

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Rotary Club Calendar

February 4 – 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Edco Bailey, Chaplain, Shady Grove Hospital  
Edco Bailey gave the invocation at the County Council meeting on February 2. His prayer appears on page 3. Edco cared for the Gordon family during Jane Gordon's hospitalization.



February 9 – 7pm Manna Food Center  
February 11 – 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Sheila McDonald - Health Care Bill  
February 18 – 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm  
February 23 – 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary  
February 25 – 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm  
March 4 – 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Ellen Greenberg - Jewish Council for the Aging  
Options and resources that are available for those who are caring for an older adult.  
March 9 – 7pm Manna Food Center  
March 11 – 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm  
March 18 – 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm  
March 27 – International Night – University Club DC

## January 28 Meeting Report

Chinyere Amaefule introduced her guest, Ali Khorsand, who is a lawyer working with the State of Maryland Attorney General's Office. Nabil Bedewi welcomed former Tysons Corner Rotarian Nabih Nabti and guest George Tannous, retired from the World Bank. President Noel Howard reported that details of the International Night contract with the



University Club were being negotiated by Nabil Bedewi and himself. There has been over \$5000 given in honor of Jane Gordon for the Haiti project. There will be a Rotary Foundation Global Grants certification



meeting on February 13 (see flyer on page 5). The club will provide \$280 to sponsor a student for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). The homeless ladies at Sophia House will be receiving Valentines Day gifts from the club (about \$400). Our speaker was Georgetown University senior Alex Siegel who gave an update on the Hilltop Microfinance Program that has been supported by our Rotary Club. The first client used a loan to purchase a food service truck seven months ago and he has been faithfully



repaying the loan every two weeks. Another potential client needs to buy a truck for a heating repair business. Additional clients are being considered and freshman Alex Honjiyo is being brought in to run the program as Alex Siegel graduates in a few months. President Noel Howard congratulated both Alexes on the successful microfinance program. Phil Meade was sergeant at arms and raised \$55 happy dollars and \$321 for PolioPlus. Phil announced that his daughter appeared in the newspaper (see article p. 4).

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## **Report on Rotary's Haiti Relief Effort**

by Governor Paul Frey

The disaster in Haiti continues to stay in the news every hour. The devastation, destruction, and death caused by the earthquake is not easy to comprehend. The humanitarian response and financial support by Rotarians, however, is easy to comprehend. Wick Caldwell, our district's Disaster Relief Rotary Action Group (DRRAG) Committee Chair, is leading the way for us as we seek opportunities to assist those affected by the earthquake. Wick is also the club president of the Greenbelt Rotary club.



To date, clubs in District 7620 have donated \$21,169 to Rotary District 7020 to buy water, food, medical supplies, medicine, and jet fuel to fly the needed items to Haiti. Juan Marulanda, one of our Assistant Governors, was deployed last week with the Tennessee National Guard for a ninety-day rotation in Haiti to assist with the disaster relief endeavors.

Our goal as a District is to contribute \$100,000 in cash to the Haiti disaster relief effort, which is about \$40 per Rotarian. We are working with Rotarians in District 7020 to help the relief effort acquire what is needed most at this time: water, food, medical support and supplies, and medicine. Leigh Reddy, the DRRAG coordinator in the affected area, is our main contact. He is the military liaison for the relief effort, and is an expert in the area of disaster relief.

I have three messages to share with you as your District Governor. First, thank you for all that you are doing to help the people affected by this disaster. The generosity of Rotarians never ceases to amaze me! Second, each club can choose how it supports the earthquake relief efforts. That is the beauty of Rotary. There are immediate needs for the basics—water, food, and shelter. Longer term, other needs will present themselves for those interested in helping the people of Haiti. What each club chooses to do is supported by the District. Third, consider contributing to The Rotary Foundation. Longer term, The Rotary Foundation is a great vehicle for ensuring that money will be available in the years ahead for international projects and additional support for Haiti. You can go to

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to find out more. Please talk to your club president if you have an interest in supporting District 7620's Haiti Disaster Relief efforts. He or she can give you instructions on how and where to send your money to the District 7620 Project Trust Fund. You may also drop me an email or give me a call with your questions and suggestions.

We are planning a second District-wide conference call for sometime in the first two weeks of February. We will update those interested on the progress of our support of the disaster relief process, as well as discuss what our next steps should be as a district. We are planning to hold

a meeting for sometime in mid-March, to discuss longer-term assistance opportunities.

Thank you again for all you do. Service Above Self and working towards world peace and understanding is alive and well in District 7620!

## **Health Camp Helps Kick Off India Immunization Drive**

By Dan Nixon RI News – 2 February 2010

A free health camp in New Delhi helped set the stage for India's 10 January National Immunization Day (NID).

Organized on 7 January by the Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan, Delhi, with support from the India PolioPlus Committee, the camp provided underprivileged residents with checkups, consultations, and information on a wide range of health issues.

Health camps are often held before NIDs in India to encourage people to participate in polio immunization activities. Rajashree Birla, an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay and Mulund, Maharashtra, joined Lakshmi Mittal, who leads ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steelmaker, and his wife, Usha, in inaugurating the New Delhi camp. Birla and the Mittals are major contributors to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

"It is the conscience of corporate families like them who inspire people to give so that the vulnerable and underserved can fare better in their lives," said Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo.

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"The global fight against polio is being fought mainly in four countries, which include India," said RI President-nominee Kalyan Banerjee. "It is a responsibility that we all share and at this stage must be addressed with urgency and utmost sincerity, so that children in India, mainly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, are saved from falling prey to polio."

*Lakshmi Mittal immunizes a child against polio at a health camp in New Delhi. Also pictured are his wife, Usha (in turquoise); Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee (gold tie); and RI President-nominee Kalyan Banerjee. Helping to hold the child is Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo (brown jacket). Photo courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee*



## **Progress For The US\$200 Million Challenge For Polio Eradication**

Rotary International News – 29 January 2010

As of 31 December, Rotarians have raised approximately \$107 million for the \$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are

that high.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok M. Mahajan, a member of the International PolioPlus Committee, expressed his admiration for the dedication that Birla and the Mittals demonstrated in visiting the camp.

Birla – whose late husband, Aditya Birla, founded the Aditya Birla Group, a Fortune 500 company – has contributed \$2 million to Rotary's challenge. She thanked Rotary for working to address the health care needs of the disadvantaged. "The disparity in the ratio of medical doctors to patients is very high in India, and there are many who remain unattended [when it comes to] medical care," she said.

Birla also called Rotary's effort to eradicate polio inspiring. She urged all people to spread the end polio message in their area of influence, including to co-workers and business associates, and leverage their connections to reach out to parents in the slums.

"Children in the age group of one to five years must be immunized against polio lest they be crippled for life," said Usha Mittal, who has made a \$1 million gift to Rotary's challenge. "My family and I feel privileged to be able to contribute to Rotary for making India polio-free."

## **Edco Bailey's Invocation at the County Council Meeting on February 2, 2010**

"O God, your dwelling is in the highest of heaven. Yet, you dwell within the hearts of your people on earth. From you come all that is good and supportive of life! May we ever honor you for the goodness you make possible among us in your world!

We are thankful for our parents, our children, our brothers and sisters near and far. May all ever look to you for blessing and help to the end that each one does well with the challenges and opportunities that come before us.

We remember with compassion those who are overwhelmed with challenge to wholesome life, and ask that you have mercy, O God, upon those who through no fault of their own suffer grievously.

For this good land and county, its peoples and institutions, – a place of plenty, peace, prosperity and progress - we thank you! Help us always to think the best, envision the best, and do our best to sustain and promote the good that you make possible unto us. Be with us in Council and assure that our deliberations accord with your will and our best interests here. Amen."



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## Artists Working Live At New Annmarie Garden Exhibit

By Bob Renneisen Southern Maryland Newspapers  
Staff writer, Friday, Jan. 29, 2010

Artist Alexa Meade of Chevy Chase [daughter of Rotarian Phil Meade] paints three-dimensional objects, including people, and then photographs them. She was featured in Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park and Arts Center's "Living Gallery" from Jan. 18-23. Photo courtesy of Alexa Meade

Most of us are familiar with artists who have painted Easter eggs, but Alexa Meade is an artist who has painted a fried egg – not a picture of a fried egg, understand, but the egg itself.

Meade, 23, of Chevy Chase is one of 10 artists working in the Living Gallery at Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park and Arts Center through Feb. 14.

As they visit Annmarie Garden, "guests are invited to observe, communicate and participate with the artists as they take their idea from thought to medium. Artists will be working in a variety of methods and mediums, such as ceramics, glass, paintings and collage," according to a press release. "It is an opportunity to witness artists in action during this extraordinary example of the art process and techniques, from concept to finished product."

Meade is a 2009 graduate of Vassar College with a major in political science. "Upon graduation I realized that art really was my primary passion in life and I decided not to pursue politics professionally," she said. "So, I'm doing art full time."

She doesn't paint on canvas but directly on the subject, which, ultimately, is photographed.

"The thing is there is no canvas. I'm painting directly on the person's skin ... it becomes a two-dimensional image when I photograph it, otherwise it exists in the world as a three-dimensional object that has weight and presence," she explained.



