

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## November Is Rotary Foundation Month

November 1 - 6:30pm - Hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese social at Hunters Inn

November 3 - Rotary Day at the UN



November 6 - 2:30pm Dictionary Project  
Potomac Elementary School  
10311 River Road, Potomac



November 8 - 2:25pm Dictionary Project  
Bells Mill Elementary School  
8225 Bells Mill Road, Potomac

November 8 - 6:30pm Meeting - Hunters Inn

Anne Barnes - Kauai Hawaii Rotary Club

Jason Hamel - Classification Talk

November 10 - Mini-summit on Water

BWI Ramada

November 13 - 7pm Manna Food Center

November 13 - Rotary Foundation Dinner

with RI President at the Canadian Embassy

Reservations limited to the first 180 pre-paid guests. Send check for \$70 per person to Rotary District 7620, P.O. Box 985, Reisterstown, MD

21136 Deadline: November 5

November 15 - 6:30pm Meeting - Hunters Inn

Cam Crockett

"Getting to Yes and Getting Past No"

November 22 - Thanksgiving - No Meeting

November 29 - 6:30pm

Meeting - Hunters Inn

December 6 -

No Meeting

December 9 - 1pm

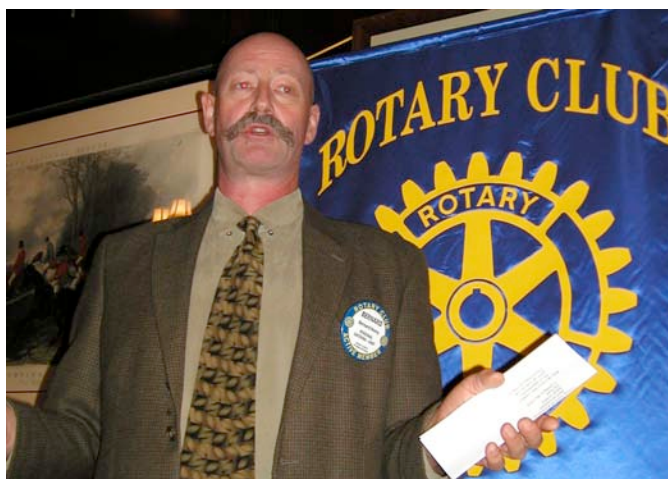
Holiday Party

Hosted by President Don and Nancy Smith

Food Prepared by

Personal Chef

Bernard Henry



## Bernard Henry Gives Superb Classification Talk

Bernard Henry was born on a farm Alsace Lorraine, France, in 1954. On July 14, 1961, he and one of his three brothers got polio and couldn't



Jason Hamel, Field Director of the Boy Scouts of America in the National Capital Area is welcomed into Rotary with a plaque from President Don Smith (above) and a pin from Assistant Governor Barry Thompson (below).



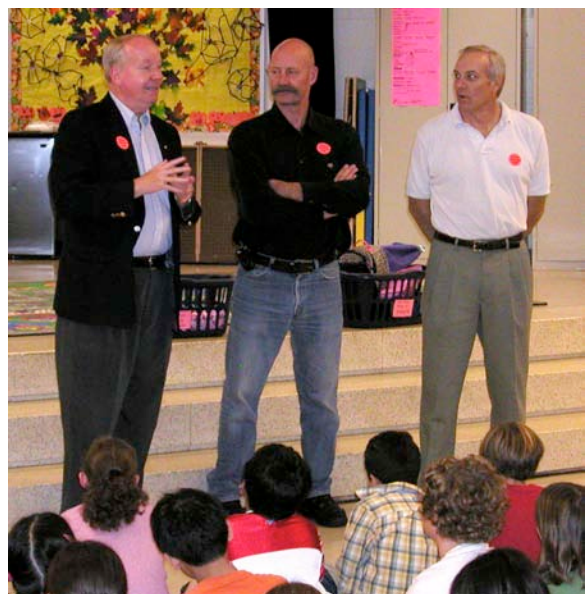
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walk. He came close to being in a wheel chair. Bedridden one day he was prompted to jump to his feet and miraculously was able to stand up although his legs were very weak. He was in physical therapy for four hours a day for ten years and had three operations. His brother survived as well. His physical therapist got him into rowing and in 1975 he missed the Olympic team by seconds. The family had no television, so Bernard was an avid reader and studied for 5 years in accounting and finance. He was an exchange student to a farm in Sioux City, Iowa, where he had a great experience, shared family life and learned English. He was married and became a chief accountant with SAE, the sixth largest construction firm in the world. He spent 5 years in Saudi Arabia as finance manager on a \$400M community project. He was in California for nine years as CFO and came to Bethesda where he became a consultant and expert witness in construction claims. He took a year off, went to California, bought 6 acres and planted a vineyard. A couple made him an offer he could not refuse. He decided to pursue a life-long interest, cooking, and took 2000 hours of training in 50 weeks at L'Academie de Cuisine in Gaithersburg. He went back to France and worked in a fancy restaurant in San Trope. He has been in business for the past year as a personal chef. He loves the USA and on July 4, 2000, became a citizen and was sworn in by California Governor Gray Davis. With a son in Romania, house in France and personal chef clients around the world, Bernard also loves traveling. Thanks so much, Bernard, for an excellent talk!

