

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

June Rotary Calendar

June 14 - 6:30pm Meeting at Hunter's Inn
Paul D. McDermott, Professor Emeritus,
Montgomery College
"C&O Canal and
Beautiful Montgomery County"
Installation of New Member:



Bernard Henry
Chef Bernard, Owner
HBC Consultants, Owner
Former VP & CFO, SAE America

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
RSVP 301-775-1759

June 28 - 6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting at Hunter's Inn

July 5 - No Rotary Club Meeting

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June 7 Meeting Notes:



President Jerry Gross gave everyone theme pins for the 2007-08 Rotary year, "Rotary Shares". President Jerry named **Nabil Bedewi** Rotarian of the month. **Nabil** introduced the concept of

"**Happy Dollars on Steroids**" where Rotarians can write a check for donations to the Rotary Foundation, receive a charitable donation receipt and then use custom-made Potomac - Bethesda Rotary Club currency when donating happy dollars. **Tom Leuchtenburg** presented an update on the area real estate market and included a challenging quiz. President Jerry honored **Steve Naron** on



his retirement from IBM. **Dick Gordon** will be going on a family reunion cruise with five children, three spouses and eight grandchildren. Happy dollars totaled **\$80**.



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Dear Mr. President Jerry Gross,



Because and with such as all these new members: 1. Tom 2. Ted 3. Anil 4. Nabil 5. Alan 6. Klaus 7. Anna 8. Bernard solemnly, I ask thee, mightest thou be due a shaving of thy most

precious head pursuant to, and in accordance with thy free and willful pledge so to do should thy membership at Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club riseth to and by 8 new souls during thy administration?

I beg thy pardon of my mingling and intervention into the affairs of thy Club if this question is precociously put to thee.

May the Lord bless thee and keep thee, but verily, me thinkest that it mayest soon be the time to part with thy hair, – most especially if thou shouldest complete the induction of brother Bernard Henry forthwith.

I am most grateful for all of the sharing of thy news which I have greatly edited in accordance with, and unto all fine that part that occasioneth most excitation within my head and heart! It hath been a pleasure to work with thee and thy Club for the growth of thy membership this year.

And Uncle Wolf-Rat commands that I convey his good pleasure with thy progress!

Your most humble servant & Assistant Governor-at-large 2007-2008,

Edco Bailey, D. Min.

Thank You From Jewish Group Homes

On behalf of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH), we want to extend our deepest gratitude to the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club for your generous donation of time and supplies to paint the Pollinger Group Home and provide landscaping and beautification to the Meisel Group Home. Both homes are greatly improved by your club's efforts.

Your club's generous gift makes the warmth, love, and needed support that we provide for adults with disabilities possible.

We are very grateful to all of the Rotarians who participated in the community service program on May 26 as well as the overall generosity provided to JFGH



by the entire club. Your gift is greatly appreciated by our residents and us.

We truly appreciate your belief in our agency's ability to enhance the quality of life for our residents and give peace of mind to their families and look forward to continued partnership in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Vivian G. Bass, Chief Executive Director

Send Your Photos and Articles for the Rotary Club Newsletter to Bob.Nelson@NASA.gov.

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Rotary Needs You!

The Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda NEEDS YOUR HELP! Please join our family of Rotarians. Become part of a dynamic GROWING AND VIBRANT CLUB! WE NEED YOUR HELP IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. We can and we WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR fellow citizens of Montgomery County and individuals throughout the world! Please join and Help the Rotarians of the Potomac-Bethesda Club make a DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD! This will be the best investment in time and resources you have made in YOUR life.....Please help your fellow Rotarians CHANGE THE WORLD!

Please contact Bob Nelson for additional Information.

- President Jerry Gross

Rotary Needs You!

We are looking for men/women in a variety of professions – just a few vocations are listed below:

Banking and Wealth Management

Principals and Teachers

Engineers-All Types

Journalist/writers

Professional fund-raisers

Small Business Owners

Corporate Executives

Physicians

Insurance brokers/agents

Restaurant owners

Little Pieces Go Long Way To Provide Safe Water

By Margaret Slaby Fresno Bee May 23, 2007

Several years ago, Walt and Diane Parrish spent five weeks in Uganda teaching solar cooking. The members of the Rotary Club in Fresno, Calif. also demonstrated a Water Pasteurization Indicator, or WAPI, a rudimentary thermometer that shows when water is heated enough to be safe to drink.

The World Health Organization estimates 1.8 million people die each year from diarrhea; 88 percent of those deaths are caused by unsafe water supply, sanitation and hygiene and are concentrated among children in developing countries.

