

Unite for
Good

ROTARY 7620 NEWSLETTER



Governor Mandy's Message: Giving Thanks for Our Rotarians — and the Blessings We Share

As December arrives and the year begins to wind down, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on the extraordinary spirit of service that defines our Rotary family. This season invites us to pause, look around, and truly appreciate the blessings we share — and at the top of that list are the Rotarians who make our communities and our world brighter every single day.

Across District 7620, you have shown what it means to be People of Action. You've fed families, mentored young leaders, supported the Rotary Foundation, championed peace, and built partnerships that strengthen the very fabric of our region. You've welcomed new members, told powerful stories, and opened your hearts to those who need help, hope, and connection. Every project, every meeting, every moment of service embodies the spirit of Unite for Good and reminds us of the impact we can create together.

In this season of reflection, let us also recognize the blessings that surround us — the gift of fellowship, the comfort of community, and the privilege of being able to lift others through service. Not everyone has these gifts. Not everyone can say they belong to an organization dedicated to creating a more peaceful, equitable, and compassionate world. But we can — and we do. And that is worth celebrating.

So as we gather with loved ones, share meals, and look ahead to a new year of possibilities, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to each of you. Thank you for showing up, for caring deeply, and for choosing service as your way of life. Thank you for giving your time, your talents, your ideas, and your kindness. And thank you for believing that together, we can make things better.

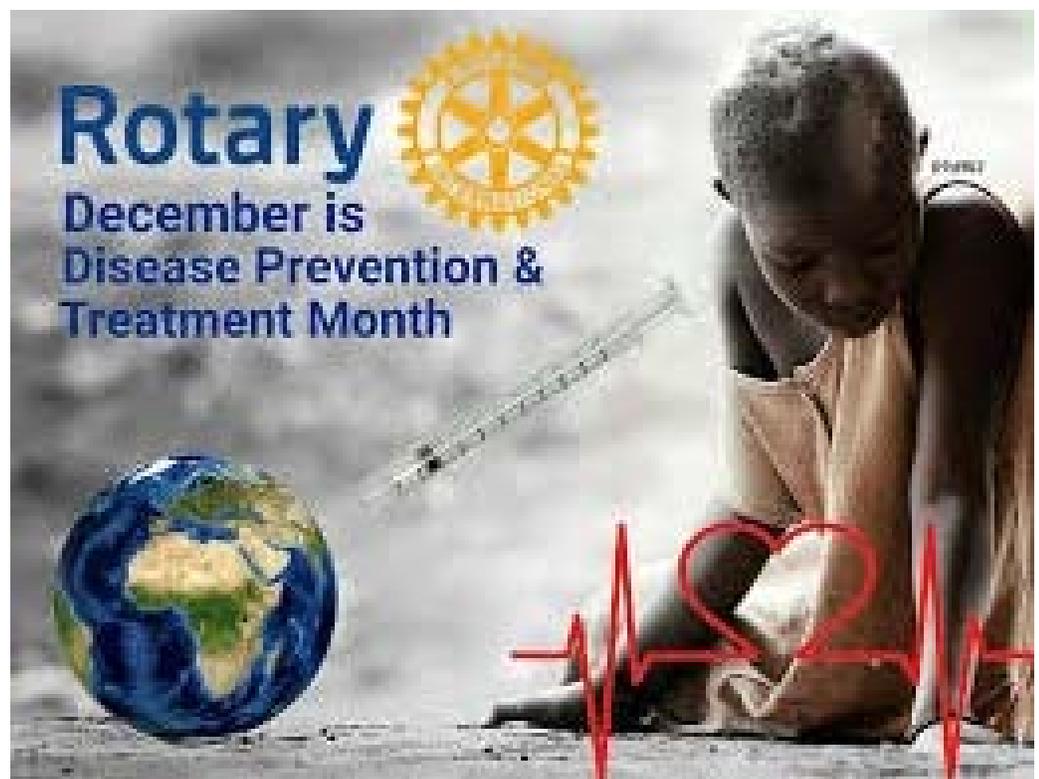
Wishing you a season filled with peace, gratitude, and joy — and the warmth of knowing that your service truly makes a difference.