## *Wayside Elementary Students Receive Dictionaries*



*Steve Naron, Dictionary Project chair Alan Grant, Bob Nelson, Bernard Henry and Phil Meade distributed dictionaries to 100 third graders at Wayside Elementary School on October 24.*





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## Rotary Club Supports "Segs for Vets".



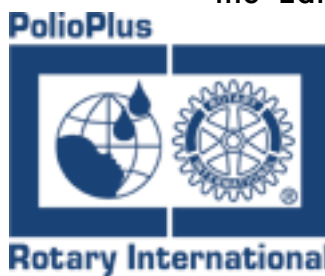
President Don Smith presents Noel Howard with a check to assist the project to bring mobility to seriously wounded veterans.

## November is Rotary Foundation Month –Programs of The Rotary Foundation–

Through Foundation grants and programs, Rotarians and other contributors can help change the world. They can finance a well for a village that lacks clean water, improve the environment, or provide scholarships to educate the next generation. The grants and programs available to Rotarians allow them to realize Rotary's humanitarian mission throughout the world, including its number-one goal of eradicating polio.

### PolioPlus

To eradicate polio, Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands. They're working to ensure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong despite the



poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.

**PolioPlus Grants** – Primarily applied for by National PolioPlus Committee chairs or a major partner agency, such as the World Health Organization or UNICEF. Support is available for eradication efforts in polio-endemic, recently endemic, and high-risk countries, including National Immunization Days, poliovirus transmission monitoring, and other activities.

**PolioPlus Partners Grants** – Allow Rotarians to contribute to specific social mobilization and surveillance activities in polio-endemic countries.

### Humanitarian Grants Program

**Disaster Recovery** – Allow Rotarians to donate money in response to specific disasters. Funds are distributed to local committees to support recovery efforts. The program was created in 2005-06, and the Foundation currently administers four Disaster Recovery accounts: Hurricanes Stan and Wilma (Guatemala and Mexico), Hurricane Wilma (United States), the Earthquake in India and Pakistan, and Solidarity in South Asia. Total contributions to the accounts were \$6.4 million.

**District Simplified Grants** – Support the service activities of districts locally and abroad. Since this program began in 2003-04, more than 1,160

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grants totaling over US\$17 million have been awarded to districts in almost 60 countries.

**Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants** – Fund large-scale, two- to four-year projects that improve health, alleviate hunger, or promote human development. Since 1978, more than 280 projects in 75 countries have been funded through The Rotary Foundation at a cost of \$74 million.

**Matching Grants** – Provide matching funds for the international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. Since 1965, more than 24,000 Matching Grant projects in 167 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$257 million.

**Volunteer Service Grants** – Support the international travel of qualified Rotarians and their spouses to provide a needed service or plan a necessary project in a community. This program began in 2006-07, and more than 200 projects in over 40 countries have been funded at about \$1 million.

