

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Calendar

- August 28 – 6:30pm Social – Hunters Inn
Hors devours, Wine and Cheese
- September 4 - 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn
Bob Pelletier and Gerald Aldridge
Montgomery Works Business Services
- September 9 – 7pm Manna Food Center
- September 11 – 6:30pm Meeting
Normandie Farm Restaurant
Winy Yirga-Keefe and Rahel M. Beyene
EthioGreaan Management
- September 13 – Membership Development
Seminar, BWI Ramada
- September 18–6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
Amy Jo O'Hearn on Leukemia & Lymphoma
Society's "Light The Night"
- September 25–6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
Tom Leitzer on Maryland Initiative To Provide
Health Care For The Uninsured.
- October 2 - 6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
Steve Naron on Biking the Entire C&O Canal

August 21 Meeting Report

Don Smith, Immediate Past President, was our speaker and passionately spoke about Morgan cars. He called the Morgan "the most special car in the world" and there is nothing else like it. In the 1930s there were several roadsters produced such as the MGs the Riley, and the Morgan. They reflect the



styling of the 1930s and are "the most beautiful cars ever made." Morgan produces 500 handmade cars per year, ten per week on a wooden frame. Don visited the factory in England in 2005. The company founder, HFS Morgan, was in his twenties when he started to make three-wheel cycle cars in 1909. In 1936 he added a fourth wheel and Morgan has been producing this same



model ever since. The three-wheel Morgan was discontinued in 1953. Don's 1981 model has increased in value since he purchased it for \$13,000 to currently about \$40,000. There is no automatic transmission, no air conditioning, no radio, no cruise control and no cup holders. The lead-time for production is four years. One really can't tell the difference between the years. After the meeting, the Rotarians went to the parking lot to inspect Don's prize car.

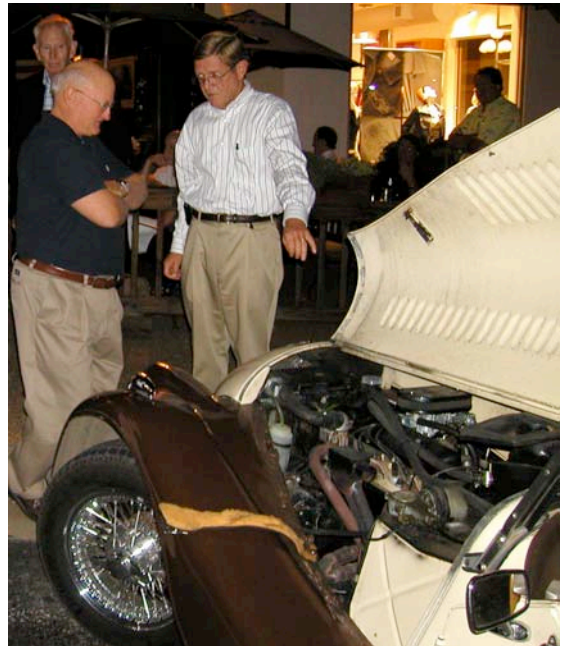


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Thanks so much, Don, for giving a great presentation on your favorite car company! **Steve Naron** reported that representatives from three other Rotary Clubs came to the meeting he hosted at the Rockville Library to explore the use of Toastmasters public speaking programs to support Rotarians and Rotary programs.



Jason Hamel is leaving on Wednesday to climb Mount Rainier. He plans to plant a Rotary flag on top of the mountain. \$235



in happy dollars was contributed to Big City Mountaineers, the program that he supports. Rotarians were asked to bring "self-help" books for donation to Sophia House.



Phil Meade conducted a survey and once again the Rotarians commented on their unusual experiences (see page 4 for the survey results).



