



MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smoketown Rotary Cinco de Mayo Party May 5

Smoketown Rotary Club
Brunswick, MD | Service Above Self

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION
May 5th
5-8pm

Music by **FREDDIE LONG**
www.freddiealong.com

Food Truck **La Carreta**

Smoketown Brewing Brunswick
\$25.00 Cover Charge
Includes a Souvenir Glass and One Free Pint of Beer!

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Lols Jarman for Judge
by the authority of Diane Kantner, treasurer

Smoketown BREWING

Columbia-Patuxent Tour de Vines fundraiser April 30

DATE: Thursday April 30, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Columbia, MD

Join the party at the Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent's annual Tour de Vines to raise money for local nonprofits!

Enjoy fine wines, delicious food from favorite restaurants, and vintage Las Vegas tunes from Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack

Submitting Announcement Requests for Publication

District 7620 sends weekly email announcements every Tuesday morning, promoting District and Club projects and events to the entire District membership. If you have an announcement you'd like included, please submit your request using the submission form below **no later than** Friday for the following Tuesday if you want your announcement to be considered. Announcements past the Friday deadline will not be considered for the following week's announcements.

[District 7620 Announcement Submission Form](#)

Please contact office@rotary7620.org with any questions.

Recurring Meetings

Zone Innovative Club Advocate Call



5:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month
Conversations focus on growing Rotary through club refresh efforts, "Discover Rotary" events, and launching new or companion clubs, with collaboration supported through the [NACCT app](#).
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, April 7**
[Join Zoom Meeting Here](#)

Zone Membership Action Plan Call

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Plus, your chance to win a Wheelbarrow of Cheer full of premium wine and spirits, and a 50/50 Raffle where the winner gets half the pot.

Proceeds benefit the Community Action Council of Howard County, Grassroots Crisis Intervention, Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center and other local nonprofit organizations. [Read More](#)

SAVE THE DATE

de Tour Vines

A Rat Pack Party!

THURSDAY | APRIL 30, 2026 | 6:00 PM
WILDE LAKE INTERFAITH CENTER - COLUMBIA, MD
ATTIRE: VINTAGE VEGAS ELEGANCE

Rotary
Columbia-Patuxent

www.columbiarotary.com

Area 10 Social May 6

ROTARY Social

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP & NETWORKING

Connect with fellow Rotarians, enjoy great food and Chesapeake Bay views, and strengthen community ties in a relaxed, social setting.

MAY 6, 2026
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Yellowfin Steak & Fish House
2840 Solomons Island Road
Edgewater, MD 21037

RSVP

Please RSVP by April 27, 2026
Bea Carson
JointAreaFellowship.rsvpify.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Last chance to order a limited-edition Rotary District 7620 shirt!

5:30pm on the second Monday of each month

These live sessions provide practical tips and tools for club creation, growing membership, and building a welcoming club culture to help your club thrive and make every member feel valued.

Next meeting: **Monday, April 13**
[Join Zoom Meeting Here](#)

Zone Public Image Webinar

PUBLIC IMAGE BOOT CAMP

PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2026-27 ROTARY YEAR!

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | 6PM EDT
[Register at RotaryZones3334.org](#)

Interactive and informative webinars with the Zone Public Image team!

Tuesday, April 28

6:00pm

[Register Today](#)

D7620 Red Line Happy Hour

RED LINE HAPPY HOUR

Host: Rotary Club of Gaithersburg

Tuesday, April 28
5:00 - 7:00 pm
The Bench at Marriott Hotel
9751 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD

Join us and network with members from various Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in the DC Metro Area.

Bartholomew Chevy Chase | Capital Hill | College Park | Downtown Silver Spring | Dupont Circle | Gaithersburg | International Friendship | Metro Bethesda | North Bethesda | Olney | Potomac | Passport | Rockville | Washington D.C. | Washington Global | Washington Area Rotaract Clubs

Rotary District 7620

Tuesday, April 28

5:00-7:00pm

9751 Washington Blvd

Gaithersburg, MD

RSVP on DACdb!

Area 11 Happy Hour

Thursday, April 30

5:30pm

Founder's Tavern & Grille

8125 Ritchie Hwy

Pasadena, MD 21122



Our District 7620 Taipei Convention Jersey is ready for [order online!](#)

Whether you're attending the convention or not, this beautifully designed limited-edition shirt will be a treasured addition to your Rotary wardrobe! Don't miss this chance to show off your District 7620 pride with style!

May 1st is the deadline for all orders.

ICC Meeting May 4 - USA/Canada/Honduras/Guatemala/Belize

You are all invited to share in friendship and service at our next ICC General Meeting on **Monday, May, 4, 2026**, at **5:00 PM PST / 6:00 PM CT / 8:00 PM EST**.

