



Register Now for DISCON April 20-23, 2023

By Bob Nelson on Thursday, March 30, 2023

DISCON 2023

April 20-23, 2023

Hyatt Regency | Bethesda, MD

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Rotary 7620's District Conference takes Montgomery County! Join District Governor, Dr. Sean McAlister, and your fellow Rotarians for a weekend of fun, learning, and collaboration in Bethesda. Check out the highlights:

Our Venue: Hyatt Regency

Hyatt Regency Bethesda | 7400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda

Discount Rates for both Queen and Kings Rooms are just \$129.00 a night (plus tax). Book online or call (301) 657-1234.

Discover Downtown Bethesda from the Hotel, Minutes from DC by Metro

Complete Rotary Leadership Institute during your District Conference experience. Learn more about leadership, team building, planning, marketing, communication and organization through a Rotary lens. Register through Mid Atlantic RLI.

**Rotary
Leadership
Institute**

Nominate & Honor a Local Hero

Recognize a hero in your community for embodying

SERVICE ABOVE SELF! Each nominee will receive an invitation to the Heroes Brunch on Sunday of DisCon2023, be honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, and receive a Rotary Hero Medal. \$300/Nomination

rotary7620.org/district-conference

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District 7620 

House of Friendship Tables

Show off your products, projects, or passion at a table in the House of Friendship For just \$25.00, you'll receive a high visibility location in the Hyatt lobby at the entrance to the conference, a table, a table skirt and 2 chairs. Set up beginning at 8AM on Fri, Apr 21st.

Enjoy some Rotary 7620 fellowship on the greens! Shotgun Start 9AM on Thursday, Apr 20. Get your foursome together now for \$125/golfer! Breakfast snacks, a boxed lunch, and two drink tickets will be provided to all golfers. Cash bar will also be available.

Kickoff Rotary Golf Outing

Four Way Test Speech Contest

One of the best programs at the District Conference!

The Four Way Test Speech Contest will bring showcase local students on Saturday as they make a case using the Four Way Test as their guide. Be sure to attend this event and help select our 2023 winners!

Join this conference as a Sponsor! There are opportunities between \$250 and \$5000! All support helps make this conference a great learning and fellowship event for everyone! More information on perks and levels is outlined on conference website.

Sponsor the Conference

And MUCH MORE!

Breakout sessions. Hospitality Suites. Yoga. A Service

Project. The list of Conference activities continues to grow! There truly is something for everyone! The schedule will continue to be updated online for viewing.

Rotarian Leaders are happy to answer questions:

Heroes Brunch: Nomie Hamid & Mandy Warfield
Registration: Deborah Burgess | Golf: John Benish Jr.
House of Friendship: Dave Vogel | Sponsorships: John Clark

Questions? Need Help?

Learn more about all of these activities & more
rotary7620.org/district-conference



SIGN UP NOW for Rotary Leadership Institute at DISCON2023

By Pamela Kreis on Friday, March 31, 2023



Mid Atlantic RLI

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Our first in-person event since the pandemic and are we excited! We will be **offering all three parts** at the District Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland on April 21-22. The courses are being offered, each **split over Friday and Saturday**, to take advantage of hotel space at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda. The agendas for RLI have been carefully coordinated with the DisCon agenda to allow you to not only complete your RLI session but also maximize your participation in the conference itself. In-person RLI has the bonus of being able to network with other Rotarians. Remember that you must complete the sessions in order. You will not be able to register for Part 2 until you have completed Part 1, and so forth.

As a bonus, we are also offering **New Faculty Training** during the same timeframe. This is an opportunity for you to advance your passion for Rotary to facilitate sessions at future events of RLI. If you have completed Part III of RLI and graduated, then you may be ready to become an RLI facilitator.

The **Friday afternoon** portion will run from 1:30 – 5:00 pm, allowing you to participate in any and all of the evening conference events. The DisCon dinner and the hospitality suites beckon. **Saturday morning**, we have scheduled a mid-morning start at 9:45 am to allow you to participate in any earlier morning events, followed at 12:00 by the DisCon luncheon and the balance of the Saturday conference events.

Your registrations for DisCon2023 and RLI are separate. Register for RLI at www.MidAtlanticRLI.org under Upcoming Events. Register for DisCon2023 at <https://rotary7620.org/district-conference/>. Your DisCon registration includes meals (RLI will only be providing drinks and snacks). Hotel reservations are also separate. Just follow the directions under the District Conference for your hotel. If you are NOT staying at the Hyatt Regency but registering for RLI, please contact me regarding parking kreis@verizon.net. See you there!

