



JOIN US: Fridays, 7:30 a.m. Vantage House, 5400 Vantage Pt. Rd. Columbia, MD

Chartered 1986



Sakuji Tanaka, Rotary International President (Japan)

Bob Parkinson, '12-'13 District 7620 Governor (Lexington Park Rotary Club)

**December 14, 2012**

**Guests:** Cathy Smith, here to present a "Golden Scoop" award to President Dave for our club's commitment to the Soup'r Sundae fundraiser for Grassroots and to announce next year's event on March 3 at Wilde Lake High School. Neil Fagan, Marty's son, here to hear us sing Happy Birthday to his poppa!



**Visiting Rotarians:** Anita Hicks, new member at Columbia Rotary, escorted by fellow member Becky Mangus, biz partner of Cathy Yost at The Business Monthly newspaper.

**Make-ups:** Wednesday's monthly Board meeting.

**Vocational Moment:** Phil Komornik filled us in on how to become a certified Santa Claus. No mention of necessary weight gain or beard growth or color, but interesting nonetheless. He also told the story of how he landed the Santa job at the Columbia Mall, thanks to being in the food line right behind Katie Essing a few years ago!



**Foundation Moment:** A Paul Harris Fellow Award was given by Marty Fagan to his son, Neil. As Marty tried ever so diligently to maneuver himself to the front of the room, AJ wisecracked: "We only have an hour!" And so President Dave made the presentation at his table. Immediately afterwards Roy advised the retired CPA: "Marty, get a receipt!"



**Membership Moment:** President Dave inducted Sean Olynick, regional director of the Boy Scouts of America. A former Rotarian in other cities, such as Philadelphia, Mississippi, he was referred to us by super Boy Scout, Dick Story, checked us out on our website and fired off an email, received by Dave Bittner, referred to Membership Chair Sherri Brogan. After much thumb wrestling and back room negotiations, Dave B wins the sponsor battle and jumps to the front of the room to shake the hand of his new member, Sean, having met



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him for the first time! Then Treasurer Charlie McCabe walks up to him to hand him his bill for dues! [Where in the RI Handbook does it explain the induction process this way???

**Announcements:** President Dave held the official election of club officers and Directors for Mary Cain's year 2013-2014. Opening the floor up to last minute nominations per the rules, Ken Solow shouted: "Filibuster!" AJ reminded all that next week's meeting is the annual goofy gift exchange, complete with the traditional Mimosa and Bloody Mary's, so don't be scheduling any important business doings next Friday morning! AJ also reminded all to give your contribution for the holiday gift for the staff at the Vantage House to Doug Dribben no later than next Friday. \$20 contribution is the recommended minimum. Mary filling in for Beth reminded all of Saturday nights Holiday Party at the Solow's. Roy has the Baltimore Rotary's 92nd Oyster Roast teed up for Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. at the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Armory. Tix are \$50 each. Between Roy and Darrell they have 50 tix on hand for this fun event to kick off the new year every year. Approximately 2,000 attend! Doug Dribben is collecting donations for his annual holiday visit to wounded warriors in DC. And last but not least Nancy Smith is retiring next week.

**Program:** Harold Rappoport is the Chair of the Baltimore chapter of SCORE, which used to stand for Senior Corps of Retired Executives when it was chartered with the help of the SBA in 1964.



Greater Baltimore

The Baltimore chapter was #3 out 364 chapters nationally now. No longer limited to retired business executives, their volunteers counsel small businesses of all types. They currently need assistance with counselors for retail and construction trades. He told us that he is Dawn's next door neighbor, which prompted Roy to surmise: "Oh, then you've met Walt Mazzella!" He was instrumental in introducing Neighbor Ride to our club. They have 75 active members/volunteers in the Baltimore chapter who handled 740 face-to-face client meetings last year with 1200 documented follow-ups. SCORE also runs workshops and training seminars in Columbia and Towson that served 320 clients. Their Columbia office is inside the Maryland Center for Entrepreneurship on Bendix Road. Third, they offer back-office advisors for running a business more efficiently and effectively. Large percentage of SCORE clients are minorities. Advisor's biggest reward is when clients are successfully established. Bill Harrison used them when he started his liquor store business 19 years ago. They assisted him with administrative and accounting advice. They also assist with preparing business plans, an area that most first time clients have no idea about. Mr. Rappoport claims that by 2017 SCORE will have assisted 1 million new businesses getting started. SCORE Mentor Joel Kehm is the local chapter's Executive Director. He explained that SCORE's mission is to "encourage people's dreams and help them avoid nightmares!" For more information contact 410-313-6550. [www.greaterblatimoe.score.org](http://www.greaterblatimoe.score.org)