Todos están invitados a compartir en amistad y servicio en nuestra próxima **Reunión General del ICC el lunes 4 de mayo de 2026**, a las **5:00 p. m. PST / 6:00 p. m. CT / 8:00 p. m. EST**.

Topic: ICC General Meeting
Time: May 4, 2026 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85877677430?pwd=vYKJSYxlUAKXWjPlarkyqDDuoTSos7.1>

Meeting ID: 858 7767 7430
Passcode: 656359

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For questions, please contact ICC Charter President Marilyn Nevy Cruz at mncruz10@gmail.com.



Bourbon:30 - A Whiskey Tasting Experience by Key City Rotary May 6



Bourbon:30 - A Whiskey Tasting Experience at the Visitation Hotel Ballroom

Please join Key City Rotary in Frederick, MD for a whiskey tasting experience.

Sample whiskeys from Heaven Hill Distillery alongside food pairings prepared by the team at Wye Oak Tavern.

Prepare your palate for a refined journey through the heart of Kentucky's most storied rickhouses. Bourbon :30 is an exclusive tasting event where the heritage of Heaven Hill Distillery meets the culinary craftsmanship of the Wye Oak Tavern team.

Whether you are a seasoned connoisseur or a curious newcomer to the world of American whiskey, this evening promises a curated balance of bold spirits and artisanal flavors.

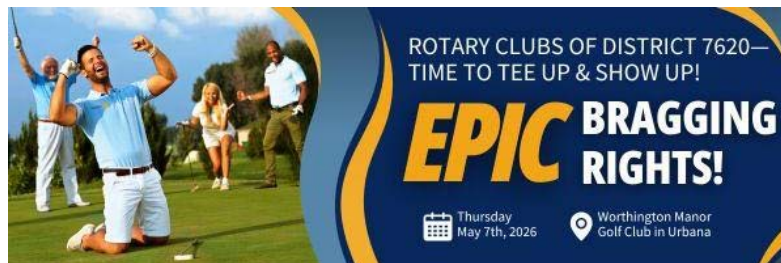
The Spirit: Heaven Hill Distillery Founded just after Prohibition, Heaven Hill has remained family-owned and operated, growing into one of the most respected names in the industry.

The Fare: Wye Oak Tavern Pairings
?The culinary team at Wye Oak Tavern has designed a bespoke menu to complement the specific tasting notes of each pour. Moving beyond standard pub fare, these pairings are engineered to highlight the caramel, oak, and spice found in the glass.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bourbon-30-a-whiskey-tasting-experience-presented-by-key-city-rotary-tickets-1986233486827>

Service Above Self Golf Tournament May 7

Are you up for the challenge? The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County (Urbana) personally invites YOU to join us for a day of camaraderie, competition, and a great cause! The Service Above Self Golf Tournament Fundraiser is your chance to enjoy a round of golf while representing your club in the spirit of friendly competition.



May 7, 2026 | Worthington Manor Golf Club in Urbana (MD)

- Form Your Team: Gather your best golfers and enjoy a day on the course.
- Bragging Rights Await: Will your club take home the championship?
- A Day to Remember: Great golf, great food, and great company, all while coming together as Rotarians to support one another.

Don't miss out—be a sponsor or register your team today! <https://serviceaboveselfgolf.com/>

We'll see you at the tee box!

Four Way Test Speech Finals & District Training on May 9!

Join us for two exciting events on Saturday, May 9, at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Bowie!

Finalists of the District's Four Way Test Speech Competition will give their final presentations- you will not want to miss these dynamic speakers!

Register now for interactive club leadership training sessions covering public relations, club management, fundraising, and more! Learn new tools, share tips and tricks, and network with other Rotarians! You do not need to be current club leadership to attend!

[Register today!](#)



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Rotary District 7620

TOPICS

- Programs/Meetings
- Club Secretary Basics
- Club Treasurer Basics
- PR/PI -
 - Telling Your Club's Story
- Member Management
- Foundation Grants
- Conflict Resolution
- Fundraising

9 MAY 2026

8:00 - 12:00

COMFORT INN CONFERENCE CENTER
4500 Crain Hwy
Bowie, MD 20716

12:00 - 2:00 PM

FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

See the Four Way Test Speech Contest finalists present!



Rotary at the National Philharmonic May 9

Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends are invited to the National Philharmonic Orchestra's production of *The Blue Hour*, a collaborative work based on Carolyn Forché's poem *On Earth*, which blends the personal and the political.

THE BLUE HOUR



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AT STRATHMORE

MAY 9, 2026 • 7:30 PM
THE MUSIC CENTER AT STRATHMORE



Deanna Tham, conductor

"Madly ambitious" and breathtakingly original, The Blue Hour is a powerful orchestral song cycle created by composers Rachel Grimes, Angélica Negrón, Shara Nova, Caroline Shaw, and Sarah Kirkland Snider. Drawing on the haunting poetry of Carolyn Forché's "On Earth," the piece blends voice and orchestra into a deeply moving meditation on memory, life, and loss.



