

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Club Calendar

July 8 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm



**National Spelling Bee Finalist
Lanson Tang; Carolyn Meakem and
Joseph Kantakevich, The Meakem
Group of Wells Fargo Advisors**

One of the finalists of the National Spelling Bee resides in Potomac, 14 year old **Lanson Tang**. Lanson loves sports. He is a dedicated swimmer, and is especially good at swimming breaststroke. He also

enjoys basketball, soccer, volleyball and running. Lanson likes reading, and read hundreds of books while in elementary school. His favorite subject is mathematics, and he aspires to be either a statistician or a game designer. Lanson also likes learning foreign languages, and can speak Chinese, some French and some Spanish. He enjoys theater and dance, and he plays piano and violin.

Carolyn S. Meakem has been a financial advisor since 1978; she moved to Wachovia Securities from Legg Mason in 2006. Mrs. Meakem's high standards and client service have earned national recognition. She attended the 2007 and 2008 Barron's Winner's Circle's Top Advisors Summit and Top Women Advisors Summit, which are invitation-only events for elite level advisors in the industry. Mrs. Meakem is active in political, religious, civic and educational groups. She combined her interests in finance and education by serving as a trustee of the Council of Economic Education for Maryland and the National Economic Education Foundation, where she was chairperson of the Mid-Atlantic Region. She also served as a trustee of the Securities Industry Institute at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and was a member of the International Board of Financial Planning. During her tenure on the Securities Industry Association's Investor Education Committee, she chaired its Ethics Education Subcommittee. Mrs. Meakem volunteers her time with Leadership Montgomery, where she was a member of the Founding Board; the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County; Fourth Presbyterian School; Community Ministries of Rockville; and Cornerstone Schools of Washington, D.C.

**July 13 - 7pm - Manna Food Center Packing Night
9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg**

Volunteers are Needed - Alex Naron Coordinating

July 15 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

Joe Zakir: Cisco's Technology

July 22 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

Linda Jewell, Vice President,

International Student Exchange Programs

July 29 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

August 5 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

James Li: Action Strategy

August 12 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

Lawrence D. Cross

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy

Jason Hamel Installed as 2010-11 President; Tom Leuchtenburg Awarded Rotarian of Year

The meeting on June 24 gave President Noel Howard an opportunity to review the accomplishments of the year and pass the gavel to our new President, Jason Hamel.



Noel said it had been a tremendous honor to have served as president and always felt the warmth and support of the membership. He noted many

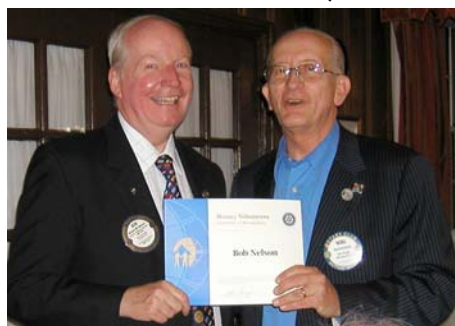
successful projects including a new Rotaract Club, Dictionary Project, Sophia House, Group Homes, International Night, Manna Food, two RYLA

candidates, and Council on Legislation. He noted the death of Jane Gordon and the Haiti fund set up in remembrance with \$7,004 in donations. Noel also said that



Treasurer Alan Cookson is doing better now after his third back surgery. The Ethiopian Orphanage received \$8,000 (see thank you letter on page 4), the Rotary Foundation received \$1,900 and PolioPlus received

\$1,411. The Rotarian of the Year silver cup was awarded to Secretary Tom Leuchtenburg. Bob Nelson was awarded a volunteer certificate signed



by the President of RI (see page 3) and Steve Naron

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will be receiving a similar certificate. President Jason introduced his Board of Directors: President Elect Chinyere Amaefule, Vice President Nabil Bedewi, Secretary Tom Leuchtenburg, Treasurer Alan Cookson and Sergeant at Arms Art Blitz. Jason told about Noel inviting him to Ledo's Pizza where he asked him to be



President Elect. A number of club members had offered Jason help and service. He noted that with a small, dedicated group we do some pretty amazing things. Jason has other young friends who ask, "What are you doing in Rotary?" He answers that it is similar to a college fraternity that does philanthropic work. For the next two years Potomac-Bethesda possibly has the youngest President-President Elect team in the district with an average age just over 30.

RI Dues Increase

By Noel Howard

Not Earth-shaking; but thought you'd want to know: The Council on Legislation recently passed a number of items that will impact Rotary clubs. We will provide information in the coming months on those changes, but wanted to be sure that you knew about the Rotary International dues increase that was approved. Effective July 1, 2010, there will be a \$1 per year increase, per member. In addition, there will be another \$1 RI dues increase on July 1, 2011, and again on July 1, 2012. Please be sure to alert your respective club members to this recent decision regarding dues increases.

Please send news articles and photos to
Bob.Nelson@NASA.gov
for inclusion in the newsletter

June 17 Meeting Report

Vice President Nabil Bedewi was one of three million people who purchased the new iPad in the past three months and he gave a "Consumers Reports" evaluation. The iPad is truly an amazing device that he really likes and Nabil started out thinking the iPad could replace his small laptop (netbook). But it lacked printing capability, good security, and is not as good a tool for long documents. So it is a wonderful secondary device at this point. Therefore Nabil carries the iPad and a netbook when traveling.



The two boys in the above photo are Nabil's nephews, Charles and Christopher.

The 3G (telephone data) connectivity is very useful when you don't have internet connectivity. Unlimited data service was available at \$30/month. The iPad has a very sharp screen that is great for browsing internet and reading, very intuitive to use, good navigation tools. It does not support Flash in browsing which limits some video and other services.

Additional Notes from Nabil:

Overall Comment: A reading device, basic email, internet, productivity tools. NOT a phone or camera.

Pricing:

Memory 16GB, 32GB, 64GB

WiFi \$499, \$599, \$699

WiFi+3G \$629, \$729, \$829

ATT 3G \$15/month 250MB, \$30 unlimited (being replaced)

Must have accessory: Sleeve \$40

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Other accessory: keyboard, SD reader, ?

Demo:

Overall Interface

iBook, 23k+ books application, Docs Reader

Free apps on my first page

Games - Free (ads/time limited), prices are remarkably cheap

iTunes / iTunes U

The Good:

Highly portable, very easy interface, quick start and navigation Excellent Reading device

Lots of Free / cheap stuff

However, could EASILY get out of control!

Backup through iTunes

The Bad:

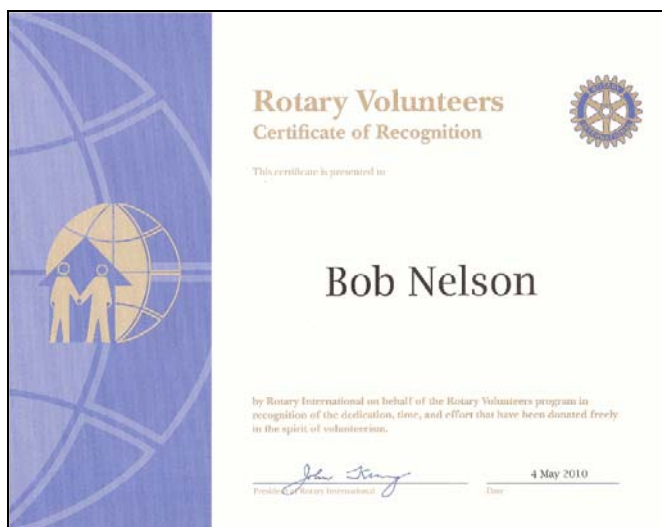
eMail Security - No password challenge every time, Shared mailboxes, No Flash, No Printing - setup one shared email account as a workaround

Single app at a time?

Weight?

