

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## October Rotary Club Calendar

October 2 - 6:30pm Meeting - (note change)

Normandie Farm Restaurant

**James Andrew Morin: "Views and Issues on the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars from a Veteran's Perspective"**

Jim Moran served in the US Army in Afghanistan and Iraq from May 2002 to May 2004. He led a 45-man parachute infantry platoon and was recognized for his ability to work with local Afghan leadership to build rapport and create security in the remote border regions. In Iraq he managed and trained an Iraqi National Guard unit. He graduated this year with a Juris Doctor at the Georgetown University Law Center and is currently working with Hogan and Hartson LLP.

October 9 - 6:30pm - No Meeting

October 10 - 2pm Dictionary Project at  
Beverly Farms Elementary School

October 11 - Rotary District Health Summit  
BWI Ramada

October 11 - Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's  
"Light The Night", Rockville

October 13 - 2pm Dictionary Project at  
Waters Landing Elementary School

October 16 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn  
Olor Marvis - Manor Care Nursing Home  
Wheelchairs for Nigeria

October 18 - 10:30am Potomac Day

October 20 - 2pm - Dictionary Project at  
Wayside Elementary School

October 23 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn  
Kanae Tsutsumi, Rotary Ambassadorial  
Scholar

October 25 - Rotary Leadership Institute  
Marriott Courtyard, Frederick

October 27 - 2pm Dictionary Project at  
Potomac Elementary School

October 30 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn  
Steve Naron on Biking the Entire C&O Canal

## September 25 Meeting Report (Photos provided by Steve Naron)

**George Mattamal** was welcomed back from his trip to India. He wished everyone good luck by presenting gifts of a fine handcrafted elephant.



Thanks so much, George, for your generosity.



**President Elect Noel Howard** introduced the speaker for the evening, **Tom Leitzer**, who runs a program to reach out to the state-wide community about the availability of the health insurance subsidy programs and other healthy living initiatives. HealthChoice is the State of



Maryland's health insurance program for Medicaid and is administered by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are authorized by the DHMH to administer the programs and benefits provided by HealthChoice. There are seven MCOs in Maryland including Amerigroup, Diamond, Helix, Jai, Maryland Physician Care, Priority Partners and UnitedHealthCare. Priority Partners, a managed care organization for medical assistance

**Alan Grant: "Sign up for the 2008 Dictionary Project by emailing Lydia at [admin@grantlaw.net](mailto:admin@grantlaw.net). Thank you."**

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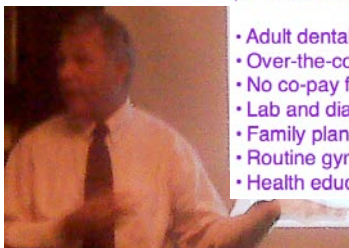
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beneficiaries formed by Johns Hopkins Medicine and a group of community health centers, has locations statewide and demonstrates Hopkins' commitment to its mission of providing health care to the sick and injured, regardless of the patient's financial status. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (MDHMH) determines if people are eligible based on Family Size, Income Level and Special Medical Circumstances. In addition to

Family Size	Maximum Income Limit, effective March 1, 2008	
	Pay \$ 46 per month	Pay \$ 58 per month
1	\$ 26,000	\$31,200
2	\$ 35,000	\$42,000
3	\$ 44,000	\$ 52,500
4	\$ 53,000	\$ 63,600
5	\$ 62,000	\$ 74,400

HealthChoice benefits, Priority Partners provides other benefits including: non-prescription medicines (O-T-C); adult dental care (exam, cleaning, x-rays, fillings, extractions); adult vision services; eye exams and glasses.

In addition to HealthChoice benefits, Priority Partners provides other benefits including:



- Adult dental care
- Over-the-counter drugs
- No co-pay for generic drugs
- Lab and diagnostic services
- Family planning
- Routine gynecologist care
- Health education

The Primary Adult Care program began on July 1, 2006 and replaced the Maryland Primary Care Program and the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program (PAC). PAC is a health care program for low-income adults between the ages of 19 and 64 having minimum income and assets, being a U.S. citizen, Maryland resident and not on Medicare. PAC is provided through 4 MCOs

in Maryland and provides no-cost visits to a Primary Care Physician; no-cost visits to a counselor for mental health services; low co-pay for prescription drugs and many over-the-counter medications; diabetic supplies and foot care; eye exams and glasses for diabetics. To apply for benefits, one contacts the local and social services department; download application from website: [www.dhmh.state.md.us/ma4families/html/application.htm](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/ma4families/html/application.htm); or complete an On-line application at [www.marylandsail.org](http://www.marylandsail.org).

## Message from Treasurer Alan Cookson

### Invoice for 4th Quarter (October - December), 2008

At the Board's directive and in accordance with By-Laws, we are billing for this quarter in advance.

Potomac Bethesda Club Dues	\$25.00
Rotary District Dues	\$15.00
Rotary International Dues	\$15.00
Rotary Foundation*	\$25.00
Meals: 10 @ \$25.00 each**	\$250.00
Grand Total:	\$330.00

**Please make the payments ASAP, payable at the meeting or mail to address below.**

**Checks should be made payable to Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda.**

Alan H. Cookson

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\*Voluntary payment. No member is required to pay this amount as a condition to membership in this club

\*\* Takes account of no meetings on October 9, November 27 and December 25. Reflects increased cost of the dinners charged by Hunter's Inn

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## **Districts Hit By Hurricane Ike Seek Help**

By Arnold R. Grahl RI News – 22 September 2008

*Hugh Summers (right), District 5910 disaster preparedness chair, hands a check to Red Cross Chair Bob Snow, of the Rotary Club of Palestine, Texas, USA, to help cover the cost of sheltering 475 people after Hurricane Ike swept through Texas. Photo courtesy of Summers. Below: flood waters surround a house near Houma, Louisiana, USA. Photo courtesy of PDG Billy Foster/District 6200.*



At 72 years old, Rotarian Fred Sandberg was less inclined to ride out the aftermath of Hurricane Ike than he might have been in his younger days.