U.S. Oyster Festival raised \$100,000

By Catherine E Raley on Thursday, March 30, 2023

On behalf of the Lexington Park Rotary Club, we would like to extend our gratitude to our sponsors, our volunteers, and all the organizations that have made the Oyster Festival in October 2022 successful. The true meaning of community is shown here when we can all come together in fellowship and support fundraising for our community and have fun while we do it!

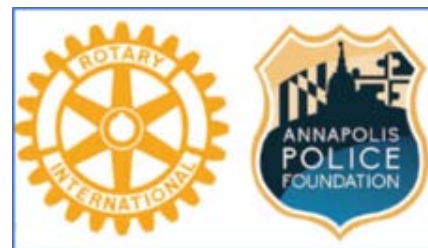
The 2022 U.S. Oyster Festival raised \$100,000 that will go back into the St Mary's County community through scholarships and to charities. Organizations that receive funds include Feed St Mary's, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Christmas in April, Three Oaks Center, St. Vincent de Paul of IHM, Sierra Club, Greenwell Foundation, and Mike's Food Fund. [Read More](#)

Rotary Club of Annapolis Raises \$40,000 for Annapolis Police Foundation

Thursday, March 30, 2023

The Rotary Club of Annapolis is pleased to announce that \$40,000 was raised to benefit the Annapolis Police Foundation through its annual Black Tie & Diamonds Gala, which was held on March 4, 2023.

"The 2023 Black Tie and Diamonds Gala was a delightful and great evening for the Rotary Club of Annapolis and the Annapolis Police Foundation," said Robert Dews, President of Annapolis Rotary Club. "We are ecstatic that we raised a sizable amount to support our police department's outreach efforts in supporting youth and Annapolis communities. We thank everyone who helped plan the event and those who attended and contributed to its success". [Read More](#)



Rotary Red Line Happy Hour

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Sunday, March 19, 2023

Are you a [Rotary District 7620](#) or [Rotary District 7610](#) **Rotary** or **Rotaract** member who lives or works near



RD ROTARY RED LINE HAPPY HOUR

Hosted by the Capitol Hill Rotary Club

**WEDNESDAY,
April 26, 5-7 PM
THE DUBLINER
4 F STREET, NW**

RSVP to vesselinarcch@gmail.com

the **dubliner**
an irish pub
washington, d.c.

Come NETWORK with fellow Rotarians from clubs along the Red Line: Bethesda-Chevy Chase

- Capitol Hill College Park
- Downtown Silver Spring Dupont Circle
- Metro Bethesda
- North Bethesda Olney
- Silver Spring-Kensington
- Washington DC
- Washington Global
- and Washington Area Rotaract Clubs

Rotary Red Line Happy Hour

Washington, DC's Red Line subways? If yes, then feel free to join our first post-pandemic "Red Line Happy Hour" on April 26, 2023, near Union Station.

Thank you, [Rotary Club of Capitol Hill - Washington, DC](#) for hosting the first one of the soon to be monthly offerings. [#ImagineRotary](#) [#fellowship](#) [#fun](#)

Disaster Update – Turkey-Syria Earthquake Response Continues



By Bob Grill, President, Disaster Aid USA; Paul Mahata, Co-Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee; and Hande Apaydin, President, RC of Rockville

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee is coordinating with Disaster Aid USA, RC Rockville, RC Metro-Bethesda, RC Washington DC and others to respond to the changing needs of the victims of Turkey-Syria earthquake. We also continue our support for Ukraine and

re-building effort for Florida caused by hurricane IAN. We are helping the victims of these disasters, and we request that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA and RC of Rockville. See below for details on these activities and how to donate.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake: In Turkey and Syria, a powerful earthquake and aftershocks collapsed thousands of buildings, killing more than 50,000 people and raised the specter of a new humanitarian disaster in an area of the world already ravaged by war, a refugee crisis, and deep economic troubles. Our District Disaster Relief Committee and the Disaster Aid USA are working in close contact with Rotarians on the ground through Disaster Aid Europe and Disaster Aid International. They have assessed the needs, and are requesting shelters, blankets, generators, water systems, solar lights (that also charge cell phones), and other emergency supplies.

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Rockville Rotary Service Day packing backpacks at Comfort Cases

By Susan B Gordon

Packing Backpacks at COMFORT CASES



Rockville and Gaithersburg Rotarians volunteered [Comfort Cases](#) in Rockville, packing backpacks for children entering the foster system. Comfort Cases believes that every child deserves a sense of dignity. Every child deserves to pack their belongings in a special bag that they can call their very own. Every child deserves to have a cozy new pair of pajamas, a brand new warm blanket and a new stuffed animal to hug during the traumatic transition into foster care. Thank you Rockville and Gaithersburg Rotarians for this most purposeful service.

