

# Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

## Rotary Club Calendar

October 7 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
October 12 - 7pm - Manna Food Center Packing  
9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg **Volunteers Needed**  
Alex Naron Coordinating - AlexNaron@gmail.com



October 14 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Bob Nelson: NASA Spinoffs  
October 16 - 7:30am-12:30pm Rotary Super Summit  
Annapolis - See Flyer on Page 5.  
Register online at [Rotary7620.org](http://Rotary7620.org) by October 12  
October 16 - 4pm Picnic at Dick Gordon's home  
14900 Kelley Farm Drive, Darnestown  
October 21 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Annita Seckinger: Haiti Project  
October 21 - 7pm Board of Directors Meeting  
October 23 - Rotary Leadership Institute  
First Baptist Church, Frederick  
Register online at [RLINEA.org](http://RLINEA.org)  
October 23 - Potomac Day  
October 23 - 7pm - Rotaract Charter Night  
Georgetown University  
October 28 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Jay Kumar, Rotary District Governor  
November 4 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Vera Wedekind, Rotary Scholar  
November 11 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
Alexander Honjiyo: Hilltop Microfinance Project  
November 18 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
David Shaman: World Bank  
November 25 - No Meeting - Thanksgiving  
December 2 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
December 9 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm  
December 16 - 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm

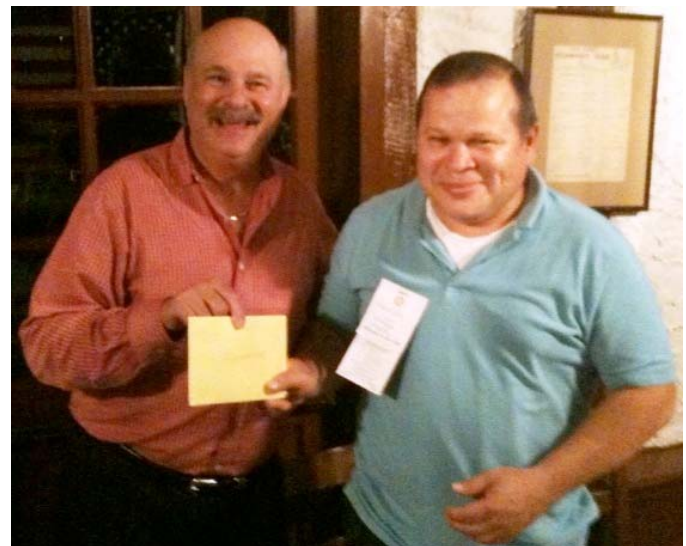
## September 30 Meeting Report

By President Jason Hamel

President Jason Hamel presented Art Blitz with a Paul Harris pin with two stones and a Sergeant at Arms pin. President Jason introduced Sanjit Shah whom he met after discussing the foundation that Sanjit and his family started.



Sanjit was good friends with Chris Goode of the Potomac club and former president and former branch manager of Chevy Chase Bank. Art Blitz presented Fernando with a \$100 gift card as thank you for help with the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes renovation project. Phil Meade did one of his surveys and a good laugh was had by all.



Art Blitz presented a \$100 gift card to Fernando in grateful appreciation for his multi-year service to the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes renovation project. Fernando furnished all the painting materials for our Rotarians and painted much of the home for disabled people.  
[Photos by Jason Hamel]

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Dear Rotaract,

This Tuesday we have a great event lined up for all of you. In celebration of the UN Millennium Development Goals summit last week in New York, we are bringing in our own development professional - Dr. Todd Nitkin of Medical Teams International to speak. Dr. Nitkin is a



former president of our sponsors - the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club. He specialized in podiatric surgery before gaining his Masters in International Health from Johns Hopkins University. He has worked with Medical Teams International as Senior Advisor in Washington DC since 2005. He will talk of covering continents and saving lives - don't miss it! RSVP

We are looking to take on an IT Manager for the club to expand our website and help on our District Rotaract website. If you have experience in website design and you would like a cool project to put on your resume, please send a short note of interest with relevant experience to [gurotaract@gmail.com](mailto:gurotaract@gmail.com). You can take this as either a one off job or whole year position.

## Upcoming Events

Our fund-raising committee has already begun organizing our first effort for the flooding victims in Pakistan. On Tuesday we will have a representative from the student led Pakistan Flood Relief Task Force say a few words and any more of you interested in getting involved can sign up. Rotary has been a big first responder to the floods in Pakistan. Read more about what's going on and what Rotary is doing here.

We will be hosting our Charter Night this semester as an induction into the organization of Rotary International. This is a semi-formal event, with many dignified Rotarians, including our Rotary District Governor, attending to wish our club the best in our endeavors. Anyone interested in becoming a charter member of our club must come to a few of our meetings and register with us. You will be presented

with a certificate on the night. Hold the date, Saturday, October 23rd from 7-8pm (after-events tba).

