



June 5, 2007

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## Today's Meeting

**David Leiner**

### **"Escola Estrela do Mar (The Starfish School)"**

Escola Estrela do Mar (the Starfish School), founded in November 2004, provides free, all-day, complete education to 25 children, ages 3-7 in the impoverished village of Bebedouro, city of Maceio, state of Alagoas, Brazil. The primary goal of the school is to provide the best, most complete education possible, which means focusing on academics, while strongly emphasizing health and personal development. **David Leiner** is a D.C. native who went to Maceio about 3 years ago. While in Maceio, **David** volunteered in the community, as he has in Washington (Boys & Girls Clubs, JCC, YMCA, D.C. Cares, etc). His experience in a very corrupt charity which was supposed to be helping poor children was very upsetting. He remembered the Starfish Story, the moral of which is to focus on what is within your means to accomplish. That led **David Leiner** to create Escola Estrela do Mar.

## Visiting Rotarians Sheila Canzian of San Mateo, California

### Guests

**Hari Iyer, a guest of Todd Dempsey**  
**Brian Pence, a guest of Bob Rosenbaum**

### Last Week

Springfield, VA Rotarian **Wayne Chiles**, District 7610 Representative of Shelter Box US discussed Shelter Boxes. Shelter Box is a box loaded with supplies a family would need for shelter after a natural or man-made disaster. They contain pots, water purifying systems, a 10- person tent and more. Shelter Box was conceived of by a Rotarian with the Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, UK Club in 2000. Currently there are 480,000 Shelter Boxes in use throughout the world, including New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Our club has supplied over 3 boxes for use in distressed areas. Donations are accepted at [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org).

### Announcements

**Darren Ewing** and **Rick Neldon** were initiated as McLean Rotary Club's newest members. June 28 is **Scott Mills'** inauguration as 07-08 President at Westwood Country Club. **Mike DeRose** received a thank you letter from **Preeti Krishnan** of Save a Child Now Foundation thanking us for our support.

## Upcoming Speakers

June 12, 2007

**Horace McCormack**

**"World Community Service  
and Think Caribbean"**



**Please join the Friends of the McLean Community Center on Monday, June 11 at 7:30 for a gathering to honor Bill Stell. He will be presented with the "Friends In Deed Award" for his many years of service to the Friends board.**

## Happy Talk

**Ed Shahin** is not only happy, he is ecstatic about the recent winning streak of the Nationals. **Scott Mills** is happy to be out of the hospital. **John Leonard** had a great Memorial Day with his three sons. **Tin Lay** is attending her last meeting as a McLean Rotarian; she is transferring to Falls Church to help out that club. **Matt Wallace** had his annual 3 day vacation to the Blue Ridge Mountains. **Vance Zavela** traveled to Detroit to see the Indians beat the Tigers. **Bob Rosenbaum** noted that May 29 is **Will Fairbanks** 91st birthday. **Stan Richards** is happy to celebrate his birthday too (he is not yet 91). **Bob Weiland** spent Memorial Day in Norfolk, VA. **Pamela Danner's** daughter **Constance** is serving in Iraq.