

The DISTRICT



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SERVICE Above Self

John McKone, District Governor, 2005-06

Rotary Foundation

Did you know?

- The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program? Since 1947, approximately \$334 million has been expended on some 30,000 scholarships for people from more than 125 countries studying in 105 countries around the world. (Please note local Rotary clubs initially select these students.)
- Group Study Exchange (GSE) is one of the most popular programs of the Rotary Foundation. Since its inception in 1965, 35,000 business and professional men and women have served on about 6,500 teams at a cost of \$59 million. (Again, please note these people are all selected by local Rotary clubs to represent their district and countries.)
- Since it was launched in 1985, Rotary Polio Plus has been a massive effort to immunize the world's children against this dreaded disease. Rotarians and our health partners, W.H.O., C.D.C., and other governmental agencies have raised over \$600 million to vaccinate over 2 billion children. This effort will eradicate polio from the world in the next few years. (Many of these vaccinated children live in the U.S.A.)
- Based on these and many other projects (Pure Water, Hunger, Poverty, Literacy) we know our money is being spent wisely and in most cases received by thankful fellow Rotarians in the developing

world. Let's continue to do our part to support the Rotary Foundation in 2005-06!

Dates to Remember

- April 27-30, 2006. District 7610 Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- June 11-14, 2006. International Rotary Convention will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmo, Sweden.

Thanks to All

It is great to see all the input to last month's newsletter. It is our newsletter and we do want to print as much current news as possible. We do make mistakes at times (yes, we are human!) But bear with us. An example of our "hiccups" was last month's attendance report and your Governor's comments. Hopefully, that problem will be corrected this month.

A Letter from our R.I. President and our Trustee Chairman of the Rotary Foundation

11 October 2005

Dear District Governors:

We are deeply saddened to learn of the recent earthquake that hit Pakistan, Afghanistan and India, and of the floods and mudslides in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua caused by Hurricane Stan. We are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assisting the communities affected by this disaster. To learn of these catastrophes that have taken the

lives of more than 30,000 people is devastating.

We are writing to you to provide you with information on how you may work through



John & Norma McKone

Rotary to make a contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis. Although Rotary International does not have a fund to provide immediate relief to individuals in times of disaster, RI's International Service section provides information resources regarding club and district disaster relief efforts on the RI Web site www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefforts.html.

Rotarians wishing to contribute funds and/or donated goods to disaster victims may visit the Web site for opportunities to work with clubs in the affected areas. Please note that contributions to these relief efforts do not qualify for Rotary Foundation recognition.

As always, we encourage you to work with organizations such as UNICEF and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the earthquake.

While an immediate response is necessary at this time, we encourage you to begin thinking of long-term assistance projects. Please visit the RI Programs Web pages on the RI Web

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site (www.rotary.org/programs/wcs) for information on the World Community Service Projects Exchange and The Rotary Foundation Web pages (www.rotary.org/foundation/grants) for information on Humanitarian Grants.

It is our hope that with your rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help thousands of innocent people impacted by this crisis rebuild their lives. Thank you for your commitment to helping those in need and in demonstrating "Service Above Self."

Sincerely,
Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar,
RI President

Frank Devlyn,
Trustee Chairman
The Rotary Foundation

Speakers for November

by Bill Robinson,
Alexandria Rotary Club



Are you making your program plans for November? As you know, November is Rotary Foundation Month. One of the best ways to inform your members about Rotary is to schedule a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to speak at your club meeting.

Here are some scholars who are willing to speak:

Elena Collings
Studied in Scotland
(703) 379-8654

Mark A. Troppe
Studied in England
(703) 237-8136

Lucia Cluster
Studied in Hong Kong
(703) 276-0748

All of these will make excellent speakers. Call me if I can help (703-360-4909).

As a Matter of Information ... CLUB CLINIC *

- Q.** I know that clubs can be terminated for nonpayment of financial obligations to Rotary International but can they also be terminated for not paying to the district fund?
- A.** Yes. At their July 2003 meeting the R.I. Board of Directors authorized the general secretary to act on its behalf to terminate the membership of any club that fails to pay its dues or other financial obligations to R.I. or its approved contributions to the district fund. If the Secretariat receives certification from the district governor that a club has failed for more than six months to pay the approved per capita levy, R.I. would be obliged to terminate the club. A district fund may be used for various district expenses from the financing of district-sponsored

projects to the administration and development of Rotary in the district. The per capita levy is decided at the district conference after the approval of three-fourths of incoming club presidents present, or a majority of conference electors. For more information please contact your local Club and District Administration representative.

* Taken from page 2, "Rotary World", October 2005, Vol. 12, No. 2.

Thank You!

