs in El Paso, Texas, USA, have developed a unique training program called the Institute for Leadership, which focuses on cultivating individuals as leaders and fusing Rotary values with personal growth concepts. The two-day leadership development seminar was developed by a Rotarian team that includes Past RI Vice President Irving J. "Sonny" Brown and three professional leadership trainers (all past club presidents and a governor-elect). Though initially planned for Rotarians alone, the training program is now offered as a community service to other organizations or individuals. The institute can help serve the community and attract prospective members to join a Rotary club. How does it all work? We sat down with Brown to find out.

Q: Why did you create the Institute for Leadership training program?

A: We wanted to provide Rotarians with a personal growth experience that would serve them not only in Rotary but also in their

family, business, and community – without great expense and time.

Q: Who participates?

A: The program is uniquely Rotarian, but not only for Rotarians. We want to promote Rotary as an avenue for personal growth to all members and prospective members. For Rotarians, we try to inspire and awaken greater passion for leading and serving through Rotary. We want Service Above Self to come alive in every Rotarian.

Q: What's on the agenda?

A: We don't deal with Rotary club management or Rotary information, but rather focus on Rotary values such as ethics and leadership. Our interactive exercises cover subjects such as collective potential, building rapport and teamwork, leadership styles, coaching and development, leadership commitment, the art of listening, and leading by example. We also incorporate essential Rotary values, such as The Four-Way Test, the Object of Rotary, and the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions.

Q: What inspired you and your colleagues to develop this program?

A: Most of the organizers have been involved in RYLA for years. Of course, RYLA focuses on fostering youth leadership, but all Rotarians who are personally involved in RYLA find their own leadership skills become greatly enhanced at the same time. So we thought to ourselves, "Why not offer a 'RYLA for Rotarians'?" It was an exciting prospect! Since we began planning in November 2001, over 200 participants have graduated, and more than 30 have become Rotary club presidents.

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Other participants have become officers or board members of their clubs. We have been actively promoting the program in neighboring districts, and currently five districts have started their own program. Attending the most recent event [16-17 March] were representatives of three Rotary districts from Oklahoma, Arizona, and another Texas district. Incoming Director Phil Silvers joined this latest group as a participant.



Q: How does the program help Rotary?

A: As individual Rotarians develop their leadership skills and enhance their personal growth, they gain a deeper understanding of Rotary values. All of that serves to build Rotary's future. Rotarians who invest two days in our program gain a lifetime understanding of who they are as leaders. We help them identify skills that will enable them to perform as leaders at the highest possible level. Most importantly, the meeting helps participants discover themselves and brings out the great potential that is within each Rotarian.

Q: How can others get involved?

A: Just contact me via an e-mail [sonny@sonnybrown.com]. We have an open invitation to any district to send representatives to our seminars, so that they gain a personal understanding of the benefit and the challenge of starting such a program. The program has been so successful in its designed format that we are excited to share it with districts that wish to start their own

event. It all starts with training facilitators who have participated in one of our seminars. To assist other districts in starting the program, we are very willing to send members of our team to assure that the training of their trainers is complete. Follow-up support is always available, as may be requested.

Photo: Past RI Vice President Sonny Brown (right) meets with Bob Ellis, a past governor

who has served as a district trainer of RI District 5890 at a recent Institute for Leadership.

Find Convention Housing In Park City

Rotary International News 26 March 2007

Still need to sign up for housing for the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA? Consider booking your hotel room in Park City, Utah.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the convention, RI is expanding its hotel room block to include accommodations in Park City. Salt Lake City by day, Park City by night

A scenic half-hour drive to Salt Lake City, Park City is the perfect convention get-away. Located in the Wasatch Mountain Range, Park City was once a hub for silver mining that has turned into one of the region's greatest attractions. It was the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics, and now it annually hosts the Sundance Film Festival. This vibrant city offers a variety of activities for you and your family, from summer sports such as hot

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air ballooning and golf to cultural offerings including theatre, music, and art fairs.

Make your reservation today

RI expects to accommodate all convention attendees who request housing. To better serve you, the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau is taking reservations on a first-come, first-served basis for the new hotel inventory that is being added daily. Reserve RI Convention accommodations now.

For more hotel booking options, try third party online vendors (such as Hotels.com, Orbitz, Priceline, and Travelocity), major hotel chain online booking sites, or alternative housing venues such as bed and breakfasts, inns, hostels, and camping.

Transportation tips



While RI is unable to extend the shuttle transportation system to Park City throughout the convention, Avis and Budget Rent-A-Car are offering special discounts to Rotarians.

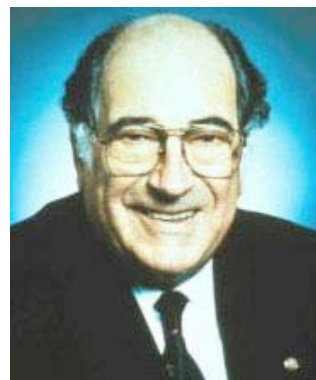
Find out more about exciting excursions around Salt Lake City region and plan your after hours activities.

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

Robert R. Barth, Who Served As President Of Rotary International During 1993-94, Died On March 29

A Rotarian since 1956, Barth was a member of the Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland. The RI theme he selected for 1993-94 was **Believe in What You Do – Do What You Believe In**.

Barth also served Rotary as district governor, information institute counselor, RI training



leader, committee member and chair, Foundation trustee and chair, director, and treasurer. In addition, he was an RI representative to the United Nations in Geneva. He was a recipient of the Polio-

Plus Pioneer Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award for his extraordinary service to PolioPlus.

A beverage industry executive, Barth was president of Robarth Holding AG, former president of CESDA (Confederation of European Soft Drink Manufacturers), and former chair of the Swiss Sport Aid Foundation. He served in the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Aarau.

Barth is survived by his wife, Gerty, his two sons, Alexander and Daniel, and daughter, Christine. Condolences may be addressed to Gerty Barth at Spycherweg 13, Ch-4852 Rothrist, Switzerland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Swiss Red Cross, Postcheckkonto 30-9700-00, Switzerland.

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