

# Rotary



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

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

### Roger Arnold Addresses Club

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

On Wednesday, July 8th, Economist Roger Arnold addressed the club. He spoke about a range of economic dynamics, including the 1-9-90 rule that he argues should be front-of mind when considering the current international economic dynamic. Although his presentation may have warranted a much longer timeframe, club members enjoyed his discussion, many opting to stay afterward for additional question and answers.

For more information about Roger and his previous writings on economic topics see the following articles:

<https://www.thestreet.com/opinion/occupy-wall-street-and-the-1-9-90-rule-11280871>

<https://realmoney.thestreet.com/articles/11/13/2013/revisiting-1-9-90-rule>



### CCYO Music Camp

Tuesday, July 14, 2020



**In 2019-20 The Rotary Club of Charles County Sponsored the Charles County Youth Orchestra's Concerto Competition. The CCYO continues to work to support the artistic talents of young county musicians. Please see the information provided below about an upcoming concert, taking place live, for a limited audience, and rebroadcast on Facebook.**

#### Chamber Music in the Era of COVID

A concert with two string quartets performing works by Mozart, Boccherini, Handel, and the American composer, Alan Hovhaness

Saturday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m.

at

Alice Ferguson Foundation Cafritz Center, Accokeek, Maryland

Two string quartets formed from the members of the Charles County Youth Orchestra will present a live concert on July 18. The two groups will perform works from the Baroque and Classical eras as well as the 20th century. Because of concerns about Covid-19, the concert will be open to a very limited audience of the families of the performers. Selections from the concert will be posted to the Charles County Youth Orchestra Facebook page after the concert for everyone to enjoy.

This concert is the result of three weeks of intense rehearsal during the inaugural CCYO Chamber Music Camp. Virtually, the students received coaching twice a week, recorded their parts, and researched the history of these pieces and their composers to gain a deeper understanding of the music. We are proud to present the culmination of this hard work.

### Club Leaders



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According to coach Dr. Teri Lazar, "The students had to work really hard for this concert, putting in hours and hours of individual practice because they did not have the luxury of rehearsing in person, and recording their parts so that they could practice while being able to hear each other."

The Alice Ferguson Foundation, an active supporter of CCYO, provided the performance space in their new building, The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Environmental Center. Designed to meet the net-zero energy, net-zero water, carbon neutral and non-toxic component requirements of the Living Building Challenge, this building is one of the most energy-efficient and greenest buildings in the world.

This is the second collaboration between the two non-profit organizations: earlier this month CCYO and AFF joined their resources on an online Independence Day concert that was uploaded to each organization's Facebook page, resulting in over a thousand views. Located on a historic farm on the shores of the Potomac River, Alice Ferguson Foundation programs connect thousands of students, educators, communities throughout Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. to promote heritage, arts, education and environmental sustainability.

◆ We are delighted to be a part of this Charles County Youth Orchestra's summer concert, ◆ said Theresa Cullen, Alice Ferguson Foundation executive director. ◆ Through our six decades of doing youth programs, we know how truly critical the arts and the outdoors are to the health and wellbeing of the next generation, and we are proud to support these talented young musicians. ◆

According to CCYO director Dr. Osman Kivrak "This chamber music camp is the newest addition to the activities of CCYO and is still in a developmental stage." Dr. Kivrak added "We look forward to continuing the program next year and growing it so that we can include even more students and perform more of these great works of chamber music."

The Charles County Youth Orchestra is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians in Charles County, Prince Georges County, St. Mary's County and Calvert County. CCYO serves more than 100 students total each year and consists of four ensembles: Prelude Strings, Encore Strings, Encore Band, and the CCYO.

In addition to weekly rehearsals and the two main concerts, students perform for the Kris Kringle Marketplace event, the Arts Fest in La Plata, pre-concert performances at the Davies Concert Series in Camp, and beginning this year a new Concerto Competition. Other educational activities include master classes, sectional rehearsals and - the newest offering-chamber music!

The Charles County Youth Orchestra is sponsored in part by grants from the Charles County Arts Alliance, the Maryland State Arts Council, the Rotary Club of La Plata, MD and the Knights of Columbus of Accokeek, MD. Other major contributors include Potters Violins, Gailes Violin Shop, Bullock's Piano Salon East and the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center of La Plata.

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## 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.



## Speakers

**July 15, 2020**

[Osman Kivrak](#)

Osman Kivrak will talk about how the CCYO is coping with remote practices and concerts.

**July 22, 2020**

[Barb Whipkey](#)

Wild Birds Unlimited

**August 05, 2020**

[Chris Zabriskie](#)

## Birthdays

Christopher Simpson

July 17th

Jeannine James

July 18th

Gregory C. Cockerham

July 24th

Thomas Wathen

July 26th

Fraser Tuffee

August 4th

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## 30th Little Library Installed

Monday, May 18, 2020



Charles County Rotary installed its 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:csmfoundation@csmd.edu) or 301-934-7599.



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## 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



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## 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.

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### 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