

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Club Calendar

**October 20 - 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm
Mamie Price, CHI Centers, Inc.**

Founded by parents of children with cerebral palsy in 1948, CHI Centers has continued to grow for more than 60 years by offering numerous programs and assistance to individuals with mild to profound disabilities. CHI Centers provides vocational training, day habilitation, therapeutic, recreational, residential, individual support, employment, nursing & transportation services to support individuals with developmental disabilities.



Mamie has been an employee of CHI Centers, Inc. for 18 years. She has lived in Olney, MD for 16 years, has two daughters, ages 24 and 18 and one 5 year old grandson. She was initially hired as a Special Education teacher for its Child Center Preschool (closed Aug. 2003) in March of 1993. With a BS in Special Education from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA, she implemented a variety of innovative, creative and stimulating activities while working as an interdisciplinary team member. During her tenure at CHI Centers, she incorporated an inclusive preschool aftercare program, managed the summer ESY program, was promoted to Educational Coordinator in 2001 and is currently the Administrator for the Tenbrook Adult Program of CHI Centers, Inc.

October 22 – 10:30am - Potomac Day Parade

**October 24 - 9:45am PolioPlus Photo at US Capitol
on east side steps with Bill Gates (see p. 4)**

October 26 – 2pm – Dictionary Project - Beverly Farms

**October 27 – 6:30pm - Meeting - Normandie Farm
States Attorney John McCarthy (see p.3)**

October 27 - 8pm – Board of Directors Meeting

November 1 – 11:30am – Dictionary Project - 7 Locks

November 3 - 6:30pm – Service Project at Manna

November 4 – 1:45pm – Dictionary Project - Wayside

November 5 – Rotary Leadership Institute - Frederick

November 7 – 2:30pm – Dictionary Project – Potomac

November 8 – 7pm Manna Food Center Box Packing

November 10 - 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm

**November 17 – 2:15pm – Dictionary Project –
Poolesville**

**November 17 - 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm
Wounded Warrior Project**

November 24 – Thanksgiving – No meeting.

December 1 - 6:30pm – Service Project at Manna

**December 8 - 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm
Rotary Scholar Stephanie Glinuer**

December 15 - 6:30pm – Meeting - Normandie Farm

October 13 Club Meeting at Indonesian Embassy

Just a year ago our club chartered the Georgetown Rotaract Club and we celebrated with them in the induction of 27 new members. Dr. Dino Patti Djalal, Ambassador of Indonesia to the US, hosted us at the historic embassy on Massachusetts Avenue near Dupont Circle. Rotary District Governor Claude Morissette and his wife also joined us for the evening. The gala evening's program is included on page 7.



Indonesian Ambassador Dr. Dino Patti Djalal and Rotary District Governor Claude Morissette and their wives.



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Guests at the Indonesian Embassy included Katherine Kehoe (above with President Chinyere) and Dr. Peter Rumm and his wife. On the left Rotary District Governor Claude Morissette pins Ambassador Dino Patti Djalal with this year's Rotary theme pin.



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Egyptian Club Discovers The Power Of Microlending

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas RI News - 5 October 2011

Rotarians Adel el Nokali, Heba Kabel, and Magdy Samaha visit with a beneficiary of a microcredit program run by the Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt. The woman used her small loan to build a kiosk where she sells biscuits and cakes. Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting



club's initial investment of about \$1,700 into a sustainable microcredit program. The club also financed literacy classes, helping 75 women learn to read and write, and a sewing lab, which drew 45 women to sewing lessons every month. Kabel notes that the club put a priority on efforts that would help community members increase their chances of finding a job. "We made a big bazaar at the end of the year and sold their products," Kabel says, explaining that the proceeds went to the women.

If your Rotary club is stuck in a rut when it comes to vocational service, it's not alone. Sometimes dubbed the "forgotten Avenue of Service," vocational service can be difficult for clubs to understand and implement.

Nijad K. Al Atassi, past governor of District 2450 (parts of Africa, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Georgia) felt strongly enough about vocational service to make it a districtwide priority.

"Vocational service is important because it enhances values and faith in ethics," says Al Atassi, a member of the Rotary Club of Adliya, Bahrain.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt, rose to the challenge by focusing on microcredit loans, literacy classes, and a sewing workshop to meet the needs of low-income community members, helping women in particular to start businesses and learn useful work skills.

Microcredit loans

"We gave loans to deprived women supporting large families," says past club president Heba Kabel. Club members made loans of about US\$85 to 20 entrepreneurs to launch small food or cleaning businesses. The loans were paid back in installments over the course of a year, and the money was then loaned out again – turning the

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John McCarthy

Montgomery County State's Attorney

John McCarthy is the State's Attorney for Montgomery County. His office handles over 30,000 criminal and incarcerable traffic cases each year. The State's Attorney's Office has over 100 professionals – prosecutors, paralegals, victim assistance and administrative staff, as well as investigators.

