

Rotary Matters



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Rotary International P. E. Speaks

Rotary International President Elect Ray Klingensmith was the guest of honor at the recent President Elect Training Seminar held in Chantilly, VA. Ray Klingensmith, of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA, was elected as president of Rotary International for 2010-11 by delegates during the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. P. E. Ray thanked the body for permitting him to complete a circle in his Rotary life. "It was 25 years ago, in this very building,

that the delegates to the 1984 convention elected me as an RI director," said Klingensmith. "That election permitted me to become the youngest director on the RI Board." This was due in part to the fact that P. E. Ray had been a Rotary Scholar" and he studied at Capetown University. Klingensmith said that when the RI Convention is convened in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, in 2011, it will be the 50th anniversary of his "month long trip that lasted a lifetime." His journey began on a ship

that sailed from New Orleans to Cape Town, where he was first exposed to the transformative power of Rotary. P. E. Ray will be Rotary's 100th President. Randy Cash, President Elect of the South Hill Rotary Club had the opportunity to speak with P. E. Ray about the South Hill Club and its activities.



Bio-Water Filter Project Expands

The South Hill Rotary Club's Bio-Water Filter Project is hopefully headed to new heights. The project has been offered to other Rotary Clubs in the local District and to the Districts in 5 surrounding states. Clubs are in the process of

deciding the amount they wish to offer to the fundraiser and then there will be an application for a matching grant in partnership with a club in Haiti. It is hoped the combined funds will allow for even more systems to be in-

stalled in homes. Funds from the Lawrenceville Club, Lake Country Club and the South Boston Club have been added to the total. A donation of \$1,000 from the Belhaven, NC Club has also been received.



Clarksville Wine Festival

Come out and enjoy the Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual "Lake Country Wine Festival" on April 10th. This year's event will host 15 Virginia wineries, selected artisans, live music by Jeff Bailey and Brian Parks, and many opportunities to see friends and meet new ones. Enjoy some fine foods, and taste nearly 100 varieties of fine Virginia wines and speak with those who have made these vintages possible. Tickets are now on sale

online, at The Lake Country Chamber of Commerce, Cooper's Landing Inn & Traveler's Tavern, Century 21 on the Lake, The Galleria on the Lake and the Virginia Avenue Mall. Tickets prior to event day will be \$20. Tickets purchased at the gate will be \$25. Tickets purchased online will be available at the gate. Please bring your photo ID and your receipt in order to receive your ticket(s). Tickets will not be remitted without photo ID. Festival hours are noon-5 P. M. All festival

proceeds will benefit the Town's Chamber of Commerce and will go towards future projects. For more information, contact: Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce 434-374-2436. www.clarksville.com



Affair On The Square Schedule

The Market Square Committee of the South Hill Revitalization Committee has announced its 2010 Affair on the Square events. The kick off event will be at the April 28th Beef Festival in Centennial Park with Liquid Pleasure providing the dance music. The Market Square parking lot will be the place for en-

joying the sounds of "LEGGZ" on June 3rd. For the first time the committee will provide a band for Picnic in the Park on July 2 at Parker Park. "Fast Lane" will perform on stage until time for the fireworks at dusk. A bluegrass event is planned for September 23rd featuring "Boyce Wallace and Friends"

and "Homegrown Bluegrass". The Farmer's Day Celebration will be held on September 25 with "The Blackridge Boys". Last but not least will be Monster Mash, the annual Halloween Celebration, which will be held Saturday, October 30. So be sure to come out and join in the fun.



Shepherd's Inn Food Drive Success

The Food Drive that was held for The Shepherd's Shop and Shepherd's Inn in South Hill by Woodmen of the World Lodge 124 is completed. The group also donated a Flag pole, American Flag

and a Christian Flag to the Shepherd's Inn. The drive collected over 500 lbs of food to be used at the Inn and distributed to those in need. Pictured are Mable Ellis, Ann Curtis, Thomas Ellis and Bet-

tina Batkin with Woodmen of the World and Doug Hinman with The Shepherd's Inn. They want to thank those in the local community who helped make this food drive a success.



Author J. J. Shay To Speak



The South Hill Ruritan Club will host a book signing, talk and reception for author J. J. Shay May 25th at 6 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be held at Brian's in South Hill. Author J. J. Shay is an avid reader, researcher and writer of American History and World War II. He has traveled the world extensively as a Merchant Seaman and most of his work includes experi-

ences and information gathered from his travels and overseas duty with the U.S. Armed Forces. He has seen first hand not only real estate and countries destroyed by war but also the devastation and manipulation of the lives of those caught up in these conflicts. Visiting ports of call such as Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama, Hiroshima and Nagasaki left him with a strong desire to

some day try to tell the Japanese side of the story. He has made this most gallant attempt with his first published novel *Two Sons of Nippon*. When he is not writing or doing research, he is pursuing his other favorite pastime, fishing the great Chesapeake Bay of Virginia.



Beef Festival Is Early This Year!

