

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8, 2020
PETS (A) Bowie

February 15-17, 2020
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Camp Letts

February 22, 2020
PETS (B) Columbia

February 22, 2020
Rotary Leadership Institute
Towson

Chesapeake PETS
March 5-7, 2020

April 18, 2020
Club Leadership Training
Doubletree, Annapolis

May 8-10, 2020
Rotary District Conference
Hyatt Golf Resort and Spa
Cambridge

May 16-17, 2020
Rotary Leadership Institute
New Faculty and Refresher
Training in Annapolis

June 6-10, 2020
Rotary International
Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii



HONOLULU
HAWAII 2020

ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER ON NOVEMBER 3



[Above , L-R] iPDG Rich Glover - MC; Dr. Barry Thompson – Grants Committee Chair; Hermine Bernstein – Blessings in a Backpack; Dr. Paul Mahata – Global Grants Subject Expert; Kathy Maltby – Rotary Youth Exchange Program Hosting Parent; and Billy Louis – Polio Survivor

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Several other speakers made testimonials on the impact The Rotary Foundation has made in their life.

Kathy Maltby shared the impact of Rotary Youth Exchange Program for the entire family as outbound exchange students and host family for inbound students. "It opened us to the world we didn't know. Further, Rotary's goal is to advance goodwill and promote peace. The exchange program is our impactful form of international relations. Places we had just read about were now a place where someone we love lived – Taiwan, Denmark, Ecuador, Brazil and Peru." Daughter Jaden is currently a long-term 7620 Rotary exchange student in Peru and daughter Karly, a ROTEX is in college now at the Rochester Institute of Technology – Global University in Zagreb, Croatia. Kathy received an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow recognition

Hermine Bernstein is the Founder and Executive Director of the Frederick County Blessings in a Backpack, a local chapter of the national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. She shared the measurable and sustainable impact the 6 Rotary Clubs of Frederick County are making in the community. "Every Friday, 27 percent of our Frederick County students leave school uncertain if they will have food to eat over the weekend. That's 65 hours without proper nutrition...65 hours! Further, more than 11,000 of our students qualify for and receive free and reduced-priced meals during the school week, but who will feed the kids this weekend? Frederick Rotary clubs are there to

make our mission happen." Hermine received an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Billy Louis, member of the Rotary Club of Prince Georges County, Past President, and Co-Chair of the District PolioPlus initiatives. Billy shared his passion and dedication to the PolioPlus program. Many did not know that Billy is a Polio survivor. "My father relocated with me to the United States from Haiti in order for me to receive the healthcare and rehabilitation services and provide me a better life in an environment of this great country." Billy described that growing up with a disability was not always easy among his peers. "When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but do we realize how many added benefits the program brings? The "plus" is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, other immunizations, bed nets, or soap. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases. "When I discovered Rotary, I immediately became a member to promote this movement through Rotary." Professionally, Billy currently works on Capitol Hill at the U.S. Capitol in the office of the U.S. Capitol Architect.

Paul Mahata, Past President, Club TRF Chair, and member of Disaster Aid US founded here in District 7620. Paul has been instrumental in promoting