I deeply appreciate the fact that all of our clubs have paid their 2005-06 District dues. A few still have accounts to be paid at R.I. They have been advised again.

Governor's Club Visits End

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have completed my annual, formal club visits. Thanks to all of you for the time and effort expended to receive Norma and me. We appreciate deeply the warm reception we received at each of the clubs. Again, thanks! It made my job so much easier to work with you in the spirit of warm Rotary friendship.

John McKone,
District Governor, District 7610

CHANGES TO DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Gainesville-Haymarket's chartered date should be changed from July 1, 2002 to June 25, 2002.

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CLUB PRESIDENTS

*A friendly reminder
from your
District Governor...*

**November is the
month to get your
club's nominating
committee in gear. Be
ready to have your
election in early
December.**

WHY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION EVERY YEAR?

By Ron Marion, District Foundation Training Committee Chair

Ever ask yourself why you should contribute to the Rotary Foundation...and why it is important for every Rotarian to contribute every year? District Rotarians learned the answers to those questions during the recent District Foundation Seminar, held at the Colonial Forge High School, Stafford VA, on August 27, 2005.

The venue was familiar to most attendees but the format this year was both different and exciting. There were the traditional plenary and breakout sessions, but the information on the Rotary Foundation was presented this year in a game show format – “Jeopardy.” Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator John Smarge led an informative and fun filled game that pitted experienced and new Rotarians in their knowledge of Rotary Foundation facts and activities. Additionally, the senior District leadership had to defend their personal knowledge of the Rotary Foundation as contestants and was challenged by RRFC Smarge on their knowledge of Rotary Foundation facts.

All in all, contestants and attendees had fun and gained both in the knowledge and understanding of the Rotary Foundation’s role within Rotary International, and the myriad of programs the Rotary Foundation supports each year. Armed with handouts and an informative CD-ROM, each attendee left the seminar better prepared to share their knowledge with fellow Rotarians.

The topic areas covered during the seminar included:

Rotary Programs

- Humanitarian Programs and Grants (...did you know that Rotary Districts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama are helping the victims of Katrina and Rita every day?)
- Educational Programs and Grants (...did you know that Rotary International sponsors and funds the largest private scholarship program in the world?)
- Polio Status Worldwide & Rotary’s Polio Plus Program (...did you know that Rotary International has been singled out as one of the major forces in the eradication of Polio worldwide?)

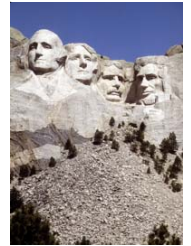
Fund Development

- Annual Fund (...did you know that the Annual Fund finances the yearly operation and support of RI programs, worldwide?)
- Permanent Fund (...did you know that the Permanent Fund is the long range financial program and investment account of RI?)
- SHARE (...did you know that through the SHARE concept, Rotary Districts share in the decision-making process by choosing which Foundation contributions in any given year are invested for three years before being spent on any programs. At the end of three years, each Rotary District’s contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are divided into two funds: 50 % is credited to the World Fund to pay for worldwide programs available to all Rotary Districts regardless of specific contributions, and the other 50% is returned to the district as the District Designated Fund (DDF). The DDF is available to the contributing District for Ambassadorial Scholarships, Matching Grants for International Humanitarian Projects, Group Study Exchange visits, and more.)
- Every Rotarian Every Year (...did you know that every Rotarian is asked to contribute at least \$100 each year to support on-going Foundation programs?)

PRESIDENT’S RETREAT UPDATE

by DG John McKone

We have been advised by the Hilton Garden Hotel in Fredericksburg, VA that their facility will still be under construction on November 5, 2005. Therefore the meeting location has been changed to the Holiday Inn, located on highway 29 by-pass in Culpeper, VA. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, and end promptly at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. The registration fee remains at \$30.00. Prizes will be given to the AG’s and Presidents who have the most people attending. Formal invitations and program agendas have been sent to each AG and club president. Please plan to attend this important and informative event.



Be ready to discuss some of our common challenges in membership recruiting, Foundation giving, Hurricane Katrina disaster efforts, and establishment of new clubs in the district. See you there!

Rotary Day at the UN, 5 November 2005

Rotary Day at the UN in New York is quickly approaching. Rotarians and their friends are invited to a unique opportunity to visit the United Nations headquarters in New York and participate in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the UN, UN-affiliated nongovernmental organizations and Rotary International. This event is sponsored each year by the RI Representatives to the United Nations in New York. The deadline for registration is 22 October and there will be NO on-site registration.

Go to <http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/international.html> for more information and how to register for Rotary Day at the UN.

