

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club News

Rotary Club Calendar

April 30- 6:30pm Meeting-Normandie Farm

Debbie Siebert

Russell Lacey, Electric Advisors

Marylanders
FOR
Reliable Power

Marylanders for Reliable Power (MDRP) is a diverse coalition of citizens, business and labor concerned about the reliable supply of electricity in Maryland. The mission of the Coalition is to educate the public on the urgent need to act, so electricity will be available to support Maryland's economy, quality of life, safety and security. "By 2012, we may be looking at blackouts and brownouts in Maryland," said H. Russell Frisby Jr., former chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission and founding chairman of the Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce. MDRP has several chambers as founding members, such as the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce.

May 1 - 5:30pm Farewell Dinner for Rotary

Group Study Exchange Team from Greece

Hanson Family Farm, 14200 Quince Orchard Road,
Gaithersburg, MD, 20878

RSVP to Monica Boner: (Home Phone) 301-948-4151

May 7- 6:30pm Meeting-Normandie Farm

Larry Heilman

Rotary Projects in Africa and Latin America

May 9- 9:00am Fix-Up Project@Jewish Group Home

14005 Breeze Hill Lane, Silver Spring

May 14- 6:30pm Meeting-Normandie Farm

Judy Welles: Legends of Cabin John

May 21- 6:30pm Meeting-Normandie Farm

Amgad Fayad

Information Security: What You Should Know at Home

115 Attend Potomac-Bethesda Rotary's 29th Annual International Night Hosted by the Austrian Embassy Honoring Ten Current Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars and Contributing \$5000 For AIDS Orphans in Ethiopia

The 29th Annual International Night program was a tremendous success with 115 in attendance and hosted at the spacious Austrian Embassy. Gernot Weidner, Consul General of the Embassy of Austria welcomed everyone and noted that this was the second time that the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club had been hosted. The embassy had been constructed in 1991 under Gernot's direction, and our club was the first outside group to be hosted at the brand new embassy in 1992. Master of Ceremonies Neil Cohen knew Gernot and requested use of the embassy. President Todd Nitkin and Dr. Emanuel Haile, Pastor of the International Ethiopian Evangelical Church, described the work of the Joshua Youth Academy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to which donations were being made. Through the support of Rotarians, church members and friends, \$5000 was raised for the AIDS Orphans. Steve Naron and Conrad Fleck described the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program and that they are currently recruiting scholar counselors for the next school year. The scholars each had a few minutes to answer a question of their choosing related to their education and experience coming from five different countries to study at schools in DC, Pennsylvania and New York. The scholars presenting were:

- ⇒ Mayu Asada from Japan studying Policy Studies at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- ⇒ Albrecht Brodhun from Germany studying Law at New York University



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- ⇒ Fabian Kreuzer from Germany studying International Affairs/Energy Policy at Columbia University
- ⇒ Mayumi Kusnose from Japan studying Medical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania
- ⇒ Patricia Silveyra from Argentina studying Human Genetics at the Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University.
- ⇒ Mihir Singh from India studying Public Administration at Columbia University
- ⇒ Ryuta Wada from Japan studying International Relations at George Washington University
- ⇒ Chien-Wen Yuan from Taiwan studying Journalism at Columbia University

Also attending were second year students who had made presentations last year:

- ⇒ Kanae Tsutsumi from Japan studying Tourism Administration at George Washington University
- ⇒ Mariko Yamaguchi from Japan studying International Development at George Washington University

The evening concluded with the Nitkin children bringing the raffle basket forward and drawing the winning ticket for a week's accommodations generously donated by President Elect Noel and Gladys Howard. Thanks so much to Nabil Bedewi who chaired the event and Chef Bernard who catered the dinner. Photo by Steve Naron.



the landscape area. For head count purposes, please let me know if you are coming.

Meet the Group Study Exchange Team from Greece at Hansons' Farm in Gaithersburg

Date: May 1, 2009 at 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Hanson family farm, 14200 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878

Event Detail: All Rotarians in the District are invited so they can say goodbye to the GSE team.

Cost: \$25 per Rotarian (Spouse, Guests, and GSE team members free) payable to Monica Boner. Tim Hanson contributes the meat, so the \$25 covers side dishes, desserts, and beverages.

Typical Menu: Burgers (even a few Boca burgers!), ribs, potato salad, tossed salad, veggies, chips, desserts, beer, wine, sodas. Typical American fare (with the exception of beer & wine, which tends to have a more international flavor).

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Will Naron Joins Rotary

Keeping up the multi-generational family tradition, Steve Naron's son, Will, joined the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club. Pictured are B-CC club President France Pruitt and other son Alex. The luncheon meetings fit Will's schedule better than our evening meetings. Photo was provided by Steve Naron.



Greetings from Smiljka Soretic

I am in Belgrade with Fedja. We celebrated Orthodox Easter in the biggest church on Balkan, St. Saba. Weather was nice and I was happy to see my friends and relatives. My daughter and my grandson will come to visit me in Belgrade. In June we will go to Paris. So after 3 months in Europe we will go back to Florida. Regards to all and good luck with International Night. I miss you all.

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