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Rotary Calendar

January 24 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

Robert D. Kalinoski - Microlending



Robert D. Kalinoski is a lawyer with over 31 years of corporate and law firm experience. His practice focuses on business and corporate law, taxation, intellectual property, real estate, estate planning and employment law. The following is a summary of his credentials: Honors graduate of Harvard

University; Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law; Graduate studies at University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business; Admitted to practice in Maryland, Pennsylvania and D.C.; Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Tax Court; Former Chair of Business Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association; Currently Chairman of the Baltimore County Technology Council; Member of The Daily Record Editorial Advisory Board; Member of Committee on Laws of Maryland State Bar Association. Robert is the liaison for the Rotary District to establish an international micro-finance program to help individuals in Third World countries utilize the free enterprise system to lift themselves out of poverty.

January 24 - 8pm Board of Directors Meeting

January 26 - 8am to Noon

Mini-Summit on Hunger, BWI-Ramada

January 31 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

Neil McDonald, Award-Winning Journalist

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

February 7 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

Comedian Ken Watter

February 11 - 6:30pm District Leadership Meeting at the BWI-Ramada

February 12 - 7pm Manna Food Center

February 14 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

Spouses and Guests Cordially Welcomed for Valentines Day Wine and Cheese Social
March 29 - International Night at the Hungarian Embassy

Meet the Future Leadership of Rotary District 7620



District Governor Elect **Bette Lewis** is currently featured on the Rotary International website commenting on the training program for District Governors that she completed last week. Here are Bette's

comments on the Rotary International Assembly held in San Diego: "The polio challenge stood out to me. I very much look forward to working on it.

But the discussions on the expansion of membership were very informative and important." Bette will be serving as 2008-09 District Governor commencing July 1,



2008. Also pictured are District Governor Nominee **Paul Frey** who will serve in the 2009-10 Rotary year, and **Jay Kumar** who



was selected earlier this month as the District Governor Nominee Designate by the Governor Selection Committee to serve in the 2010-11 Rotary year. More information on each of these future

leaders is included in this issue beginning on page 2.

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District Governor Elect Bette Lewis

Bette L. Lewis, currently Adjunct Professor at Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, USA, served as a public school administrator for over thirty years. A native of Phoenix, Arizona, USA, she received a B.A. degree with a major in English Literature from Marymount College in Los Angeles, California, followed by a M. A. degree from the University of Maryland. Subsequently, she completed a total of sixty post-graduate hours at three additional universities.

Career highlights included providing executive oversight for two elementary and two junior high schools. Bette is experienced in initiating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating organizational guidelines and established policies and procedures, including the training of employees, managing interactions, stimulating personnel to work together, problem solving, resolving conflicts and evaluation of performance. During her career she served on many committees including executive councils. She received a Johns Hopkins School Administrator Award, The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, Prince George's County Public Schools Outstanding Educator Award, and the Gates Alumna Achievement Award for Sigma Sigma Sigma. She was selected for twenty-four consecutive years as a Fellow with the Institute for the Development of Educational Activities (IDEA), a Dayton, Ohio think tank. She served as Co-Director for the IDEA summer Institute.

Bette was elected to Rotary in 1991 and has served the College Park, Maryland Club as

Sergeant at Arms, Vice President, President-Elect and President. She also served on and chaired several committees. Bette served as District Awards Chair for four years and Assistant Governor under three District 7620 Governors. Other Rotary experience includes serving on Sergeant at Arms Committees for District Conferences and for a Russian Conference held in Washington, D. C. A Paul Harris Fellow and a Major Donor, Bette has awarded Paul Harris Fellow designation to four other individuals.

In her personal life, Bette is the widow of Gladstone S. Lewis, Jr., the mother of Clinton H. Lewis and the grandmother of Andrew H. Lewis and his wife Melissa. She is an avid gardener and serves as President of her garden club. Since graduation from college she has continued to serve her college sorority in several capacities, including alumni advisory boards. A fan of Jaguar cars, Bette belongs to the National Capital Jaguar Owners Club and displays her car at events and competitions. She owns and oversees a corporation that deals in real estate rentals.

District Governor Nominee Paul Frey

Paul has been a member of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek since December 2000. He has served as vice president, president-elect, and president, as well as chair of the club's International Service Committee. During Paul's year as club president he was recognized as Best Club President (large club) in District 7620 and the club received the Presidential Citation. The club was also chosen as Best Overall Club and was recognized as having the Best International

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Service Committee, having added over 50 new Paul Harris Fellows that year (out of 140 members). At the District level Paul serves as the District RLI Co-Chair and he also serves on the District Strategic Planning Committee.

