

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Club Calendar

September 20 - 6:30pm Meeting - Hunters Inn
Rotary District Governor Rich Carson

Governor Rich Carson is the Chief Executive Officer of Richard S. Carson & Associates and the SAINT Corporation. Richard S. Carson & Associates is involved in strategic information technology areas and does the world wide computer planning for the State Department, performs all the computer security reviews for the National Institutes of Health, and does the performance metrics for all of the Army Corp of Engineers. The SAINT Corporation focuses on selling advanced internet security products and has received many industry awards. Mr. Carson focuses on long-term issues involving business growth, infrastructure and finances at both the firms. With more than 30 years of corporate experience, Mr. Carson has been a visionary



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September 27-6:30pm-Meeting - Hunters Inn
Wine and Cheese Social, Hors d'oeuvres

October 4 - No meeting.

October 6 - Annual Chartering Celebration
Picnic at Dick and Jane Gordon's Home

October 11 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Hunters Inn
Jerry Harvey: The Abilene Paradox

October 18 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Hunters Inn

October 20 - 10:30am Potomac Day

Thanks to all the Rotarians who prepared and served dinner for the homeless at Sophia House on September 17.

Club Donates \$9000 for Ethiopian AIDS Orphans

At the meeting on September 13, a check for \$9000 was presented to Pastor Hanfere Aligaz of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church. The church has built the Joshua Youth Academy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that is housing orphans of AIDS victims. Our Rotary Club donations have been equipping the facility with many needs including beds, bedding and classroom furniture. This second check (first one given last year as shown) brings the total club donation for the project to \$18,000.

Thanks so much to **Todd Nitkin**

for his coordination of this project.



Welcome New Member Don Hiruo



Don Hiruo was inducted as a new member on September 13. He is Director of International Business Development for Goodwill Industries. Prior to joining Goodwill, he had many years of experience in the automotive industry

in Michigan. His wife is retired from Ford Motor Company headquarters and is still residing in Michigan while they are

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attempting to sell their home before settling here in Maryland. Don's interests include working with the disabled, global partnering and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Welcome, Don, to the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club!

Governor Rich Carson *(continued from p.1)* in identifying new business areas and developing strategic partnerships. Mr. Carson is a local community leader having been Chairman of the Montgomery County Health Commission, a trustee on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Pension Plan, and President of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club. He has been a major fundraiser for several local non-profit organizations. He obtained his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Cornell University. He has had many positions in the Rotary for his District including Paul Harris Chair, Assistant Governor, Senior Assistant Governor, and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. At his Rotary Club, he chaired the Annual Children's Shopping Spree, was community service lane director, rewrote the club's by-laws, and brought in many new members. He has been married to his wife Sherry for more than four decades. His current hobbies include skiing, golf, piano, and boating. He is currently a certified professional ski instructor and has his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Doe. As Rotary Governor, Mr. Carson oversees 70 Rotary Clubs in Washington DC and central Maryland including Baltimore, Annapolis and Frederick.

Attend the District 7620 Mini-Summits and Showcase Your Projects, Get Ideas For Service From Other Clubs and Rotarians and GET INVOLVED!

Did you know?

Every 3.6 seconds a person dies of hunger and 75% of these are children.

Rotary is renown for its works in eradicating polio, but while this killer disease is on the verge of extinction at least 30 new infectious diseases - for many of which there is no treatment or vaccine - have emerged during the past 20 years posing serious health threats to hundreds of millions of people.

Today, nearly 1.1 billion people - nearly 20 % of the world population - lack access to safe, clean drinking water and 2.6 billion lack access to basic sanitation facilities.

Literacy is directly related to poverty reduction, social inclusion and economic development yet there are over 800 million people unable to read or write in the world to-day.

When?

- Saturday, October 13, 2007 - Mini-summit on **Health** at Holiday Inn, Laurel
- Saturday, November 10, 2007 - Mini-summit on **Water** at BWI Ramada
- Saturday, January 26, 2008 - Mini-summit on **Hunger** at BWI Ramada
- Saturday, February 23, 2008 - Mini-summit on **Literacy** at BWI Ramada

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Where?

All Mini-Summits will be held at the BWI Ramada from 8 a.m. – 12 noon except for the Mini-summit on Oct. 13 will be held at the Holiday Inn, 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel.

Who?

All District 7620 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and new and prospective members are invited to attend.

What?

Learn about exemplary projects from the Clubs leading projects in Health, Hunger, Water and Literacy

Hear from experts of such organizations as:

- World Health Organization
- Food and Water Watch
- World Water Center
- National Agricultural Laboratory
- And others...

Did you know?

That as a member of one of the world's largest humanitarian services organizations in the world – Rotary International – that YOU can make a difference.

That of the Rotary Clubs in District 7620 more than 25% are directly involved in international service projects.

That local need for addressing health, hunger, water and literacy issues is great and provides tremendous service opportunities even in our own backyards.

Need more information?

Call Nancy Nuell at 240-567-7958

or email at:

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Clubs Respond to Peru Earthquake

By Joseph Derr RI News 13 September 2007

Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Chincha, Peru
Rotarians are moving into action following a powerful earthquake that rocked Peru on 15 August, killing more than 500 and destroying some 35,000 homes.

The Coastal provinces of Chincha, Pisco, and Ica were the worst hit. The destruction of highways and medical facilities in the earthquake area has complicated rescue operations.

Bruce Dearnley is one of the Rotarians gearing up help. In Peru, he will work closely with local Rotarians to distribute ShelterBoxes. A member of the Rotary Club of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, Dearnley graduated in April from the ShelterBox Response Team training program. He is among the first new U.S. recruits to go on a ShelterBox mission.



Rotarians distribute supplies to families in the coastal provinces of Peru.