**Happy Dollars:** Kellie had one for being named a Rising Star in Super Lawyer magazine. Tom G had a Love Buck for Peyton Manning. Sherri welcomed Sean, and then had to congratulate Tom G for her "team to the north" losing to the "team to the South." Jun Ahn had a buck for Cam Cameron being fired! And one for Navy's win over Army. Ken for Sean and an extra one for Dave L successfully running his induction "without reading from that damn script!" And a "save my marriage" dollar for wife Linda "putting up with me!" Darren had \$5 for son Jared's PSAT results in creative writing! Dushyant for the program. C'Mac for Sean and so happy that Sherri is so happy.

Joan for Kellie. Mary for Sean and a Reluctant Buck for Doug's Redskins. Dan was happy for daughter Libby's art work making it onto a national calendar. "I guess it is okay at age 11 that she is Miss September!" And son Adam turned 13 on 12/12/12. JimLee for Ken and Linda hosting the holiday party, which he will miss. One for Sean and his work with the Boy Scouts. After traveling for work for the past few months, Pam Young had \$20 Happy Dollars for "being back in bed with Ron and Charlie!" (Ron=hubby; Charlie=her dog!) Bill H had nothing but praise for how SCORE volunteers helped him start his store way back when. Dave L had congrats for Marty and Neil. Cliff had one for the speakers, Go Ravens, and setting up a Menorah Hunt for Ken. Rob C for the Redskins. Roy lamented having 3 holiday parties down, only 6 to do. Blaine for the program. DocWalt for the office remodel help he got from Sherri (furniture) and Tom G (build out). Pete welcomed Sean with a dollar. Becky was happy her "Rotary mentee" Anita joined her today to do a make up. Anita was happy we were "so welcoming at our OhCrackOhDawn Rotary meeting." Dave B had one for Eagle Scout accomplishment still being impressive. Also, one for County Executive Ken Ulman wearing wife Ilana's Redskins jersey while picking up trash near FedEx Field having lost his bet to PG Co executive. But claims Dave: "I do not know how Ken Ulman got my wife's clothes?" Phil was glad he still hasn't gotten a debilitating illness from those darn kids' germs on his lap. Sherri had a follow up dollar for how good Roy looked walking with a Coach pocketbook.

**Fines:** Sgt. Doug (filling in for Sgt. Karen) fined new member Sean Olynick just so he gets used to it! Mary got a New President Fine....just so she would get used to it starting July 1, 2013. Ken was fined for advising folks how to navigate the fiscal cliff. And a Group Fine was administered to anyone sporting Christmas garb on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Hanukah!

**50/50 Raffle:** #975 to Cliff again. That's like the umpteenth time he was won. How can we apply the 4-Way Test's "Fair To All Concerned" theme here?

**Upcoming Programs:**

- December 21 Club Social – infamous goofy gift exchange complete with adult beverages
- December 28 Family Day – brings the kiddies for some fun entertainment 'tween the holidays! Starts at 8:00 a.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

- January 19 Baltimore Rotary Club's 92<sup>nd</sup> annual Bull and Oyster Roast – 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Armory – noon–4 p.m. See Roy or Darrell for tickets (\$50) & carpooling (free)

**Greeter/Gracer/Foundationeer Vocationator Membership**

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| December 21 | Pam Kumar | Blaine Milner | Beth Thomas |
| December 28 | Pete Kunz | Dan Scherr    |             |

**December Rotarian Birthdays:**

- December 2 Lon Chesnutt
- December 15 Marty Fagan

**December Rotarian Anniversaries:**

- Karen Dixon 2 years
- Nancy Smith 2 years

December 21	Sam Krupsaw	Beth Thomas	2 years
December 30	Cheryl Lind	Darrell Nevin	19 years
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**The other Howard County Rotary clubs:**

- **Clarksville, Claret Hall, Tuesdays 7:45 a.m.**
- **Columbia, Eggspectations, Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Columbia Town Center, Sheraton Inn, Wednesdays @ 12:15 p.m.**
- **Elkridge, Furnace Inn, Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Ellicott City Sunrise, Tersiguel's, Thursdays @ 7:15 a.m.**
- **Ellicott City, Tersiguel's Thursdays @ noon**

***Next Meeting: December 21, 2012***



Nevin, Yost, Kunz and Felipe at the Holiday Party  
aka Kathy, Cathy, Kathie, and Kathy

[more pics on the website at [www.columbiarotary.com](http://www.columbiarotary.com)]

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