

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Calendar of Rotary Events

October 11- 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn

Dr. Jerry B. Harvey, Professor Emeritus,
George Washington University

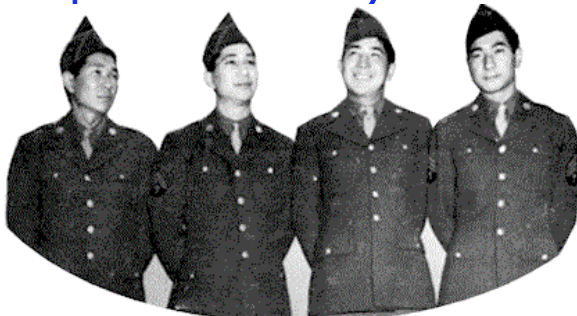
October 13 – Mini-summit on Health

Holiday Inn – Laurel (Rt 198 West of I-95)

October 18 - 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn

Kelly Kumayama

"The Special 442nd Infantry Combat Team"



Kelly Kumayama was one of the men of iron that made the 442nd the most highly decorated combat unit in American military history. The Japanese-American Nisei warriors fighting on the side of America and the Allies earned 9,486 purple hearts and numbered 680 of their comrades in arms as killed in action. Their individual decorations for bravery included a Congressional Medal of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 588 Silver Stars, and 5,200 Bronze Stars.

October 20 – Potomac Day

(see article on page 4)

October 25 - 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn

Installation of New Member Jason Hamel

October 27 – Rotary Leadership Institute

October 29 – 6:30pm District Leadership

Meeting – BWI Ramada

November 1 - 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn

November 3 – Rotary Day at UN

November 10 – Mini-summit on Water

BWI Ramada

November 13 – RI President Reception

Canadian Embassy

Charter Celebration Picnic

The annual celebration of the founding of the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club in 1980 was held this year on Saturday October 6 at the home of charter Rotarian Dick Gordon and his wife Jane. The picnic was held on a picture-perfect day with warmer than normal early October temperatures. President Don introduced the Rotarians and special guests that included former Rotarians and spouses of deceased Rotarians. Club humorist Art Blitz related a story of a young lady looking for a well-heeled gentleman via the internet. The variety of delicious foods reflected the internationality of the club. Many thanks to the Gordons and their family for hosting this very special event. Photos by Marilyn Nelson.



www.pb-rotary.org www.rotary7620.org www.rotary.org

October 11, 2007 - Page 1

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News



*Please send news articles and photos
to [Bob Nelson@NASA.gov](mailto:Bob.Nelson@NASA.gov)
for inclusion in the newsletter.*

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News



www.pb-rotary.org www.rotary7620.org www.rotary.org

October 11, 2007 - Page 3

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Potomac Day Is Coming Early This Year Gazette Newspapers

The Potomac Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event, has changed the date to October 20 to allow for the Potomac Hunt Club to participate. The event is usually held the last Saturday in October.

“They asked us to do it because we were so involved in the old traditions of Potomac – it’s part of the history,” said Skip Crawford, a representative for the Hunt Club.

Crawford said the club will lend horses and hounds to the Potomac Day parade, serving as a reminder of the area’s past, when the club was located on Glen Road. The Potomac Hunt Club moved to its current Barnesville location in 1978.

The Hunt Club was unable to attend on the original date, October 27, because the club’s opening hunt is scheduled for the same day. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Hunt Club has not participated in the Potomac Day festivities in several years, Crawford said.

“It’s fun for the kids and it gives a truer sense of Potomac and what Potomac is,” Adam Greenberg, Potomac Chamber of Commerce president said of the Hunt Club’s participation.

Potomac Day, a yearly celebration, is a way for residents to catch up with each other and celebrate the community, said Potomac resident Jean Cryor, Montgomery County Planning Board commissioner and long-time attendee of the event.

This year, Potomac Day will kick off at 8 a.m. with the annual 5K fun run, beginning next to

the Bank of America parking lot. Events of the day will also include a business fair, a children’s festival, a car show, and, of course, a parade.

According to Cryor, the involvement of the Potomac Hunt Club was well worth the schedule change. The Hunt Club’s participation will add a special touch to the traditional event, as well as serve as a reminder of Potomac’s past, she said.

“It will make it more colorful and more fun to have the horses involved,” Cryor said. “And the hounds are absolutely adorable as they run around.”

The Potomac Hunt Club continues to draw about half of its members from Potomac, according to Crawford. The club’s signature sport, fox chasing, is performed on horseback and has long remained a popular tradition for many in the area, Crawford said.

The Potomac Chamber of Commerce is busy letting Potomac residents know about the date change as well as gearing up for the event. A large banner placed in the Potomac Village shopping center, as well as road signs to be placed the week before the event, should ward off confusion, said Jennifer Matherson, assistant for the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

The schedule shift, however, wasn’t a completely smooth one. The Potomac Community Library, which usually schedules a children’s event to coincide with Potomac Day, was unable to switch this year’s event – a magic show – from the original date.

“It’s a problem for us because we always

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

plan a big guest presenter, and we couldn't change that," said Nancy Benner, library agency manager.

Benner said the magic show will take place on Oct. 27. The library, however, will participate in the Potomac Day parade and host a family story time event.

