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ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA, Inc.  
**Wednesdays 12:15 PM**  
*Award Winning Newsletter*  
2007 & 2008

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

## Calendar of Events

- Mar 21 Rotary Leadership Institute at Northern Virginia Comm. College
- April 3-5 District Conference at The Homestead and the April 4, 2009 District Conference Golf Tournament at The Homestead
- April 11 GMU/Penn State Volleyball game. Lou Zone has 30 tickets
- Apr 22 GSE Team Visit to Club

## Upcoming Programs

- March 18 Randall Popelka – *An Insider's Look at Congress*
- April Umminger - Graphics Editor for the Washington Post and a Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar



## MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> AGENDA

- Announcements
- Drawings
- Happy Talk
- Randall Popelka – *An Insider's Look at Congress*



## NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION BECOMES TITLE SPONSOR FOR VIVA! VIENNA!

Special thanks to Navy Federal Credit Union its generous donation as a Sponsor of the 2009 ViVa! Vienna! Town Festival!!!!

*Thank you from the entire Vienna Rotary Club!*

## View from the Tables

Meeting Called to order at 12:15 p.m. by **President-Elect Jim Marshall**  
Greeter: **Paul Berger**  
Pledge: **Larry Warren**  
Prayer: **Rev. John Tate**  
Song: **Rich Lukens** led us in "America the Beautiful"



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The venue for the March 21 Rotary Leadership Institute has changed from George Mason University to Northern Virginia Community College. You can still register until March 13 and the club will pay your registration. Contact **Jim Marshall** or **Woody Bentley**.

The planned Fireside Chat at **Larry Warren's** home now on hold.

GSE team will visit us on April 22. **Richard Lukens** is coordinating this visit with other clubs in the district.

You now may register on-line for the April 3-5, 2009 District Conference at The Homestead and the April 4, 2009 District Conference Golf Tournament at The Homestead.

**Lou Zone** has tickets for a Rotary social event at the April 11th George Mason University v. Penn State volleyball game.

## CORRECTION



There was a misprint in last week's newsletter. The correct spelling for the person giving the prayer is **Garry Genser**. Sorry Garry!

## Happy Talk

**Woody Bentley** reported that President-Elect **Jim Marshall** attended training over the weekend to prepare for his upcoming role. At the Glen Allen meeting, the Vienna Rotary Club was recognized for its contribution of \$5,000 for "Polio Plus."

**Lou Zone** was happy to have been in Palm Beach last week, and to have missed the biggest snow storm to hit Northern Virginia in eight years.

**Duni Shutzengel** was happy to be close to making an important sale.

## Happy Talk





## VIVA! VIENNA

**Woody Bentley** announced that hard economic times notwithstanding, ViVa! Vienna! has already sold

100% of its space on Church Street, and 75% of its space on Elm Street. However, **Keith Bodamer** still needs leads and introductions to sell the remaining space and gain new sponsorships!

**Luisa Freeman** provided Keith Bodamer with an introduction to a potential major new sponsor for ViVa! Vienna!. Luisa proposed that Keith be nicknamed "the Closer," based on his performance in very nearly closing the deal for this new sponsorship in the very first meeting. Keith pointed out the invaluable service provided by Rotarians like Luisa – it was hard to close any deals without introductions to the decision makers.



Visiting Rotarians	
None	
Guests	
None	
Gambling	
	The small pot of \$20 was won by <b>A.J. Oskuie</b> which he donated back to the club. The large pot was \$ 379 continues to grow.
	An amazing apple-peach pie, donated by the Pie Gourmet, was won by <b>Luisa Freeman</b> and enjoyed by her table.



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Club Assembly Rotary Club of Vienna Foundation

The Vienna Rotary Club Leadership Team reviewed over 50 nominations by club members for Charitable Giving. Its recommendations were forwarded to the club Foundation, which approved a little over \$100,000 dollars to a variety of very worthwhile organizations in 2009. Four charitable organizations received funds today:



**Richard Lukens** presented a check to Victoria Nelley of NOVACO, the Northern Virginia Coalition (NOVACO) of Churches and Businesses, which provides safe housing and social services to families that would otherwise be homeless after fleeing domestic abuse. NOVACO helps women increase their earning potential and gain self-sufficiency. Ms. Nelley was most pleased when a tenth graduate bought a home, giving her children their own home to live in as their Christmas present in 2008.



**Richard Lukens** presented a check to Lisa Goodwin of the Laurie Mitchell Employment Center, people with mental illnesses using their experience to help others with mental illnesses to improve their quality of life. Ms. Goodwin reported that she was not just the Executive Director of the Laurie Mitchell Employment Center, she was a customer as well. She found gainful employment within three months of going to the Center, and got her children back within 2 ½ years. Since many people coming to the Center lack professional qualifications, the Center provides job training, especially in computer and office skills, along with counseling to folks looking to turn their lives around. The Center assists 700 people a year.



### 2009 District Conference

#### The Homestead

1766 Homestead Drive  
Hot Springs, VA 24445

**Pre-register online for the event by March 20 at the District website**

## SHELTER BOX



You will be able to see the contents of a shelter box set up at ViVa! Vienna! The standard box weighs 110

pounds, sealed and banded for transit and security. The box itself can be used as water tank, food store, cot, or table. The standard contents include: a ten-person tent, including two fabric interior privacy partitions, outer fly-sheet and repair kit. These tents are considered 'winter suitable' by international relief standards; vinyl insulated sleeping mats and lightweight thermal blankets.



**Jim Marshall** presented a check to Jeannie Marshall of the Hearing-Impaired Kid's Endowment (HIKE), which assists children from birth to age 20 whose parents' cannot afford hearing aids, FM systems, closed caption converters, tactile units, alerting systems, and specialized sports equipment, that may be essential for them to get an education and enjoy a fulfilling childhood.

**Jim Marshall** presented a check to Wayne Chiles, the Rotary International District 7610 Chairman for Shelterbox USA. The Vienna Rotary Club's contribution goes directly for purchasing the actual green shelter boxes, most often delivered to people in need within 48 hours of a natural or man-made disaster. A shelter box can allow a family to recover dignity and restart lives. When other donors were initially shut out of Myanmar (Burma), four Shelterbox volunteers were the first to arrive, ultimately providing 2,300 shelter boxes, enough for 23,000 people.

Wayne, himself a Rotarian and an Assistant District Governor, praised the Vienna Rotary Club as the District one consistent contributor. Over the years, the Vienna Rotary Club has paid for six shelter boxes, helping 60 people to survive.