Paul earned his MBA from Mount Saint Mary's University and his MS in Organization Development and Human Resources from The Johns Hopkins University. He retired in 2003 from a 26-year career as a manager and executive in the restaurant industry. He and his wife, Laurie, founded their business and management consulting firm, PLF, LLC in July 2001. Paul's community service work includes past board member for the American Red Cross and the Workforce Development Board. He also served as Chairman for the Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council Capital Campaign and as a volunteer for the Frederick County Crisis Hotline. He is a member of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Western Maryland, and the Restaurant Association of Maryland. He is a graduate of Leadership Frederick County, class of 1994.

Paul was born in Eugene, Oregon, attended kindergarten in Berlin, Germany, and was raised in Frederick, Maryland. Paul has been married to his wife, Laurie, for 24 years. They reside in Frederick, Maryland and they have three daughters, Becky (married to Karl Kidd, Jr.), Maggie, and Katie.

District Governor Nominee Designate Jay Kumar

Jay Kumar has been a member of the Columbia Rotary Club for 23 years and

currently serves the Rotary District as an Assistant Governor at Large. He was born and raised in Bangalore, India, where he became the Charter President of the Rotaract Club of Bangalore in 1968. Jay was a Past President of a small-scale business, manufacturing and distributing transformers in India. His technical background is in mechanical engineering and in the US served in engineering roles at Dupont and Niro Atomizers. He is Past Director of Plant Operations at Provident Hospital, Past Project Engineer for Arlington County and Past Director of Facilities for Howard County. Before he retired in 2002 he was service manager for Toyota. He and his wife Geetha (whom he first met through Rotaract) have been involved in an international project since 1997 with two other Rotary clubs in Bangalore called "MAANASI". The project serves the mentally ill in rural southern India in 35 villages, providing care to over 17,000 persons. They procured matching grants from The Rotary Foundation for \$50,000. He has been personally involved in the Polioplus program having participated in the immunization program by giving polio vaccine to children in Bangalore. He was President of the Columbia Rotary Club in 1995-96 and received the Donal Lee Chamberlin Award for being an Outstanding President for the District. Jay has recruited more than ten other Rotarians into membership. His District experience has included Awards Chair, Centennial Committee, Assistant District Governor and for the 2008-09 year he will be the Senior Assistant Governor.

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RI President-Elect Dong Kurn Lee Announces the 2008-09 RI Theme, "Make Dreams Real", to Incoming District Governors at the 2008 International Assembly



Rotary International President-elect Dong Kurn Lee addressed incoming district governors at the 2008 International Assembly, urging them to use their resources to help curb child mortality. Lee said he was in disbelief when he learned that 30,000 children under the age of five die every day from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, measles, and malaria.

"Once I understood the issues behind that terrible number, I knew what I needed to do," Lee said. He told the incoming governors that Rotary will keep the service emphases of recent years – water, health and hunger, and literacy – but asked them to focus their efforts in each of these areas on children.

"In 2008-09, I will ask you all to Make Dreams Real for the world's children," he said. "This will be our theme, and my challenge to all of you."

"Children are killed by illnesses that become deadly in combination with poor sanitation and malnutrition," Lee said. In addition, families stricken by extreme poverty are trapped in a cycle that only leads to more unnecessary deaths. "It's a cycle that is not interrupted because there is no access to education."

He challenged the audience to do their part to give children "hope and a chance at a future" by reducing the rate of child mortality in the world.

"We will bring clean water to their communities and create sanitation projects that keep children healthy," Lee said.

As the incoming governors begin preparing for the year ahead with the training and inspiration they receive at the International Assembly, Lee reminded them of Rotary's power and encouraged them to use their resources efficiently to maximize the good done around the world.

Governor-elect Geoffrey Mathis, of District 9930 in New Zealand, thinks the upcoming RI theme allows Rotary to dream big. "Make Dreams Real will be an easy theme to sell around the world. We all like challenges; Lee has allowed us to put our dreams to practice."

Rotarians can improve children's health, Lee said, even in small ways, such as delivering mosquito nets, rehydration salts, vitamins, and vaccines. "So much more can be done with just a little more: a trained birth attendant, a simple clinic, a school feeding program, a visiting nurse," he continued. "These are simple and direct ways to save children's lives."

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In 2008-09, Rotarians will be asked to open their eyes to the needs of children in communities near and far, Lee said.

"Children die not because nobody can help them, but because too often, nobody does. But you and I, here in this room, are Rotarians, and helping is what we do best," he said, adding that "our job is to Make Dreams Real for children. If every one of us does this, at the end of our year, we will all have achieved something wonderful."

SAVE THE DATE
Rotary Gallaudet Day
Spring 2008
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Gallaudet University
Washington, DC
11:30 am - 2:00 pm



Even the owner of the Hunters Inn recommended that the Rotary Club cancel the meeting last week due to hazardous road conditions. The only white stuff Bob Nelson saw last week was the beach in Southern Florida. Pictured above is the view from the balcony of the Nelsons' hotel overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

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.

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!***