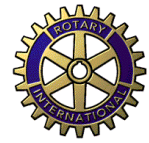


VIENNA ROTARY NEWS



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ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA, Inc.
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"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



Sept 30 RCV Leadership Meeting



Upcoming Programs

Eric Koehler, Jewish
Sept 30 Community Center of
Northern Virginia

Visitors

Hank Sternberg introduced his pre-school daughter, Stephanie, as a prospective Rotarian.

Visiting Rotarians

Juan Diego Finsterbusch, a two-time Past-President of the Rotary Club of Rio Plata, Argentina, visited the Rotary Club of Vienna while in town to see his daughter and her family.



FINES

Bob Easton was fined for omitting to wear pants. (No photograph was available)

The Rev. John Tate was fined for allowing his cell phone to ring audibly during our meeting. Perhaps thinking that the call might relate to a higher calling, Rev. John protested the fine. Sergeant-at-Arms Devika Schutzensel informed him that his protest came too late, as she had already lifted a dollar from some loose bills at his place, and that no appeals, to any power, would be entertained.

View from the Tables

Meeting Called to order at 12:15 p.m. by **President Jim Marshall**

Pledge: led by **President Jim Marshall**

Meeting Secretary: **Howard Svigals**

Prayer: offered by **Past President John Brunow**

Song: "God Bless America" led by **Richard Lukens**

Reporter: **David van Valkenburg**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Devika Gupta**

Greeter: **Paul Berger**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woody Bentley attended the Foundation Seminar on behalf of the Rotary Club of Vienna. He learned about the disposition of our humanitarian funds toward reducing illiteracy and hunger, and promoting development and access to clean drinking water. Woody reminded us that every project we fund is co-sponsored and monitored by Rotarians in the areas where the funds are dispersed.

The Rotary Club of Vienna was recognized as a top club, one of eleven in the District where 100% of members contributed personal funds toward humanitarian projects. The Rotary Club of Vienna came close to being **the** top club in per capita giving, so consider contributing a few extra dollars this year.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Your reporter, David van Valkenburg, won a canister of Trail's End® Gourmet Carmel Corn with Almonds, Pecans & Cashews, part of the line sold by area Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as their major annual fundraiser.

Craig Richie and Joe Bridge won tickets to an October 4 fund-raising show (Marty Henne, Pianist – Singer – Humorist, performing Fun and Familiar Favorites) at the Vienna Baptist Church. Proceeds of the show benefit The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, which is a Rotary Club of Vienna charitable grantee.

The rest of you can buy tickets for \$15. Contact Keith Bodamer, who is a Good Shepherd's Center board member.

Gambling



Jeff Aten won the small pot of \$ 25. He donated it back to the club.

The large pot was \$ 200 and continues to grow.



A Mixed Fruit (apple, peach, raspberry and blueberry) pie, donated by the Pie Gourmet, was enjoyed at the table of your reporter, David van Valkenburg. This allows your reporter to provide further coverage on this outstanding desert. The apples and blueberries are fresh. The Pie Gourmet uses peaches and raspberries that are frozen **raw**, and taste very much like **fresh** peaches and raspberries when baked into a pie.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Patricia Greenfield
Fight the Flu Program

Our speaker, Patricia Greenfield, RN, PhD, spoke on behalf of Inova's "Fight the Flu Program." She distinguished between the annual seasonal flu, which this year has been denominated as "Seasonal Influenza A," and "Novel H1N1 Influenza." The media refers to the latter as "swine flu," although it is in fact a mutated virus containing swine, avian and human influenza strains.

The seasonal flu is most dangerous for individuals over 65- or under 3-years-of-age. An immunization has already been released, and she highly recommends early administration.

A vaccine for the "Novel H1N1" flu is likely to be available in October. Although the "novel" flu is no more virulent than the seasonal flu, few individuals have even partial immunity to this strain resulting from immunizations or illnesses in previous years. Because we have less immunity, we are more likely to catch it. Pregnant women and anyone under the age of 25 are at high risk. Dr. Greenfield recommends early immunization.

Sufferers of either kind of flu receive the same treatment. In a typical year, 5-20% of the U.S. population gets the flu, 200,000 are hospitalized, and 36,000 die. The great risk this year is that, because the U.S. population as a whole has little immunity to "Novel H1N1 Influenza," up to 50% could contract the disease, potentially inundating hospital emergency rooms and staggering worker productivity. Keep in mind that this is only a possibility. Novel H1N1 could have as little impact as Y2K, or hit the nation harder than Hurricane Katrina. Wash your hands and cover your mouth. Stay home if you are sick.

After adjournment at 1:30, several Rotarians hung back to ask Dr. Greenfield individual questions. Joe Manelski told Dr. Greenfield that he will be hosting 150 Yale University students in his home in the near future (30 at a time). Dr. Greenfield provided practical tips (the most important of which was arranging for Yale to vaccinate the 150 students in advance) for avoiding turning his home into an influenza incubator.

David van Valkenburg received advice from Dr. Greenfield in protecting loved ones with impaired immune systems, such as his wife, who is undergoing extensive chemotherapy for breast cancer. Her advice was for the cancer patient **and** family members to get immunized.



Paul Berger was happy to recognize the good works of a Rotary Club of Vienna grantee, the Stroke Come-back Center.

Woody Bentley was happy to report that his son and three grandchildren had moved back to the local area.

George Creed was happy to report that his daughter has been hired to teach in the Fairfax County Public Schools Gifted and Talented program, and that her commute will now be 15 miles, not 40.

Duni Schutzengel was happy to commemorate the life of the late Edward Moore Kennedy, Senior Senator from Massachusetts.

Rev. John Tate was happy that his sail boat is back in the water and that he is once again an active skipper.

John Brunow was happy to announce his 39th wedding anniversary. He threw 40 dollars into the hat, so he is presumably covered for next year in advance.

Your reporter contributed a dollar because he was happy that he and Argentine Rotarian Juan Diego Finsterbusch had an opportunity to car pool to today's meeting.

Your reporter tossed in a ten-spot and announced that his brother-in-law had returned to Mexico that morning.

Visiting Rotarian Juan Diego Finsterbusch was happy to report that his daughter is moving to a better home but still in the Vienna area, which would most likely provide him with several future opportunities to visit our club. He plans to introduce two Rotary Club of Vienna practices to his home club, the Rotary Club of Rio Plata, Argentina: the singing of the national anthem, and an opportunity for members to contribute "happy talk," not to mention Argentine Pesos, at club meetings.

