



Vicki Blazer, Marine Biologist
Leetown Fish Hatchery

TODAY

Vicki Blazer is a marine biologist at the Leetown Fish Hatchery and has gained national attention after her recent discoveries in the Potomac River. Vicki is overseeing studies on male smallmouth bass that are developing eggs in their testicular tissue. This abnormality seems to be caused by chemicals from personal care products and hormone replacement therapy entering the watershed. Her work is the result of a joint study between the U.S. Geological Survey and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Many scientists are concerned that people, as well as other animals, might be affected. Tests were conducted at various locations along the Potomac River, with results that cover a wide range of possibilities, including a severe sewage problem in the Antietam Creek from Hagerstown, as well as agricultural runoff, lawn pesticides, and herbicides.

As the lifeblood of Shepherdstown originates with the beloved Potomac River, Ms. Blazer's findings will interest all of us. We thank her for taking time out of her busy schedule to educate us about this important issue.

LAST WEEK

President **Steve** thanked **Alex S.** and **Dale H.** for the extraordinary effort they recently put into conforming the treasury records of both the Club and the Foundation.

Connie reminded the membership of the April 2 highway clean-up and displayed a sticker sent by the state commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Club's commitment.

President Steve noted a 100th Rotary Anniversary article in the *Martinsburg Journal*.

Susan Walter announced the grand opening of the new medical facility for Shenandoah Community Health Center off Tavern Road in Martinsburg, scheduled for noon on March 19.

President Steve announced the formal lifting of the moratorium on new members. The issue will be revisited at a future date.

Quote of the Week: Christmas in Shepherdstown decorations are down!
- **Ken Mann**

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Jochen Kiefer hit the (Deutsch) mark.

VISITORS

Susan Walter was guest of **Karen K.** and Jordan Gross accompanied his dad, **David**.

THE CENTENNIAL

Rotary began on the evening of 23 February 1905, when Harris met with three business colleagues in hopes of recapturing in a professional club the same friendly spirit they had experienced growing up in small-town America. They called their club the Rotary Club of Chicago, after the early practice of rotating weekly meetings among members' offices. As the Rotary movement grew and clubs were chartered around the world, Rotarians took up community service projects and promoted ethical standards in business.

A century later, over 1.2 million men and women are members of more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries

united under the banner Service Above Self. Through the numerous humanitarian, intercultural, and educational programs of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, Rotary clubs work to realize Rotary's vision of improving the human condition and to advance world understanding and peace.

One of the world's largest and most successful volunteer service organizations, Rotary is now working toward meeting its greatest challenge: eradicating polio worldwide. During this centennial year, Rotary's top priority is stopping the spread of the disease in the world's six remaining polio-endemic countries.

"Eradicating polio will be Rotary's great legacy to the children of the world," says RI President Estess.

Thanks to scribe: **John Loeffler**

PROGRAMS

March

- 22 **CJ Johnson**, Director of Marketing, Hagerstown Suns
- 29 **Keith Lyndaker-Schlabach**, FOCUS Coalition: Substance abuse and violence prevention

April

- 5 **Club Assembly**
- 12 **Anders Henriksson**, Shepherd University professor, humorous author

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