

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Tonight's Program



June 7 - 6:30pm  
Meeting at Hunter's Inn  
"What's Happening in the  
Real Estate Market?"  
Speaker: Rotarian & Realtor  
Tom Leuchtenburg

### Club Member Notes:

President Jerry, President Elect Don Smith and Bob Nelson visited **Hugo Souza** at his home last Saturday. He is undergoing



chemotherapy on Mondays and takes a newly approved pill once a month. When Thursdays come around, he usually gets a fever and can't make it to the Rotary Club meetings. Hugo and his family

need lots of prayers in his fight with pancreatic cancer. Our sympathies go to **Anil Alpay** on the loss of his grandmother. Welcome back **Esther Kavadoy**, wife of **Caesar**, who has been out of country for 3 months. **Bernard Henry** just returned from Detroit after visiting an ailing friend - we wish for a speedy recovery. **Steve Naron** gave an excellent report on the recovery of his father from heart valve surgery. We are very pleased that his 87-year old father is doing so well.



Congratulations to **Steve's** daughter **Cecily** who graduated from Johns Hopkins University. And on May 31 Steve retired from IBM. He plans to pursue a number of interests including volunteering. **Klaus-Dieter Ordemann** just returned from a trip to New York City. Our condolences go to Past Club President **Jim Slager** and wife **Barbara** on the death of their daughter. Jim and Barbara's address is 480 Longridge Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15243

### May 31 Meeting Report:



**President Jerry** installed our newest Rotarian, **Anna Dell'Aquila**. In addition to the customary gifts, Jerry gave Anna a bottle of fine Italian wine. Anna is embassy military liaison to the attaché at the Italian Embassy in Washington, DC. Welcome, Anna, and her husband Peter to our club!

The speaker for the evening was our own Rotarian **Todd Nitkin** giving an illustrated talk on the Joshua Youth Academy project in Addis Ababa. Todd told how \$6000 raised from the silent auction in 2005 multiplied into an



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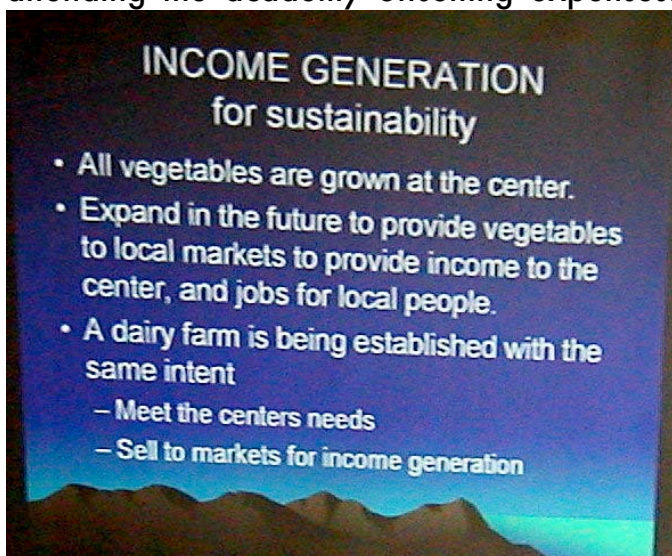
\$18,000 program thanks to contributions from the Rotary district and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The staggering statistics of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the world are currently an estimated 18M now infected burgeoning to 65M in just a few years. There are expected to be 10M people infected with HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia alone. The number of street children of AIDS orphans continues to grow with currently 250,000 orphans in Ethiopia and 100,000 just in the city of Addis Ababa. The average life expectancy in Ethiopia has dropped into the 30's. The youth academy in Addis Ababa received 48,000 square meters of land from the government and they plan to build a facility and care for 1000 orphans. The project is self-sustaining with proceeds from crops growing on the property and fees for some of the students attending the academy offsetting expenses.



The funding from the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club purchased 120 school desks and chairs, 21 bunk beds, 18 conference room chairs, 6 white boards, 8 library work tables with chairs, a storage cabinet, L-shaped table for multiple children and swivel chair. **Noel Howard's** son in law **James Marinucci** visited the academy in November and will be back this month. This month **Ted Asfaw** will be going to Zimbabwe for three weeks and Ethiopia for two weeks in early July and will also visit.

Todd Nitkin had an infection in the abdomen with surgery earlier in the day and is healing nicely. Klaus will serve as official greeter next week. The happy dollars totaled **\$200**. The June 7 buffet will be new and improved with two entrees (no pasta). President Jerry asked several Rotarians to call those who missed the meeting.

