

Rotary



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

Monday, August 23, 2021

Lobster Festival - 26 Sep - Tickets on Sale

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

The Rotary Club of Charles County is eagerly planning the 45th "annual" lobster festival. This event will take place on Sunday, September 26th, 2021 at the Charles County Fairgrounds.

To reserve your tickets online, follow this link - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/45th-annual-rotary-club-lobster-festival-tickets-163293249505>.

The poster features a large red lobster with a yellow and blue gear on its back. The gear has "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" written on it. Below the lobster is a blue banner with "LOBSTER FESTIVAL" and "45th Annual" and "1976" on either side. Below the banner is "Rotary Club of CHARLES COUNTY, LA PLATA". To the right, it says "Sunday SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 Charles County Fairgrounds 8440 Fairgrounds Road • La Plata, MD 20646". Below that, "Gates Open 12 noon - 6pm Food Served 1-5pm". In red, it says "RAIN or SHINE!". At the bottom right, it says "Advanced Ticket Price \$65/adult (<30 is tax-deductible>) \$75 at the Door".

Charles County Rotary Congratulated Scholarship Winners

Monday, June 14, 2021

On June 9th, 2021 the Rotary Club welcomed the 2021 Charles County Rotary Scholarship winners. Each year Rotarians donate over \$25,000 to worthy local high school students. Each year students have the chance to apply for the Rotary Scholarship until Feb. The Rotary Club raises funds for this at its annual Lobster Festival, scheduled for September 26th.

Club Leaders



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Governor

Rotary's New Focus Area - The Environment

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Rotary International introduced a new focus area in 2020-21, The Environment. This will open up environmentally friendly projects to greater opportunities for global grants.

For more information see - <https://www.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus>.

The Rotary Environmental Service Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) will award recognition for clubs actively involved in environmental endeavors.

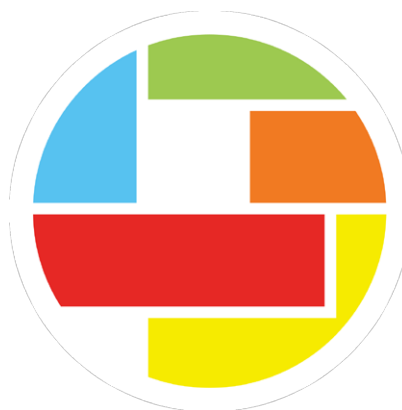
The Rotary Club of Charles County is seeking volunteers to serve on the club's Environmental Support Action Committee. Establishing a club committee and a committee chair is the first step toward becoming a bronze award winner. Interested Rotarians should contact club president Chris.

Interact Mapathon

Saturday, January 23, 2021

The Interact Club of Charles County's most recent project is a **mapathon** for the Missing Maps Project. The Missing Maps founded by The American Red Cross, The British Red Cross, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team, and Doctors without Borders.

For the Interact Club's mapathon, Interactors used satellite imagery maps to identify and mark buildings and roads in Indonesia. The purpose of the project is to map the most vulnerable places in the developing world, in order that international and local NGOs and individuals can use the maps and data to better respond to crises affecting the areas. To learn more about the Missing Maps Project, you can visit their website, missingmaps.org.



Rotary Interact's Community Project

Sunday, December 6, 2020

On Saturday, December 5th, more than 20 members of the Interact Club of Charles County, along with Rotarians, friends, and family, spent the morning and afternoon preparing and assembling 1,000 arts-and-craft kits for local kids at Christ Church, in La Plata. These kits will be distributed during the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center's First Annual "Giving Fair", scheduled for Dec 12th from 10am to 1pm.

Speakers

August 25, 2021

[Dr. Maria Navarro](#)
Superintendent of
County Schools

**September 01,
2021**

[Tommy Hill](#)

**September 08,
2021**

[Joseph Bonney](#)
Interact Club for
2021-22

Birthdays

Melissa A. Tyner
September 5th

Robert C. Nalley
September 18th



The event was originally scheduled for outdoors, but a big thanks goes out to Rotarian and Rector Kate Heichler for allowing the group to move inside when the winds proved too strong for outdoor work.

For more information about NCAC's Giving Fair see - <https://www.neighborhoodcreativeartscenter.org/ncac-giving-fair>.

Club members interested in volunteering may contact Ms. Georgia at 301-542-9359 or by email at msgorgia@neighborhoodcreativeartscenter.org. Many hands make light work.

Photo: Interact Club President Joseph Bonney assemble crafts at Christ Church.

The Interact Club of Charles County is a youth auxiliary of The Rotary Club of Charles County. Ms. Georgia Bonney, Artistic Director of the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center, is also the Advisor for the Interact Club.

For more about what Interact is, see <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs>.

For information about sponsoring, supporting, or joining the Interact Club of Charles County see



<https://www.neighborhoodcreativeartscenter.org/rotary-interact>.

Future projects include one with global reach, participating in the Doctor's Without Borders Missing Maps project - <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/maps>.

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.



Club Meeting

Charles County (La Plata)
Meets at Greene Turtle LaPlata
6 Street Mary's Avenue <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/442778694> Password: 1975
La Plata, MD 20646
Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM