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ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA, Inc.
Wednesdays 12:15 PM
Award Winning Newsletter

Marco Polo Restaurant
245 W Maple Ave.
Vienna, VA 22180



Calendar of Events

- March 15 Rotary Leadership Institute
George Mason University
- Apr. 3 - 8 District Conference
Homestead



Upcoming Programs

- March 19 Alan Webb, *World Class Athlete*
- March 26 Tom Hovis, *Mosby's Raiders*
Cutler Dawson,
President/CEO of Navy Federal Credit Union
- April 2 Fran Fisher, *Revenue Recovery*
- April 9 Craig Cole, *5 Talents*
- April 16 Bill Murray, *Vienna Police*



March is Literacy Month

In the International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS) assessment, 1994-98:

- The average composite literacy score of native-born adults in the U.S. was 284 (Level 3); the U.S. ranked 10th out of 17 high-income countries;
- The average composite literacy score of foreign-born adults in the U.S. was 210 (Level 1); the U.S. ranked 16th out of 17 countries.



Today's Program **A.J. Oskuie** **Classification Talk**

A.J. Oskuie, a new Vienna Rotary Club Member, will be sharing with the Club a little bit about his life and his career. Inducted in on December 12, 2007, AJ is the son of Ali Oskuie, a fellow Rotarian from the Fairfax Club and a frequent Club visitor.

View from the Tables

Meeting called to order at 12:15 pm

Pledge: Led by President Larry Warren

Song: America the Beautiful

Prayer: Reverend Tate



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jorge Diaz announced that **Jim Purdon** is scheduled for surgery at Johns Hopkins on April 24th. Club members are encouraged to contact him.

Larry Warren reminded members that the Fireside Chat was taking place at his home at 6:00 pm.

Larry Warren also read letters of appreciation from recent Club donations:

- Darlene Williamson thanked the Club on behalf of the Stroke Comeback Center for our donation of \$ 100
- Vicki Kirkride from the Woman's Center also thanked the club for our donation.

Club membership is critical to ensuring the health and viability of the Club. **Larry Warren** then recognized the following members for sponsoring new members into the club:

T. Kylo	J. Holtaway
S. Jones	R. Lukens
J. Brunow	M. Brennan
J. Marshall	C. Richey
H. Svigals	L. Warren
Ron Balderson	

Keith Bodamer shared with members that the Club had set a goal during Larry's Presidency to increase membership. We are just two new members short of the initial goal with only 100 days left in Larry's Presidency. He challenged members to help the Club achieve its goal by sharing the value of Rotary with our friends *and associates*.

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Vienna Rotary Shares

Boy Scouts Pack 78 Receives Donation

Jim Ibach presented Pack 78's Troop Leader with a \$ 300 donation. The Vienna Club has been a long time sponsor of the Boy Scouts and Pack 78 helps our Club every year with Viva! Vienna!



The Troop Leader shared with the Club that the money will be used to defer the costs of summer camp for children in need of assistance. The cost of summer camp ranges from \$ 150 - \$ 250 per child.



John Brunow's Guest, Vienna Elementary School Principal Jeanette Black, shared a few words with the Club. Jeanette has been a principal at the school for the last three years. It is the oldest, continuously operating school in Fairfax County. The school houses ~ 375 students from K-6 and Special Ed Preschool.


The school is scheduled to be renovated in December 2008. Plans have been made to retain the historic bell. If you would like a tour of the school or see the plans, please contact Jeanette.


<http://www.fcps.edu/ViennaES/>



Visiting Rotarians	None
Guests	<p>John Brunow introduced Jeanette Black, from the Vienna Elementary School</p> <p>Larry Warren introduced the incoming Club members Brendan Bernhart, Dean Southee and Peter Vlantis.</p>

Gambling

 **Jim Marshall** won the small pot of \$25. And donated it back to the Club

 **Gerry Hamilton** won the pie donated by The Pie Gourmet, again!




Vienna Club Members can now access dozens of photos of our "Members Making a Difference" taken by our very own Gerry Hamilton. Visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/16224073@N07/collections/72157602706602214/> to share in these special moments.