Lexington Park Rotary 25th golf classic

By Bob Parkinson on Thursday, March 30, 2023



Help Overcome Hunger! – Join the Lexington Park Rotary 25th golf classic on May 11th. This is a charity fund raiser from which the proceeds will go to the food pantries and Maryland Food Banks to alleviate the insufficient food sources for our less well off families. Come on down for a day in the country at the Breton Bay golf course in Leonardtown, MD. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided with prizes for top three teams, longest ball, men and women, and closest to hole. If you cannot make the tournament, please consider being a sponsor. See flyer below and register at <https://bit.ly/3xCHekK> (case sensitive). More? Call Bob Parkinson at 301-751-2114 or email to bobparkinson@hughes.net. [Read More](#)

Service Above Self Charity Invitational Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County

By David G Longstaff on Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Please join us at Whiskey Creek Golf Course on Monday May 8th, 2023 for our first annual golf tournament.

[Whiskey Creek Golf Club](#) to benefit the "What would Drew Dew Fund". Drew was the Commander of the Frederick Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division, who passed away unexpectedly this past summer.

[Service Above Self Charity Golf Tournament \(perfectgolfevent.com\)](https://perfectgolfevent.com) [Read More](#)



The Rotary Foundation of Washington DC Supported Disaster Relief in Turkey and Syria

By Lisa Glodine McCurdy on Monday, March 27, 2023



Our support of disaster relief in Turkey and Syria was one of our most comprehensive to date.

On February 22, 2023, the Board of our Club's Foundation, the Rotary Foundation of Washington, DC, voted to accept the recommendation of the Foundation's Disaster Working Group to support a proposal providing funding for Turkey and Syria, specifically to provide "emergency shelter and essential household items depending on what is needed"—tents and shelter kits, stoves, thermal blankets, clothing to keep people warm through the freezing winter nights, and solar lights that help people when there is no electricity, or cash to help people buy what they need to survive. A donation of \$1000 was distributed to each of two organizations known to be Rotary International partners — [Disaster Aid USA](#) and [ShelterBox USA](#).



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Rotary Club of Annapolis Holds 90th Annual Navy Night

By Julie Carolyn Snyder on Friday, March 31, 2023

The Rotary Club of Annapolis hosted United States Naval Academy staff and Midshipmen, Rotarians, and their guests at the 90th Annual Navy Night. The event was developed to strengthen the bond between the two organizations in 1931. [Read More](#)



DC Rotary Club Contributes \$8,080 to ShelterBox

By Robert Jeffrey Schott on Tuesday, February 28, 2023



The Rotary Club of Washington, DC [ShelterBox Fundraising Campaign](#) raised \$4,040.00 by the end of the past weekend and that was matched so ShelterBox received \$8,080 from our Club thru that effort. There was another \$800 donated to the Club Foundation since the "match" was announced so \$960.00 was donated to the Foundation to fulfill the \$5,000.00 match commitment. This will help the Disaster Relief committee fund additional aid to the region thru the Foundation. Now that we've heard that another quake of magnitude 6.4 has struck, we know that whatever we contribute, though substantial, will not be enough to meet the need. I'm a member of a truly great Rotary Club that steps up to help those in need locally and far away. I'm deeply grateful to be a part of this Club.

Carroll Creek Rotary Featured in Rotary Africa Magazine

By Richard Allen Foot on Thursday, March 30, 2023

The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, Frederick, Maryland is featured in the March 2023 issue of *Rotary Africa*, the Rotary International magazine serving the continent of Africa. The Carroll Creek Rotary Club is recognized as a lead financial sponsor of a Menstrual Hygiene Management program initiated by the Rotary E-club of The Karoo Region, a satellite club of the Rotary Club of Kimberley, South Africa. The Carroll Creek club's International Service grant stimulated a matching grant by Maryland-based Hope in South Africa. [Read More](#)

Upper Marlboro Rotary's Henry Hohouser Award

By Andrew V. Colevas on Friday, March 31, 2023

The Henry Hohouser Award was established 50 Years ago by Henry Hohouser who was a member of the Southern Prince Georges Rotary club now the Upper Marlboro Rotary Club. He had a family member who was in Law Enforcement and it was a way to honor both him and Police Officers who serve the public. The yearly award is for the State Police Cadet who has the highest grade point average of his graduating class. The Upper Marlboro club is the only Rotary Club service club in the State of Maryland who offers this type of award to our law enforcement officers.

