

Rotary



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

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Road Scholar

Sunday, June 14, 2020

This week, Sally Matts, a Road Scholar Ambassador will speak to our club about a fabulous travel program that combines learning and travel. Sally has been with us before as a representative of the Charles County Literacy Council, and is retired from the US Census Bureau, where she worked in human resources and training.

She will share an opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate.

Also there is an attachment for a *Road Scholar sign up form*. Those who complete it will get catalogs and emails and I can draw a name for a \$50 gift card for their first RS trip.

Preview catalog of trips - [Road Scholar - Take a Peek at Our Best](#)

Join us Wednesday at 7:30am on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/442778694> to hear Sally.



Is it Time to Get Back Together?

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

A group of club members met on Monday with Meredith from The Greene Turtle and it seems like the local laws and ordinances will allow indoor meetings such as for our club. The intent of this survey is to make sure the club membership is in line with this desire, and to gauge opinion on a few precautions.

I sent a survey to all club members via Survey Monkey, but if you didn't get one, or haven't had a chance to voice your opinion, you can click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RotaryRegathering>

Please also be aware that the club is planning its annual installation dinner on July 16th at The Port Tobacco River Marina. More details to follow.

2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The registration link for the **2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention** went live on Saturday.

It is a no cost event this year, but you need to register (link in below email). According to program agenda, you can pick which **Opening Session** you want to attend, Saturday, June 20 or Sunday, June 21 at 8 am (EST). Then the plenary sessions run from Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26. Each day there are three different plenary sessions offered at 8 am, 12 pm and 4 pm (EST).

In addition, there are **42 Breakout Sessions** that will run throughout July, but there are no announced dates for these programs yet. Note, you **DO** have to check the box on the registration page that you are interested in the July breakouts to get the scoop on these sessions.

There is also a **Virtual House of Friendship** and a **Virtual Green Walking** event. You have to register separately for the Virtual Walking event here: <https://www.hekahealth.com/rotary20>.

Club Leaders



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Youth Services
Chair



[Barbara R. Thompson](#)
Assistant Governor

[To Register Click Here](#)

Virtual District Conference

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

We all wish we had the opportunity to go on the Rotary Family Vacation in May. The sun. The water. The community. But things have been rapidly changing for the last three months and we have been required to reconsider. District 7620 is pivoting to ensure you get the staples from our annual event by going virtual with this year's District Conference. This two-session event will still bring you two stellar keynotes, district awards, the 4-Way Test Speech Contest, and more. Join us and get ready for a fun time with your fellow 7620 Rotarians.



Friday, June 26, 2020 | 6:30PM-9:30PM
Saturday, June 27, 2020 | 9:30AM-12:30PM

[Learn more and Register to join us!](#)

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.

Speakers

June 17, 2020

[Sally Matts](#)
Road Scholar Travel

June 24, 2020

[2020 Rotary Scholarship Recipients](#)
Rotary Foundation Scholarship Recipients

July 01, 2020

[Chris Zabriskie](#)

July 08, 2020

[Roger Arnold](#)
Roger Arnold - Economist

Birthdays

David W. Cooksey

July 6th



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 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/1mvdyGj7w1XVA1DuyUdksKgpP2I0iTuIE/view?usp=sharing>

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

Monday, November 18, 2019



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