"Roughing it isn't as much fun now as it was when I was a cub scout," says Sandberg, a resident of Santa Fe, Texas, USA, and governor-elect of District 5910.

So when he received an invitation from Past District Governor Hugh Summers to stay at his home 240 miles north of the hurricane-stricken Texas coastline, he jumped at it.

Sandberg was one of many Texas Rotarians who found shelter in the homes of other Rotarians, either before or immediately after Ike hit. District 5910's Web site included a list of Rotarians willing to provide shelter for other Rotarians.



District 5890 (Texas) created a Safe Harbor program on their Web site serving the same purpose, where district Rotarians offered up spare bedrooms, dens, or floor space to their fellow Rotarians fleeing the storm. District Governor-elect Ed Charlesworth of Houston was one of the first to sign up his home as a safe harbor.

"A couple days before Ike hit, I said let's get this up on the Web site," Charlesworth recalls. "Within 10 minutes, we got our first call asking if the offer was still good. We said, 'Absolutely, come on down.'"

Charlesworth ended up hosting three Rotarians he knew from his district travels. Three others were scheduled to stay with him as well, but they decided to seek refuge further inland. Charlesworth, who lives on the north side of Houston – about 60 miles from the coast – lost five trees, including one that fell on his roof.

"The neat thing is how Rotarians pooled together," Charlesworth says. "While we were hosting, everyone pitched in. It's a very good feeling being here and seeing how people are pulling together."

The storm has left many in need. District 5910 includes the counties of Galveston, Jefferson,

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and Orange – all declared disaster areas – and is home to 18 of its 42 clubs.

District Governor Roger McCabe says the district will use its donor advised fund to channel money to those who can put it to good use. Summers gave the Red Cross a check for US\$5,000 on 18 September to help with the housing of displaced people.

Meanwhile, in southern Louisiana, Ike made the situation worse for Rotarians still mopping up after Hurricane Gustav.

Karin Viator, general secretary for District 6200 (Louisiana), says Grand Isle, off the coast of Louisiana, won't have electricity until mid October. Levees were breached and homes flooded in Houma, Louisiana. Delcambre and Erath are swamped after Ike poured more water onto already-saturated ground.

"This water was worse than Hurricane Rita [in 2005]," Viator says. "We need cleaning supplies like bleach, buckets, mops, etc., for people to begin cleaning their homes. When you have lunch today, look at the ice in your glass. That's a luxury in some areas of south Louisiana today."

District 6200 has a hurricane relief fund set up through its Web site for those who want to help.

## Canada Boosts Global Commitment To End Polio

By Dan Nixon RI News – 22 September 2008

*Past RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson (left) and International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott join Beverley J. Oda, Canada's minister of international cooperation, in Ottawa, where Oda announced Canada's C\$30 million contribution to help end polio in sub-Saharan Africa.*

*Photo courtesy Canadian International Development Agency*



The Canadian government has announced it is contributing C\$30 million (US\$28 million) toward eradicating polio in sub-Saharan Africa.

The funding follows C\$60 million (US\$56 million) earmarked in June to help end the disease in

Afghanistan.

"Canada's contribution will ensure that millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa and Afghanistan are protected against polio," said Beverley J. Oda, minister of international cooperation, on 4 September. "Our innovative partnership with Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, will help ensure that we move toward destroying this crippling disease."

Canada's latest contribution will help launch national immunization campaigns in sub-

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Saharan Africa, and at least C\$15 million (US\$13.9 million) will support disease surveillance and training for medical professionals in Nigeria. The funding comes at a critical time for Nigeria, according to WHO. A polio outbreak in the northern part of the country is putting the sub-Saharan region at risk, and stepped-up immunization activities are essential to prevent the disease from spreading.

In Afghanistan, Canada's support is helping to immunize seven million children under age five against polio. The effort includes mapping nomadic migration routes and establishing vaccination points at major border crossings to synchronize immunization schedules between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

So far, Canada has contributed almost C\$331 million (US\$308 million) to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, making it one of the top five government donors.

"Canada has led the way in the fight to eradicate polio from the face of the world," said Past RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson. "As chair of Rotary's polio eradication advocacy for Canada, I congratulate the government for its generosity, which is strategically directed to Nigeria and Afghanistan, two of the four remaining polio-endemic countries in the world."

***Thanks so much for sharing your photos and news! You are invited to submit articles and photos to [BobNelson20854@yahoo.com](mailto:BobNelson20854@yahoo.com).***

***Rotary is looking for men/women in a variety of professions!***

***Rotary Shares by  
Growing Rotary Membership!***

## ***Magic of a Rotary Pin***

During a recent lecture tour in the United Kingdom, my host took me to a home for dementia patients in southern England. In the garden, we encountered a patient, dressed in a suit and tie, sitting with a beautiful young woman. I was told that this man had been a successful bank officer, and the woman was his daughter. She would visit him once a week, and he thought she was his wife, who had died years back. When I was introduced as an overseas visitor, he greeted me and then his eyes fell on my Rotary lapel pin. "Are you a Rotarian?" he asked. I was taken aback! His daughter explained that he had been a devoted Rotarian for over 25 years, never missed a meeting, and had been his club's president. This was years before, yet he had a strong memory of that part of his life while forgetting other aspects. A small pin, insignificant to many casual onlookers, was a part of his life he had treasured. How many of us, still in possession of our memory, have that feeling, and really care about the spirit and essence that the pin stands for?

***Madhav Chaudhary, Akola, India***