

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Club Calendar

**July 9 – 6:30pm Meeting – Normandie Farm
Club Assembly**

A club assembly is a meeting of all club members, including officers, directors, and committee chairs. Club assemblies are an opportunity to discuss your club's programs and activities and educate members.

Club assemblies allow club members to:

- ⇒ Set goals and develop action plans
- ⇒ Coordinate committee activities
- ⇒ Understand how the club's action plans are implemented
- ⇒ Participate in informal discussions that stimulate creative solutions
- ⇒ Learn more about Rotary and its programs
- ⇒ Review your club's strengths and weaknesses

Relevant topics for discussion include:

- ⇒ Annual and long-range goals
- ⇒ Service projects and club activities
- ⇒ Membership growth and retention strategies
- ⇒ District conference or other district and RI meetings
- ⇒ Rotary programs
- ⇒ Any topic raised in an open forum

July 14 – 7pm Manna Food Center

July 16 – 6:30pm Meeting – Normandie Farm

Mark Kirks: Building a New Rotary Website

July 20 – 6:30pm "Extreme Makeover" Membership

Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia (see flyer on p. 2)

Lend me your hand...please help your club!

Great speakers = Great Meetings = Fun Time

Speakers needed! Please pass names/ideas/thoughts to Jerry Gross. Special thanks to Don Smith, who has agreed to help with our speakers program.

New Rotary Club Formed in Urbana (South Frederick County) with 41 Charter Members



Governor Paul Frey, Immediate Past Governor Bette Lewis, District Extension Chair Ray Streib and Rotarians from the three existing Frederick County Rotary Clubs celebrated at the charter night on July 6. (see page 2)

July 2 Meeting Report

President Elect Jason Hamel gave an illustrated presentation on climbing Mount Rainier. Jason had partially ascended the mountain last year and is going back later this month on his second attempt to reach the summit. He also told of his work with the Big City Mountaineers organization that provides underprivileged youth with character-building wilderness experiences. When Jason arrived at Mount Rainier last July there had been four feet of



snow falling on the mountain in one day. The starting point for the ascent is Paradise and his group included ten people accompanied by three guides. The first day was a leisurely walk up a

glacier requiring abundant refreshment (one half liter of water per hour; 100 to 300 calories per stop). They reached a camp hut and went to bed at 6pm. At 11:30pm it was breakfast time and they departed at midnight. As illustrated on the accompanying map on page 5, they were following the "Disappointment Cleaver" route. Jason strapped on his forty-pound backpack and demonstrated the use of the ice ax to stop a fallen climber from sliding down the ice. As the slope increased, "Disappointment Cleaver" lived up to its reputation and Jason



started to experience physical challenges and had to abandon his climb about an hour and a half short of the summit. Coming down was very difficult and Jason had horrific blisters on his feet. But he's determined to reach the top and will be traveling back to Mount Rainier at the end of the month. We thank Jason for the wonderful presentation of his adventure and wish him good health and success on this month's climb.

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Article and Photos by Bob Nelson

On Monday, July 6, Frederick Rotarians celebrated the birth of the fourth club in the county, The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County. Gathering at the PB Dye Country Club, Governor Paul Frey and Immediate Past Governor Bette Lewis presented the charter and installed the new members. PDG Bette noted that



Rotary is a powerful fellowship with a primary goal of eradicating polio and Southern Frederick County Rotary would be the 33,335th worldwide. She encouraged every member to support the Rotary Foundation as



a sustaining Paul Harris Fellow. PDG Bette shared a touching story of how the Rotarian network was able to accomplish what the US Embassy in Tanzania was unable to do: returning her nephew's body to the US after he died working in a remote area. Governor Paul likened the formation of the club to his business experience of opening a new restaurant, where initially there is great management support and then the team



is left on its own to run the business. He encouraged the officers and members to invest for the next eighteen months, getting started with a community service project and promoting fellowship. Southern Frederick County President Chad Tyler, who has held an earlier membership in Rotary in the Fredericktowne Rotary Club, stated that the 41 charter members boost the number of Rotarians in Frederick County to over 450.

