

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Rotary Calendar

**August 14-6:30pm Meeting**  
**David Matthews**  
**"New Nuclear Reactor Licensing"**

David Matthews is Director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing in the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of New Reactors. He will make a presentation on both the national and international activities surrounding the expected resurgence of nuclear energy to meet the growing worldwide demand for electricity. His principal focus will be plans, process, and progress in the United States.

**August 21 - 6:30pm Meeting - Hunters Inn**  
**Don Smith, Immediate Past President**

**Morgans and their Hydrogen Concept Car**

**August 28 - 6:30pm Social - Hunters Inn**  
**Hors devours, Heavy Wine and Light Cheese**

**September 4 - 6:30pm Meeting - Hunters Inn**  
**Bob Pelletier and Gerald Aldridge**  
**Montgomery Works Business Services**

**September 8 - Literacy Day**

**September 9 - 7pm Manna Food Center**

**September 11-6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn**  
**EthioGrean Management**

**Winy Yirga-Keefe and Rahel M. Beyene**

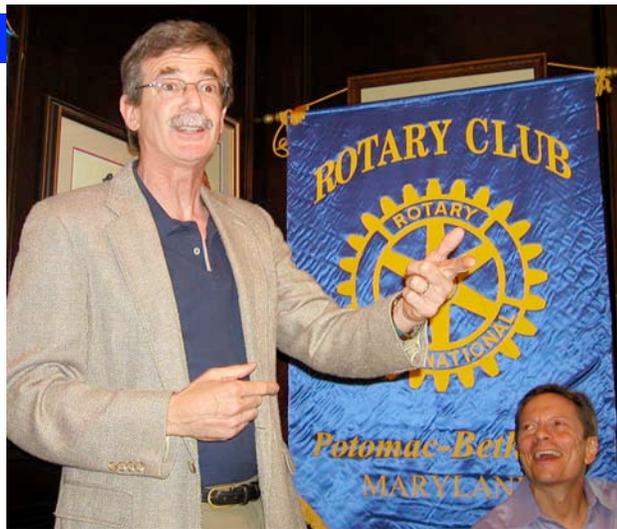
**September 13 - Membership Development Seminar, BWI Ramada**

**September 18-6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn**

**September 25-6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn**

### **What's Cooking Tonight?**

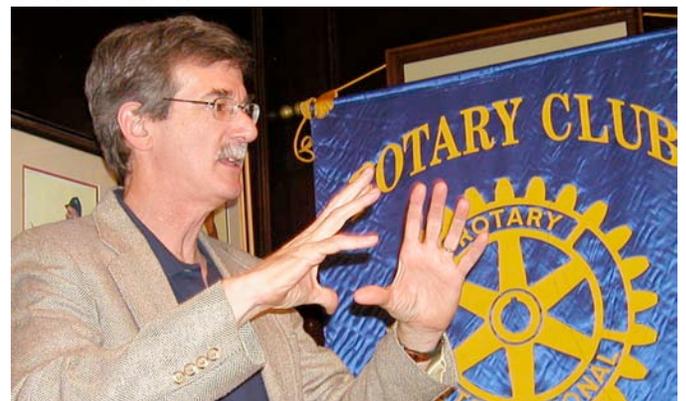
Rainbow Trout with lemon-thyme beurre blanc  
Chicken Parmesan  
Pomodoro with Penne  
Green Beans, Roasted Peppers & Corn  
Caesar Salad



### **August 7 Meeting: Senator Brian Frosh**

President Todd Nitkin introduced State Senator Brian Frosh as our guest speaker. Todd noted that Senator Frosh has represented Montgomery County in the House and Senate of Maryland for nineteen years and has

served on the board of the Hebrew home. Throughout his career, the environment and education have been at the core of Senator Frosh's legislative efforts. In addition, he has authored legislation on juvenile justice, privacy, public safety and energy conservation.