DISTRICT 7610 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 4, 2005

District Conference Meeting
Holiday Inn Select
Fredericksburg, VA
11:00 AM

November 5, 2005

President's Retreat
Holiday Inn, Culpeper, VA
10:00 a.m

November 19, 2005

Rotary Leadership Institutes
parts I, II and III
University of Mary Washington
Fredericksburg, Va.

December 3, 2005

Train the Trainer
"The Gari Melcher's Complex"
Fredericksburg, VA

January 20 – January 21, 2006

Assistant Governor & District
Staff Training
Holiday Inn, Culpeper, VA

March 10 – March 11, 2006

Virginia PETS
Virginian Crossings Resort
Glen Allen, VA

April 8, 2006

Club Leadership Training
Seminar
(AKA District Assembly)
Colonial Forge High School,
Stafford, VA

March 25, 2006

Rotary Leadership
Institutes parts I, II and III
George Mason University
Fairfax, Va.

April 27 – 30, 2006

District Conference
Holiday Inn Select
Fredericksburg, VA

June 11 – 15, 2006

Rotary International
Convention
Copenhagen, Denmark &
Malmo, Sweden

June 25, 2006

District Awards &
Installation Banquet
Fredericksburg Country Club
Fredericksburg, VA

YOUTH EXCHANGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

*by Bruna Souza, Exchange Student
(sponsored by Manassas Bull Run
Rotary Club)*

Hi. My name is Bruna Souza and I am an exchange student from Brazil. I have been sponsored by the Manassas Bull Run Rotary Club and I attend Osborn High School for the school year. Thank you to the Bull Run Rotarians for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime. I want to study to be a doctor when I finish high school and I know my experience is going to change my life.

I would love to talk to you about my exchange. I will be speaking at the District Conference in April. I am excited to tell everyone about this wonderful experience. If you want more information call Kay Eckler at 540-854-9147. I hope to see you soon.



Awards Program for '05-'06 *by Steve Klemp, District Awards Chair*

With most of your members back from summer vacations now, your club's service projects are probably getting into high gear this month. This is also a good time to start thinking about obtaining District and other recognition for your club's projects. The District "Avenues of Service" Awards are designed to recognize outstanding achievements in each avenue, by club size and for joint projects. How do you compete? The procedures are essentially unchanged from last year: When you complete an activity, just fill out a nomination form for *each project* you'd like the judges to consider. Send it to me, Steve Klemp, District Awards Chair – steve@yclept.com or to 3608 N. Upland St., Arlington VA 22207. Some other awards tips:

- The nomination form, together with criteria, a list of last year's winners, and related information, is posted on the District's excellent new updated website at www.rotary7610.org. Further instructions about the nomination are provided on the form.
- Remember, all projects completed between April 1, 2005 and April 30, 2006 are eligible, so look back at any club activities that might not have been nominated last year.
- Keep in mind there are other awards, such as the District Governor's Citation, the RI Presidential Citation, the Four Avenues of Service citation for individual Rotarians, and many RI awards, for which your club, or one of its members, might qualify. We'll try to remind you as deadlines approach, but some of the RI awards especially have very specific requirements and/or longer lead times, so you might want to scan the list of them now ([www.rotary.org/RI Programs/Awards and Recognition](http://www.rotary.org/RI_Programs/Awards_and_Recognition)) and plan accordingly.

The Award Nomination Summary of Activity form can be found on the district website.



THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE *by PDG Ken Tillman, Rotary Leader Institute Chair*

The first Rotary Leadership Institute being held in our district this Rotary year is fast approaching. The session will be held at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg on Saturday, November 19. Club presidents were sent an informational sheet and a registration form and urged to make additional copies to distribute to the members of their Rotary Club. Club presidents are encouraged to select at least two or three members to participate. There is no limit to the number who can attend from a club. All three parts will be offered so those who have completed Part I will be able to take Part II and those who have completed Part II will be able to take Part III. We are looking forward to having the first district graduates of the program.

Please contact Ken Tillman (see contact information below) if you want additional information or if you would like to have someone speak to your club about the Rotary Leadership Institute. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. and the session will be completed at 3:30 p.m.

What is the Rotary Leadership Institute?

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a three part, sequential course that will benefit all Rotarians. It is uniquely designed for Rotarians who are potential leaders in their clubs. The course provides Rotary knowledge and develops leadership skills.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Rotary Leadership Institute was founded in Zone 32 in 1992 and, at the present time, approximately 15% of all districts in the world partici-

pate in the program. Although it is not a Rotary International sponsored program, it is strongly supported by Rotary officials. Rotarians can attend a Rotary Leadership Institute at any location where it is being offered. Institutes are now offered from Florida to Maine on the east coast.

