

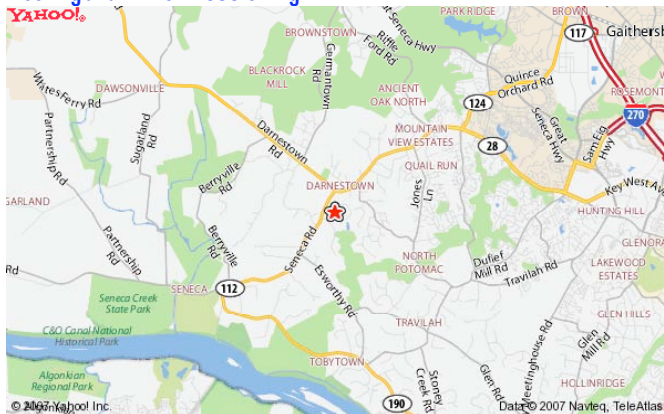
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Calendar of Rotary Events

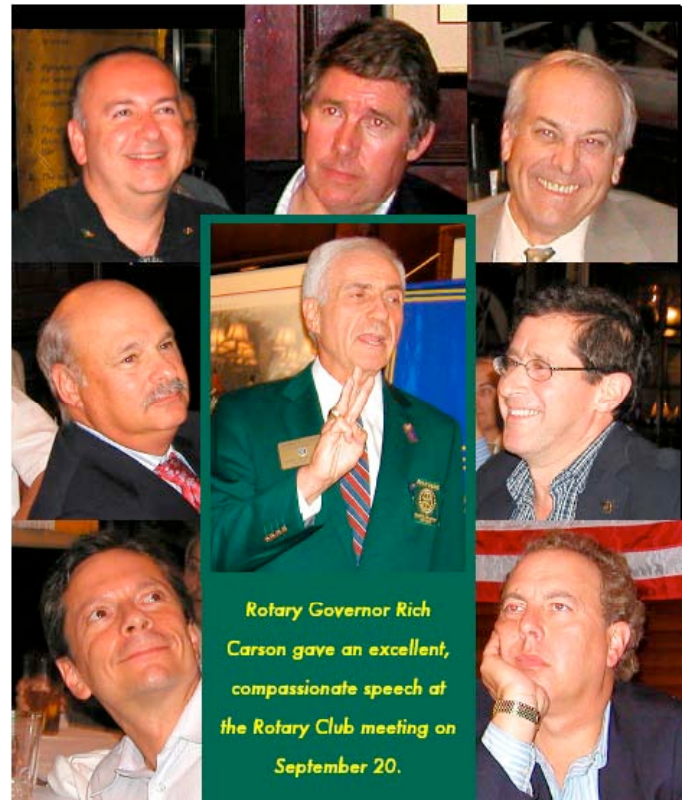
- September 27 – 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn
Wine and Cheese Social, Hors d'oeuvres
No Charge for Spouses and Guests**
- October 4 – No meeting.**
- October 6 – 4pm-Annual Charter Celebration
Picnic at Dick and Jane Gordon's Home
14836 Mockingbird Drive, Darnestown
301-330-8938**

Directions from Hunter's Inn: 5 miles west on River Road; Right on Esworthy Rd. about 2 miles to end; Right on Rt. 112 (Seneca Rd.) about one-half mile; Right on Mockingbird Dr., Right at 14836 down long driveway. Please park on lower part on field left of driveway. Early arrivers can park on paved area around the house.

Directions from Rt. 270 going north: Take exit to Darnestown; Right on Rt. 28 for one-half mile; Left on Darnestown Rd.; Proceed 6 or 7 miles on Darnestown Rd. (will become Rt. 28 again); Pass Potomac Valley Shopping Center (on both sides of road); Proceed 3 more miles; Left on Seneca Rd. (Rt. 112) to Mockingbird Dr. (first street on left); Left on Mockingbird Dr. to 14836 on right.



