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**SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH**

Rotary clubs all over the world place the spotlight on our youth throughout the month of September. Clubs are encouraged to feature speakers who are actively involved with youth or become involved themselves. Our Rotaractors have been busy raising funds for their projects and busily engaged in hands on projects. Howard County Rotaractors kicked off their fundraising activities by selling food and drink at the Raven's home games. Downtown D. C. helped repair a section of Glover Archbold Trail in Rock Creek Park, installing water bars and building a culvert to help control water erosion to preserve the trail. Annapolis completed their first highway clean up along Generals Highway in Crownsville and helped Annapolis Rotary Club with their annual crab feast. The Rotaract clubs of District 7620 are currently planning a fundraiser to support the installation of wells in Bauchi, Nigeria . The event will take place in May and will be a wine tasting/silent auction.

Many clubs also sponsor Interact Clubs in their local high schools. The District Interact Committee needs the following information from each club: Name and contact information for the Rotarian in your club who is the Interact Club's contact person; and, the name and contact information for the person at the schools who is the Advisor/Counselor for the Interact Club at the school. THIS INFORMATION IS USED ONLY BY THE COMMITTEE FOR INTERACT BUSINESS. The District Chairman of the Interact Committee is Dick Libby, 410-280-1565, [ralby@msn.com](mailto:ralby@msn.com), 235 King George Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLY.

**D7620 OBSERVES LITERACY DAY**

September 8 was Literacy Day across D7620 with a busy week of activities. Clubs are encouraged to continue this important focus beyond our district observance: Ask everyone to bring a book to your weekly club meeting. Distribute books to local schools and homeless shelters. Magazines can go to waiting rooms at the regional Veterans hospitals and other health care facilities. Invite a local librarian, teacher or journalist to your club meeting. Our district literacy chair, Eolia Sibilia, would be happy to provide ideas and share success stories from our clubs.

## **CATCH A DREAM**

Clubs continue to support the PolioPlus \$100,000,000 challenge. Here is the latest honor roll:



College Park -- \$6500  
Bowie -- \$1000  
Carroll Creek -- \$1000  
Charles County/La Plata -- \$1000  
Charlotte Hall - \$1000  
Columbia -- \$1000  
Fredericktowne -- \$1000  
Glen Burnie -- \$1000

Hunt Valley -- \$1000  
Kingsville/Perry Hall -- \$950  
Lexington Park -- \$1000  
Potomac -- \$1000  
Towsontowne -- \$2000  
Waldorf -- \$1000  
Washington, DC -- \$1000

If your club has already sent PolioPlus money to The Rotary Foundation and it has not been recorded by the District, please send an email to the Chairman of The Rotary Foundation, District 7620, to let us know.

## **MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR**

District 7620 held its annual Membership Seminar on Sept. 13 at the BWI Ramada. Many clubs from across the District were represented as we shared strategies to recruit new members. Increased membership is a major goal of RI International President D.K. Lee and he has challenged each club to make a net increase of 10 percent this year.

The district's second Membership Recruitment Event will be held at Woodmore Country Club in Region D, Area 10 on Sept. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will be a seated dinner and all Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Please register with AG Jimmie Gorski.

## **FOUNDATION SEMINAR**

The first Rotary District Foundation seminar for 2008-2009 will be held at the University of Maryland 4-H Center, 8020 Greenmead Drive, College Park, MD 20740, on Saturday, September 27, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The seminar is open to, and suggested for, all Rotarians, but Club Presidents and Club Grant Committee Chairs are urged to attend. This is an opportunity to have any questions about the Rotary grant process answered. Please let us know as soon as possible who will be attending. Register via e-mail to Denise at [rotary@district7620.org](mailto:rotary@district7620.org). THERE IS A \$15 CHARGE FOR THE SEMINAR, WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH. WE SUGGEST THAT THE CLUBS SENDING REPRESENTATIVES PICK UP THIS COST.

## **KUDOS**

The Community Council for the Homeless will honor Julian Mansfield with its Leadership Award at the 11th Annual Ben Cooper Awards at the National Cathedral on Oct. 27. Julian is a longtime member of the Friendship Heights Rotary Club and manager of the Village of Friendship Heights.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2008-09 LEADERSHIP

Sep. 27 - Foundation Seminar, College Park  
Oct. 25 - Rotary Leadership Institute, Frederick  
Nov. 01 - Pre-PETS I  
Jan. 31 - Pre-PETS II

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT SCHEDULE - September

### September

16 - Sykesville  
17 - Catonsville Sunrise, Washington, Laurel  
18 - Woodlawn-Westview  
23 - Gaithersburg, Mt. Airy  
25 - Northern Calvert  
30 - Silver Spring

### October

2 - Leonardtown, Waldorf  
7 - Crofton  
8 - Downtown Towson

## D7620 SCRAPBOOK



### BASRA PROSTHETICS PROJECT

"I cannot express myself and I think all the world's words are not enough, but I want to say only one word, 'THANKS'."

-Dr. Muslim, Iraq



### ROTARY REACHES OUT

Chris Meerman, left, presents a car load of dry goods to the Bowie Food Pantry upon the occasion of his installation as President of the Rotary Club of Bowie.



### BON VOYAGE

DG Bette wishes Rotary Exchange Student Joseph Weeks well before he departs for Poland. Joseph was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Prince Frederick.