



The Rotary 7620

# INNOVATOR

District Newsletter  
Dr. Sean McAlister, District Governor 2022-2023



## District Foundation Luncheon | Nov 6th

By Mandy Warfield Granger on Friday, September 16, 2022



For over 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has changed lives both close to home and around the world by tackling our most pressing humanitarian challenges. The clubs within District 7620 commit each year to support the foundation, enabling even more service projects to create a greater impact in our communities.

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## Frederick's Oktoberfest September 30 and October 1

By Mary Ford-Naill on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



Tickets are on sale now for Frederick's Oktoberfest! This German-themed event is sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Carroll Creek, Smoketown and Southern Frederick and proceeds benefit community non-profits and local initiatives! Live Music, Beer, Brats, Strudel and more! Super fun event!!!

<https://frederickoktoberfest.org>

Grab your tickets for in advance:  
Tickets: <https://lnkd.in/eKZ943uy>.

Consider volunteering for a shift (or two) and get in free!  
Volunteer: <https://lnkd.in/e6SwMijW>

## Ninth Annual Rotary Carroll County Oktoberfest October 1 and 2

By Dawn Wittfelt on Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Ninth Annual



Presented by  
The Five Area Rotary Clubs of  
Bonds Meadow, Mount Airy, New Marke  
Sykesville-South Carroll and Westminste

The Danele Shipley Memorial Arena  
Carroll County Agriculture Center

706 Agriculture Center Dr • Westminster, MD 21157

October 1st, 2022

12pm - 8pm

October 2nd, 2022

12pm - 5pm



Join us for a fun-filled day with many family activities!  
Delicious, Authentic German foods, Beer & Wine,  
Traditional German Music, Dancers & much more!

**Admission in Advance \$7.00**  
**Admission at the Door \$10.00**

Free admission for those arriving  
in authentic German attire, & Children ages 10 & under.  
*Advance tickets can be purchased on the website  
and on the FB page*

**Suggested Parking Donation - \$5.00**

*For more information visit [carrolloktoberfest.com](http://carrolloktoberfest.com)  
or call Dawn Wittfelt 443-244-7799*

## Charles County Lobster Festival - October 2nd

By Christopher T Zabriskie on Sunday, July 31, 2022

The Lobster Festival is back after a two-year hiatus, and tickets are now on sale.

The Lobster Festival, an annual occurrence from 1975 through 2019, is the Rotary Club of Charles County's signature

FUNdraiser which combines an afternoon of gastronomical delights (two whole Maine lobsters), a club of clams, with unlimited hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, soft drinks and beer.



Rotary Club of  
**CHARLES COUNTY, LA PLATA**

SUNDAY • RAIN OR SHINE!  
**OCTOBER 2, 2022**

**Charles County Fairgrounds**

8440 Fairgrounds Road • La Plata, MD 20646

Gates Open 12 noon - 6pm

Food Served 1-5pm

Advanced Ticket Price: **\$75/adult**

(\*30 is tax-deductible.)

**\*85 at the Door**

\$20/children ages 5-12. Free for kids under 5.

Click on "read more" to find out details and how to get tickets.

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## Frederick County Rotary Clubs Join Together for the 3rd Annual Pints for Polio Event

By Ashley Waters on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



Eradicate Polio one pint at a time this World Polio Day! To celebrate World Polio Day on October 24, 2022, the seven Rotary Clubs in Frederick County are coming together for a day of fellowship and

community response! \$1 from each beer pint sold will be donated by Smoketown Creekside to the fight against Polio and then will be matched by Rotarians in the Frederick Community. [Read More](#)

## October is Community Economic and Development Month

By Bob Nelson on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



## New Rotaract Club: MoCo, Maryland, USA

By Pallavi Gowda on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Potomac Rotary Club (chartered May 1958) is proud to sponsor the newly chartered

Rotaract Club of MoCo (aka Montgomery County or MoCo Rotaract) formed on September 7, 2022.