December is Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December is Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, which focuses on combating infectious diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria, as well as non-communicable diseases such

as heart disease and diabetes. The month highlights Rotary's efforts, which include vaccination programs, clean water and sanitation projects, health education, and setting up health camps and training facilities in underserved communities.



Report from DGN Rose Cardarelli, Rotary Regional Lead Representative to UNICEF-USA & UN-NY

DGN Rose Cardarelli, Ed.D. is the Past-President of the Rotary Club Washington Global, a member of the Rotary Action Group for Forced Migration and Displacement and the Rotary Regional Lead Representative to UNICEF-USA & UN-NY for North America - Rotary Representatives to the UN work to enhance Rotary's visibility within the international community. As Founder & CEO of the Education for All Coalition, she is a partner in education with UNHCR and serves as an advisor on the Global NGO Executive Committee in NY. She is an affiliate faculty member at the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University.



[Above: DGN Rose Cardarelli at World Polio Day]

It's been a busy Fall for Rose as she spoke on ***Peace & Purpose: Leadership for a Global Community*** at The College of William and Mary; at the International World Peace Day with Rotaractors in Turkey; and as moderator for a panel titled ***Peace Begins at Home*** at the Carter School, George Mason University. She also attended the UN's General Assembly and a high-level event on behalf of Rotary & the African Union highlighting the highly successful Football for Peace Program with the Young

Peace Leaders program and the DT Institute, Spirit of America, the U.S. Department of State, Rotary Club of Asokoro 9125, and the Rotary District 7010 Canada. Rose recently represented Rotary International at World Polio Day on Roosevelt Island, NY with UNICEF, the Gates Foundation, polio survivors and many notable experts – her presentation underscored the significant role, dedication and impact of Rotarians who have led the effort to eradicate polio forever. Rose will be representing the Rotary Representative Network at **Global Goals**, Local Action: Rotary Commemorates the signing of the UN Charter at 80 years on Dec. 11th in San Francisco.



Dave Vogel of the Rotary Club of Parole for the 2028-2029 Rotary 7620 District Governor



Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors of District 7620,

After careful consideration, the Governor Selection Committee is pleased to announce its nomination of Dave Vogel of the Rotary Club of Parole for the 2028-2029 Rotary 7620 District Governor.

I would like to extend my thanks to PDG Nomie Hamid and the entire Governor Selection Committee for their hard work.

Should any clubs wish to submit a challenge to the proposed nominee-designee, please follow the procedures outlined in section E of the [District 7620 Policies and Procedures](#) and [Rotary International bylaws](#), article 12.030.7. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

I know that Dave will carry on the tradition of inclusive leadership and dedication to service that defines District 7620, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Mandy

Mandy Warfield Granger
District Governor, 2025-26
Rotary International District 7620

Howard West Rotary's Harvesting Hope Fundraiser



Harvesting Hope

Servant Leadership Awards & Annual Fundraiser



Rotary

Howard West (MD)

Saturday, November 1, 2025
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

Early Bird Tickets: \$125/pp until 10/31/25
General tickets: \$150/pp or two (2) for \$250 (code: RCHW2)
when purchased together
Early Bird Group Tickets: \$1,000 (code: HHAF10) for table of 10 until 10/31/25
Group tickets: \$1,350 (code: RCHW10) for a table of 10
Donations can be made using code: DONATE



The Kittleman Room (DH 100)
 Duncan Hall
 Howard Community College
 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway
 Columbia, MD 21044



Tables, Tickets or Questions about Sponsorship?
 Dr. Geetha Jayaram: districtgovernor2122@gmail.com
 Ms. Rudy Scott: rudyjscott@gmail.com

2025 Beacon of Hope Awardees



Col. (Ret.) Edno W. Cummings, Army Reserve Ambassador-Maryland, Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal Champion, and Documentary Producer



Hon. William Barnes, Superintendent, Howard County Public Schools



Ann Heavner, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Howard County



Somnath Sengupta, PhD, Founder, My Life Learning Center



Jean Accius, PhD, President & CEO, CHC: Creating Healthier Communities



Marcus Smith, II, Former NFL 1st Round Draft Pick & CEO, The Circle of M

Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County Sponsored 2025 Youth Environmental Summit