Rotary Leadership Institute

 Don't miss this opportunity to develop your Rotary skills by attending a RLI seminar on Saturday, March 15th at George Mason University. To register, visit <http://www.rli33.org/events/080315fairva/2008-03-15%20Fairfax%20VA%20RLI.html>

Apology from the Editor

 The Speaker of the Day and the Calendar was incorrect in last week's edition. I apologize for any inconvenience.



Today's Speaker Hunter Herrion Extrasolar Planets and Extrasolar Life

Today's speaker, Hunter Herrion, a fellow Rotarian and President of Petroleum spoke to the Club about Extrasolar Planets and Extrasolar Life. Hunter is a Chemical Engineer with a life long interest in Astronomy and Paleontology.

Extrasolar planets is a new branch of astronomy. Although man has been searching for these planets since the 1600s, it has only been over the last 20 years, that our technology has allowed us to actually identify these planets. In fact, to date, there have been 250 solar planets discovered since 1995. About half of these planets are about the same distance from their stars as the earth is from its. However, all of these planets are 10 – 10K times the size of ours. This is principally believed to be due to the limitations of our technology and the ability to identify these planets easier than smaller ones.



As the Club could imagine, identifying planets is very challenging because of three major reasons:

- Planets don't produce any light of their own, except when young.
- They are an enormous distance from us.
- They are lost in the blinding glare of their parent stars.

Therefore, scientists have been forced to develop different methods for determining their existence. The first uses Orbital Eccentricity known as "Star Wobble" to measure Doppler Shift. This method measures slight changes in a star's velocity as the star and the planet move about their common center of mass. In this case, however, the motion detected is toward the observer and away from the observer. Astronomers can detect these variances by analyzing the spectrum of starlight. In an effect known as Doppler shift, light waves from a star moving toward us are shifted toward the blue end of the spectrum. If the star is moving away, the light waves shift toward the red end of the spectrum. The larger the planet and the closer it is to the host star, the faster the star moves about the center of mass, causing a larger color shift in the spectrum of starlight.

Scientists have been studying a solar system called 55 Cancri and have actually identified 5 planets around one star.

Recently, the Hubble Telescope was used to gather data on a small section of the sky for a two week period. Extensive analysis of this data revealed that there were 20,000 stars identified and 16 planets. Scientists have therefore concluded that there are over 400 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy.



Hunter then went on to share with us the evolution of life on Earth and the probability of discovering life in a foreign galaxy. It took man about 4 ½ billion years to evolve on earth so a reasonable man could conclude that the probability of locating and studying a planet at exactly the right time in its evolutionary development to witness life is very, very low, but who knows...we may get lucky one day!



Did You Know...

Forty percent of adult Americans have trouble reading and writing even simple things. And the problem is getting worse. The United States ranks 49th among 156 United Nations member countries in its literacy rate - a drop of 18 places since 1950. At the same time, the need for good literacy skills is increasing, especially in the workplace.

<http://www.colapublib.org/services/literacy/facts.html>

Happy Talk

George Creed was happy that he was awarded the 2007 Certified Residential Specialist of the Year by the Virginia Association of Realtors.

Jorge Diaz was happy that is strapping 25 year old son had announced that he was moving out of the house.

Joe Kelly announced that his daughter, Chris, gave birth to Aden James two weeks ago. He also shared with the Club that the new digital sign in front of the Marshall High School was recognizing the Vienna Rotary Club for its contribution to the school.

Keith Bodamer was happy that Jodi Scholes was resurrecting a prior initiative for Viva! Vienna focused on Healthcare.

Butch McGonegal was happy that he was able to attend is daughter's wedding in Key West, Florida

Reminder: If members wish to share more Happy Talk, please email them to Cheryl Romano at chromano666@cox.net for inclusion in the next edition.