Congratulations to [Ashmina Shilpakar](#) and Abhishek Shilpakar for creating history. Much gratitude to the Potomac Rotary Club, Area Governor Ken and District Governor Sean for the vision, sponsorship and support to make this a reality!

## Rockville Rotary Stream Cleanup on September 25th

By Hande Apaydin on Sunday, September 25, 2022



The 4th Watts Branch Stream cleanup of Rockville Rotary on September 25th was a major success. Many thanks to all who joined; Rockville Rotarians Eliseo, Irina, Becky, Todd, Chuck, Jim. Hande, our Scouts from Scout Pack 492 and their families, Scout Masters Melinda and Rebecca, Gaithersburg Rotarians Margaret and Ken, Potomac Rotarian Bree, Gaithersburg HS Interact Advisor teacher Liz Nardin and international visiting Rotarian from Alexandria Rotary (Egypt) Omneya Darvish. What a fun bunch and we did a great job keeping the stream and the park clean. It was a great day of serving our community and supporting the environment. Thank you and well done Rockville and Area 6 Rotarians, Scouts and Friends!

## Disaster Update – Floods in Jackson, Mississippi and in

## Pakistan

By Paul C Mahata on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



By Bob Grill, President, Disaster Aid USA and Paul Mahata, Co-Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee and Disaster Aid USA continue to coordinate disaster relief work locally, nationally, and internationally. In recent weeks, we have focused our attention on flood related problem in Jackson, Mississippi, where thousands of people had lost supply of clean drinking water. Another international disaster in Pakistan also relates to flood. We are helping these two disaster victims actively, and we request that you and your club consider donating for these two causes. [Read More](#)

## 2023 Rotary International Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia May 27-31, 2023

By Dawn M Wittfelt on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



[The 2023 Rotary International Convention](#) will be held in Melbourne, Australia from May 27-31, 2023. District 7620 negotiated with Rotary International to secure a block of hotel rooms in the [Langham, Melbourne Hotel](#), located 0.8 miles from the Convention Center. [Read More](#)

## Rotaract Club of Washington DC

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

### Clubs awarded 2021-22 Rotaract Giving Certificate

Congratulations to the 270 Rotaract clubs that have earned the 2021-22 Rotaract Giving Certificate! [Read More](#)

## Ellicott City Rotary Club Annual Crab Feast: Rebranded: Huge Success

By Temrah Okonski on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Rotary Club of Ellicott City hosted its rebranded 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast on September 17th. This event is the club's main fundraising avenue, but the event was stagnating. This year's event was a HUGE success. [Read More](#)



## Rotary Leadership Institute by District Chair Pam Kreis

By Pamela Kreis on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) season has begun! District 7620 held its first virtual RLI session on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, with 35 participants from around Zone 33. **Congratulations to both Vesselin Stoytcheva from Capitol Hill RC and Mark Rom from Metro Bethesda RC for completing Part III and they are now graduates!**

RLI is the go-to organization to learn more about Rotary, Service, Membership, and Leadership. We focus on these elements to enable you to strengthen not only yourself but your club as well as. We guide you to key elements to enable better service projects in the community and

around the world. Join us and find your passion.

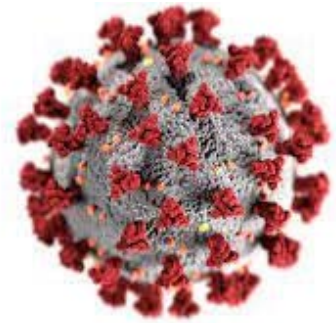
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## District 7620 COVID Thoughts and the Four Way Test

By David Searby on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

**District 7620 Covid Thoughts and the Four Way Test**  
(All Links are to Rotary or US Government Resources)

**Overview:** The latest booster is now available for the most recent Covid strains. **We are encouraging all District 7620 Rotary members to get the latest booster (Click [HERE](#) for more Info).** The Covid pandemic has interrupted life-saving vaccine campaigns. As a result, there is a growing risk of resurgence of vaccine preventable infections including measles, tuberculosis and of course POLIO. [Rotary believes vaccination is a humanitarian imperative.](#) [Read More](#)