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County proudly sponsored and supported the 2025 Youth Environmental Summit, held Sunday, November 16, 2025, at Bar-T Mountainside (2822 Roderick Road, Frederick, MD). More than 50 middle and high school students from across Maryland gathered for an immersive day of environmental education, community building, and youth-led climate action. The annual



summit is a signature program of Mountainside Education & Enrichment, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2008 to broaden access to environmental science education, expand community engagement opportunities, and secure

funding to support low-income youth participating in Mountainside and Bar-T camp programs. This year's event was made possible through the Rotary Club's sponsorship, which provided critical administrative, promotional, and operational support, including public relations outreach, advertising, volunteer coordination, and event logistics.

Full Day of Interactive Environmental Workshops

The 2025 summit introduced students to real-world environmental solutions through hands-on workshops. Sessions included:

- Food recovery and composting
- Funding opportunities for free tree plantings
- Plastics recovery
- Sustainable architecture
- Lithium-ion battery recovery
- Micro-forestry practices

[Read More](#)

Rockville Rotary Protects Our Watershed, Our Drinking Water and Our Planet

ROCKVILLE ROTARY

WATTS BRANCH WATERSHED PROTECTION SERVICE DAY

In observance of
World Polio Day



On a bright autumn Sunday, Rockville Rotarians, their families, and friends gathered for our **Watts Branch Watershed Protection Service Day**, one of our most meaningful community service traditions.

As part of the **City of Rockville's Adopt-a-Stream program**, our Club cares for a 0.8 mile segment of the Watts Branch stream, which begins right here in Rockville and flows into the Potomac River, the source of clean drinking water for our entire community.

On October 12, our volunteers spent the afternoon collecting litter, removing invasive vines, and protecting the trees along the stream corridor. Armed with gloves, grabbers, and plenty of good humor, teams worked in pairs to ensure no bottle, can, or stray plastic bag was left behind. By the end of the day, we had many large trash bags filled and cleared invasive vines from tens of trees, leaving the stream area noticeably cleaner and healthier.

The event also carried a deeper message. In honor of **World Polio Day**, we recognized Rotary International's 35+ years of work to eradicate polio worldwide. It was a fitting reminder that Rotary service takes many forms, from protecting global public health to preserving our local environment and water quality here at home.

Our next cleanup will take place in **spring 2026**, and as always, students can earn SSL hours, and community members of all ages are welcome.

It was a peaceful and purposeful afternoon, a reminder of how good it feels to spend time outdoors, connect with neighbors, and care for the place we call home. As one volunteer shared, "You forget you're even in the city, it feels like stepping into nature for a few hours to do something that truly matters."

We thank all who joined us for lending your time, energy, and heart to this service.

November 2025 Red Line Happy Hour

Thank you to everyone that attended November 18th's Red Line Happy Hour hosted by the **Rotary Club of Dupont Circle**. It was their pleasure to host, and we hope that you had a great time.



19 Rotarians Inducted into PolioPlus Society by Washington DC Rotary Club

On October 29, 2025 the Rotary Club of Washington D. C. inducted nineteen (19) members into the PolioPlus Society. The new members are Evan C. Barnard, Brian Blum, Lisa Cohen, Marilyn Nevy Cruz, Sterling Hoffman, F. Lynn Holec, Dr. Elisabeth Johnson, Mariama Keita-Thiero, Kay Killingsworth, Crystal Lander, May Yoneyama Gwinn O'Brien, Dr. Ann Marie Peters, Nancy Riker, Max Salas, Dr. Erminia Scarcella, Donnie Shaw, William Simons, Mark Solomons, and Dr. Shelton Williams. The Rotary Club of Washington D. C. will continue to promote the PolioPlus Society and looks forward to many more members of the Club joining!



On October 4, 2022 Rotary International Trustees endorsed the PolioPlus Society as a Club and District-led program and agreed these societies will develop their own donor recognition program. The Club and District-led PolioPlus Society recognize Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends of the Rotary Foundation who commit to ending polio by giving a recurring amount of \$100 each year. It is very similar to the Paul Harris Society of which many

of the members of the Rotary Club of Washington DC have joined.