*Congratulations to President Jerry and the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club for Receiving the Rotary International Presidential Citation from RI President Bill Boyd*



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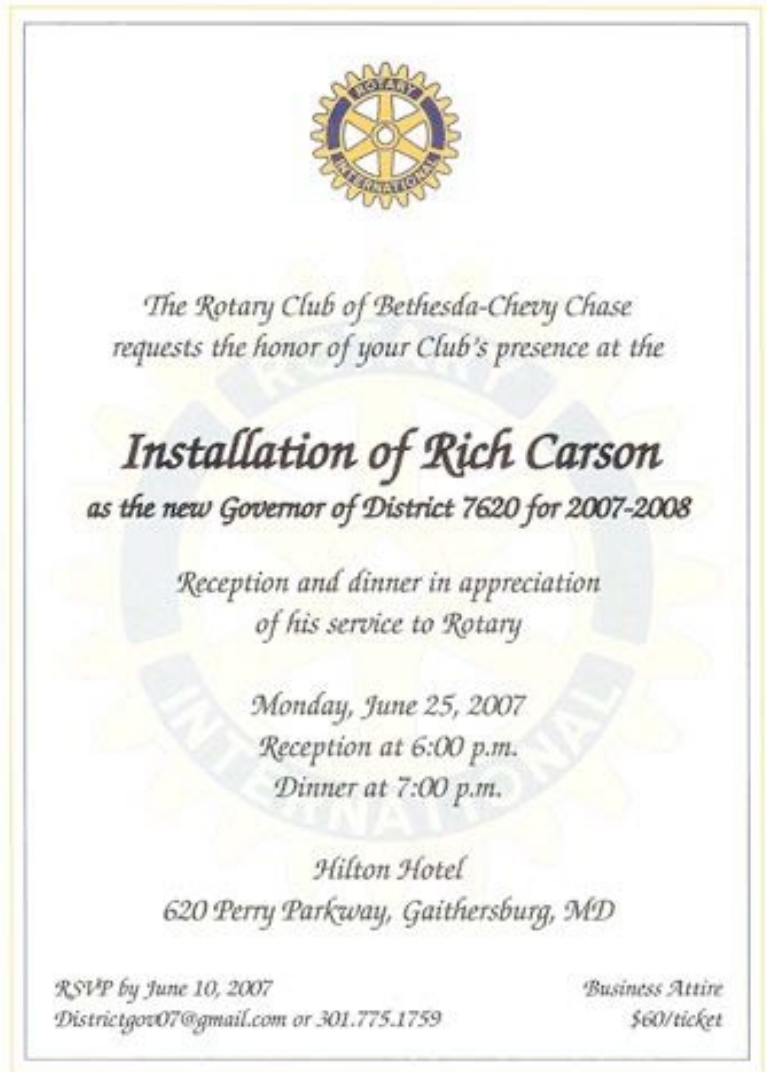
## June Rotary Calendar

- June 12 – 7pm Manna Food Center  
614 Lofstrand Lane, Rockville
- June 14 - 6:30pm Meeting at Hunter's Inn  
Professor McDermott: "C&O Canal and  
Beautiful Montgomery County"  
Installation of New Member: Bernard  
Henry
- June 17 - 20  
Rotary International Convention  
in Salt Lake City, Utah
- June 21 – No Rotary Club Meeting
- June 24 – 1pm  
Installation of Club Officers  
At Don and Nancy Smith's Home  
Overlooking the Potomac River  
10805 Admiral's Way, Potomac
- June 25 – Rotary District Governor  
Richard Carson Installation  
Gaithersburg Hilton  
Come Out to See the Installation of the  
First Governor from Montgomery County in  
More than a Decade!  
See flyer at right for more details—>
- June 28 - 6:30pm  
Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn

## Email from President Jerry to Governor Patricia Kasuda:

Dear District Governor Pat, Past District Governor Bob and Assistant District Governor Phil

The purpose of these e-mail is to THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING ME During my Term as President of the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club. It has been a privilege and a honor to work with all of you during the past year.



Looking back on the past 2 years; it has been an extremely rewarding time for me and my wife, Shelley. Our club has made progress in rebuilding the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club and I'm extremely proud of the our accomplishments.

Within the next 2 weeks we will have another member join our club. This is will be our 8th new member of our club. Each and every new member, will hopefully provide future leadership and growth potential for our club

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We have accomplished a lot during the past 12 months and I'm confident we will continue to grow and help our local and international community. It has been a honor to meet and work with so MANY FINE AND WONDERFUL ROTARIANS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

However, the past 24 months have put an enormous strain on my marriage and my career. Never.....never did I realize the amount of time, effort and commitment it has taken to rebuild our club.

I'm asking each and everyone of you to continue to help and support the upcoming President Don Smith. It's imperative that we continue to move forward to rebuild the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda.

After my term is over in June I will continue my involvement in the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda. However, I desperately need to take a break from my current time requirements.

Just wanted to say "thank you" again for your continued support and I hope that our club will continue to prosper and grow in the coming year.

*Yours in Service  
Jerry F. Gross*

## **Email from Linda Smythe**

Greetings,

I wanted to share with you the enclosed photo of 1 June 2007 of the departure from the steps of the Capital building in Washington DC of Amputee Daniel Sheret who is cycling around the world to bring awareness to the Basra, Iraq Prosthetics Project, a Rotary

initiative and the issues of amputees.

CNN gave great coverage of the send off. Participating were Samer Naber from the Jordanian Embassy, Basra Project Co-Chair, Rotarian Marlene Thorn, our Rotaractors, State Dept. Representatives including Jim Lawrence and Dennis Haddrick. CNN interviewed many of us including Samer Naber, Marlene Thorn, Jim Lawrence.

