



Sidebars....

Upcoming Events

Mar. 5: **David O. Stewart**
(*The Summer of 1787*)

Mar. 12: **Marla Kaplan**
(Manna Food)

Mar. 19: **Steve Silverberg**
(Rotarian from Japan)

Mar. 26: **Cynthia Lett**
(Civility)



Three Minute Talk Schedule

Mar. 5: **Joe Bunker**

Mar. 12: **Richard Bray**

Mar. 19: **Tom Williams**

Mar. 26: **Glenn Blong**

Apr. 2: **Thad Bisselle**



Member Milestones

(Mar. 5—Mar. 11)

None known

Last Week's Three Minute Talk



Dave Fitzwilliam pinch hit for the regularly scheduled speaker last week, and used the time to read an article concerning global warming from the February 25 issue of Investors Business Daily.

The article reported that Republican Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma had proposed that Al Gore be invited to testify before the Environment and Public Works Committee because certain irregularities had been involved, man-induced climate change was a hoax, science had been cooked, and a vast criminal enterprise would enrich persons who had been making false claims.

The Investors Business Daily (IBD) is a respected 25 year old national newspaper that covers international business, finance, and the global economy. Dave's report was cut short because of time restraints.



This Morning

This morning's speaker is **David O. Stewart**, the author of the acclaimed book *The Summer of 1787: The Men Who Invented the Constitution* which was published three years ago.

Stewart has practiced law in Washington, D.C., for more than a quarter of a century, defending accused criminals and challenging government actions as unconstitutional. He has argued appeals all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and was law clerk to Justice Lewis Powell of that Court. Having defended an impeachment trial before the United States Senate, Stewart is currently writing a book on the Andrew Johnson impeachment trial of 1868.

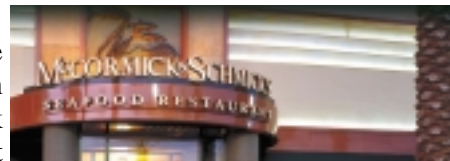
To Quote the R.I. President About Conventions

"It has been said many times that you can not truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montreal this June we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries. We may be speaking dozens of different languages but I know that all of us will be eager to communicate as best we can—with words, smiles, and laughter—effectively bridging any cultural or linguistic differences."

(R.I. President John Kenny, the March Rotarian magazine)

Our Next "Friendship Dinner"

Per **Jim Manley's** announcement last week, the next club "friendship dinner" will be held on Tuesday, March 9 (next week) at the McCormick & Schmidt seafood restaurant at 7401 Woodmont Avenue in Bethesda, starting at 6:30 p.m. This is one of 80+ similar restaurants in the U. S.—a chain that qualifies as "the nations premier family of seafood restaurants."



Let Joe DiPietro or Jim Manley know if you would like to attend.

Last Week

Our breakfast speakers for the month of February (thanks to Curtis Huff), were exclusively international and last week's final speaker was **Oren Anolik** (below, with Carla Satinsky) Counselor for Political Affairs at the Israeli Embassy. He stated at the outset of his talk that he would limit his remarks about his country to the events following 1948 when Israel was established.

Israel is roughly the size of Massachusetts (7,850 square miles) with 7.5 million citizens, of whom 76% are Jews, and 19% Arabic. Its gross domestic product is about \$203 billion and exports total about \$57 billion, with the United States being its major trading party.

Israel places an emphasis upon scientific research, including current work on plug-in electric automobiles (which will eventually replace all fuel-driven vehicles), as well as a number of other projects, mainly water conservation and electronics. Tourism is encouraged because of the temperate climate and the major emphasis on security.



The country's existence since 1948 has been difficult, at best, and our speaker views Iran as "the ultimate nightmare because of terrorism and atomic threats." Agreements were signed in 1995 with Egypt and Jordan, and with the assistance of Turkey has met with Syria who has contributed to the peace process in the Middle East.

Happy Dollars

Rob Follit raked in last week's raffle, but not the jackpot (now up to \$729).

Happy dollars came in from **Chuck Boteler** (the snow is melting!), visitor **Bob Schapiro** (92 yrs. old & teasing Dave Fitzwilliam), **Steve Vaccarezza** (grateful for Schapiro's paper money instead of coins), and **Jay Davies** (curling in Wisconsin).