Email from Art Blitz on June 17

Noel and fellow Rotarians. Yes, the fix up project last Saturday was a great success. Many thanks to Bob Nelson for the wonderful photos and to the rest of the "work crew", and especially Fernando without whom we could not have done the project. I will be absent tonight and next week. Mimi and I are leaving for a vacation in Colorado. See you soon and stay well.



Invoice for Quarterly Dues

By Alan Cookson

POTOMAC-BETHESDA ROTARY CLUB

Dues Invoice for 3rd Quarter

(July - September) 2010

July 5, 2010

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: 12 dinners @ \$24.00 each**	\$288.00
Grand Total:	\$368.00

Please pay the dues as soon as possible; give payment at the meeting to myself or Jason Hamel, or send by mail to my address below. Checks should be made payable to Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club.

Alan H. Cookson

Treasurer, Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club

15717 Bondy Lane

Darnestown

MD 20878-2114

Tel: 301-869-6326

rjcookson@aol.com

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

** Assumes 4 meetings each month in July, August and September

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation

By Noel Howard

Thanks to Treasurer Alan Cookson and Secretary Tom Leuchtenburg, we have married up our latest Membership List with the required Rotary ID numbers for each of our 19 members and sending that, along with our pledged \$1900 Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund contribution for the 2009-2010 year-per recent communication from DG Paul Frey. Hopefully, this will result in our receiving timely credit for our fund-raising efforts for the Foundation this year.

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Thank You Letter from the Ethiopian Orphanage



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INTERNATIONAL ETHIOPIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

June 1, 2010

ROTARY CLUB POTOMOC BETHESDA
15717 BONDY LN
DARNESTOWN, MD 20878

Dear Rotary Club,

I greet you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ of Nazareth our soon coming Messiah.

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of donation of \$8,000 (eight thousand US Dollars) and appreciate your continuous support to the Joshua Youth Academy (JYA) orphanage center in Ethiopia. This donation, as of the previous one, will be directly used for activities of JYA to positively impact the livelihood of the children at the Academy.

The contribution you made at this time is indeed very important. In fact it indicates how much you are committed to support these orphan children. I like to assure you that with the level of commitment we have and with the type of support you are rendering, the JYA will attain its goal of raising qualified and productive citizens.

Once again let me take this opportunity to appreciate your continued support, "and my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

In His Service,

Hanfere Aligaz
Senior Pastor



Peter Gordon
and his dog
accompany
Dick Gordon
to the Rotary
Club Meetings

Klinginsmith Asks Rotary Clubs To Get 'Bigger, Better, And Bolder'

By Arnold R. Grahl RI News - 23 June



RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith speaks during the closing plenary session on 23 June at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images

As the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, drew to a close on 23 June, RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Participants also got a preview of next year's big event in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, where the Host Organization Committee has planned fun for the whole family.

Klinginsmith will ask Rotarians to apply "cowboy logic" and make Rotary clubs "bigger, better, and bolder."

The fundamental principles of cowboy logic are taking pride in your work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and remembering that some things just aren't for sale, he explained during the closing plenary session.

"I believe the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our clubs to be bigger, better, and bolder," Klinginsmith said. "The clubs are the life and breath of Rotary. Therefore, it is

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clear to me that my job is to help the district governors to help the clubs. We can do it, and we will do it, if all of us follow the simple solution of cowboy logic."

Klinginsmith also listed improvements that he and the RI Board have already authorized, including revisions to the RI Strategic Plan to make it easier to implement and evaluate, a realignment of RI committees to fit the revised plan, the recruitment of 41 Rotary coordinators, and a commitment to finding new ways to attract younger members and enable them to serve as district governors.

Klinginsmith's Rotary journey started in New Orleans, where he boarded a ship to begin a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in 1961. After returning home, he and his wife, Judie, married and then honeymooned in the city. He said he is excited about the venue of the 2011 RI Convention because he will have traveled full circle in both his personal and Rotary life.

During the fourth plenary session, members of the 2011 Host Organization Committee shared some of the highlights planned for Rotarians, including a concert featuring a traditional New Orleans brass band, a gospel choir, New Orleans jazz performers, Cajun music, and the Mardi Gras Indians. A French Quarter dining experience and an evening at the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas will be other host-ticketed events.



