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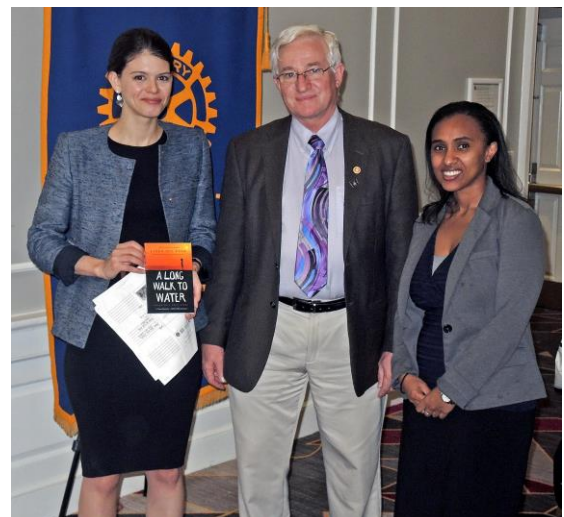
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### *MARCH IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH*

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK (March 15, 2017):** Our speaker will be Abdul Waseem Abbasi. He is an investigative journalist at Pakistan's largest English daily, The News International. Waseem has been with The News for the last four years writing investigative stories on corruption, governance, health, education, security and politics. Before joining The News, he spent five years as a section editor with The Brunei Times. He has also worked with Geo TV, Pakistan's largest news channel, and The Nation, a leading English daily, where he covered Pakistan's 2005 earthquake and the Pakistani military forces' Red Mosque operation in Islamabad. His investigative work on health issues earned him the RTI Champions Award and his story on the fake degrees of Pakistan's former education minister led to the minister's resignation.

**PROGRAM THIS WEEK (March 8, 2017):** Our guest speaker will be Shristi Rajbhandari from Nepal. She was a communications and documentation officer for the Rapid Enterprise and Livelihoods Recovery Project (RELRP), a United Nations Development Program project that worked to revitalize farms, small businesses and communities damaged in central Nepal following the spring 2015 earthquakes. She has also worked as a marketing and communications officer at the British Council, where she engaged with a diverse audience on social media.

**PROGRAM LAST WEEK (March 1, 2017):** The Women in Agriculture Program in Ethiopia seeks to enable public institutions of higher learning to develop agricultural activities that benefit vulnerable women. The Program is managed by the University of Maryland with financial and administrative support from the Rotary Club, in partnership with Bahir Dar, Debre Berhan, and Wolkite Universities. Our guest speakers to update us on the Women in Agriculture program were Taryn Devereux, who is the Coordinator for the Women in Agriculture Program, and a Faculty Specialist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UMD, joined by Melekete Truneh, the Director of Financial Services in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UMD. Both had



just returned from a trip to Ethiopia to meet with project people for a progress report. Our club raised \$62.5 K to fund the project which started in 2015. The Rotary Club of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia is also involved. Each of the three universities has been allocated \$20 K for project work, to be awarded to them in \$5 K increments as they make progress in setting up their program and meeting associated financial reporting requirements. To date \$25 K has been awarded and the target is to complete the project by the end of 2017. The team has found the political environment in Ethiopia to be challenging. Upon completion, The Women in Action Program will be seeking to find and execute additional projects of a similar nature.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**New Member:** Last week, at a stand-up board meeting, Selwyn Rand was approved for membership in our club. Everybody welcome Selwyn.

**82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Fund Raiser:** In the absence of anyone else stepping up, President Chris will Chair the committee for this event. He would welcome any Rotarian who would like to take this role. Other identified responsibilities include: Judges, Ken Montville; Bookkeeping, Dave Silver; Silent Auction Coordinator, Chris Puttock; Entertainment Coordinator, Wil White; and Secretary, Pepe Izursa. Openings still exist for Ticket Sales Coordinator and

Advertising/Media/Website Coordinator. Contact Chris to get

involved. Forms for nominating candidates in our six Citizen of the

Year categories are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms. A copy of this form is also appended to this

Cogitator for your use. Criteria for eligibility include: nominee must live or work in College Park;

Nominee contribution is in one of the six identified categories for award; and the citation demonstrates the nominee's service to the community over and above occupational requirements. Nominations are

due in by April 1 and the target is to notify finalists by May 1. The awards will be made at our 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary event on June 3. Ticket price for this event has been set at \$75 apiece.

**Forum on Human Trafficking:** District Governor Anna-Mae reminded us of this event to be held on March 11, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Inn and Conference Center. There is a \$20 per person registration fee and persons can register online at [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org) with a credit card. Last chance!

**St. Ann's Project:** May-Ellen Colon, Ken Montville and Pepe Izursa will undertake to get the measurements for the room we are planning to redecorate. A budget of \$4,000 has been set with \$2,000 coming from our club funds and the rest from a District Matching Grant. Dates for the work will be set after the District Grant is approved. Get out your painting togs.

