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World Understanding: Wayne Boggs

I'm not a world traveler, nor do I consider myself particularly knowledgeable about other countries. It's been a long time since elementary school geography. In fact, I chose History in high school rather than Geography, for reasons that have faded into the mists of time. I do know that Rotary is in over 100 countries, and at the Montreal Convention I got to see and meet many representatives of them. What I found was that as different as our cultures, political systems, and backgrounds may be, we all have pretty much the same desires, dreams, and goals. As Rotarians we all strive to make the world a better place for everyone.



Last month I was listening to NPR on the way home one evening and heard an interesting piece about an organization of world travelers. These folks, members of the Most Traveled People Club, strive to visit 872 destinations across the world. By chance I happened to know one of the gentlemen being interviewed, at the time visiting Khartoum, Sudan. My friend is number 5 out of 9,000 members, having visited 724 destinations. When asked what they had learned about the world from so much travel Bob said, "You learn how the world works. You can see, for example, why some countries are rich and some countries are poor." And the reason? "Societies that allow people to develop to their full potential are rich, and countries that put impediments in the way of doing that are poor." Bob also noted that no matter how much he might criticize the U.S. government, he prefers it to any government of the 187 other countries he has visited.

As Rotarians it is our goal to make the world a better place, not by changing governments, but by relieving suffering, improving the health of mothers and children, and promoting literacy and education. Some of our members travel to far places, volunteer their time and talents, and endure the deprivations of the local people. The rest of us devote our time and money to local organizations and donate some of our funds to projects worldwide. In the process we do our part, however small, to help build world understanding.

Bob has visited 724 places, and knowing him, I'm sure he has made a positive impression on everyone he has met. But I have the satisfaction of knowing that even though I seldom leave Richmond, my work with Rotary has had effects just as wide ranging. Maybe even more so.



February Birthdays

Dianne Watkins Feb 5	Bevin Alexander ... Feb 17
Annhorner Truitt... Feb 7	Bob King Feb 20
Ed Richardson Feb 9	David Chewning ... Feb 23



This Week's Program: Kim Scheeler

Kim Scheeler, President and CEO, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, will speak to the club this week.

Kim Scheeler joined the Richmond chamber in August 2008, after seven years leading the Greater Tampa Chamber. Before that, he was president of the United Way of Hillsborough County in Tampa, Fla. He is also a board member of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, member of the Committee of 100 of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Richmond Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau, member of the advisory council of University of Richmond's Robins School of Business, board member of the Greater Richmond Partnership, the Arts Council of Richmond, and the Sustainable Transportation Initiative of Richmond; and member of Forum Club.



Last Week's Program: Stephen Beer

Last week Stephen Beer, the Treasurer of ProNino USA, a non-profit organization, spoke to us about ProNino. Stephen Beer earned his MBA at Creighton University and his BA in Business Administration from Gettysburg College. He belongs to the American Marketing Association and enjoys lacrosse. Stephen Beer was president of Innsbrook Rotary Club during 2007-2008, and is now the secretary of the Innsbrook Rotary Club as well as the Assistant District Governor of Area 2, District 7600.

Stephen came to the Richmond Rotary Club to discuss ProNino USA, an international Innsbrook Rotary project. ProNino USA seeks to relieve the suffering of Latin American street children by offering help, hope, and an opportunity to improve their lives, thus becoming productive members of their community.

Pictures

Right: Stephen Beer, President **Wayne Boggs** and Governor- Elect **Jim Bynum**



Stephen Beer
ProNino USA

Wayne Boggs
President

Jim Bynum
Introduction



Club Wine and Cheese Social and Silent Auction

The Rotary Club of Richmond Presents: A Valentine Tasting

Thursday February 10th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
The Bull and Bear Club ~901 E. Cary Street~ RSVP 804.649.8431

Marchesi di Barolo Moscato, NV

Hogue Late Harvest Riesling, 2009

Banfi Rosa Regale Brachetto, NV

*All paired with Chef Hall's
Hand Dipped Truffles and Confections.*

*Special Appearance by members of Sweet Adelines singing popular love songs.
Plus silent auction items to include a two night Rivah get away.*

Come join us for a romantic tasting

Cost: \$25 per person

Proceeds to benefit Rotary Club of Richmond Projects

Two Nights on the Riv Ah!! - Irvington, VA

Courtesy of Marshall & Beth Orr

Spend two nights with your friends at the home of Beth and Marshall Orr on Carters Creek. Five bedrooms (3 with Queen beds and 2 with twins), 10 person hot tub, pool table, dock with kayaks and other small boats, close-by shopping, sightseeing, and fishing on the Rappahannock River or Chesapeake Bay, plus elegant or casual dining at the Tides Inn or Trick Dog 5 minutes away. Marshall would also like to take the group for a tour of Carters Creek on his Dyer 29 "picnic boat" one afternoon if desired.



Everything is provided but your liquor and food.

See Marshall with questions before the auction or to arrange a tour of the home and area if you wish. Any two days agreed to during 2011 will be fine.





Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee announced the theme for 2011 - 2012 rotary year asking Rotarians to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.

Banerjee unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors.



Meals on Wheels - Drivers Needed!!!



Drivers are still needed!!!

Please sign up at the next meeting or call **Gordon Graham** at 303-7166 (home) or 968-5981 (office).



Drivers, please be at the Meals on Wheels building at 1600 Willow Lawn Drive, Richmond, VA 23230 between 10:45 and 11:00 a.m. the day you are scheduled.

If you have questions, you can also contact Gordon at gordon.c.graham@ampf.com.

Looking Ahead - Upcoming Programs and Events

PROGRAMS

- February 1 - Kim Scheeler, President and CEO, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, to speak.
- February 8 - Bill Chapman, to speak on The Richmond Forum.
- February 15 - Ed Grier, Dean of the VCU School of Business, to speak.
- February 22 - Bruce LaLonde, President and CEO of Central VA. USO, to speak.

EVENTS

- February 10 - Club wine and cheese social. Contact **Kenny Janes** (Kenny.janes@ubs.com), 775-1504. SAVE THE DATE (and your appetite).
- May 16 - Richmond Rotary Golf Tournament. Contact **Kenny Janes** (Kenny.janes@ubs.com), 775-1504.

Rotary Meeting Opportunities

Richmond Area Meeting Times and Places

Mon 7:30 AM	Western Henrico County at Westwood Racquet Club	Wed 7:45 AM	Henrico East at White Oak Martins Mall Comm Rm
Tue 12:30 PM	Sandston at Roma Ristorante Italiano	Wed 12:30 PM	West Richmond at Westwood Club
Tue 7:30 AM	Midlothian at Holiday Inn Select/Koger Center	Wed 12:30 PM	Huguenot Trail at Belle Vie
Tue 12:00 PM	Short Pump Henrico County at Maggiano's	Wed 6:30 PM	Hanover County at Hill City Chop House
Tue 12:15 PM	Richmond at WILLOW OAKS COUNTRY CLUB	Thu 7:15 AM	Innsbrook at The Place 4036C Cox Road
Wed 7:30 AM	Mechanicsville at Cold Harbor Restaurant	Thu 7:30 AM	Brandermill at Brandermill Country Club
Wed 7:30 AM	Henrico North at The Westwood Club	Thu 12:30 PM	South Richmond at Meadowbrook Country Club
Wed 7:30 AM	James River (Richmond) at Village Bank	Fri 7:30 AM	Goochland County at Richmond Country Club
Wed 7:30 AM	Chester at Wild Rose Cafe	Fri 7:30 AM	Bon Air at Joe's Inn at Bon Air