



### District Leadership



**John E. Mager**  
District Governor



**Randolph Smith**  
DG-Elect



**Dale C. G. Kerns**  
DG-Nominee



**Ken Montville**  
DG-Nominee Designate



**Clifford Berg**  
Immediate Past District Governor



**David M. Miller**  
District Treasurer



**John Kai Lassen**  
District Secretary and Policy and Procedure Chair



**James A. Roney III**  
District Parliamentarian



**Larence Kirby**  
District DEI Chair



**William Garrow King Jr.**  
District Membership Chair



**Pat Campbell-White**  
District Innovative Club Advocate



**Kevin G. Les Callette**  
District Public Image Chair



**Mark Whitfield**  
DYS - Youth Exchange Chair



**Robert L. Smith**  
District Easterseals Camp Fairlee Chair



**William R. Ferguson Sr.**  
District Rotary Foundation Chair



**H. Hugh Dawkins Jr.**  
District Learning Facilitator



**Allison David**  
AG Area 10

## FEBRUARY 26, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Congratulations to Phil Reed, all the RYLA committee and the RYLA staff for, in Phil's words, "One of the best RYLA's we have had". On President's Day weekend, our District hosted our 2024 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. The Clubs in our District sent 120 delegates to Ocean City, Maryland to attend RYLA. On Friday night, the delegates packed 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger and afterward enjoyed a pizza party.

On Saturday, the Delegates heard from DGE Amelia Stansel of District 7610 on Human Trafficking, Katie McGrath of Chick Filet on Leadership, Mallory Metzner of Coast TV on public speaking and interview preparation, Samantha Scott on mental health and Ken Wood on the service projects he continues to do in Africa. In between the speakers, the delegates worked on an egg drop challenge, getting their presentation ready for the Four Way Test Theater of Ethical Dilemmas which was held Saturday evening, their community service project which they would present on Sunday and various team building exercises hosted by Dan Tabler.

On Sunday the Delegates heard from John Nanni on Rotary's mission to eradicate polio and from Elayna Aiken of what she's doing to create hope, education, and economic opportunities in Kenya.

After working on finishing their presentations, each group had fifteen minutes to present their community service project. Group #1 won the competition with their presentation on "Athletic Equipment Drive" and their charity "Uplifting Athletes" will receive a \$500.00 contribution in Group #1's names.

This year's outstanding group leader was Khloe Barrett Kues. This was the third year Khloe served as a group leader, and she was a delegate to RYLA during her junior year at Cambridge South Dorchester High School. Khloe is currently a junior at Salisbury University majoring in Exercise Science. Congratulations and thank you Khloe!

Special thanks to all the Rotary Clubs, Companies and Rotarians who sponsored this year's RYLA tee shirts and the cost of Rise Against Hunger and to DGN Dale Kerns for filling in for me when I had to leave.

Last call for your District Conference room. The discount on our room block goes away after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

This coming Thursday, all our Club Presidents, Area Governors and District Leadership leave to go to Chantilly, VA for the Chesapeake President-Elect Training Seminar or CPETS for three days of training. Everyone in Rotary says that the best job in Rotary is being the Club President. Please reach out to your incoming Club President, and thank them for committing their time to the club service time necessary to make your club grow and become irresistible.

Finally, Happy Birthday to all our Rotarians whose birthday is February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for all you do to Create Hope in the World.

**John**

23-24 7630 District Governor

DG John speaking at RYLA



Mark your calendars for the following District/Zone events:

02/27/2024 [Zone 33/34 Public Image Webinar](#)  
02/29-3/2/24 [Chesapeake PETS](#)  
03/30/24 [District Grant Application Training via Zoom](#)  
04/19-20/24 [District Conference, Ocean City, MD](#)  
05/03-04/24 [Easterseals Rotary Work Days](#)  
05/11/24 [District Assembly](#)  
06/23/24 [DG Randy Smith Installation](#)

[Click here to download the Conference flyer!](#)





