

Rotary



The Mediator Official Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Charles County (La Plata)

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Bonnie Grady Talks About Chamber

Monday, May 18, 2020

On Wednesday, May 13th, Bonnie Grady, President and CEO of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Rotary Club of Charles County during the "regular" weekly "zoom" meeting. Bonnie joined the chamber as its CEO in January of this year and will serve in the capacity as its President/CEO. She shared with the club that the Charles County Chamber has been highly active in sharing information with member businesses about recovery aid advocating for dealing with the pandemic. This includes several free webinars specifically to help cope with the current crisis.

Of important note is that through the end of August, Chamber of Commerce membership is free. She hopes that all county businesses will avail themselves of the opportunity and see what the chamber has to offer.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 21st at 10am-11am - [Virtual Roundtable with MD Comptroller Peter Franchot](#)

Wednesday, May 27th, 10am-11:30am - Chamber 101 -

<https://www.charlescountychamber.org/events/details/virtual-chamber-101-4648>

For available webinars - <https://www.meetcharlescounty.com/business-resilience>

For more information see - <https://www.charlescountychamber.org/>

As most you know, The Charles County Rotary Club is a member of the chamber, as are many of our club member businesses.



30th Little Library Installed

Monday, May 18, 2020



Charles County Rotary installed its 30th Little Free Library outside the Potomac Heights Community Center at 822 Glymont Road, Indian Head, MD at the request of Sandra. Sandra is a special Education teacher at General Smallwood Middle School in Indian Head. Jody ♦JoJo♦ her son was on hand to help Rotarian Jim Brewster with digging, lifting, and packing the Little Free Library.

Dues are due

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

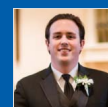
Club members in this time of unusual distancing from one another, please remember that your dues are due.

Treasurer Tommy has/will be sending out fourth quarter invoices this week. Since we

Club Leaders



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President - Nominee
Treasurer



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Chair



[David Gehris](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair



[Attie S. Ward](#)
Youth Services
Chair



[Barbara R. Thompson](#)
Assistant Governor

aren't able to meet in person, please mail your payment to The Rotary Club of Charles County, PO Box 37, La Plata, MD 20646. If you have questions, haven't seen an invoice, or need an update on the status of your account, please email Tommy at



Airgineer1@gmail.com, or you can send an email to LaPlataRotaryClub@gmail.com.

Even though we haven't been meeting, the funds collected for dues, that would have otherwise been going to breakfast, have been going to support first responders and healthcare workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle, and also to those workers who would have supported us during our breakfast meetings.

La Plata Rotary is on Instagram

Saturday, April 18, 2020

As of last week, the Rotary Club of Charles County can be found on Instagram. Please like us and share with your friends - <https://www.instagram.com/laplatarotaryclub/>.

During our club meeting with this year's RYLA students these bright high-schoolers advised that we promote our youth programs and club activities on "social media." When asked, they agreed that Facebook is not the social media of choice for their generation, but rather, Instagram is a better channel to reach this generation.

St. Omer Student Exchange

Wednesday, April 15, 2020



On Wednesday, April 15th, Candice Quinn Kelly presented the club, via Zoom, with the history of the Jesuits in Maryland, dating back to the history of Archbishop John Carroll, first bishop in the United States and founder of Georgetown University, and Archbishop Leonard Neale, resident of Port Tobacco, and fourth president of Georgetown University. In the 1700's the British colony of Maryland was a less welcoming environment for Catholics, and many sent their children to be educated in France, St. Omer, near Calis in particular.

This relationship was rekindled a few years ago by the mayor of St. Omer, and is supported by the

Sister States of Maryland, Inc.

Candice also described a recent friendship exchange visit between delegations from Maryland and St. Omer, and the current program to support a student visit from St. Omer to Maryland in October 2020, and of students from Maryland to France the following year. She said that a large committee has been formed to plan the visit and said that what is needed is for individuals and organizations to help host the students, and to host/participate in activities to help host them when they visit. Due to the current health crisis, there is some doubt about the actual timing of the visit, but planning is moving forward optimistically for now.

For those who missed the meeting, here's a recording of our program -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mvdYgJ7w1XVA1DuyUdksKgpP210iTuLE/view?usp=sharing>

Speakers

May 20, 2020

[Paul Lockhart](#)
NASA Astronaut

May 27, 2020

[Seth Erlin](#)
Chesapeake Apothecary and
Cannibis Business in Maryland

June 03, 2020

[Chris Zabriskie](#)

June 10, 2020

[Cybil Preston](#), Chief Apiary
Inspector
State Apiary Inspection Program

June 17, 2020

[Sally Matts](#)
Road Scholar Travel

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Rotary and Greene Turtle Support Front Line Responders

Monday, April 13, 2020

On Friday, April 3rd, The Rotary Club sponsored The Greene Turtle to provide 40x pre-packed meals to the Emergency Room staff at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center. These brave doctors, nurses, and technicians are on the front lines of keeping our county safe from Covid-19, and The Rotary Club and appreciates the hard work.



This effort is also intended to support The Greene Turtle in La Plata. As all club members will know, The Green Turtle, the site of our weekly meetings, has been a great partner of the Charles County Rotary for the past eight years. With its doors shuttered due to the national health emergency the Rotary is eager to support The Greene Turtle and its staff, and plans to use The Greene Turtle to provide meals to local heroes over the next few weeks. Next Saturday, the club will host meals for SagePoint health.

Help Support the Charles Regional Healthcare Foundation - <https://www.crmcfoundation.org/>.

Help Support SagePoint Foundation - <https://www.sagepointcare.org/about-us/giving> (stay tuned for a link to a specific Covid-19 response fund).

Boy's and Girl's State

Thursday, April 16, 2020

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of Maryland have cancelled the June 2020 Boy's and Girl's State encampments. While Girl's State is cancelled outright, Boy's State announced that they are considering moving it to the third week in July. More information will be forthcoming as the health emergency evolves. The Rotary Club of Charles County nominated two boys for Boy's State, and did not receive any candidates for Girl's State in 2020.

New Member / Prospective Member Orientation

By Christopher T Zabriskie on Sunday, February 16, 2020

The Rotary Club of Charles County will be hosting a new/prospective member orientation on Monday, March 9th at 6pm at the Prime Street Grille in White Plains, MD. This is an opportunity for new members to learn more about what Rotary is, the history of Rotary, and the club's history. This is also an opportunity for prospective members to self-identify as people who want to learn more about Rotary, and express an interest in membership.

Membership in Rotary is for business men and women and professionals, including community leaders and retired professionals, who desire to use their vocation as a means of service to the community. Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation, but by learning about Rotary and letting the club know you are interest, is a great first step. We plan to continue these orientations on the second Monday of each month in March, April, and May.

For more information about Rotary - <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/join>

DACdb Mobile Makes Staying in Touch with Club Activities and Members Easier

Monday, November 18, 2019



District and Club database

Club members should be aware that basic information about one's fellow Rotarians is available at their fingertips. The DACdb mobile application can help you look up contact information, and our club calendar/speaker information.

To access the mobile app, click on this link and save it to your phone's desktop or favorites folder -

<https://m.dacdb.com/Login.cfm>

You will need your email address, club number (5863), and password. If you need your password, you can re-set it, or you can ask one of the club officers to set/reset it for you. Be sure to save it on the application for future easy access.

Correspondence to the Club

Sunday, August 18, 2019

We received some mail last week that I'd like to share with the club.

- Thank you note from our scholarship recipient Kyle Batchelor.
- An invitation to participate in a fundraiser supporting Rebuilding together on September 21st at Mt. Aventine.
- An invitation to participate in a fundraiser supporting The Catherine Foundation on October 4th at the Waldorf Jaycee's.
 - For information contact Karen Hefler at assistant@catherinefoundation.org or call 301-932-8811 x302
- An invitation to participate in a fundraiser supporting CSM Foundation honoring Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. on September 26th at the Running Hare Vineyards.
 - For information contact Michelle Goodwin at csmfoundation@csmd.edu or 301-934-7599.



Rotary and the Charles County Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

As many of you may know, the Rotary Club of Charles County is a member of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce. As a result, we are supportive of businesses throughout the county. However, you may not know exactly how membership in the chamber can benefit you. As a member of the chamber and a Rotarian, you can attend chamber functions as a representative of Rotary. This means, for networking mixers and social events, you are entitled to pay the member rate of \$15 (instead of \$25). Please represent Rotary by wearing your Rotary pin.

A few upcoming events you can attend include:

- Aug 1, 2019 - Chamber August Mixer at Community Bank of the Chesapeake, 5:30pm, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf
- Aug 15, 2019 - Network at Noon, 12pm, Hilton Garden Inn, 10385 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For an up-to-date schedule of events, see their website at [Home - Charles County Chamber of Commerce, MD](#)



Charles County Rotary Installs 2019 Leadership

By Christopher T Zabriskie on Friday, July 5, 2019

The Rotary Club of Charles County (La Plata) installed a new slate of officers during its June 28th Installation Dinner event at The Prime Street Grill in White Plains. Rotarians celebrated the culmination of Chelsea Brown's year as president, the club's 43rd since 1975. The dinner was MC'ed by Larry Sanders, of E.L. Sanders Insurance in La Plata, and was attended by District Governor Rich Glover, of the South Frederick Rotary Club, and Assistant Governor Barbara Thompson, of the Lexington Park Rotary. Incoming president, Chris Zabriskie thanked Chelsea for her year leading the club and discussed plans for the upcoming year that included growing club membership, increasing giving to the Rotary Foundation, and strategic planning for the future.

Fifteen club members were recognized for having achieved perfect attendance, and eight members and two special guests were awarded with Paul Harris Fellowships. Rotary recognizes as Paul Harris Fellow a member who has donated, or has had donated in his or her name, at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The award, named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in 1905. In addition to Rotarians Chris Simpson, Chelsea Brown, Tony Jernigan, Aron Aist, Tom Wathan, Dana Levy, Seth Distler, and Marv Lewis, Rotarian Dave Gehris made a contribution to recognize two members of the community who have been outstanding community contributors for years.

In addition to Chris Zabriskie, the new club president, Chris Simpson, who had previously served as club president in 2017-2018, was installed as the club's new vice president. Tommy Hill will continue as the club treasurer, and Mark Walker was installed as club secretary. Eric Martin is the new Community Service Lane Director, Attie Ward is the New Generations Lane Director, Josh Joson will continue as Club Service Director, and Byx Bullock will continue as International Service Lane Director.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Monday, July 1, 2019

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) offers an opportunity for Rotarians of all experience levels to learn more about Rotary and ways to make a difference.

You can find out more about RLI, register for events, and download training materials at <https://www.rli33.org/>.

The next RLI in the region will be in Richmond, VA on Saturday, October 5th.

Rotary Leadership Institute is scheduled as a building block course from Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3, each progressively more in depth. This workshop not only serves to educate Rotarians about Rotary, but also serves as a means to exchange ideas with like-minded individuals from throughout the Area, stretching from South Carolina to Pennsylvania, and beyond.

Club Meeting

Charles County (La Plata)
Meets at Green Turtle LaPlata Currently Online at <https://zoom.us/j/442778694>
6 Street Mary's Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM