

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Tonight's Speakers



**Russian Group Study Exchange Team  
at 6:30pm Kenwood Country Club  
5601 River Road, Bethesda**

### Team Leader

**Irina Zavolokina**

White Nights RC, St. Petersburg

### Team Members

**Andrey Bashlachev**, Surgeon  
Sponsor RC Ivanovo

**Dmitry Vankov**, Anesthesiology  
and Intensive Care Specialist  
Sponsor RC Cherepovets

**Larisa Miroshnikova**,  
Pharmaceutical Company VP  
Sponsor RC Ekaterinburg

**Alexey Sergienko**, Ophthalmologist  
Sponsor RC Krasnodar

**Leyla Akhadova**, Pediatric Neurologist  
Sponsor RC Moscow

*We will join with neighboring Rotary Clubs to  
welcome the GSE Team from Russia!*

## April 19 Meeting Report:

Our speaker was **Ned Leonard**, Vice President of the Center for Energy & Economic Development (CEED), who discussed "Carbon Sequestration". Ned explained how coal, America's most ample domestic energy source, can be a fuel of the future. Coal today is pulverized and blown into a boiler where it burns to make steam to spin a turbine and generate electricity. Half of our electricity today is made by coal in this manner. However, this releases carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere and contributes to global warming. A newer and



cleaner method is to convert coal into a synthetic gas (IGCC). For the benefit of climate change, CO<sub>2</sub> must be captured and stored. Terrestrial sequestration could store 20% of current emissions. Geologic sequestration has potential, particularly in the U.S. where geologic conditions are favorable. There is a \$10 billion effort to develop a zero emissions powerplant that will produce electricity, hydrocarbon, and capture and store CO<sub>2</sub> created in the process. This represents a huge technological challenge but the stakes are high.

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## Rotary Calendar for May

May 3 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn  
Capt. Michael Rojas: "Salvation Army  
Services in Montgomery County."

Installation of New Member:  
Klaus-Dieter Ordemann

May 4-6 Rotary District Conference

May 5 - Rotary District Assembly

May 8 - 7pm Manna Center

May 10 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn  
Rotary Club Assembly

May 17 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn  
Klaus-Dieter Ordemann  
Classification Talk

May 24 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn

May 31 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn  
Our Rotary Club Project in Ethiopia:  
Orphanage for AIDS Orphans

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For The Second Quarter Of 2007  
To President Elect Don Smith  
10805 Admirals Way  
Potomac, MD 20854**

## *The Solomon Islands Receive Shelter After The Storm*

By Tonya Weger RI News 20 April 2007

Rotary District 9600 (Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and parts of Australia) is working closely with clubs affected by the earthquakes and tsunamis that struck the Solomon Islands Western and Choiseul provinces on 2 April. Rotarians are assessing the scope of urgent needs and planning long-term rebuilding.

The disasters left about 9,000 homeless. Members of the Rotary Club of Honiara and the Rotary Club of Gizo are on the ground determining the state of sanitation, clean water, shelter, and necessary supplies.

The district contacted suppliers of ShelterBox which sent 200 units, each containing a 10-person tent and other survival equipment from the United Kingdom to Australia and on to the island's capital of Honiara. "From there, it's about another 200 miles by sea to the island of Gizo, which is where the worst damage occurred," says ShelterBox spokesperson Huw Thomas.

In addition to the ShelterBoxes, the district arranged for the delivery of 400 Aquaboxes, 30 solar water purifiers, and cooking utensils. The shipping of mosquito nets is also being expedited, as public health experts are warning of the possibility of malaria outbreaks among the displaced.

District 9600 reports many offers of help from local and overseas communities, including Thailand, which was devastated in 2004 by a tsunami. Rotarians previously working in Gizo

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and Babanga are returning to rebuild their businesses and the community's infrastructure.

According to Past District Governor Charles Guesdon, local communities responded favorably to Rotarian fundraising efforts at various Australian shopping centers on 7 April. "Further talks are being held to plan additional long-term responses," he says. The district will now focus on the long-term disaster recovery phase by providing funds to rebuild the island's water supply, schools, hospitals, and sanitation.

RI District Governor Michael Gregory has appointed Director Nominee John Lawrence to handle fundraising, Past District Governor Guesdon to coordinate all relief and reconstruction, and District Governor Nominee Wayne Morris, of the Rotary Club of Honiara, to act as a local liaison.

To make a contribution to this recovery effort, please make checks payable to, "Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium Community and International Fund." Checks can be mailed to Director Nominee John Lawrence, P.O. Box 750, Toowong QLD 4066, Australia. For more information or to arrange for an electronic transfer, contact Past District Governor Charles Guesdon, phone: 0408 724 173 (mobile), fax: 617 5432 4711.

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

## **Water Day Activities Include Launch Of New Action Group**

By Joseph Derr Rotary International News

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Rotarians around the world celebrated World Water Day on 22 March by calling attention to water issues that affect some 2.6 billion people worldwide.