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Rockville Rotary Peace Competition with theme: Arts of Peace

By Ukpeme Akpan Okon



Rotary
Club of Rockville

PEACE
Competition

THEME:
Arts of Peace

Visual arts as it relates to and contributes to a better understanding of world peace, in accordance with the 4-Way Test of Rotary.

Submissions begin: April 15, 2023

Submissions end: May 15, 2023

ELIGIBILITY:
Ages 6-11,
Ages 12-14,
and Ages 15-18

◆ Visual Arts (Painting/Drawing) ◆ Photography ◆ Cartoon

Sponsors

Submissions Contact: Rotary Club of Rockville Peace Committee Chair
www.rockvillerotary.org/?s=contact

The Values String

Rockville Rotary Club will hold our very first ARTS of PEACE student art show and competition this spring. The ARTS of PEACE art show and competition is being held in conjunction with the Peace Committee and as part of

our new mandate to become a PEACEBUILDER CLUB.

Students ages 6-11, 12-14, and ages 15-18, who are also directly or indirectly affiliated with a Rotary Club, across all areas of the globe, are welcome to participate.

Submissions will be accepted in digital format online from APRIL 15th to MAY 15th. Judges will announce the First, Second, and Third Place awards within each age and content category on JUNE 15th. All of the artwork entries will be on display on the webpage from JUNE 15th through AUGUST 15th.

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Let's DISCOVER ROTARY: A How to Guide by the Elkridge Rotary Club

By Temrah Okonski on Friday, March 31, 2023



The room was buzzing, and community members were impressed. Learn how this small club rejuvenated itself. Read about OPERATION DISCOVER ROTARY! [Read More](#)

Lunch-out-of-Landfills in Annapolis

By Joe Richardson, RC Southern Frederick, D7620 Environment Committee



On January 30th, Advika Agarwal, Angelina Xu, Interact Club members from Richard Montgomery HS, Shrutie Amula also from Richard Montgomery HS, Pragna Yalanamchili the Interact President from Oakdale HS and Sanjana Ranashinge from Urbana HS along with 5 other students travelled to Annapolis at the request of Delegate Jared Solomon and Lorig Charkoudian. The students met with Saif Ratul the Legislative assistant to Governor Wes Moore, then presented to the Secretary of the Environment Serena McIlwain. They did a 20 minute presentation to members of the Budget and Taxation Committee, the Appropriations Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee and delivered 12,000 postcards signed by students from 77 schools advocating for compost, waste diversion and food recovery from school cafeterias. [Read More](#)

Rockville Rotary supports Juba Orphans Home in South Sudan with a laptop and 1 month internet

By Dr (Bonni) van Blarcom

Supporting Juba Orphans Home in South Sudan with a Laptop and 1 month internet



Rockville Rotarian Dr. (Bonni) van Blarcom and Juba Airport Rotary Club (South Sudan) Project Director Rtn James Lual Akech James Lual Akech handed a brand new laptop and 1 month internet service to Juba Orphans Home received by Angelo Samuel, the Director of Juba Orphans Home. The two Rotary Clubs plan to continue to support the internet service to the Juba Orphans Home in South Sudan. D7620 Clubs who would like to participate in this giving can contact rockvillerotaryclub@gmail.com to collaborate and participate.

Southern Frederick Donates \$2K to Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program

By Kristin LeDuc on Friday, February 24, 2023

The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick has donated four \$500 scholarships to the Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program as part of its ongoing mission to support education, literacy, and youth drug and alcohol prevention.

The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick is dedicated to supporting education, literacy, and alcohol and drug use prevention among youth in the community. The scholarship donation is an example of this mission, aimed at empowering young women to pursue higher education and achieve their goals.

"We are proud to support the Distinguished Young Women Scholarship



Program, and we believe in the importance of investing in the education and future of our youth,"

said Kelly McQuillen, President of the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick. "We hope that this scholarship donation will help these young women reach their full potential and inspire them to continue to pursue their dreams."

Sonia Amir-Bowie, Co-Chair of the Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program, accepted the check on behalf of the organization. The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick is excited to invite the young women who receive the scholarships to speak at their club meeting in March and share their experiences and goals. [Read More](#)

US-Russia Intercountry Committee (ICC) to hold Annual Meeting in DC. You're Invited!

