



35th Annual International Night

*Sponsored by the
Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club*

**Honoring This Year's
Rotary International Scholars
and Supporting Our Projects
in Haiti, Nepal and Russia
Saturday, April 18, 2015
5:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

*Silent Auction and Cash Bar Open at 5 p.m.; Dinner
at 6 p.m.*

Bretton Woods Recreation Center

15700 River Road
Germantown, MD 20874
www.pbrotary.org

For directions, call Ed Ronan at 516-532-7860.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, support of education, and alleviation of poverty.

The funds raised through the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club's Annual International Night Event are dedicated to support projects in Haiti, Nepal and Russia.

Please e-mail Melanie Weerakoon at artihc419@comcast.net or call at 301-461-5456 if you have any questions. The response form is on the next page.

RESPONSE FORM

✓ **YES!** I would like to attend the 35th Annual International Night Event at the Bretton Woods Recreation Center on Saturday, April 18.

\$65 x ____ adults attending = \$_____

\$20 x ____ children under 12 = \$_____

Total Payment = \$_____

Number of guests requesting:

All meals served with House Salad (Spring Lettuces, Orange, Fennel, Watermelon Radish, Balsamic Vinaigrette), Fruit Trifle dessert, and soft beverages/ Tea/Coffee.

Second Course choice of:

_____ Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Sundried Tomato Polenta and Steamed Asparagus

_____ Miso-glazed Alaskan halibut with Ginger Coconut Rice Pilaf and Sugar Snaps

_____ Grilled Eggplant and zucchini, Sweet Potato Puree and Roasted Roma Tomato

Young Adults Menu:

_____ Tomato Mozzarella Flatbread

Cash Bar

✓ **NO**, I cannot attend but would like to donate \$_____ to the International Projects sponsored by the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club in Haiti, Nepal and Russia .

Please mail this response form along with your check by April 9 – payable to the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Foundation (please write “International Night” in the memorandum field) to Melanie Weerakoon, 13328 Deerbrook Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 or click the link below:

<http://pbrotary.org/Stories/35th-annual-international-night-announcement>

Please note that a seat is guaranteed only if payment is received by April 13.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Support for Reconstruction/ Expansion of Elementary School in Arcachie, Haiti

For four years, this has been is a joint project between the Jane Gordon Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund of the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club and SEEDS-HAITI, Inc. The school's actual name is The Institution Mixte Emmanuel Bon Samaritan de Digue Proby Primary school and is located in Arcachaie, a small town situated north of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, in a predominantly rural but populous area. The school was devastated twice (and now is in a rebuilding process): first by storm/flood (2008); and then by the 2010 earthquake. Current attendance is 52 pre-school through fourth graders in three classrooms. SEEDS-HAITI, Inc. supplies 4 teacher salaries and other immediate necessities, which cost approximately \$350/month. The Jane Gordon Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund of the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club has contributed over a third of the essential construction costs (building; doors; latrine). This year's donation will be to pay for school expansion, so more students can be educated in this area, which has very few other schools.

Funding Surgeries to Prevent Hearing Impairment in Nepal

Ear Care Nepal is a charitable, volunteer organization dedicated to performing hearing assessments among school age children and others, providing education to mothers about the causes of hearing impairment, and selecting candidates and providing funding for ear surgery to prevent deafness and/or life-long hearing problems. The Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda will pay for approximately 20 surgeries during the time period between mid-summer of 2015 through the end of June 2016. The Rotary Club of Katmandu Mid-Town will administer the funds on behalf of our Club, and Ed Edmundson of our Club will visit with both the Katmandu Mid-Town Club and Ear Care Nepal during the year to learn first-hand of the benefits obtained due to our donations of funds and further needs for assistance in the future. At a cost of approximately \$100 per surgery, this project hopefully will provide a gift for life for a relatively small sum of money for selected impoverished individuals.

Providing Clean Drinking Water, Good Sanitation, and Good Hygiene for a School for the Visually Impaired in Russia

This year, the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club will join with Metro Bethesda, several other Rotary Clubs in our District, in other parts of the United States, and one Club in Russia, to assist a special needs educational institution in Belaya Kholunitsa in the Russian Federation (approximately 12.5 hours by ground transportation from Moscow). The school desperately needs renovation and repairs to resolve a critical water and sanitation crisis. The boarding school in question serves impoverished middle and high school students who are either blind or visually-impaired. Many are also mentally handicapped. There is very limited running water in the academic building due to the need for piping replacements and further installation of piping. As a result, drinking water and in-door plumbing are grossly deficient, leading to non-hygienic conditions. The planned upgrading in the physical structure of the school, including window replacement and roof repairs, will enable it to better serve its current students and to expand from 109 to up to 267 students, many of whom are currently awaiting admittance for the services this specialized school provides.