

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Rotary Calendar

March 27 - **\*\*\* NO MEETING\*\*\***

March 29 - 6:30pm Rotary Club Meeting  
International Night at the Hungarian Embassy  
3910 Shoemaker Street NW DC

Directions: Southbound Connecticut Ave.  
Left Tilden St., Right Spring of Freedom



April 3 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn  
"State of the Economy"

John Call and Tom Leuchtenburg

April 8 - 7pm Manna Food Center



April 10 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

Jeff Miller, President, Manna Food Center

April 10 - 8:00pm Rotary Club Board Meeting

April 17 - 6:30pm Meeting-Normandie Farm

Bachar Mahmoud

April 21 - 6pm Sophia House

April 24 - 6:30pm Meeting - Hunters Inn

Wine and Cheese Social

May 1 - No meeting

May 2-4 DisCon08 Gaithersburg Hilton

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or Use the Mail-In Form in this Newsletter

**First Time District Conference is held in  
Montgomery County since 1995!**

## Hungarian Ambassador Ferenc Somogyi Hosts 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club International Night

### March 29 Schedule

6:30 Reception

7:00 Program

- Opening Remarks from Ambassador Ferenc Somogyi;
- Video on Hungary;
- Rotary District Governor Rich Carson

7:25 Dinner

8:10 Ambassadorial Scholars Remarks by Bourgelie Ampion, Yumiko Kato, YeunkumLee, Saori Murakami, Woomyoung Park, Eunyoung Seo, Kozue Tominaga, Kanae Tsutsumi, Mariko Yamaguchi and Ben Woodman



## March 20 Rotary Club Meeting Report



Guest Speaker Ashley Owen described the services performed by the Montgomery County Humane Society (MCHS). Celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, MCHS handles 10,000

animals annually. Their adoption rate is 90% and the process requires a written application, family visit to MCHS and an MCHS representative visit to the home. Fees



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are nominal ranging from \$7 to \$100 for dogs and cats. President Don Smith has two pets from MCHS. Ashley assured Phil Meade who did not have a good experience with MCHS a few years ago, that their customer service has now been improved. Ashley was accompanied by Adrian who is building a restaurant downtown. \$87 happy dollars were collected.



## **Cambodian Embassy Hosts Rotaract Fundraiser for Demining Activities**

The District 7620 Rotaract Clubs have taken leadership in hosting a wine tasting and silent auction to benefit The HALO Trust, a non-

profit organization that conducts demining activities in the K5 Mine belt in Cambodia. The event will be co-hosted by the Ambassador of Cambodia, H.E. Sereyath Ek, at the Cambodian Embassy in Washington, DC, on May 9, 2008 at 6:30-9:30PM. The Rotaract Clubs have secured a matching grant from the U.S. Department of State for \$25,000 to be added to the funds raised for this event. The Rotaractors have received funding from many Rotary clubs around the district. Checks can be made payable to the Rotary Club of Friendship Heights Foundation (write Cambodian Mine Action in memo) and mail to:

Rotary Club of Friendship Heights Foundation  
c/o Brendan Adams, 11801 Rockville Pike,  
#305 North Bethesda, MD 20852.

## **DG Rich Carson to Represent Rotary at the OAS**

This February, **Dong Kurn Lee, RI President-elect** appointed **DG Rich Carson** to be the Rotary representative to the Organization of American States (OAS), for 2008-2009.

This one year appointment has as its major objective enhancing Rotary's visibility in the international community – particularly in the Americas. There are options for two one-year extensions to the appointment; however, it is not automatic.

"I will establish effective communications with all levels of the OAS; create synergy to increase the effectiveness of Rotary programs within the OAS countries; establish friendship exchanges between different Rotary clubs and Districts within the OAS area to define service projects which can be accomplished on a joint basis; and establish blue ribbon committees to assist in all of these efforts. Since the OAS headquarters located in D.C., I will, in a sense, be one of Rotary's people in Washington," Carson said of his appointment.

"I will participate in training and orientation in Evanston along with all of Rotary's other reps to international organizations."



*District Governor Rich Carson with Dong Kurn Lee, RI President-elect, and his wife*

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## **DisCon08 – Rotary District Conference, May 2-4 at the Gaithersburg Hilton**

by Bob Nelson

The theme of DisCon08 is about bridging the cultures of the world through Rotary. On Friday morning you'll learn how the most critical needs of the world in health, hunger, literacy and water are being met through the efforts of dedicated Rotarians. In addition to polio eradication, a dozen projects across the globe will be described by those Rotarians who are personally involved. Through the years Rotary has promoted world understanding and friendship, which is exactly the mission of the Peace Corps. We are very fortunate to have the Director of the Peace Corps, Richard Tschetter, as the Friday luncheon keynote speaker with a welcome from Montgomery County Chief Executive Isiah Leggett. The afternoon features an innovative session on breakthrough health technologies with representatives of leading biotechnology companies located in the area. You'll hear about exciting cutting-edge developments such as a vaccine for malaria. Several recent friendship exchanges with Brazil and Russia and the Group Study Exchange with the Netherlands will be

featured. An informal reception and dinner will be the prelude to our evening keynote speaker, FBI Executive Associate Director, Jay Stephen Tidwell. He'll give a fascinating talk on what is being done to mitigate the cyber and physical threat of terrorism.

