

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Tonight's Program

6:30pm Rotary Club Meeting at
Normandie Farms Restaurant
10710 Falls Road, Potomac
Speaker: Klaus-Dieter Ordemann
Classification Talk

May 10 Meeting Report:



Nadim Salti was named "Rotarian of the Month" by President Jerry and presented with a colorful tie and two books by Past RI President Frank Devlyn. Congratulations Nadim!



President Elect **Don Smith** announced the installation of officers will be taking place at his home overlooking the Potomac River on Sunday, June 24, at 1pm.

Our Rotary Club received the RI Presidential Citation Award at the District Conference - Thanks Rotarians!

Our club was also mentioned on the front page of the District Newsletter this month: "Clubs throughout the District focused on feeding the hungry. Whether it was to assist the Potomac Bethesda Rotarians pack food for Manna or the Hunt Valley Rotarians making a monetary pledge to the Maryland Food Bank, thousands of folks were provided with supplemental food for their families."

Hold the date: Saturday, May 26.

9:00-am until about 1:00pm Jewish Group Homes renovation project. The Pollinger Group Home, 10709 Meadowhill Road, Silver Spring 20901 (painting, plastering and general clean up). The Meisel Group Home, 912 Devere Drive, Silver Spring 20903 (gardening, planting; tree trimming and yard cleaning). We need at least 10-15 participants. This is a great project for the entire family!

Please keep **Hugo Souza** in your prayers along with **Steve Naron's father**.



We welcomed guests **Liz Glines Altman** and **Gary Altman**. Liz requested and received a membership proposal form. We are also looking forward to the return of Kathy, Bernard, Peter and Anna.

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Congratulations and best wishes to **Anil Alpay** who has taken a new position at Chevy Chase Bank. Please hurry back to the club - we miss you!

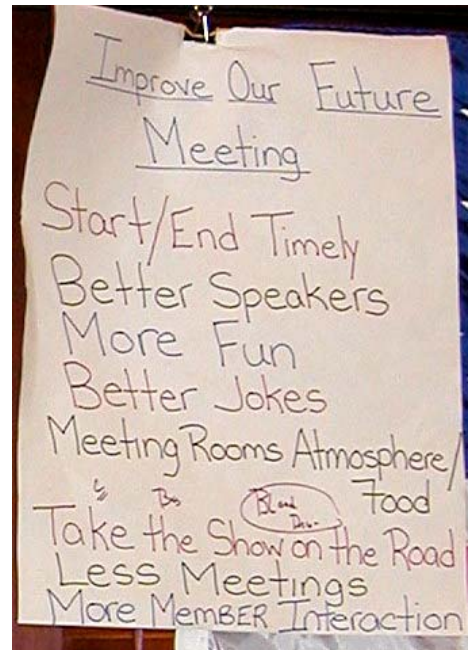
**Please Pay Your Invoice
For The Second Quarter Of 2007
To President Elect Don Smith
10805 Admirals Way
Potomac, MD 20854**

The May 10 meeting was a Club Assembly discussing plans for the new Rotary year beginning July 1. President Jerry posted charts around the room and Rotarians made suggestions. Membership was a major emphasis with unfilled classifications including journalist, builder, insurance agent, beautician, storeowner, nurse, teacher, corporate executives and pharmacist. There were recommendations for club service projects both locally and internationally. **Nabil** suggested providing low energy light bulbs to the poor and microlending. **Noel** said that microlending projects in Haiti have a great reputation for repayment - 99%. Other ideas included mentoring a family, scholarships, automobile technician scholarships and the Basra prosthetics project. Nabil also described "Happy Dollars on Steroids" where donations by check could be turned into funny \$ to be used at meetings.

Lou requested regular reports from the Board of Directors and Treasurer. The discussion should provide valuable input to the incoming club officers and directors.

There were some comments on the meetings

including "better jokes". The complete listing is shown below.



