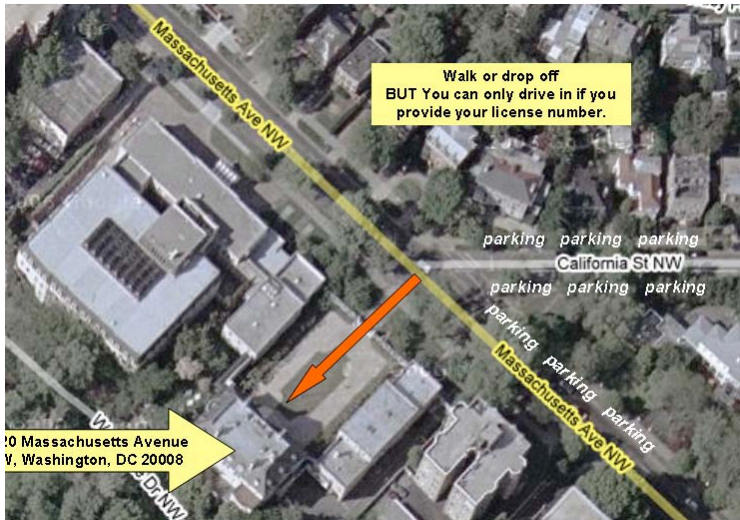


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International Night This Saturday

The 27th Annual Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club International Night Program starts at 6:30 PM on Saturday, April 14, in the former ambassador's residence at the Japanese Embassy, 2520 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. This is about six blocks northwest of Dupont Circle. On Saturday there is plenty of parking on the other side of Massachusetts Avenue both on California Street and south on Massachusetts



Avenue. Only previously registered cars will be permitted in the circle in front of the former residence for handicapped parking/drop off. Please contact Steve Naron, 301-346-1505, for more information.

April 5 Meeting

John Oldfield of Water Advocates was our guest speaker on April 5 and presented the staggering statistics: 1.2 billion people have no
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Couple Celebrates Fifth Wedding Anniversary With Rotary Fireside Chat

Prospective Rotarian Klaus-Dieter Ordemann and his wife Jessica invited Nadim Salti and Bob Nelson to their home on April 11 for a



Rotary fireside chat. They quickly learned that it was the couple's fifth wedding anniversary - congratulations to you both! Jessica and Klaus have been in this country about three years coming from their native Germany. He is the director of trade policy at the Representative of the German Industry and Trade in Washington, DC. She is a docent at the Sackler Gallery. He was a member of the American Embassy Club in Bonn, Germany. They have a lovely home in the Drumaldry section of Bethesda.



Thanks so much for your hospitality and to Nadim Salti for sponsoring Klaus. They will be joining us for the International Night Program this Saturday so please welcome our sixth new member this Rotary year!

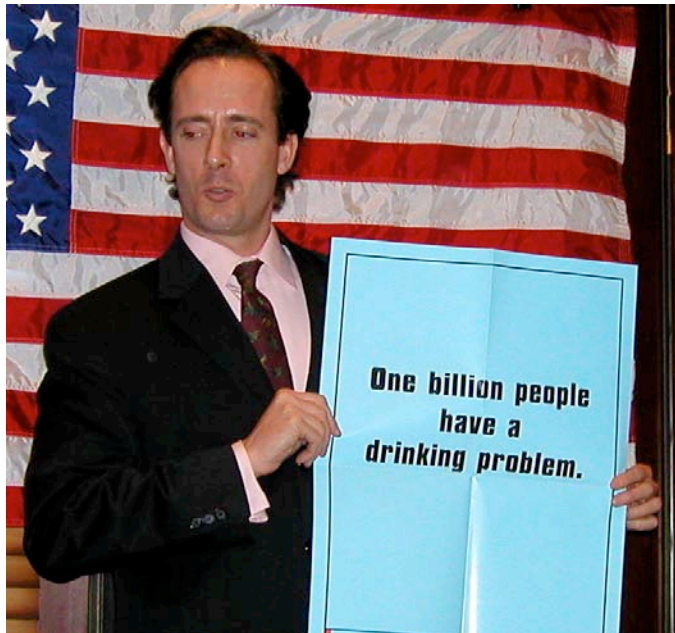
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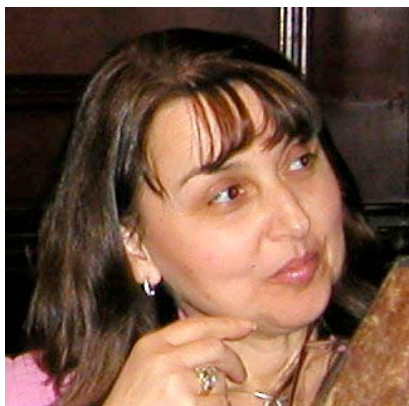
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access to clean water and 2.5 billion have inadequate sanitation. Two million children are killed each year from effects of water-borne illnesses and diarrhea. Water is the foundation of all sustainable life.



The challenge is solvable with today's available technology. John went over the United Nations Millennium Development Goals for 2015 and 20% to 50% of all the goals have a water component. John spent five years in Africa doing democracy and governance work. He shared photographs of village scenes showing 90lb women carrying 45lb of water on their heads. He shared successes of water projects such as those in Kenya where they have sustainable projects. In Ghana 400 villages don't have clean water: 250 will be addressed by the government, but 150 need private sector assistance (about US\$150K). US\$225K was used to install pit latrines in



Ethiopia. The keys to the success of these projects are decentralized ownership and acceptance by the people. They need to work with tribal leaders and convince the older women of the importance of sanitation. He distributed copies of the application form for the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group announced by Rotary Water Resources Group chair, Ron Denham, on World Water Day, March 22. President-Elect Don Smith expressed interest in joining. John concluded with a quote from Mark Twain who said, "Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with."



Visiting the club was Potomac Rotarian **Andrew Winters**.

Thanks so much to all the volunteers who made the "double header" community service night on April 10 such a success at the Sophia House for the homeless and Manna Food Center. It was great to see prospective Rotarian **Kathy Tassis** and her son at both locations!

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April and May Rotary Events

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.

Get well wishes go to **Hugo Souza** who has undergone 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.

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From Smiljka Soretic:

Fedja Soretic had a retrospective exhibition in Novi Sad, Vojvodina, his birthplace (30 miles



from Beograd). Regardless of the terrible weather and rain, the Museum of Vojvodina was full of people, about 200 visitors. Many of them have been Fedja's long time friends and customers. Some of them brought photographs and one woman brought Fedja's



father's watercolor of Fedja as a child. The Director of the Museum was very pleased and promised to organize another exhibition with Fedja's American paintings. The next day was book promotion that attracted again a lot of



people. We had a wonderful time but it was very tiring. Beograd is much better than before. People are nicely dressed and food in restaurants is superb. Serbians are very unique people. I do not know how they do it.

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Don't Miss the District Conference Being Held This Year in Solomons

Our annual District Conference will take place May 4-6, 2007 at Solomon's Island, Maryland. Have you been wondering what you can do in Solomons? Well here is an example of what will be happening within walking distance of the Holiday Inn Select on May 5th. And, all this in addition to the fun and fellowship of the District 7620 Conference.

Saturday May 5, 2007 The Solomons Maritime Festival comes alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of Southern Maryland traditions. Taste traditional foods, learn how to pick crabs and shuck oysters like the pros, enjoy local gospel and old time music, hear world class water fowl calling, watch model boats skim the waters of the boat basin and talk with traditional crafts people as they demonstrate their skills. For the kids, there will be traditional games, races, ice cream making, toy boatbuilding and more.

Antique Boat & Marine Engine Show

In the 7th year of this celebration of boats and engines, visitors can once again see a variety of antique boats, talk to their proud and knowledgeable owners, and swap engines.

Food Demonstrations

Food is at the heart of traditional culture all over the world. Here in Southern Maryland, traditional food is often related to the

Chesapeake Bay. Throughout the day, we will have demonstrations on how to clean and prepare traditional dishes.

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Demonstrations

The Chesapeake Bay Retriever is an important part of bay heritage. Bred to hunt waterfowl and game, it is known for its keen senses, quick responses, and accuracy in retrieving. Demonstrations will be given both on land and in the water.

Traditional Music

The traditional music stage will be located on the front porch of the Administration Building and will host a variety of local musicians running from 11 to 5:00:

- Doug and Susan Hood playing hammered and lap dulcimers
- Loafer's Glory - Folk and traditional
- Jack Tippet Band - Old Time Country
- J. Armsworthy & Eastern

Tradition - Bluegrass

- Ola Mae Carter - Gospel
- Patuxent Male Chorus - Gospel Male Chorus

Decoy Carving Contest

Decoy carving is a longstanding pastime in the Chesapeake Bay region. Our carving contest is for both novice and open carvers and offers cash prizes. There will be decoy carving demonstrations at the carving shed all morning. The judging will take place on the boat basin from 2-3pm.

The in water **Gunning Decoy Contest** is for



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drakes only and will be in water. The entry fee is \$5 per contestant and pre-registration is required.

Toy Boat Building

Members of the Small Craft Guild guide young boat builders in the ancient craft of toy boat building in front of the small craft shed.

Marine Auction

Join the famous auctioneer Rodney Thompson of St. Mary's County as he demonstrates his fast paced patter. Over 100 items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Preview on the concert stage from 9 am to 1 pm. The auction begins at 1 p.m. Credit cards accepted.

Free Boat Rides

The Wm. B. Tennison, a 100-year-old bugeye, and the Museum's Draketail will be giving half hour rides throughout the day. Visitors will also be able to try their hand at rowing or crossing the basin in a rail skiff.

Boats

In the boat basin, visitors will have an opportunity to talk with a local waterman about his work and his workboat.

Home Craft Corner

Did you know that women used to draw patterns themselves and make all the family clothes? Did you know that bed covers were quilts or coverlets made at home. Being handy with a needle was an essential skill in the home. In the home craft corner, located in the lobby of the exhibition building, women will demonstrate these and many other textile

crafts.

Maritime Crafts & Skills

On the grounds of the museum, we will have demonstrations in a variety of traditional skills and crafts including knot tying, making eel and crab pots, marine carving, and curing animal skins.

Children's Games

Before television, computer games and videos, children played traditional games to pass the time. The Children's area will offer jump rope, hopscotch, races, checkers, ice cream making the old fashioned way and more.

Model Boat Racing

The museum's Model Boat Club will be in the carving shed working on various radio controlled boat models throughout the day. They will also be demonstrating racing strategies in the boat basin.

Maritime Art Show

In the Exhibition Building lobby the Color and Light Society of Southern Maryland will be displaying their artwork. Artists will be on the grounds throughout the day.

As a member of Rotary, every Rotarian has an obligation to pay dues. The club pays for your local and national dues, insurance and other items; please make sure your dues are paid in a timely manner.

– President Jerry Gross

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