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

Calendar of Events

- June 13 Vienna honors Rotarian Maud Robinson for her career of service
- June 22 Alternative House Golf Tournament
- June 24 Installation Dinner for the club's new leadership team, to take place at Clyde's in Tyson's Corner.
- June 25 Grand Opening of the Stroke Comeback Center in Vienna
- Aug 2 "Difficult Run" concert on the Vienna Town Green.



Upcoming Programs

- June 10 Andy Clark
- June 17 Gary Mesich Classification Talk
- June 24 State Senator, Chap Peterson



ViVa! VIENNA! GENERATES RECORD PROFITS

ViVa! Vienna! 2009 was the biggest and best so far, and generated a record amount for Rotary Club of Vienna charities. Hard to believe, but it's time to start preparing for ViVa! Vienna! 2010. Our string of successes during the annual three-day event is very much the result of year-long preparation.

Woody Bentley has notified our club's leadership of the End of an Era. He is relinquishing management of ViVa! Vienna after nine years of outstanding service. The just concluded, record-breaking ViVa! Vienna! 2009 was in final effort in that particular role. He is right to remind us that other Rotarians need the opportunity to share leadership roles.

View from the Tables

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

L. Tomlin announced a Golf tourney to take place on June 22 to benefit a Rotary Club of Vienna charity, Alternative House. This is also a rare opportunity to play at the Westwood Country Club.

A.J. Oskuie announced an invitation to all members of the Rotary Club of Vienna from another of the charities we support, the Stroke Comeback Center, to attend the grand opening of its new home on 145 Park Street SE in Vienna on Thursday, June 25, from 5 to 7 pm.

Vienna Rotarian **Maud Robinson** will be honored for her career of service to Vienna on June 13. The event takes place at the Flame Room from 2-4 pm.

Eleven Vienna Rotarians with a collective 240 years of service selected this year's Peace Scholars.

Outgoing President **John Brunow** announced the June 24 installation dinner



for the club's new leadership team, to take place at Clyde's in Tyson's Corner.

August 2 is the date for the "Difficult Run" concert on the Vienna Town Green.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Professor Peter M. Beck

As it happens, Professor Peter M. Beck's long-scheduled remarks on North Korea came after weeks of near-daily front-page headlines concerning the Hermit Kingdom, which the Professor likened to "Alice in Wonderland in 1984." Beck, who teaches at Georgetown University during the regular academic year and at Ewha University in Seoul during summer terms, speaks Korean, has lived in South Korea, and has had the rare opportunity to make four trips to the North. On one such trip, he even managed to get shed of his Communist Party minders (perhaps "escape" would be a better description) by temporarily joining the entourage of the British Ambassador to Pyongyang, an internationally-protected person.



Professor Beck managed to add a few light-hearted remarks to his analysis of the grim situation in North Korea, for example, imagining Kim Jong-il's disappointment at falling from No. 1 to No. 3 on Parade Magazine's annual list of the world's worst dictators.



Visiting Rotarians

Roger Ernst, a retired Foreign Service Officer and member of the New Tampa(FL) Rotary Club, was joined by his wife of 57 years, Jean.

Guests

- Peter M. Beck, today's speaker, who has also been proposed for membership by David van Valkenburg.
- Bill Naehle, the guest of **Keith Bodamer** and a prospective Rotarian.
- Stephen Jones of Reston, VA, the guest of Skip Jones.
- Jay Marshall, the guest of **President-Elect Jim Marshall**.
- **Skip Jones'** son also attended as a guest.

Gambling



The small pot of \$ 28 was won by **Richard Gray** which he donated back to the club. The large pot was \$ 682 which continues to grow.



Richard Gray also won the Blackberry-Peach pie, donated by the Pie Gourmet, which was enjoyed by all at his table.

**Rotary Club of Vienna
2008- 2009 Leadership Team**

- President** – John Brunow
- President Elect** – Jim Marshall
- Vice President** – Richard Lukens
- Past President** - Larry Warren
- Director at Large** - Matt Brennan
- Executive Secretary** - Gerry Hamilton
- Treasurer** – Howard Svigals
- Chair Administration Committee** – David Helfgott
- Director Club Service** - Joe Pace
- Chair Membership Committee** – A.J. Oskuie
- Chair Public Relations** – Wayne Jackson
- Chair The Rotary Foundation Committee** – Jorge Diaz
- Vienna Rotary Foundation** – Matt Brennan
- Chair Viva! Vienna!** – Woody Bentley
- Dir. Vocational Service** - Duni Schutzensengel
- Dir. International Service** - Jim Marshall
- Vice Chair Intern'al Service** - J. Scholes

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Professor Beck argued the case for and against simply ignoring North Korea.

