



Service and Fellowship  
in McLean

# Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Club #5817

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## Agenda - October 15, 2013

*by McEvilly, John P.*

### Noon - Meeting Call to Order

Greeter - Matt Howard  
Song - Chet Gray  
Pledge - Paul Sawtell  
Invocation - John McEvilly  
Happy Talk - Sam Agarwal  
50/50 Raffle - Sam Agarwal  
4-way test - Katherine Mackey

### 12:20 Begin Program

Welcome guests and visiting Rotarians - Sergeant At Arms  
Announcements  
Happy Talk

### 12:40 pm - Speaker

### 1:15 pm - Adjourn

## Program - October 8, 2013

*by Auerbach, Jan*

**Richard Golden** introduced speaker **Pat Loria** who works for the Mine Action Group of America (MAG). The goal of MAG is to protect the most vulnerable people from buried land mines and air-dropped, unexploded ordnances. It began in 1989 and received much recognition due to support from Princess Diana. MAG won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997. It currently employs 4,000 people in 15 countries and has a staff of six in Washington, DC. The US office has a \$16 million budget, most of which comes from the Federal Government. The budget worldwide is \$60 million and the US Government funds a large portion of that.

Some farmers can't farm whole fields because of contamination. Sites that could be used for schools or hospitals are similarly off-limits. Loria reported that over 80 countries have a problem with mines, and MAG works in over 35 of them—mostly in Africa and Southeast Asia. The areas that they work in affect 1.5 million people.

MAG trains local, impoverished people to do landmine clearance and explosive ordnance disposal. It costs \$10,000 and one month for 12 people to clear an acre of land. Dogs can detect land mines but not unexploded ordnances. Dogs are effective only in areas of low contamination. Some ordnances must be removed from the site because, if they are destroyed on the ground, they will leave contamination. If a child kicks or throws remnants of cluster munitions, they will detonate. These types of bombs were used by the US in Iraq, by Israel in Lebanon, and by Syrian leadership against their own people. However, most countries have now pledged to discontinue their use because of the secondary impact on children.

MAG also teaches children how to avoid landmines and what to do if they see any. She said it is difficult to remove the fear and assure locals if its safety even after a field has been cleared. One mine risk education project in Angola cost \$10,000. Funds were used for 720 people to form community liaison teams that worked for 1.5 months.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/02 Sam Agarwal  
10/02 Dominic Alexander  
10/02 Steven Richardson  
10/04 Anne Vandemark  
10/15 Obie O'Bryon, II  
10/21 Ben Lacy  
10/22 John McEvilly  
10/24 Vance Zavela  
10/25 Cherry Baumbusch  
10/29 Todd Dempsey

## Future Speakers

### Oct 15 2013

Mr. Graham Cox  
*"Law of Human Attraction:  
A British Intelligence View"*

### Oct 22 2013

Ms. Farzana Kennedy

### Oct 29 2013

Mr. Jason Spenser & Ms. Sharon McLoone

### Nov 5 2013

Football - Langley and McLean High School

### Nov 12 2013

Vance S. Zavela  
*"Changes Happening in McLean"*

### Nov 19 2013

Mr. Vic Price

### Visiting Rotarians

Shannon Owen  
Michael Arietti  
Marshal Hyman

### Guests

Pat Derwinski, Weichert  
Realtors

### 50/50 Raffle

**Tom Mangan** won the  
small pot of \$24.

## **Announcements - October 8, 2013**

*by Auerbach, Jan*

**Vance Zavala** announced that Fairfax County is sponsoring Wear Jeans to Work Day to raise funds for the homeless. He said there will be a Turkey Bowl to raise funds for turf fields. For Monte Carlo Night, we have raised \$8,000 in sponsorships but would like to at least match the \$12,000 we raised last year. We also need more silent auction items and volunteers to serve as floaters the night of the event.

**Jan Auerbach** noted that second quarter dues are due next week. She also said that members can sign up to order a tree from Food4Trees by going to [www.foodfortrees.org](http://www.foodfortrees.org). She also announced that the Chocolate Festival will be held at the McLean Community Center again and that we have seven vendors committed already.

**President Dale Lazar** said there will be a four-club Happy Hour at Princes Court in the Regency on Old Meadow Road tomorrow. The club is covering the \$5 per person hors d'oeuvres fee. There is a cash bar. He also asked for District Governor nominations and reminded everyone that RLI is having a training session in Fredericksburg next month. **Bob Hahne** is still looking for volunteers for Stop Hunger Now on November 2

## **Happy Talk - October 8, 2013**

*by Auerbach, Jan*

**Dana Sippel** spent a nice weekend at Deep Creek Lake with his wife and some friends.

**Paul Ward** was happy Sam raised a record \$70 with Happy Talk last week.

**Tom Mangan** spent the morning working on photos. He will enter six in a major competition.

**Brian Pence** returned yesterday from Maui where he and his wife celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and attended the wedding of a good friend.

**Cherry Baumbusch** is happy that the DC meter maids must not be working due to the government shutdown.

**Vance Zavala** thanked George Sachs for allowing the Chamber of Commerce's annual Suits and Sneakers event to move to the Community Center after Claude Moore Turkey Run pavilions were closed due to the government shutdown. He also reported that his daughter's softball team continues to do well; even the umpire complimented him on his daughter's play.

**Rick Neldon** announced his 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary is tomorrow. His wife's family owns a hardware store in North Carolina that celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Carmen Wu** told us she was married two years ago today.

**Ben Lacy** reported that his father went into a coma two weeks ago but is being treated at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and is expected to make a full recovery.

**Ed Holman** said that doctors at Johns Hopkins are hopeful that they have finally found the correct diagnosis for his wife's back problem.

**John Rosenbaum** is happy that his father and Santa Claus can co-exist.

**Bob Rosenbaum** told us that when son John was a child, he didn't realize his father was playing Santa Claus and cried when his father wasn't there to see him on Santa's lap.

**Bill Reed** is happy that civilian professors at West Point have been allowed to return to work. He said his grandson who is on staff there had to pay his own way to DC to meet a speaking obligation.

**Thamir Al'Hashimi** spent two weeks in Hawaii. He said it is boring there if you don't take your wife and/or your girlfriend.

**Editor's note: Tin Lay Raschid** was inadvertently omitted from the list of this season's blood donors. Thanks again to all for these donations.