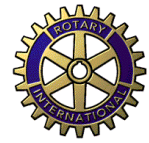


VIENNA ROTARY NEWS



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September 2, 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



- Sept 19 Navy Federal 5k Run/Walk
- Sept 30 RCV Leadership Meeting
- Oct 4 Marty Henne Show
- Oct 8 Club Fall Social
- Oct 21 Leadership Meeting



Upcoming Programs

- Sept 30 Eric Koehler, Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia

The leadership meeting has been changed from October 28th to October 21.

Visitors

- David Helfgott introduced his young children, Nathan and Rachael.
- Woody Bentley introduced his young grandson, William Chamberland Bentley, III.

Visiting Rotarians

None



FINES

It was suggested that the editor be fined for failing to publish the correct spelling of two of our esteemed doctors in last week's newsletter. The editor humbly apologizes for the misprint.

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: **Ron Balderson**

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

Song: "America the Beautiful" led by

Richard Lukens

Reporter: **David van Valkenburg**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **George Eichert**

Greeter: **Paul Berger**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelter Box, a Rotary International charity, forwarded a certificate indicating that the Shelter Box paid for by the Rotary Club of Vienna had been deployed in the Swabi Region of Pakistan, where "the recent conflict in the area had created 2.4 million refugees from fighting between the [Pakistani] army and [Taliban] militants." [Swabi is located in the North West Frontier Province, directly south of the Swat Valley, about which much has been reported of late in the media.]

Jim Purdon reported on his service in evaluating this year's Rotary "Ambassadorial Scholars." He has performed this service for ten years now. In some years, he has struggled to identify worthy candidates among the applicants. This year, he was faced with deciding among "ten or so" applicants who absolutely deserved the two available positions. As an example, he cited two college roommates who had started an internet shoe company, run out of their dormitory room, and then contributed 100% of the profits to sustain an orphanage in Kenya.

The Navy Federal five-kilometer run/walk is set for September 19. More than one Rotary Club of Vienna member will be participating. Proceeds benefit CHO (Committee for Helping Others, sponsored by Vienna area churches).

Get your tickets for the October 4 fundraising 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. See Shepherd Center board members Keith Bodamer and Rev. John Tate.

Gerry Hamilton announced that our Fall Social will take place on October 8 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the premises of the Stroke Comeback Center, a RCV-sponsored charity.

Whole Foods®, a premium Vienna grocery, is contributing 5% of its gross receipts today (September 2, 2009) to the Stroke Comeback Center.

Gambling



Jim Bridge won the small pot of \$ 22. He donated it back to the club. The large pot was \$ 160 and continues to grow.



An Apple-Raspberry pie, donated by the Pie Gourmet, was enjoyed at the table of Bob "Bermuda Shorts" Easton.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jennifer Jensen
First Home Care



Jennifer Jensen, a native of Utah and the recipient of a Bachelor's Degree from Brigham Young University, spoke on behalf of "First Home Care," which has an Alexandria, VA office that currently has 38 children placed in 33 Northern Virginia homes. [Reporter's note: "First Home Care" is a subsidiary of "Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.," a publicly traded company with a NASDAQ quote of \$26.95 as of today's date.] Ms. Jensen described Rotarians as "builders, not wreckers" in society, and so one of the groups she regularly addresses to publicize the need for foster homes for these children, "99% of whom have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused.... Their parents are typically drug abusers, incarcerated or homeless, and always involved in some way with the court system."

Ms. Jensen reported that most of the funding for foster care comes from the federal government, which also sets legal and regulatory standards. The money filters through the states, which pass it along to the counties and superintend its use. The counties run their own foster care programs, but tend to turn to organizations like Home First Care [a for-profit corporation, although this information was not shared during the presentation] to take the most difficult individual cases, a category referred to as "treatment foster care" or "therapeutic foster care." Home First Care recruits, trains and pays foster parents to provide the actual care. A typical foster child remains with the foster family (a married couple or a single individual, but not a cohabiting couple, because of First Home Care's moral standards) for six to eighteen months. Fifty-eight percent of the children eventually return to their biologic families.

The foster children placed by Home First Care include teenagers, teenage mothers, undocumented alien children, younger children with intensive behavioral issues, older children with substance abuse issues, and children who are sex offenders. They often suffer from depression, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and engage in highly disruptive behavior.

Ms. Jensen was unable to answer questions about the eventual fate of the children receiving services through her corporation, but the Vienna Rotary Club's own Rev. John Tate was able to respond. Eighty percent of the U.S. prison population consists of former foster children. About 33% of foster children complete high school, and about 2% complete college.



Rev. Tate serves as a Board Member of United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) of Richmond, VA. As a registered charity, recognized by the IRS and affiliated with the United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign, the UMFS recruits and trains foster parents. Since it is a charity, not a for-profit corporation, the UMFS also solicits charitable contributions.

Prospective foster parents may wish to consider whether they would be better affiliated with a church or a corporation. Your reporter suggested to the Rev. Tate that he consider addressing the RCV on the foster care issue or the overall mission of the UMFS in the near future.

 **Happy Talk** 

Jim Purdon was happy that his daughter was back, safe and sound, from her second tour in Iraq. (She did two tours in Afghanistan, too!) As a single, childless woman, she has decided to spend her accumulated premium pay to buy a red, Jaguar XKE for \$104,000!

Jim also thanked the Shepherd's Center for allowing another daughter, Emily, to grow as a summer volunteer.

Woody Bentley announced that his son, who is currently studying at the National War College, had the opportunity to interview the former *Joint Chiefs of Staff* Chairman, General Richard Myers, in connection with his academic research on Africa.

Joe Pace missed a recent RCV meeting, but had the opportunity to do a make-up meeting in Holland, Michigan.

David Helfgott and his family participated in a week-long cruise to Boston (Massachusetts), Bar Harbor (Maine), St. John's (Newfoundland) and Halifax (Nova Scotia).

 **Happy Talk** 

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships is one of Rotary International's nine structured programs designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process.

Rotary Fellowships encompass a variety of interests ranging from recreational and vocational interests to medical and health-related concerns to specific humanitarian projects as a means of furthering international fellowship, friendship, and service.

Rotary Fellowships informally began in 1928 when a group of Rotarians with an interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947 Rotarians organized a group of boating enthusiasts.

These activities gained more attention and operated over the years as World Fellowship Activities, International Vocational Contact Groups, and Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships.

Health and medical-related groups were brought into the program in 2001, resulting in the Rotary Fellowships program.

- Each fellowship is operated independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- There are more than 80 fellowship groups ranging from AIDS activists, to floral designers, to editors and publishers.
- Membership is open to Rotarians, and in some instances, to spouses and Rotaractors as well.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIP PROJECTS

- **Heart Surgery Survivors Fellowship:** Goal is to distribute information about heart procedures, members also assist the Gift of Life program, an initiative of Rotary clubs that brings disadvantaged children with life-threatening heart defects to more developed countries for surgeries.
- **Bird-Watching Rotarians:** Help to finance a bird sanctuary and nature study center at a preserve that is a magnet for birds. The project aims to educate the public, especially school-children, about the Indian subcontinent's bird species, some of which are nearing extinction due to habitat destruction.
- **Amateur Astronomers Fellowship:** Sponsor an astronomy camp designed for Rotarians, teachers, students, and others to learn about astronomy.

To Learn more about Rotary Fellowships, visit

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GlobalNetworkingGroups/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

