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Rotary Club Calendar

June 4 – 6:30pm Meeting–Normandie Farm

Leonard Sirota: NASA

As Program Manager of NASA's Space Shuttle Orbiter Production, Len managed a \$1.8 billion, four year, Space Shuttle Orbiter production/development



program. He performed oversight and independent assessment of NASA's International Space Station development and led the publication of the International Space Station Commercialization Plan. Len led development of the Space Shuttle and International Space Station integrated management information system and was the principal author of NASA Project Management Processes and Requirements. He was NASA

Manager, Safety and Mission Success, and Executive Director of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel where he led a Congressionally-mandated panel to make significant safety contributions to NASA after the Columbia accident. Len is retired from NASA

Headquarters and is currently Technical Director at Perot Systems Government Services. His education includes the Harvard University Senior Executive Fellows Program; MBA International Business, George Washington University; and BS Electrical Engineering, George Washington University. Len has received NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal and NASA's Exceptional Service Medal. Len will show a brief video of the manufacturing of the last Shuttle Orbiter, talk about NASA's past and give a few anecdotes including a couple about the new administration.



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June 9 – 7pm Manna Food Center

June 11 – 6:30pm Meeting–Normandie Farm

Jason Hamel: Big City Mountaineers and Climbing Mount Rainier

June 18 – 6:30pm Meeting–Normandie Farm

June 25 – No Meeting

**June 29 – 6pm - District Governor Installation
Elks Lodge, Frederick**

May 28 Meeting Report

Assistant Governor Barry Thompson reported on the



District Conference cruise to Bermuda. There were 100 Rotarians and guests from our district and 350 Rotarians and guests from a district in New York. AG Barry spoke highly of Director Eric Adamson who was an outstanding speaker. The 2010 district conference will be held in Gettysburg and more information is available on the back page.

Steve Naron is looking for counselors for incoming Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. **President Elect Noel Howard**



announced that the installation of District Governor Paul Frey would be held on Monday,

June 29, at 6pm in Frederick (see invitation on page 5). **President Elect Noel** gave a sad note that the father of incoming District Governor Paul Frey had passed away (more information is on page 4). **President Todd** reported that **Treasurer Alan Cookson** is in a lot of pain and will be having surgery on Monday June 1 at Suburban Hospital.

Guest speaker Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Albrecht Brodhun** came in native costume of Germany: lederhosen (leather shorts with suspenders). He had just finished up a law degree at New York University where he was one of 400 lawyers from



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around the world. His family is from Oberlungwitz and in the 19 years since the unification of Germany there is still a lot of tension. East Germany's industry had been rundown and there was high unemployment, but they don't want to be a "beggar" to West Germany. Albrecht's presentation included photos from Dresden, Heidelberg, Munich and Berlin. There are Rotary Clubs in East Germany and new clubs are growing. Steve Naron provided the photos of Albrecht at the Naval Academy, having crabs and steamers at Mike's on the bay, and at John Brown's "fort" in Harpers Ferry. They also visited Mount Vernon, the Pentagon memorial, and biked and kayaked along the C&O trail. Albrecht has rented a car for 56 days and is touring the United States coast-to-coast. His itinerary is listed below and if you have suggested contacts along the tour route, you are invited to contact him at 212.443.5076 or abrodhun@nyu.edu.

Albrecht's Itinerary:

June 4 Charleston
 June 5 Charlotte/ Way to Atlanta
 June 6-8 Atlanta
 June 9 Birmingham, AL
 June 10 Way to Jackson, Mississippi
 June 11 Way to Dallas
 June 12 Dallas
 June 13 Austin
 June 14 San Antonio
 June 15 San Antonio/ Hill Country
 June 16 Way to Santa Fe/ Carlsbad
 Taverns
 June 17 White Sands NP/ Santa Fe



June 18 Santa Fe
 June 19 Way to Colorado
 June 20 Rocky Mountains
 June 21 Way to Grand Junction
 June 22-23 Grand Junction
 June 24 Rocky Mountains/ Boulder
 June 25 Way to Salt Lake City
 June 26 Salt Lake City
 June 27 Additional Day
 June 28 Way to Arches NP
 June 29 Way to Grand Canyon
 June 30 Grand Canyon
 July 1 Grand Canyon/ Bryce Canyon
 July 2 Way to Las Vegas
 July 3 Las Vegas
 July 4 Sat Way to Death Valley
 July 5 So Death Valley
 July 6 (Way to San Diego
 July 7 San Diego)
 July 8 Way to Los Angeles
 July 9 Los Angeles
 July 10 Los Angeles
 July 11 Sat Los Angeles
 July 12 So Santa Barbara
 July 13 West Coast/ Highway 1
 July 14 West Coast/ Hearst Castle/ Big Sur
 July 15 West Coast/ Monterey/Carmel
 July 16 Way to Yosemite National Park
 July 17 Yosemite
 July 18 Additional Day
 July 19 Way to San Francisco
 July 20-22 San Francisco
 July 23 Flight to NYC, pm to Germany
 July 24 Arrive in Frankfurt

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 news articles and photos
 to Bob.Nelson@NASA.gov
 for inclusion in the newsletter

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Items Submitted by Members/Friends

What is a BILLION

Provided by Art Blitz

The next time you hear a politician use the word "billion," casually, think about whether you want the politician spending your tax money. A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into perspective in one of its releases.

- A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- A billion days ago no-one walked on two feet on earth.
- A billion dollars ago was 8 hours and 20 minutes at the rate our government spends it.

Have a nice day!

Bob and Marilyn Nelson at the 50th Anniversary Gala of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center held at the Baltimore Convention Center on May 30



Survey by Phil Meade

When You Were A Kid, Did You?

- Baby sit for money
- Build a soap box derby car
- Build a tree house
- Build and fly a kite
- Clean your plate
- Collect bottles for the deposit
- Collect coins
- Collect stamps

- Frequently listen to baseball games
- Have a coon skin hat
- Have a crush on your teacher
- Have a dinner bell to come inside
- Have a newspaper route
- Have to drink your milk
- Have water balloon fights
- Make stink bombs
- Own a BB gun
- Own a slingshot
- Play hockey now and then
- Play hookey now and then
- Play spin the bottle
- Played marbles
- Put baseball cards in spokes
- Read Tom, Dick and Jane
- Ride a bike to school
- Seldom wash your gym clothes
- Sleep with a dog in your bed
- Use a pea shooter at school
- Walk more than a mile to school
- Want to have a pet monkey



Greetings from Smiljka Soretic, I am in Belgrade with Fedja. We celebrated Orthodox Easter in the biggest church on Balkan, St. Saba. Weather was nice and I was happy to see my friends and relatives. My daughter and my grandson will come to visit me in Belgrade. In June we will go

to Paris. So after 3 months in Europe we will go back to Florida. Regards to all and good luck with International Night. I miss you all.

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Message From The Rotary Foundation Chair – New Opportunities For The Foundation

Dear family of Rotary,
Although The Rotary Foundation has faced considerable challenges in 2008-09, I am encouraged by the many positive events of recent months.

In January, we started the application process for the Future Vision Plan pilot. The Trustees are reviewing the applications and will announce the pilot districts this month. We are pleased to see that a large number of districts are eager to help us test this simplified and focused approach to grant-making.

Also in January, Bill Gates appeared at our International Assembly and announced that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation had awarded Rotary another grant for polio eradication – this one for US\$255 million – in addition to the \$100 million grant awarded in 2007. On the same day, we learned that the governments of Germany and the United Kingdom have committed \$130 million and \$150 million, respectively, to eradicating polio.

Rotarians are, of course, doing their part to respond to what is now Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. To date, we are more than one-third of the way toward meeting the challenge, and I have no doubt that we will surpass our goal by the deadline of 30 June 2012. We can and will **End Polio Now**.

In March, we announced an exciting alliance with USAID. Through our International H₂O Collaboration, we will be developing large-scale water and sanitation projects in countries with active Rotary clubs and a strong USAID presence. This partnership and its projects should serve as a model for the Rotary Foundation Global Grant projects that will be developed under the Future Vision Plan.

Despite the current economic challenges, The Rotary Foundation remains strong. With the support of Rotarians and the organizations that have chosen to work with us, our Foundation will continue to be a vital force for good in our troubled world.

Jonathan Majiyagbe
Foundation Trustee Chair



In Memoriam: Walter Frey Father of District Governor Elect Paul Frey



Mr. Walter Erwin "Walt" Frey, Chief Warrant Officer W4, 86 of Frederick died Wednesday, May 13 at the Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Jean Paula Schoen Frey, whom he married December 15, 1946.

Born December 12,

1922 in Koenigsburg, Germany, he was a son of the late Walter Rudolph and Elizabeth Fabritz Frey.

Mr. Frey served as an Infantryman with the 89th Infantry Division during World War II and earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Mr. Frey was later commissioned as a Warrant Officer in the Counter-Intelligence Corps and served in the United States and throughout Germany, ultimately retiring in 1970 with 26 years of active service in the Army. Upon retirement from the Army, Mr. Frey went to work for Maryland Social Services for 15 years. Additionally, Mr. Frey was a stalwart volunteer in the community, judging YMCA diving competitions, umpiring for countless Little League baseball games, assisting as a Girl Scout Leader, volunteering at Fort Detrick, and serving as a member of the Volunteer Police Uniformed Auxiliary. He was also a member of the F.S.K. Post #11 American Legion and the Northeast Chapter of Counter Intelligence Corps Association.

Surviving besides his wife are nine children: Patricia A. Borja and husband Tony of Derwood MD, Chief Master Sergeant Christopher W. Frey and wife Sandra of Warner Robins Air Force Base, GA, Catherine Calloway and husband Jay of Chrystal Beach, FL, Lieutenant Colonel (ret) Neil J. Frey and wife Holly of Lansing, KS, Margarete DeSoleil of Missoula, MT, Constance Chappellear and husband Walter of Columbus OH, Paul Frey and wife Laurie of Frederick, MD, Matthew Frey and partner Mike Gatty of

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Rehoboth Beach, DE, and Major Gregory Frey and wife Linda of West Point, NY; a son-in-law, Jerry Sluger of Frederick; twenty-six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter Susan E. Sluger.

Interment with full honors will be held on August 26 at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in memory of Mr. Frey to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Online condolences may be made at www.daileyfuneralhomes.com.



Installation of Governor Paul Frey

Paul Frey from the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek will be installed as Governor of District 7620 for the 2009-2010 Rotary year on Monday, June 29, from 6pm to 9pm at the Frederick Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. Please send a check for \$30 per person payable to the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek to Ms. Ninette Della Penna, P.O. Box 1720, Frederick, MD 21702.

*Please Join the Rotary Clubs of Carroll Creek,
Frederick and Fredericktowne for
The Installation of*

Paul Frey

*as Governor of District 7620
for 2009-2010*

Monday June 29, 2009

Cocktails and Appetizers at 6:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Frederick Elk's Lodge #684

289 Willowdale Drive

Frederick, Maryland 21701



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