On Saturday morning Rotary club officers will be invited to a Club Leadership Training Seminar, but others will attend sessions focusing on membership development and new club extension. Featured will be leaders from Rotary Clubs that have just been chartered this year as well as existing clubs that have experienced extraordinary growth.

Always a tremendous highlight is the Four-Way Test Speech Contest luncheon that features high school finalists from across the district. The attendees vote for their favorites and while the ballots are being tallied, the coach for three previous winners will reveal secrets to their success. The afternoon features an unprecedented number of breakout sessions with topics appealing to new Rotarians and guests, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Leadership Award participants as well as veteran Rotarians.



*John Nugent*



*Frank Devlyn*



*Isiah Leggett*



*Richard Tschetter*



*Stephen Tidwell*



*Mike Boyd*

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There will be updates on the success of district-approved projects and the ever-popular panel of current and former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars.

The evening gala dinner features one of the most sought-after speakers in the Rotary world, Past Rotary International President and Past Rotary Foundation Chair Frank Devlyn. There will also be an inspirational address from our Rotary International President's Representative, John W. Nugent. Hospitality suites open immediately following the Friday and Saturday evening plenary sessions and are conveniently located on the main floor.

Sunday is a special day as it is the anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling that opened the door for women to join Rotary. We are asking for all district women Rotarians to attend the Sunday brunch to be honored for their service. We will be hearing from our first woman District Governor, Pat Kasuda,

and our Governor Elect, Bette Lewis. Our very special guest is the Chair of the Chesapeake Multi-District Presidents Elect Training Seminar and Past District 7610 Governor, Sandy Duckworth. Don't miss this exciting conclusion to DisCon08!



## The District Golfing Fellowship

Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> at the 2008 District Conference

Gaithersburg, Maryland

### LITTLE BENNETT GOLF COURSE

25900 Prescott Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871

**Your \$85  
entrance fee  
includes:**

- ★ Lunch
- ★ Souvenir of the Day
- ★ Green Fees and Cart
- ★ Complimentary Range & Putting Green
- ★ Cart Refreshments provided throughout the day
- ★ Prizes for Longest Drives and Closest to Pin (men & women)
- ★ Door Prizes
- ★ Hors d'oeuvre Reception following the Tournament
- ★ Gov. Cumberland Trophies to the Winning Team

**11:00 AM Registration with Lunch ★ 12:30 PM Shotgun Start**

**Fun Format ★ Prizes ★ Great Fellowship**

Golf Co-Chairs Claude Morissette 301-258-8425 / fax 301-258-8428  
cmorissette@kanuckconstruction.com  
Steve Jackson 301-258-0400  
sjackson@heise-law.com

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**PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 18, 2008**

Please register \_\_\_\_\_ golfers @ \$ 85.00 per golfer  
**\$300.00 per foursome**

Make checks payable to : Rotary District 7620

Mail this form and payment to:

Claude Morissette  
19204 Orbit Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# District 7620 of Rotary International DISCON08 REGISTRATION

Gaithersburg Hilton, May 2-4, 2008

*Deadline for advance registration - April 18, 2008  
After that date, and on-site - enclose \$15.00 per person additional*

Mail, fax or e-mail this form to the District 7620 Office, PO Box 985, Reisterstown MD 21136  
Fax - 410-833-1026 e-mail - rotary7620@comcast.net



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BADGE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotarian  Rotaractor  President  President-Elect  Secretary  Treasurer  AG  PDG/DGE/DGN

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES (include ages for guests under 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION: ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE REGISTERED**

ROTARIAN \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$0.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

ROTARACTOR \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

ALL OTHERS (AGE 18 AND OVER): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*For registration after April 18<sup>th</sup> add \$15.00 per person* \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL SELECTION:**

Fri Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Fri Luncheon - Peace Corps Director \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Fri Buffet - FBI Executive Assistant Director \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$21.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Luncheon - Four-Way Test Speech Contest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Governor's Awards Banquet - Frank Devlyn, John Nugent \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$62.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sun Brunch - 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Women in Rotary \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$21.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL EVENTS:**

Fri Childrens' Events/Childcare (Evening only, ages 5-13) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Childrens' Events/Childcare (Evening only, ages 5-13) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**INTEREST AREAS (check all that apply):**

- International Projects  Club Projects  Health  Hunger  Water  Literacy  Biotechnology
- Four-Way Test  Ambassadorial Scholars  Group Study Exchange  Membership  Club Extension
- New Rotarian Orientation  Rotaract  Interact  Youth Exchange  RYLA  The Rotary Foundation
- Dropping off non-perishable food for the hunger drive at the conference registration desk

**PAYMENT (choose one):**

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR

CREDIT CARD (VISA OR MASTERCARD ONLY) AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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