Get ready for The South Hill Chamber of Commerce Annual Beef Festival as it heads into the corral. This year the hugely popular event will be held a month earlier on April 28, 2010. The event will be held at Centennial Park again this year in downtown South Hill. Immediately after the Festival you can head up the hill and enjoy an

“Affair on the Square” event featuring R and B Band Liquid Pleasure. Come out and enjoy food, beverages, DJ Shep Moss and more from 4 – 7:00 p.m. and then dance from 6:30 – 9:30 on the upper field. The hugely successful event is looking for chamber members only as sponsors and they hope that many of you will sign

on to take part in the festivities. 1 Ticket Covers Both Events! Tickets are \$25.00 in Advance thru Friday April 16th. Tickets increase to \$30.00 each ~ April 19th -28th.



Marine Corps League Garage Sale

Lake Country Detachment, Marine Corps League will hold its 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale at the Dixie Warehouse, located one mile South of Cracker Barrel at the end of Country Lane in South Hill on Saturday April 17, 8 AM to 4 PM. All proceeds go to support Lake Country Detachment

1085, Marine Corps League Charities and Programs. This event is open to private parties, families, and organizations. Rentals are 120 Square feet spaces for \$20 and tables available for \$5 each. You may also bring your own. Set-up will be on Friday, April 16 between 1 PM and 7 PM. If you are

interested in reserving a space or to donate items (we will pick up) for sale Call Wally Hudson: 447-4212 or 917-9119 Travis Belcher: 636-2087 or 774-0154 or by e-mail at tbelcher@buggs.net.



4-H Shooting Team Plans Trip



The Brunswick 4-H Shooting Sports Club is getting the chance of a lifetime this summer as seven team members have qualified to travel to Rogers, Arkansas to represent Virginia at the 2010 National BB Gun Championship Match to be held July 2nd through 4th. Team members need help to raise funds to pay for travel costs, lodging, and meals. The seven team members are

Jordan Sumpter (Rotarian Lisa Clary's niece), Howard Wright, JR Thomas, Maygan Clary, Benjamin Rhodes, Courtney Hostetter and Austin Clary. These young people, ages 10-15, and their coaches have worked hard to earn the opportunity to compete at the national level. The purpose of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to teach young people life skills such as discipline,

responsibility and leadership. It also teaches the safe handling of firearms and marksmanship skills. Several fundraisers are in the planning stages. The children are very excited about this adventure. If you would like to donate to the team for this once in a lifetime opportunity, make checks payable to Brunswick 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Shooting Sport 150-A Tobacco Street, Lawrenceville, VA 23868.



Did You Know??

Established by the United Nations in 1992, "World Water Day" highlights the increasing demands being placed on the world's fresh-water supplies. This year's theme "Clean Water for a Healthy World" focuses on the importance of water quality. Water and sanitation issues are a top concern for Rotary clubs, says RI President John Kenny. In 2007, he was presented with the

President's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service to WaterAid. "I ask you particularly to focus on water and sanitation, as the scarcity of clean water is an increasingly serious issue in many parts of the world," says Kenny. From 1978 through 2009, The Rotary Foundation awarded more than 4,900 grants totaling US\$52.7 million for water projects worldwide. Such

club and district efforts are aimed at helping to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals, which include cutting in half, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. It would seem that the South Hill Clubs efforts toward clean water in Haiti fits into this effort.

Virginia Attorney General Speaks



The South Hill Chamber of Commerce hosted a Dutch treat breakfast last week for Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli, who wanted to make a stop in South Hill to meet and greet the folks in the community. He was sworn into office in Jan 2010, so he is fairly new to the office, but he did address some of the issues that have been addressed and some of the things that are taking place on Capitol

Hill. He briefly touched on The EPA greenhouse gases and on health care reform. "My first obligation as Attorney General is to protect the Constitution. It is not enough to defend the Constitution anymore. We have to take it back". Following several questions and comments from the audience, Cuccinelli was then taken on a driving tour of South Hill to see the parks, ball fields, soccer field, Knowl-

edge Center, CMH, the new Rehab facility, Industrial Parks and a short tour of the Colonial Theatre with Town Manager Kim Callis and Mayor Earl Horne.



Schedule of Events

- ◆ **April 1** Meeting
- ◆ **April 6** Chamber Luncheon
- ◆ **April 8** Meeting
- ◆ **April 12** AR Party
- ◆ **April 15** Meeting
- ◆ **April 17** AUCTION
- ◆ **April 22** Meeting
- ◆ **April 24** District Assembly
- ◆ **April 29** Board & Business Meeting

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Meeting	2	3
4	5	6 Chamber Luncheon	7	8 Meeting	9	10
11	12 AR Party	13	14	15 Meeting	16 Auction Preview 5-7	17 AUCTION
18	19	20	21	22 Meeting	23	24 District Assembly
25	26	27	28 Beef Festival	29 Business Meeting	30	

Upcoming Rotary Events Calendar

- ◆ April 12 A. R Party Hat Day 1:30
- ◆ April 17 Rotary Auction
- ◆ April 24 District Assembly
- ◆ April 28 Beef Festival
- ◆ May 8 Springfest
- ◆ June 3 Affair On The Square "Leggz"
- ◆ July 2 Picnic In The Park (July 4th)
- ◆ September 18 Reverse Raffle
- ◆ Sept 25 Farmer's Day
- ◆ October 30 Monster Mash
- ◆ November 20-21 Holiday Bazaar
- ◆ December 1 Tell Santa
- ◆ December 5 Christmas Parade

