Today’s Speaker

Jerome La Pittus, Ph.D.
International Economist

Today we welcome Dr. Jerome La Pittus, an international economist and consultant. His presentation is titled “Thank God for Ben Bernanke.”

Dr. La Pittus has taught economics at Cornell and UCLA. As a senior Foreign Service officer, he worked in Egypt, Honduras, and Peru. He also served with the International Monetary Fund in Singapore and Haiti.

Dr. La Pittus has special expertise in macroeconomic stabilization and structural reform programs in Latin America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Currently, he is interested in treating applied macroeconomic policy as a computer game played out over time by major economic agents (e.g., households, producers, governments), and determining the gainers and losers and why.

Tony Rounds arranged Dr. La Pittus’s visit.

Seeing Red: President Mary Edwards presents a Paul Harris pin with three rubies to Past President David Danner on Jan. 17, signifying David’s substantial gifts to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). As a member of the Paul Harris Society, David pledges to donate at least $1,000 annually to TRF.
New Members Bring New Career Fields to Club

Gray Mosby
Wine aficionado Gray Mosby says he leads a “charmed existence.” What else can you call it when you get to drink wine with people you enjoy?

Gray is regional sales manager for a wine distributor in Sterling called Great Legs, which specializes in wines from family-owned wineries in California. In his classification talk on Jan. 17, Gray described how he developed an interest in wine when, like any good liberal arts major, he worked as a bartender.

Gray learned the wine business “on the job” at Sutton Place Gourmet in Washington, where he got to sample an astounding 300 to 500 wines per week – for four years!

David Young
Coast Guard veteran David Young took a different career path, which he outlined after Gray spoke. Dave put in two years of sea duty and later became a search-and-rescue pilot. After retiring from the Coast Guard, he worked for Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. and British Aerospace.

For the last 20 years, Dave has been in the printing business, and five years ago he became an “Allegra” franchise owner. Today his business, Allegra of Tysons Corner, provides a range of services that include design, printing, mailing, and signs. He added engraving and awards 15 months ago when he bought Todd Meloy’s business.

Wizards and District 7610 Plan ‘End Polio Now’ Night

The Washington Wizards are hosting an “End Polio Now” Night with Rotary District 7610 on Saturday, March 16. The game versus the Phoenix Suns is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Verizon Center in Washington.

Tickets for the game are $43 in the Club Level and $30 in the Upper Level. Eight dollars from each ticket will be donated to The Rotary Foundation’s PolioPlus program.

Rotary clubs will have one opportunity to purchase a block of seats by contacting Group Sales Manager Ralph Wong at 202-527-7537. Tickets for individual Rotarians and others can be purchased through the Wizards website by using promo code “endpolio.”

For more information, please contact Vance Zavela at vance.zavela@verizon.net.

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SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, March 16: Washington Wizards “End Polio Now” Night vs. Phoenix Suns at Verizon Center, 7 p.m. (See story at left.)


Thursday Thought:
“Casino owners drive Bentleys; habitual gamblers take the bus.”
— Kent Greenfield
The Myth of Choice, Yale University Press, 2011

Dinner Schedule for Alternative House

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