This winter our district will be hosting the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference near us in Chevy-Chase Maryland. The conference is a fun three-day leadership course for outstanding high school students. Like Model UN, RYLA is mainly run by college students like us. We will begin sign ups for people interested in hearing more about volunteering for RYLA on Tuesday. RYLA runs from January 14th-17, 2011 at the 4H Conference Center.

All the best, The Rotaract Board

## **60 Minutes Segment Includes Rotary's Partnership With Gates Foundation To Eradicate Polio**

RI News, 4 October 2010

Rotary International's partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to eradicate polio was mentioned in a segment of the news program 60 Minutes, "Gates Foundation: Giving a Fortune Away," which aired 3 October.

The news story focused on the work of Bill and Melinda Gates, through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to improve education and maternal and child health, and to prevent deaths from AIDS, malaria, and polio.

The video and transcript are available through CBS News:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6923498n>

Rotary staff worked closely with the producers of 60 Minutes during the filming of the portion on polio. On 21 March, the 60 Minutes team filmed at a World Health Organization polio vaccine distribution center in Wazirabad, India. The crew followed India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur, Rotarians, and health workers through Sri Ram Colony, Karawal Nagar – a densely populated area near Wazirabad – to shoot polio immunization activities.

The Gates Foundation has awarded Rotary US\$355 million in challenge grants to support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children. As of 30 September, Rotarians have raised about \$146 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge – Rotary's response to the Gates Foundation grants.

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## **Pumpkin Pursuit 5K Run and Family Fun Walk**

By Mary Patricia Dudley

Bladensburg Rotary Club would ask that you spread the word about our Pumpkin Pursuit 5K Run and Family Fun Walk taking place on Saturday, October 30th, at Watkins Park, in Upper Marlboro, MD. I have attached the flyer. We are also looking for sponsors if you would like to get your name out in our community you can contact me. We have sponsorships for as little as \$100.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Mary Patricia Dudley Email: [mdudley@dchweb.org](mailto:mdudley@dchweb.org)

HPhone: 301-753-6520 OPhone: 301-552-8601

## **Pumpkin Pursuit 5K Run and Family Fun Walk**

**Saturday,  
October 30, 2010**



A fundraiser for the  
Rotary Club of Bladensburg Foundation

Watkins Regional Park, Upper Marlboro, MD

Registration: 8:15-9:15 a.m. Race: 9:30 a.m.

A light lunch will be available for \$5

To register see form on back or visit: [www.GetMeRegistered.com](http://www.GetMeRegistered.com)

Contact: Mary Dudley at 301-552-8601 for more information

[www.BladensburgRotary.com](http://www.BladensburgRotary.com)

## **Progress For Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge For Polio Eradication**

RI News, 5 October 2010

As of 30 September, Rotarians have raised about \$147 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill and 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.

## **Take Part In A Free Webinar In October: Developing A Club Website**

RI News, 4 October 2010

Get tips on how to develop and manage a website for your club or district from a panel of Rotarian website experts. For those attendees who express interest before the webinar, the panelists also may offer tips about the attendees' websites and offer suggestions for high-impact changes that are easy to implement.

### **Register now**

This 60-minute webinar will be offered twice and conducted in English only. Registration is free.

**13 October at 10:00 CDT**

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/548070072>

**20 October at 18:00 CDT**

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/604778209>

Times are U.S. Central. Please check for your local time.

You will receive an e-mail confirming your registration with information you need to join the webinar.

### **System requirements for the webinar**

PC users: Windows® 7, Vista, XP, 2003 Server or 2000

Macintosh® users: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

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## **Rotarians In Pakistan Boost Polio Eradication, Flood Relief**

By Antoinette Tuscano,  
RI News, 4 October 2010

*Pakistan PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon (center, in yellow cap) and other Rotarians visit a camp for people displaced by floods. Photo courtesy of Aziz Memon*

Polio eradication workers and resources have been mobilized to support flood-relief efforts for millions of displaced people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab, Pakistan, many of whom are living in camps with poor sanitation.

The country's extensive polio eradication infrastructure is being used to help assess needs and monitor water-borne and epidemic diseases. Polio epidemiologists and surveillance officers in the worst-affected areas are equipped with vehicles, radios, satellite phones, vital medicines, and potable-water tanks.

The floods killed an estimated 1,500 people and have affected more than 20 million others, according to the United Nations. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called the disaster the worst that the UN has seen.

The flooding has severely strained the region's health care system, including the cold chain, which is critical for transporting the polio vaccine at the appropriate temperature.

