



Water for Haiti



Rob Breckenridge

Today

Rob Breckenridge, the District Water Resources chair for Rotary District 7350, will present a program on the Water for Haiti Project, an initiative to help provide immediate access to clean water for Haitians still recovering from the earthquake of January 2010. Called Thirsting to Serve, the project collects funds to purchase, ship, and install HyrAid® BioSand Water Filters in Haiti. One filter system, at \$75, can filter more than 100 gallons of water each day for more than 10 years, removing parasites, bacteria, and viruses from contaminated water. If you are interested in donating to the Water for Haiti Project, please contact Rob Breckenridge by e-mail rbreckenridge@mtaloy.edu.

District 7350, you have done yourself proud! In total, we contributed \$12,850 to send 171 of these water filters to Haiti in 2010–2011. Eighteen clubs, seven individual Rotarians, and even one church participated in the project. Seven filters have been contributed by the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown. Imagine, 171 families having clean water to drink every day for up to 10 years! That's the kind of impact that Service Above Self can have.

Last Week

was Club Assembly.

Club News

Heather Hovermale announced a Food Drive Competition between Rotary clubs to see who can donate the most to Jefferson Ministries. This will take place as part of the Day of Caring on September 13. More

information, including a list of suggested foods, will be coming via e-mail soon.

Rick Caruso said that a committee of creative Rotarians is busily planning a Rotary float to be used for the SQ250 celebrations. All interested individuals were invited to join this table at Club Assembly.

Brian Erickson announced that at a separate table another group of Rotarians would be planning an event to be named Beer, Brats, and Books for the Shepherdstown Library. The September 24 event on the Bavarian Inn's Shepherd Grade lot will offer an afternoon of fun and fund raising. More info to come; save the date!

Visitors

Rick Caruso introduced and welcomed Bill Strider from Martinsburg Rotary Club and Maria Brown, a guest of **Michelle** King.

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After a flurry of last-minute sales to sweeten the pot, the winning ticket belonged to Michelle King, who generously donated her winnings back to the club.

Special Days

Happy Birthday wishes to our new fearless leader President Brian Erickson on August 12. An anniversary celebration will be taking place on the 11th for the **Humphreys** and the **Dixon-Grosses**.

Upcoming Programs

August

- 16 Homelessness in Jefferson County
John Mason, Hospitality Center
Charles Town Presbyterian Church
- 23 Alternative Spring Break Video
Holly Frye and Rotaract
- 3 Day of Caring 2011
Trina Bartlett, United Way

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The real index of civilization is when people are kinder than they need to be.

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Louis de Berniere, novelist

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The Rotary Club of Shepherdstown meets every Tuesday 7:30 AM at the Bavarian Inn, P.O. Box 603, Shepherdstown, WV 25443
Web site: www.shepherdstownrotary.org
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Berkeley Springs, WV	TH	1215	Tari's Café
Charles Town, WV	TU	1215	JMH Board Room
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Hancock, MD	TU	1230	Park-n-Dine
Leesburg, VA	TH	1830	Laurel Brigade Inn
Martinsburg, WV	TH	1215	Holiday Inn
Martinsburg, WV (am)	TU	0715	Holiday Inn
Williamsport, MD	W	0715	Red Man's Club
Winchester, VA	TH	1200	Travelodge

For other locations, check with the Club Secretary



The Hospitality Center

at

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

John Mason

Today

Our guest, John Mason, has come today to discuss the Hospitality Center at Charles Town Presbyterian Church and its efforts to help those experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County.

Mason retired from his work in telecommunications, corporate training, and database program management in 2005 and moved to Jefferson County to pursue a public service career in the nonprofit sector. He was president of Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County in 2008 and 2009 and worked with the Jefferson County Homeless Coalition in 2010. As a volunteer there, he helped to open, manage, and staff the Men's Overnight Cold Weather Shelter when it operated between January and March 2011. When the Men's and Women's Overnight Cold Weather Shelters closed on March 18, 2011, Mason and a friend, Carol Beattie, started the Hospitality Center to provide a daytime place for those still experiencing homelessness to gather to receive meals, showers, toiletries, and clothes, to help them with obtaining access to health and dental services, mental health services, and the food stamp SNAP program, and to assist them in obtaining affordable housing and employment.

Last Week

Rob Breckinridge, District Water Resources chair, gave us an overview of worldwide water initiatives and more specifically Rotary's latest project to provide healthy water to Haiti.

Currently worldwide 2.4 billion people lack access to clean water and 3.4 million die from issues related to unhealthy water every year. While this is a global problem,

Rotary has chosen to continue to concentrate its efforts on healthy water in Haiti. Even before the earthquake, Haiti was the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and on the World Development Index, Haiti ranks near the bottom: 145th out of 169 countries. After the earthquake over 600,000 are still homeless, and a cholera outbreak this year killed 5,000. Cholera is an intestinal disease caused by bad water and is easily treatable with the right medicines and good water.