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Thanks so much to the dedicated Rotarians and other volunteers who served at the Manna Food Center this month. (Photo by Steve Naron)



In Cape May, New Jersey, the bandstand was provided by the Rotary Club (Photo by Steve Naron)



Ambassadorial Scholar Kanae Tsutsumi enjoys kayaking on the Potomac (Photo by Steve Naron)

Lee Thanks Rotarians For Their Support

Dear friends,

Thank you very much for your good wishes and kind congratulations welcoming me as RI president. It is heartwarming to see the outpouring of messages that my wife, Young, and I received. We appreciate and are humbled by the attention.

I am honored to have been chosen as the 2008-09 Rotary International president. Young and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving Rotary. We feel that with the continued support of dedicated Rotarians around the world, we can truly Make Dreams Real.

I am particularly pleased by the response to my RI theme, Make Dreams Real. It is gratifying to hear that my call for Rotarians to make the world a better place for children has resonated with so many of you.

I am glad you are ready to embrace this theme and to stand shoulder to shoulder with me to achieve this goal. United in Rotary, we can Make Dreams Real for all of the world's children by reducing child mortality.

As we begin this new adventure of Rotary service, Young and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and visiting your many worthy projects. Stop by my Web pages monthly to see the various places we have visited during our RI travels.

Sincerely,

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

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August is a busy month for wedding anniversaries with Steve Naron, Neil Cohen, Phil Meade and Bob Nelson all celebrating. The Cohens and the Nelsons enjoyed dinner at the Comus Inn on August 16. Pictured above is Arlene and Neil Cohen celebrating their 29th anniversary and below with Arlene is Marilyn Nelson who along with Bob celebrated their 38th anniversary.



(Photos by Marilyn and Bob Nelson)

Bob,
As you might know, Lucy is the water girl for the Georgetown women volleyball team. Somehow I also became an implicit fans recruiter. If you think it is appropriate to advertise the schedule in the newsletter that would be great. You could also say that games are free and parking on campus in a garage close to the gym is free on weekends. Also, the ad could say something to the effect that this is a great family outing for parents/grandparents and the kids get to meet the coaches and players afterwards. Here's the link to the Volleyball site: <http://guhoyas.cstv.com/sports/w-volley/gu-w-volley-body.html>
Thanks, Nabil

Phil Meade's Rotarian Survey

Experience	Number of Rotarians
Caught a really ugly fish	6
Caught a really big fish	6
Lost your reel overboard	1
Been locked out of your car, motor running	4
Fallen on a cactus	3
Swallowed a goldfish	1
Boxed	6
Been knocked out	7
Eaten a snake	3
Kept a stray animal	7
Got hit by a BB	6
Got hit by a bullet	1
Had your car stolen	5
Had a bad house fire	5
Gone over 100mph	11
Seen a UFO	1
Had a power tool mishap	4
Gone to the Olympics	3
Seen a grand slam home run	9
Been sprayed by a skunk	1
Forgot your anniversary	2

Beijing Club Accommodates Rotary Olympic Goers

By Ryan Hyland RI News - 21 August 2008

After the Chinese wushu team invited Bernardo Garcia to train with them for the Wushu Tournament Beijing 2008, the Argentine Rotaract club member and the Rotary Club of La Rioja, La Rioja, Argentina, reached out to Beijing Rotarians for support.

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Garcia didn't receive financial support from the government of Argentina because wushu, a full-contact sport derived from traditional Chinese martial arts, isn't an official Olympic sport; it is a recognized International Olympic Committee competition.

Not wanting to waste a great opportunity, he raised enough money to make the trip to Beijing. However, finding accommodations during the Olympic Games is no small feat.

Nidia Acuña, president of the La Rioja club, contacted Gilbert Van Kerckhove, a member of the Rotary Club of Beijing, to see if he could help Garcia upon his arrival. Van Kerckhove, an investment promotion adviser for the Office for Beijing Olympics 2008 Projects, came through with the gold, finding a hotel room for Garcia.

