

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

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Rotary Club Calendar

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

James Li: Action Strategy Group



James Li is a Georgetown University student and member of Compass Fellows. James has a strong background in innovative marketing, team management, and live event planning. Case studies, presentations, and simulations excite him above anything else. He has the extreme fortune of a family that loves to travel, resulting in him having set foot in places like Tibet, Europe, and South Africa. His main societal concerns are combating climate change, providing basic life necessities to the world's poor, and transparency in philanthropy. James also loves sports, filmmaking, chocolate, photography, and Michael Bubl . He hopes to one day morph these passions, along with his lifelong dedication to business and Chinese roots, into a fun career. His talk will mainly focus on a business he is launching with another student dealing with transparency in philanthropy.

August 10 - 7pm - Manna Food Center Packing Night 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg

Volunteers are Needed - Alex Naron Coordinating

August 12 - 6:30pm - Meeting at Normandie Farm
Lawrence D. Cross

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy

August 19 - 6:30pm - Meeting at Normandie Farm

August 19 - 8pm Board of Directors Meeting

August 26 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

September 2 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

September 9 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

Dr. Terry Sheehan - Haiti Medical Mission

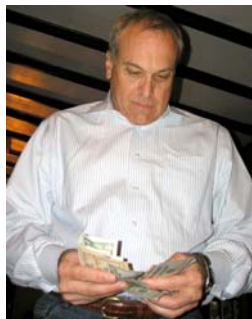
September 14 - 7pm - Manna Food Center

September 16 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

Jay Kumar, Rotary District Governor

July 29 Meeting Report

Phil Meade was very happy as he counted the outpouring of happy dollars in support of President Jason Hamel's Big City Mountaineers project. With a matching from Phil and funding from the club, the total came out to \$500. President Jason announced that President Elect Chinyere will work with Membership Committee Chair Caesar Kavadoy to develop a membership plan. President Jason



introduced visiting Rotarian Stuart Shalloway from the DC Club. There will be a Board of Directors meeting on the third Thursday of each month immediately following the regular club



meeting. Art Blitz introduced Ken Kempner whom he has known for forty years. Ken is chief of the Biomedical Imaging and Visualization Section at the National Institutes of Health. His expertise is in computers and medical communications around the



world. His group explores and develops image management, communication, and processing technologies in support of clinical image acquisition, transmission, and interpretation. Major projects involve the adaptation and utilization

of telemedicine and collaborative technologies to support long distance medical and scientific work between NIH and other institutions. His Telesynergy Medical Consultation WorkStation System Aids in diagnosis,

recommends therapy and provides medical education. Patient privacy is protected as there is no permanent transfer of data.



The Cancer Institute requested him to go to Ireland where he now has ten systems. King Abdullah asked for assistance for the hospital center in Amman, Jordan. King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC) is the only specialized cancer center in the Middle East treating both adult and pediatric patients. Founded in 1997, KHCC is a non-governmental, not-for-profit comprehensive center

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dedicated entirely to cancer care. It has a capacity of 148 beds and currently treats more than 2300 new patients per year.

Ken's innovative technology has enabled the medical staff of Belfast City Hospital to receive aid from the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland in the diagnosis and treatment for a patient with a rare form of cancer, never before seen at this Northern Ireland facility. This is the technology that has enabled the medical staff at King Hussein Cancer Center to establish a medical alliance to facilitate the treatment of cancers common among the Jordanian population, including lung, bladder and colorectal cancer in men, breast and colorectal cancer in women, and leukemia in children. This is the technology that has helped cancer patients from a poor, Southern Texas border town receive the value of expert opinions within their community. Thanks so much, Ken, for your service to humanity and for giving us a great presentation.

Rotary Begins Plan Of Action In Haiti

By Ryan Hyland RI News – 3 August 2010

Top: Rotarian Stephen Cooper (rear); Pamela Solman, member of the Good Samaritan Foundation of Haiti; and Joseph Phelix, founder and director of the foundation, distribute food to residents of Île à Vache in June. Photo courtesy of Stephen Cooper

Bottom: Residents of Île à Vache stand in line to receive emergency food aid. Photo by Stephen Cooper

More than six months after Haiti sustained a massive earthquake, Rotary clubs and account holders of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund are beginning to allocate resources to help rebuild schools, provide prosthetics, and equip thousands with adequate shelter.