Rotary Club Calendar

May 24 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn

May 26 - Saturday - 9am

Renovation at Jewish
Group Homes

May 31 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at
Hunter's Inn

Our Rotary Club Project
in Ethiopia: Orphanage
for AIDS Orphans



**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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Rotarian Robert S. Brown (right) inducted into the Arch Klumph Society by (L to R) RIPPs Jim Lacy, Luis Vicente Gray and Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

[From the District 7620 May Newsletter]

The Rotary Foundation has embarked on a \$95 million fundraising initiative to permanently endow the Rotary Centers program by 2015. A key component of this effort is significant major gifts from our generous Foundation supporters. Among those supporters are Arch C. Klumph Society members **Robert S. and Eileen Brown**. The couple has committed and contributed more than \$2.7 million to the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Their support has already funded a Rotary World Peace Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.

A consultant and investor in a variety of organizations, Rob Brown served most recently as President and CEO of Venture Plastics, a plastic injection molding company.

He joined the Rotary Club of Towsontowne in 1989 and currently serves Rotary as an RI representative to the United Nations and a member of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee. He has also served as district governor, member of RI's UN Delegation and Diplomatic Relations Committee and World Community Service Programs Task Force and regional Rotary Foundation coordinator for Zone 32.

Rob Brown, who has an academic background in marine transportation and sailed with the Merchant Marine in his youth, was pleased to learn that the fellowship he and his wife funded went to Roland Bolado, a graduate of the US Naval Academy and a naval officer with the armed forces of the Philippines. Bolado will graduate from the Rotary Centers program later this year.

Through Fellowship And Service, Rotary Keeps A Community Connected

By Candy Isaac Rotary International News Photos by Candy Isaac and Gary Haynes 3 May 2007

In 1999, Ed Howes, DVM, semi-retired from his veterinary practice, but he still wanted to stay connected to his neighbors and contribute to the community. So he joined the local Rotary Club of Oregon, Illinois, USA.

In some ways, the club had a familiar feel to it. Howes already knew many of his fellow Rotarians through his work caring for their farm animals and pets. For example, Rotarian

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Larry Lillie brought in one of his first patients, a schnauzer pup. Howes wanted to do more, though, than just see familiar faces. The Rotary club provided a way for him to meet some new people, attend interesting weekly programs, and expand what he calls his educational network. Oregon Rotary club "members include a photographer, attorney, judge, chiropractor, nuclear scientist, engineer, financial planner, and insurance agent. The fellowship is wonderful," he says.



In rural Oregon, which is about 90 miles west of Chicago, most of the 4,000 residents live far apart in the sprawling town that hugs the Rock River. Being a member of the Rotary club brings them closer together. They "have a lot of fun and enjoy each others' company," says the club's president, Cyndi Byrd.

In the Oregon Rotary club, Rotarians also turn their love of fellowship into a way to both entertain and serve the community.



The club's annual Angel Ball, a formal dinner dance and silent auction held in early December, is a popular local event. Rotarian David Smith, past club president, credits the event's continuing success to the fact that, "It's not only for the Rotarians, but something the

community enjoys. It's a social outing, and everybody knows it raises funds for worthwhile projects."

The Angel Ball's silent auction is particularly popular. The donated handmade items include paintings, wooden rocking horses, and home-cooked special dinners for four that are served at Rotarians' homes. Last year, the 55-member club raised US\$33,000 from this event alone. The funds were equally divided among three beneficiaries: the Oregon Rotary Foundation, which, among other things, awards three \$2,000 scholarships to local college students; the Village of Progress, a day training center for the disabled, which serves adults 16 and older; and the local hospice.

Other club events that link members to each other and the community are the annual golf outing as well as Mark Twain Day, which is where dinner guests are serenaded by a Dixieland band while riding on a riverboat.

It's through these neighborly festivities, as well as fellowship and service, that the Rotary Club of Oregon helps make its community a better place to live.

