

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

THIS WEEK ONLY: ROTARY CLUB MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

November 28 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

Linda Meade: "I Am Not A Meteorologist:"

Evaluating Threats To School Safety

Linda Meade is a licensed psychologist who has divided her professional life between school and clinical settings. Over the past 30 years, she has worked with a wide variety of clients in her private office as well as in state and community hospitals, residential treatment facilities, public and private schools, a drug treatment program, and public school systems. For the past 10 years, a large part of her focus has been threat assessments with clients who would feel at home in an Elmore Leonard novel. Her volunteer service has included years as a Girl Scout Leader and volunteer administrator for the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital as well as six years as Editor of The Maryland Psychologist.

November 28 - 8pm

Board of Directors Meeting

December 6 - No Meeting

December 9 - Sunday at 1pm Holiday Party

Hosted by President Don and Nancy Smith

Food Prepared by Bernard Henry

December 11 - 6pm Sophia House Rockville

Serving Dinner for 30 Homeless Women

Noel Howard Needs Volunteers to Bring: Vegetable Salad, Potatoes/Pastas, Meat, Dessert, Cold Beverages, Rolls/Butter, Napkins/Plates/Eating Utensils

December 11 - 7pm Manna Food Center

December 13 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

December 20 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

December 27 - No Meeting

Gates Foundation Gives Rotary Foundation \$100M Challenge Grant

[November 26, 2007]

This is a historic day for Rotary. It is our great pleasure to inform you of a new partnership

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President Don meets RI President Wilf Wilkinson on November 13 at the BCC Rotary Club meeting.



November 15 Speaker Cam Crockett and President Don

Cam's Five Maxims for Effective Conflict Resolution

- Maxim I. Know thyself
- Maxim II. Slow down
- Maxim III. Be curious
- Maxim IV. Tone, tone, tone, tone (don't personalize the dispute)
- Maxim V. Track and Summarize

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between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will provide a much needed US\$200 million in support of our top goal of a polio-free world.

The Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation a challenge grant of \$100 million, which Rotary will match, dollar for dollar, over three years. This is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and represents a tremendous validation of the approach and success of our PolioPlus program.

This partnership comes at a critical juncture for the polio eradication initiative, which needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. For this reason, the initial \$100 million will be distributed by The Rotary Foundation through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities in 2008.

Your participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. We feel confident that this extraordinary commitment from the Gates Foundation and Rotary will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world.

In 1985, we promised every child a world

free from the threat of polio, and we are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option.

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, RI President 2007-08
Robert S. Scott, Chairman 2007-08, The Rotary Foundation

Letter from Speaker Cam Crockett

Don,

You are so welcome. I really enjoyed the members and was touched by such a warm reception. I did hyperventilate a bit when I realized that I was speaking to all men, something that has never occurred in my brief speaking career, but couldn't have received any warmer reception. I believe almost 75% of the members present thanked me personally after we finished. Thank you for all the work I can see it takes to keep the Rotary Club working so seamlessly. You obviously contribute a tremendous amount to this group that does so much good in the world. Take care and I hope you have an abundant and tasty Thanksgiving.

With warm regards, Cam

December is Family Month

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to family in December! Bring together the mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other members of your Rotary family to learn more about the organization. Consider having a special club event for family members to talk about the service opportunities in the community.

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Make Plans To Attend Club-Sponsored Clean Water Summit In Haiti

By Joseph Derr RI News - 21 November 2007

Find out how your Rotary club can help work for clean water worldwide during a summit 14-15 December in Petion-Ville, Haiti. The international conference, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Petion-Ville, will offer practical tips and new ideas to Rotarians and other volunteers interested in working on water projects.



Charles Adams, a member of the Rotary Club of Glens Falls, New York, USA, who has a passion for water projects, says the conference will focus on the main challenges Rotarians face when executing water projects.

“Rotarians should come away knowing what components are required to make a water

project sustainable and what kinds of project designs offer the best chance for scaling projects up to serve larger populations,” says Adams, who helped the Petion-Ville club organize the event.

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, who selected water as an emphasis this year, is scheduled to talk about the importance of clean water. Other guest speakers include Haitian Prime Minister Jacques-Édouard Alexis, and Ron Denham, a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Canada, who chairs the Rotarian Action Group for Water and Sanitation.

“Rotarians have an opportunity to make massive progress in reducing child mortality on the planet doing it the way Rotarians in the private sector know best – club-by-club, and district-by-district,” Adams says.

In addition to dedicated Rotarians, conference organizers expect to attract international water specialists.

Visit www.haitiwatersummit.org to register.

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

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Clubs In Central America To Put On International Project Fair

By Jenny Llakmani RI News - 16 November 2007

For many people, January is a time for New Year's resolutions. But instead of cutting out the carbs this year, why not resolve to find an international project for your Rotary club? The Uniendo America Project Fair makes it easy.

The fair, now in its 15th year, will be held 24-26 January in San José, Costa Rica. It will feature as many as 300 projects organized by clubs in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, as well as seminars, including one on microcredit that will be led by Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn Jones.

"The project fair is a place to make new friends, to comply with your Rotarian passion through human service, and to get to know lovely tropical countries – at a time when it gets cold in the North," says Fabio Carballo, past governor of District 4240 (Costa Rica; El Salvador; Nicaragua; Panama) and chair of this year's fair.

The Uniendo America fair was the launching pad for microcredit projects in Central America, notes Carballo, who is also vice chair of RI's Microcredit Advisory Committee. Microbanking is still a big part of the event; other topics include water, hunger, health, education, transportation and shipping, and the environment.

"A project fair is like a huge menu of projects in the Central American countries for Rotarians to choose from and bring back to



*A scenic view of a Central American beach.
In January, Costa Rica will host an international project fair*

their club", says Deniel Banks, a member of the Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon, USA, who serves on the microcredit committee. "It looks like a cross between a trade fair and the House of Friendship."

Rotarians will be able to take part in some hands-on projects as well as special events such as a city tour, dance lessons, and a formal ball. Before and after the fair, they can visit national parks and private nature reserves of Costa Rica, which is known for its tremendous biodiversity.

In its 15 years, the Uniendo America fair has faced its share of adversity, from Hurricane Mitch in 1998 to the 2001 earthquake in El Salvador, but the Central American organizers and the North American visitors have persevered.

"This has become such a powerful instrument for people to come together," Carballo says. "A lot of clubs in the United States want to do international service, but they don't know how. This is a good place to start."

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