After returning from Uganda, the Parrishes knew they wanted to help in some way. "You're immersed in a community and understand the depth and breadth of a problem, then you return to our wonderful life here and say, 'What now? What is there we can do to help out?'" Diane Parrish says. "We thought the WAPI would be a good one.

"It's small. It's portable. It's easy to use. Regardless if they're cooking on an old-fashioned stove or if they're using a rocket stove, they all understand the benefit of using it. Any way they heat their water, they can use this."

In two years, volunteers from high school Interact clubs, which are service organizations, have made 16,000 indicators from materials bought at a discount. About 13,000 have been distributed in Bolivia, Ghana, Ethiopia, New Guinea, Nigeria,

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Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The Parrishes will travel to Mexico later this year to hand out several hundred of the devices. The project is a combined effort of Fresno area Rotary Clubs and high school Interact clubs from throughout the state.

"It's just a whole bunch of fun to do," Walt Parrish says. "It feels great to be able to help. Everyone has to do their part, and this is something we can do."

The indicator is part of the Integrated Cooking Method, which also uses solar energy, brick rocket stoves and heat-retaining cookers. The indicator is a polycarbonate plastic tube filled with a soy-based wax. It dangles by a fishing line weighted with small washers. The wax will begin to melt at 160 degrees, indicating the water is safe to drink. The devices are reusable and include instructions.

Walt Parrish says the indicator also is important for the environment. "It saves wood _ and time spent gathering wood," he says. Because water doesn't have to be heated to boiling, less fuel wood is needed; this reduces deforestation in places where wood is a dwindling resource.

Indicators can be bought at various places, including through Solar Cooking International, and cost \$6 each, Walt Parrish says. The Parrishes are making them for 25 cents apiece. The project is funded by donations and grants, including money raised through the Rotary Club of Fresno, club president Dick Herrinton says.

Various Fresno area high school Interact clubs have helped with the project, often scheduling

Saturday-morning workdays.

About 15 members of Bullard High's Interact club made the devices for the first time this year; they assembled 450 in about four hours. "It was an awesome project," says Beth Duncan, Bullard's club adviser. "It's so simple, yet it has such a world impact."

Interact club president Alyssa Hammond would like to continue with the project. "It makes me feel really great because I've never been part of something that goes around the world and helps so many people," she says. "It's difficult to comprehend that a little thing like (the Water Pasteurization Indicator) saves lives."

Skiing Fellowship Gives Lift To Adaptive Skiers

By Maureen Vaught RI News 7 June 2007

Ski enthusiasts are always looking for that something extra – whether it's fresh snow or tree-lined runs. For the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians, it's adaptive ski programs.

"To see someone confined to a wheelchair suddenly skiing, virtually independently, is a very special moment," says Past District 6450 Governor Brian Andersen, cofounder of the fellowship and a member of the Rotary Club of Darien, Illinois, USA.

And since 1998, the fellowship has helped people with disabilities do just that by hosting an annual North American ski benefit and meeting. Last year's event drew 180 members from 11 countries to the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska, USA. The resort boasts an

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adaptive ski and snowboard school operated by Challenge Alaska, a nonprofit organization that provides sports and therapeutic recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

In addition to enjoying the Alaskan skiing, the participants raised US\$27,325 through auctions, a raffle, and a ski race during the event. More than half of the funds were donated to the Rotary Club of Girdwood to support Challenge Alaska's adaptive ski programs and purchase equipment.

"There is always a big need for adaptive ski equipment, and it's something that benefits everybody, whether you're a child or an adult," says Beth Edmands, Challenge Alaska's executive director.



Jim Tomlin, of the Rotary Club of Peoria North, Illinois, USA, and Don Peters reach the finish line of the skiing fellowship's "fun race" in Girdwood, Alaska. Peters qualified for Challenge Alaska's Disabled Veterans Competitive Development Program, which the fellowship established with a \$3,000 District Simplified Grant from District 5010.

The remaining money was donated to the fellowship's Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation. The funds will be used to promote skiing for the disabled by raising awareness, purchasing equipment, and training ski instructors worldwide.

Created in 1974, the skiing fellowship has 410 members from 25 countries. An international ski trip, featuring competitive racing, is held every two years. This year's event was in San Candido, Italy.

The 2007 North America event and meeting was held 10-17 February in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA, and supported the Steamboat Training Adaptive Recreational Sports.

Find more information at www.isfrski.org.



Are you taking your family to Salt Lake City for the RI Convention? *The Rotarian* magazine wants you! We will be there shooting portraits for a special feature on "Rotary Families." The magazine is selecting Rotary families to take part in the photo shoot. If you're interested, send an e-mail to Rotarian@rotary.org with "Family photo" as the subject line. Tell us how many family members you'll have at the convention and where you're traveling from. And if there's more than one Rotarian in your family, be sure to let us know!

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