Cryor suspects that many Potomac residents may know about the schedule change already.

"Most people who come know, because someone they know is probably in the parade," she said.

Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus In Nigeria

(Nigeria - 5 October 2007) – As recently reported by various news organizations, 69 cases of polio due to a vaccine-derived poliovirus have been confirmed in nine northern states of Nigeria. These cases are vaccine-derived, which means they came from a changed form of a strain found in the oral polio vaccine (OPV).

OPV contains a live but weakened form of poliovirus. On very rare occasions, polio strains derived from OPV mutate and regain the ability to paralyze and may spread in communities where immunization rates are low, especially in densely populated areas where there is poor hygiene and poor sanitation.

In the affected areas of Nigeria, polio

immunization rates were not high enough to protect all children. The vaccine-derived poliovirus in Nigeria was first noted in August 2006, and response plans were implemented.

The most effective way to counter such outbreaks is to intensify efforts to raise the immunization rates, which means reaching more children with the oral polio vaccine. Thus, four mass immunization campaigns have been carried out since the outbreak was identified.

Vaccine-derived polioviruses are extremely rare. Of the more than 10 billion doses of OPV received by more than two billion children in the past 10 years, fewer than 200 vaccine-derived cases have been reported, while 6.5 million cases of childhood paralysis were prevented. During this same period, the wild poliovirus, our real enemy, paralyzed more than 33,000 children.

Tremendous progress has been made toward ending polio worldwide through the use of OPV. In the 1980s, 350,000 children were infected by this crippling disease each year. In the two decades since, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent. Less than two thousand cases were reported in 2006.

OPV has been the experts' vaccine of choice in over 195 countries that have successfully eradicated polio. It remains the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's (GPEI) recommended vaccine to finish polio eradication.



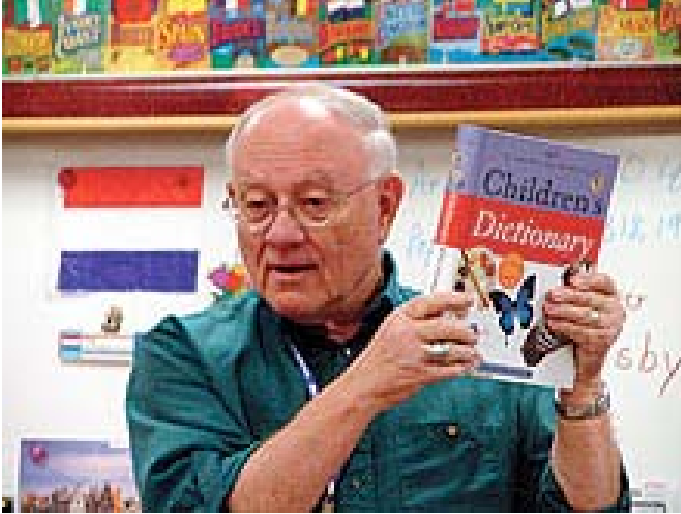
www.pb-rotary.org www.rotary7620.org www.rotary.org

October 11, 2007 - Page 5

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Colorado: A Defining Moment

Article and photo by Ed Hughes *The Rotarian*



Loveland Rotarian Bruce Grauberger tells third graders that their dictionaries can help them pronounce words.

Third graders get more than pages of words when the Rotary Club of Loveland, Colo., USA, gives them dictionaries, a project that's been going on for the past eight years.

They also learn about Rotary and the definition of words like truth and beneficial. Loveland club member Ted Nutting, for example, told students at Carrie Martin Elementary about The Four-Way Test in November and asked if they knew the meaning of beneficial, the fourth criterion in the test. Not a single hand rose in response.

"Then look it up when you get your dictionary," Nutting suggested.

"It means 'helpful and favorable,'" Kimberly Dreyfuss told her classmates after she flipped through her new dictionary.

Loveland club member and project coordinator Lee Bashor says that since the

effort started in 1998, the club has distributed 9,400 dictionaries to third graders in the Thompson School District. The money for the dictionaries comes mainly from an annual fundraiser.

Lee Visits Young Heart Surgery Patients In India

By Ryan Hyland RI News - 8 October 2007

Mohd Ayud Bhatt was moved to tears of joy when RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee chatted with his seven-year-old son, Amir, who was recovering at a hospital in India from heart surgery funded by Rotarians.

Amir had suffered from an acute upper respiratory tract infection that had spread to his heart. Without surgery, the infection would have been fatal. Bhatt couldn't afford the cost of the procedure and postoperative treatment, so the Gift of Life program in Delhi, founded and operated by Rotarians, paid for Amir's care as well as for heart surgeries for five other children.

Lee, who visited Amir and the others at the National Heart Institute in New Delhi on 31 August, sees Gift of Life as an invaluable initiative. "The life of a child is so important," he says. "Rotary will always continue programs that improve the health and well-being of children."

Afterward, Lee met with doctors and hospital staff to show his appreciation for their work and to emphasize the importance of international partnership. He spoke about Gift of Life as a classic example of Rotarians' efforts to promote peace and understanding through international community service.

www.pb-rotary.org www.rotary7620.org www.rotary.org

October 11, 2007 - Page 6