**Upcoming District Conference:** May 5-7, 2017 at the Inn and Conference Center. Register online at [www.rotary7620.org](http://www.rotary7620.org). CP Rotarians should be prepared to assist the DC Planning Committee and DG as requested to make this a District Conference to be remembered.

**College Park Good Neighbors Day:** Sarah D'Alexander from the University of Maryland Office of Community Engagement told us about the upcoming College Park Good Neighbor Day event. It will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Ave. in College Park. Volunteers are solicited to help interface with the community with such activities as food drive meal packing, litter reduction, beautification and planting, drop off of donations and others. For more information, see the website at [www.GoodNeighborDay.umd.edu](http://www.GoodNeighborDay.umd.edu).

**Wood Badge Award Update:** Bill Bowerman told us that sufficient funds has been raised for us to make our first Wood Badge fellowship award this year. The \$300 award will be made at the upcoming District Conference. Bill also invited Rotarians to participate in Eagle Scout review panels if they desire. Contact Bill if you are interested.



**OUR NEWEST MEMBER: SELWYN RAND**

## **FELLOWSHIP REPORT:**

**Make Ups:** None reported

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Sarah D'Alexander, guest of Steve and potential new member; Stevie and Lourdes McCartin, guests of Steve; and from the University of Maryland and our program for the evening: Taryn Devereaux, Melekte Truneh, James Hansen, Hiwok Membere, and Amde Meskel Made.

**Birthdays:** None

**Attendance:** 22 members were in attendance

**Happy Dollars:** \$33 Collected by Alan Sherer.

**50/50:** \$27 tonight bringing the total in the pot to \$195. Nomie's investment rewarded him with the right to draw for the queen, but the 6 of clubs resulted.

## **ASSIGNMENTS THIS WEEK (March 8, 2017):**

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Ken Montville

**Greeter/Opener:** Paul Essex

**Fellowship 50/50:** Gaspar Colon

**Cogitator:** Dick Taylor

## **2017 ROTARY CLUB OF COLLEGE PARK SERVICE-ABOVE-SELF CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

The Rotarians of College Park (RCCP) want to recognize a citizen who has demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service-Above-Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others. The award is competitive and is granted to only one person annually. The citizen must either work or reside in the RCCP location area (College Park, Beltsville, Adelphi, Berwyn Heights, University Park, and Hyattsville - see map).

### **HOW TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE**

Any citizen may honor exemplary candidates by nominating them to be considered for this award. You can nominate as many as three people by completing the form below for each.

Please provide the information asked for in the space below. Do not attach any supporting materials. Please make the case that your nominee deserves this award in your responses to the long-answer questions. Submit the nomination to the Rotary Club of College Park no later than the close of business Friday, 14 April 2017 by emailing it to the Club Secretary [jlizursa@gmail.com](mailto:jlizursa@gmail.com), completing the application online, or mailing it to: RCCP SAS Citizen of the Year Award, P.O. Box 182, College Park MD 20740, USA.

Six finalists will be notified that they are on the short list and be invited to attend the Awards Banquet. The Service-Above-Self awardee will be announced at the Rotary Club of College Park Anniversary and Awards Banquet on Saturday June 3, 2017.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

To deserve consideration for the Rotary Club of College Park Service-Above-Self Citizen of the Year Award, a citizen must have performed continuing humanitarian service in any form. This award is intended to recognize those who actively help others or who have facilitated teams of people to conduct humanitarian service for College Park. Examples of humanitarian areas of service include:

- Peace and conflict prevention and resolution
- Environmental health, including water and sanitation
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

This award is not intended solely in recognition of one's performance in any professional assignment. Community service performed directly from financial contributions or otherwise financed specific projects will not be considered.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

You may not nominate yourself for this award. You may not nominate your spouse, child, grandchild, the spouse of a child or grandchild, or a parent or grandparent. Any citizen working or living in the local area covered by the Rotary Club of College Park (see map) may be nominated, other than Rotarians of College Park or any other Rotary Club or Rotaract Club.

### **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Use a separate form for each nominee.

Family name    Given names    Area of Service (Peace, Environment, Disease, Health, Education, Development)

### **NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

To nominate someone for this award, please indicate your role and how we can contact you:

Family name    Given names    Relation to the Nominee (co-worker, supervisor, etc.)

Address        City        State        Postal code

Phone number    Email

Signature        Date

**2017 ROTARY CLUB OF COLLEGE PARK  
SERVICE-ABOVE-SELF CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
NOMINATION FORM**

**NOMINEE**

Family name:

Given names:

Circle Area of Service: Peace, Environment, Disease, Health, Education, Community Development

**NOMINATOR**

Family name:

Given names:

Relation to the Nominee (co-worker, supervisor, etc.):

Contact Address:

City:

State:

Postal code:

Phone number:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

**NOMINEES QUALIFICATIONS**

General biography (<250 words):

Service activities (<500 words):

Describe how this candidate embodies Service Above Self (<500 words):