"This idea evolved over the course of the past year and a half. The seed of the idea happened in August 2008," she continued. "I've innovated this new technique that is like painting in three-dimensional space. When you look at a painting, you're looking at a representation of objects – so you're looking at a portrait of a person, but you're not looking at the actual person, you're looking at some artist's interpretation. What I'm doing is taking the physical person, or physical object, creating my own artistic interpretation and putting [painting] it directly on the person or object. So a person becomes the embodiment of their own portrait."

So instead of painting over a photograph of a person, Meade is photographing a painted person. Her technique combines painting with elements of performance art, sculpture and, finally, photography.

Melissa Langley, Annmarie Garden's curator of exhibits, said the exhibit was intended to be an opportunity for visitors to get a rare glimpse of the artistic process itself. "We thought it would be a great opportunity for people to see artists actually working as they would be working in their studio," she said, adding that it has also "turned out to be a great opportunity [for the artists] to talk with each other ... to learn from each other as they're all here."

*[Photo above: Meade demonstrates her technique in the "Living Gallery" at Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park and Arts Center. She paints three-dimensional objects, including people, and then photographs them, as seen in her photo below of a painted man in the Washington Metro. Staff photo by Darwin Weigel; Photo courtesy of Alexa Meade]*

Kathy Magiera, marketing and communications representative for Annmarie Garden, added, "It's been fun to watch [the artists] create a community connection with each other and also with the people

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who have come in. The [artists] have brought them right into that artistic community with what they're doing. From this process ... at the end of this exhibit, we'll display the results of [the artists'] work while they were here."



Langley agreed, saying, "Alexa is a great example [of the uniqueness of this exhibit]. To read or hear about what she does is one thing, but to actually see her create is incredible."



District 7620 Rotary Grants Committee  
Global Grants Certification  
Future Visions Pilot Program



## RE-SCHEDULED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

**NEW DATE, SAME PLACE**  
13 February 2010, 8:30am-12:00 noon  
Comfort Inn Conference Center (MDO66)  
4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716  
Phone (301) 464-0089 Fax (301) 805-5563

Continental Breakfast will be served to our guests free of charge from 8:30-9:00am.  
No registration fee is required.

### Purpose:

- To educate clubs on the Future Visions Pilot Program
- To certify all clubs in order to apply for Future Visions Global Grants

### Process:

- Each Club must send 3 representatives for certification (ideally, President, President-Elect, Foundation Chair or International Chair). NOTE: Clubs that do not get certified will not be able to participate in the Future Visions Program for the coming year.

### Outcome:

The Future Vision Plan is designed to:

- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts
- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians

Please contact Andy or Rachael by 10 February and let them know who will be representing your club if there are any changes. Otherwise, we will assume that the same people who were registered for the 6 February Certification will attend.

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Directions: Take Route 50 towards Route 301 South (Richmond). Make right onto Harbor Way at first traffic light on 301 South. Make immediate right onto Frontage Road. Hotel is at the end of Frontage Road.

## Chesapeake PETS 2010 Early-Bird Special Event



Rotary International President-Elect  
Ray Klingensmith  
to speak at Chesapeake PETS  
Thursday, March 4, 2010  
Westfields Marriott

Ray Klingensmith, a member of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, MO, has been elected President of Rotary International for the Rotary year 2010 - 2011.

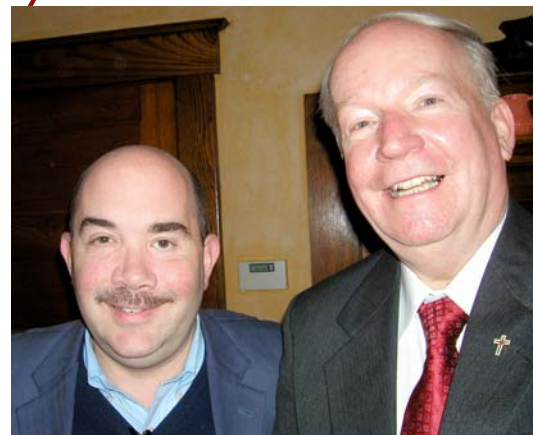
A Rotarian since 1961 and former Ambassadorial Scholar, he said, "After 50 years, Rotary is still an exciting experience for me, and no one else owes a greater debt to Rotary. I hope to combine my excitement, commitment and Rotary experience to be the kind of leader that Rotary deserves in its 100th President!"



This Special Event is open to all Rotarians and their guests from Districts 7600, 7610, 7620 and 7630. Seating is limited; reservations must be made at [www.chesapeakepets.org](http://www.chesapeakepets.org) after Dec. 1, 2009. Tickets: \$65.00 per person.

Dinner Registration	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Reception	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Dinner	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

## Get Ready for a Phil Meade Quiz: Can You Identify the Person With Bob Nelson?



January 29, 2010

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for inclusion in the newsletter

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