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Vienna, VA 22180



June 21-24 Rotary International Convention



May 20th Pre ViVa Vienna! Program



- **Richard Lukens** celebrated his 18th wedding anniversary.
- **Gerry Hamilton** celebrated his 39th wedding anniversary.
- **George Creed** celebrated his granddaughter's 10th birthday. He took the occasion to fulfill a granddaughter's wish by adopting a dog.
- On a related note, Devika reported her happiness at finally unloading the dog in question.



What a Deal! Tax-Free Gifts from Your IRA

As you think about tax planning for the coming year, consider taking advantage of Congress' reauthorization of legislation allowing you to make a tax-free charitable gift from your IRA for 2009. If you are at least 70 1/2 years of age or older, you can make a gift from your IRA directly to The Rotary Foundation. This is a tax-free gift. While you cannot claim a charitable deduction, you do not pay federal income tax on the amount, so therefore your gift is tax-free.

To Qualify:

- You must be at least 70½ years of age at the time of your gift.
- Your gift must be transferred by your plan provider directly to The Rotary Foundation.
- Your gift can be directed from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA.

View from the Tables

Meeting Called to order at 12:15 p.m. by **President John Brunow**
Greeter: **Paul Berger**
Pledge: **Larry Warren**
Prayer: **Richard Lukens**
Song: "My Country 'Tis of Thee" led by **David van Valkenburg**
Reporter: **David van Valkenburg**
Sergeant-at-Arms: **Devika Schutzengel**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ViVa! Vienna!: Final preparations are underway for our annual May 23-25 fund raising event.



Maud Robinson will be honored for her career of public service on Saturday, June 13 at the Volunteer Fire Department, 200 Center Street South.



DISTRICT ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR



District Photographer Dave Mercer had to unexpectedly put his camera down for a few minutes at the recent District Conference when his name was announced as the recipient of the 2008-2009 District 7610 Rotarian of the Year. A member of the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads with perfect attendance for more than 23 years, Dave, who also serves as Assistant Governor for the five Prince William County Rotary Clubs, accepted the honor from District Governor Chuck Davidson at the Make Dreams Real Banquet on Saturday, April 4, 2009. In announcing Dave as the recipient of the annual honor, Governor Chuck particularly pointed out Dave's commitment to children and the disadvantaged within the community. These characteristics were also reflected in the nomination of Dave by Bailey's Crossroads Club President Chris Hoecke noted, "Over the years, Dave has spearheaded the collection of toys for kids in the Bailey's area, developed and, for many of the years, managed the distribution program for providing meals to low income families in the Bailey's area; he established and managed the program of providing gifts at Christmas for the elderly in both Fairfax County and Arlington, and established the Bailey's program for providing backpacks for school children in the area." Through his work in Rotary and in his community, Dave Mercer exemplifies this year's Rotary International theme, "Make Dreams Real."



Visitors

Peter Kuiskerun, marketing, a prospective member Larry Carr, an attorney, the guest of Larry Warren; Sam Furvardin, an educator, the guest of Luisa Freeman

Visiting Rotarians

Kim McLeland, a financial planner, visiting Rotarian from the Springfield Club

**VIENNA ROTARY
THANKS LOCAL
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George Creed hands check to Vienna Volunteer Fire Department officials



George Creed hands check to Vienna Police Department officials

**Recognition of the
Town of Vienna Volunteerism
Service Above Self Awards**

The Rotary Club of Vienna recognized T.R. Cook, a well-known professional photographer and an Auxiliary Police Officer ever since the Vienna Police Department created the program in 1989.



As part of his personal program to “give back to the Town” of Vienna, Mr. Cook works at least 100 volunteer hours for the Vienna Police Department each year, and is called first whenever photographic skills are needed.

Mr. Cook, who is a member of the Vienna Optimist Club, was accompanied by the Vienna Police Department’s Captain Mike Miller and Officer Bill Murray. He turned the tables on his Captain by reporting the following anecdote. A nine- or ten-year old girl approached Captain Miller on the street, and asked if it was true that children in difficult situations could always turn to uniformed police officers. The Captain allowed as how that was all part of the job.

The little girl then asked him to tie her shoe, which he did.

While a friendly rivalry exists between the Rotary Club of Vienna and the Vienna Optimists, Mr. Cook need not have brought along two police officers as bodyguards. The Rotary Club of Vienna took advantage of their presence to present a check for the continuing operations of the Vienna Police Department’s continuing children’s bicycle safety campaign, managed by Officer Murray.



The Rotary Club of Vienna also recognized Stan Ellis, a 27-year member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, and since 2001, its Treasurer.

He also received the Rotary Club’s donation toward operating expenses.



Kathy Salgado of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department received a check which will finance scholarships for children in need for the Summer Playground program, and in recognition of the special needs of working parents, before and after care.

As if that were not enough, a portion of the funds will go to the Teen Center, where children in sixth, seventh and eighth grade can go after school for safe recreation, socialization, homework help, and in case of need, interventions.

**THANK YOU TOWN
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