During a World Water Day press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., Ron Denham announced the launch of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. Denham, a past RI district governor



*Ron Denham announces the launch of a new Rotarian Action Group dedicated to water and sanitation at a National Press Club event in Washington, D.C.*

who also chairs the Water Resource Group for 2006-07, said the newest Rotarian Action Group will help strengthen ongoing Rotary water initiatives. It also will enhance networking and collaboration between Rotary clubs and districts working on water initiatives as well as foster cooperative water projects with other organizations. Visit the Water and

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Sanitation Rotarian Action Group 's Web site [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org) to learn more and sign up for the action group.



## More Water Day activities

- In a joint project with the office of the Belgian Senate and nongovernmental organizations, three districts in Belgium (1620, 1630, and 2170) sponsored an exhibit of photos of water issues by photographer [Dieter Telemans](#) in the federal parliament building in Brussels.
- Belgian Rotarians helped organize a youth forum on water in which secondary school students from around the country participated. Belgium's Prince Laurent also attended one of the workshops.
- Past RI President Glenn E. Estess joined local Rotarians in Columbus, Georgia, USA, to raise awareness of water issues during a World Water Day walk.
- In Canada, the Rotary Club of Ancaster, Canada, sponsored a Water for Life Walkathon to help raise funds for ongoing well projects in Haiti.

## **Kentucky Club Sends Their County To College**

By Lisa Baker RI News 19 April 2007

Every person with a high school degree or general equivalency diploma (GED) living in Christian County, Kentucky, USA, is guaranteed help with paying their college tuition by the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Every April, the club holds a week long auction to raise funds for either scholarships or student loans for area residents.

Each year, the club raises in excess of US\$250,000. Last year, the club gave more than \$300,000 to over 200 students. In the 56 years of this service project, the Rotary club has accumulated more than \$8 million in a fund that they use to subsidize the scholarships and loans.

The annual auction that provides much of the funding for the scholarships starts with Rotarians asking merchants for items they can donate. Any item more than \$30 is sold in the main auction, which is held in April, where people can bid on items either in person or by radio or television. Gifts less than \$30 are sold in a separate, mini-auction or in a local store. The Rotarians also raise money by selling dinners at the auction and offering a few ways to donate cash.

The club president, Ted Jatzak, says, "We will sell anything! Last year items ranged from gift certificates, to a used car, to LASIK eye surgery, to hams."

Like many Rotary clubs, the Hopkinsville Rotary club helps their community in times of

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trouble. In 1990, several government assistance programs were cancelled, leaving many area students without a way to pay for college. The Hopkinsville club didn't have the money to help, but helped anyway. The club took out loans from area banks so that no student would be left behind.

Jeanette Newsome received a non-traditional scholarship four years ago from the



Hopkinsville Rotary club. At 43, she decided to pursue a degree in education, and now she'll be graduating in May. While attending Mary State University, Kentucky, on her scholarship, her son is also attending Western Kentucky University on a student loan from the club.

"I am very grateful for the scholarship, so I help out by answering the phones one or two nights of the auction. I wanted to do something to give back. The scholarship and loan are a godsend," says Newsome.

As other Rotary clubs have discovered, this is a program that can be easily replicated. Two other clubs in Kentucky held their own auctions and each raised more than \$100,000 for scholarships.

You can contact Hopkinsville Rotary Club at (270) 886-3034.

## **Get Empowered To Keep Clubs Vital At 2007-08 Membership Conferences**

RI News 9 March 2007

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.

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

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## SHARING THE MAGIC OF ROTARY 2007-08 Presidential Membership Conferences

Rotary International President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson invites clubs, districts, and Rotarians to a series of Presidential Membership Conferences in seven U.S. and Canadian cities during 2007-08, slated for July and August.

Targeted to Rotary clubs, these conferences will focus on the need for change and practical ways to increase new membership, retain existing members, and extend Rotary through new clubs.

### Who should attend:

- Club membership development committee chairs and members
- Club presidents and officers
- District membership committee chairs and members
- District governors, assistant governors, and officers
- All Rotarians enthused about strengthening Rotary

### Conference dates and locations:

DATES	LOCATION	ORGANIZING CHAIR	FOR MORE INFORMATION
July 13 - 14	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA	PRID Daniel W. Mooers	dwm@mooers-law.com
July 20 - 21	Nashville, Tennessee, USA	RID Robert A. Stuart Jr.	Rstuart@bhsllaw.com
July 27 - 28	South Bend, Indiana, USA	PRID Louis Piconi	lpiconi@aol.com
August 3 - 4	Denver, Colorado, USA	PRID C. Grant Wilkins	PDG Diane Kessel : dkessel2@comcast.net
August 10 - 11	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	PDG Christopher M. Offer	offer@telus.net
August 17 - 18	San Jose, California, USA	PRID Samuel L. Greene	sam.greene@adelphia.net
August 24 - 25	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA	PRID Robert L. Menconi	bobmenco@bellsouth.net

To register: **Participants attend at no cost to Rotary International. For further details on registering, contact the conference organizer.**

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. Information about the Conference is located at <http://www.rotaryzones31-32.org/Primary.htm>

**Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club**  
**President's Membership Goal:**  
***Two 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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