Shara Nova, soprano

"Stunning...The 75-minute song cycle flows seamlessly, thanks to a lush, integrated composing style adhered to by Caroline Shaw, Angélica Negrón, Rachel Grimes, Sarah Kirkland Snider and Shara Nova, who sings the entire cycle."
– NPR Tom Huizenga

**USE CODE ROTARYGUEST FOR
COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO
THE BLUE HOUR**

Available for a limited time in orchestra and orchestra tier levels.

RESERVE YOUR TICKET AT [NATIONALPHILHARMONIC.ORG/BLUE](https://nationalphilharmonic.org/blue)

Lexington Park Rotary Golf Tournament May 21



08:30AM REGISTRATION

18 holes & cart, goodie bag, door prizes, coffee & donuts, drinks & lunch, post tournament oyster bar, dinner.



10:00AM SHOTGUN START

Best Ball Tournament with prizes for the top 3 teams, men's and ladies' longest drive, closest to the pin and more!

21935 Society Hill Rd.
Leonardtown, MD 20650

The Rotary Club of Lexington Park announces its 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Breton Bay Golf and Country Club in Leonardtown, MD on May 21st. This Best Ball tournament overlooking Breton Bay includes prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, post-tournament oyster bar, and dinner.

Rotary Club of Lexington Park invites community members, businesses, and golf enthusiasts to participate in this exciting charitable event. To register or learn more, please visit rotarylp.org/RCLP_Golf_Tournaments_File/golf-tournament-2026.php.

Rotary Foundation Gift Matching until May 31

Double Your Foundation Impact — For a Limited Time!

Members of our District Executive Leadership Team are stepping up in a big way — and inviting you to do the same.



Now through May 31, every dollar you give to The Rotary Foundation SHARE fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar — up to \$30,000!

That means your contribution goes twice as far in supporting:

- ?? Life-changing global grants
- ?? Local community projects
- ?? Peacebuilding and education initiatives

This is a powerful opportunity to amplify your impact and help our district do even more good in the world.

Make your gift today and be part of something bigger. RSVP to [Amir Kahn](#) to have your donation matched.

Tour de Frederick June 6



The Tour de Frederick is more than just a cycling event, it's a powerful way we live out Rotary's "Service Above Self." Hosted by the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, this annual ride brings together cyclists of all levels to experience the beauty of Frederick County while raising critical funds that go right back into our community.

Proceeds from the event directly support impactful local initiatives, including youth leadership programs, scholarships, food insecurity efforts, and partnerships with organizations like the Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County. Every mile ridden helps us expand our reach and deepen our impact. [Read More](#)



TOUR DE FREDERICK

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2026

Discover beautiful scenic routes with 10 to 100-mile options, perfect for families, followed by a fun after party with great food, live music, and local beverage options to celebrate the journey

Why Ride with us?

- ✔ Beautiful scenic 10-100 mile options
- ✔ Fun after party with beer, food, and music
- ✔ Raise funds for local non-profits
- ✔ Family friendly

www.tourdefrederick.com



Register



DC Pride Parade June 20

Join Rotary District 7620 Washington DC Area 7 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs & District 7610 at the DC Pride Parade!

When: Saturday, June 20, 2026

Time: 3:00pm – 7:30pm

Where: Logan & Dupont Circle Neighborhoods, Washington, D.C.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77899496>

Contact Area 7 AG, Marilyn Nevy Cruz at mncruz10@gmail.com or 562.303.4711 with any questions.



Open Your Home, Change a Life — Host a Youth Exchange Student!



Open Your Home, Change a Life — Host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student!

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of Rotary's most impactful programs, fostering global understanding and peace by giving young people the opportunity to live in another country, experience new cultures, and build lifelong connections. As Rotarians, we believe peace begins with understanding, and through youth exchange, we help shape young

leaders into ambassadors of goodwill and intercultural understanding.

For the 2026–27 academic year, we are excited to explore the opportunity to host four or more inbound long-term Rotary Youth Exchange students in our District. To make this possible, we are seeking host families who can welcome a student into their home for approximately three to four months, typically as part of a group of three host families supporting one student throughout the year.

Hosting an exchange student is a deeply rewarding experience. It brings cultural richness and new perspectives into your home while making a lasting impact on a young person's life. Host families do not need to be Rotarians—just caring individuals or families willing to open their homes and hearts.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about becoming a host family, please reach out to D7620 RYE Chair Ric Meyer at meyer7620@icloud.com or D7620 Youth Services Chair Hande Apaydin at handeapaydin@me.com or your Club President/President-Elect. Families interested in hosting can also directly complete an application here: <https://www.exchangestudent.org/host-a-student/>

To learn more about Rotary Youth Exchange, please visit: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges>

Thank you for your continued dedication to service and for supporting a Rotary program that truly helps build a more peaceful world.

