

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Calendar

**November 15 - 6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
Catherine G. Crockett**

"Getting to Yes and Getting Past No"

Catherine G. Crockett, J.D., M.A., Mediator, is an experienced divorce and family mediator with both a law degree and a Masters Degree in Psychology. For over 27 years she has engaged in a private family law and mediation practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Between 1984 and 1989 she taught conflict resolution courses in Catholic University's post-graduate family mediation program. From 1980 to 1996 she trained civil and family mediators through the National Center for Mediation Education, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Maryland Institute of Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers and the Multi-door program of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Catherine coordinated the Montgomery County Circuit Court Family Mediation Service for families with contested custody cases from 1986 to 1993. She is a Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution and was in the first class of Maryland mediators to be certified by the Maryland Committee for Dispute Resolution. She is a founding member and on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Society of Professional Family Mediators. Catherine has taken the basic clinical training program in Imago Couple's Relationship Therapy.

November 22 - Thanksgiving - No Meeting

**November 29 - 6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
Linda Meade**

Ambassadorial Scholar from France

November 29 - 8pm

Board of Directors Meeting

December 6 – No Meeting

December 9 – 1pm Holiday Party

Hosted by President Don and Nancy Smith

Food Prepared by

Personal Chef Bernard Henry

November 8 Meeting Report:

Anne Barnes from Kauai, Hawaii, who first sponsored our President Don Smith into



Rotary, described her club's annual fundraiser. The "Taste of Hawaii" attracts 5000 people from all the Hawaiian Islands to sample 120 kinds of food. The cost per

person is \$75 and the Rotary Club raises \$192,000 in just a half-day event. Anne has the title of "Queen of Trash" for her role in the fundraiser logistics. Anne, we give you a hearty "Aloha!" for your wonderful talk.

Our newest member **Jason Hamel** gave his classification talk. Jason was born on April 28, 1978, and after his parents divorced he grew up in suburban Virginia. When he wanted a bike, he started cutting lawns and raised the money he needed.



As he made more money, he purchased investments and savings bonds which was good training for life. He became an instructor at a Boy Scout Camp in 1993-95. He enjoyed football, wrestling and theater in high school. He was a cub scout and boy scout through the Eagle rank. He went to Virginia Tech and graduated with a BS in Natural Resource Recreation with a minor in forestry. At 24 years old he became Director of Recreation with a \$1.7M budget, 250 employees and 1500 campers. He is currently Field Director at the National Capital Area of the Boy Scouts overseeing

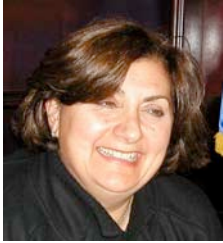
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four areas in lower Montgomery County and Washington, DC. He has been married for six months and has a home in Germantown. Thank you, Jason, for your excellent talk!

We welcomed back **Karen Adrouny** from the Los Gatos Rotary Club.



Noel Howard is making arrangements for a dinner at the homeless shelter in Rockville during the week of December 9-14.

Dictionary Distribution at Bells Mill Elementary on November 8



Bob Nelson, Tom Leuchtenburg, Steve Naron and Meg Weinstein and Zach from Alan Grant's office.

Rotarians Visit the United Nations

Steve and Laura Naron joined the District 7620 delegation to Rotary Day at the United Nations. In addition to the meetings at the UN, they enjoyed the Broadway Show, Spamalot.



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Rotary, UN Celebrate Common Goals

By Barbara E. Walters RI News - 6 November 2007

In Tanzania, villagers buy mosquito nets through a Rotarian-supported program that aligns with the United Nations' goal to reduce malaria. In Kenya, families build Rotarian-funded rainwater collection tanks, complementing UN efforts to prevent deaths, especially among children, linked to poor sanitation. In Romania, farmers receive heifers through an effort backed by a Rotary Foundation grant that goes hand in hand with the UN goal to fight hunger.

These stories were highlighted during Rotary-UN Day at UN headquarters in New York City as ways Rotarians are helping the United Nations advance its goals to improve lives around the world. Held annually, the occasion celebrated the organizations' 62-year partnership. More than 1,300 Rotarians, UN officials, Interactors, and Rotaractors from 48 countries attended the day of panel discussions on water, literacy, health, and hunger on 3 November.

Rotary's relationship with the UN dates back to 1945, when 49 Rotarians acted as delegates, advisers, and consultants at the conference that founded the global association of governments. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to any nongovernmental organization by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies.

"Ever since the United Nations was founded, you have been a wonderful partner to our organization," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said to Rotarians in remarks delivered

by Kim Won-soo, deputy chef de cabinet and special adviser. "You have worked with the UN for health, literacy, and poverty eradication. You have promoted peace through your exchange programs. You have helped people understand what the UN is, what it does, and what it can do."

Ban and Kiyotaka Akasaka, UN undersecretary-general for communications and public information, praised Rotary for working on the UN Millennium Development Goals, which aim to slash poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other social ills by 2015. But more work is needed, Akasaka said.

"It is intolerable that 72 million children are not in primary school. Maternal health remains a scandal, and HIV is growing faster than treatments can be made available," he explained, adding that climate change threatens to undermine work toward all the goals.

Progress is being made, though, according to speakers featured throughout the day. Stephen Nicholas, a member of the Rotary Club of Yonkers, New York, and a professor at Columbia University Medical Center's Department of Pediatrics, said better, cheaper medication and intervention during pregnancy has almost completely diminished the number of HIV-infected infants at the clinic he founded in New York City's Harlem neighborhood. Nicholas has also helped develop a family AIDS program in the Dominican Republic. Now a World Community Service project, it aims to reduce the rate of mother-to-child HIV transmissions and the number of AIDS

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orphans.

