



# Rotary “Rich” Moment

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## Rotary Shares



### *A Note from District Governor Rich:*

Thanks to all of you for helping get this Rotary year off to a great start. New officers have been inducted and are already working together with their Club leaders and members to implement the “Rotary Shares” theme through the four avenues of service: club service, vocational service, community service and international service.

During this year we will continue Rotary’s emphasis on health, water, hunger and literacy and have scheduled District Mini-Summits for Clubs to showcase their projects, get ideas for service from other Clubs and Rotarians, and get involved. Information about the District grants process and how to apply to support projects will also be available. Why are we planning these Mini-Summits? Because Rotary Shares! (expertise, goodwill, friendship, cama-

raderie and always a helping hand!).

We have already held two District Leadership meetings which provided excellent opportunities for “Rotary Shares.” Rotarians from all over the District came together to brainstorm and share ideas about how to make our Clubs better. Each Rotarian in the District is invited to these monthly meetings and the dates are reflected on the calendar on page 2.

Monthly Friendship Dinners will occur throughout the District so that Rotarians in geographical areas will have the opportunity to share ideas and friendship with each other while exploring how to work together on Rotary projects. Please watch the calendar for dates and locations.

Sherry and I want to thank each of you for the very warm welcomes we have received as we visited your Clubs. We are looking forward to getting to know each of you as we work together to share the experience and enjoy Rotary!

*Rich*



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<b>Important Dates—Please Mark Your Calendars!</b>		<b>(Meetings are held at BWI Ramada unless specified at another location)</b>	
Aug 13	Strategic Planning Committee meeting at 6:30 pm	Nov 19	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting at BWI Ramada 6:30 pm
Aug 14	Fireside Chat TBA	Nov 30	Deadline for DG 2011-12 Nominations
Aug 20	1st Friendship Dinner—University Club in D.C.	Dec 10	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm
Sept 10	District Leadership Meeting 6:30 pm	Jan 9	DG Nominee Interviews TBA
Sept 15	GSE Team Leader Application is Due	Jan 14	Fireside Chat TBA
Sept 17	Strategic Planning Committee at 6:00 pm	Jan 26	Mini-Summit on Hunger (Time TBA)
Sept 24	2nd Friendship dinner at the Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant in Frederick	Feb (TBA)	Mini-Summit on Literacy
Sept 29	Pre-PETS (time TBA)	Feb 15-18	RYLA Camp Letts, MD
Sept 29	District Grants Day (time TBA)	Mar 1	Rotary Leadership Institute I & II, Columbia Hilton
Oct 8	District Leadership Meeting at 6:30 pm	Mar 7-8	Multi-District PETS Va Crossings, Richmond
Oct 13	Mini-Summit on Health (Time TBA)	Mar 17	Fireside Chat TBA
Oct 15	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm	Mar 19	Gallaudet Day
Oct 27	Rotary Leadership Institute I & II at Frederick	Apr 5-12	Friendship Trip-Brazil
Nov 1	GSE Team Member Applications due	Apr 12	4-Way Test Speech Contest Semi-finals Glen Burnie HS
Nov 3	Pre-PETS II (Time TBA)	Apr 16-25	Friendship Trip-Russia
Nov 3	Grants Seminar (Time TBA)	Apr 19-May 17	Inbound GSE here
Nov 10	Mini-Summit on Water (Time TBA)	Apr 26-May 24	Outbound GSE Holland
Nov 13	Foundation Dinner (location TBA)	May 2-4	District Conference (DC) Gaithersburg Hilton
		May 3	District Assembly at DC
		June 15-18	RI Convention Los Angeles
		June 27	Bette Lewis Installation As New District Governor For 2008-09 at University Of MD Inn & Conf Center



*PDG Bob Nelson (Potomac-Bethesda) and new Rotarian Irene Jones (Capitol Hill) at District Leadership Meeting*



*PDG Kelly Wike (D7350—PA), featured speaker at District Leadership meeting, talks to the group about two service projects: **Rainbow Network** (healthcare, education, economic development and housing for Nicaragua’s poorest people) and **Hunger Plus, Inc** (a not for profit relief agency founded by a past District Governor and dedicated to the reduction and elimination of hunger worldwide through feeding programs combined with projects that promote self-reliance).*



*Nancy Szlasa informed the group that the **Dictionary Project** is in good shape with more than 50 Clubs currently committed to delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders in MD and DC. At the District Leadership meeting, brainstorming resulted in a decision to talk with principals of schools to see how to get the student recipients of the dictionaries involved in “giving back” through community projects. It was also suggested that Interact and Rotaract members could be involved in talking to the students about how to “give back.”*



*Nancy Nuell talked about the **Mini-Summits on health, hunger, water and literacy**. Please contact Nancy at 240-567-7958 for more information.*

### 2007-08 Group Study Exchange (GSE)

At the Leadership meeting, Stovy Brown informed the group that in the current year the *Group Study Exchange* is with the Netherlands and in 2008-09 it will be with Greece. Team leaders (Rotarian) applications are due September 15. For more information please contact Stovy at [stovy@chesapeake.net](mailto:stovy@chesapeake.net).