## Rotary Summit in Baltimore Featured RI President Jennifer Jones

By Rotaract 7620 on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



*by RI Director, Jeremy Hurst*  
**"Be More Rotary" in Baltimore!**

Every year we gather at our Rotary Leadership Summit to refine our knowledge, to reinvigorate our friendships, and to be better prepared to lead our fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors. This year's Summit on September 29 to October 2 had these same opportunities – and so MUCH MORE. We had not one, but four internationally renowned Speakers that were with us for two days. Our own President Jennifer Jones was with us. We left more complete, more

focused, and more prepared to IMPACT our community, our Rotarians, and ourselves.

## 2021-22 Rotary International Citation for Rotaract

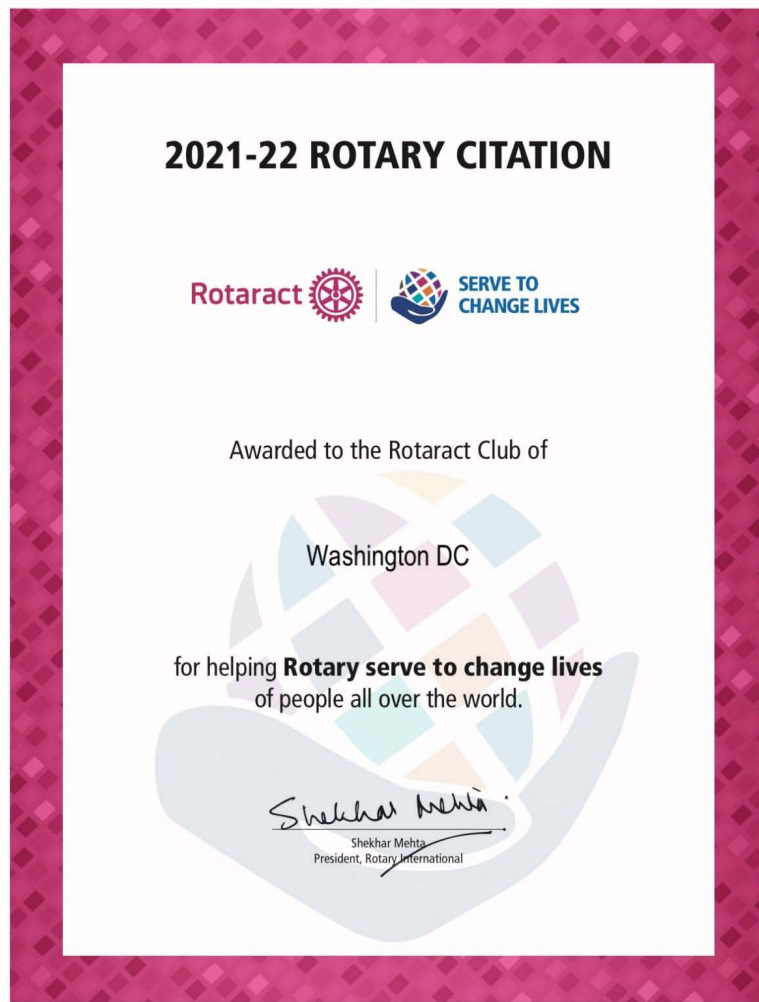
By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Congratulations to the [Rotaract Club of Washington DC](#) for being the only Club in the District to achieve this great

honor!



**Rotaract Club**  
of Washington D.C.

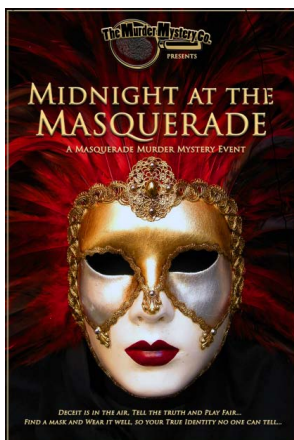


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## Midnight at the Masquerade!!! Nov 5th

By Geetha Jayaram on Saturday, September 10, 2022

Keep **November the 5th**, Saturday free. This event, **Midnight at the Masquerade**, is so much fun it is always sold out year after year. International Food, free drinks, entertainment and fellowship, color, festivities and participation in solving a mystery!