A highway sign outside Kirkville, Missouri, announces the hometown of President-elect Ray Klinginsmith.

Montréal Convention Inspires, Entertains

By Arnold R. Grahl RI News - 25 June 2010



RI President John Kenny and his wife, June, embrace during the closing plenary session at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images

More than 18,000 Rotarians from 154 countries and geographical areas left the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal,

Québec, Canada, on 23 June after being challenged to finish the job of eradicating polio and reminded that their efforts are making a difference, even when the results aren't immediately apparent.

"Your commitment to Rotary service projects is critical, but you may seldom have the opportunity to hear the details of the impact," said Jo Luck, president of Heifer International and a member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock, Arkansas, USA. "But always know you have made a difference."

During four packed days of plenary and breakout sessions, Rotarians attending the convention were privy to an impressive lineup of speakers, including Luck; best-selling author Greg Mortenson, cofounder of the Central Asia Institute, which builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan; Bob Mazzuca, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America; and country music singer and philanthropist Dolly Parton.

Attendees were also dazzled by a variety of entertainment acts, including the Irish singing group Celtic Thunder, known for its combination of soloists and ensembles; the daring acrobatics of the Cirque du Soleil; and the soaring vocals of tenor Russell Watson.

Parton entered the stage singing her hit song "9 to 5," and thanked Rotary for partnering with her foundation's Imagination Library to promote children's literacy. She engaged in a comedic question-and-answer session with Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice Chair John F. Germ before finishing with a song she wrote for the Imagination Library called "Try." Mazzuca noted the long relationship between the Boy Scouts and Rotary, and stressed the importance of

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giving children viable and healthy alternatives amid the array of choices – many unhealthy and downright dangerous – facing young people and families today. He noted the many similarities between The Four-Way Test and the Scout Law.

Queen Noor of Jordan praised Rotarians for their work in promoting world peace and building global coalitions, and said Rotarians have pioneered the type of collaborations necessary to make a difference in the world. She said that the environment and nuclear weapons pose the biggest threats to world peace, and shared the work of her foundations in promoting international understanding and goodwill.

Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization, encouraged Rotarians to share the "terrific news" that polio is on the run, and that Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is within sight. "You have fundamentally changed the polio eradication game, and you have changed it in your favor."

Polio survivor Ramesh Ferris, a member of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, hand-cycled from the Palais des congrès to Bonsecours Market in Old



Save The Date!
Monday, August 23, 2010

Richard D. King
Past RI President
will be in Frederick, MD
Theme: Rotary Membership

Evening Presentation - Please share
this invite with new Prospective
Rotary Members!

Montréal for a ceremony to illuminate the landmark with "En finir avec la polio" (End Polio Now), adding it to a growing number of buildings and monuments that have been lit up with the message.

Mortenson encouraged Rotarians to keep working to make the world a better place and thanked Rotary for its efforts to eradicate polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He stressed the similarities between how his organization works and how Rotarians operate – the importance of building relationships and involving local leaders.

"All of us here, as Rotarians or honorary Rotarians, we are compelled to help people," he said. "The real key, and Rotarians do this, is that it's not about helping, but it's about empowering people. And when you empower people, then you can make a change in the world."

Father Marciano "Rocky" Evangelista, founder of the Tuloy Foundation Inc. and a member of the Rotary Club of Alabang, Metro Manila, Philippines, told Rotarians about the urgency of helping street children.

"Children in distress cannot wait," he said. "For you or me, what is a day or two? But for a child who is slowly being toughened and hardened by the harsh realities of the school of the streets, waiting is just a luxury that he or she cannot afford."

District 7620

Membership Training Seminar

Monday, July 19th

6:00-9:00pm

\$15 per Club - 3 requested to attend

\$5.00 each additional member

Recommended for Club officers

Holiday Inn Laurel West

15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD

Training given by

Darrell Nevin,

District Membership Chair

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