What's happening in District 7610?

We were one of the founding members of the Zone 33 Division of The Rotary Leadership Institute. Our zone includes North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia and a part of Tennessee. Every district in our zone now participates in RLI. Fourteen (14) institutes are being offered in our zone this Rotary year.

What are the dates of the Rotary Leadership Institutes arranged by District 7610 for 2005-06?

November 19, 2005

The University of Mary Washington
Fredericksburg, VA

March 25, 2006

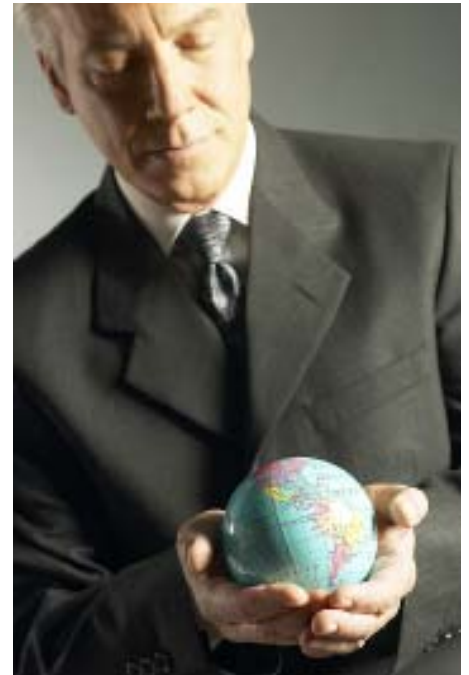
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

How do I register?

The registration form is available from your Rotary club. For additional forms or information contact Ken Tillman, District Rotary Leadership Institute Chair, at 540-972-3981. e-mail: kende4@earthlink.net.

How much does the Institute cost?

Only \$85 dollars and this includes your lunch, refreshment breaks, and



all materials. Most Rotary Clubs pay for members to attend because of the benefits that are received by the clubs.

Who should attend?

Several members from each club may attend. Presidents and other club officers should select Rotarians with potential to become leaders in the club to attend. This doesn't mean just officers. This program is particularly valuable for members who will be chairing committees and providing other types of club leadership. Current officers and long time members are also encouraged to attend.

**LEARN ABOUT ROTARY
AND DEVELOP
LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN AN
EXCITING INTERACTIVE
FORMAT.**

New Monument in Washington D.C. Honors Paul Harris

*submitted by Heather Jaffan,
President, Rotary Club of Fair Lakes*

Rotary Founder Paul Harris is among 20 Americans recognized in a new U.S. national monument honoring pioneers in service. The "Extra Mile — Points of Light Volunteer Pathway," a series of bronze markers, was unveiled along a one-mile stretch of downtown Washington, DC, several blocks east of the White House. The monument honors and tells the stories of selfless Americans who turned their dreams of helping others into great movements that have created enduring change.

Former U.S. President George Bush dedicated the monument 14 October. To view Paul Harris's™ marker and learn about other honorees, go to <http://www.extramile.us/>

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

by Mary Shaffran, District Chair, Public Relations

"I have learned that introspection is facilitated by the objectivity of life outside one's native country."

This statement by Lauren Conn, one of the District nominees for an Ambassadorial Scholarship, was one of many impressive ideas expressed by the candidates.

A ten-member review committee met on September 10 and 11, 2005 to review our District's applicants for Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarships. The review team left the sessions with a sense of renewed energy and hope for the future as a result of speaking with these very accomplished and motivated young leaders. Five nominees will be sent forward to Rotary International for consideration this year.

Peter Black is District 7610's first nominee for a Rotary Grant for University teachers. He is an Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at George Mason University. He hopes to teach in Palau Community College and to further community work with the people of Tobi Island, a minority group within Palauan society. His proposed projects include assisting Tobi's Summer Program and Learning Center, helping to preserve an endangered language known as Ramari Hatohbei, and enhancing the electronic communication capabilities in the community. "A Rotary International Grant would ... enable me to make significant contributions to the mission of the Palau Community College and to the survival of the Tobian community." Dr. Black was nominated by the Burke Rotary Club.

Katia Peterson, is the nominee for a one-year Ambassadorial Scholarship. She is an epidemiologist currently working with the Peace Corps, and is seeking to study in Australia and to do hands on work in Cambodia. "I am interested in studying adolescent reproductive health in Cambodia specifically because there has been little work done there. There is a need to increase awareness

about the lack of reproductive care for adolescents, while remaining culturally sensitive toward their needs." Ms. Peterson has recently returned from New Orleans, where she was assisting with public health needs due to hurricane Katrina. Ms. Peterson was nominated by the Crystal City-Pentagon Rotary Club.

