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District 7350

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Club Assembly

Last Week

Vice president **Brian** Erickson introduced Lindy Ybarra, past president of Shepherd University Rotaract and campus chair of "Relay for Life" at Shepherd University, who talked to us about the relay and the American Cancer Society's work.

More than 50 students are involved in organizing and managing Shepherd University's Relay for Life, now in its ninth year. They have planned a relay walking/jogging event for the night of April 15 and early morning of April 16, which will be held on the campus midway. The midway events will be a celebration of life featuring several really good jazz and blues bands, a carnival atmosphere, and a banquet to close out the campaign. Luminaria placed around the midway will be lit to celebrate cancer survivors and to memorialize those lost to the disease.

Shepherd University sponsors the largest Relay for Life event in West Virginia, the fifth largest in the United States among universities of comparable size. Shepherd's relay participation goal this year is 1,000 people; 620 have registered.

The fund-raising goal is $80,000, of which $35,000 has been raised. Forty percent of the money raised through Relay for Life is used to provide services for cancer survivors, 50 percent is allotted to cancer research, and the remaining 10 percent goes to administration. The American Cancer Society is the second largest funder of cancer research in the United States after the federal government.

Ybarra reminded us about the magnitude of cancer as a serious disease: 1,500 people die of cancer daily in the United States, 7.5 million die annually; we have a 44 percent chance of developing cancer in our lifetime. A show of hands revealed that the lives of more than half of the Rotarians and guests in the audience had been touched by cancer. Statistics of survivors do show progress in the war on cancer: The nation had 3 million cancer survivors in 2001; in 2011 there are 12 million.

In closing, Ybarra said Shepherdstown Rotarians "are a group of doers; you make a difference; you inspire Shepherd University students." She asked us to help "Team Rotary" reach its Relay for Life goal (see **Heather** Hovermale's announcement below). She also asked us to use the "We Save Lives" kit of information she distributed to heighten awareness of the work of the American Cancer Society among family members and colleagues at work.

Club News

Gary Heichel announced that Opera House owner Larry Cumbo was to provide a complimentary showing of the movie *True Grit* to Rotarians and spouses on March 31 as a substitute for the Theater Night movie Rotarians missed because of a scheduling error.

Heather Hovermale reported that Team Rotary still has $450 to raise toward its Relay for Life goal of $2,800. All the walking assignments for the night and early morning of April 15 and 16 are filled. Let's get those checks written to the American Cancer Society and put Team Rotary over the top!

Julie Siler reported that Adopt-a-Highway, held on Saturday, March 26, was attended only by **Connie** Hammann, **Monica** Lockett, and **Curt** Mason. These stalwart Rotarians cleaned both sides of the two-mile stretch of Shepherdstown Pike. If that's not "Service Above Self," what is? Connie, Monica, Curt—we salute you!

Visitors

Monica Lockett introduced our speaker's guest, Jesse Humeas, a 2010 mass communications graduate of Shepherd University.

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Jesse Humeas drew winning number 282 held by **Suzanne** Shipley, who planned to apply it toward the new wallpaper in Popodicon.

Special Days

Belated birthday greetings to **Tom** Maiden, who disguised his age on April 3. We owe you a cupcake and candle! **Dick** and Kathy Klein celebrate their anniversary on April 10. Best wishes to all!

Please attend the forum on Riverfront Revitalization, Wednesday, April 6, 7 PM, at the Train Station.

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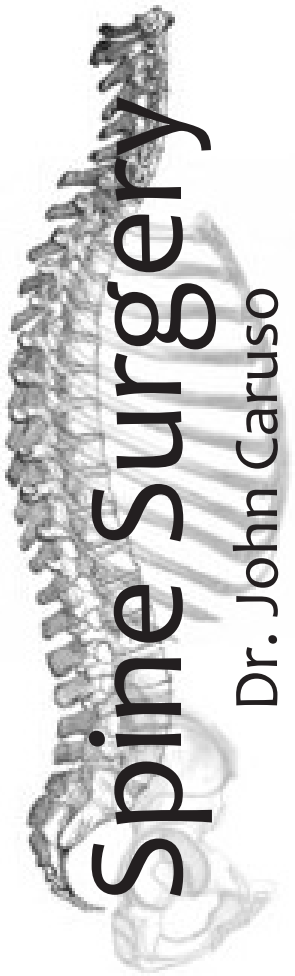

Today

Our guest is Dr. John Caruso, a spine surgeon, who will speak to us about neurosurgery, spine treatments, and the future of these specialties.

Dr. Caruso has practiced in Maryland for 15 years after completing his training under Dr. Edward Benzel, a world leader in spine biomechanics and surgery. His practice focuses on conservative management of the spine as well as minimally invasive and outpatient surgical techniques.

