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ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA, Inc.
Wednesdays 12:15 PM
Award Winning Newsletter
2007 & 2008

Marco Polo Restaurant
245 W Maple Ave.
Vienna, VA 22180

Calendar of Events

- Apr 22 GSE Team Visit to Club
- May 9 CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR (CLTS)

Upcoming Programs

- April 22 GSE Team
- April 29 TBD
- May 6 TBD
- May 13 Peter M. Beck Professor at American University in Washington, D.C. and Ewha University in Seoul
- May 20th Pre ViVa Vienna! Program



VIVA! VIENNA! **SCHOOL CONTACTS** **NEEDED TO SPREAD** **THE WORD!**

We need to have a contact person in school administration at each Vienna/Oakton area schools shown below with whom you have a relationship regarding distribution of student flyers that promote 2009 ViVa! Vienna! and the E-Waste Program on May 24th & May 25th:

Elementary Schools: Colvin Run, Cunningham Park, Flint Hill, Freedom Hill, Louise Archer, Marshall Road, Mosby Woods, Oakton, Vienna, Waples Mill, Westbrier, Wolftrap

Middle Schools: Jackson, Kilmer, Lanier, Thoreau

High Schools: Flint Hill, Madison, Marshall, Oakton

Please e-mail Keith Bodamer at KABodamer@aol.com with the name of the individual you know at the school. We want to avoid making a cold call request at these schools which is likely to be refused.

View from the Tables

Meeting Called to order at 12:15 p.m. by
President John Brunow
Greeter: **Paul Berger**
Pledge: **Skip Jones**
Prayer: **Rev. John Tate**
Song: led by **David Helfgott**
Reporter: **David van Valkenburg**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Club offered huge thanks to **Lou Zone**, who unfortunately was not present to hear it, for his organizing and staging a Volleyball Social at the match between George Mason University and Penn State.

The Town of Vienna recognized the Rotary Club of Vienna's own **John Brunow** as an exemplary Community Volunteer.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from India is in District 7610 during parts of March and April. One of the exchange visitors is staying at the home of **Duni Shutzengel**, others are staying at the homes of other Northern Virginia Rotarians. All the exchange visitors will attend our meeting of April 22nd.

Gerry Hamilton received a Certificate of Graduation "in recognition of excellence in the completion of all three parts of the Zone 33 Rotary Leadership Institute's Course of Study in Rotary Knowledge and Leadership Skills for Rotary Club leaders."



2009 VIVA! VIENNA! ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Sandy Spring Bank Stage *

Saturday, May 23
7:30 – 10:00 PM The Fabulous Mary Ann Redmond Band

Sunday, May 24
12:30 – 2:00 PM The McGinley Family Gospel Singers
2:00 – 2:30 PM Mt. Kim Martial Arts Exhibition
2:30 – 4:00 PM The Cathy Ponton King Band
4:30 – 6:00 PM The Dog Waggers
6:30 – 7:30 PM The Paul Green School of Rock Show Band
8:00 – 10:00 PM Dave Kitchen & Friends



Monday, May 25
12:00 – 12:30 PM Memorial Day Tribute
1:00 – 2:00 PM Rocknocerus
2:00 – 2:30 PM Enshin Karate School Exhibition
2:30 – 3:30 PM Mercury & Summer
4:00 – 5:30 PM Luke Brindley & Friends Band

C&E Printing Children's Stage *

Sunday, May 24
1:00 – 1:45 PM Balloon Magic Show
2:00 – 2:45 PM The Cardinal Cloggers
3:00 – 3:45 PM Mr. KnickKnack!
4:00 – 4:45 PM The All Star Adrenaline Dance Troupe
Monday, May 25
2:00 – 2:45 PM The Fabulous Vienna Elementary School High Performance Percussion Ensemble
3:00 – 3:45 PM The Banjoman - Frank Cassel
4:00 – 4:45 PM The All Star Adrenaline Dance Troupe

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Gambling	
	Rev. John Tate won the small pot of \$24. The large pot continues to grow to \$495.
	A Blackberry-Pear pie), donated by the Pie Gourmet, was enjoyed at Richard Gray's table.