Courtney Knapp, nominee for a six-month Cultural Scholarship, hopes to study in Latin America about the advancement of market ideas and the role of institutions in developing countries. "I hope to use my degree to teach students to respect global culture and explain through my own field work the importance of peace and good governance." Ms. Knapp is a student at George Mason University, and was nominated by the Mount Vernon Rotary Club.

Lauren Conn was nominated for a three-month Cultural Scholarship. She is a student at the College of William and Mary, and her passion is for bilingual and multicultural education. "I aspire to advocate the importance of bilingualism through the synthesis of classroom education, experience abroad, service-learning, and political activism." Ms. Conn hopes to further her language study in Venezuela or Ecuador. She was nominated by the Fairfax Rotary Club.

Michelle Igbani, also nominated for a three-month Cultural Scholarship, is currently a laboratory specialist in the

Neuroscience Department at the University of Virginia. She is planning to study medical research and health awareness for the under-served communities, and then apply that learning to another country in volunteer clinics. Through the Rotary scholarship, she plans to learn Spanish in order to communicate with a broader number of patients. "I believe that I will be a great representative to the Rotary Club as an advisor to good will because not only am I able to communicate well with others, I have a burning desire to learn another language and learn about others, and also a continued commitment to community service. Ms. Igbani was nominated by the Albemarle County Rotary Club.

Rotary International will review these nominations, and send out official acceptance letters in December 2005. Over the next two years as the District 7610 Rotary Ambassadors, these leaders will have many opportunities to talk with Rotary Club members, not only in the country in which they will be assigned, but also to us here in District 7610 upon their return from this grand adventure.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world. There are over 37,000 alumni scholars from 110 countries who have passed through this program since its inception in 1947.

RI has funds to support your PR projects

RI's Board of Directors recently approved funds for grants to assist Rotary clubs and districts in their outreach efforts to the public. PR Grants will enable Rotary clubs to place Rotary billboards, banners, newspaper supplements or Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in their local media.

For the 2005-06 Rotary year, grant applications for funding ranging from US\$1,000 to US\$5,000 will be considered to support PR projects during the current Rotary year. Assistance will be available until the funds are depleted. For an overview and application of the PR grants go to http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pr_grants.pdf.



The District Diversity Committee needs your help

As you know our District Governor, John McKone, established a new committee for Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity (gender, religious, ethnic, racial, disability, lifestyle etc.). The purpose of this committee is to broaden



awareness of and sensitivity to the personal histories and social circumstances that make up the multiplicity that exists within our District membership. Although this committee is new to District 7610 it has been a part of RI for several years.

The Committee's first project is to establish a baseline of diversity for the District's current membership in order to learn where awareness and sensitivity efforts are needed and to help the district to expand recruitment efforts. To that end we need the help of all club presidents and secretaries in distributing our survey. You can distribute them and they can be returned in various ways.

1. Encouraging members to take the 3-5 minutes by simply going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=933401153825>.
2. The survey can be printed and returned via email or snail mail.
3. Print the attached survey and bring them to your next club meeting for those members who do not have e-mail or internet access. These can then be mailed to the address on the survey.
4. Bring printed surveys to your next club meeting, hand them out for members to complete and turn in at the end of the meeting. They can then be mailed together to the address on the survey.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important matter. We expect all results to be in for us to begin analysis by **October 26**. It is our goal to have the results aggregated and analyzed quickly in order to share it with the District Membership Development Committee shortly after Thanksgiving.



After the tsunami

Photography by Alyce Henson/RI

Just past midnight on 26 December 2004, a massive earthquake struck off the northwest coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra, triggering a series of giant tidal waves — a tsunami — that would claim lives and forever alter landscapes as far away as East Africa. Thailand was just one of 13 countries or territories affected by the disaster.

Six provinces on the normally picturesque Andaman coast absorbed the full force of the tsunami in Thailand. More than 8,000 people, including about 2,000 foreigners, were killed. Some 6,800 houses were damaged or destroyed completely. The waves also crushed fishing boats, leveled tourist resorts, and contaminated fields with briny seawater. An estimated 200,000 people in the Andaman provinces are out of work because of the disaster.

Rotarians throughout Thailand rushed to provide immediate aid. They are now supporting rebuilding efforts and implementing long-term vocational rehabilitation programs to benefit survivors.

— From theM Rotary International website (www.rotary.org)

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LEESBURG CLUB'S MARCH

by Phil Rusciollelli, Leesburg Club Secretary

“The Rotary Club of Leesburg is Marching Along,” so goes the song.

