

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Club Calendar

February 12 – 6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
President Todd Nitkin – Liberia Child Survival Project
February 14 – 8am to Noon - Water Mini-Summit
4-H Center, University of Maryland
Paul Faeth, CEO, Global Water Challenge
February 19 – 6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
District Governor Elect Paul Frey
February 23 – Rotary's 104th Anniversary
February 26 – 6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
March 10 – 7pm - Manna Food Center
March 14 – 8am Literacy Mini-Summit
Rockville Library
March 25 – 11:30am - Rotary Day at Gallaudet Univ.
March 30 – Rotary Foundation Dinner – Greenbelt
April 18 – 8am District Assembly - Holiday Inn, Laurel
April 25 – 6:30 pm Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club
International Night at the Austrian Embassy

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Receives Foundation Award for 100% Contributions

District Governor Bette Lewis presented President Todd Nitkin with a banner recognizing our club as an "Every Rotarian Every Year Club" with every member having donated \$100 to The Rotary Foundation in 2007-08. There are only 719 clubs in the Rotary world of over 33,000 clubs who have received this award. An accompanying letter is reproduced on page 4.



February 5 Meeting Report

Montgomery Village Rotary President Elect **Sol Gordon** and his daughter **Lindsay** stopped by the meeting and were encouraged to stay for dinner. We welcomed back **Alan Cookson** from his two-month stay



on Sanibel Island off the west coast of Florida. Alan announced that he and his wife are assisting with Job Fair days at public libraries. He was interested in someone who had taught resume writing skills and fortunately our guest speaker had that experience. The next Job Fair will be held at the Quince Orchard Library. Along with being the Sergeant at Arms with a humorous story to tell, **Art Blitz** entertained the Rotarians with his demonstration of silverware magnetism. President Elect **Noel Howard's** two year old granddaughter is applying for admission to St. Johns School and found that **Dick Gordon's** granddaughter also went to that school and that contact could assist Noel in having his granddaughter be accepted. In several ways the value of Rotary networking was clearly demonstrated.



Guest speaker **Christine Clapp** is in her sixth year of



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teaching public speaking at the George Washington University, worked on Capitol Hill as a communications director for five years, and recently launched "Spoken with Authority", a presentation skills training business dedicated to advancing the careers of talented young professionals by giving them confidence as speakers. She spoke to the club about "Find your VOICE, inspire your audience". Using the acronym VOICE she emphasized key elements of a speech including Vision, Optimism, Interaction, Confidence and Enthusiasm:

V - Vision

- Provide a picture of the future, which gives direction to goals, plans and activities

O - Optimism

- Instill optimism to make the audience believe in the vision
- Draw on past successes and challenges to encourage future accomplishments

I - Interaction

- Questions
- Call and response
- Stories

C - Confidence

- Manage nervousness
- Practice
- Posture
- Voice
- Eye contact

E - Enthusiasm

- Smile
- Vary voice and movement

Christine demonstrated excellent interaction with her audience by asking Rotarians to identify the authors of the following speech excerpts:

"Can you identify the authors of the following speeches?" [Answers are given on page 3]

[1] "As we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied, as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be

satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating "For Whites Only". We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." [Governor Bette Lewis who was Principal of a Middle School named after him successfully identified the author.]

[2] "Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace- but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" [Bob Nelson correctly named this author.]

[3] "We may take refuge in our stereotypes but we cannot hide there long. Because HIV asks only one thing of those it attacks: Are you human? And this is the right question: Are you human? Because people with HIV have not entered some alien state of being. They are human. They have not earned cruelty and they do not deserve meanness. They don't benefit from being isolated or treated as outcasts. Each of them is exactly what God made: a person. Not evil, deserving of our judgment; not victims, longing for our pity. People. Ready for support and worthy of compassion. My call to you, my Party, is to take a public stand no less compassionate than that of the President and Mrs. Bush. They have embraced me and my family in memorable ways. In the place of judgment, they have shown affection. In difficult moments, they have raised our spirits. In the darkest hours, I have seen them reaching not only to me, but



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also to my parents, armed with that stunning grief and special grace that comes only to parents who have themselves leaned too long over the bedside of a dying child. With the President's leadership, much good has been done; much of the good has gone unheralded; as the President has insisted, 'Much remains to be done.'" [Alan Grant came closest to identifying this author.]

Example of vision from Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of 'interposition' and 'nullification' – one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; 'and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.'"

Example of optimism from Patrick Henry:

They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall

we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. The millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.



Example of stories from Mary Fisher:

Tonight, I represent an AIDS community whose members have been reluctantly drafted from every segment of American society. Though I am white and a mother, I am one with a black infant struggling with tubes in a Philadelphia hospital. Though I am female and contracted this disease in marriage, and enjoy the warm support of my family, I am one with the lonely gay man sheltering a flickering candle from the cold wind of his family's rejection.



My father has devoted much of his lifetime to guarding against another holocaust. He is part of the generation who heard Pastor Niemoeller come out of the Nazi death camps to say, "They came after the Jews and I was not a Jew, so I did not protest. They came after the Trade Unionists, and I was not a Trade Unionist, so I did not protest. They came after the Roman Catholics, and I was not a Roman Catholic, so I did not protest. Then they came after me, and there was no one left to protest."

Answers to authors of speeches on page 2: [1] Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. August 28, 1963, during the March on Washington and delivered in front of the Lincoln Memorial; [2] Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775, calls for the Virginia Convention to prepare for war against Britain; [3] Mary Fisher, August 19, 1992, at the 1992 Republication National Convention in Houston, TX

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Letter from Rotary International

Dear Club President:

On behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, please accept this special 2007-2008 club banner recognition as an expression of our appreciation to all the members of your Rotary club for your generosity in support of the Annual Programs Fund. Out of the 33,270 Rotary clubs worldwide (as of 30 June 2008), your club is distinguished as being one of only 719 Rotary clubs worldwide to become an Every Rotarian, Every Year Club (club must have achieved a US\$100 per capita with every active [dues paying] member making a personal contribution in some amount to the Annual Programs Fund).

Contributions represented by this special banner recognition enabled you and your fellow Rotarians worldwide to demonstrate Rotary Shares by providing significant humanitarian and educational programs that have a sustainable impact throughout the world. Thank you!

Please convey our sincere gratitude to every member of your club. We hope all of you will continue to Make Dreams Real and support your Rotary Foundation during this 2008-2009 Rotary year.

Sincerely,

Eric Schmelling

Manager, Fund Development

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

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to Bob.Nelson@NASA.gov
for inclusion in the newsletter*

Bid On Bill Gates' Hat

By Antoinette Tuscano RI News - 2 February 2009



Own the hat Bill Gates is wearing in this photo when he announced a new US\$255 million challenge grant to Rotary in the global effort to eradicate polio during the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, 22 January. Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee

Own the hat that Bill Gates wore and autographed at Rotary's 2009 International Assembly. This month, the signed baseball cap will be auctioned on eBay. Bid on this piece of Rotary memorabilia to help support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication. Go to www.ebay.com by 12 February to place your bid on item 180325654751. In addition, Gates recently wore the hat in India while he was immunizing children against polio. Take this opportunity to be a part of Rotary's history.



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Rotarians Roll Out More Fundraisers For Rotary's Challenge

By Dan Nixon RI News –
6 February 2009

RI Director Gordon
McInally's T-shirt says
"End Polio Now". Photo
courtesy of McInally



Golfers did a double take when they saw golf balls falling from the sky above the driving range at Biltmore Golf Course in Coral Gables, Florida, USA, on 31 October.

A helicopter dropped the balls, 1,820 in all, from 100 feet above a golf pin in the middle of the range as part of a fundraiser to support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

Rotarians in District 6990 (Bahamas; Florida) paid \$25 for raffle tickets that corresponded to the numbered golf balls. Winners were determined by matching the numbers on the balls closest to the pin with the numbers on the tickets.

"The first-prize winner received a trip for two to Argentina donated by a Rotarian, the second-prize winner received a Cartier watch, and the third-prize winner received a weekend stay and brunch at a local Hyatt Regency," says Noelle Galperin, District 6990 PolioPlus Subcommittee chair.

The effort netted \$45,000 for the district's 2008-09 commitment of \$50,000 to Rotary's challenge. It was one of many creative fundraisers undertaken by clubs and districts in recent months. Others include:

- RI Director Gordon McInally celebrated New Year's Day by diving into the icy waters of the River Forth in South Queensferry, near Edinburgh, Scotland, for Rotary's challenge. More than 500 participants joined him in the plunge, raising over US\$6,000 to help end polio.

"Realizing my marathon-running or skydiving days are probably behind me, I decided to take part in the appropriately named annual Loony Dook-sponsored swim which takes place each year in our

hometown," McInally says. "Every dollar will make a difference and mean Rotary can meet the challenge and finish eradicating polio from the face of the earth."

- Cars in at least five countries are sporting End Polio Now magnets in a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Washago and Area-Centennial, Ontario, Canada. The magnets cost C\$2 (US\$1.60) each, with free shipping anywhere in North America. The club has raised more than US\$1,115 for Rotary's challenge as of 21 January.
"Originally, we wanted to sell one car magnet to every Rotarian in Canada, but the idea is really catching on, and we have received orders from Rotary clubs in Germany, Switzerland, England, and the USA," says project chair Janet Stead. Learn more at www.washagorotary.ca.
- A Music for Life Concert organized by the Rotary Club of Buxton, Derbyshire, England, raised about US\$1,870 for Rotary's challenge. About 300 people turned out to enjoy the 28-piece brass Burbage Band, the Mad Hatters Youth Choir, and the Beresford Singers. On display were five banners with the End Polio Now message, provided by District 1050 (England), and one used in a 2008 National Immunization Day in India, courtesy of Mike Yates, of the Rotary Club of New Mills, Marple & District, Derbyshire.
- An eye-opening fundraiser led by Si Burgher, of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield, Indiana, USA, garnered nearly \$1,600 for Rotary's challenge. Burgher, 72, donated his shaggy eyebrows – popularly dubbed "Greene County's Longest Orbital Locks" – by having them shaved off as part of the club's annual charity auction on 13 January.
- A December exhibit of more than 150 nativity scenes from around the world collected by Linda Beyea, of the Rotary Club of Ames, Iowa, USA, and her husband, helped generate support for ending polio. The collection featured works by Native American, African, Asian, European, Latin American, and other artisans in a variety of media, including pottery, wood, stained glass, and metal. The exhibit was free of charge, but donations totaled \$1,382 for Rotary's challenge.

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