CLUB CHALLENGE

By Keith Bodamer

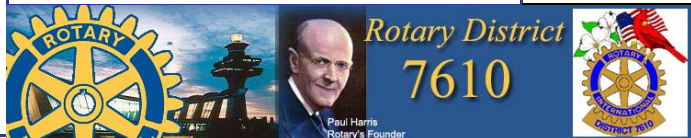
Since President Larry Warren's Administration began on July 1, 2007, after next week's induction on March 12, 2008 of three new members into the Vienna Rotary Club (i.e., Brendan Bernhart, Dean Southee and Peter Vlantis), we will have achieved adding a total of thirteen new members during this period. **Congratulations on this impressive accomplishment!**

Summarized in the chart on the right are the thirteen new members and their sponsor(s) who are responsible for these individuals being able to Share the Rotary Experience with not only ourselves in the Vienna Rotary Club but also the 1.2 million Rotarians in 168 countries and 33,000 clubs throughout the world.

Please accept the CHALLENGE Goal of adding at least two more members to the Vienna Rotary Club in the next 100 days before our annual banquet is held in June 2008 which will bring our yearly total to fifteen. New members help keep

our Vienna Rotary Club strong when we add such qualified individuals who bring new ideas and energy to our ranks. Just provide the attached simple membership information to prospective new members from your friends, neighbors, co-workers and other relationships and invite them to a club meeting to experience, **"A Club of Excellence, Having Fun and Committed to Service"** for almost 43 years.

New Member	Sponsor
Paul Berger	Tom Kylo
Brendan Bernhart	Skip Jones
Levi Deitsch	John Brunow
George Eichert	Jim Marshall & Keith Bodamer
Kurt Frogale	Howard Svigals & Keith Bodamer
Marie Huhtala	Jon Holtaway
R. Wayne Jackson	Richard Lukens
Bindy Lichtenfels	Matt Brennan
A.J. Oskuie	John Brunow
Cheryl Romano	Craig Richey
Dean Southee	Ron Balderson
Peter Vlantis	Howard Svigals
Karla Willis	Larry Warren



NEWS from the DISTRICT

Deadline for Rotary Foundation Grant Applications March 31st	Rotary Foundation Grant applications are due the end of the month. For more information, visit http://www.rotary7610.org/ .
RYLA Applications Due	International RYLA is an event where individuals ages 18-30 from all across the world meet to learn advanced leadership techniques and explore current issues and topics pertinent to leadership in a global society. The 2008 International RYLA will take place 12-15 June in Los Angeles, California, USA, immediately preceding the RI Convention. Visit http://www.rotary7610.org/RYLA.html
District Conference @ The Homestead April 3 rd – 6th	Annual District Conference 2007-2008 will be April 3 – 6 th @ The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA. Come and join your Rotary friends and family in a celebration of our achievements during the past year. See some of the projects completed by other clubs in the district. Join the wine tasting, or Scotch, if you prefer. There are many other activities to join in such as Friday's Fellowship Casino Night, bowling and golf. Come and learn how "Rotary Shares". Visit http://www.rotary7610.org/homestead.html for more information and to register.
District Simplified Grant <i>Submit Application beginning July 2008</i>	District Simplified Grant ("DSG") supports service activities and humanitarian endeavors in which districts wish to engage. DSGs are funded solely by District Designated Funds, and true to its name, each district gets to set broad guidelines each year. The total for District Simplified Grants for the 2008-09 year will be \$28,000. Remember, it is your contributions to the Annual Fund that makeup the DSG funds - we thank you for your support. For information, visit http://www.rotary7610.org/ .

Visit <http://www.rotary7610.org> to link directly to the District Website.



Meetings Locations & Times

Monday

- 7:30 AM Alexandria South IHOP
7:30 AM Fair Lakes Fair Lakes Hyatt Regency
12:00 PM Alexandria West End Duke's Cafe
12:15 PM Fairfax American Legion Post 177
12:30 PM Sterling Logan's Roadhouse

Tuesday

- 7:30 AM Bull Run City Tavern Manassas
7:30 AM Leesburg Tuscarora Mill Rest.
7:30 AM Burke Brion's Grill Burke
11:30 AM Centerville-Eggspectations in Chantilly
12:00 PM McLean Redeemer Lutheran Church
12:15 PM Alexandria Radisson Hotel Old Town
12:30 PM Roslyn-Fort Myer Vantage Point Rest.