At the June Centennial Celebration in Chicago, Leesburg and District 7610 were well represented in the Rotary Parade with a show stopper in the form of a 1936 Dusenburg automobile pictured below, many Rotarians from the world over, had their photos taken in front of this car and the Rotary Club of Leesburg name.

Continuing to march ... In August, The Rotary Club of Leesburg hosted eight Russian Delegates who visited the U.S. for ten days on a fellowship with the World Peace Organization. The delegates, consisting of four women and four men, visited local government and business counterparts and learned more about how Americans operate in a civil society, and how citizens interact with local government. Club members housed and entertained the visitors during their stay. Club President Bob Noe, now titled “Ambassador Bob,” is being encouraged by his club, and at the request of their visitors, to visit Siberia and form a Rotary Club there.

And continuing to march...The Rotary Club of Leesburg in September hosted the President of the Loudoun

Joint Club Art Auction

The Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads and the Rotary Club of Annandale teamed with the Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department and the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter to hold an Art Auction on September 26, 2005 at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. Art in all media and price ranges were featured. Pieces were from world-renowned artists and were custom-decorated framed. There were Limited Edition Lithographs, Serigraphs, and Etchings as well as original oil paintings, all auctioned by Marlin Fine Auctions.



The Master of Ceremonies for this event was Mr. Elliott Francis, Anchor -ABC7/WJLA-TV. Mr. Francis, who is an Emmy Award winning journalist, brings more than 25 years of experience in news reporting to his role as co-anchor for ABC-7's Weekend News. Participants included a number of local and state representatives who mingled with the crowd as it previewed the art while sipping wine and nibbling cheese and biscuits served by volunteers accompanied by the gentle sounds of piano and strings. It proved again that fund raising can also be fun.

The proceeds of the Art Auction will benefit the following organizations and their respective projects:

The proceeds of the Art Auction will benefit the following organizations and their respective projects:

- The Rotary Club of Annandale with its sister Rotary club in Seoul, Korea; who are building a school and clinic in Haiti
- The Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads with its efforts on building a Multi-Cultural Center in the Bailey's Crossroads community. The Center will provide social, educational, legal and medical services to the diverse population of Bailey's Crossroads and the surrounding community. The mission is to prepare clients to become more productive Americans
- The Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, to assist with their 50-bed short- term emergency shelter that provides food, clothes, and medical services to the homeless; and
- The Bailey's Crossroads Fire Department, to buy a new pumper for the fire station.



Literacy Council, Debra West, who enumerated two projects, which the club accepted to sponsor. The projects deal with Family Book Parties, or encouraging families to read together, and National Children's Book Week – when the Literacy Council provides a package of children's book to children who otherwise might not be able to purchase their own books.

The club's Board of Directors approved \$1,772.95 for these projects, and recruited members to assist in packaging the books during National Book Week on November 13-17, 2005.



Herndon Rotary Club kicks off literacy project

by Richard Downer, Project Co-chairman

The Rotary Club of Herndon kicked off its latest community service project on Saturday, October 22, 2005 — the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Project designed especially for pre-kindergarten children in the Town of Herndon.

This literacy project will provide one age-appropriate book a month for every child living in the Town of Herndon from age 0 until their 5th birthday. The books will be free to all participants as long as they continue to live within the Town. The project goal is to encourage parents to read to their children from birth and help prepare the children for kindergarten.

The Rotary Club of Herndon is funding this long-term literacy project. The local non-profit mailing partner is the Council for the Arts of Herndon and the corporate partner is Millennium Bank. Rotarians Richard Downer and Kurt Rose are co-chairman. Co-chairman Downer said, "When visiting Georgia recently, I learned of this program and realized this might be a great opportunity for Herndon. While almost all of the other programs are in rural areas, the folks at the Dollywood Foundation have worked with us to make this one of the first urban community projects sponsored by a civic club." Co-chairman Rose added, "We are very excited about the project because it will strengthen families and give children a positive start toward kindergarten."

The program is completely free to participating families for the entire length of the series, which can be up to 60 books over a five-year period. A child may enter the program up to three months before their fifth birthday and will receive books appropriate for the age they enter the program. The books are mailed each month directly to each child. The only qualification is that the child must continue to reside within the town limits of the Town of Herndon.

The non-profit Dollywood Foundation, using the 2000 census for the Town of Herndon, estimates there are approximately 1,711 eligible children. The books, including mailing costs, run about \$29 per year and the goal is to enroll at least 80% of the eligible children within the first five years. The Herndon Rotary Club, working with corporate sponsor Millennium Bank, plans to raise the annual funding costs through individual and corporate donations as well as community fundraising events.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the local program may send their tax-deductible donation to: Northern Virginia Community Foundation – Rotary Club of Herndon Fund, P.O. Box 321, Herndon, VA 20172. Checks should be made payable to: "NVCF-Rotary Club of Herndon Fund."

