



The Shepherdstown and Martinsburg Rotary Clubs are  
holding a  
**World Affairs Forum and World Affairs Seminar**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2007**  
on  
**International and U. S. Perspectives on Global Climate**  
**Change:**  
**"Thinking Globally and Acting Locally"**

*7<sup>th</sup> Annual World Affairs Forum- April 24<sup>th</sup> 2007*  
*7 – 9 p.m. – Guy Frank Center at Shepherd University*  
*This event is for university students and community members*

*44<sup>th</sup> Annual World Affairs Seminar – April 25<sup>th</sup> 2007*  
*9 – 3 p.m. – National Conservation Training Center*  
*This event is for students from the Quad State Region*

***Our Partners in these Events***

Shepherd University Institute for Environmental Studies

Environmental Sustainability Group – Shepherdstown WV

The American Conservation Film Festival

The Friends of NCTC

The Conservation Fund and the Freshwater Institute

World Institute for Conservation & Environment

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society

The Roteract Club of Shepherd University

## Event Backgrounder

The World Affairs Forum and World Affairs Seminar are both Rotary sponsored events. Shepherdstown and Martinsburg – Mid-Day Rotary are this year's sponsors.

The World Affairs Forum – 7<sup>th</sup> annual forum is sponsored jointly by Shepherdstown and Martinsburg Rotary. The event will be held at the Guy Frank Center at Shepherd University from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2007. The event is held as an educational discussion for Shepherd students, community members and leaders. Our topic this year will be International and U.S. Perspectives on Global Climate Change – “Thinking Globally and Acting Locally”. We will have three speakers: Ir.Hans de Jong, the representative of the Ministry of Transportation and Water at the Netherlands Embassy; John Topping, President of the Climate Institute in Washington, D.C.; and Joe Hankins, Vice President of the Conservation Fund and Director of the Freshwater Institute. Our moderator will be Mark Madison of NCTC and in addition we will have a welcome by Mayor Lance Dom of Shepherdstown.

The World Affairs Seminar – 44<sup>th</sup> annual seminar is also sponsored jointly by Shepherdstown and Martinsburg Rotary. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the National Conservation Training Center – U.S. Fish and Wildlife near Shepherdstown. The event is also held as an educational discussion for high school students from the quad-state region. Our forum speakers and moderator will also participate in this event. We anticipate having 200 students attend. There will be a brown bag lunch and break out session for the students.

Both events will spark discussions about the implications of climate change and the ways in which the problem is being addressed at all levels here and abroad.

Our partners for these events will be: Shepherd University's Institute for Environmental Studies; the Mayor's Environmental Sustainability Group; The American Conservation Film Festival; the Friends of NCTC; the Conservation Fund and the Fresh Water Institute; the Potomac Audubon Society, the Roteract Club of Shepherd University; and Jefferson High School and the high schools in Berkeley County and St. James school in Hagerstown, MD.