VIVA! VIENNA BOOTHS

NOW AVAILABLE!

Vi!Va! Vienna has now sold 300 out of 300 booths! **Jim Marshall** has devised a plan to squeeze in ten more booths, which are still available. Wouldn't it be a great tribute to all the volunteers if this year's Vi!Va! Vienna! somehow manages to raise a record amount for charity, despite the economic downturn?

Way to go Jim!

Strange is our situation here on Earth.
 Each of us comes for a short visit,
 Not knowing why,
 Yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose.
 From the standpoint of daily life,
 however, There is one thing we do know:
 That man is here for the sake of other men – above all for those upon whose smiles and well-being our happiness depends.

ALBERT EINSTEIN



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Esam Omeish, MD
Chief of General Surgery
INOVA Alexandria Hospital

Our speaker was Esam Omeish, MD, the Chief of General Surgery at INOVA Alexandria Hospital, a 26-year resident of Fairfax County, and a candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates 35th District seat. He attended J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church, Georgetown University (double major in Government and Biology, '89) and Georgetown School of Medicine (M.D. '93). He was a medical first responder during the tragic events of September 11, 2001. He described himself as a potential future Rotarian.



His topic was not his campaign, rather, "The State of Health Care in Virginia." Omeish believes that "the time has come" for a systemic reform of health care in Virginia and the nation. He lamented the 1993 failure of the Clinton Administration's effort to comprehensively address the issue, which he attributed to a lack of clarity and harmful conflict between the executive and legislative branches. He firmly believes that in 2009, the Obama Administration and Congress are ready to work as partners. He noted that the United States pays more by far for health care than any other nation (17% of GDP), and still covers only 5/6 of its population. By comparison, Canada spends 12% of GDP and France spends 10%, and offer universal coverage. Alone among major industrialized countries, health care costs are a major cause of personal bankruptcy and home mortgage foreclosure. The costs of continued inaction make it incumbent upon policy makers to take action.

Virginia is 7th nationally in its standard of living, but 20th or so in health. Its infant mortality rate is surprisingly high, and great geographical disparities exist around the state. While recognizing that health care in Virginia will always depend on health care nation-wide, Omeish proposed seven areas within a comprehensive,

- integrated approach for Virginia:
1. Enhance the health care workforce.
 2. Expand access.
 3. Improve quality.
 4. Improve transparency.
 5. Give priority to Prevention.
 6. Address Long-term care.
 7. Improve Public Health.

Virginia has a comparative advantage in attracting top health care professionals, because it is a pleasant place to live, because of "reasonable" malpractice laws, and because doctors retain a high level autonomy in decision making here. The quality of care available to most Virginians is already high, but Omeish believes we need to do "more of what we are already doing."



Medical schools in Virginia and elsewhere should give more emphasis to prevention. Omeish mentioned the harm done by obesity, poverty, and resistance to vaccination. Providing better health care to as many people as possible necessarily means controlling costs. Uninsured patients presently approach the health care system in ways that are very expensive to society, for example, waiting until they are very sick to seek assistance. While a "single payer system" sounds good in theory, Omeish supports a balanced public and private system, such as that advocated by President Obama, including a government alternative to private health care.

Reporter's Note: Dr. Omeish scrupulously respected the non-partisan nature of the Rotary Club of Vienna by not mentioning any of the following: He is one of several candidates running in the Democratic Primary for the seat currently held by Steve Shannon (D), who is vacating the seat to instead run for Virginia Attorney General. The 35th District has about 71,000 residents and includes most of Vienna, Oakton, Dunn Loring and part of Fairfax City. Primary election day is June 9, 2009.