I presented Daniel Sheret with a Montgomery Village Rotary Club tribute certificate on behalf of Rotary to Daniel Sheret in recognition of his undertaking.



In the photo with the Toyota Cycling Team members are also, Rotarian Marlene Thorn, Samer Naber (from the Jordanian Embassy), State Dept. Press officer, Ann Gleavy, Rotarian Linda Smythe and on the far right, amputee Daniel Sheret. Godspeed to Daniel Sheret!

Linda [Linda.A.Smythe@kp.org]

**Dues Notice-Quarter ended March 31, 2007:**  
*Several club members have not paid their dues; please contact Jerry or Don if you need any additional help.*

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## **New Rotary Club Charter Night**

The new Northern Anne Arundel County Rotary Club will celebrate its chartering on June 13th at 6:00 PM at the Rose Restaurant in Linthicum. The cost is \$30 per individual and includes social hour/finger food, sit down dinner and dessert. A cash bar will be available. For more information and reservations contact incoming President Delia Irwin at [twi5@comcast.net](mailto:twi5@comcast.net). Let's give them a real Rotary welcome and join them on this festive evening.

## **Email from Former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Anja Linder**

Dear friends,

I hope this message finds you all well and enjoying life wherever you are. Carlos and I are now – again – in the process of packing our things. Yes, we are moving and this time we are heading south, to Tunisia!!

Carlos has accepted the position as manager of the governance division of the African Development Bank, which, as some of you know, is now temporarily located in Tunis, awaiting peaceful times back in Abidjan. So, we've decided to take this opportunity to discover North Africa.

Scotland is a great place in many ways, but never quite worked for us. However, after 1.5 years here we nevertheless feel a sting of sadness as we are leaving. It really is a wonderful place with stunning scenery and rugged but friendly people with a twinkle in their eye and a charismatic, though sometimes unintelligible twang in their accent, which I

will miss! And while the weather isn't always a friend up here (indeed, last weekend, just days away from June, I was walking around the center of Glasgow wearing a thick winter jacket, a scarf and wondering why I'd left my gloves at home!), I really can recommend a visit to Scotland. I especially recommend the Isle of Skye, it is truly stunning, and I am very glad we had a chance to visit it.

We're now quite excited about the move and very happy to still be so close to Europe. Exploring Tunisia, I'm sure, will be fascinating and our doors will always be open to visitors. We really hope you'll come and join in the exploration!

I'm hoping to hear from all of you.

Best, Anja [[anjalinder@yahoo.se](mailto:anjalinder@yahoo.se)]

## **Green Celebrations Help The Community and Environment**

By Sharon Broom and Becky Buyers-Basso  
For RI News Photos courtesy of Joe LoSquadro  
31 May 2007

Independence Day in Bar Harbor, Maine, USA, this 4 July will be red, white, blue – and green.

The Rotary Club of Bar Harbor (Mount Desert Island) has taken steps that can be replicated by almost any club to make its warm weather celebrations and fundraisers good for the community and the environment.

The Bar Harbor Rotary club aims to make its 37th annual Fourth of July Seafood Festival as environmentally responsible as possible by using good recycling practices. The Sysco Corporation will donate to the Rotary club

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biodegradable plates, cups, bowls, and napkins for the event. The Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce will donate compostable cutlery – forks and spoons made from cornstarch.

And these measures will make a difference. On the Fourth of July, the club plans to serve 1,500 pancake breakfasts and more than 1,000 seafood dinners.

Last year, Rotarians set up a waste recycling and composting center at the town athletic field, where the festival is held. The event yielded hundreds of pounds of paper waste for recycling and gallons of organic material for composting, including lobster and mussel shells, corn cobs, and watermelon rinds.

The Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce took notice of the Rotarians' effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle the waste created by the crowds of eager pancake eaters and seafood feasters. Hoping to follow their lead, the chamber president contacted the club to see if the business organization could help expand the effort town-wide in 2007. In addition to providing the biodegradable cutlery for the festival, the chamber is planning to replicate the Rotarians' waste disposal stations downtown and buy reusable tote bags for retailers to



replace plastic bags.

The Seafood Festival is the club's major fundraiser of the year, along with the Fourth of July Blueberry Pancake Breakfast held at the same site since the late 1980s. The day

before the doubleheader event, club members spend hours setting up tents, tables, chairs, grills, and lobster cookers for the 1,000 pounds of lobster sold each year. On the Fourth, Rotarians work from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. to cook, serve, and clean up.

The club expects to raise about US\$13,000 this year, and it will donate the funds to a variety of community organizations. Recipients in the past have included the local YMCA and YWCA; Island Connections, an organization that provides transportation for older people; Acadia Affordable Housing; the Bar Harbor Food Pantry; and the Maine Sea Coast Mission.

The festival is attended by thousands of people, and, along with the town's parade and fireworks, helps to make Bar Harbor one of the Maine coast's

major destinations for the holiday.

For information, contact the Bar Harbor Rotary club president, Benni McMullen, at 207-288-5008 or e-mail her at [ywcamdi@verizon.net](mailto:ywcamdi@verizon.net).

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