Rotary District 7620 Honored with Outstanding Organization Award at the Maryland Gala

On November 1, Rotary District 7620 was proudly recognized with the Maryland Gala Outstanding Organization Award, a distinction reserved for organizations whose work creates life-changing opportunities and drives positive impact for countless people across our communities. This honor celebrates the collective service, leadership, and dedication demonstrated by Rotarians throughout Central Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The awards ceremony, supported by generous sponsors including the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, Virtual X Kitchen, brought together community leaders, service partners, and changemakers from across the region. Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Downtown Silver Spring, Gaithersburg, Metro Bethesda, and Rockville attended in full support, joined by District Governor Mandy Granger, who accepted the award on behalf of the district.

This recognition reflects not only the transformational projects led by District 7620 clubs—from food security and youth leadership to international service and peacebuilding—but also the shared commitment to Unite for Good. As District 7620 continues to expand its impact, the award stands as a reminder of what is possible when Rotarians work together to serve, uplift, and inspire.



Disaster Update – Slow Recovery from Hurricane Melissa’s Destruction of Western Jamaica



By Bob Grill, President, Disaster Aid USA; Paul Mahata, Co-Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee. Photo: Larry Agee, Executive Director of DAUSA, is receiving supplies from the USA.

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee continues to coordinate with Disaster Aid USA to respond to disasters. Currently, we are focused on Category-5 Hurricane Melissa’s total destruction of western Jamaica. In spite of major efforts by DAUSA and other organizations, the recovery has been slow due to lack of funds and material donation. Details are provided below. To support recovery work, money and supplies are always needed; and we request that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA.

Hurricane Melissa: It was a strong Category-5 Hurricane, with sustained winds of 185+ mph. At this level, the potential destruction was catastrophic. A high percentage of framed homes were totally destroyed; and roof failure and wall collapse were quite common. Fallen trees and power poles isolated entire communities, and power outages have lasted for weeks. Widespread flooding and storm surge accompanied the storm, greatly increasing humanitarian need. Jamaica experienced a rainfall as high as 30-40 inches, and storm surge as high as 17-20 ft. Hurricane Melissa brought extreme rainfall and flooding, especially in mountainous terrain of western Jamaica, the poorest section of the country, where homes were washed away.

DAUSA Response: Disaster Aid USA dispatched Executive Director, Larry Agee, to Jamaica as soon as flights could land there. On his arrival he started coordinating and processing over a dozen private planes loaded with supplies through customs. Supplies included: construction tools, many boxes of food, solar lights, water filters, and Starlink equipment for communication. DAUSA helped repair churches so those could become community centers again. As the DAUSA team drove to western Jamaica, it took hours negotiating washed-out roads. Our team established Starlink communication system at local police stations and community centers. DAUSA and other partners were spending 16 hours/day delivering supplies and meals to families in western Jamaica. DAUSA chairman of the Board, Wayne Baumeyer, joined Larry Agee and continued the process of picking up supplies from the airport and driving to western Jamaica, where people have lost almost everything.



In order for the Committee and the DAUSA to do this type of disaster relief work in the coming days and weeks, we encourage the Rotary clubs, and individual Rotarians and Rotaractors to consider donating money to DAUSA (a 501-c-3 organization, co-founded by PDG Bob Grill). Please visit the following link for online donation:

https://disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/projects/262272-hurricane-melissa?hid=MzA1NjkzMQ==&utm_campaign=dms_email_blast_4262456

Alternately, you may consider sending checks to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham MD 20706. For any questions on this initiative, please feel free to contact Co-Chair: Paul Mahata (Pmahata@verizon.net).

Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. Peace Initiative

The Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. DC Peace Initiative Committee's impact on Stanton Elementary School Debate Team impact started Saturday, November 22nd at the Middle & High School Debates at Roosevelt High School. In the first two pictures you see Howard University Rotaractors getting training to be today's Judges on Government Policy Debates.

The third picture is the HU Rotaractors posing as new official Judges heading to the Debates, literally practicing for Stanton's Debates next spring. We are People of Action Uniting for Good.



