



Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Club #5817

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/11 – Thamir Al-Hashimi
04/14 – Lynn Heinrichs

Future Speakers

Apr 22, 2014

Ms. Shannon Owens
Classification Talk

Apr 29, 2014

Mr. Chris Voss
Art of Negotiations

May 06, 2014

Mr. Paul Ward
Floating on the river Amazon

May 13, 2014

Mr. Mark Brunner
Defence (personnel, budget, and Virginia's role as one of 6 sites for Unmanned Aerial Testing site)

Guests

Gene Durman (guest of Bob Hahne)

George Winter

Chad Quinn (guest of Thamir Al'Hashimi)

Visiting Rotarians

Andrew Wade (Rotary Club of Dulles)

Agenda - April 22, 2014

Noon - Meeting Call to Order

Greeter – TBA
Song - TBA
Pledge - TBA
Invocation - TBA
Happy Talk - TBA
50/50 Raffle - TBA
4-Way Test - TBA

12:20 Begin Program

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

12:40 pm - Speaker

1:15 pm - Adjourn

Program - April 15, 2014

Bob Jansen gave his classification talk.

Bob knew early that he wanted to be a civil engineer. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1980. His first job after graduation was as a rod and chain man on a survey crew, making \$165 a week. That job built the foundation for later work as a surveyor, civil engineer and development consultant. His whole career has been in land development. In his position, he deals with all other civil engineering disciplines such as structural and traffic engineering. In 1987 Milt Schneiderman of Madison Homes asked him to join the company. He accepted because he felt Schneiderman cared about doing a good job and saving trees. He later worked for Stanley Martin, Pulte, and KB Home-also companies that perform quality work and care about the environment. Twice during this period he lost his job. When it happened the second time with the 2008 downturn, he decided to work for himself doing project management work. He was concerned that, when the economy improved, companies would no longer outsource project management. However, companies are still reluctant to hire employees so his company has had plenty of work.

A benefit of his attendance at Virginia Tech was an invitation to join the alumni board of the university's civil engineering department. Bob helped develop their Land Development Design Initiative to help prepare students for land development careers. He attended a reception for the Virginia Tech Chapter of Engineers without Borders shortly after the tragic shooting on campus on April 16, 2007. He was excited about the prospect of using his engineering to give back and has always been interested in international travel. His son was attending the university then but had a late class and was sleeping when the shooting occurred. At the reception Bob met a number of Rotarians involved in the Strategic Water Alliance. Bob knew very little about water or sanitation but he became very interested in the work of the Alliance. Today's guest Rotarian, Andrew Wade, was one of the Rotarians who encouraged Bob to become involved. Bob went to Zambia for the first time last summer and intends to go each summer. That work got him involved in Rotary. He is now proud to be a Rotarian and a member of our club.

50/50 Raffle

Rick Neldon won the \$15 pot.

Upcoming Events

No upcoming events

Bob was born in Kansas, the youngest of five boys. He also has a younger sister. His father graduated from West Point as a civil engineer at the end of WWII. His first overseas post was in Berlin, helping to organize the Berlin Airlift. Bob lived in California, Kentucky, and Hong Kong (where he developed a British accent very desirable in the mid-1960's thanks to the Beatles).

Bob has been married to wife Anne for 32 years. They met as fellow fraternity "brothers" with the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega at Virginia Tech. Anne's father was born in Sweden and her mother in France. Her father worked for Scandinavian Airlines. He formed a nonprofit that has raised over \$3 million over 30 years. Following in her father's footsteps, Anne has formed her own nonprofit here (www.youassist.org). Bob and Anne have one son Michael, whom Bob characterizes as a left wing liberal, in contrast to his father.

In response to a question, Bob acknowledged that it is increasingly cumbersome to get permits approved by the county but Bob believes that the delays are probably good for the environment. Concern about runoff has led to requirements for retention ponds or other water absorption mechanisms.

Announcements - April 15, 2014

■ **Dale Lazar** and **Obie O'Bryon** reminded members of the upcoming district conference

■ **Jan Auerbach** said that fourth quarter invoices went out March 22 so payment is due on April 22.

■ **Lois Wilson** said that only about 55% of members have submitted ballots to prioritize service projects for funding. She is extending the deadline to April 22 and will send a reminder email to members who haven't yet submitted a ballot.

■ **Lynn Heinrichs** asked members to let her know if they attended Happy Hour at Evo Bistro last week so that they can get attendance credit.

■ **Shannon Owens** and **Bob Rosenbaum** will come to Rotary at 11:30 each week (except the second Tuesday) to answer questions by members related to membership

■ **Andrew Wade** of the Dulles club announced their Bluegrass Festival fundraiser the weekend of May 10. The club likes the fundraiser because it attracts non-Rotarians.

■ **Dale Lazar** said McLean Day is May 17 and all members are expected to help sell hot dogs and pizza at our Rotary booth.

■ **Dale Lazar** said there are 12 clubs in the Strategic Water Alliance now. They are funded through FY 2015. The McLean club will probably be asked to help support the Alliance in the fall of 2015.

Happy Talk - April 15, 2014

■ **Lois Wilson** is happy to attend a Carolina Chocolate Drops bluegrass concert in Pennsylvania this weekend.

■ **Thamir Al'Hashimi** is happy to leave on April 20 for three weeks in Europe.

■ **Lynn Heinrichs** had a nice birthday celebration yesterday. She and husband Wayne are looking forward to bringing their classic car Buttercup to the district conference. She will also be bringing her flapper dress for the Gatsby-themed dinner on Saturday.

■ **Bob Hahne** noted that today is tax day.

■ **George Sachs** announced that absentee voting has already begun for McLean Community Center Governing Board candidates. In person voting is on McLean Day, May 17.

■ **Chad Quinn**, current Chair of the MCC Governing Board, said he enjoys working with **George Sachs** very much. He also urged members to vote for Governing Board candidates.

■ **Bob Rosenbaum** is happy George Winter is at the meeting today.

■ **George Winter** invited Rotarians to attend Chesterbrook Residence's Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday from 1-3 PM.

■ **Vance Zavela** is happy that his daughter Diana pitched the only game that TJ's softball team has won so far—against West Springfield. The team's record is 1-10. He is leaving with his daughters this afternoon to go to the Johnson Space Center.

■ **Dana Sippel** and his wife drove downtown last weekend to see the cherry blossoms. He is thankful to be living so close to the city to be able to enjoy such events that others from around the world have to travel to see.