- October 11- 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn
Jerry Harvey: The Abilene Paradox**
- October 13 – Mini-summit on Health**
- October 18 - 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn**
- October 20 – Potomac Day**
- October 27 – Rotary Leadership Institute**
- November 3 – Rotary Day at UN**
- November 13 –
Rotary Reception at Canadian Embassy**
- November 20 – Mini-summit on Water**



Club Awards District Governor Rich Carson With \$2100 Gift for The Rotary Foundation

District Governor Rich Carson gave a passionate speech on a number of Rotary programs that are making a difference in the world. Governor Rich thanked our club for its participation in district meetings, grants, membership growth, sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship and his induction dinner at the Gaithersburg Hilton. At the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, Governor Rich hosted three breakfasts and a dinner for Rotarians from our district. One of the speakers at the convention was Bill Gates, Sr. who is very successful in his own right. Gates recognized that Rotary has given millions of dollars for polio and was amazed

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about the power of Rotary in eradicating polio. Gates' message to Rotary was to "think big". Governor Rich pointed out the UN Millennium Goal of clean water for half of the world population in need by 2015. The number of people impacted currently is 1.5 billion and is expected to grow to 5 billion by 2025. The Washington DC Rotary Club implemented a water system for a village of 8,000 people. If every Rotary club in the world did the same, it would mean that 240,000,000 people would have clean water. There are challenges of a water well project: villagers want it in the middle of the village but water might be elsewhere; they must decide if the pumps are manual or power driven; how to pay the cost of the power for the pumps; how is the village water management committee structured and specifying equipment from the village level. Fellowship is the basis of good community service and that is the secret of Rotary. The whole structure of Rotary is designed to increase fellowship: weekly meetings; President Elect training and multi-district Zone training. Everyone who moves up builds a bigger network. Governor Rich discussed his plans and goals for the coming year. The District Conference is titled "DisCon 08" and is conveniently located at the Gaithersburg Hilton, May 1-4, 2008. Speakers include past president of Rotary International Frank Devlyn, the deputy director of the FBI and a survivor of the New York trade center twin towers. The international convention is in Los Angeles in June 2008 and highlights include going to the Hollywood bowl and a cruise. There will be a Foundation dinner on

November 13 at the Canadian Embassy featuring RI President Wilf Wilkinson. All Rotarians are invited. Mini summits are being held throughout the year on topics of health, hunger, water and literacy (see last week's newsletter for details). Friendship trips are planned for Rotarians going to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and St. Petersburg, Russia. Governor Rich has held open leadership meetings with up to 100 persons attending. Friendship dinners have been planned regionally. This year's Group Study Exchange Program is with the Netherlands. There will be seminars on setting up micro-lending programs. District Goals are a 5% net gain in membership and 100% sustaining Rotary Foundation members. There are District-wide Projects including Dictionaries for third graders, Basra prosthetics, Books for International Goodwill, Safe blood, Gallaudet University scholarships and auto technician scholarships. Governor Rich was thanked for his presentation and given a check for \$2100 for the Rotary Foundation.

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Refinishes Floors at Polinger House Group Home

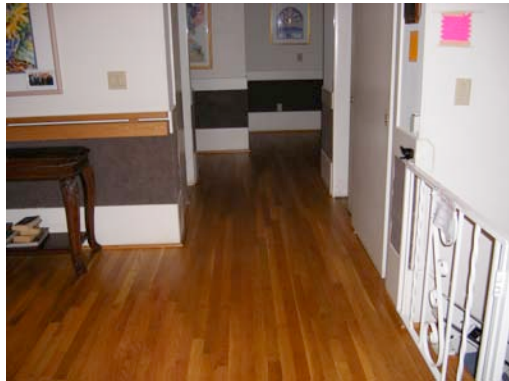
At the club meeting on September 20 Vivian G. Bass, the Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH), thanked our club for the generosity of refinishing the hardwood floors at the Polinger House. Our club's Rotarians repainted this house a few months ago and now it really looks superb with the updated floors. JFGH serves more than 140 adults

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with developmental disabilities and chronic mental illness in group homes and apartments.



Upgrades Make Room For New Web Site And Future Growth

RI News 25 September 2007

Rotary International is making room in its data centers for future growth.

While the data centers are being upgraded, the current Web site, staff e-mail, and phone/fax service at RI World Headquarters in Evanston will be unavailable from 27 September through 2 October.

One feature of this expansion will be a new www.rotary.org, which will launch 8 October. After more than 10 years of growth, the site needs to be reconstructed to take advantage of new technologies. The new Web site will debut with an updated look and enhanced features, including streamlined navigation, a library of Rotary images, an easy-to-read Club Locator and an improved search function. The changes will help people quickly find all the Rotary information and resources that RI offers online. In the future, more Web tools will be offered to assist Rotarians in putting Service Above Self.