Registration forms may be picked up at the Herndon branch of Millennium Bank at 1051 Elden Street and the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Members of the Rotary Club and the Herndon High School Interact Club will also be contacting all local childcare centers in Herndon.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is run by the non-profit Dollywood Foundation of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and was developed by singer/entertainer Dolly Parton. Parton started the first program in her home county of Sevier in 1995, and it has now expanded to 581 communities. The Imagination Library program currently mails books monthly to over 180,000 children in 41 states.

Additional information concerning Dolly Parton's Imagination Library may be obtained at the Dollywood Foundation website: www.ImaginationLibrary.org.



Hope for the hill tribe children

Photography by Alyce Henson/RI

For years, the Akha people lived a quiet, simple life as subsistence farmers. But in the last half-century, modern problems have crept up into the hills where they make their homes, threatening their traditional way of life and the safety of their children. Today the Akha hill tribe, an indigenous group of about two million people spread out over five Asian countries, including Thailand, is among the region's most disadvantaged minority groups.

Just outside of Mae Suai, a town not far from Thailand's border with Laos and Myanmar, is a place where Akha children receive opportunities unavailable to the generations before them. The Akha Training Centre, operated by an Akha woman and her Australian husband and supported by Rotarians from five countries, is home to more than 400 children from 27 villages. The children come to the center to get an education and to learn the skills necessary to survive – and prosper – in modern Thai society.

— From the Rotary International website (www.rotary.org)

THE 4-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do ...

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Rotarians in Sweden and Denmark have bridged the Øresund, now help us Bridge the World with Friendship and Fellowship

Grethe Christiansen, HOC, Promotion Chair

Bridge the World through Fellowship by attending the 2006 RI Convention!

- Converse on an intense peer-to-peer level in a continuous, interactive discussion group, an innovation that allows you to focus on service while getting to know like-minded Rotarians
- Buy a ticket for an RI luncheon (11-14 June) such as the Bridging the World luncheon
- Sign up for a pre- or post-convention HOC Homestay - Rotarians in Northern Europe will open their homes to Rotarians

from overseas for a few days before or after the convention

- Talk to Rotarians in RI Fellowship booths and the Projects Exhibition to learn what Rotarians are doing to live up to the ideal of service in other parts of the world
- Host or be hosted during the Host Hospitality evening - Rotarians from the host districts will share an evening at home or at a restaurant with visiting Rotarians (12 June)
- Discover the best of Sweden and Denmark - Tivoli Day in Copenhagen (10 June), and Swedish Night (13 June) and Nobel Dinners (8-12 June) in Malmö. Guests under 18 will now

enjoy a 50% discount for the first two events!

- Network at the Get-Together Luncheons at the House of Friendship - Rotarians at tables of 8 to 10 will exchange business cards as they enjoy fellowship
- Search genealogical databases at the House of Friendship - make the world smaller by finding a relative in the Nordic countries
- Say hello to a friend you haven't met yet - fellowship can occur any time, any place!

"Thank you to all the visitors we had at our 2006 convention booth during the Chicago Convention. It was absolutely fantastic to experience how many Rotarians were interested in learning about the Øresund Region and Convention 2006. See you in Malmö and Copenhagen."

— Grethe Christiansen

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

by Pono Prasad, District 7610 RPCS Program Chair

As part of its ongoing effort to promote World Peace and International Understanding, RI has established a new three-month certificate program, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS), to take place at a new center, prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Sessions will be held twice each year, beginning next July. The program will accept 30 fellows per session, conducted entirely in English. Chulalongkorn University's faculty in international relations, political science and business management as well as outside experts and guest lecturers will provide case studies and practical training.

The program is aimed at middle and upper level managers in government, non-governmental organizations as well as corporations, who have five or more years of professional experience in a field utilizing conflict resolution strategies. Deadline for districts to submit candidates to RI is January 15, 2006. Our district will conduct interviews during October, November and the first part of December. There is no limit to the number of applicants a club/district can submit.

The cost for the three-month session of \$5,000, which includes tuition, room-and-board and educational materials, is to be borne by each fellow's employer; the Rotary Foundation will cover round-trip travel expenses to and from Bangkok.

For information please contact Pono Prasad, District 7610 RPCS Program Chair, 703.383.6911 or sankarshan_p@yahoo.com.

Have you registered yet?

Register and order tickets to RI luncheons online <http://riweb.rotaryintl.org/> or download forms: www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html.

Have you reserved your hotel?

Reserve online today! www.congresscopenhagen.dk/RotaryInternationalConvention2006.htm or download forms: www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html

Have you purchased tickets for HOC events and/or tours?

