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in McLean

Rotary Club of McLean, Club #5817

Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

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Future Speakers

Nov 22 2011

Bob Hahne and Todd Dempsey

"Foundation Month Update"

Nov 29 2011

Rotary Cup Field Hockey Program

"McLean and Langley Teams"

Dec 8 2011

Holiday Celebration

"Washington Golf and Country Club"

Dec 13 2011

David Morabito

"Rotary "Outward Bound" Experience"

Dec 20 2011

White Elephant Gift Exchange/Election of Officers

"Family Month Update"

Dec 27 2011

Rotary Holiday Meeting Cancelled

Upcoming Events

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Nov 1 2011 - Nov 30 2011

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Agenda

by Cecilia Ford

Noon - Meeting to order

- Greeter - TBD
- Song led by - Steven Richardson
- Pledge led by - George Sachs
- Invocation led by - Glenn Yarborough
- 50/50 raffle collections - George Sachs

12:20 Begin Program

- Welcome Guests and Visiting Rotarians - Sergeant at Arms
- Announcements
- Happy Talk (after program) - Michael DeRose

12:40 Program

James Wheeler enlisted in the Marine Corp at age 17, In February of 1944. He was in action on the battle of Iwo Jima from February 19 - March 16, 1944. He served 2 years in the Marine Corp. After graduating from college he was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). During his tenure he served twelve of thirty of years of service overseas in Asia and Europe.

Prior to retirement from the CIA, he served as an assistant director of finance for the Agency. He then was instrumental in the inception as vice president at Usatrex International, Inc. A world wide security government contract firm. Presently, Mr. Wheeler is a media consultant on the subject of Iwo Jima; he is frequently asked to provide lectures based on his experience as an Iwo Jima Veteran and has been interviewed on numerous occasions by producers for documentaries. He has implemented a popular Facebook page for Iwo Jima Veterans and their families to share stories.

Mr. Wheeler holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Loyola University in Los Angeles, CA and a Master of Science in Technology and Management from American University; he then completed the esteemed M.I.T. Sloan Executive Education.

1:00 p.m.

- 50/50 raffle bucket

1:15 p.m. Adjourn meeting

2012-2013 Rotary Board Slate of Nominees

by Guru Raj

President Jan Auerbach, **Immediate Past President** Cherry Baumbusch, **President Elect** Dale Lazar, **Treasurer** Lynn Heinrichs and **Secretary** Paul Sawtell.

This slate will be announced at three upcoming meetings as well. Any club members interested in nominating fellow members or themselves for the slate should contact Glenn or any other member of this year's board.

Partners for Surgery

by Guru Raj

Frank Peterson delivered an update to the club regarding Partners for Surgery in Guatemala, an organization which he started after seeing a need for basic medical care while visiting his son who served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala in the early 1990s.

Partners for Surgery has been successful in encouraging both those in the US and Guatemala to provide medical services to impoverished rural, majority Mayan, populations. Frank commented that the recent election of a new President in Guatemala has raised hopes across the country for better provision of basic services for all Guatemalans.

Frank shared a video prepared by two Guatemalan volunteers telling stories of the efforts of Partners in Surgery.

After providing background about Guatemala and the Mayan people, who compose half of the country's population, Frank highlighted the solvable problems that the country confronts, including malnutrition, illiteracy, and lack of access to basic healthcare.

Partners for Surgery provides services throughout central Guatemala through community efforts expanding far beyond surgery to addressing some of these core basic healthcare needs.

Those needing medical attention hear of Partners for Surgery's services via battery powered radios and through church networks and are invited to come to surgical sites set up throughout the countryside. Transportation can prove to be challenging both pre- and post- surgery.

Most recently, a team of 15 volunteers traveled down to Playa Grande, near the Mexican border. Hundreds of women lined up in front of their temporary health center to be seen by doctors.

Since 2001, over 40,000 people have received medical care through Partners for Surgery including 7,000 who have received facilitated surgeries.

Thanks to donations from the McLean Rotary Club and other clubs, a formal surgical center with two operating rooms has been set-up that draws talented surgeons from around the world to provide reconstructive surgery, hernia operations (a large percentage of which are for women) and a range of other procedures.

Efforts are underway to be able to transition the management of the current surgical center to a team of Guatemalans and .

Partners for Surgery is at the forefront of providing care in rural communities and Frank thanked the club for its ongoing support.

Announcements

by Guru Raj

Cherry Baumbusch recognized club members who were involved in supporting a successful 14th Annual Monte Carlo Night. The club raised more than \$15K in sponsorships alone. Cherry also recognized that this past weekend's Stop Hunger Now meal packing was a roaring success and recognized club members who participated.

Ralf Berthiez is going to run a mini-auction for the remaining Monte Carlo Silent Auction items, a list of items will be forthcoming.

Bob Hahne represented the McLean Rotary Club at the recent district award ceremony where the Club was recognized for consistently maintaining high per capita giving levels for the last three years.

Steve Swift announced that McLean High School's Ethics Day is on November 16th and is looking for table leaders

Jan Auerbach distributed flyers about Share, which is accepting donations of old computers that can be refurbished and donated to families in need. Additionally, Jan noted that Homestretch received a \$7K district

grant. Jan circulated a sign-up sheet soliciting club members to volunteer at an activity to help select holiday gifts for Homestretch families. Every Wednesday night, Homestretch families have an opportunity to attend life skills training – club members interested in attending observing the training should contact Jan. Finally Homestretch is supporting the DC Homeless Walk-a-Thon to raise awareness and funds for homeless populations.

John Rosenbaum is looking for an additional 2 volunteers for Alternative House next Thursday, November 17th from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

Glenn Yarborough announced the slate of nominees for next year's Rotary Board, including President Jan Auerbach, Immediate Past President Cherry Baumbusch, President Elect Dale Lazar, Treasurer Lynn Heinrichs and Secretary Paul Sawtell. This slate will be announced at three upcoming meetings as well. Any club members interested in nominating fellow members or themselves for the slate should contact Glenn or any other member of this year's board.

Happy Talk

by Guru Raj

Michael DeRose is happy about donating blood after today's meeting with fellow Rotarians and about having attended a recent 49ers game.

Mike Holleran is happy about surviving his kids Bishop O'Connell homecoming this past weekend and congratulated McLean High School on their victory over Langley on Friday night.

Nick Kalis is happy that a friend is opening up a boutique in Bethesda

Kathy Martin thanked those who have served our country and looks forward to a fitting Veteran's Day tribute on 11/11/11.

Jan Auerbach is happy to be serving on an election board today and is splitting a shift with her husband

Doug Megill is happy about his Florida Gators winning their homecoming game and having found a new employee while down in Gainesville.

Matt Howard enjoyed presenting the Rotary Cup to the McLean Highlanders on their victory during Friday's game against the Langley Saxons.

Bob Rosenbaum is happy that the American Legion is selling citrus and offered to hand deliver any orders made by club members in person during our Nov. 22nd meeting. He's also happy to have an Iwo Jima veteran speaking during next week's Rotary meeting and encouraged all to attend. Bob is happy that the robo calls will end now that election day is passing!

Obie O'Bryon is happy to announce he is still alive after surgery a few weeks ago. We send Obie best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Ralf Berthiez is happy to have attended an Austen Healy car rally in the Shenandoah last weekend.

Tom Mangan is looking for folks who have an interest in Nature Photography to attend an event this weekend at George Mason

Bob Hahne thanked those who attended Stop Hunger Now and made it such a success on the prior Saturday