## **Educational Programs**

**Ambassadorial Scholarships** – The Foundation sponsors one of the largest international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a different country, where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Since 1947, more than 47,000 scholars from 110 countries have received scholarships of more than \$476 million through The Rotary Foundation.

**Group Study Exchange (GSE)** – Annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to cover travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions. Rotarian hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, more than 57,000 individuals (almost 12,000 teams) from 100 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$92 million.

**Rotary Grants for University Teachers** – These grants are awarded to university faculty members to teach in a developing nation for 3 to 10 months. Since 1985, more than \$4 million in grants has allowed over 430 teachers to share their expertise with a college or university in a developing country.

**The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program** – This program, which began July 2006, provides professionals from around the world the opportunity to be trained in conflict resolution and mediation strategies. The intensive three-month course is housed at the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

**Rotary World Peace Fellowships** – Each year, up to 60 scholars are sponsored to study at one of the six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution for a masters-level degree. Since the program's inception in 2002-03, 233 fellows from 60 countries have participated, funded by awards of almost \$14 million through the Foundation.

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## How You Can Help Fire Victims In Southern California

Rotary International News - 26 October 2007



Wildfires in Southern California have displaced thousands of families, including Rotarians. If your club would like to help those affected, please read the following message from District Governor Jim O'Meara:

*As the fires whip through our district, Rotarians once more come together in the family of Rotary to meet this huge growing challenge. Over the last few days I have been contacting club presidents in District 5340 on the phone, inquiring of their safety, their families, and the well-being of club members. In a word, I have found hope. The presidents have also been contacting their club members, learning of lost homes, near disasters, and the joys in finding their home was spared, and always – What can I do? I have room in my home, Will we be meeting this week?*

The San Diego Foundation has established a fund to make grants to organizations with professional disaster expertise to assist individuals and families affected by the terrible fires. Anyone who wishes to contribute to this fund can make an online donation at [www.sdfoundation.org](http://www.sdfoundation.org) or send a check to:

The San Diego Foundation  
2508 Historic Decatur Rd.  
Suite 200  
San Diego, CA 92106

Please make checks payable to The San Diego Foundation, and include the notation "After-The-Fires Fund" in the memo area of your check.

Once the fires have passed, our community will face immense needs in every area of life starting with food, shelter, and clothing and extending to social services, ongoing health care, environmental concerns, animal welfare, and even scholarships for students in fire-affected families. In several weeks, please consider contacting a local club to organize a longer-term rebuilding effort.

### Letter from The Rotarian

An article in your May issue [Field Reports] states that the longest word in the English language has 1,909 letters. In reality, the longest word is smiles because there's a mile between the first and last letters

Daniel Lack, Kingston, N.Y., USA

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## ***Singer Beyoncé Knowles Immunizes Ethiopian Children Against Polio***

Rotary International News - 30 October 2007

Photo courtesy of the Ethiopian News Agency



photo: Ethiopian News Agency

**Beyoncé Knowles immunized 10 children against polio.**

Rotarians taking part in a polio immunization campaign in Ethiopia recently enjoyed a boost of star power for the eradication effort. Singer Beyoncé Knowles, scheduled to perform in Addis Ababa, met the group and helped administer the oral polio vaccine before taking the stage on 20 October.

The 26-year-old, who immunized 10 youth said, "I want to encourage all ... parents to give this vaccination to their children. It really benefits their health."

"Beyoncé was so impressed [with] our commitment to not only provide funding but to make the trip to administer the vaccine," said Ezra Teshome, of the Rotary Club of University District of Seattle, Washington, USA, who led the effort. Teshome immigrated to the United States from Ethiopia in 1971 and has headed up seven other immunization drives in his homeland.

The fight to end polio has made significant progress in Ethiopia, which has not reported a

single case of the disease this year. The country recorded 22 cases in 2005 and 17 in 2006 after an outbreak in the Horn of Africa.

In addition to raising and contributing funds, over one million Rotarians have volunteered their time and personal resources to help vaccinate more than two billion children in 122 countries during national immunization campaigns.

## ***The Object of Rotary***

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- \* FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- \* SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- \* THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- \* FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

***Please send news articles and photos to Bob Nelson@NASA.gov for inclusion in the newsletter.***

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