Rotary apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause as we make final preparations for the launch of the new Web site.

Rotary Day At The United Nations

Rotary members and their guests are invited to attend Rotary Day at the United Nations on 3 November in New York. The meeting, held from 9:30am - 4:00 pm at UN Headquarters, will involve presentations and panel discussions addressing key humanitarian issues including water, health, literacy, and hunger. Under the theme, "Rotary and the United Nations: Sharing", speakers will include United Nations officials, representatives from key non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Rotary International leaders. The event is sponsored each year by the RI Representatives to the United Nations in New York. For the fourth year running, there will be a separate youth program for students of high-school age.

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Rotary District 7620 is arranging a weekend excursion for area Rotarians:

- Bus departing 2pm from DC suburbs on Friday, 2 November. ETA NYC 7p.m.
- Hilton Garden Inn, Queens (2 nights: 2 & 3 November)
- Bus shuttle from Hotel to U.N. Building at 0800 on Saturday morning.
- U.N. Building 0930 - 1600 on Saturday (3 November)
- Broadway Show Saturday night (3 November) Monty Python's SPAMALOT
- Bus departing Hilton Garden Inn/Queens at 11 a.m. on Sunday; ETA DC area - 4 p.m.
- All in cost is: \$525 per person double occupancy including Theater Tickets.

Interested? Contact Olney Rotarian Bob Schott at: bobs@olneyrotary.org
(202) 262-6652

Please Note: All registration forms must be received no later than **20 October 2007**. Because of SECURITY at the UN, there will be NO on site registration.



Registration Form Rotary International RI / UN DAY 3 November 2007

You are cordially invited to attend Rotary Day at the United Nations on Saturday, 3 November 2007, 8:30am Registration, 9:30am program begins, till 4:30pm. The Registration fee is: \$35.00.

This unique opportunity will offer both a visit to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and participation in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the United Nations, UN affiliated Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and Rotary International.

Lunch is included in the registration fee and will be served in the main United Nations Cafeteria overlooking the East River. Lunch will include a sandwich, beverage and dessert.

Please mail this reservation as soon as possible, as seating for UN Day is **limited**. Spouses and friends are also invited. We look forward to seeing you at the United Nations.
Please High School Students only.

UN Tours will be available on UN Day. **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Please Reserve the following tickets:

_____ RI/UN Day ADULT Tickets	at \$35.00 each = \$ _____
_____ RI/UN Day Ambassadorial & Peace Scholars and Rotaract Club Members	at \$15.00 each = \$ _____
_____ UN Tour ADULT Tickets	at \$13.00 each = \$ _____

My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Country _____

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District: _____ Rotary Club of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country _____

Tele: (H) _____ (B) _____

Fax: _____ e-mail _____

Return this form with payment to:

(Make checks payable to RI UN / DAY)

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President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's Message

September 2007 *The Rotarian*

All of us in Rotary know that we're a part of something larger than ourselves. We know that Rotary is an organization that transcends the boundaries of religion, language, and culture. We know that it is a force for peace, goodwill, and fellowship, and we know that it is a force 1.2 million strong. But most Rotarians' involvement in Rotary is made up primarily of club meetings, community projects, and international work through partnerships with other clubs. Because of practical reasons, most Rotarians don't travel to distant countries when they're part of a service project abroad.

What this means, though, is that for most of us, the internationality of Rotary can seem distant, and it can be difficult to fully understand. As a new member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ont., Canada, I was very happy being part of an organization that I saw doing so much good work locally. I might have stayed focused on that local work for years had there not been an international convention scheduled in Toronto shortly after I joined.

That first convention was what really opened my eyes to Rotary. It brought the world of Rotary, the world that stretches far beyond my own club, all together in one place. I saw how truly international an organization Rotary was, and I understood, for the first



time, just what I had become a part of – and just how much there was to do, to contribute, and to become.

At a convention, you start to see your own club in context, as part of a network of 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. You're inspired by the work that so many of these clubs are doing, and you bring new knowledge and ideas home to your own club. Most important, perhaps, are the personal connections made at a convention: the friendship and fellowship that will link your club to others for many years to come.

