

District Leadership



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District Youth Services Chair



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Robert L. Smith
District Easterseals Camp Fairlee Chair



MAY 13, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

On April 27th, the Area 10 Rotary Clubs were joined by volunteers from Neighborhood Ninjas, the Home Depot Foundation, Renewal by Anderson, the Delaware State Park General Recreation Department (DENREC), and many others to assemble the new Ninja Warrior Park called Ninja Fit next to the Can-Do-Playground in Alapocas State Park in Wilmington. Thanks to Doug Kook, member of the Brandywine Hundred Rotary Club and President of the Wilmington Delaware Area Rotary Clubs Community Fund, who worked tirelessly planning, coordinating, and fundraising from the start of the project through completion. Special thanks to Edis Company, DENREC and McComsey Builders who helped prepare the site for build day and prep the site for the rubberized surfacing. This is a wonderful community service project which provides a place of recreation for families with children of all ages with and without disabilities. I am proud every time I enter the park and see our Rotary Logo. Rotarians are people of action who exemplify service above self.



Camp Fairlee workdays were held on May 3rd & 4th. Thanks to all the Rotarians who came out and helped get the camp ready for the upcoming season. Special thanks to Kevin Yencer and the crew who built the decks on the back of the new cottages. Rotarians did weeding, spread mulch, straightened out the arts and crafts room, did power washing, and cleaned outside furniture. It was great to see several Rotary Clubs who came to camp for the first time. District Rotarians also contributed funds which were used to purchase a golf cart which was equipped for the maintenance department at camp. All the projects scheduled were completed and many of the items on the Camp wish list have been purchased. Ken Sklenar, member of the Wilmington Rotary Club and President of Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, and all the staff of Easterseals extend their thanks to the Rotarians who participated. **Please mark your calendars and save the date of October 29, 2024, when the Easterseals Annual Dinner will be held at the Riverfront in Wilmington.**

I was honored to be one of ten District 7630 Rotarians invited by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation to a Capitol Hill Reception on May 1st honoring the 2024 Congressional Champions of Polio Eradication. It was so nice to go to into the Capitol to meet several of our Senators and Representatives who continue to help provide the funding the U.S. Coalition for the Eradication of Polio desperately needs to continue the fight to end polio. The United States Government is the second largest contributor to PolioPlus. Prior to the reception, members of the U.S. Coalition for the Eradication of Polio, which includes our own John Nanni met with Senators, Representatives, and their staff to update them on the status of Polio around the world. The 2024 Congressional Champions of Polio Eradication who were honored included, Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Senator Roger Marshall, Representative Robert Aderholt, Representative Rosa DeLauro, Representative Mario Diaz-Balart, and Representative Chellie Pingree. The highlight of the evening for me was hearing Senator Tammy Duckworth who told us that prior to becoming a U.S. Senator she worked for Rotary International in the Constitution and By-Laws division. Senator Duckworth was a member of the Illinois National Guard while employed by Rotary and was activated and served our county in Iraq as a Blackhawk Helicopter pilot. In 2004, Senator Duckworth's helicopter was hit by an RPG, and she lost her legs and partial use of her right arm. Senator Duckworth loved working for Rotary and loves working for the people to make the world a better place to live. The hosts for the evening were Mke McGovern, Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee and incoming Chair of the Rotary Foundation and Past Rotary International President Mark Maloney.





William R. Ferguson Sr.
District Rotary
Foundation Chair



H. Hugh Dawkins Jr.
District Learning
Facilitator



Allison David
AG Area 10



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

May 21st

Governors Chain Call

Speaker: DG John Mager

June 4th

Foundation Committee Meeting

via Zoom

Speaker: Foundation Chair
PDG Bill Ferguson

June 6th

District Public Image Committee Meetings

Speaker: Public Image
Committee Chair Kevin Les
Callette

Subject: Public Image
Committee Meeting



It is an honor for the members of your District Governor Chain to come to your Rotary Club to induct a new member into your Club or to thank our members for their generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation as they become Paul Harris Fellows. It is also our pleasure to install your new Officers and Directors at your changeover or induction ceremonies. As we approach the end of our Rotary year, please reach out to any of us as soon as possible as our schedules are filling up.

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

John

23-24 7630 District Governor



DG John visiting the Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Club during his Farewell Tour!



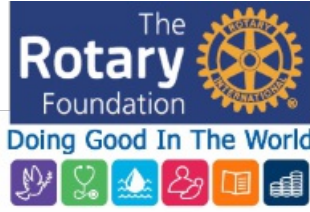
DG John Mager and President Molly Hilligoss assisted PDG Don Hackett to install Ryan Johnson and Tami Weber as new members of the Wicomico County Rotary Club!
Welcome to Rotary!





DG John inducted Christine Murphy as the newest member of the Southern Sussex Rotary Club this past Thursday.
 In the picture with Christine and DG John are Woody Davis, President of Southern Sussex and Steve Cropper who was Christine's Sponsor.
 Welcome Christine!

