



**Chartered 1965**  
"Celebrating our 44<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Community"

**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

- June 13 Vienna honors Rotarian Maud Robinson for her career of service
- June 22 Alternative House Golf Tournament
- June 24 Installation Dinner for the club's new leadership team, to take place at Clyde's in Tyson's Corner.
- June 25 Grand Opening of the Stroke Comeback Center in Vienna
- Aug 2 "Difficult Run" concert on the Vienna Town Green.

## Upcoming Programs

- June 17 Gary Mesich Classification Talk
- June 24 Round Table
- July 1 Marcia McAllister, Dulles Corridor Project
- July 8 Nadera Adhazai

## CLUB FUNDS FIREWORKS

The Vienna Rotary Club will be the sponsor for the 2009 July Fourth Fireworks Display in the Town of Vienna. The club received a letter of appreciation from the Mayor. The following is an excerpt.

*The members of the Vienna Town Council join me in expressing our since gratitude to you and the members of the Vienna Rotary Club for your support of our July Fourth Fireworks Display. The Vienna Rotary Club is to be commended for its work in the local community for the past forty-four years and has truly lived up to its motto of "Service Above Self".*

*Sincerely,*  
*M. Jane Seeman*  
*Mayor*

### View from the Tables

Meeting Called to order at 12:15 p.m. by **President John Brunow**  
Greeter: **Paul Berger**  
Pledge: **led by Bob Easton**  
Prayer: offered by **Richard Lukens**  
Song: "This Land is My Land" led by **Karla Wills**  
Reporter: **David van Valkenburg**  
Sergeant-at-Arms: **Bob Oveissi**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rotary Club of Vienna is the sponsor of a free concert on the Vienna Town Green, featuring "Difficult Run."



**President-Elect Jim Marshall** welcomed the new membership of Mark Keam as proof-positive that the Rotary Club of Vienna now has at least two members who belong to the Democratic Party. Several Rotarians guffawed at Jim's obvious under estimate.

**Howard Svigals** wished Mark Keam the best of luck in the Fall General Election.

**Richard Gray's** son graduated from George Mason University, with degrees in Science and International Marketing.

**Jorge Diaz** announced that his two sons have returned home, but that he required them to sign leases, which expire in 90 days.

**Butch McGonegal** won a golf charity outing. We're all proud of him, especially when we remember he suffered a life-threatening cardiac event, subsequently entirely resolved, just months ago.



## NEW MEMBER



## INDUCTION OF MARK KEAM TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA

**Mark Keam** was inducted as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Vienna. Rotarians who are variously Democrats, Republicans, Independents and non-political welcomed Mark, and also congratulated him on his June 9 win, with 55% of the vote in a four-way race, as the Democratic Party candidate for the 35<sup>th</sup> District in the Virginia House of Delegates, the district that includes Vienna, Oakton and Dunn Loring. **Howard Svigals** deserves special recognition for bringing Mark into our club.

## NVFS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Monica Arispe, coordinator of a new mentoring program that Northern Virginia Family Service in order to improve the academic performance and social skills of youth.

We need adult mentors who can be matched with a mentee. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 3 to 5 pm. at the Falls Church Community center. So, we require volunteers to participate 8 hr. per month for a period of one year. Children in our program need to improve their grades, have a role model in their lives, have an adult who cares about them.

For more information, feel contact Monica at 703-219-2106 or [marispe@nvfs.org](mailto:marispe@nvfs.org)



**Visiting Rotarians**

The Rotary Club of Vienna welcomed visitor, Marion Beshara, a prospective member.

**Guests**

Bill Keene, visiting from the Tower Rotary Club in Tysons Corners.

**Gambling**



The small pot of \$ 29 was won by **Jeff Aten** which he donated back to the club. The large pot was over \$ 700 which continues to grow.



**Joe Cacciapaglia** won the Apple-Raspberry pie, donated by the Pie Gourmet, which was enjoyed by all at his table.

**Rotary Club of Vienna  
2008- 2009 Leadership Team**

- President** – John Brunow
- President Elect** – Jim Marshall
- Vice President** – Richard Lukens
- Past President** - Larry Warren
- Director at Large** - Matt Brennan
- Executive Secretary** - Gerry Hamilton
- Treasurer** – Howard Svigals
- Chair Administration Committee** – David Helfgott
- Director Club Service** - Joe Pace
- Chair Membership Committee** – A.J. Oskuie
- Chair Public Relations** – Wayne Jackson
- Chair The Rotary Foundation Committee** – Jorge Diaz
- Vienna Rotary Foundation** – Matt Brennan
- Chair Viva! Vienna!** – Woody Bentley
- Dir. Vocational Service** - Duni Schutzensgel
- Dir. International Service** - Jim Marshall
- Vice Chair Intern’al Service** - J. Scholes



**TODAY’S PROGRAM**

**Andy Clarke**  
**Executive Director**  
**League of American Bicyclists**

Our speaker was Andy Clarke, for five years now the Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists. That 129-year-old organization was originally known as the League of American Wheelmen. Your reporter remembers its recruiting posters from the 1970s bearing the legend, “Here Comes the Law!” The League’s original purpose was to lobby for paved roads **for cyclists**, this before automobile traffic was dreamed of. The League also campaigned to protect cyclists, not from non-existent motorists, but from carriage drivers and men on horseback, some of whom had to be persuaded not to use their horsewhips on cyclists.

The League continues as an advocacy organization today, but also educates. It has 1,500 certified instructors who teach cyclists the rules of the road, bicycle safety, and how to ride in all conditions.

The League encourages cycling through efforts like “National Bike to Work Day” and by publicizing the opening of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge bike lane just this month. Sometimes the League combines encouragement of riding with advocacy before government. At the “National Bike Summit, 620 leaders in bicycle industry and advocacy biked to meetings with Members of Congress.

Clarke informed Rotarians that presently, 40% of all car trips are just two miles or less. The League urges the public to consider taking the bike instead, which would benefit public health, the environment, and individual pocketbooks. Four-dollar-a-gallon gas last year was a big boost for the League, even if not everyone in the audience remembered it so fondly.

The League rates Davis (California), Boulder (Colorado) and Portland (Oregon) as first among its 275 recognized “bicycle friendly communities.” While Vienna may not be on the list as yet, it does have the tremendous assets of the Washington & Old Dominion trail, knowledgeable local shops (Clarke mentioned “Bikes@Vienna” and “Spokes” by name) and a local association, “Advocates for Better Cycling.”

Clarke took Q&A from the audience. President John Brunow closed the meeting at 1:33, time not allowing him to address the issue of a possible fine for Clarke’s plug of his bicycle shop.

**VIENNA ROTARIAN  
SPONSORS CORNELL IN  
THE SOLAR DECATHLON**

Joe Manelski, once again, will be hosting the Cornell team for the bi annual Solar Decathlon scheduled for October at the Mall. Information about the Cornell entry may be seen at [www.cusd.cornell.edu](http://www.cusd.cornell.edu)