Message from the HU Rotaract President Jennifer Mckenzie: *"The Rotaractors of Howard University facilitated debates with students of different experience levels after receiving a thorough training session. We enjoyed spending time with the students at Roosevelt as well as DC Rotary President Shaw ! And we're all the more excited to use our judge skills next semester when we work closely with the students at Stanton Elementary School, the DC Peace Initiative Committee, and the Washington Urban Debate League."*

December 2, 2025, is Rotary's Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday



Giving Tuesday happens once a year, but your gift of Rotary will make a difference for a lifetime. This Giving Tuesday, consider making a special gift to [The Rotary Foundation](#) and together we can continue, Doing Good in the World.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Event



Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Rockville, Gaithersburg and Washington gathered for an inspiring Peace & Conflict Prevention event — a powerful reminder that collaboration builds stronger, more united communities. A special thank-you to Evan Bernard for a beautiful violin performance that set the tone for a meaningful evening.

Olney/Leisure World Rotary Winter Coat Drive

The Rotary Club of Olney and its sister Leisure World Rotary are currently collecting serviceable winter coats from kids to seniors at drop-off boxes at Brew Belly, OneLife Fitness, Sargent Cleaners in Olney Village Mart, and at Leisure World Clubhouse 1 & 2. Collections stop on December 23 to allow time to process those donations. Since the Olney Rotary started this a few years ago, we are proud to say we have collected north of 6,000 coats.

Coats in good condition or better are welcome. It promises to be a cold winter. Collected coats are brought to the Interfaith Chapel and The Salvation Army, and other charitable organizations. Please visit <https://oneyrotary.org> for more specifics. Of course, we hope you will consider donating to the club, to allow us to do further work in the community.



Rotary
Club of Olney/Leisure World
OlneyRotary.org

Winter Coat Drive

DROP OFF BOXES AT

SARGENT
Natural Drycleaning System

Onelife
FITNESS

LEISURE WORLD
OF MARYLAND

BREW BELLY
Kitchen & Sudhaus

The banner features illustrations of winter coats in various colors (black, yellow, pink, green) and snowflakes. A right-pointing arrow is visible on the right side of the banner.

Empowering Girls in Delhi, India

By Kuhu Maitra on Thursday, November 20, 2025

Empowering Girls in Delhi, India

From July 2024 to June 2025, Rotary Club of Capitol Hill (Washington DC), Rotary Club of New Delhi One, and NGO Agrabami partnered to deliver **comprehensive sexuality education** to adolescent girls in South East Delhi's urban slums. Funded by Rotary Club of Washington DC and District 7620, the project reached **1,217 girls**, exceeding its target of 1,200.



To measure impact, **309 girls (25%)** took pre- and post-training tests. Results showed a dramatic improvement:

- **Right answers soared from 33% to 92%**
- **"Don't know" responses dropped from 24% to less than 1%**

Through interactive discussions, games, and Q&A sessions, girls learned about adolescence, self-esteem, peer pressure, safe sexual behavior, preventing anemia and infections, and delaying pregnancy. This initiative has empowered young women with the **knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions** about their health and future.

Potomac-Bethesda Club Collecting for Toys For Tots

Club is collecting new unwrapped toy donations for Toys For Tots this year. We invite Rotarians to visit our club meetings and drop off any toys from themselves or from their Rotary Club **on any Thursday Evening at 6:30PM through December 12th.**

The Bretton Woods Recreation Center is located at 15700 River Road, Germantown, MD. 20874.

Toy donations will be delivered to the Montgomery County, MD Toys For Tots center.

Rotarians and/or Clubs can also make a tax-deductible donation to our Foundation which will purchase toys using the directed funds.

Donations can be made

through Venmo: @PotomacBethesdaRotary or by sending a check to:

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Foundation

c/o Lou Bartolo

4720 Chevy Chase Drive #407

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

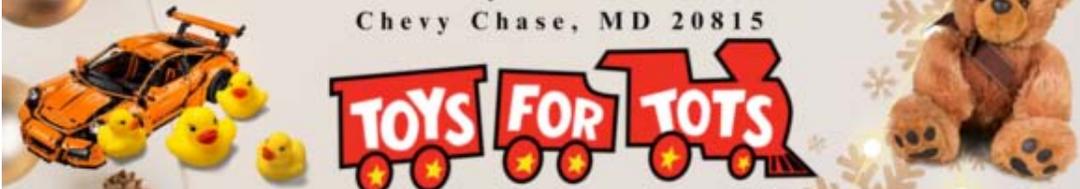


Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda Rotary

MEETING EVERY THURSDAY 6:30PM
Bretton Woods Recreation Center
15700 River Road
Germantown, MD. 20874

ACCEPTING NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS

Venmo Donations: @PotomacBethesdaRotary
OR Mail Donations
Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Foundation
% Lou Bartolo
4720 Chevy Chase Drive #407
Chevy Chase, MD 20815



Contact Lou Bartolo for additional information on the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda partnership at tonylou2@hotmail.com or visit our website <https://pbrotary.org/>.