Senator Frosh has championed policies protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, preserving open space, and cleaning up air pollution in Maryland. Chairman of the Senate's Environmental Subcommittee from 1995 to 2003, he continues to serve on the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas and on the

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Chesapeake Bay Commission, which he chaired in 2001. Among the many laws of which he was the author are measures banning oil drilling in the Chesapeake, establishing statewide recycling programs, promoting cleanup of contaminated industrial sites, and he recently authored a constitutional amendment requiring that the legislature approve the sale of any state land.



**Jerry's guest was his wife, Shelley.**

Senator Frosh has worked on a number of bills promoting energy efficiency, holding down energy costs and reducing the environmental impacts of energy production and use.

Privacy has become a central concern for Americans confronted with threats such as identity theft. As Chair of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, Senator Frosh oversees most Senate legislation dealing with this important issue. He has sponsored bills protecting the privacy of citizens' personal information in Motor Vehicle Administration files and authorizing Maryland's Attorney General to prosecute violators of Federal telephone solicitation regulations. Recently, the Judicial Proceedings Committee approved legislation establishing a task force to recommend identity theft remedies, beefing up

the original bill at Senator Frosh's recommendation to pay specific attention to protecting social security numbers.

He plans to call hearings in September to question state officials about the infiltration of activist groups by covert agents. "The best face you can put on this is that it was an egregious misapplication of resources," said Senator Frosh. "With all of the problems we have in the state of Maryland, I can't believe that the state police would be wasting time spying on folks who are opposed to the death penalty or war."

Senator Frosh is an opponent of slot machines and commented on the state-wide referendum in November which would allow 15,000 slot machines in Maryland. He supports the construction of Metro's Purple Line. One hot-button issue among our Rotarians was the introduction of speed cameras which Senator Frosh supported. The justification for the cameras was for safety, but it is appearing to be more a revenue generator. It was noted that the Town of Chevy Chase had an income of \$2.5M on speed cameras, with their typical entire budget being only \$3M.



**"Smiling all the way to the Bank": Treasurer Alan Cookson receives a generous check from Nabil Bedewi for the microenterprise project at Georgetown University.**

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Visiting Rotarians were **Chris Goode** from Potomac and **Stuart Shalloway** (left) from Washington DC. You are also encouraged to “make-up” at other club meetings (see below and check [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for details on the times

and locations of the meetings).

\$59 was donated to Polioplus and \$65 happy dollars were collected. The cost of meals at Hunters Inn will be rising to \$25.

**Phil Meade** distributed financial reports for the past year showing a net gain of nearly \$4K for the year. Service project donations totaled \$14,070 and included the Dictionary Project, Georgetown Microeconomic Project, Jewish Group Homes, Lombardy Cancer Center, Malaria Net Project, Manna Food Center, Montgomery College Scholarships, Peru Earthquake Relief and the Rotary Foundation.

| DAY | BREAKFAST  | LUNCH  | DINNER  |
|-----|--|--|---|
| M   |  | Aberdeen<br>Lexington Park   | Catonsville<br>Kingsville -<br>Perry Hall<br>Middle River<br>Pr Frederick   |
| Tu  | Bonds Meadow<br>Capitol Hill, DC<br>Charlotte Hall<br>Clarksville<br>Crofton<br>Greenbelt<br>Parole (Annap.)<br>Sykesville   | Baltimore<br>Beltsville<br>Bethesda-<br>Chevy Chase<br>Bowie<br>Gaithersburg<br>Silver Spring<br>Waldorf<br>Wheaton-<br>Kensington | Columbia<br>Fredericktowne<br>Mt Airy<br>Olney<br><br>Upper<br>Montgomery   |
| W   | Carroll Creek<br>Catonsville-<br>Sunrise<br>Central Prince<br>George's<br>Charles County<br>La Plata<br>Montgomery<br>Village<br>N Anne Arundel<br>Towsontowne<br>Upper Marlboro | Bel Air<br>Columbia-<br>Town Center<br>Downtown<br>Towson<br>Frederick<br>Hunt Valley<br>Potomac<br>Washington DC                  | College Park<br>Elkridge<br>Havre de Grace<br>Lake Shore<br>Laurel<br>Westminster   |
| Th  | Ellicott City-<br>Sunrise<br>metroBethesda<br>Northern<br>Calvert<br>Owings Mills-<br>Reisterstown<br>St Mary's Cty-<br>(Leonardtown)<br>S Anne Arundel<br>W Anne Arund'l        | Annapolis<br>Bladensburg<br>Ellicott City<br>Friendship<br>Heights<br>Rockville<br>So. Harford<br>County<br>Woodlawn -<br>Westview | Glen Burnie<br>Pikesville-<br>Owings Mills<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> only)<br>Potomac -<br>Bethesda<br>Towson |
| F   | Columbia-<br>Patuxent<br>North Bethesda  | Greater<br>Severna Park  |   |