Reserve online or download a form at www.riconvention2006.org.

District 7610 Membership & Attendance Oct. 05

Club	Members 6/30/05	Members Current	YTD Change	Average Attendance %
Albemarle County	69	63	-6	66.00%
Alexandria	140	138	-2	70.17%
Alexandria South	13	11	-2	0.00%
Alexandria West End	10	10	0	63.30%
Annandale	52	49	-3	69.60%
Arlington	51	52	1	60.00%
Bailey's Crossroads	59	58	-1	66.93%
Blue Ridge Mountains)	78	73	-5	0.00%
Bull Run	33	33	0	0.00%
Burke	21	19	-2	56.58%
Caroline County	22	20	-2	85.20%
Charlottesville	68	69	1	69.00%
Crystal City-Pentagon	27	26	-1	56.00%
Culpeper	39	30	-9	0.00%
Dulles International Airport	31	37	6	90.00%
Dunn Loring	23	23	0	74.78%
Fair Lakes	17	22	5	78.00%
Fairfax	77	75	-2	81.16%
Falls Church	32	30	-2	56.29%
Fredericksburg	78	76	-2	83.00%
Gainesville-Haymarket	21	21	0	74.00%
Gloucester	47	47	0	74.00%
Gloucester Point	45	44	-1	66.00%
Herndon	62	61	-1	0.00%
Kilmarnock-Irvington- White Stone	49	56	7	83.85%
Lake Ridge	35	34	-1	77.82%
Leesburg	55	52	-3	67.00%
Leesburg-Daybreak	47	45	-2	75.00%
Louisa County	18	18	0	0.00%
Manassas	58	63	5	79.41%
Mathews	49	50	1	63.00%
McLean	57	57	0	74.00%
Middlesex County	41	39	-2	84.46%
Millennium Rotary Club of Northern Virginia	10	10	0	70.00%
Mount Vernon	19	19	0	76.56%
Northern Neck	20	17	-3	68.38%
Orange	26	26	0	72.72%
Purcellville	50	51	1	79.31%
Rappahannock	85	85	0	87.20%
Reston	32	30	-2	0.00%
Rosslyn-Fort Myer	8	8	0	62.50%
Springfield	20	20	0	74.00%
Stafford	46	47	1	0.00%
Sterling	21	22	1	89.39%
Tappahannock	53	53	0	0.00%
Tysons Corner	32	33	1	67.24%
Vienna	54	50	-4	69.50%
Warrenton	70	74	4	62.57%
Warsaw	34	35	1	86.26%
West Point	21	19	-2	72.63%
West Springfield	46	46	0	84.24%
Woodbridge	26	25	-1	75.00%
Totals	2197	2171	-26	73.38%

DISTRICT 7610 New Members

Rotary Club of Alexandria
John M. Irvine

Rotary Club of Annandale
Bradford Vaery • Cecile Fleming
Darwin Sokoken • Lettie Watkins
Hebert Bobbie • Matt Robbins

Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads
Gideon Frishman

Rotary Club of Blue Ridge Mountains
Neal Lineberry

Rotary Club of Burke
John Connolly

Rotary Club of Charlottesville
John Elmes • Gary Selmeczi

Rotary Club of Gloucester
Jim Test

Rotary Club of Gloucester Point
Holy W. Basta • Brandon Harris
C. Henry Hinnant
Ronald Ruskowski

Rotary Club of Fair Lakes
J.I. "Buzzy" Correll • Hongjun Zhang
Robert "Bob" L. Frizzelle
Jason Reynolds

Rotary Club of Falls Church
Earl Brown

Rotary Club of Fredericksburg
Matthew May

Rotary Club of Herndon
Charles Curcio • Mary Drum
Frances Ivey • Margaret O'Reilly
John Leach

**Rotary Club of Kilmarnock-Irvington-
White Stone**
Thomas Decker

Rotary Club of Leesburg
Victor Polkowski

Rotary Club of Leesburg-Daybreak
Bernadette Durkin
Ted Miller • Ray Mauk
Dan Pavolic • Todd Severence

Rotary Club of Manassas
Molly Grove • Michael Gough
Gillian Mobley

Rotary Club of Middlesex County
Benton Bill

Rotary Club of Orange
Richard J. Maher
Barbara A. Parks

Rotary Club of Rappahannock
Shawn Tesar • Chris Brienza
Brett Ulrich • Pamela Garrett

Rotary Club of Reston
Karl Ingebritsen

Rotary Club of Sterling
Emil Delos Reyes

Rotary Club of Tysons Corner
Peter Vaka • Marilyn Mitchell