Doughnate to End Polio Now - Rockville Rotary

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**END
POLIO
NOW**

Help Us Reach Our Goal



Organized by: **Rockville Rotary Club**

To support Rotary International's 35+ years of efforts for eradicating polio virus.

Doughnuts for a cause! Please keep in mind for November and December parties, events or gatherings!

Rockville Rotary Club's - Doughnate to End Polio Now - is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts for \$20. Until January 1, 2026, \$12.50 of your order will be donated back to Rockville Rotary Club when you purchase via the link below! We're supporting Rotary International's 35+ years of efforts on eradicating the polio virus. We are closer than ever, but we're not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts globally. All Rotary donations are matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your impact! For more info: <https://www.endpolio.org/>

Simply buy online, visit the Krispy Kreme store closest to you and redeem your doughnuts using your code. Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family. Here is the link to purchase a dozen doughnuts for \$20 of which \$12.50 will go to Polio eradication: grouprai.se/krispykreme65090sa

Join us in supporting Rotary International's 35+ years of work to eradicate polio, one sweet bite at a time.

Free Minds Poetry Hour



On October 15, Washington Global Rotary Club members participated in an amazing, heart-felt poetry activity, in partnership with [FreeMinds](#) Book Club and Writing Workshop. It was a great dialogue with the young men who had been in a creative writing program while in prison, and after returning to their communities, continued to keep poetry as part of their lives. As President Mike put it: "This is definitely a service project that a number of us would like to continue doing as part of our commitment to Peacebuilding." Many thanks to MAZ for organizing this activity. Would you like to get involved? Connect with MAZ!

More about FreeMinds [here](#). More photos are available [here](#).

Columbia-Patuxent Rotarian Earns Holland Award for Volunteer Service

By William (Pete) K Pillow Jr.

Since 2014, past president Jim Ehle has volunteered nearly 3,000 hours of his time at Howard County's Food Bank, Community Garden and Community Action Council of Howard County offices. He's the second Columbia-Patuxent leader to be named a Holland Award winner. [Read More](#)



Reverend Dr. Robert Turner, Joanne Ehle, Jim Ehle, Tracy Broccolino

Becoming an RLI-trained Facilitator



Pat Sheikh is the new Capitol Hill Rotary Club President. Why did she decide to join and to subsequently serve in leadership roles in Rotary?

“Despite barriers, I was fortunate to reach high levels of government, and I felt that I needed to give back...When COVID hit, it dawned on me that we were facing things that we never expected. I asked myself, ‘Can I apply my skills from working abroad to working on domestic issues?’

RLI has been especially helpful as Pat began to take on leadership roles within Rotary. She has been particularly impressed by the facilitators, noting that ***“RLI has excellent facilitators - whether on zoom or in-person.”***

This past July, Pat drove to North Carolina to join the ranks of Rotary facilitators. She participated in the facilitator training at the RLI Summer Session. This is, by far, not her first crack at

facilitation. At one point in her career, Pat had 300 people working for her. She has developed and conducted numerous international workshops.

A broad range of experience is represented at these RLI sessions. Pat found that coming together, in-person, for this training was a welcome change to her virtual participation in previous RLI trainings.

“...I think it is very helpful to do RLI in person because people share stories with you or approaches that you may not be aware of... Even during breaks, people talk together, which rarely happens during zoom-trainings...I found interacting with others in person provided an opportunity to share approaches on how to solve issues in Rotary and in life”



Was there a part of the training that seemed most helpful in preparing for her new role as Club president?

“The training in North Carolina reinforced for me that we all have different ways of learning and the need to work with people according to their mode of learning...the RLI facilitator was excellent in terms of describing how people absorb information and that they might do it very differently.

... The thing that stuck most in my mind is that we have to be patient. People have all kinds of issues they are dealing with at work, in their families, and others. We need to be more understanding, and we just need to be patient with each other.

Information about the Mid-Atlantic RLI and upcoming training dates are available [here](#).

Healthcare Executive Says Rotary Youth Exchange Changed Her Life

Progeny Health CEO Susan Torroella recently told Columbia-Patuxent Rotarians how the Rotary Youth Exchange program she experienced as a teenager has shaped every facet of her life since that time. It's been pivotal to her personal and professional success. [Read More](#)



Congratulations DC Rotary Club President Donnie Shaw!



A Night of Impact, Service, and Celebration

On Saturday, November 8th, members of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. proudly gathered to support our Club President, Donnie L. Shaw, Jr., as he was honored with the Community Partner Impact Award by Richard Wright Public Charter School.



This recognition reflects years of mentorship, advocacy, and hands-on service—supporting students with career exposure, leadership development, and real-world opportunities to grow and thrive.

Congratulations, President Donnie! Your leadership embodies what it means to live the Rotary mission: Service Above Self.

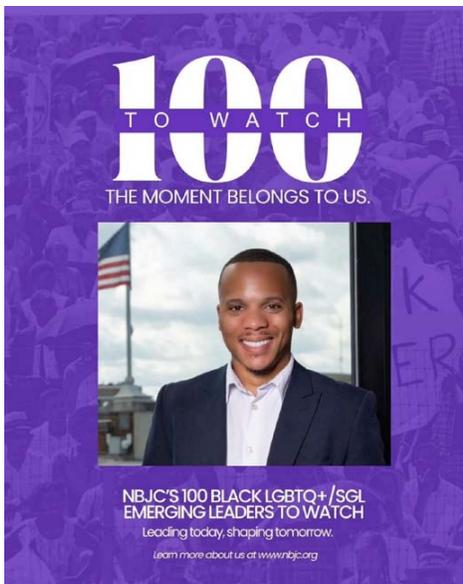


We're grateful to be part of a night that celebrated education, community, and the power of partnership. Together, we continue to Unite for Good and uplift the next generation of changemakers.

Congratulations Rotarian Howard Wesley Garrett Jr.!

Congrats to Dupont Circle Rotary member, Rotarian **Howard Wesley Garrett Jr.** for being named as one of the **National Black Justice Collective** 100 Black LGBTQ+/SGL Emerging Leaders to Watch.

Thank you for your commitment to making the world a better place through your time and service.



Congratulations Rotaract Club of Howard University Adding 27 New Members

Congratulations @huroract on inducting 27 new members this Fall! The Rotary Club of Dupont Circle is proud to be your sponsor and love to see the way you continue to

grow as you diligently serve the community. Special thanks to @rotary7620 District Governor, their very own Mandy Warfield Granger, President Guillermo Galdamez, and Advisor Monique Toussaint for giving remarks and leading the oath respectively. Keep up the great work HU Rotaract President Jennifer McKenzie and Executive Board.





Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.

Time for our October Recap!

From crushing it at District Conference, to hitting the trails for End Polio Now, gathering for our latest General Meeting, and unwinding at Red Line Happy Hour – October has been a perfect mix of service, socializing, and making memories with our amazing crew!





GENERAL MEETING

Oct 21st, 2025

We were honored to host Charlyn Stanberry, Esq., who shared her inspiring journey in broadcast policy, public service, and leadership. Her story reminded us of the power of advocacy and representation in shaping public policy on the Hill.







RED LINE HAPPY HOUR

Oct 29th, 2025

We had such a fun time hosting this month's Red Line Happy Hour at the Ellipse Rooftop Bar! Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate with us at our Halloween-themed social.






Rotaract Club of George Washington University

Thank you to everyone who came out to our November 8th's Service Event, and thank you to all who have stayed involved with the GWU Rotaract club throughout the semester. We are People of Action, Uniting for Good!



Thank you to everyone who came out last weekend for our Community Clean-Up, and thank you to all who have stayed involved with the Rotaract club throughout the semester. We've loved working alongside every one of you in the effort to give back to our community. Great work this year and enjoy your break!



Rotary Representative Network

The future of peace: In its work with the United Nations and other international organizations, the Rotary Representative Network advances a century-old tradition of fostering global harmony

By Geoffrey Johnson

In October 1991, after a 26-year career with the U.S. Foreign Service, T. Patrick Killough delivered a speech before the Rotary Club of Black Mountain in western North Carolina. The speech's title captured his provocative premise: "The United Nations: Made in USA by Rotarians."

To support that assertion, Killough marshaled an array of historical facts. He noted that Cordell Hull — President Franklin Roosevelt's secretary of state, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and the "father of the United Nations" — and several other key players in the creation of the UN had Rotary connections. What's more, Rotarians had organized the 1942 conference in London that inspired the creation of UNESCO and, as early as 1943, had advocated for a "central world organization." Rotary had also published and distributed pamphlets, papers, and books to educate its members about, and tacitly encourage their support of, the fledgling United Nations.

"The UN is, beyond question, a thoroughly American, a thoroughly Rotarian product from beginning to end," Killough concluded. "The United Nations is our own child."

A member of the Black Mountain club until his death in 2014, Killough dated Rotary's involvement with global peacebuilding to 1939. But this commitment to peace is almost as old as Rotary itself. In 1914, as war broke out in Europe, Chesley Perry, acknowledged today as Rotary's first general secretary, wrote, "Let Rotary make International Peace and Good Will its mission as an international organization." And in 1921 at its 12th annual



convention, in Edinburgh, Scotland, Rotary vowed “to aid in the advancement of international peace” when it amended the objects, or goals, of the organization.

Nearly a century later, Peter Kyle believes that pledge could provide the foundation for Rotary’s future. “Rotary’s peace program has the potential to have a great legacy,” he says.

Kyle served as dean of the Rotary Representative Network in 2018-19, a group of Rotarians from diverse backgrounds who represent Rotary at the United Nations and other international organizations. The network dates to 1991, when the RI Board approved a plan that included securing the highest possible consultative status for Rotary with the UN’s Economic and Social Council, which it accomplished in 1993. [Read More](#)

Carroll Creek Rotary's Guest Veterans Day Speaker was Lt. General Lori Reynolds (Ret.)



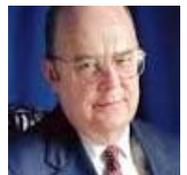
The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek dedicated a program to honoring the men and women who have served in our nation’s armed forces.

We were privileged to have welcomed Lt. General Lori Reynolds (Ret.) as our guest speaker.....a truly extraordinary leader whose service and story embody courage, integrity, and excellence. While every veteran represents the very best of our communities, Lt. General Reynolds stands as a shining example of the best of the best. Her message was powerful, moving, and deeply inspiring.

Lt. General Reynolds reminded us of the strength and sacrifice that define those who serve.

In Memoriam Dr. Edward Leo Cochran, Jr., Columbia Town Center Rotary Club

Dr. Edward Leo Cochran, Jr.—scientist, public servant, and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather—died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, November 16, 2025. Dr. Cochran was a faithful servant of Christ and longtime member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville. Throughout his life, his natural curiosity and a keen mind drove him to solve vexing challenges in physical chemistry and public policy, where he worked on behalf of public education, ethics, equality, and good government.



Born on March 18, 1929, in Jarrettsville, Harford County, Ed and his brother Donald trekked daily to a one-room school where his cousins made up the majority the young students. After attending Bel Air High School, he graduated from Loyola College in 1949 at age 20, earned his Masters at Duquesne, and received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Notre Dame (1952). At Notre Dame he met his wife Catherine Joan Flanagan, a graduate student at nearby St. Mary’s College. They married and moved to Howard County in 1958 when Ed began his research at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Ed and Joan were married for more than 62 years until her passing in 2015. They made their home at “Holly Hill,” an 1850s farmhouse on ten acres in Clarksville that became the joyful hub of a growing family of six children. He adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, never missing their birthdays; and he delighted in hosting them all for Easter egg hunts and Thanksgiving dinners. To them, he was Pop?pop—steady, principled, affectionate, and fun.

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Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
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