**Greg L. Warren**  
AG Area 20



**Alexander Benjamin Vaughan III**  
AG Area 30



**Steven L. Grossman**  
AG Area 40



**Bradley Lundberg**  
AG Area 50



**Michael A. Friedberg**  
AG Area 51



**Marie Calafiura**  
AG Area 60

## Events

February 27th  
**District Conference Meeting**

February 27th  
**Youth Service Committee Meeting via Zoom**

March 5th  
**Foundation Committee Meeting via Zoom**  
**Speaker:** Foundation Chair PDG Bill Ferguson

March 14th  
**District Public Image Committee Meetings**  
**Speaker:** Public Image Committee Chair Kevin Les Callette  
**Subject:** Public Image Committee Meeting

March 19th  
**Governors Chain Call**  
**Speaker:** DG John Mager

March 21st  
**Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom**

March 21st  
**Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom**



**ROOM!**

**The Grand Hotel**  
2100 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD  
To book call: 410-289-6191 or 800-447-6779  
Rates good April 18 to April 20, 2024

**Room Rates:**  
\$109 for City View  
\$119 Partial Ocean View  
\$164 Deluxe Direct Ocean View

Plus 11% tax, one night's deposit is required  
Cancellation policy is 3 days prior for a full refund  
**When booking - ask for the 7630 District Conference group rate!**

**Friday, April 19, 2024**  
Welcome Cocktail Reception  
Major Donor Reception (Invitation Only)  
Dinner with Special Guest Speaker  
After dinner party with Club Phred for music and dancing

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
Sun to Spin District Conference Activities with breakouts and educational opportunities  
- Stay tuned as details are still being finalized



## REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

As is tradition, the District would like to acknowledge and remember Rotarians that have passed away since the last District Conference. Please contact the District Executive Secretary if anyone from your club has passed away since October of 2022. (A link to the obituary, any thoughts or stories about them as a member of your club and a photo is helpful!)

[7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com](mailto:7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com)

THANK YOU



## April 18, 2024 District Conference Golf Tournament

If you are interested in playing golf, we are trying to organize a round of golf on Thursday, April 18th at a golf course to be determined depending on the area the golfers are located. We are thinking of the Dover area for the middle of the district.

If you have an interest, please contact PDG/DRFC Bill Ferguson at [fergy123@comcast.net](mailto:fergy123@comcast.net) or cell 443-786-6345 or Robert Smith at [rls.terps22@gmail.com](mailto:rls.terps22@gmail.com) or cell 443-614-2503. Would appreciate your participation and support!

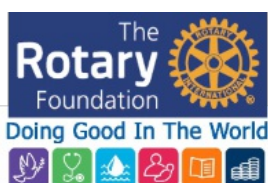
## SUCCESSFUL 2024 RYLA IN THE BOOKS



On the weekend of Feb. 16, District 7630 Rotarians gathered alongside students at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD for the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA). Click "Read More" for photos highlighting the Rise Against Hunger meal packing and team building challenges!

[Read More](#)

## DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER



Foundation Corner information for District Newsletter February 26, 2024

### For Rotary Year 2023-2024

### Major Donors for District 7630 – Clubs updated Feb 2024

#### Level 1

Dover Colonial  
Wilmington  
Caesar Rodney  
Rehoboth Beach Sunrise

#### Level 3

Salisbury Sunrise  
Wilmington

#### Level 4

Brandywine-Naamans

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Dover Capital City - New

Newark Morning - New

Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs) – this Rotary year – see attachment

New Paul Harris Fellows – 12 clubs/ 19 Rotarians

New Multi Paul Harris Fellows – 28 clubs / 85 Rotarians

PHF=19	PHF+1=19	PHF+2=20	PHF+3=10	PHF+4=8
PHF+5=6	PHF+6=5	PHF+7=10	PHF+8=7	Total 104

If your club has any contributions for the Rotary Foundation, please remit them promptly. The sooner they are sent to the Rotary Foundation the sooner your club member, your club and your district get credit.

Any questions/need a speaker please contact me at [fergy123@comcast.net](mailto:fergy123@comcast.net) or cell 443-786-6345

DRFC Bill Ferguson

[Paul Harris Fellows Report - Click Here!!](#)

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

By Clifford Berg



### Membership Report

The good news is that as of the middle of February, District 7630 is +29 members which is a net gain of 2.1%. Congratulations to the 24 clubs who have a net gain in membership.

