



### Club Assembly

It's a whole new world...  
 Welcome, new officers, and many thanks to those who served last year.

### In Case You Missed It

Christian Zaballos joined us for one last visit before departing for home. He took us through his year at Jefferson High School and the many trips and adventures he enjoyed while in the United States. Christian was very into music at Jefferson: He was part of the jazz ensemble, pop singers, trombone quartet, the symphonic band, and the marching band. His favorite memory is participating in the Cherry Blossom Parade with the marching band.

In addition to the music he found time to go to a football game at Penn State; visit Washington, DC, and the National Zoo; attend an NHL game; and participate in Black Friday. He had his first experience with snow and really enjoyed snowboarding and carving Halloween pumpkins. He made a lot of new friends.

We wish him every success in his future college career and life. **Hank Walter rose to** remark that Christian was "a model exchange student" with a better meeting attendance record than many members. Many, many thanks to our host families for taking Christian under their wing: Paul and Johnna Woods, David Levine and Monica Larson, and Don Briggs and Bonnie Sitman.

### Rotary Rumors

Volunteers need to meet at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the 4th. Parade participants need to meet at 10:45 a.m. at the corner of Church and German Streets.

On a sad note, **Heather** Hovermale has left our club due to scheduling conflicts, however, she still hopes to be at as many of our events as she can get to.

### Friending

Don Briggs accompanied Christian Zaballos as Christian's surrogate father these past few months. Thank you for joining us, Don.

### And the Winner Was...

Hank Walter. Just enough for an extra glass of champagne this week, when...

### Applause! Applause!

Hank and Dale Walter celebrate their anniversary, on July 6.

Birthdays abound: **Doug Alexander** (6), **Momodu Darboe** and **Tom Miller** (7), **G. T. Schramm** (8).

Save some extra fireworks for later in the week!

### Upcoming Events

- July 4** Rotary Annual July 4th Parade and Picnic
- July 9** Pamela Brannon  
Children of Uganda

## SHEPHERDSTOWN JULY 4 PICNIC WILL FEATURE MUSIC OF SPEAKEASY BOYS AND GYPSY RAMBLERS

Plans are now set for Shepherdstown's Independence Day parade and community picnic, which will be held on Thursday, July 4.

The parade will be held starting at 11:00 a.m. on German Street downtown. It will begin at Church Street and end at Princess Street.

The picnic will be held right afterwards, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., in the pavilion at Morgan's Gove Park just south of town.

Everyone is welcome at both events and admission will be free.

The picnic will feature live music, with the Speakeasy Boys playing from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the Gypsy Ramblers playing from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

There will be lots of children's activities, including games and a water slide.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, ice cream and non-alcoholic beverages will be for sale at reasonable prices. All proceeds from those sales will be used to help cover event costs.

There is plenty of parking at the park.

The parade and picnic are organized annually by the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown. The goal is to provide a wholesome, family-oriented Fourth of July celebration for the town. *(from press release, prepared by Peter Smith)*

### The Four-Way Test

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## Children of Uganda

Children of Uganda was founded in 1995. As a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in the United States, COU works in conjunction with local non-governmental organizations in Uganda to provide education and support to hundreds of children in need. Funding is derived primarily from individual child sponsorships, as well as grants and donations.

The mission of COU is to support and empower hundreds of orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda to lead successful and productive lives. Its vision is that all children in Uganda receive an education to become healthy, productive members of their community who assume leadership roles and positively impact Ugandan society. This morning Pamela Brannon, COU's executive director, will share how meeting a group of Ugandan children changed her life forever.

## In Case You Missed It

**Monica** Lockett gave special thanks and recognition to her board members for their support and assistance. She also thanked all Rotary Club members for making her time as president so rewarding and successful. She was delighted to pass the reins to **Paul** Woods.

Paul made a few remarks about the upcoming year and special areas he would like to focus on including: membership development, promoting club to the community, and youth programs.