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Cultural Scholar Goes The Extra Mile In Dubai

By Dan Nixon RI News Photo courtesy of Anna Jozwik
3 May 2007

Anna Jozwik's Cultural [Ambassadorial Scholarship](#) to the United Arab Emirates opened her eyes to the diversity of a region sometimes simplistically portrayed in the United States.

"The reason I applied for the scholarship to study Arabic was because of the events of 9/11," says Jozwik, the first Rotary Foundation Scholar to study in the United Arab Emirates. "The portrayal of the Arab world was very negative at the time. I learned there is a lot of diversity in the region."

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse, Illinois, USA, Jozwik studied at the Berlitz Language School in Dubai for six months in late 2006 and early 2007. She was particularly struck by the hospitality and generosity of the people she met.

"They aren't judgmental, they're very tolerant," says Jozwik, a graduate of Northwestern University in political science. "People were curious as to what brought an American to their part of the world, to their homes. They were very welcoming."

At meetings of the Rotary Club of Dubai, Jozwik gave updates about her involvement

in the community. As part of a club project, she ran in the Dubai Marathon, raising US\$1,000 to help the family of an Iraqi boy, Zaid, who has leukemia.

"There were issues with the paperwork needed to continue his treatment," Jozwik says. "Also, the family was running low on basic necessities. I wanted to make sure they had some money to keep them going until they got the funding for his treatment."

On her return to the United States, Jozwik spoke about her scholarship experience to the Evanston Lighthouse Rotary club. A few members shared with her their experiences working in Saudi Arabia and other parts of the Middle East. One voiced an interest in collaborating with the Dubai club on Rotary projects in Afghanistan.

Jozwik, who emigrated with her mother from Poland to the United States at age 11, has made a habit of serving others wherever her studies have taken her. While a 2005-06 Fulbright Scholar, she interned at the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland, interviewing people from Russia and parts of Asia and Africa seeking refugee status in that country. She also organized a workshop on refugee law for those who spoke English.

Helping people, in fact, is something Jozwik would like to do for a living. [RI News]



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Dear fellow Rotarians,

When I speak before a Rotarian audience, I often find myself quoting the words of others. And although the quotations I use rarely come from Rotary sources, they speak to the universal lessons of Rotary and to our tasks as Rotarians. Khalil Gibran wasn't thinking of Rotary when he wrote: "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." Yet these are perfect words to apply to the pleasure we experience in giving to our Rotary Foundation and doing our humanitarian work as Rotarians.

I frequently come across a quotation from Eleanor Roosevelt, who said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." That surely is so, for the world needs people of vision, people who are capable of dreaming dreams. We see in Rotary day after day how these dreams influence the things we do, for it is not enough just to dream: You must put your dreams into action.

Last year in Copenhagen, Denmark, I began a speech by quoting from the sundial that stands outside Union Station by Alameda Street in Los Angeles, a historic part of that city. The inscription on the sundial reads, Vision to see, faith to believe, courage to do. That line struck me as a perfect representation of what is required of us to be successful in Rotary. We must see the needs around us,

believe we can make a difference, and step forward to act.

Over and over throughout this year, Lorna and I have seen Rotarians who have done all of this. They have had the vision to see - to look at their community and to look even more broadly at the global village. But that vision alone is not enough. It is essential that we as Rotarians have the faith to believe we can make a difference. We see so many statistics that horrify us: how many are hungry, how many are illiterate, how many are denied access to clean water and sanitation. It would be so easy to say these problems are too great for us to attempt to solve.



But as Rotarians, we do not walk away from these tremendous challenges. Not only do we have that faith to believe we can make a difference, we have the courage to do. That courage is the difference between dreaming great dreams and putting them into action.

In all our travels this year, Lorna and I have seen projects that, one by one, are changing the world. They are succeeding because Rotarians everywhere are acting on their courage to do. I have always been proud to be a Rotarian, but as I see more and more of what Rotary can accomplish, I am ever more honored to be a member of the first and the greatest service club in the world.

Bill Boyd, RI President

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