



Service and Fellowship
in McLean

Rotary Club of McLean, Club #5817

Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

Monday, September 12, 2011

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Future Speakers

Sep 20 2011

Steve Swift

"Vocation Service Month Update"

Sep 27 2011

Rotarian Guru Raj

"Classification Talk "

Oct 11 2011

Pamela Danner

Oct 18 2011

TBD

"New Generations Month Update"

Nov 1 2011

Rotary Cup - Football Program

"McLean vs Langley"

Nov 8 2011

Frank Peterson

"Partners for Surgery"

Nov 15 2011

Rosenbaum Tentative

"Military Tribute"

Nov 22 2011

Bob Hahne and Todd Dempsey

"Foundation Month Update"

Nov 29 2011

Rotary Cup Field Hockey Program

"McLean and Langley Teams"

Dec 13 2011

TBA

"Outward Bound" Experience"

Dec 13 2011

Holiday Party

"No Luncheon Meeting"

Upcoming Events

September is New Generations Month

Sep 1 2011 - Sep 30 2011

EVO Bistro Wine Mixer

Oct 4 2011 - Oct 4 2011

EVO Bistro Wine Mixer

Nov 1 2011 - Nov 1 2011

Fourteenth Annual Rotary Monte Carlo Night

Nov 4 2011 - Nov 4 2011

Agenda

by Cecilia Ford

Noon - Meeting to order

- Greeter Guru Raj
- Announce song led by TBD
- Announce pledge led by Bob Rosenbaum
- Announce invocation by Tom Mangan

12:20 Begin Program

- Welcome
- Sergeant at Arms greets visiting Rotarians and guests
- Announcements
- Guess the Rotarian - Bob Rosenbaum
- Happy Talk - Tom Mangan

12:40 Introduction of Guest Speaker Kathleen Koch

Kathleen Koch spoke at the RI International Convention in New Orleans, LA. She is a Washington-based freelance journalist, author and speaker. Her best-selling book, *Rising from Katrina*, which traces her Mississippi hometown's recovery from Hurricane Katrina and her experiences covering it, won the gold medal for best non-fiction in the Southeast region in the 2011 Independent Publisher Book Awards. It also received an honorary mention for Book of the Year in the regional category from ForeWord Reviews.

For 18 years, Koch was a CNN general assignment correspondent specializing in aviation reporting and serving as correspondent at the Pentagon, the White House and on Capitol Hill. Koch provided moving reports from the Mississippi Gulf Coast during and in the years following Hurricane Katrina. Her two documentaries on the recovery of her hometown - *Saving My Town - The Fight for Bay Saint Louis* and *The Town That Fought Back* - received a New York Festivals Gold Metal. Koch also share in the 2006 Peabody Award CNN received for its coverage on the hurricane.

Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including three silver and one bronze Telly for a 2010 report she anchored for Astrocast.TV on the new Spaceport America under construction in the New Mexico desert. In 2007, Koch won a New York Festivals Gold Medal and a bronze award for investigative reporting from the New York Association of Black Journalists for a CNN report in which she revealed the apparent murder of a young inmate by guards at a Mississippi jail.

In 2004, Koch traveled the country covering the Bush presidential campaign, before being deployed south to Florida to report on the deadly series of hurricanes lashing that state. In 2003, she was part of CNN's around-the-clock coverage from the Pentagon on the build up to and the launch of the Iraq war. A year earlier, Koch was one of the primary correspondents covering the Washington-D.C.-area sniper attacks. In 2001, she was part of CNN's Emmy award-winning coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Two months later, Koch was lead correspondent on CNN's coverage of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in New York.

Before joining CNN, Koch was a general assignment reporter covering Washington D.C., for multiple news organizations. She was also a consumer and medical reporter for the Group W Newsfeed Network and a weekend reporter at WRC-TV in Washington, D.C. She was an anchor and State Department correspondent for "America Today," the U.S. Information Agency's two-hour daily international news broadcast to Europe. Koch began her television career as a reporter and weekend anchor for the ABC affiliate WLOX-TV in Biloxi, Miss.

Koch was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Dijon in Dijon, France. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM).

1:10 p.m. or there about

- Kathleen Koch
- 50/50 raffle Ted Gray

1:15 p.m. Adjourn meeting

Last Week's Speaker - Beth Chiarelli

by Richard Neldon

Dave was born in the town of Canadian, Texas, in Hemphill County. He received an undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1972 and a law degree there in 1975. He studied international economics at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland as a Rotary International Graduate Fellow.

Stop Hunger Now - Meal Packing Event
Nov 5 2011 - Nov 5 2011

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

by Richard Neldon

Guests

Steve Richardson
Helen Askew
Nelson Ford
Peter Baumbusch
Dave McCurdy

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McCurdy served in the United States Air Force Reserve, attaining the rank of major and serving as a Judge Advocate General (JAG). He was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma from 1975 to 1977. Dave met his wife in college and they have been married for 40 years. On their time studying in Edinburgh he commented that when they arrived they brought with them their 10 day old son, Josh. Dave thought the trip over rather uneventful. However, wife Pam was the one who dealt with the child with colic and has a very different perspective on the trip. Wife Pam is now a physician specializing in child psychiatry here in McLean.

McCurdy, a moderate Democrat, served for seven terms in Congress, from 1981 to 1995, representing Oklahoma's 4th congressional district. Specializing in national security and intelligence issues, Dave was appointed to leadership positions in the field including chairmanships of the House Intelligence Committee, Military Installations and Facilities Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee and the Transportation Aviation and Materials Subcommittee of the Science and Space Committee. At one point Dave considered his own presidential campaign in 1992, although he eventually supported fellow DLC member Bill Clinton. He was considered for United States Secretary of Defense, and was also offered the role of Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, but turned it down.

In February 2011, McCurdy became president and CEO of the American Gas Association, where he is responsible for representing and promoting the interests of 199 local energy utility companies that deliver natural gas throughout the nation. In closing, Dave took several questions from the floor. Regarding the use of natural gas as a fuel for automobiles, he said that the cost would be almost \$3.00 a gallon cheaper than gasoline and that if all 18-wheeler trucks were to convert to natural gas as a fuel, the United States could reduce its dependence on foreign fuel in half. However, the cost of conversion is high and the installation of quick filling stations would be very expensive. Using natural gas as a fuel is basically an infrastructure issue and will depend on the desires of the consumer. He also commented that he felt the US was losing its capacity for strategic thinking. Americans want instant answers and tend not to reflect on the issues. We tend to look more for short term answers and not long term solutions to problems.

Announcements

by Richard Neldon

--We were all sad to hear of **the passing of Barb Hahne**, the wife of Bob Hahne, on September 1. Barb's funeral will be this coming Saturday, September 10, 2011, at 10:00 am at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Burial will follow in National Memorial Park with a reception at the church. Barb and husband Bob had been married for 52 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and his family.

--**Todd Dempsey** reminded us that the group updating the club's By-Laws will be meeting next week. If you have comments on the By-Laws that were sent out on email, please send them to Todd. Also, the Foundation Board will be meeting on Tuesday, September 13, prior to the Club's regular lunch meeting.

--**Ed Shahin** did not sing his announcements this week, but did remind us that additional volunteers are needed for the McLean Artfest on October 2, and for the Timber Lane School reading program. Let Ed know if you can help with either of these activities.

--**Michael "the Vampire" DeRose** told us that the next opportunity to donate blood will be after next Tuesday's meeting. Contact Dr. Mike for more information.

--**Vance Zavala** is looking for volunteers to help with Monte Carlo Night on the committees for the Silent Auction and Sponsorship.

--**Birthdays:** Club members sang Happy Birthday to Doug Megill (Sept 7) and Rick Neldon (Sept 25) who were the two September birthdays present at today's club meeting.

--**Presentation:** Bob Hahne recognized Guru Raj as our newest Paul Harris Fellow, and presented him with his certificate and pin.

Rotary Information Corner...

by Robert F. Rosenbaum

A. (Answer to last week's question).....**GUESS THE ROTARIAN WHO**repaired an airfield on a Caribbean Island.....it was that multi-talented John McEvilly.

Q. **GUESS THE ROTARIAN WHO**.....hosted a blackjack party at his house, where Chris Cooley (Redskin tight end) coolly won \$50.....

(Answer to appear in next week's bulletin).