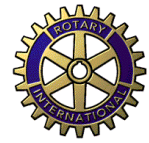


VIENNA ROTARY NEWS



THE ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA IS A CLUB OF EXCELLENCE, HAVING FUN AND COMMITTED TO SERVICE

July 29, 2009

ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA, Inc.
Chartered 1965

"Celebrating our 44th year of Service to the Community"

Wednesdays 12:15 PM

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



Calendar of Events



Aug 2

"Difficult Run" concert on the Vienna Town Green.

View from the Tables

Meeting Called to order at 12:15 p.m.

by **President Jim Marshall**

Pledge: led by **Devika Gupta**

Prayer: offered by **Rev. John Tate**

Song: "My Country 'Tis of Thee" led by **David Helgott**

Happy Talk

John Brunow reported that the other candidate for the 35th District seat in the House of Delegates, Jim Hyland, had submitted a membership application, which would be considered by the leadership team that very evening.



Upcoming Programs

Aug 5

State Senator Chap Peterson

Reporter: **David van Valkenburg**
Sergeant-at-Arms: **Devika Gupta**

Joe Bridge was happy to report that he and John Brunow had bicycled across the state of Iowa, border to border.

SPECIAL NOTES

Craig Richey attempted to do a make-up meeting while in Montreal, only to discover that Rotarians in that city take the summer off!

Service Above Self, but not Above Wife!

Your reporter provided the reason why he missed a Rotary meeting in June. Just before the appointed hour, he received a call from his wife, reporting that "something had happened," and she was at the George Washington University Hospital. His wife requested that he join her as soon as possible *after he completed his note-taking responsibilities!* While your reporter elected to skip the lunch and head to the hospital without delay, he was touched by his wife's comprehension of a commitment to the Club.



Words of Wisdom

The only way anyone can prove his love of his fellowman is through service to his fellowman.

The Rotarian, February 1921



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotarians are encouraged to attend our Concert on the Vienna Town Green, featuring the "Difficult Run Jazz Band," which takes place on August 2. Free Admission for all.

Rotary International's International Conference takes place in Montreal from June 20-23 in Montreal. District Governor Horace McCormack hopes for a great participation and plans to organize bus transport, and to make sure there are added opportunities for fun along the way. "The first time you attend one of the international events, you will discover a whole new dimension to Rotary International."

Happy Talk

David van Valkenburg was happy that the Rotary Club of Vienna had provided both candidates for the Vienna seat in the Virginia House of Delegates (35th District) the opportunity to address the Club. He was also pleased that one of those candidates, Mark Keam, was a member of the Vienna Rotary Club, and seated at the next table. And while the Rotary spirit prevented Mark from soliciting campaign contributions at Rotary meetings, nothing prevented Mark from accepting the campaign contribution check that David then handed him.

Woody Bentley was happy to report that four of his five grandchildren had vacationed with him at the Evergreen Resort. His grandchildren took to the sport of kayaking. Woody Bentley reported that, in the interest of public safety, he had given up kayaking after several disastrous attempts.

Richard Grey was unhappy to report a lack of progress in getting his son, the recent recipient of two bachelor's degrees from George Mason University, to move out of his basement. His son does have an unpaid job in the campaign of Steve Shannon (D-Fairfax), our current District 35 member of the House of Delegates, who is presently running for the office of Attorney-General of Virginia. Richard urged members to help elect Shannon, so that he can put Richard's son on his paid staff.

Happy Talk

Gambling



Those members who realized that the usual pie had failed to arrive from the generous donors at the Pie Gourmet were reluctant to buy tickets. Nonetheless, the small pot was \$20, and was won by Joe Bridge who resolved to head off to the Pie Gourmet to spend his winnings. The large pot is now \$57.

Happy Talk



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Horace McCormack
District Governor

Assistant Governor Lester Schoene, Jr. introduced today's speaker, District Governor Horace McCormack. Governor McCormack, who was born in Kingston, Jamaica, is the founder (in 1997) and owner of HGM Management and Technologies, Inc., and the President of the Church Council of the Faith Moravian Church of the National Capital.

Governor McCormack started by giving credit to some especially-deserving Vienna Rotarians. He recognized Woody Bentley as an especially-strict Sergeant-at-Arms at national leadership meetings. "You see Woody Bentley everywhere," the Governor reported. He recognized Archie Tinelli for his motivational speech to Assistant Governors in training at Culpepper. He presented Mark Keam with Rotary International's "Rising Star" award and lapel pin. He singled out George Creed as the Vienna Rotarian who had made perhaps the greatest contribution in the last year.

Governor McCormack represents Rotary International President John Kenny in our District (7610). Both began their one-year terms of office on July 1. McCormack described President Kenny's 2009-2010 theme, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." Its strategic goals are literacy, combating hunger, clean water, sanitation and health, especially Polio Eradication, which remains Rotary International's top priority. Nearly one billion world-wide cannot read. Nearly one billion world-wide lack access to safe drinking water. Two-billion six-hundred million lack safe sanitation. Six-million six-hundred thousand children die each year before their fifth birthdays.

Bill Gates was an unannounced speaker at the recent training in San Diego for 530 incoming District Governors, including Governor McCormack. Gates complimented Rotary International which was then just meeting his previous \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication. "You could have heard a pin drop when Bill Gates promised an additional \$255 million if Rotary International would match it with an additional \$100 million." Then the assembly roared, with Governors pledging to make it happen.

Governor McCormack recognized that Rotarians volunteer time and make financial contributions out of humanitarianism, not as a way of seeking personal publicity. Still, we must promote Rotary International in order to promote its programs, stated the Governor. To that end, the Governor cited Viva! Vienna! and the Vienna Rotary Club's Fourth of July Banner, which was seen by perhaps 30,000 local residents per day.



This banner flew over Maple Avenue/Route 123 leading up to the Fourth of July Celebration. With 30,000 vehicles pass under the banner each day there should have been some Public Image points gained for Rotary. Governor McCormack asked the Rotary Club of Vienna to continue aligning its programs and giving with those of the District and with Rotary International. Governor McCormack stated that he knew from reports and from our website that the Rotary Club of Vienna was already an outstanding club, "perhaps the best in the District."

Turning to his own program for District 7610, Governor McCormack asked Rotarians to "work hard and have fun." People who knew him knew he loved fun, he stated. Further, Rotary didn't have much of a future unless it stayed fun.

District 7610 (Northern Virginia) is partnered with District 7020 (Northern Caribbean) and is supporting a school in Haiti and a Polio Rehab Center in Jamaica. District 7610's Group Study Exchange (GSE) travel this year will send a delegation to Montego Bay, Jamaica in April 2010, and receive a Caribbean delegation into its own homes in Northern Virginia.

Sidebar:

Rotary International as Crossroads of the World: Conversation overheard after the meeting, between your District Governor and your Reporter.

Reporter: I was an American Vice Consul at the American Embassy in Jamaica from 1982 to 1984. Was that before or after you left Jamaica and came to the United States?

Governor: Well, I got my first visa, a student visa to study at Brooklyn Polytechnic, in 1983. I was so happy and relieved to get it, after making my preparations and standing in that line.

Reporter: Well, in 1983, I was one of four Vice Consuls screening student visa applicants. Do I look at all familiar to you? If you didn't apply at Window One, you certainly walked past Window One to apply at Window Two, Three or Four at our Oxford Street premises.

Governor: Can I have your card? I'd like to follow up with you.