EventBrite:

<http://murdermystery2022.com/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sharer/sharer.php?u=https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-dinner-murder-mystery-tickets-408181009387>

DacDB:

<https://www.dacdb.com/Calendar/Event.cfm?EventID=77623344&CalClubID=86245&R=0.8606313656466453>

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# Rotary Foundation of Washington DC Centennial Celebration

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



The Rotary Foundation of Washington DC Centennial Celebration was a complete success! We had over 80 in attendance and raised over \$3000 for the Club's Foundation.

By popular demand, below is the link to the pictures capturing such a wonderful and fun event. Look at the smile on those faces! The Password is 9HWR. When posting please tag [DC Rotary Club](#) and use the hashtag **#DCRotaryFoundation100**. Enjoy!

<https://sgraw.pic-time.com/>-

rotaryfoundation100thanniversa ry/gallery

*Marilyn Nevy Cruz, President (2022-2023)*  
Rotary Club of Washington DC

## Nine Fantastic Reasons to Reconnect with "Dare to Dream", Rotary's Polio Eradication

By Ken Solow on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Consider



these recent headlines:

CNN: Polio has reemerged in the U.S. Who should get a polio vaccine now?

Forbes: Polio Outbreak in NY Puts U.S. On List Of Countries Where Virus Circulates, CDC Says.

NPR: Polio virus detected in more wastewater near New York City.

NBC News: New York declares a state of emergency over Polio.

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## Bonds Meadow Rotary helping to restore Ellsworth Cemetery

By David A. Highfield Rev. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



The Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow, Westminster, spent an August Saturday morning helping to restore the beauty of Ellsworth Cemetery. Ellsworth Cemetery was created on December 21, 1876 when six Black Union Army Veterans filed Maryland Articles of Incorporation to provide a burial place "for the Colored residents of Westminster, Maryland." Over the years the cemetery had suffered from neglect. Bonds Meadow Rotarians donated a new flag pole, cleaned up the cemetery flag court that was overgrown with weeds, and began the process of staining the wooden rail fence.

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## Connect With Rotary

By Bob Nelson on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Rotary yard signs are appearing across the District. If you would like to have





STS-51-L space shuttle flight badge (above) and crew (left): Commander Kenneth D. Cameron, Pilot Stephen S. Oswald, Mission Specialist C. Michael Foale, Kenneth D. Cockrell, and Ellen Ochoa (her first of four space flights). ©NASA



Space Shuttle Discovery on display at the Smithsonian's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. © Smithsonian.



Dr. Ellen Ochoa, on the flight deck of the space shuttle Atlantis (above) and working the controls of the robotic arm in the Destiny Lab on the International Space Station (right), April 2002. ©NASA.



Washington DC - September 21, 2022

## History Moment: Ellen Ochoa, the First Hispanic Woman Astronaut and Director of NASA's Johnson Space Center By Monica M. Smith

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs annually from September 15 through October 15, I thought this was a great opportunity to honor Marilyn Nevy Cruz, our first Hispanic woman Club President, by highlighting another Latina who was a "first" and also shares Marilyn's California roots.

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## DC Rotaract New Member Induction

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Tuesday, September 27, 2022



Congratulations to the ever-thriving Rotaract Club of Washington DC. Kudos on your new member induction!

[#dcrotaractclub](#) [#dcrotaryclub](#) [#rotaryinternational](#)

Posted @withrepost • @[rotaractclubofwashingtondc](#) Thank you to everyone who joined us for the new member induction yesterday! We can't wait to see what all of these new members will bring to the club. Thank you, Olivia for hosting us!



