



# Rotary Club of Chestertown The Spokesman

District 7630

Club 5919

April 2007

## Upcoming Programs

**BREAKFAST:** April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22  
**DINNER:** April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15

- April 3 Terry Scout - Education in China
- April 10 Sherri Hill - Healthy Heart
- April 17 Kent County High School
- April 24 Club Service
- May 1 Kevin Brien - Marxism, Buddhism, & Other Western Religions
- May 8 Speaker TBA
- May 15 Jack Stenger
- May 22 Club Service
- May 29 No Meeting

## Did You Know?

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, was born 139 years ago on April 19. Did you know that he was not the first president of a Rotary club? That position was held by Silvester Shiele, one of the other four who founded the first club in Chicago. He WAS, however, the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International, when it was formed in 1910. By that time there were 16 Rotary clubs in the US, expanding in 1912 to Canada, then to England, Ireland, Scotland, and around the world. So Happy Birthday, Paul!

## April is Magazine Month

In April, we recognize Rotary's 31 official magazines and the important role they play in disseminating information about Rotary worldwide. *The Rotarian* addresses the personal and business interests of a selected audience involved in business or one of the professions. The chief purpose of *The Rotarian* is to report Rotary news and general subjects directed to the interests, loyalty, and involvement of its member audience. General articles cover such topics as business, travel, health, education, environment, management and ethics, sciences, sports and adventure.

Rotary's Four Avenues of Service are stressed:

- Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

The first issue of *The National Rotarian* was published in January 1911. This 12-page tabloid was considered the best way to distribute an essay written by Rotary founder Paul Harris. The essay was titled, "Rational Rotarianism." There was also club news and advertisements. About 2,000 copies were produced by printer Harry Ruggles, one of the first members of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Soon the issue went back to press for another 2,000 copies. Seventeen Nobel Prize winners and 19 Pulitzer Prize winners have written for the magazine. A partial list of eminent contributors includes: Thomas Mann, Edith Wharton, Knute Rockne, Frank Lloyd Wright, Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill, Helen Keller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Norman Vincent Peale, Pearl S. Buck, Lowell Thomas, Betty Friedan, Willy Brandt, Javier Perez de Cuellar, Arthur C. Clarke, Richard Armour, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Rabbi Harold Kushner, Isaac Asimov, Cleveland Amory, Octavio Paz, and Jimmy Carter.

There are about 410,000 subscribers in the United States. Canada comes in second, with more than 30,000 subscribers. India is third, with about 10,000 subscribers. There are more than 4,800 subscribers in the Philippines, and 3,800 in Japan. In Nigeria, more than 3,000 club members subscribe to *The Rotarian*. In Australia, there are 1,900 subscribers, and almost 1,300 in New Zealand. In Finland, there are 1,000 subscribers, as well as 1,500 in Hong Kong and 700 in Indonesia. Of the total number of subscriptions, about 20,000 are to non-Rotarians. Most of these are gift subscriptions to schools, libraries, and individuals.

## MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

- ☞ **Greeters:** Bill Kerbin and Jack Steinmetz
- ☞ Welcome to our three new members: Thor Howell, Bill Kerbin, and Jay Yerkies.
- ☞ Thanks to Scott Bureson volunteering to serve as the Club Secretary
- ☞ Rotary Easter Seals Work Days – April 13 and 14 – Sign up to help the Easter Seal Camp at Fairlee prepare for the 2007 season
- ☞ District Conference – April 27 -29 Lancaster PA
- ☞ Save the date: - May 26, 2007 - Rotary Tea Party Booth
- ☞ **Other April Dates**

April 7 - World Health Day  
April 22 - Earth Day  
April 27 - National Arbor Day; check out [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)

## MEETING MAKEUP

Don't forget to check out the online meeting makeup if you miss one of our club meetings. Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), click on "Club Locator" in the white tabs near the top, then click on "Visit an E-club" on the left side of the page, and continue following the prompts. It only takes 15 - 30 minutes to visit one of the E-club sites and get a meeting makeup to turn in to our secretary, Scott.

### Other Club Meeting Dates and Times

- ☞ Centreville: Thursdays 7:30 AM, Centreville United Methodist Church
- ☞ Dover Downtown: Mondays 12:15, Lobby House Restaurant, 9 East Lockerman St.
- ☞ Easton: Wednesday 12:15, Rustic Inn, Talbottown Shopping Center, North Harrison St.
- ☞ For other club meeting location, dates and times visit the District 7630 webpage [www.rotary7630.org](http://www.rotary7630.org)

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## The San Marcos, Guatemala & District 7630, USA Rotary Connection

This year Rotary District 7630; which is comprised of the Rotary clubs of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, USA is involved with two very exciting projects in partnership with the Rotary Club of San Marcos, Guatemala:

### ☞ **Dr. April Veness - Rotary Grant for University Teachers Recipient**

Dr. April Veness is an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE. Sponsored by the Newark Rotary Club, she is the recipient of a Rotary Grant for University Teachers and will be teaching topics in development, social work and ethnicity at the University of San Carlos located in San Marcos, Guatemala. She will also be performing fieldwork and public presentations.

### ☞ **San Isidro, Guatemala Potable Water Project**

The Rotary Club of San Marcos and District 7630 submitted a Major Matching Grant application last Rotary year for funding to help provide potable water, washing facilities and sanitation to 125 families in Canton San Isidro. The application was approved by The Rotary Foundation in May, 2006. Construction will likely begin in November, 2006 after the rainy season is over. For more information on these projects visit the District 7630 web site.

*District 7630 Website*