The 2008 RI Convention will be held in Los Angeles, a multicultural city that is a fitting site for such an event. If you've already been to a convention, perhaps you need no convincing to register for this one. Los Angeles is a city of stars, and when you come, you will see the Rotary stars, the Hollywood stars, and the stars twinkling in the sky over the Hollywood Bowl. If you've never been to a convention, then I urge you to join Joan and our whole family for a wonderful few days of fellowship and inspiration. I believe this event will change your life, as it did for Joan and me in 1964.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International

President Wilf will be in Washington on November 13 and there is a reception for Rotarians planned at the Canadian Embassy.

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The October 2007 Rotarian magazine features a four-page article on Goodwill Industries. The Goodwill CEO George Kessinger is a member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club and our newest member, Don Hiruo, is Director of International Development for Goodwill. Congratulations on this great feature article on Goodwill!



Fact Sheet: Goodwill Industries International and Rotary International

What is the purpose of this cooperative relationship?

The cooperative relationship between Goodwill Industries International Inc. and Rotary International provides a way to collaborate and combine resources so that more can be achieved to pursue their common objectives in the area of employment and training for people with barriers to employment.

What is Goodwill Industries International Inc.?

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 206 community-based, autonomous member organizations worldwide that serve people with workplace disadvantages and disabilities by providing job training and employment service. To fund its mission, Goodwill collects donated clothing and household goods to sell at more than 2,000 retail stores and provides contract labor services to business and government.

What is the focus of this cooperative relationship?

Rotary and Goodwill recognize the power of work and the critical role of employment and training in building individual self-confidence and personal empowerment, and in strengthening local and broad-based economies. Goodwill's relationship with RI supports its 21st Century Initiative – a commitment to help 20 million individuals and their families improve their economic self-sufficiency through work by 2020. Goodwill and RI share a commitment to creating and expanding opportunities for steady jobs and reliable incomes for people with barriers to employment.

How will the employment and training of people with barriers to employment be promoted?

Goodwill Industries International and Rotary International will work together to promote greater collaboration and coordination in the field of employment and training for people with barriers to employment. Rotary clubs and districts can promote the importance of employment and training for people with barriers to employment through presentations at Rotary gatherings and at meetings of other interested groups. Rotary clubs and districts may also engage in projects that support these goals at all levels through Rotary Foundation humanitarian grants and other resources. Rotary International encourages Rotary clubs and districts to share their successful projects with RI staff by e-mailing programs@rotary.org so that they may be incorporated into the RI Community Projects Database.

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How can my club or district get involved?

Visit www.goodwill.org to find your local Goodwill and set up a meeting to discuss joint-project opportunities. Each Goodwill and Rotary club can work together on a project that meets the needs of the local community. Some Rotary club projects with Goodwill include:

- Providing Computers for Education (Bogota, Colombia) Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina Inc. worked with the Rotary Club of Research Triangle Park and the Rotary Club of Bogota to supply Pentium computers to high schools in Bogota. The program provides training, vocational services, and educational resources for people with disabilities or barriers to employment.
- Strengthen Each Organization by Pooling Resources (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada) Members of the Rotary Club of Hamilton A.M. established a two-way agreement to share resources that can benefit both Rotary and Goodwill.
- Put a Face to the Future (Johnstown, Pennsylvania, USA) This job shadowing and mentoring program provides participants a unique professional experience, giving firsthand knowledge and information about their field of interest. The goal is to help people obtain gainful employment. Target populations include youth, adults, dislocated workers, individuals receiving welfare, or individuals with disabilities or barriers to employment.
- "Career Connection" Job Fair (Macon, Georgia, USA) This job fair helps people with disabilities and other barriers to employment find jobs in the community.

- Closet Cleaning Days (Tucson, Arizona, USA) Each spring and fall, Rotary Club of Tucson members clean out their closets and donate clothing and other items to Goodwill.

Consider how your club and a local Goodwill can leverage resources to fulfill both Rotary's international and vocational service goals and Goodwill's 21st Century Initiative commitment to help 20 million individuals and their families improve their economic self-sufficiency through work by the year 2020. The Rotary Foundation's Matching Grants can be accessed to help vocational training organizations in other countries expand or create services that help individuals with barriers to employment gain the training, education, and placement support they need to get and keep jobs.

What else can my club do to help?

Once you have set up a project with Goodwill Industries International, contact RI's External Relations staff to let them know about it. They may want to publicize it in one of Rotary's publications or at www.rotary.org. Please send information to ers@rotary.org with "Goodwill Industries International" in the subject line.

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