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## DC Rotary Club Past President Elton

By Sheldon L. Ray Jr. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

### **ELTON JOSEPH DELAUNE, JR. "E.J."**

Major General US Army MG E.J. Delaune Jr. was born January 23, 1931 in Alexandria, Louisiana and died on September 8, 2021 at The Fairfax Retirement Community near Ft. Belvoir, VA. He was the son of Elton Joseph and Nelver (St. Romain) Delaune. He graduated from Louisiana State University where he was a cheerleader for the Tigers and a cadet in the ROTC. A Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army at Camp Polk, LA. E.J. began his service as an Artilleryman serving in Korea, and his career took him to Japan, Vietnam, and Germany as well as many postings in the United States.

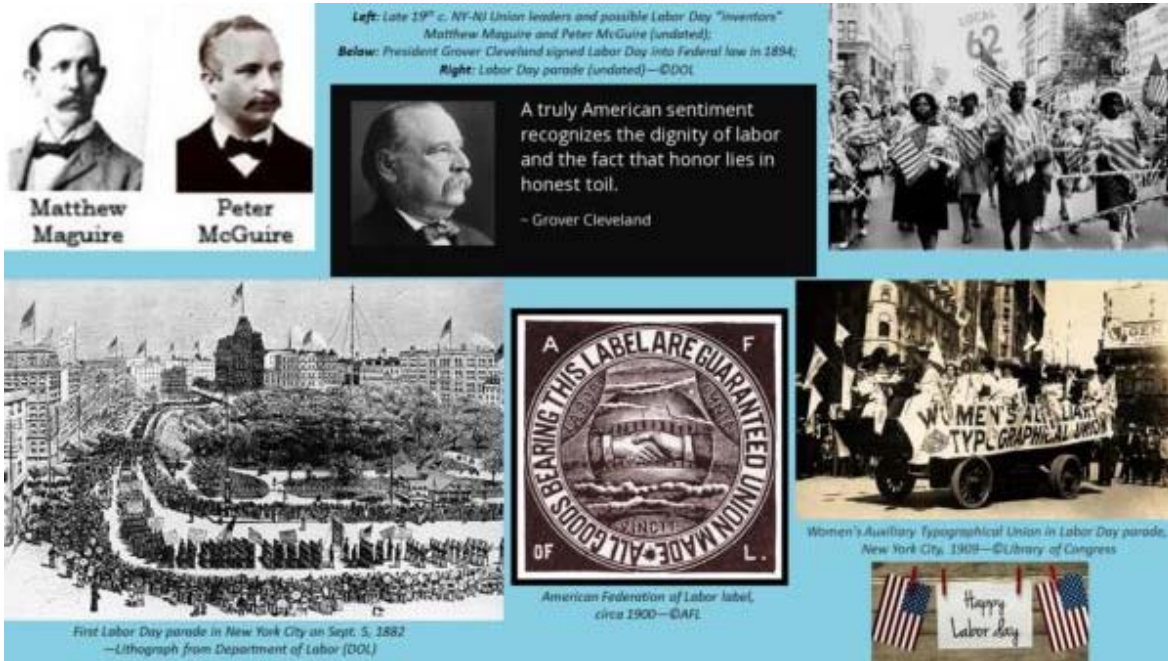


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## "The Origins of Labor Day"

By Monica M Smith on Tuesday, September 27, 2022

In the United States, Labor Day is an annual Federal holiday held on the first Monday of September. The holiday is rooted in



the 19<sup>th</sup> century when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the

contributions of the working classes.  
[Read More](#)

## A NEW Rotary District Newsletter Submission Process

By Ashley Waters on Wednesday, August 31, 2022

So what do you think of the new newsletter format?!? We are very excited to start using the ezBulletin feature to produce our newsletter, as it is easier, quicker, and more digitally dynamic. This will change the way you submit your newsletter articles, but don't worry we have a nice cheat sheet ready to go for you!

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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:

- Bob Nelson, PDG (Co-Editor, Newsletter)
- Rev. Carletta Allen (Co-Editor, Newsletter)
- Ashley Waters (D7620 Public Image Chair)

Rotary



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