Caruso has championed both trauma care delivery and tort reform in the state. He helped stimulate the legislation to keep the nine trauma centers in Maryland open. As the cofounder of Save our Doctors; Protect our Patients, he helped keep access to physicians open for Maryland citizens while fighting the efforts of the trial bar lobby. He is also a national spokesman for Doctors for Medical Liability Reform, an officer in the Maryland Neurosurgical Society, a physician for the Maryland State Athletic Commission, and a national spokesman for outpatient spine center creation.

He has been recognized for his efforts most recently in Becker's Chicago Review, as one of the Top 100 Spine Surgeons and Specialist in America, March 2011.

Last Week

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Club News

Lisa Welch announced that Relay for Life has reached its financial goal and has a walker for each time slot. A special thank you to all Rotarians for their support. Rotarians are encouraged to meet outside the Shepherdstown Sweet Shop on April 15 at 4 p.m. to cheer on the relay participants during the opening parade.

Holly Frye also reported great news regarding the Relay for Life from the Shepherd University perspective. It has already reached 50 percent of its financial goal by raising $40,000 before a single lap is even walked. Holly states that compared with years past and considering the current economic climate, she is thrilled with the results thus far.

Brian Erickson presented Rotarians with the Rotary district budget, which needs to be approved by each individual Rotary Club. **Bill** Howard made a motion that the decision of the approval of this budget be made by the Shepherdstown Rotary board. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The board will report their decision after their April 8 board meeting.

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Winning ticket number 290 was held by past President **Tom** Trumble.

Special Days

Two birthdays bloom this coming week: **Daan** Vreugdenhil on April 14 and **Michele** King on April 17.

Rotarians respond to Japan Earthquake, Tsunami

The Rotary Foundation established the Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in the affected areas. More than US$500,000 has been donated since the fund opened on 11 March.

The first Matching Grant project to receive support from the fund was approved a week after the disaster. Clubs in districts 3350 (Cambodia and Thailand) and 2820 (Japan) are using a total of $65,650 to help provide food and drinking water for 15,000 people at an evacuation center in Ibaraki.

Water-Survival Boxes containing a water purification kit and other essential survival items were offered to all 32 District Governors on the islands of Honshu and Kyushu on the 11 March (the day of the earthquake and tsunami) through the Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge in District 1200, England. Although the offer was not taken up immediately, on 31 March they received a request from DG 2800 Hatsuo Tsukahara for 100 boxes for families in need. The consignment arrived in Narita airport on 9 April and will be distributed by Rotarians from District 2800 in partnership with Rotarians from Districts 2520 (Miyagi) and 2530 (Fukushima).

The Rotary Club of Akashi, Hyogo, sent a private airplane carrying a load of medical supplies to the Rotary Club of Sukagawa, Fukushima, which delivered them to a hospital near Fukushima Airport. The governor of District 2640 (Wakayama and parts of Osaka) and six Rotarians also brought 1,000 blankets to Rotarians in the Fukushima region.

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Today

Place matters: geography matters: Shepherdstown, the oldest town in West Virginia doing the newest plays in America.

This morning we welcome Ed Herendeen, who founded the Contemporary American Theater Festival in 1991. Through his leadership the Contemporary American Theater Festival has produced 85 new American plays, 33 World Premieres, and has gained a reputation as one of America's most important producers of new work. Most recently, he directed the World Premiere of *The Eclectic Society* by Eric Conger at the Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia.

His numerous directing credits include more than 10 world premieres, among them *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, by Jeffery Hatcher, which won the 2000 American Theatre Critics Citation for Best New American Play.

Mr. Herendeen has also worked at such regional theaters as The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, The Missouri Repertory Theatre, The Old Globe, The Lyceum Theatre, and the Williamstown Theatre Festival. In 1999, Governor Cecil H. Underwood presented CATF with the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. In the fall of 2001, Mr. Herendeen was appointed to the 2001/2002 New Dramatists Admissions Committee. In the fall of 2005, he was honored with the College of Fine Arts Distinguished Alumni Award in Theater from Ohio University.

Last Week

Dr. John R. Caruso (no relation to our beloved Rick) spoke to Rotary about neuroscience and spine surgery; more specifically the challenges that face his industry and health care as a whole.

As doctors' insurance costs rise and patients' incomes decline, the health care industry is looking for ways to be more financially successful. To boost income, many doctors are increasing caseloads while still focusing on quality care. Dr. Caruso and his partners have recently built a 26,000-square-foot facility in Hagerstown called the Parkway Neuroscience and Spine Institute, and a satellite PNSI office in Chambersburg. Their mission is to get patients quality care in a timely manner. "Patients should not have to wait months or years for the care that they need."

Discussion followed regarding national healthcare and how would it effect the care we are used to. Models such as England and Canada we presented as examples.