Lynn Shanton was given a special award as the organizer for the club and District Extension Chair PDG Ray Streib was recognized for his tremendous effort. Sponsoring Rotary Club President Mary Ford-Niall welcomed the Rotarians and Pastor Erma Dyson gave the invocation. PDG Ray Streib is giving the club a new banner and Jim Baer, President of the Fredericktowne Rotary Club, is providing a new Four Way Test banner. PDG Bette gave the club an item of historical significance, the Rotary bell from the 1971 chartering of the Langley Park Rotary Club.



Extreme MAKEOVER SMALL CLUB EDITION

Who

Club Presidents, President-Elects, Membership Chairs, Membership Committee Members or anyone interested in learning how to double the size of their club in the next few years. *Size matters!*

What

Membership Seminar for Rotary District 7620
Any small club with under 25 members or struggling with growing their membership should attend!

When

Monday, July 20 • 6:30 - 8:30pm
Happy Hour 5:00 - 6:30pm in lobby...the only way to kick off a meeting!

Where

Hilton Garden Inn
8241 Snowden River Parkway • Columbia, MD 21045
Located 1/4 mile south of Rt. 100. Turn left at the second traffic light. Hotel is next to the Exxon Station on the corner. 410-750-3700.

Why

Because it's informative, fun and FREE!

Trainer: Darrell Nevin, District Membership Chair, will show you how to:

- Do more with more. Be more with more. Have more with more.
- Revive and energize your club
- Utilize proven techniques for membership growth
- Achieve success by hearing testimonials from clubs that had success



Great PR material will be available along with exciting information about the new District banner program.

How

Please RSVP via email to Denise Patterson at the District Office
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Rotary International Convention Highlights

By PDG Bette Lewis

It is always an affirmation of Rotary's service and power throughout the world to attend an International Convention. This year was no exception.

From start to finish, Rotary's outstanding humanitarian work was evident in all regions of the world.

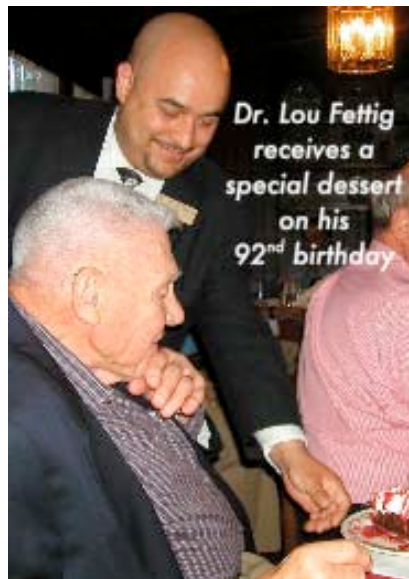
The convention began in the usual manner with the presentation of flags from every country and principality where Rotary exists. President D. K. Lee gave the keynote address and introduced the Secretary General of

the United Nations, Ban Kee Moon, who said upon receiving the Polio Championship Award, "Rotarians are the heart and soul of this effort. You have worked side by side with UNICEF, World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control to pursue this." "You have faced barriers and risk to your personal safety to accomplish this." "Two billion children have been immunized, five million children are walking today because of your efforts. I am with you in this great campaign." Ban Kee Moon received this award in tribute to the volunteer workers killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan.

The Right Honorable Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom spoke about

Britain's PolioPlus partnership with Rotary and its partners. The United Kingdom has given £100,000,000 so far and has pledged another £500,000. He reminded us that there is such a thing as being "too late."

Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF's chief of water, sanitation, and hygiene, reminded us that the lack of clean water, sanitation and soap are the biggest



influence on the spread of polio. 1916 marked the first recorded case of polio and New York City and now the world is 99% polio free. The PolioPlus partnership will make a lasting difference to people throughout the world. But we are not through yet because 1.2 billion people are still without access to toilets and proper sanitation, dirty water is still the biggest killer of children after pneumonia, and 5000 children die every day from diarrhea. Polio is a fecal/oral disease.