Despite assistance from around the world, the situation in Haiti remains bleak. An estimated 1.5 million Haitians still live in tent cities, while billions of dollars in aid from foreign countries

has yet to materialize. Debris from 280,000 destroyed homes and buildings clogs the streets of Port-au-Prince. Rotarians have raised more than US\$2 million to help the country. Account holders of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation, have approved projects worth almost \$1 million.

"By beginning the work on many of the projects, we anticipate that additional funds will be contributed by Rotarians who are motivated to continue that help," says Past RI Vice President Eric E. Lacoste Adamson, an account holder and member of the Rotary Club of Front Royal, Virginia, USA. "We also hope to encourage other partners and NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] to match these funds so that we can double or triple the impact of the funds in Haiti."

Local Rotarians, the Haiti Task Force, established two years ago to administer financial aid to the nation, and District 7020 (Haiti and parts of the Caribbean) review and coordinate every project. Some of the initiatives include:

- District 6990 (Grand Bahama Island; part of Florida, USA) will raise \$40,000 to help rebuild a medical clinic in Kenscoff. The Haiti fund will provide the balance of the \$80,000 project.
- District 7570 (parts of Tennessee and Virginia, USA) will rebuild Catherine Flon College in Carrefour with help from the Haiti fund.
- Rotarians in Canada has gathered school supplies and furniture. The Haiti fund will allocate \$21,000 to ship the items to Haiti.
- The Haiti fund will contribute \$10,000 toward a vehicle to serve as transportation for midwives.
- The Rotary Club of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and the Good Samaritan Foundation began construction on a new school in Île à Vache, an island off the southern coast of Haiti. About \$50,000 from the Haiti fund has been allocated to the school.

Emergency aid still needed

The Tortola club also has provided \$25,000 in



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emergency food aid to Île à Vache, which has been overwhelmed by the mass migration of quake victims from mainland Haiti. The island's population doubled to nearly 30,000 in the last three months, says club member Stephen Cooper.

"This increase in population has put immense pressure on the fishing- and farming-based community, where food and resources were already scarce before the earthquake," Cooper says.

Rotarians in the British Virgin Islands have links with Île à Vache that predate the disaster, he says. They appealed to District 7020 for help after community leaders on the island described the situation.

The first of what will be a series of \$5,000 food distributions took place in June, with the Rotary Club of Cayes, Haiti, overseeing the project. The rice, beans, and cooking oil were all purchased locally.

"The food was carefully portioned out and distributed fairly among those in need," Cooper says. "Rotarians should feel proud of the contribution they have made to ease the suffering of the people of Haiti. I saw with my own eyes that this food is making the difference between life and death for many people."

The RI President's Monthly Message

August 2010

Several Rotarians have asked me how I chose the RI theme for my presidential year, so let me explain. After reviewing all the past themes, I decided to search for a few words that would fulfill two objectives – to give outsiders a glimpse of our purpose, and at the same time to make Rotarians proud of their membership.

I searched for words to describe the passion, the creativity, and the generosity of Rotarians. And as I sought the right words, I kept in mind that Rotary is a spirit of service as well as an organization of Rotary clubs, and that we need to share our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership with other people and organizations. I considered many words and phrases. The four words I finally selected to convey Rotary's current mission and highlight our achievements describe what Rotarians do best, which is *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*.

I hope you agree those four words aptly reflect who

we are and what we do as Rotarians. We are a unique organization and certainly one of the best in the world. We build the spirit and resources of our local communities in an important way, and we are a prominent player on the world stage with PolioPlus and our international service projects.

Rotary has changed the world, and Rotarians will continue to change it in a positive way. The formula is simple: For us to succeed, all we need to do is to focus our best efforts on doing what Rotarians are passionate about and what Rotarians are the best in the world at doing, which is *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*.

Wishes For The New Rotary Year From Paul Harris RI News – 27 July 2010

In 1916, Rotary founder Paul Harris shared his thoughts about the organization in an article titled "The Future of Rotary," published in *The Rotarian*.

Addressing the Rotary world, Harris concluded the short piece with wishes for the new year. As the 2010-11 Rotary year begins, consider his words:



I wish you all of the prosperity which your good deeds merit.

May all things you ought have be yours.

May your charities rank among your necessary expenditures.

May you not fall into the popular error of thinking that happiness is to be found in outdoing your neighbors.

