

Rotary

District 7630



District Leadership



John E. Mager
District Governor



Randolph Smith
DG-Elect



Dale C. G. Kerns
DG-Nominee



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



Laurence 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



Brian G. Vanvestraut
DYS - Youth
Protection Off



Mark Whitfield
DYS - Youth
Exchange Chair



Robert L. Smith
District Easterseals
Camp Fairlee Chair



William R. Ferguson
Sr.
District Rotary
Foundation Chair



DECEMBER 4, 2023 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

While most of the stores we shop in have had holiday displays for several months and have been advertising big sales with their lowest prices of the year to remind us that we need to think about holiday presents, it's not until Thanksgiving that a lot of us think we need to start our shopping and preparing for the holidays we celebrate. Once December 1st gets here, we start to see many of our Rotary family helping other non-profit organizations get ready for the biggest time of their year. While reviewing the social media pages of our Rotary Clubs this week, I noticed that clubs have already started to help the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at their annual kettle drive. My Rotary Club will do that next week.

This coming Thursday evening, our Jewish Rotary Family members will celebrate the first religious holiday of the month when the Festival of Lights or Hanukkah officially begins. In Hebrew, Hanukkah means "dedication" and the holiday marks the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem in the 2nd century BC, after a small group of Jewish fighters liberated the Temple from occupying foreign forces. Inside the temple they found a tiny supply of pure oil that they used to light the menorah, and it stayed lit for eight days. The ritual of lighting a nightly candle, as well as the emphasis on cooking foods in oil, such as potato pancakes called latkes, memorialize this miraculously long-lasting oil.

The Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws also ask every Rotary Club in the world to celebrate its re-dedication each year by holding your Club's annual meeting no later than December 31st to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year. Right now, your Club's Nominating Committee should be meeting to consider and solicit club members to fill the open slots on your Club's slate of officers and directors. Please nominate and elect not just a club president for the Rotary year of 2024-25, but also elect a club president to serve for the Rotary year of 2025-26. The continuity of leadership is especially important to the vitality and growth of your club. Please give your incoming Presidents the time they need to learn more about Rotary and to prepare to lead your club. Once your club's president and secretary for the next Rotary year have been elected, please go into the Rotary International website to My Rotary and report this to Rotary International.

Happy Hanukkah & Thanks for all you do to help Create Hope in the World!

John

23-24 7630 District Governor



Mark your calendars for the following District/Zone events:



H. Hugh Dawkins Jr.
District Training
Coordinator



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

December 5th
**Foundation Committee Meeting
via Zoom**

Speaker: Foundation Chair
PDG Bill Ferguson

December 14th
**District Public Image
Committee Meetings**

Speaker: Public Image
Committee Chair Kevin Les
Callette

Subject: Public Image
Committee Meeting

December 19th
Governors Chain Call
Speaker: DG John Mager

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

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

12/4 12:45 p.m. [Zone 33-34 Monthly Zoom Information Call](#)
12/5 5:00 p.m. [Zone 33 Innovative Club Meeting](#)
12/5 5:30 p.m. [District Foundation Committee](#)
12/11 5:45 p.m. [Zone 33-34 Membership Action Plan Webinar](#)
1/20/24 [Pre-Pets Maple Dale Country Club](#)
2/29-3/2/24 [Chesapeake PETS](#)
4/19-20/24 [District Conference, Ocean City, MD](#)
5/11/24 [District Assembly](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEN MONTVILLE OF THE SALISBURY CLUB!

It is my honor & privilege to officially announce that the District Nominating Committee met last night, completed its interview, and voted to select and endorse Ken Montville as our District Governor Nominee Designate to serve as District Governor in 2026-2027. Ken is the current Rotary Foundation Chair of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, served as Club Secretary, is a Past President of both the Rotary Clubs of Parole and College Park in District 7620, is an RLI facilitator, and is current Treasurer of the District Rotary Foundation Committee. He will be officially elected at the Rotary International Conference in May 2023.

Please note that under the RI Code of Policies after the selection of a DGND, clubs have 30 days to challenge that selection. Any challenges would need to be submitted to me in writing, signed by the club president and club secretary and must be received by December 22, 2023.

Please join me in extending congratulations to Ken.

Yours in Rotary Service,
IPDG Cliff Berg
Chair District 7630 Nominating Committee

REHOBOTH BEACH SUNRISE ANNUAL HARLEM WIZARDS EVENT BENEFITS YOUTH SERVICES

[Check out this article in the Cape Gazette that ran on November 16, 2023](#)

(Check out that link for more awesome photos!)
Cape Henlopen Interact Club together with Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Rotary shattered all past attendance records in 2023, said Pat Campbell-White, event co-chair. In the last past 23 months, we have contributed more than \$32,000 to scholarships, trips for robotics, First Tee program, dictionaries for third-graders, Odyssey of the Mind, backpacks of food, coats, shoes, clothing, etc. This weekend's proceeds will continue to help students of the Cape Henlopen region.



DISTRICT 7630 ROTARIANS BEING RECOGNIZED AS PEOPLE OF ACTION



Click "Read More" to learn about District Rotarians who were honored recently! Whether they are honored within the District, by their Club or by an outside entity, we are proud of the good work that Rotarians do! Rotarians are People of Action!

This week features photos of the Newark Morning Club celebrating Robin Broomall who has given 30 years of service to our District!

[Read More](#)

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AROUND THE DISTRICT!

“Service Above Self” is the motto of Rotary. It reminds Rotarians **to think of how they can help others instead of focusing on themselves**. The motto originated when Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, asked Rotarian Frank Collins to address the participants of the second annual Rotary Convention. The year was 1911. It was established as the principal motto of Rotary in 1989.



Click "Read More" to get the scoop on the different ways our Clubs have put "Service Above Self" in the last couple of weeks!

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A FOCUS ON YOUTH SERVICES



Leaders from the Kent Island High School Interact Leadership Cohort delivered "homemade" friendship bracelets to 1st Grade students at Kent Island Elementary School.

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ROTARIAN HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

Click "Read More" to see what the other Rotarians in the District are doing to get the word out about Rotary and give back during the Holidays!

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