### Rotary District Conference

PDG Bob Nelson gave us information about the *District Conference* to be held May 1-4 and encouraged us to volunteer to serve on committees and to submit our "Best of the Best" speakers. Please contact Bob at [BobNelson20854@yahoo.com](mailto:BobNelson20854@yahoo.com).

## Rotary DisCon '08

Why save the date? Why attend?

- "Who's Who" of Rotary in the U.S., Canada and Mexico
- "Best of the Best" speakers from Clubs around the District
- "Innovative breakthroughs" in solving challenges of health, hunger, water and literacy—using technology right here in the District
- Enjoy fellowship – with golf, tennis, exciting tours, family activities, and hospitality suites
- AAA Three Diamond venue: Hilton Galthersburg



Rotary District 7620 Conference – More details will be coming your way frequently! For updates 24/7, visit [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org).

### District Governor for 2010-11

Bob Nelson also encouraged Rotarians to honor members of our Clubs by submitting nominations for the 2010-11 District Governor by November 30. Please contact Bob for more information about qualifications (must have served as president of a Rotary Club for a full year, must have completed 7 years of membership by July 1, 2010, etc.).

Neil Young provided information about the *Friendship trips to Russia and Brazil*. For more information please go to [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org). 14 Rotarians have already signed up to go to Russia and 30 to Brazil.



Bill Copp (above) and Rick Kuethe are working towards personalizing each Rotary Club on the *District website* and are encouraging Rotarians to include their profiles. He also announced the first *Friendship dinner* to be held on August 20 at the University Club in Washington, DC.



District Governor Elect Bette Lewis and District Governor Nominee Paul Frey at the District Leadership Meeting.

*Bette recognized the members of the District's strategic planning committee and talked about how a **District Leadership Plan** is being developed that will result in broader participation by Rotarians at the District level.*



District Governor Rich presents concept of "Strategic Surge Effort"

*DG Rich introduced the exciting concept of "**Strategic Surge Effort**" to encourage the utilization of all District resources to come together to work with a Club(s) in 4-5 strategic areas in order to increase Rotary awareness and increase membership in the Club. At the next District Leadership Meeting to be held on September 10, the implementation of this concept will be explored and discussed. DG Rich hopes that our District will have at least four "Surge" efforts in the current Rotary year.*



*Others giving brief presentations about Rotary projects/programs included: Judy Cappuccilli-**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** in photo above; Eleanor Frierson-**Library project in Africa**; and JW Arnold-**Public Relations**.*

**Basra Prosthetics Project**

*Watch for the December edition of "**The Rotarian**" as it will include an article about the **Basra, Iraq Prosthetics Project**. Thanks to Linda Smythe, Dr. Marlene Thorn and Doris Margolis for providing the information for this article. Please go to [www.rotary7620](http://www.rotary7620) and click on District Programs for photos and information about this project.*

### DG Visits to Clubs

Please see full Schedule of DG Visits on District website at [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org). DG Rich will be giving a presentation during his official visit which will be the program for that week and his wife Sherry may accompany him. He will be meeting with the Board of Directors immediately following the official meeting to receive suggestions from the Board and to discuss opportunities and challenges.

### DG Visits Aug 13—Sept 19

Aug 13	Middle River
Aug 14	Fredericktowne Gaithersburg
Aug 15	Elkridge Central Prince Georges
Aug 16	Ellicott City
Aug 21	Greater Crofton
Aug 22	Upper Marlboro
Aug 23	Glen Burnie Northern Calvert
Aug 28	Hunt Valley
Aug 30	Owings Mills
Sept 4	Mount Airy Wheaton Kensington
Sept 5	Potomac Westminster
Sept 6	Annapolis Towson West Arundel
Sept 7	North Bethesda
Sept 11	Baltimore Bonds Meadow
Sept 12	Columbia Town Center
Sept 13	metro Bethesda Friendship Heights
Sept 17	Kingsville Perry Hall
Sept 18	Bethesda Chevy Chase Clarksville Olney
Sept 19	Catonsville Sunrise Laurel

### URLs for District 7620 and for Rotary International (RI)



For more information about District 7620 please visit [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org) and check out the new features of the website. Click on the yellow boxes to receive Rotary news including "the Quick About our District," visit by president of Beijing Rotary Club, Rotary named a top NGO, and District Conference 08 Update. Please click below the yellow boxes to register and get an account to login so you can access the new **District Directory**.

For information about Rotary International, please visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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