



THE ARCLIGHT
 The Weekly Members' Bulletin of the
ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB
<http://www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org>
 Meetings: Thursdays, 12:15 pm
 Check Our Website for This Week's Location
 Chartered July 4, 1929 – Now In Our 85th Year



January 13-19, 2014

A Word From the President

As you know, January 16, regrettably, is our last meeting at La Côte d'Or. We will miss the hospitality, the support, and the wonderful luncheon fare that Raymond, Lynne, Jorge, Azucena, and many others have extended to us here. At the same time – change (now and again) is good so let's look on this as an opportunity to improve and expand our club, and find the "new home" where we will celebrate our 85th anniversary, only six months hence.



Remember! Next Week! Not La Côte d'Or!

Our Program This Week – Thursday, January 16 – Update on Shelterbox



From a humble start as a Rotary Club project, ShelterBox is now a prominent international disaster relief organization. The Green Box has been deployed around the world, delivered by skilled volunteers committed to serving the vulnerable survivors of natural disasters. Rotary is a key ally and financial supporter. Rotarians in countries affected by disasters provide critical assistance to Shelterbox.

(<<At left, Wayne; at right then-Pres. Joe inspects.>>)



Our speaker Wayne Chiles has chaired the District 7610 Shelterbox committee since 2007. He is a 30-year member of the Rotary Club of Springfield and has held all Club offices, some several times, including President for Rotary Year 1994-95. In addition, he has served as an Assistant District Governor from 2007-10, and District Foundation Advisor from 2012-present. He retired from Verizon Communications in 2002. Wayne is married, has two grown children and 5 awesome grandkids.

Incidentally, members, ARC purchased a Shelterbox in November; it has not yet been deployed (that usually takes two months or so). Its ID number is 22593; you can use that on the Shelterbox website, www.shelterboxusa, to find out where it went.

Club Business/Announcements

Vocational Workplace Visits: With many members out of town this week, the planned visits to two different members' workplaces have been consolidated into one. On January 23, all members who can attend our meeting should gather at Gates of Ballston, 4108 N. Fourth St. (just off Glebe, near Ballston mall) at the usual hour. Our host is Walter Webdale.

Finding a New Venue: At a special meeting January 2, called for the purpose of finding a new meeting place for the club after next week, the Board agreed that we should proceed by locating facilities that seem to fit our needs, and hold trial meetings at each of them over the coming weeks. We will be a club of "no fixed address" for a while; members and visitors please consult the club website for the latest on location of our meetings. We'll be looking at restaurants, clubs, and other facilities where a catered buffet may be feasible. Admin Director Linda Valentino reiterated our criteria at our meeting last week, and she will be keeping track of the places we consider; please pass her any ideas you have.

For The Record

President Steve announced the results of our November 8 "Monte Carlo Night" fundraiser (\$5970 for projects next year, a separate \$1050 for our scholarship foundation); and summarized AREF's current fiscal status, noting that fortunately donations from members and others have been sufficient to cover what we pay out in scholarships, but historically low rates of return are keeping our permanent fund from growing.

Guests at our January 9 Meeting: It's always nice to see frequent visitor Deb Lott. In addition, we had Gary Long's guest Dr. Gina Crovato; our speaker's husband Richard Altman, who is also interested in membership; and Tom Berray, Visiting Rotarian from the Great Falls Rotary Club.

Our speaker last week, Diana Altman, Director of the Karabakh Foundation and transcultural expert, provided a briefing on Azerbaijan – its people, history and culture.

The President has distributed to all members the District Governor's new year's message. Of particular note are these two items:

SHARING ROTARY CLUB, DISTRICT & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION

This is a reminder that there is a prohibition in Rotary regarding the sharing of Rotary club, district and Rotary International member information including contact information. I bring this to your attention because someone shared district and club data with the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Fundraising group earlier in this Rotary year. You may recall having received an e-mail from Tim Fjestad regarding such a fundraising opportunity. The Secretariat of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation believes in the importance of safeguarding information that it collects about its member clubs, Rotarians, and other individuals around the world and has adopted this belief statement to reflect its commitment to privacy and data protection. All member clubs, Rotarians, and other individuals are encouraged to practice these principles.

RI PRESIDENT RON BURTON TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Districts 7610 and 7620 are honored to be hosting RI President Ron Burton for his visit to Washington on Thursday, January 30. President Ron will be delivering a keynote address to the Organization of American States (OAS). The OAS is the world's largest regional organization focusing on democracy, human rights, security and development within the 35 independent American States. In addition to the permanent members 67 other countries have Permanent Observer status at the OAS. Rotary International is an official member of the Civil Society of the OAS.

President Ron will be focusing on the major initiatives that Rotary is pursuing in the area of youth. This is a topic of considerable interest within all OAS Member States. It is the first occasion on which an RI President has been invited to address the OAS. The event will take place at **3.00pm at the OAS Headquarters** which is located on the corner of Constitution Ave and 17th Streets in Washington, DC. Limited street parking is available in the vicinity of this venue. The OAS building is also a ten minute walk from either of the Farragut West or Farragut North Metro stations. After the presentation by President Ron light refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend this event but registration is required for security and catering purposes. Because of security at the OAS building guests are asked to arrive not later than **2.45pm**. Registration for Rotarians is available on the district website DaCdb calendar. It is not often that Rotarians have the pleasure of meeting the RI President. President Ron is a very charismatic speaker and a wonderful ambassador for Rotary. This is an opportunity that you will not want to miss!

On the Horizon

23 Jan - Cross-vocational Workplace Visit at Gates of Ballston, hosted by Walter Webdale. This is the only meeting this date for ARC members.

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”



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