During a panel discussion on water, John Boot, of the Rotary Club of Summerland, British Columbia, Canada, described how Kenyan villagers have built 12,000 concrete water tanks and planted hundreds of trees as a natural purifier.

In a health panel, Brian Stoyel, of the Rotary Club of Saltash, Cornwall, England, said posters encouraging Tanzanians to buy mosquito netting below cost have reduced malaria by 64 percent in targeted areas. Two billion additional nets are still needed in East Africa, however, said Melanie Renshaw, UNICEF senior health adviser.

The event also featured a presentation by Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program graduate Richelieu Allison, of Liberia, who received the day's only standing ovation. "Rotary has become a passer of the light," Allison said. "The Four-Way Test has transformed my life. It can transform the world." his announcement certainly takes my breath away!

International Night Set for March 29 Letter to His Excellency Dr. Ferenc Somogyi Embassy of the Republic of Hungary

Dear Ambassador Somogyi:

I wanted to thank you again for spending some time with Bernard Henry and myself discussing our needs for the Rotary International Night. The members of the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club are very pleased with your generous agreement to contribute the use of your embassy on March 29th, 2008 to host our event. Your support

will enable us to continue an initiative we have undertaken every year since 1981. As a background, below, is an elaboration of the program our International Night will be celebrating.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Accomplished scholars have their graduate level studies supported in another country. They are selected by their local Rotary clubs. They are provided with local Rotarian counselors in the country where they study. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06, each worth US\$26,000. Through these grants, recipients from some 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations. Since 1947 more than 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

I am confident that working with your staff, particularly, Mr. Zoltán Fehér will make this event a success.

Sincerely,
Nabil Bedewi, Chair
Rotary International Night 2008

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Raising Funds for Rotary

Wendy Letim (now age 10) and her parents live with my family in our home. Wendy no longer uses about 12 CD's (Disney stuff, Mr. Potato head, etc), left over from when she was 4 to 8 years old. I brought them to the office and sent out an e-mail to my entire staff inviting them to take whatever they wanted. The only condition was that they had to make a donation to the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club in any amount they cared to give. I had three takers who donated a total of about \$60.00, which is or will be deposited into our Foundation Account. The last check (\$25) comes in tomorrow. Raising this money for Rotary was easier than falling off a log.



-Arthur H. Blitz, Esq.

Score A Winning Touchdown: Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club and Melwood Vehicle Donation Program.

The Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club has an established relationship with Melwood Vehicle Donation program.

Just call Melwood Vehicle Donation program; ask for proceeds of your car sale to be donated to the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club. Melwood will pick up the car from your home or business and YOU HAVE SCORED A TOUCHDOWN!!!!

Our Rotary Foundation will receive a check for 50% of the proceeds from the car sale up to the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

Within a few weeks, the foundation will receive the proceeds from the vehicle sale and you get a charitable contribution for the value of your auto.

Please notify Jerry Gross of your vehicle donation so we can make sure our Foundation receives the proper proceeds.

Thank you to the following Rotarians who have scored TOUCHDOWNS through our vehicle donation program

- Bob Nelson
- Steve Naron
- Phil Meade
- Mon Dickinson

Please spread the word; ask your friends, neighbors and business associates to Join the Winning Team!!!!

Jerry F. Gross, CPA, PFS

New Funding Model Simplifies Process For Clubs And Districts

By Janis Young RI News - 8 November 2007

In response to the new Rotary Foundation grant structure, the Future Vision Committee recommended a preliminary distributable funds model that was approved by the Foundation Trustees and then reviewed by the RI Board during the October/November meetings of both boards.

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Under the new model, block grants will be funded by a percentage of District Designated Fund allocations. During the three-year pilot phase (2009-12), districts may use up to 40 percent of their available DDF to support smaller local and international projects, offering districts a great deal of flexibility. This percentage will be reviewed annually by the Trustees. SHARE will continue operating in its current structure, with 50 percent of district contributions going to the World Fund and 50 percent to DDF.

Club- and district-designed grants in the areas of focus (priority world needs identified by Rotarians in which the Foundation is directing its resources to have a sustainable and measurable impact that leverages the organization's financial and volunteer resources) are expected to be supported by a World Fund match of DDF. Grants offered by the Foundation and its strategic cooperative relationships, or SCRs (organizations that specialize in one of the strategic areas of focus and have an established relationship with the Foundation), will be supported by the World Fund, Foundation-earned income, contributions from SCRs, and other sources being studied further by the Future Vision Committee and Trustees. The Trustees envision the joint Foundation-SCR grants as the most effective and strategic use of Foundation resources in achieving sustainable outcomes. As such, these grants would be funded completely by the World Fund through a competitive process that does not require club and district financial support.

"This model greatly simplifies our current

funding mechanism and gives districts better access and flexibility in using their contributions," said Trustee Ron Burton. "With strategic cooperative relationships, we also increase the level of funding available for large-scale projects in our areas of focus and continue to provide a choice to clubs and districts in their service interests with more resources at their fingertips."

Mission of Rotary International

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

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

**Small Business Owners
Physicians
Insurance brokers/agents
Pharmacists
Optician
Banking and Wealth Management
Journalist/writers
Rotary Shares by
Growing Rotary Membership!**

***Let us know what's happening with you!
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