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Week #30 of the Bittner Dynasty!

January 30, 2009

The Rotary Club of Columbia/Patuxent Fridays, 7:30 a.m. Vantage House, 5400 Vantage Point Rd.

Visiting Rotarians: notta **Guests:** notta **Make-ups:** **Dave B.** and **Bob Smith** were at the Magic Kingdom together. “The Lion King got really ticked when Dave tried to pin him!”

Buffet Line Zen: *was a comic strip today*

Announcements: **President Dave** said, “It’s good to be back from my trip to Disney World and see so many of my friends, ... and Hal.” Dave also noted that we are back in the multi-purpose room for good now that the Vantage House management moved the Senior Exercise Class back to 9:30 a.m. on Fridays and took an additional \$100/wk. from our coffers. Roy asked not so innocently, “How much to get rid of the exercise class altogether?” To which **AJ** promptly responded, “Doesn’t that eventually take care of itself?” No need to raise dues yet, but a few more members would certainly help next years budgeting.

Foundation Moment: **AJ**, filling in for Dave Lerer whose father is not well, related a story about a woman friend of Dawn’s who donated to the Foundation just because of what Dawn had told her about Rotary and our club. **Joel** announced that June’s Annual Dinner will be held at the Engineer’s Club in Baltimore City on Mount Vernon Square.

Paul Harris Fellow Awards: **President Dave** gave formal recognition to those club members reaching a \$1,000 cumulative milestone in their donation to the Rotary Foundation: **Alex Lilavois** (in absentia), **Jeff Wiley**, **Dushyant** (#3 with sapphires to boot) and **Ken** (#4).

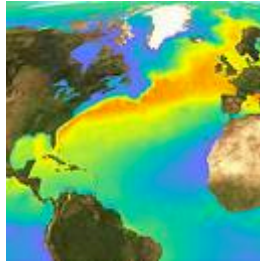
Vocational Moment: nada **Membership Moment:** more nada

Senior Moment: **Marge** was driving her good friend **Ethel** to Bridge Night at the Senior Center when Marge drove right thru a stop sign. Ethel was too stunned to say anything. When it happened again, Ethel couldn’t muster words that wouldn’t embarrass her good friend. The 3rd time it happened Ethel screamed, “Marge, do you realize you drove right thru 3 stop signs without stopping?” To which Marge replied, “Huh? I was driving?”

Program: **Dr. David Porter** is an Oceanographer with the Oceanic, Atmospheric and Remote Sensing Sciences Group at the JHU Applied Physics Laboratory in Fulton. He was here courtesy of Dave Lerer who has recently taken over the insurance on all his ocean-going crafts. Said Lerer, “The old adage ‘It’s not the size of the ship but the motion of the ocean’ just doesn’t apply



when it comes to boat insurance from State Farm!” All kidding aside, Dr. Porter reminded us that “we know more about the surface of Mars that we do about the bottom of our oceans.” The science of oceanography the Gulf Stream showed up in It was studied because it sped up mail. Oil tankers rely on its 2 knot times larger than the mighty spell). Its warmth causes the water meter above surrounding cooler of it because fish prefer colder technology, starting with Skylab in 1973 which launched the first altimeter into space, can actually measure the height of the surface of the ocean within 2 cm from 780 miles up in space! This area of science is referred to as bathymetry. The ocean surface actually rises above mountainous topography on the ocean floor and can be exactly mapped using bathymetry.



Happy Dollars: **Roy** claimed he had no voice left, so instead had cue cards to share. **Roy** claimed that “ex-Governor Rod Blagojevich proves that good hair is overrated!” **AJ** was prepping himself for Lon’s bashing about Duke crushing the Terps last week. **Lon** had his dollar ready. **Pam** thought the program was swimmingly good. **Dawn**, too, but then added, “And I am glad Hal is back!” **Dave B.** asked Sgt. Roy if he could have a rebuttal to that Happy Dollar! **Hal** then had \$10 for the program, and because he missed the club, but not Dave. He also bore gifts from his store, imported from Taiwan of course. **Roy’s** read: “If I gave a crap, you’re the first person I’d give it to!” And for **Dave B.:** “If I throw a stick, will you leave?” **Dave B.** promptly had \$5 himself: “The time to be nice to Hal because of Michelle Rhee is now over.” Also: “Vacationing with a 2 year old is not relaxing.” And a thank you to all the PHF’s. **Renee, Ken and Caroline** loved the program. **Caroline** was glad to be back with us. **Ken** announced that Morgan James Publishers picked up his book, “Buy and Hold is Dead.” Look for **Ken** to hit the talk show circuit and might be jumping up and down on Oprah’s sofa! **Charlie McCabe** had a happy dollar for his son Patrick who is back from his trip to India. **Charlie** will be in South Florida for the Super Bowl (but not Tampa). **Dushyant** is celebrating his 41st wedding anniversary to Polly (and his 21st married to Charlie McCabel!) **Lon’s** Happy Dollar was Duke Blue. **Blaine** whined that business is a little slow and he had time to fumble thru a box of Rotary archive stuff that Jerry Richman gave him years ago. **Tom, Joel and Cliff** had happy dollars for SCIENCE! **Cliff** is off to President-Elects training on Saturday and he’s not sure he’s gonna be happy about it. That would make it a “Chrappy” Dollar (Happy + Crappy at the same time). **PeteWalt** reports that our Ambassadorial Scholar nominee is back from her trip to Zambia with Habitat for Humanity.

Late: **PeteWalt, Ken, Renee, Caroline and Leon.** Sgt. Roy reported that “Leon was so late he lapped himself.”

Fines: For wearing DENIM to a business meeting: **Dan, Sam, Kari, and Darrell.**

Group Fine: Anyone who admits to still being a member of the Flat Earth Society had to pay \$1.00. Only **Skip Coale** and **Bob Jefferson** raised their hands!

50/50 Raffle: #253

Upcoming Programs:

February 6
February 13

Larry Carson – Ho.Co. beat writer for the Baltimore Sun
Tom Coale/Pam Grady – **Voices for Children**

Upcoming Events:

February 8
February 11
February 12
March 30
June 27
June 29
August 31
Sept. 19, 2009
November 30

Soup r' Sundae fundraiser for Grassroots by all 7 HoCo Rotary's
Board of Directors meeting – 7:30 a.m. VH Exec. Dining Rm.
Business Roundtable at Bob Evans Restaurant on Rt. 100
Grassroots Volunteer Dinner
Annual Dinner at Engineer's Club in Balto.
Grassroots Volunteer Dinner
Grassroots Volunteer Dinner
"Grandeur of the Seas" Bermuda Cruise
Grassroots Volunteer Dinner



	<u>Greeter/Gracer</u>	<u>Foundationeer</u>	<u>Vocationator</u>
Feb 6	Dave Lerer	Pete Kunz	
Feb 13	Charlie Montague	Katie Essing	
Feb 20	Katie Essing	Renee Madden	
Feb 27	Bob Smith	DocWalt Mazzella	

February Rotarian Anniversaries:

3 years Jeff Wiley
7 years Tom Allen
23 years Alan Jefferson
23 years Charlie Montague
23 years Dushyant Patel

February Birthdays:

2-17 Charlie Montague
2-18 Brian Hammond
2-19 Sherri Brogan
2-21 Roy Felipe
2-23 Caroline Sherman

Howard County Rotary Clubs make a make-up today!

- Clarksville Rotary Club, Maple Lawn, **Tuesday @ 7:45 a.m.**
- Columbia Rotary Club, Eggspectations, **Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.**
- Columbia Town Center Club, Sheraton Inn, **Wednesday @ 12:15 p.m.**
- Elkridge Rotary Club, Furnace Inn, **Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.**
- Ellicott City Sunrise Club, Tersiguel's, **Thursday @ 7:15 a.m.**
- Ellicott City Rotary Club, Tersiguel's **Thursday @ noon**

Next Meeting: February 6, 2008