The new board, inducted by Assistant District Governor Bill Powell were:

President	Paul Woods
Vice President	Tom Miller
Secretary	Rick Caruso
Treasurer	Karen Kinnett
International Service	Paul Kradel
Membership & Club Service	Michelle Liefke
Community Service	Elizabeth Granzow
Rotary Fund	David Manthos
Charitable Fund	Jennifer Peterson

Our thanks and best wishes to Monica for a wonderful year as our club's president and to Paul as he takes on this challenge for the coming year. To all of our past and current board members thank you all for your service to the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown.

## Friending

We welcomed Rhonda Lowe who was the guest of **Elizabeth** Granzow; and Sally Mickey, who was the guest of **Rick** Caruso.

## And the Winner Was...

Only fitting that the outgoing president, who is also this week's birthday girl, should be the lucky winner!

## Applause! Applause!

Past President Monica puts more than just a Rotary year behind her on July 13. We need to check out this woman's horoscope.

## Vital Signs

President Paul likes statistics and shared the following information about our club as of July 1, 2013:

Club Members-July 2012:	62
Club Members-June 2013:	56
Club Attendance Rate:	62%
District 7360 Average Attendance:	61.5%

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## The Foreign Service

Please join us for an interesting discussion with Stephanie and Thomas Williams, the daughter and son-in-law of our fellow Rotarian, **Lois** Turco.

Stephanie T. Williams is the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan. She was deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain (May 2010 to January 2013) and prior to that was director of Maghreb affairs in the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA). Ms. Williams also served NEA as deputy director of Egypt and Levant affairs (2005 to 2007) and as the Jordan desk officer (2003 to 2005). Her other overseas assignments include Pakistan, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates. Ms. Williams studied Arabic at the Foreign Service Institute in Tunis and at the University of Bahrain. She joined the Foreign Service in 1994 after working in the private sector in Bahrain and for a non-governmental organization in Washington, D.C.

Tom Williams is the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh. He was deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait until July 2011. Prior to that he was director of the Afghanistan and Pakistan office in the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau at the State Department, overseeing an annual foreign assistance budget of more than \$1 billion. Other assignments include director of Israel and Palestinian affairs, deputy director of the Arabian Peninsula and Iran office (all within NEA), economic chief in Abu Dhabi, political officer in Bahrain, and he served in the political section in Kuwait from 1996 to 1998. Mr. Williams has also been posted to Islamabad and Manila. He studied Arabic in Tunis.

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Pamela Brannon is the executive director of Children of Uganda (COU), whose goal is to provide education and support to help the children of Uganda have a chance at a normal life. COU was founded in 1995 in Dallas, Tex. When Pamela took the director's role she moved the organization to Charles Town. Pamela was accompanied by her sponsor coordinator, Nicole Moorman; her niece, Ericka Brannon, who is the organization's special event coordinator; and Teddy Aribiah, a graduate of COU.

Uganda has a population of 30 million; 15 million are under 18, and 10 million of those are orphans or vulnerable children. COU primarily focuses on education and supplying the basic necessities: safe places to learn, sleep, and eat. The program accepts children who either are orphaned or had one parent abandon them. Only one child per family is permitted in the program.

COU also has a Family Empowerment Program, which helps women who need a hand up, not a hand-out. They are given a small amount of money to start an income-generating project and to help provide food, rent, or education to their other children. They are also

taught leadership skills.

Teddy Aribiah is a graduate of COU and is one of 21 children in her family. Upon graduation she attended nursing school in Texas. She then fell in love and moved to Columbia, Md., where she works as a nurse. She sends money to her family every three months to pay for her younger siblings' education. She returns home every two years to visit family and help in the local clinic or dispensary, utilizing her nursing degree. All of this, she said, would not have been possible if she hadn't attended COU.

COU has a dance troupe, the Tour of Lights, which features a select few of the COU children. The troupe's performances are COU's main source of funds. COU will be performing at Shepherd University's Frank Center Theater on January 15, 2014 at 8 p.m. Plan to come out and support this life-changing enterprise and learn more about the heritage of Uganda.