"Obviously, these are hectic times in Beijing," said Van Kerckhove. "But our club is good at arranging logistics, and we managed to find a low-cost hotel that was close to transportation."

"Van Kerckhove and the Beijing club were a great help," said Acuña. "I really appreciate the importance of an organization like Rotary, which made it possible for two different cultures to come together in order to help an athlete like Garcia fulfill a dream."

The Beijing club also found a five-star hotel for the Belgian Olympic Committee and helped Rotarians traveling abroad get competition tickets. The club hosts a hospitality cocktail hour for visiting Rotarians every Thursday evening at the Hilton Beijing during the Olympic Games.

Strike Out Hunger Night Has End Polio Theme

By Arnold R. Grahl RI News - 19 August 2008

Thousands of baseball fans provided a captive audience for the latest End Polio Now public service announcement during the 6 August baseball game between the Philadelphia Phillies and Florida Marlins.

The big-screen presentation was part of Strike Out Hunger night, sponsored by Rotary districts 7500 and 7640 (New Jersey, USA), an annual event involving more than 200 clubs from five districts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ threw out the ceremonial first pitch and took part in pregame publicity for Rotary. Germ also chairs Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge Committee, which oversees RI's effort to match the \$100 million grant for polio eradication awarded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Strike Out Hunger night is the brainchild of the late Neil Garber, who served as district governor for districts 7500 and 7640. Every year, the districts work with the Philadelphia Phillies to reserve a block of tickets.

The districts receive back a portion of the ticket sales, which they in turn donate to The Rotary Foundation. This year, the funds were earmarked for Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge, which supports RI's PolioPlus program.

Event coordinator Marvin Axler, a member of the Rotary Club of Garden State of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, said about 7,000 tickets

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were sold this year. While final figures are still being tabulated, the event usually raises between \$25,000 to \$50,000, he said. Over the 24 years Strike Out Hunger night has been in existence, \$640,000 has been contributed, mostly to PolioPlus, he said.

In addition, all ticket holders for the night's game are invited to bring nonperishable canned items for a local food bank. A different food bank contracts each year to cart away the tons of donated items. This year's collection went to the South Jersey Food Bank in Pennsauken, New Jersey.

"The event is really a win-win for everyone involved," said Axler. "We have a marvelous relationship with the Phillies. Neal's dream was really to clone this event and take it throughout the country wherever professional sports are played."

How Rotary Can Save You Money

RI News – 12 August 2008

The Planned and Major Gifts Division of Rotary International often advises members who are considering donations of US\$10,000 or more on how to maximize the impact of their gifts, as well as the potential U.S. tax benefits.

A charitable remainder trust is one in which the donor irrevocably places assets in exchange for an income, either for life or a certain number of years. This type of trust allows donors to reduce capital gains taxes on gifts of appreciated property and is a great strategy for incorporating charity into estate plans. It can be funded with cash, real estate, publicly traded stock, closely held

stock, bonds (including tax-exempt bonds), and certain other assets.

Income will be earned at a rate agreed upon by the donor and the Foundation, with a minimum of 5 percent of the initial trust principal. If Rotary is named the trustee for your charitable remainder trust, it will cover up to 50 percent of the fee charged by the custodian bank, Northern Trust, to administer the trust.

Karena Bierman, senior planned giving officer for The Rotary Foundation, says that, for U.S. residents who include the Foundation as a beneficiary of a charitable trust, a charitable remainder trust passes the "four-win" test: Donors can receive a tax deduction in the year the gift was made, avoid capital gains taxes on the donation of appreciated assets, receive lifetime income from the donation, and enjoy recognition for the gift that supports the Foundation while they are still alive.

"Trust assets are invested right away to enable the Foundation to get the most out of the gift," Bierman says, "while the donor gets income and a tax benefit. That way it maximizes the benefit to both the donor and Rotary."

Thanks so much for sharing your photos and news! You are invited to submit articles and photos to BobNelson20854@yahoo.com.

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