On the one hand, Kim Jong-il has no missiles that can hit the United States, nor the prospect of developing such missiles anytime soon. The much stronger case for remaining engaged on this issue, is:

- The United States has a moral obligation, a security commitment, and 28,000 American soldiers at risk in South Korea.
- The North Koreans have nuclear weapons, and have proven time and again that they will sell anything to anyone for hard currency. North Korea has already shared nuclear technology with Syria, a state sponsor of terrorism.
- Selling an actual weapon to Syria, or Syrian-sponsored Hezbollah, is only one step further.
- Two U.S. journalists are being held by the North Koreans at virtual hostages.
- The 24 million subjects of the Kim Jung-Il regime enjoy almost no human rights and their basic human needs, including adequate food to eat, are rarely met. Two hundred thousand North Koreans suffer in a gulag of prison camps.

“Don't believe anyone who tells you he or she knows what's really going on in North Korea,” Professor Beck told Rotarians. “No one really does.

Our best sources are satellite images, official news releases [from the North] and defectors. There is a large community of North Koreans living illegally in the People's Republic of China.”

According to Beck, the conventional wisdom is that North Korea provokes its neighbors and the United States because it wants attention and bribes. Perhaps the North Koreans believe that if their regime weren't a problem, the world would ignore it.

Beck is the first to remind his audience that no one, including Beck, knows what really motivates the North Koreans. However, he cited timing and circumstances that lead him to suspect that Kim Jong-il's recent provocations may have more to do with strengthening his own position within the North Korean regime, and assuring the succession of his youngest son.

Beck lamented that the Obama Administration has been given one more crisis and no good options. Sanctions can't work without the full participation of the People's Republic of China, which is not expected. There is no

military option, especially since the United States government probably doesn't even know how many nuclear weapons North Korea has, or where each one is located. Neglect will not work. No one in the Obama Administration seems inclined to negotiate, especially in view of the popular perception that North Korea was already “paid” for good behavior that never materialized by the Clinton and Bush Administrations.

“The North Koreans are masters of brinkmanship, but they could miscalculate.... No one wants a military clash, but it can't be ruled out.”

Professor Beck then took questions from Rotarians, whose questions he later described as very well-informed. While the meeting was adjourned promptly at 1:30, the Professor stayed after to speak informally with many interested Rotarians.

Rotary Meeting Information

Monday

- 7:30 AM Alexandria South IHOP
- 7:30 AM Fair Lakes Fair Lakes Hyatt Regency
- 12:00 PM Alexandria West End Duke's Café
- 12:15 PM Fairfax American Legion Post 177
- 12:30 PM Sterling Logan's Roadhouse

Tuesday

- 7:30 AM Bull Run City Tavern Manassas
- 7:30 AM Leesburg Tuscarora Mill Rest.
- 7:30 AM Burke Brion's Grill Burke
- 11:30 AM Centerville-Eggspectations in Chantilly
- 12:00 PM McLean Redeemer Lutheran Church
- 12:15 PM Alexandria Radisson Hotel Old Town
- 12:30 PM Roslyn-Fort Myer Vantage Point Rest.

Wednesday

- 7:30 AM West Springfield Springfield CC
- 7:30 AM Crystal City Crystal City Marriott
- 7:30 AM Herndon Amphora Diner Deluxe
- 7:30 AM Gainesville-Haymarket Piedmont Ctry Club
- 12:15 PM Annandale Squire Rockwell's Rest.
- 12:15 PM Manassas City Tavern Grille
- 12:15 PM Reston Hunters Hidden Creek CC

Thursday

- 7:30 AM Tysons Corner Tower Club
- 12:15 PM Arlington La Cote d' Or
- 12:15 PM Springfield Greenspring Village Sq.
- 12:15 PM Warrenton Fauquier Springs CC
- 6:30 PM Falls Church Harvest Moon Rest.

Friday

- 7:30 AM Bailey's Crossroads Athens Rest.
- 7:30 AM Dulles Center for Innovative Tech
- 12:30 PM Dunn Loring J.R.'s Stockyards Inn

See
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for complete list of meeting times