The Rotary Club of Chincha has mobilized to meet the immediate needs of victims, providing blankets, clothing, food, medicine, vaccines, and water. The club is now collecting money to provide community education on the proper water and sanitation

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techniques, public latrines, tents and tarpaulins, and other essential items.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Shoreline Breakfast in Seattle, Washington, USA, has joined forces with the Consulate General of Peru, and the Peruvian community in Seattle to send a 40-foot container of emergency supplies to Lima. The club also plans to hold a fundraiser to assist the Rotary Club of Pisco with their rebuilding efforts.

For more information, visit the Disaster Relief and Recovery page on the Rotary website at www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefforts.html. If you would like to publicize your club's efforts to help communities in Peru, send an e-mail to relief@rotary.org.

Youth Programs Are A Springboard To Rotary For Former RYLarians

By Maureen Vaught RI News 30 August 2007

Photo by Alyce Henson/RI

Lawrence Chew and Bern Igoche are so passionate about the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program that after participating in the 2006 International RYLA in Helsingborg, Sweden, they decided to return to the event this year – as Rotarians.

"Last year's program had 124 participants from 25 countries," says Chew, 27, a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise, British Columbia, Canada. "That blew my mind."

Each year, Rotary clubs and districts nominate local RYLA alumni to attend the International RYLA. Chew and Igoche served as counselors at the 2007 event, which was held in June in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, before the RI

Convention. Longtime members of the family of Rotary, the two Rotarians have been Interactors and Rotaractors, as well as district-level RYLA participants and counselors.



Lawrence Chew leads the crowd in a rousing cheer at the 2006 International RYLA in Helsingborg, Sweden.

"I am proud of my involvement with Rotary and the chance to continue contributing as a RYLA counselor," says Igoche, 30, who

believes the RYLA experience benefits not only participants but also the people they encounter throughout their lives.

"They return to their countries intent on cooperating with their district Rotary clubs to carry out service projects for their communities, country, and even the world," says Igoche, of the Rotary Club of Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria.

Both men agree that RYLA also helps build awareness of Rotary. By inviting young people to RYLA events, especially those without a connection to the organization, Rotarians are promoting Rotary's good works to the next generation.

"The next time they see the Rotary logo or hear Rotary mentioned, they're likely to think, 'Hey, I went to a program run by that organization.' So, even if they don't join Rotary, they have a good opinion of Rotary and what it does," Chew says.

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Rotaractors Seek Aid for Flood Victims in North Korea

RI News 17 September 2007

Several Illinois Rotaract clubs are raising money to provide medical assistance for flood victims in North Korea. Working with Rotarians in Shanghai, China, as well as the Red Cross, and other groups, the Rotaractors hope to raise US\$10,000 to send medical supplies to this non-Rotary country.

Current relief efforts have not kept up with the demand for antibiotics, food, medical supplies, and other essential humanitarian items. Heavy monsoon rainstorms began sweeping the country on 5 August, and continued until 17 August. The rain submerged more than 11 percent of the nation's rice and maize fields as well as part of Pyongyang, the nation's capital. According to an estimate by the United Nations, more than 200 people died and more than 300,000 have been displaced from their homes.

The Rotaractors hope to raise the money needed in the next month, calling the fundraiser "Operation Flood Relief Now." The deadline to donate to this project is 15 October 2007.

To help, contact:

Gary D. Permenter of the Rotaract Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA at:
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or 415-670-9160

Kenny is Choice for 2009-10 RI President

Rotary International News 10 September 2007

John Kenny, of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Central, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2009-10. He will become the president-nominee on 1

December if there are no challenging candidates.

Kenny is a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge, and a notary. He is active in scouting and earned the Medal of Merit for helping form new scout groups in Eastern Europe. An elder of the Church of Scotland, he's served as session clerk and presbytery elder. Kenny was also appointed deputy lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. He is a past president

of both the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also past general legal counsel of Jaycees International.

A Rotarian since 1970, Kenny served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland as president and vice president. He has served RI as director, executive committee chair, Rotary Foundation trustee, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative, and committee member and chair. He's been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Councils on Legislation.



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Kenny is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Bequest Society member and has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

The nominating committee members are Ray Klingensmith (chair), USA; G. Kenneth Morgan (secretary), USA; Jacques Berthet, France; John T. Blount, USA; Hee-Byung Chae, Korea; Gerson Gonçalves, Brazil; Abraham Gordon, USA; Sushil Gupta, India; Lynn A. Hammond, USA; Rafael G. Hechanova, Philippines; Toshio Itabashi, Japan; Jorma Lampén, Finland; Gerald A. Meigs, USA; David D. Morgan, Wales; Jiichiro Nakajima, Japan; Stan Tempelaars, The Netherlands; and Luis F. Valenzuela, Guatemala.

The State Of Polio Eradication

The world now has its best chance to eradicate polio: 19 of the 27 polio-reinfected countries are now polio-free again. Only four parts of four countries have never interrupted indigenous wild poliovirus transmission: Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Global polio eradication depends on the engagement of the leaders of these four countries.

The tools to eradicate polio are better than ever. The program now has vaccines which are twice as effective and diagnostic tools that detect and track poliovirus twice as fast. New tactics have been formulated to reach all children in endemic areas.

New policies and tactics are in place to minimize the risks and consequences of international spread of poliovirus: travelers to and from polio-endemic countries are advised to be fully vaccinated before travel.

The remaining steps to a polio-free world include:

1. Rapidly overcoming the remaining operational challenges to reaching every child in the four endemic areas of Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.
2. Rapidly mobilizing the necessary financial resources to fully implement polio eradication strategies.
3. Continuing outbreak response activities in the remaining re-infected countries, and minimize the risk and consequences of further international spread of polio.
4. Maintaining high quality AFP surveillance in all countries.

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