Thursday, October 27, 2011

6:30pm

Normandie Farm Restaurant

10710 Falls Road, Potomac

Please RSVP to Rotary.PB@gmail.com

Cost: \$24 Including Dinner, Payable at Door

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Come celebrate
World Polio Day
24 October, 2011
by participating in an
End Polio Now photo opportunity
with
Mr. Bill Gates, Co-chair
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
on the steps of the US Capitol Building*



9:00 am please meet at Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc
101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001
where all participants will be given a red **End Polio Now** t-shirt

9:45 am arrive at the US Capitol Building
Washington, D.C.

Please respond with your name, shirt size, title, and club affiliation
by close of business, October 14, 2011

to
Clare.monroe@rotary.org
Phone (847) 424-5244 or Facsimile (847) 556-2183

* (exact location at the capital building pending confirmation)

Model projects

Each October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on the Avenue of Vocational Service. For this year's celebration, Rotary International collected model vocational service project submissions from 2010-11 district governors. In addition to the Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting's microcredit program, other model projects include:

* The Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, USA, conducted a job skills workshop for unemployed residents, giving participants tools for interviews and job searches. Each participant left with a résumé and a list of employment opportunities.

* Members of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Bangladesh, India, provided artificial limbs to 20 people with disabilities through a local rehabilitation center and worked with community businesses to help the recipients find work.

* The Rotary Club of Cheltenham Sunrise, Gloucestershire, England, invited more than 280 secondary school students and teachers to attend a two-day educational forum on environmentally conscious careers. Leaders of government, nongovernmental organizations, and industries shared tips on how they've implemented green innovations to improve business.

Kabel, a Barclays Bank employee, also tapped into her own vocational skills by offering free lessons in financial literacy to several women whom club members had met through the vocational service initiatives. The financial advice helped the women make informed decisions about their new incomes, teaching them to allocate some for savings and giving them a better chance of sustaining their small businesses.

Queensland Rotarians Help Feed Australia's Poor

By Megan Ferringer RI News - 14 October 2011

World Food Day is 16 October, but the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary, Queensland, Australia, helps alleviate hunger all year through a program that

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provides meat to agencies serving the state's poor and homeless.

The club launched Beef Bank in 2007 after members heard a presentation on the scarcity of fresh meat for charities that feed the poor. The Rotarians purchased five calves and raised them on property owned by past club president Andrew Rodgers.

A local butcher helped slaughter one of the cows, and about 450 pounds of beef went to Foodbank, an organization that acts as a conduit between manufacturers with excess stock and people in need. The meat from that first cow provided 1,000 meals.

Since then, the program has expanded, becoming an exercise in fundraising, marketing, and logistics. Club members collect donations from other Rotarians, corporations, and private sponsors to purchase cattle, have them butchered, package the meat, and deliver it to Foodbank. The organization then distributes it to charities including Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, soup kitchens, and school lunch programs.

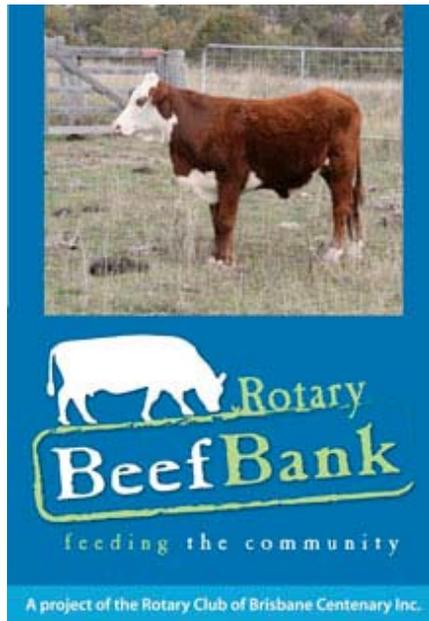
Cost of a cow

A donation of A\$1,200 covers the purchase of a single cow. The club has set a goal of purchasing and processing 50 heads of cattle a year.

"Beef Bank plays a direct part in the health, nourishment, and well-being of thousands of men, women, and children within the community," says Rodgers, who notes that Beef Bank has become one of the major sources of fresh meat for charities in the Foodbank network. Foodbank feeds 70,000 people a week in the greater Brisbane area.

To date, Beef Bank has provided nearly 20 tons of meat. The club plans to expand the program further by partnering with other nonprofit organizations.

"Even in a wealthy country such as Australia, there are many who need help," says Past District Governor Nick Curry, a member of the Brisbane Centenary club. "We didn't realize the sheer necessity of a project like this at first, but it's now become a major part of the community."



Since 1981, the United Nations has observed World Food Day to increase awareness and understanding, and stimulate year-round action to alleviate hunger. Here's how other Rotary clubs are helping to fight hunger worldwide:

* The Rotary Club of Westville, South Africa, shipped 26 tons of food to FoodBank South Africa for distribution to poor families. A club member supplied trucks from his cargo business to transport the goods at no cost. The food was purchased from poor farmers in Jozini, providing them a source of income.

* The Rotary Club of Prapatan-Dharmawangsa, West Java, Indonesia, installed a hydroponic rooftop garden to provide fresh vegetables to a local orphanage, offering a supplementary food source for the children.