*Thanks to the generosity of Jerry Gross, everyone had a delicious dessert to top off the evening.*

A Board of Directors meeting followed with the following items discussed:

- reviewed actual income/expense numbers for year ended June 30, 2008
- reviewed budgeted income/expense numbers for year ended June 30, 2009
- discussed various programs
- discussed major fund-raising project



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## **Rotary Helps Toddler Take First Steps**

By Arnold R. Grahl RI News – 11 August 2008

*Harvey Parry stands on his new legs at A Step Ahead Prosthetics and Orthotics. With him are (from left) Carol Parry; Stephanie Sokenis, president Hicksville-Jericho Rotary club; and George Hannau, Bethpage-Plainview Rotary club. Photo courtesy Bethpage-Plainview Rotary club.*

Two-and-a-half-year-old Harvey Parry of Edmonton, England, is learning to walk on prosthetic legs he received during a visit to New York.

The trip was made possible partially by the generosity of Rotary clubs on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The Rotary Club of Edmonton, England, along with the Rotary clubs of Bethpage-Plainview and Hicksville-Jericho in New York, have helped offset some of the family's travel

expenses while Harvey undergoes therapy at A Step Ahead Prosthetics and Orthotics in Hicksville, where he is learning to take his first steps.

At 15 months, Harvey contracted meningococcal, the deadlier bacteria form of meningitis. Resulting septicemia, or blood poisoning, forced doctors to amputate both of his legs above the knees and three fingers on his right hand.

In England, public health care does not pay to fit children under the age of five with a full-

length prosthesis. Instead they are equipped with hard plastic discs which fit over the remains of the limb. Children learn to scoot around on their stubs until they grow old enough for full legs.

Worried their son would lose valuable development time waiting for full-length legs,

Carol and Jonathan Parry decided to seek out the help of A Step Ahead, known worldwide as a leader and innovator in prosthetic design.

"Bilateral movement takes a lot of strength, balance, and coordination," said Phil Kreuter, a physical therapist who works with A Step Ahead. "The sooner we can get them, the sooner they learn a more normal gait."

Still, the move was not without risk. Turning to private care meant Harvey's therapy would

not be covered by public aid when he returned to England. Carol Parry began a year-long fundraising campaign to raise money. The family's plight caught the attention of their florist, David Fuller, a member of the Edmonton Rotary club.

"They were invited to one of our meetings, when it was decided to help them as much as possible," recalls Dennis Perkins, club secretary.

The Edmonton club initially raised £1,300 (US\$2,500) at a garden party at Fullers'



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home. The club then gave Harvey a 15-pound Easter egg, which captured local media attention, and the club's Christmas float stopped at the Parry home for Father Christmas to deliver toys the club had bought Harvey, again making the evening news.

Virgin Airlines flew the family over for free, and the Marriott Residence Inn-Plainview offered reduced rates. The Edmonton club put in a call to Hicksville-Jericho and Bethpage-Plainview, and Rotarians in those two clubs contributed more than \$800 and various gift certificates.