## Rotary Rumors

**Peter** Smith gave us a glowing report of the July 4th festivities. More than 50 percent of the club members participated in making the day a great success, from the parade to the picnic in the park, and more than \$1,600 was raised from concessions at Morgan's Grove Park. (Chef **Miriam** thanked all those who helped in the kitchen!) Plans are already in the works to make next year's 4th even better. Feel free to give suggestions.

Our district governor, Sharon Benner, is working on starting an e-club (members "meet" online) for our district so we can share information pertinent to our area. Stay posted for more information.

Consider attending the "Storyed Evenings" at the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, this Wednesday and next at 7:30 p.m. The featured speaker tomorrow night is our own **Erwin** Asam and next week it's **Monica** Lockett, both asked to present on the topic "Who or what made me what I am." Last week's event featured our own **Dabney** Chapman, a hard act to follow.

## Friending

We were happy to have Salle Mickey from Platinum P.R. join us for breakfast, as well as Jim Leathers—always good to have him join us from North Carolina.

## And the Winner Was...

**Peter** Smith drew number 538, belonging to Ericka Brannon, niece to our guest speaker. Way to go Ericka!

## Applause! Applause!

Birthday best wishes to President **Paul** who celebrates on the 19th. Anniversary congratulations to **Connie** and Mary Ann Hammann on the 18th and Susie and **G.T.** Schramm, who celebrate on the 20th.



## Paul Harris Fellows

As we recognize this year's class of Paul Harris Fellows, we remember past awardees and honor the excitement, dedication, and accomplishments

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## Applause! Applause!

A big bouquet of August birthdays: Jennifer Peterson on the 2nd, Erwin Asam on the 4th, Ken Mann on the 6th, Bill Howard and Howard Mills on the 7th. Many happy returns, all!

## Upcoming Events

September 10 Day of Caring

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Over the last 26 years, we have continued to channel contributions to the Rotary Foundation through the club and use those credits annually to recognize individuals, from the club and the community, for exceptional service. Recipients are determined by nomination and ballot at a special meeting of past recipients who are active members of the Club.

Past President and Paul Harris Fellow, **Bill** Howard, will introduce the history of the award and our presenters of this year's secret Paul Harris Fellow class of 2013. Our thanks to **Carl** Moore for organizing this morning's special event.

## In Case You Missed It

Guest speakers Ms. Lara Holden and Mr. James Mysakowec were from Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of West Virginia. They gave an informative presentation on the effects of the Affordable Health Care Act, primarily in regard to large companies, but during question time they tried to answer questions from small business owners. For further information, they recommended that you visit the Highmark website.

## Rotary Rumors

**Paul** Kradel's son Matthew is the subject of an article in *Around the Panhandle*: "How Rotary Changed My Life." Paul encourages everyone to read it. Michael was sponsored as a Rotary Exchange student in Spain by the Martinsburg club, of which he is now a member. That announcement provided a swell segue for another one: Our club is looking for host families for our exchange student for this season. If you know of anyone willing to host, please contact Paul.

**Dana** Orsini announced a mixer in late September that will include other local Rotary clubs. Please contact Dana with ideas.

**Monica** Lockett found a way to keep cool during the heat wave: planning for the winter months. She announced that the Charity Ball will be held December 6 and tables are available now for sponsorship. It's never too early to get ready for Christmas.

**Paul** Woods told us that the International Service Club will be cosponsoring a sanitation project in Ecuador with the Martinsburg Sunrise Club.

## And the Winner Was...

...**Keith** "Windfall" McCall.

## Applause! Applause!

Two birthdays to kick off the month: **Jennifer** Peterson on the 2nd and **Erwin** Asam on the 4th. Happy days!

## Upcoming Events

**September 3** District Governor Sharon L. Benner  
*Join us for a very special joint meeting with the Martinsburg Sunrise club to welcome the new governor of district 7360 Sharon L. Benner.*

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