



THE ARCLIGHT

The Weekly Members' Bulletin of the
ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

<http://www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org>

Meetings: Thursday, 12:15 pm, La Côte d'Or
2201 Westmoreland St., Arlington, Va. 22213
Chartered July 4, 1929 – Now In Our 85th Year



January 6-12, 2014

Fellow ARC Members:

Happy New Year!

It's been only three weeks since our last meeting, but a lot has happened. Here is the "News In Brief."

1) ARC On The Move: The La Cote d'Or Management informed us December 27 that our meeting room will no longer be available to us after January 19. Once again, we're looking for a new home! Your Board had a special meeting January 2 and has agreed on a way of proceeding. Admin Director Linda Valentino will chair our search effort. More details at our meeting this week.



"Refresh my memory—why do we meet once a week?"

2) New Officers: The following slate of officers for RY 2014-15 was nominated and elected by acclamation at our December 19 Meeting; Please congratulate them, if you haven't had the opportunity to do so:

President – Gary Long

"Co-President" – Linda Valentino will informally backstop Gary, who has extensive preplanned travel.

President-Elect – Jeff Sutton

Secretary – John Becker

Treasurer – Joe Lott (continuing)

Sgt.-At-Arms – Gene Kreider (continuing)

3. Results of Our Fundraiser: Final figures are in -- Monte Carlo Night this year resulted in a net of \$5970 which we will apply to programs next year. This is down a bit from 2012, due to some factors that affected all four participating clubs, but we are pleased that we were relatively less "down" than others. It's good to know also that in addition to the above, our first trial of the special "Open Ask" mechanism for scholarship contributions netted us \$1050 for AREF.

4. AREF Doing OK: Speaking of AREF, members should be pleased to know that RY first-half donations (i.e. July 1 – December 31, 2013) were \$846 from happy talk and 50/50; \$2281 from special donations, and \$1046 from the MCN Open Ask, for a total of \$4173. Thus contributions continue to bring in about enough to cover our current outlays for scholarships, without dipping into our permanent fund, where interest rates still aren't doing us any favors.

Our Program This Week – Thursday, January 9 – Azerbaijan – Ancient/Modern Crossroads



Diana Altman is currently Executive Director of the Karabakh Foundation, which introduces Americans to Azerbaijani culture, arts, and heritage. Azerbaijan blends East and West, ancient and modern into a fascinating culture that has had profound and far-reaching influences. Understanding Azerbaijani literature, music, and arts changes our understanding of our own culture. This Silk Road crossroads also gave birth to the 1st parliamentary republic in the Muslim world (1918-20).

A longtime Washington, D.C., cultural professional, Diana's career has also included 16 years writing exhibits at the Smithsonian, and 6 years as director of the B'nai B'rith National Jewish Museum and Archive. She travels to Azerbaijan once or twice a year.

Club Business/Announcements

Rotary District and Washington Wizards hold End Polio Now Night - 24 Feb 2014. The Washington Wizards are hosting the 2nd End Polio Now Night with Rotary District 7610 on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The game against the New Orleans Pelicans is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. Tickets for the game are \$43 in the Club Level and \$24 in the Upper Level. Five dollars from each ticket will be donated to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus program. Rotary clubs will have one opportunity to purchase a block of seats by contacting Group Sales Manager Ralph Wong at (202) 527-7537. Tickets for individual Rotarians and others can be purchased through the Wizards web site at the website below and using promo code end polio: www.msesales.com/wiz/rotarynight.

Vocational Workplace Visits: January 23 is the date for this year's workplace visits. Hosts are Walter Webdale and Tricia Hines; Jeff Sutton will be soliciting signups at today's meeting and next week.

Rotary Club Equipment: Admin Director Linda Valentino plans to collect all our Rotary club equipment from La Cote d'Or and store it temporarily until we can use it again. This includes bulky items like the podium so keep an eye out and give her a hand!

For The Record

Guests at our December 19 Meeting: Club guests were Adam Edwards, Administrator, Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation Center; and David Sutfen, invited by Gary Long. Dave Borowski, Visiting Rotarian (Bailey's Crossroads Club) came to highlight the opportunity to buy ads in the program for the upcoming District Conference (see separate e-mail on this).

Our speaker at the meeting of December 19 was Dr. Kelly Falkner, Director of the Division of Polar Programs of the National Science Foundation (NSF), as well as Director of the U.S. Antarctic Program. She detailed some of the very interesting research being done in Antarctica, and its contribution to understanding the geology of our planet.

At our December 19 meeting, new officers for 2014-15 (above) were duly elected and subsequently reported to RI and District.

It's official: Janet Brown, Rotary Club of Rappahannock-Fredericksburg, has been confirmed as District 7610 Governor-Nominee, 2016-2017.

On the Horizon

16 Jan – 11:00 AM Board Meeting; 12:15 regular meeting, speaker Wayne Chiles, on Shelterbox; LAST MEETING AT LA COTE D'OR

23 Jan - Cross-vocational Workplace Visits: Walter Webdale and Tricia Hines are our two hosts.

30 Jan – Sheryl Aubin – The Survivor Tree. PLACE OF MEETING TBD.

6 Feb – Program TBD; MEETING PLACE (TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME) IS: MARRIOTT RESIDENCE INN IN BALLSTON (650 N. QUINCY, ARLINGTON).

13 Feb – Robert F. Dorr, author, introducing his latest book, “Fighting Hitler’s Jets”

YOURS IN ROTARY,

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Officers, 2013-14

President – Steve Klempe
President-Elect – Gary Long
Immediate Past President – Hugh Barton
Secretary – Gary Long
Treasurer – Joe Lott
Sergeant-at-Arms – Gene Kreider

Directors/Committees, 2013-2014

Admin – Linda Valentino
Membership – Steve Klempe
Public Image – Hugh Barton
Service Projects – John Becker
The Rotary Foundation – Chris Mallin
Website – Kim Durand
Youth Services – Tricia Hines

Arlington Rotary Educational Foundation

President – Joe Lott
Treasurer – Steve Klempe