"The floods all over Pakistan have made polio eradication more difficult and challenging. We are trying to give polio drops to children in the camps, and we hope to continue doing it," said Pakistan PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon.

"There is a very real risk of a substantial expansion of transmission in the second half of 2010," reported the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. To prevent that from happening, National Immunization Days (NIDs) were scheduled for September and October, aimed at reaching 24 million children under age five. Rotary



International funded 90,000 vaccine carriers for the September NIDs.

The flood victims have many needs, and throughout Pakistan, the family of Rotary has offered assistance. Rotary and Rotaract clubs in districts 3271 and 3272, which cover Pakistan and Afghanistan, are working within their region to help provide food, clothing, medical care, and shelter.

Kashif Aziz and Baldev Kumar Maheshwari, both doctors in the Rotary Club of Samaro, Sind, and other Rotarians ran a medical camp at Pir Patho in late August and early September, treating more than 2,300 patients. Rotarians also distributed 200 bags of food, 2,000 items of clothing, and 300 pairs of shoes at the camp, under the supervision of club president Nadeem Nabi Kaim Khani.

## **Youth Programs Pave The Way Into Rotary**

By Ryan Hyland, RI News, 30 September 2010

*Rotaractor Andrea Tirone of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has also participated in her district's RYLA and is a former Ambassadorial Scholar. She plans on becoming a Rotarian after Rotaract. Photo by Xavier Vahed photography*



Rotary youth programs have prepared Andrea Tirone well.

As a current Rotaractor, a past participant in her district's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, she is

hoping her experiences serve as a springboard into Rotary.

"In Rotary, I will have a variety of service possibilities available to me, locally and internationally," Tirone says. "There is so much diversity in the work Rotary does. It can give you exposure to so many different areas, and help you find what your interests really are."

Tirone was introduced to Rotary during the District 7070 (Ontario, Canada) RYLA in 2004. She describes

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it as one of the best weeks of her life, and says she was impressed by the planning that went into it.

"Learning about each other through different workshops and activities, I formed these incredible, lifelong bonds," she says. "I thought to myself, if Rotary can put on such an amazing week, then imagine what it would be like to be part of the whole organization."

## Joining Rotaract

When she enrolled at the University of Toronto in the fall of 2004, she sought out its Rotaract club and joined, becoming club president in 2005-06. Her club volunteered in the community but focused much of its time and resources on raising funds for a literacy project in India, working with a sister club and Rotarians to help implement the effort.

"Being involved with Rotaract opened my eyes to the ability to connect with Rotaractors all over the world," says Tirone. "Finding out that Rotary has very strong ties to the rest of the world was very appealing."

In 2008, Tirone became an Ambassadorial Scholar, majoring in political science at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. During that time, her host Rotary club helped establish the Rotaract Club of Durban Berea.

As an honorary member of the Durban Berea club, she embarked on an international project with 19 other club members, raising US\$2,000 to help renovate a school in Ponta do Ouro, Mozambique. The Rotaractors spent a week cleaning and painting classrooms and installing a vegetable garden.

Tirone says she plans on becoming a Rotarian but wants to stay in Rotaract as long as possible.

"Rotary for me is for life, so I want to be able to experience as much of Rotaract as I can," she says.

"Because of it, I have friends all over the world."

Tirone says Rotaract is good for Rotary.

"When it comes to encouraging new members or bringing in new and innovative ideas, Rotary can always rely on Rotaractors to be the people who bring those types of ideas to clubs."



**District 7620 Rotary Super Summit/  
Foundation Seminar  
16 October 2010**

Registration and Breakfast begins at 7:30 am  
Program from 8am-12:30pm  
Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland  
(in Historic District, tel 410 263-7777)  
**\$20.00 per person includes Breakfast**  
(Award points given to each club that participates in this event.)

**Future Vision 6 Focus Areas**

 Basic Education & Literacy	 Peace & Conflict Resolution	 Maternal & Child Health
 Water & Sanitation	 Economic & Community Development	 Disease Prevention & Treatment

- GUEST SPEAKER, Kate Pichon, RI Senior Future Vision Grants Coordinator
- What are Rotarians doing and how you can team up with other clubs
- New DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS and New Global Grant Scholarship
- Peace Scholars (What are they doing now?) Introduction by Peter Kyle
- Polio National Immunization Day Slide show and intro to The Final Inch Video
- Future Vision Workshop led by Kate Pichon - Bring your partial or completed grants (District or Global Grants) for discussion

The World's No. 1 learning disability is caused by a lack of eyeglasses! We urge all attendees to please bring all the used-and-re-usable eyeglasses they, their families and friends have for a Rotary sponsored project.

Register at District Website  
[www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org)