



Service and Fellowship
in McLean

Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Club #5817

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Agenda *by Cecilia Ford*

Future Speakers

Jan 24 2012
Tarek Nahabet
"The Laws of Leadership"

Jan 31 2012
Bobbie Kilberg
"Northern Virginia Technology Council"

Feb 28 2012
Dr. Craig Cheifetz
"Inova Fairfax Hospital"

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- Noon - Meeting to order**
- Greeter -TBD
 - Song led by - TBD
 - Pledge led by - TBD
 - Invocation led by - TBD
 - 50/50 raffle collections - TBD

- 12:20 Begin Program**
- Welcome Guests and Visiting Rotarians - Sergeant at Arms
 - Announcements
 - Happy Talk - Ed Shahin

12:40 Program
Donna Goldbranson, Founder and Executive Director of SPARC.

In answer to the identified need in our community for young adults with life-long disabilities Donna has developed Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC). Ms. Goldbranson used her 20+ years of advocacy experience and team building abilities to pull together diverse organizations and stakeholders to bring about the realization of this unique day support program for young adults with multiple disabilities. This challenging effort required entrepreneurial insight, boundless energy, and commitment, to build the powerful partnerships needed to realize this dream. She brings her "Circuit Train Your Brain" model to young adults at SPARC and her vision is to have a SPARC program across the county!

- 1:00 p.m.**
- 50/50 raffle bucket

1:15 p.m. Adjourn meeting

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January 3, 2012 Program *by Richard Neldon*

Paul Sawtell led Happy Talk on January 3. There was no special program, just Happy Talk.

Announcements *by Richard Neldon*

Vance Zavala sent around sheets for members to purchase Girl Scout cookies. Vance has two daughters selling this year. You can either purchase cookies for yourself or donate to one of two (or even donate to both) good causes. One daughter is collecting donations for our troops in Afghanistan, and the other daughter is collecting donations for Alternative House here in Fairfax County. Vance will match the dollar amount of cookies sold and donate the match to Rotary's reading efforts at Timber Lane School.

Our big effort for this month is running the first annual McLean Chocolate Festival in cooperation with the McLean Community Center

Dana Sippell had lawn signs and rack cards for distribution and asked Rotarians to sign-up to place signs and distribute the rack cards.

Jan Auerbach shared that the high school Interact clubs will be running the games for the children at the Festival. She needs a Rotarian to step forward to volunteer to help the Interact students with this project.

Happy Talk

by Richard Neldon

Ralf Berthiez happily introduced his guest, Sandy (didn't get the last name), who he met at a car rally.

Ed Shahin reminisced about his marriage on New Year's Eve.

Ed Hollman spent an extraordinary New Year's Eve at the Omni Bedford Springs Hotel in Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania (a AAA four diamond resort, just a 2 hour drive from the Washington, DC area) with fellow Rotarians.

Tom Mangan spent Christmas with his grandchildren.

Steve Swift saw the movie, *The Artist*. The story takes place in Hollywood between 1927 and 1932 and focuses on a declining male film star and a rising actress, as silent cinema grows out of fashion and is replaced by the talkies. Much of the film itself is silent; it is shot in black-and-white, and has received wide praise from critics. Steve also made phone calls to many of his more distant family members to stay in touch with them.

Dana Sippel celebrated the fact that his son passed the driving test.

Mike DeRose shared love and respect for his father-in-law who passed two days before Christmas. He had cancer. One of Dr. Mike's favorite causes is giving blood. He read an article from the Washington Post that the perfect gift during this giving season, is giving the gift of blood. A group was going after the meeting to do just that at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Deb Jackson told about having 30 family members at her home for Christmas Eve. The blessing for the evening meal was given by her oldest son Justin, who has just completed his first semester at seminary.

Bob Hahne told us of his plans for this year's Stop Hunger Now program. He is getting started now in planning for another big event.

Celia Ford was happy to have found \$5.00 on the street in the morning. She donated the money to Happy Talk. Good deeds are often rewarded. Celia won the 50/50 raffle following Happy Talk.