Wednesday

- 7:30 AM West Springfield Springfield CC
7:30 AM Crystal City Crystal City Marriott
7:30 AM Herndon Amphora Diner Deluxe
7:30 AM Gainesville-Haymarket Piedmont Ctry Club
12:15 PM Annandale Squire Rockwell's Rest.
12:15 PM Manassas City Tavern Grille
12:15 PM Reston Hunters Hidden Creek CC

Thursday

- 7:30 AM Tysons Corner Tower Club
12:15 PM Arlington La Cote d' Or
12:15 PM Springfield Greenspring Village Sq.
12:15 PM Warrenton Fauquier Springs CC
6:30 PM Falls Church Harvest Moon Rest.

Friday

- 7:30 AM Bailey's Crossroads Athens Rest.
7:30 AM Dulles Center for Innovative Tech
12:30 PM Dunn Loring J.R.'s Stockyards Inn

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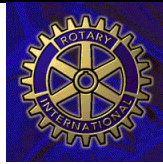
www.rotary7610.org/club_meetings.html for complete list of meeting times

The Four-Way Test

- 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?

Rotary Club of Vienna 2007- 2008 Leadership Team

- President - Larry Warren
President Elect - John Brunow
Vice President - Jim Marshall
Past President - Bobbac Oveissi
Director at Large - Matt Brennan
Executive Secretary - Gerry Hamilton
Treasurer - Howard Svigals
Director Club Service - Richard Gray
Vice Chair Club Service - Joan Overturf
Dir. Community Service - George Creed
Dir. Vocational Service - Duni Schutzengel
Dir. International Service - Jim Marshall
Vice Chair Intern'l Service - J. Scholes
Chair Club Communication - C. Romano
Sergeant at Arms - Richard Lukens
Program Co-Chairs - S. Jones & A. Tinelli
Vienna Rotary Foundation - K. Bodamer
Membership Chair - Keith Bodamer
The Rotary Foundation Rep. - W. Bentley
Chair ViVa! Vienna! - Woody Bentley
Chair Public Relations - John Brunow



Volunteering

By Jorge Diaz

Did you know that we are built to serve others? By volunteering and reaching out you are serving a very important obligation.

Nothing is more important to the success of our club and community than your involvement. Volunteering paves the way for the success of others. No matter how exalted or humble in your effort, we are all equally judged.

Each year, our club members work to ensure a successful VIVA VIENNA! Our festival is one of the top events in our fair town. The combined effort of our town government and our club is enormous. Many labor many hours to ensure a successful event year after year. Are you on the team? A burden shared by many is light.

Volunteering extends beyond our festival. You can visit the sick, the lonely and those less fortunate. Think of others as more important than ourselves. This is our obligation in the grand scheme of things; you have no choice in the matter. We grow when we give away our love for others, our time and our money.

You hold the keys to our success in your hands. Volunteer, step up, and get involved. It will cost you in time and late nights. But we need your wisdom and your ideas. Our club is undergoing exciting times with a flood of new members that bring in fresh ideas and a new enthusiasm.

I am grateful for those long-time members that have paved the way. Your contributions to our club's success are invaluable. Your importance as a mentor and your wisdom in advising the newer members must not be overlooked. Our organization has enough talented people to raise our club to a new level.

I suggest a system of "term limits" for volunteers. Say, two years, with an assistant who will serve when terms expire. This will ensure continuity and quality of service. There is so much "institutional memory", that we must plan and execute a plan of succession by bringing others into the system and teaching them our knowledge. This ensures a seamless transfer of volunteer office and maintains high quality service.

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"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly...who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never known neither victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)