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER



2023-2024 District Grants final reports " 6 received 10 open

June 1 is the deadline to submit your district grant final report to District grant chair Margaret Mudron at margaretmudron@gmail.com. If questions or concerns reach out to Margaret or DRFC Bill Ferguson

2024-2025 District Grant applications are due for submission by email to Margaret Mudron by June 1, 2024

District Assembly held by zoom on Saturday May 11, 2024.

Thanks to the following members for attending the Foundation breakout session:
 John Nanni(MOT), Greg Zweischer(MOT), Trudie Thompson-Rehoboth Beach Sunrise, Max Hutsell-Long Neck, Ed Gossett-Newark Morning, Molly Hilligoss- Wicomico County and Brad Lundberg-Kent Island

Have you ever asked "How do I see my Foundation Donor History?"

[Here are the instructions](#) to see your personal giving history to the Rotary Foundation.
 You are the only person who has access to this personal history.

Updated District giving to the Rotary Foundation by club as of May 12, 2024 is [attached](#).

Annual Fund share contributions this year are 66% of what they were in 2022-2023 with 6 weeks remaining in Rotary year. Remember these are the contributions that come back to the district in three years to be used for District and Global Grants. Please make a decision to give to Annual Fund Share this year.

If your club is interested in having a presentation on The Rotary Foundation, please let me know and what Foundation subject you would like me to present.

PDG/DRFC Bill Ferguson fergy123@comcast.net or 443-786-6345

ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

By Clifford Berg

Hard to believe we are in the middle of May with only 1 1/2 months to go before we close out the 2023-2024 Rotary year. We are happy to report that District 7630 has +46 members as of May 1st. That represents a 3.3% increase over last year, and we are tied for 2nd in Zone 33 in percentage of membership growth.



Congratulations to the 21 clubs in our district who are experiencing positive growth year-to-date. Elkton, Newark Morning, and Wilmington are leading the pack with over 20% gains. Keep up the good work!

Unfortunately, the bad news is that 5 of our clubs have not added any new members year-to-date and 11 of our clubs are experiencing net losses. It is not too late to turn things around! Reach out to us to help you finish strong and get a good start on next year!

PUBLIC IMAGE UPDATE



People of Action

Talking about Rotary members as "People of Action" is a way to reflect how we see ourselves and what makes us different, while helping others clearly understand who we are and what Rotary is about. Use the materials in Brand Center to create a personal connection with your audience by emphasizing how we create change in the communities we serve. We all have those photos of our members working on projects: Ramp builds, Home Repairs, Pavilions, Park Benches etc. Highlight them using the Brand Center tools on your social media, websites and more.

District Conference Public Image Session

What a great session we had at the recent District 7630 Conference on Public Image! We had a packed session with leaders who were eager to learn more about how to show who we are in our communities. If you were not able to attend the conference or that session, we have loaded it to the District Web site under Public Image Resources.

Thank you to 23-24 Public Image Chair Kevin LesCalette!

Kevin has done an outstanding job as the District's PI chair this year and while he is stepping down, he assures us that he is only a phone call away! Lee Lewis from the Elkton Club has been recruited to take on the PI Chair role and the District looks forward to working with him! Thank you both for all you do for Rotary!

2024 ROTARY WORK DAYS EASTERSEALS CAMP FAIRLEE - THANK YOU!

Thank you, Rotary District 7630, for always finding the time to dedicate a weekend at Camp Fairlee. Click "Read More" for a gallery of photos from this year's Work Days! (Hope to have a detailed report of all that was accomplished in the next newsletter! Service Above Self at it's finest! Wonderful things were accomplished!) [Read More](#)



CAPITOL HILL RECEPTION HONORING 2024 CHAMPIONS OF POLIO ERADICATION



Click "Read More" for photos taken from the Capitol Hill Reception honoring the 2024 Champions of Polio Eradication! [Read More](#)

AREA 10 ROTARY CLUBS VOLUNTEER TO ASSEMBLE NEW NINJA WARRIOR PARK

DG John wrote about this project in his message but click "Read More" here to see more photos from that day!

[Read More](#)



CONGRATULATIONS TO AG BRAD LUNDBERG FOR RECEIVING THE CLIFFORD DOCHTERMAN AWARD



On Thursday, May 9th, Brad Lundberg, our Area Governor for Area 50, was awarded the Clifford Dochterman Award. The award is named after Past R.I. President Clifford Dochterman, who was a dedicated Scouter. [Read More](#)

LONG NECK SUNRISE SPONSORS ROTARY READS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The club donated Do You Remember? by Sidney Smith to each student in grades 1 to 3 at the school. During the assembly, Dr. Meiasha Harris, second grade teacher, read the book to the students. At the conclusion of the assembly, club members handed a book to each student. [Read More](#)



SMYRNA CLAYTON IS COMMITTED TO MENTAL HEALTH



Everyone is concerned about mental health todayâ€”from Gen Z to college administrators to local Rotarians. (Click "Read More" for A Commitment to Mental Health By Myrna German) [Read More](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF SALISBURY DISTRIBUTES GOLF PROCEEDS AND SEEKS SPONSORS!