Tom Henderson, Founder and CEO of Shelter Box, reported that Shelter Boxes have assisted in 51 countries thus far and currently there are over 1 million people living under a Shelter Box roof or a

blanket with a Rotary seal. This is a remarkable accomplishment started by the "dream" of a Rotarian in England.

General Secretary Ed Futa announced a quorum at the convention with 4,155 clubs represented out of 33, 164. There were approximately 22,000 Rotarians registered. Clubs are reminded that if someone from your club is attending an International Convention, you

should make that individual your official voting delegate. This assures that we will have a quorum and may conduct official business.

PRIP Jonathan Majiyagbe reported on The Rotary Foundations efforts for the year. 20,000 filtration wells were installed, 4000 food distributions were made in Africa, 9000 in Nairobi

received a water supply source, twenty-three schools were set up in Sri Lanka serving 20,000 students. The foundation received \$255 million in grants from the Gates Foundation, bringing total commitment to \$555 million. Jonathan indicated that our PolioPlus campaign is getting proper exposure and support from various efforts, such as those on the Iditarod sleds in Alaska. He also indicated that every penny of Challenge money will be directed towards polio

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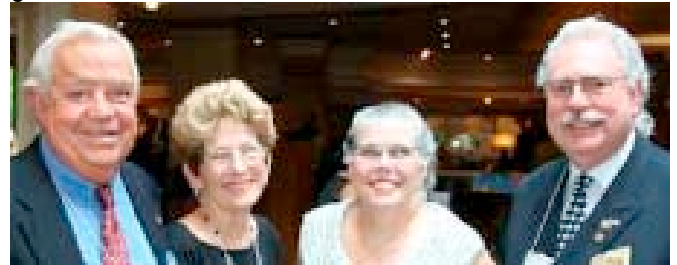
eradication. He reminded us that there is no moratorium on humanitarian work throughout the world and our contributions to Annual Giving are the lifeblood of TRF.



In my opinion, the most inspirational speaker this year was actress Mia Farrow, who spoke on the devastating conditions in Darfur. Mia Farrow is an Ambassador for UNICEF and can relate effectively to Rotary's polio eradication efforts because she herself spent time in an iron lung as a child. There she saw how fragile our life structure is and how true "ownership" comes only in the moment of giving. We cannot own anything - it is only ours for a while, then moves on to someone else. It is by that which is taken away that we can define ourselves. Integrity with a sense of responsibility resides above "power." She has been witness to the failure of the peoples of the world to do something about humanitarian violations so evident in Darfur. 2.7 million people have been driven from their villages. She challenged us as human beings who serve above self to do something to serve the displaced person in Darfur.

D K. Lee awarded Membership plaques to ten districts who reached 10% increase in membership and started at least 10 new clubs. District 5000 from the US got an award. Dr. Jane Goodall, spoke on her work on chimpanzees over the last 50 years and ways in which we can and

must preserve our environment. Chimpanzees are the animals most related to man and follow a family structure caring for each other much as human beings do. The environment in which chimpanzees live is constantly threatened by the progress made by man. We must join together not only our heads, but also our hearts in order to make a difference in protecting the environment in which we live. Rotarians have the network to get things going in support of a common good.



District Governor Elect Deepa Willingham gave a moving description of poverty and what it means to each of us everywhere. Quoting Aristotle, she described poverty as the parent of revolution and crime. One-half of the human population lives on less than \$2 a day and most of those are in Central and South America. In extreme poverty, children are born sick and hungry. Children do not go to school and girls are sold to go to work, most as prostitutes. 134 million children do not attend school.



These are but brief highlights of the Birmingham Rotary International Convention. The fellowship, hospitality, entertainment were outstanding.

The biggest benefit from attending an International Convention is to witness the breadth and depth of Rotary International and to realize that you are personally one of 1.2 million plus individuals who share the common goal of helping and serving others. I thank District 7620 for giving me the opportunity to attend two International Conferences as their

representative.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Climbing Mount Rainier



Photos from Jason Hamel's presentation were provided by Rainier Mountaineering, Inc.



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