May it always be yours to look beneath the veneer of life to the solid substance which lies beneath.

May you be builders, not mere climbers.

May you be able to appraise life's blessings at their real worth.

May you be free to act in accordance with the dictates of your own conscience and good judgment.

May you not be slaves to meaningless customs, social or otherwise.

May you shun the groove followers.

May you have vision to discern the right and health, strength and will to do it.

That is to say, I wish you a happy New Year.

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John A. Leonard, Jr. is charter president of the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club.

The 51 year old Silver Spring resident is a licensed real estate broker and general manager of Lee Frew Platt, Realtors in Bethesda. Jack has been active in residential sales in Montgomery County since 1971 and was awarded the GRI designation by the

POTOMAC-BETHESDA ADMITTED AUGUST 4

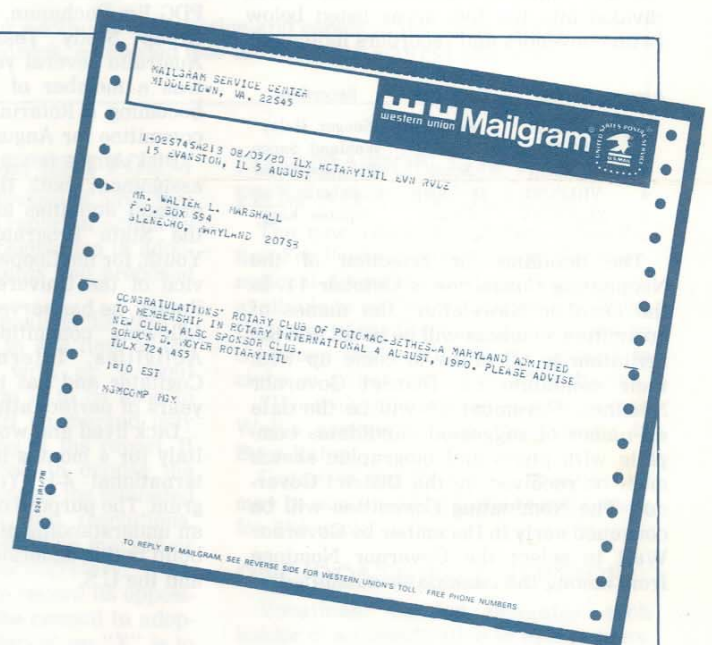
The Mailgram reproduced above tells only the ending/beginning of the story. Ask Jim Butterfield of the North Bethesda Club about it some time...about the two years

plus he put in as Governor's Special Representative, nurturing and encouraging and praying. Ask PDG John Sever, under whose administration the project started; and, while you're about it, talk to PDG Tom Lawson who sweated through the tough, long wait; and PDG Tom Scogins who visited the club more than

anyone else. And, of course, talk to Jack Leonard, Charter President, who pulled everything together.

Potomac-Bethesda will have its Charter Night on September 12, at the Bethesda Country Club.

What is your club doing for the latest "baby of District 762?"

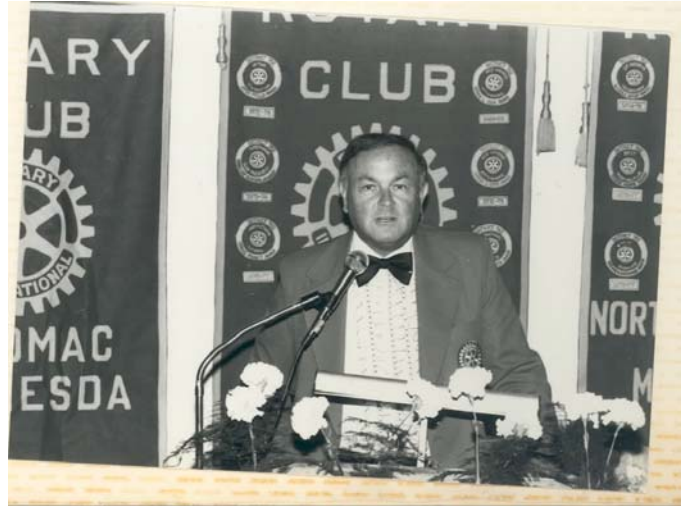


Maryland Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors in 1976.

Leonard is a native of Connecticut and a graduate of Norwich University in Vermont. He's a retired Army officer and a combat veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Jack enjoys golf and is an avid football fan.

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