The not so good news is that we have 8 clubs that have no new members and 14 clubs with a net loss in membership.

In attempting to forecast year-end membership on both the club and district level, average attrition and average attraction rates are used to forecast the success track of each in being at a net gain in membership at year-end. Again, the good news is that our district is one of five districts in our zone who are on track at +6, the not so good news is that only 14 of our clubs are on track to show a net gain in membership by year-end.

We would be happy to visit your club to share membership ideas and help your club grow! Contact either Cliff Berg (302-540-2127) or Gary King (443-880-2564).

## MARCH 11H MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN (MAP) WEBINAR - SURVEYING MEMBERS

  
**SURVEY SAYS!**  
Join us to learn how to **SURVEY** your members **TRANSFORM** your club & become **IRRESISTIBLE!**  
**MAP WEBINAR**  
MONDAY MARCH 11  
TIME 6:00 PM EST  
REGISTER ON DACDB  
Membership Action Plan

[Click here to register for the March 11th Webinar!](#)

These MAP Bite sized Informational Webinars can help Club Membership Chairs create a team, make a plan and grow their clubs! Join an ever-growing group of dedicated Rotarians that use the information in these webinars to grow their clubs.

Yours in Service,  
Membership Action Team





## SAVE THE DATE! STRIKE OUT POLIO WITH THE SHOREBIRDS ON AUGUST 16TH!



Friday, August 16, 2024  
Arthur Purdue Stadium  
Delmarva Shorebirds v. Carolina Mudcats

FIREWORKS FOLLOWING GAME

National Anthem : John Nanni  
First Pitch: AG Alex Vaughan

**MORE INFO TO COME SOON!!**

## DISTRICT 7630'S JOHN NANNI REPRESENTS POLIOPLUS EFFORTS WHILE VISITING CONGRESS

According to John Nanni, he was "Honored to have represented Rotary's PolioPlus efforts this past week by being a member of PolioPlus Advocacy Task Force to the US Congress." [Read More](#)



## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP

By Charlie Garlow



Rotary's Seventh Area of Focus is the Environment, and as part of our efforts, the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, ESRAG, international, has invited us to participate in a tally of the solar panels Rotarians around the world have installed. The hope is that we Rotarians have installed or will install One Million Solar Panels during this campaign. [Read More](#)



## OCEAN CITY BERLIN VISITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR VALENTINES DAY

Mike Simcock (left) and Cliff Berg (right) of the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club visited Mrs. Shockley's kindergarten class at Showell Elementary to hand out Valentine treats.



Nancy Bradford and Mike Simcock of the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club also visited Mrs. Santoni's kindergarten class at Ocean City Elementary School for Valentine's Day and passed out treats.

The club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Don's Seafood ,at the South Gate of Ocean Pines.  
For more info email [ocberlinrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ocberlinrotary@gmail.com)



## NANTICOKE ROTARY WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

By Thomas N. Connar

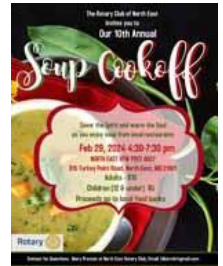




In January, Nanticoke Rotary welcomed three new members. Left to right are: Gio Otero, Love INC - Director of Code Purple; Jonathan Quatela, DFPC - Church Ambassador Network Director; and Kelsey Senak, Love INC - Development Associate.

## NORTH EAST ROTARY INVITES YOU TO THEIR 10TH ANNUAL SOUP COOKOFF

[Click here to download the flyer!](#)



## WORLD CUP OF BOWLING FUNDRAISER SET FOR MARCH 11TH

Please click on the photo to download the flyer for Tidewater Rotary's bowling fundraiser. Sponsors and participants needed! Here is a link to register a team: <https://tidewaterrotary.org/bowling/>

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## INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS TO HOLD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



Marcos Franco is the current president of the ITFR - International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians. He contacted DG John Mager because they will be holding their world championship 5 days before the Rotary International Convention in Singapore, May 20-24, 2024. [Click here for the flyer](#) to register for this event, which benefits the PolioPlus fund!