The Rotary Club of Salisbury is making \$20,000 available to local non-profit community service organizations thanks to the success of the September 2023 â€œA Round for the Communityâ€ golf outing. â€œDue to the generosity of dozens of local businesses and individual golfers, the club was able to exceed its expectationsâ€ noted club President Ernie Colburn. â€œWe are quite proud of our community for stepping forward to allow our club to help so many organizations.â€ "Read More" for photos and this year's registration and sponsorship form! [Read More](#)



CAMDEN WYOMING AND THE SATELLITE CLUB AT NOBLES POND JOINS CAMP FAIRLEE WORK DAYS



Seven members of the Camden-Wyoming Rotary Club and Satellite Club at Nobles Pond braved the rainy, chilly weather to work at Easter Seals' Camp Fairlee near Chestertown, Maryland on Saturday May 4. [Read More](#)

OCEAN CITY BERLIN INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS

The Ocean City - Berlin Rotary Club recently installed two new members! [Read More](#)



SOUTHERN NEW CASTLE COUNTY PEOPLE OF ACTION!



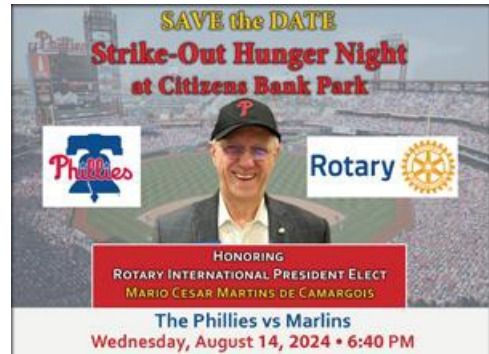
Southern New Castle County has been busy! They sent two representatives to RYLA and partnered with the MOT Rotary club at a Rise Against Hunger event at a local high school. Click "Read More" for all the details on this club putting Service Above Self!

[Read More](#)

ANNUAL STRIKE OUT HUNGER/POLIO PHILLIES GAME - AUGUST 14TH

One of the few chances to meet our RI President Elect, Mario Cesar Martins De Camargois. Dinner details for Aug 15th in Cherry Hill, NJ will follow. For every ticket sold through this event, the **Phillies will donate approx. 50% of the Ticket Price** to the Rotary Foundation.

[Read More](#)



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



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

Tickets are \$35.00 each

Make your checks out to:
Rotary District 7630
c/o Steve Grossman
PO Box 865 Rehoboth Beach DE 19971

FIREWORKS FOLLOWING GAME

National Anthem : John Nanni
First Pitch: AG Alex Vaughan

MORE INFO TO COME SOON!!

ST MICHAELS ROTARY ANNUAL MUSTANG RAFFLE

The Rotary Club of St. Michaels is holding their Annual Mustang Raffle! \$20 per ticket or 3 for \$50. You can win a 1966 Ford Mustang Convertible or \$35,000 Cash! Click "Read More" for purchase information! [Read More](#)



2024 ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 HERO BLOOD DRIVE



ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 HERO BLOOD DRIVE IN 2024

**Blood is needed daily by patients in our local hospitals.
You can help!**

Rotary District #7630 is supporting the Blood Bank of Delmarva.

Starting January 1st and ending March 31st, 2024, 10 Rotary Clubs rolled up a sleeve and donated a total of 25 blood products for the first segment of the District 7630 Blood Drive. Two Rotary Clubs; Tidewater and Salisbury are first year participants in the campaign. We also had a 1st time donor who claimed that "the whole process was a breeze, and she will be a donor for life." With 25 blood products collected, there is a potential of 75 people in our community that will be helped. Finally, \$140 has been collected in monetary donations. I would also like to thank the Mford, Camden Wyoming and Talbot County Rotary Clubs for hosting drives in their communities in May and June. However, the work is not done. To help supply the 19 hospitals, the Blood Bank needs at least 350 donors a day.

Clubs can help in several ways:

- 1) Share the [flyer](#) at meetings and encourage Rotarians to share with family, friends and co-workers
- 2) Host a drive for the community
- 3) Collect Happy Dollars to donate to the Delmarva Blood Bank: Takes roughly \$5 for a volunteer to call a future appointment.
- 4) Donate: Several drives in the area near you.

My goal is to have 100 blood products donated by January 2025. I understand that as the weather gets warmer and summer approaches we may not have the time. To potentially help 3 people in our community, it may take 45 minutes of your time. I encourage you to roll up a sleeve and be the magic in our community.

Yours in Service,
Sherye Nickerson
President Elect
Easton Rotary Club

[Read More](#)

LONG NECK SUNRISE 15TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Long Neck Sunrise
Rotary Club
15TH Annual Charity
Golf Outing
Monday, June 24, 2024
The Peninsula On The
Indian River Bay**



Join us for a day of great fun and golf at this beautiful golf course on the Indian River Bay. All proceeds from the

event go to support local organizations serving youth, veterans, adult literacy, and some Rotary International Projects.

\$225 per golfer (\$250 after April 15)
Includes 18 holes of golf, box lunch, \$10 in drink tickets, and a gourmet dinner.

[Click Here for Registration Form](#)