

IN MEMORIAM: ASHBY CHAMBERLIN

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) Rotary Club is saddened to report that Ashby L. Chamberlin died on May 20, 2020. Ashby was 83 years old. He leaves Kathryn, his wife of 55 years, plus a large and loving family of six children, and thirteen grandchildren.

Ashby was a beloved, active and long-serving member of the BCC Rotary Club. He joined Rotary in May 1964, following in the footsteps of his father, Donal Chamberlin, who was one of the Club's founding members. Ashby, in his 56 years in Rotary, had 54 years of perfect attendance. He served as Club President (2003-04), and he chaired the attendance committee for well over 35 years. Ashby would cheerfully greet Club members, visitors, and guests to our weekly lunch meetings at the Kenwood Country Club (which is a Chamberlin family-run business). Ashby would proudly and properly lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to start our meetings, and he'd work quietly and tirelessly to ensure that everything went just right throughout the meetings. Ashby supported BCC Rotary's Children's Shopping program for needy children by providing Kenwood CC bowling alley or ballroom for lunch after the shopping spree gift exchange for over 40 years. He created and hosted a biking event called Wheels for Charity. Unbeknownst to most, he donated extensively and anonymously to charities.

Ashby will be remembered for his corny jokes, one-liners, good nature, enthusiasm, and persistent optimism. His warm welcomes and special outreach helped set the tone



for our meetings. He would listen and often had stories to share on his favorite subjects – be it family, biking, hunting, Rotary, church, or community. At the end of each meeting he would bid members a farewell with, “Bye-now.” So, Ashby, good friend – with heavy heart and yet a smile when we think of you, we say for the moment – “Bye-now.” - BCC President Mark Pape

IN MEMORIAM: FRANK J. DEVLYN

Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn died on May 27, 2020, after a long struggle with cancer. In the world of Rotary, Frank was recognized as being one of the most sought – out speakers, constantly in demand for Rotary conferences and events. Frank described joining Rotary in 1970 as “a turning point in my life” and he brought to Rotary the same energy, determination and forward-thinking that were hallmarks of his business career. The Devlyn Optical Group of which he was the CEO has more than 700 stores and is the largest retail optical company in Latin America, with branches in México, Guatemala and El Salvador. His blueprint for Rotary in his 2000-01 Presidential year was characteristically ambitious. To help Rotarians accomplish his goals and give meaning and life to the theme of *Create Awareness – Take Action*. As testament to this prodigious networking ability, Frank has sat on the boards of numerous national and international groups. Frank and Gloria Rita, his wife of 43 years, have three daughters, Melanie, Stephanie and Jennifer. Nine grandchildren: Alexia, Luis, Carlos, Jennifer, Pablo, Michelle, and triplets Elena, Viviana and Luis.



“We must face the fact that today we are a recognized public force, and that we will receive many benefits if we cultivate the image and the recognition that go along with that reality.”

- Frank J. Devlyn, 2000-2001 President, Rotary International

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