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Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland

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ANNUAL VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

President **Jeanne Smith** opened our special meeting today at Black Finn Restaurant. Fourteen attendees were present. Four members from Wheaton-Silver Spring Kiwanis included **Murmi Morrill, Rita Schief, Leland Cheskis** and **Karla Daly**. **Dave Drake, Andy Thebo,** and **Marty Siegel** were present from Potomac Kiwanis. **Bob Cressy** also represented Potomac (he's President) and also has duo membership in Kiwanis Club of Bethesda Kiwanis, along with **Jeanne Smith, Pat Tiede, Patsy Jackson, Roger Heymann,** and **Sean Ryan**. The 54th Annual Veterans Day Observance was held at Veterans Park at the Woodmont Triangle where we honored all who served our country. A well organized event by our member **Richard Ruprecht**, it was a clear and beautiful day. Kudos also go to **Kathy Stephan** at Lerch Early for her assistance to Richard. Other Bethesda Kiwanians participating were Reverend **John Walker** who gave the invocation and benediction and **Robert Cressy**, Master of Ceremonies. Several dignitaries were present: County Executive **Isiah Leggett**, a veteran of Vietnam, led in a tribute to our veterans. U.S. Congressman **Chris Van Hollen**, and Councilmember **Roger Berliner**. Rear Admiral **Raquel Bono**, Director of the National Capital Region Medical Directorate paid tribute in her moving keynote address to all those who have served our country.



Attending this year (first row) **Bob Cressy, Jeanne Smith, Pat Tiede, Rear Admiral Raquel Bono, Patsy Jackson, and Carla Daley**. (Back row) **Richard Ruprecht, Roger Heymann, Sean Ryan, Rev. John Walker, Rita Schief, Murmi Morrill, Leon Cheskis,** U.S. Congressman from Maryland, **Chris Van Hollen;** and **David Drake**. At the lunch following the ceremony, special mention was made on behalf of two beloved club members who had passed on this year. **Jim Aylor** and **John Ratnavale** always participated in this event – rain or shine. President **Jeanne Smith** thinks they sent us a message when our patriotic wreath blew over—it was the only one that blew over!!!!



Guest speaker, Rear Admiral Raquel C. Bono, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Defense Health Agency Director, National Capital Region Medical Directorate with Kiwanis Club of Bethesda President, Jeanne Smith.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

- Tuesday, November 26, JOINT ROTARY-KIWANIS LUNCH, 12:15 PM @LaPanetteria, – SPEAKER from Bethesda Magazine.
- Friday, Nov. 15, POTOMAC KIWANIS CLUB LOBSTER SALE, \$14.
- Thursday, November 28, YMCA ANNUAL TURKEY CHASE, 8 AM
- Tuesday, Dec. 3, BOARD MEETING, Pat's Place, 6:30 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 8, Division 3 Dinner @ Children's Inn, 5:00 PM
- Monday, Dec. 10, DCM for Montgomery County Clubs, Leisure World, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, Dec. 12, HOLIDAY PARTY, Alfio's, 6:30 PM \$25 Bring gift for Secret Santa
- Thursday, Dec. 18, HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Argyle CC, 12 Noon, \$20

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Happy dollars flowed from our guests. Special hello to past Kiwanian **Tom Murphy** with Eagle Bank who was also having lunch at Black Finn. Kudos to **Richard Ruprecht** who did such a wonderful job organizing this event. Member **Bob Gradle** was unable to attend the event due to poor health. All branches of the service were represented at the table as each person shared their time of service with the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army, U. S. Air Force, and the U. S. Coast Guard.

A wonderful conclusion to an inspirational day.

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