"We just had to do something, they are right in our backyard," said George Hannau, past president of the Bethpage-Plainview club.

The family plans on staying in New York through the middle of August. Already, they face a \$12,000 bill for rental car and lodging. When they get back home, Parry says she will have to immediately begin fundraising for a return trip to continue Harvey's therapy.

"Right now, we're broke. We've used up all our funds," Parry said. "I'm a little scared. But I know what we have to do. My son is walking, and he is happy. And that's what is important to me."

Parry is full of praise for Rotary. "Before this, I did not know that much about the organization," she said. "I can honestly say they have saved our lives. They have been so supportive."

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## **Rotaractors Go All Out Against Polio In Pakistan**

By Dan Nixon RI News – 04 August 2008



*A Rotaractor in Karachi marks the pinkie finger of a child as a record of vaccination against polio during Pakistan's Subnational Immunization Days in early July. Photo by Atya Khan Rana*

Six Rotaract clubs, 69 Rotaractors, and 687 hours of work over five days added up to a big victory for thousands of children in Karachi, Pakistan. The Rotaractors, joined by other volunteers, helped immunize 4,276 children under age five against polio in the city's densely populated Kemari Town.

Organized at the urging of Past District Governor Abdul Haiy Khan, Pakistan's National PolioPlus Committee chair, the Rotaract-led effort took place during Pakistan's Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) from 1 to 4 July. Teams of Rotaractors and volunteers went from house to house giving children drops of vaccine, marking the fingers of those immunized, chalking the doors of houses to indicate families covered, and recording information on tally sheets.

At times, their work took them on foot through labyrinths of back alleys and across dug-out

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roads, challenging them to reach every household. During the project, team members communicated with one another by sending text messages on their mobile phones, guiding and spurring each other on to work efficiently. "There were many friendly competitions to see which team could cover the most houses, and two teams reached 150 houses [on day three]," the Rotaractors wrote in a report. "By the end of the day, each team member looked ready to collapse, but each one was begging, 'Can we do just a few more houses?'"

On 5 July, the project's last day, the Rotaractors and volunteers reviewed their records to identify children who had been missed during the SNIDs and then followed up with those children to ensure they received the vaccine. When some teams ran short of vaccine, project coordinators Fayez Jangda and Nayel Noorani, of the Rotaract clubs of Karachi Karsaz and Karachi Cosmopolitan, collected extra vials from other teams and distributed them to the teams in need. Finally, no more vials could be found, and doctors sent in fresh supplies so the teams could keep working.

At the project's end, the Rotaractors thanked all the non-Rotaract volunteers who had turned out to participate. Inspired by the Rotaractors' example of service, many of them expressed interest in joining a Rotaract club.

Maheen Allawala, a member of the Karachi Karsaz club, summed up the project: "It was truly a great experience, and we are looking forward to more work in the upcoming polio drives."

## **Nigerian President Declares Commitment To Polio Eradication**

RI News – 29 July 2008

Nigeria's President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua pledged his continued commitment to eradicate polio in Nigeria as he received Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award for his leadership in support of ending polio. The award honors heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions toward polio eradication. "The award has given me a great responsibility to do everything humanly possible to ensure that polio is finally and totally eradicated from Nigeria," Yar'Adua said during a presentation on 24 July at the State House in Abuja. The award was presented by Jonathan Majiyagbe, the first African chair of The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees. "As an African and resident of Kano, I am honored to present this award to President Yar'Adua," said Majiyagbe. "I thank him for the progress being made in reaching more Nigerian children with the necessary vaccine."

Yar'Adua has been a strong supporter of polio eradication efforts in Nigeria, one of four polio-endemic countries. Under his leadership, Nigeria announced it would fulfill its US\$34 million pledge to support polio immunization rounds. Yar'Adua also recently created an initiative to intensify efforts and speed progress toward polio eradication.