The latest program that Rotary is participating in is called "Safe Water Team," which will deliver Bio-Sand Water Filters to a distribution center in Haiti. From there volunteer groups will get the units to those in need. Each Bio-Sand Filter costs \$100, and will provide 100 gallons a day of healthy water for up to 10 years. Breckinridge brought a filter and demonstrated how easy it is to use. The goal for the district is to raise money to purchase 180 filters (\$18,000). We'll receive more information soon on how our club can continue to participate in this project.

Club News

George Alwin reminded the group to save September 24 for "BBQ and Beer for Books," 4 to 7 p.m. on the Bavarian Inn's top lot. Tickets will be on sale soon. Funds will be used to help purchase Kindles for the Shepherdstown Library. **Rick** Caruso also added that this is a Shepherd football home weekend and will make for a great post game tailgate, Caruso's Island will of course host the pregame.

Monica Lockett announced that Canterbury Home is doing a Schwann's frozen food sale to raise money for Alzheimer's Walk. For more info or to purchase

food from Schwann's to support the cause, please contact Monica: monica.lockett@genesishcc.com

Visitors

It is always a pleasure to welcome back frequent guest Jim Leathers, visiting from North Carolina.

Michelle King introduced her guest, Christine Knott from Shepherdstown Pharmacy, also a past guest and speaker.

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Winning ticket 702553 was held by past president **Julie** Siler.

Special Days

Happy Birthday to **Tim** Pownell who will celebrate on the 23rd! And Best Wishes to **Carl** Moore, who will be toasting to another year of marriage with wife Judith on the 17th.

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Day of Caring September 13, 2011

Trina Bartlett and Teresa McCabe

Today

Two of our friends from the United Way are here to tell us about the upcoming Day of Caring—the 17th annual Day of Caring in the Eastern Panhandle.

Trina Bartlett is the director of community impact for the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle, where she works with community partners to identify and meet health and human service needs.

She has been with the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle for six years and has been working on Day of Caring since 2004. She has worked within the United Way system since 2001, when she was employed by the United Way of Central West Virginia in Charleston.

Bartlett has more than 20 years of experience in the health and human services field. She is a licensed social worker, with a master's degree in social work from West Virginia University and a bachelor's degree in communication from Ohio University.

Teresa E. McCabe, a fellow Rotarian, formerly with our club and now with the Martinsburg Sunrise club, was named vice president of marketing and development for WVU Hospitals-East in November 2005. With 25 years of healthcare marketing, public relations, and philanthropy experience, McCabe serves as the senior marketing executive and official spokesperson for WVUH-East, and she is the senior executive for the City Hospital and Jefferson Health Care Foundations.

A native of Jefferson County and graduate of Shepherd University, McCabe is active in many community organizations in addition to the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle. She also currently serves as vice-chair of the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Board of Governors.

On a professional level, McCabe is a past president of the West Virginia Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, and a member of the National Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, and the Association for Fundraising Professionals.

Last Week

Holly Frye introduced a group of Shepherd students who donated their time last spring break to help build a home in High Point, N.C., as part of a program called "Alternative Spring Break." Rotaract president Emily Gilmore thanked our club for its support and told us how the students worked very hard to raise additional funds by hosting a pancake breakfast and other events to pay for the trip. By forgoing a traditional beach-bound spring break, this group was able to build a home for a mother and daughter who are political refugees from Burma. The students' hard work was well documented in a music video, brilliantly produced by Rotaract student Eric, that was shown during the presentation. Congratulations to these future Rotarians and community leaders for their efforts.

Club News

Karen Kinnett has tickets still available for the Rubber Ducky Classic, September 3, to raise funds for the "Fix It Team."

The Thunder over the Blue Ridge Air Show will return to Martinsburg September 16, 17, and 18. **Tom Miller** invited all Rotarians to a Thursday Night Crab Feast for \$10; more information to come.

Lois Turco announced that online reg-

istration for runners and volunteers is now open for Freedom's Run, an annual race through history (and our neck of the woods), October 1.

Tickets are now on sale for "BBQ, Beer, and Books," a club fundraiser for the Shepherdstown Library on September 24. Checks for \$45 should be made out to the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown and given to **George Alwin**.

Visitors

We welcomed our friend Jim Leathers from Charlotte, N.C., for the second consecutive week. Much youth was present: six Shepherd University students who participated in Rotaract's Alternative Spring Break as well as **David Gross's** niece Tishana.

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Dick Klein held winning ticket 579.

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No birthdays but it is wedding season.

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