Club News

Lisa Welch shared the good news that Team Rotary had well exceeded its goal of raising $2,500 for Relay for Life. She also extended a special thanks to the Rotaract students who unexpectedly and graciously donated to the Rotary Relay Team the tips they received from coat check at the Christmas Ball.

Paul Woods shared sad news that our Rotary exchange student will have to return to Australia for a few weeks to be with her brother, who was in an unfortunate automobile accident. We ask all members to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

President **Julie** Siler shared the exciting news of **Catherine** Irwin's engagement, she will be married next month.

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Winning ticket number 312 was held by **Hank** Walter.

Special Days

Wedding season is upon us and we celebrate the anniversaries of: **Gary** Heichel and Iris on April 24, **Curt** Mason and Suzette on April 23, **Paul** Woods and Johnna on April 25.

Happy Birthday wishes go to **Peter** Corum this very day and **Peggy** McKowen on April 24.

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Theater takes place all the time,
wherever one is, and art simply facilitates
persuading one that this is the case.
- John Cage

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CLASSIFICATION TALK

DR. PAUL KRADEL

Today

Our own **Paul** Kradel will deliver a classification talk. He is a full-time private-practice psychologist, specializing in the treatment of anxiety, depression, and Internet addiction.

Paul graduated from Bethany College, Texas Christian University, and West Virginia University. Before he began his private practice in 1988, he held a few other jobs: college professor, graduate school professor, mental health center psychologist, minister, speed reading teacher, and premier waiter. He currently has offices in Martinsburg and Hagerstown, where he provides psychological services to children, adolescents, families, and couples. He recently retired from 25 years as a chief psychologist with the state of Maryland Division of Correction, and now he travels every Tuesday after Rotary to Harpers Ferry Job Corps Center to be their mental health consultant.

Paul is also a survivor of prostate cancer and, as facilitator of Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group in Martinsburg, lends his professional skills to help others facing this disease.

He and his his wife, Diane, have been married for 43 years. They have two grown children and five grandchildren.

Last Week

We heard from Ed Herendeen, founding director of the Contemporary American Theater Festival and recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award from our club. Just back from a casting trip to New York City in preparation for CATF's 2011 repertory, its 21st season, Mr. Herendeen spoke on "The Geography of Happiness."

Herendeen approached this title through a retrospective, which he characterized as a story of passion, perseverance, and vision. In 1991—CATF's first season—the stars aligned over the historic village of Shepherdstown. Although his theater peers were incredulous at his choice of locale, geography has played an important role in the success of CATF. According to Herendeen, "power of place" has everything to do with success; and Shepherd University is an essential partner in the venture to present new works.

Herendeen illustrated the "power of place" by crediting artists, musicians, creative writers, and others with using the nurturing environment of Shepherdstown to be "urban pioneers" and fostering an "aesthetic amenity dividend" to develop a hedge against life's downsides in the community and region. Quoting Aristotle, "Happiness comes from doing work that matters…" and drives the decisions of where to live, what to do, and who to live with.

In closing, Herendeen remarked that playwrights have their "ear to the ground" to sense the pulse of society and are able to exploit the power of language and storytelling. He illustrated this with quotations from Lucy Thurber's *The Insurgents* and Sam Shepard's *Ages of the Moon*. Don't you want to experience more?

Club News

Lisa Welch expressed her gratitude to participants in the recent Relay for Life. Team Rotary, which took third place, raised more than $3,100, surpassing the goal of $2,800. **Rick** Caruso gave away his carefully crafted signature hamburgers the afternoon and evening of April 15, collecting $125 in donations for Team Rotary.

Holly Frye announced that Shepherd's Relay for Life had raised $71,442.08 by 7:45 a.m. on April 19. Shepherd students are determined to reach their goal of $80,000 by the August deadline.

Lois Turco asked Rotarians to save May 6, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for the World Affairs Seminar at the National Conservation Training Center. The theme, "International Environmental Careers—Globalizing Nature," will be enriched by Skype connections to participants in Kenya and Ecuador.

Paul Woods announced that Rotary Exchange Student Abby Butler had arrived home in Inverloch, Australia, and visited her brother in the hospital, where he is being treated after a serious accident. She sent a Facebook message to us: "Mum thanks you." Abby plans to return in three weeks to continue her program through January 2012.

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Holly Frye drew winning number 333 held by **Momodou** Darboe. Momodou promptly donated his winnings to Relay for Life—either wilting under Holly's searing gaze or to avoid accusations of nepotism, we're not sure.

Visitors

Monica Lockett introduced Lily Hill, spouse of the late **Phil** Hill, who was a guest of **Catherine** Irwin.

Special Days

Birthday greetings to **Lorrie** Schoettler, who takes the cake on April 29. **Craig** and Roy Winkel celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 2, perhaps by breaking ground for a new home? Best wishes to all!

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