Earlier this year, Yar'Adua's wife, Turai, personally launched immunization campaigns. Majiyagbe noted that Yar'Adua, while governor of Katsina State in 2002, launched a safety study of the oral polio vaccine that

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helped restore public confidence in national immunization efforts.

Since then, renewed engagement of political, religious, traditional, and community leaders and new initiatives, including Quranic school engagement and community dialogues, have led to progress in Nigeria. The proportion of children missed during immunization campaigns has been significantly reduced from more than 50 percent to 20 percent in key areas of the country.



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To date, more than two billion children worldwide have been immunized against the paralyzing and sometimes deadly poliovirus. Tremendous progress has been made in the last two decades, as polio cases have declined by 99 percent. Yet, challenges remain in the four polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Finishing polio worldwide remains Rotary's top goal. Vital to helping achieve that goal is Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge, the three-year funding effort to match the Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.

## **Klinginsmith Is Choice For 2010-11 Rotary International President**

By Jennifer Lee Atkin RI News – 13 August 2008



Ray Klinginsmith of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2010-11. Klinginsmith will

become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Klinginsmith earned degrees in business and law at the University of Missouri and completed graduate studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. He was general counsel and professor of business at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville (now Truman State University) from 1973 until his retirement in 1995, and also held the post of dean of administration for five years.

Klinginsmith, who now operates a law office, served as an elected county commissioner from 2001 to 2004. He has been a director of the Macon Atlanta State Bank since 1971 and president of the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens since 1982. He and his wife, Judie, have two children and three grandchildren.

A Rotarian since 1961, Klinginsmith has served Rotary as district governor and as chair of the 1998 Council of Legislation in New Delhi and the 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee. He was a member of the RI Board of Directors for 1985-87 and chaired its executive committee in 1986-87. Klinginsmith joined The Rotary Foundation

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Trustees in 2002, serving as vice chair in 2005-06, and was a member of the Future Vision Committee from 2005 to 2008. Klingensmith, a Major Donor, is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Klingensmith believes that Rotary's best days are still ahead.

"The reputation and ability of Rotarians to impact the world positively is better than ever, and the future of Rotary is bright," he says. "The RI Strategic Plan and The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan are good roadmaps to the future. However, the decisions about the selection of strategic partners, the recruitment of younger members, and the facilitation of district change to enable younger leaders to serve as district governors will continue to require leaders of uncommon vision and wisdom."

## **Pharmaceutical Group's US\$100,000 Gift Benefits Rotary's Challenge**

By Ryan Hyland RI News - 04 August 2008

To help support Rotary's top goal of eradicating polio worldwide, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, known as PhRMA, has donated US\$100,000 to The Rotary Foundation. The gift will help meet Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge.

PhRMA is an industry trade group that represents the leading pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies in the United States, including Sanofi-Aventis and Novartis, two of the primary distributors of the oral polio vaccine.

"Our relationship with Rotary is very much part of our efforts to advance innovative and responsible approaches to providing access to sustainable health care," said Chris Ward, PhRMA's deputy vice president for international alliance development. "Our industry is driven by the search for cures and a genuine desire to improve health outcomes all over the world."

When looking at the advancement of this goal, there is no better example than Rotary's work in ridding the world of polio, said Ward.

"Rotary is a leader in public and private partnerships that rely on the spirit of volunteerism and community service," Ward said. "PhRMA is honored to be on Rotary's team."

John Osterlund, general manager of The Rotary Foundation, noted that other opportunities to work with PhRMA were being explored, including making the trade group's speakers bureau available to Rotary clubs. The bureau's 30 industry leaders, policymakers, and academics speak to companies and organizations about the group's health initiatives and innovations in the pharmaceutical industry.

Ward hopes PhRMA can serve as a conduit to approach pharmaceutical companies to support Rotary's challenge.

"We're happy to do what Rotary asks of us," he said. "Rotary's message is definitely something we want to promote."

***Our Club's Goal Is To Collect \$1,313  
In Happy Dollars Designated To The  
Eradication Of Polio***