* After sending food and supplies to Bosnia-Herzegovina for years, the Rotary Club of Colli Briantei, Italy, conducted a study of its own population and found a growing hunger problem. Club members set up the Brianza for Food Project, raising money to buy two weeks' worth of food for 200 impoverished families. Rotarians stocked and delivered the goods.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary, Queensland, Australia, launched the Beef Bank program by purchasing five cows and raising them on a member's property. The program

has now grown into the main source for fresh meat for area charities. Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

University Of L'Aquila Honors Banerjee In Recognition Of Rotarian-Led Rebuilding Effort By Arnold R. Grahl RI News - 18 October 2011

RI President Kalyan Banerjee received an honorary doctorate in engineering from the University of L'Aquila, Italy, on 12 October, in recognition of Rotarians' help in rebuilding the engineering campus after the devastating earthquake of 2009.

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Rotarians in District 2090 (Albania; part of Italy) have joined with the Italian blood donation agency AVIS to raise almost €2 million (US\$2,772,000) so far to rebuild a wing of the school.

"This honor is from our university, but also from the entire city of L'Aquila," said Roberto Volpe, vice chancellor, who presented the degree along with Pier Ugo Foscolo, dean of the Faculty of Engineering. "From initiatives such as [Rotary's] we will acquire the hope – actually the certainty – that we will have a future of full economic, civil, and cultural recovery."

During the ceremony, AVIS presented Banerjee with a €50,000 (US\$69,300) check to further support the rebuilding effort. Rotarians and AVIS have pledged to raise €3 million (US\$4,159,000) total to completely rebuild and reopen the campus.

"The honorary degree I am accepting today is really an honor that is directed not toward me, but toward the organization I represent, Rotary International," Banerjee noted. "One of the things that Rotary has been very involved with has been the rebuilding of the [Faculty of] Engineering here at the university. And I think you've seen for yourselves how Rotary has inspired this community, and brought so many together to make this dream a reality."

Solving humanitarian problems

The University of L'Aquila also awarded the doctorate in recognition of Banerjee's work to elevate and affirm the role of engineering in solving humanitarian problems. University officials cited his contributions "in a rapidly evolving society, such as India."

Banerjee shared some of his background with the audience of university and civic leaders and Rotarians. He explained how, after earning his degree in chemical engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology in Kharagpur, he decided to join a relative in a venture that led to the formation of United Phosphorus Limited, now the largest agrochemical manufacturer in India.

"I've never regretted going to work for a small company instead of a multinational, and now I can see that bypassing graduate school was the right choice as well. I'm getting my doctorate in the end – even if it did take me 45 years," he quipped.

Banerjee joined the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, shortly after the launch of United Phosphorus. The club helped transform Vapi from a town with no substantial infrastructure to a city with medical facilities, schools, and colleges.

"Ultimately, the transformation of the city of Vapi came about because of one simple and, I hope, obvious idea: that we all share responsibility for the well-being of our communities and, ultimately, our world," he said.

"It's the idea that all of us, as individuals and collectively, are fundamentally responsible for seeing that our world gets, not worse every day, but better."

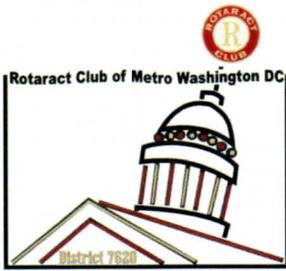
Francesco Ottaviano, governor of District 2090, noted the importance of the ceremony to local Rotarians, the town, and the university: "This recognition will be news that will go all around the Rotary world and to more than 200 countries."

Top: RI President Kalyan Banerjee receives an honorary doctorate in engineering from the Faculty of Engineering at the University of L'Aquila, Italy, on 12 October. Photo courtesy Margarita Hewko Bottom: Banerjee, with his wife, Binota, receives a check for €50,000 (US\$69,300) from the Italian blood donation agency AVIS during the ceremony. Photo by Maria Chiara Zilli

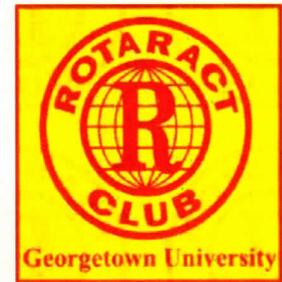


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FALL JOINT INDUCTION CEREMONY



Thursday, October 13
At Embassy of Indonesia
Rotaract Club of Georgetown University
Rotaract Club of Metro Washington, DC
Rotary District 7620



Program

6:30pm: Arrival of guests
7:00pm: MC Welcoming All Guests by
Leanne Polachek
7:05pm: Remarks by His Excellency
Dr. Dino Patti Djalal, Ambassador
of Indonesia to the US
7:20pm: Remarks by District Governor
Claude Morissette
7:25pm: Remarks by Greg Miller &
Navin Valliappan
7:30pm: New Member Induction
Ceremony
8:00pm: Dinner
9:00pm: Program Ends

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Congratulations to Georgetown Rotaract Club President Greg Miller and all the new inductees for a superb evening at the Indonesian Embassy!