By Barton Goldenberg



The US-Russia Intercountry Committee (ICC) cordially invites you to attend the 2023 annual meeting in Washington, DC. You will have the opportunity to meet American and Russian ICC members, hear Russia experts from the [Kennan](#)

[Institute](#) talk about Russian history and how we got to the current situation, hear from international Rotarians with deep knowledge of Russia, have the opportunity to watch the Joffrey Ballet dance 'Anna Karenina' at the gorgeous Kennedy Center, spend time at the intriguing Spy museum, visit the beautiful Cherry Blossoms, dine at PDG Barton's home, and more. [Read More](#)

Annapolis Rotaract to host the 8th Annual Putt Putt Classic on

April 18

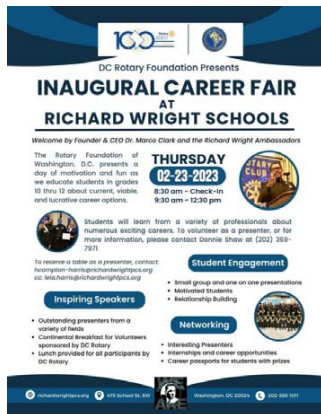
By Brittany Lenart on Friday, March 31, 2023

The Annapolis Rotaract Foundation presents our 8th Annual Putt Putt Classic in Severna Park, MD. Come join us for a fun night on the green for a good cause. [Read More](#)



2023 DC Rotary Foundation Career Fair = Success

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Tuesday, February 28, 2023



A roaring success!—the sentiment from all involved. Thank you to those who participated and all who supported the [DC Rotary Club](#) Career Fair at [Richard Wright Schools](#)!

A special shout-out to DC Rotary Club Career Fair Chair [Donnie Shaw](#) and his team for making it happen and to our friends, family and fellow Rotarians in our Club and around [Rotary District 7620](#) for stepping-up as career presenters. We are forever grateful! Your participation in this year's Career Fair was an invaluable service to [Richard Wright Schools](#) students!

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Celebrating the Women Presidents of the DC Rotary Club! Happy International Women's Day!

By Lisa Glodine McCurdy on Sunday, March 19, 2023

Women Leaders of the Rotary Club of Washington, DC



LISA COHEN
2023-2024



MARILYN NEVY CRUZ
2022-2023



NANCY RIKER
2020-2021



FILIPPA (LYNN)
HOLEC
2019-2020



LISA MCCURDY
2018-2019



JENNIFER HARA
2014-2015



MONICA BONER
CONROY
2008-2009



DORIS MARGOLIS
2004-2005



SUSAN NEELY
1996-1997

Celebrate!

Rotaract Club of George Washington University

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Tuesday, February 28, 2023

One of many great events! They collaborated w/ [@humanityfirstgww](#) to make blankets for [@miriamskitchen](#) and to make cards for children staying in hospitals. Thank you to everyone who came! Busy start to the spring semester for GWU Rotaract. We are so proud of you! #ServiceAboveSelf

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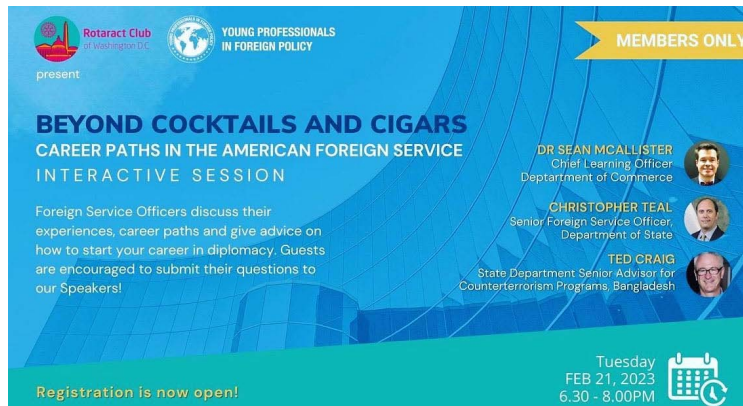




Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Career Paths in the American Foreign Service hosted by the DC Rotaract Club!



On February 21, the Rotaract Club of Washington DC organized an event titled "Beyond Cocktails and Cigars- Career Paths in the American Foreign Service" in partnership with the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy DC chapter.

The event featured five representatives for the State Department, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Department of Commerce. The Foreign Service Officers talked about their professional experiences, stories from all over the globe, personal life, challenges, fun stories, and advice on how to get into the foreign service. Attendees were engaging, asking interesting questions, and speakers shared their minds and hearts.

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Urbana High School Interactor's Social Media Plan Fights Food Insecurity

By Kristin LeDuc on Wednesday, February 22, 2023

A Rotary Interactor member, Karthik Muthukkumar, presented a

social media plan at Urbana High School to address food insecurity.

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Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

District 7620 Newsletter Team:

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Rotary's Vision Statement

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES