



MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 26, 2025

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requesting Volunteers for Maryland Peace Concert

The Rotary Club of Rockville, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Greenbelt and Rotary Club of Gaithersburg is organizing the Rotary Club of Rockville, Maryland Peace Concert to occur on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

The aim of the Peace Concert, among others, is to promote peace through Rotary International, through the collaborating Rotary Clubs, through music, through words, through dance, through collaborations, and through other performances. We are planning for about 120 persons.

The duration of the event is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding set-up and clean-up times). We kindly request Rotarian-volunteers from Rotary District 7620 to provide photography services, videography services, and Disk Jockey services for the Concert. We also kindly request Rotarian-volunteers as musicians, dancers, poets, and other performers.

We welcome your suggestions on how you can volunteer in other ways towards the planning of the Concert.

Please contact Ukpeme Akpan Okon through values@thevaluesstring.com by August 30, 2025 to indicate your availability to volunteer your services for the Peace Concert.

We thank you for your support.

Ukpeme Akpan Okon Rotary Club of Rockville President

Jennifer Dudley Rotary Club of Greenbelt President

Priscilla Kinnear Rotary Club of Gaithersburg President

Rotary Club of Frederick Raffle

The Rotary Club of Frederick invites you to participate in our exclusive raffle for a once-in-a-lifetime experience in Augusta, GA. Here is your chance to attend one of golf's most prestigious events – The Masters – all while supporting a local cause.

Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. \$50 = 1 raffle entry.
Two grand prize winners will be selected to receive (Winner 1: Thurs & Fri | Winner 2: Sat & Sun):
- Two-night accommodations
- Two tournament badges per winner for two tournament rounds
- \$1500 travel credit

See full details, rules and purchase ticket at <https://givebutter.com/c/cqoR8h>. Raffle is not affiliated with The Masters or Augusta National. Email frederickrotaryclub@gmail.com with any questions.

REMINDERS

District Governor Office Hours



Join DG, Mandy Granger for District 7620 Office hours! Office hours are held via Zoom on the following days:

- First Friday of each month at 8 AM
- Third Monday of each month at 6 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81560125331?pwd=XiVYIF8BObj0UABFNgdFbodGeYsrr.1>

Meeting ID: 815 6012 5331
Passcode: 111607

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Seeking District Volunteers!

District 7620 is in need of volunteers. We are looking for a Weekly Announcements editor and members for the district grants committee. Anyone interested in receiving more information may contact DG Mandy Warfield Granger at mwgranger.rotary@gmail.com

INDIA TRIP - 2026

You are invited to join a fun-filled two-week group tour to eastern India. In Feb 2026, we are organizing an India trip for interested Rotarians and Rotaractors. The details of the trip are provided below. See also the attached Flyer with pictures. For further information, contact: Paul Mahata at Rotary Club of Mt Airy, Pmahata@verizon.net Tel: 301-275-9730.

TRIP DETAILS:

- Visiting three Rotary global grant project sites in Purulia, India. These projects were supported by 23 Rotary clubs of our district.
- Attending the opening of a Rotary library, jointly operated by Purulia Rotary club and a local Trust.
- Going on a special tour of eastern India which includes:
 - Kolkata (Calcutta) and its impressive monuments (such as Victoria Memorial)
 - Sundarbans Tiger Reserve (home of Royal Bengal Tigers), and
 - Darjeeling tea gardens in the slopes of the Himalayan Range

Expected cost for this fun-filled trip is \$2,500/person, including air fare. We organized a similar group tour in 2020, and it was a grand success. Six Rotarians joined in to visit northern India at that time. Commitment window to make the India trip-2026 has been extended to Aug 31, 2025.

India Trip - 2026

Join a fun-filled Group Tour to eastern India
Jan 29 – Feb 12, 2026

Visit three Global Grant sites at Purulia (WB), plus

Rotary Library





Take a guided tour of:
Kolkata (Calcutta) City



Sundarbans Tiger Reserve



Darjeeling tea gardens at the Himalayan Range



Cost: \$2,500/person (approx.) Organized by: Paul Mahata, Rotary Club of Mt Airy (Pmahata@verizon.net) 301-275-9730, and Rotary Club of Purulia, India

John Clark Memorial PolioPlus Baseball Night

Rescheduled to
September 4!


Rotary
District 7620

**JOHN CLARK MEMORIAL
BAYSOX GAME**

~~JULY 31~~ / BOWIE, MD

Polio Plus Baseball Night

Look for the Rotary table on the 3rd base side, directly across from the food stands.

General Admission seating on the 3rd base side

\$15 tickets includes a \$5 food coupon
AND the Baysox will make a donation to End Polio Now after the game.

LOCATION: September 4
Prince George's Stadium

DATE: July 31, 2025, 6:35pm

Happy Hour Drinks in the main
concourse tent: 5PM-6:30PM

Game 6:35pm

Tickets are \$15
Contact Dave Vogel (443-306-3398) or Bob Sartwell (443-306-4997) to buy tickets.

Please consider joining us for Rotary Baseball Night at the Chesapeake Baysox game on Thursday, September 4th.

We will be raising money for Polio eradication and celebrating the life and accomplishments of our own John Clark, who spearheaded this event for the last 4 years.

Date: September 4, 2025

Time: 5:00-6:30pm happy hour drinks in the main concourse tent, game begins at 6:35pm

Location: Prince George's Stadium, 4101 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716

Tickets are \$15. Contact Dave Vogel (443-306-3398) or Bob Sartwell (443-306-4997) to buy tickets.

Invitation to March in Greenbelt Labor Day Parade

The Greenbelt Rotary Club invites you to march with us in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 1. We will be marching with Duval High School's Interact Air Tigers Robotics Club, which is sponsored by the College Park Rotary Club. We also expect to have a convertible!

Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival is the best weekend of the year in Greenbelt. The four day event includes a Community Information Day, talent show, pet show, carnival, pet show, musical performers, Greenbelt Elementary School PTA used book sale, Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Award, and Monday's Labor Day Parade.

<https://greenbeltlaborday.com/>

The parade begins at 10 a.m. Monday, September 1.

Practical information

- Please RSVP with your expected number of attendees to this email by Monday, September 25.
- Parking is available for parade participants at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (P on attached map). Enter from Kenilworth Ave to Crescent Road to access the park: tell the police you are marching in the parade to get through their blockade. Arrive before 0900 to ensure a parking space. Carpooling is encouraged.
- Please meet us for parade line up on Crescent Road near the park by 9 am.
- The parade route follows Crescent Road from the park into downtown Greenbelt. It ends at the reviewing stand in downtown Greenbelt (R on attached map).
- Questions: contact us at rotarygreenbelt@gmail.com, or Erica Johns at 301-385-2449.

Invitation from Habitat for Humanity Sept 30

We hope you will join us at our [6th Annual Polo Classic](#) to Benefit Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland on September 13th at the Congressional Polo Club in Poolesville MD. It will be a spectacular day and a great opportunity where our fellow Rotarians can 'Unite for Good!'

Rotary Club Presidents get a free tailgate site with two free tickets, and Rotarians get a \$35 discount off all entrance fees.

Contact geoffreythomas@habitatmm.org for more details.

2025 Joint District Conference!



Join Us in Washington, D.C. for the [2025 Joint District Conference!](#)

Rotarians from Districts 7610 and 7620 are coming together in our nation's capital for a dynamic weekend of fellowship, learning, and fun—October 3–5, 2025.

Highlights include:

FRIDAY kicks off with a *Scavenger Hunt in the City*, a *Peacebuilding Workshop* with the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, a screening of the *State Organs* documentary followed by an expert panel, and the opening of our *House of Friendship*.

The evening continues with our *Welcome Mega Hospitality Suite*—enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, libations, a live performance, and dress to impress for our *International Night to Unite for Good!*

SATURDAY begins with *mindful morning walks and yoga*, followed by inspiring *keynote speakers* and engaging *breakout sessions* on topics like AI, Peacebuilding, Storytelling, and Youth Programs.

Visit the *House of Friendship*, then roll up your sleeves for a hands-on *service project benefiting Friendship Place!*

Cap off the evening with *Dine Arouds* (\$) at curated local restaurants and another fun-filled night in our *Mega Hospitality Suite*, complete with sweet treats and Rotary-themed activities.

SUNDAY offers another round of *morning mindfulness*, keynote sessions, and a final visit to the *House of Friendship*. Wrap up your weekend with an optional group outing to a *Washington Spirit women's soccer game!*

And that's just the beginning—so much more awaits!

Register and learn more: [District Conference Website](#)

Book your stay: [Westin Conference Hotel](#)

Stay connected: [Join us on Facebook](#)

We can't wait to see you there!

Yours in Service,

Don't Miss Out — Book Your Room for the 2025 Joint District Conference!



Fellow Rotarians,

Our [Joint District 7610 & 7620 Conference](#) is just around the corner — happening October 3–5, 2025, in the heart of Washington, D.C. This will be a weekend you won't want to miss!

We're bringing together Rotarians from across two districts for:

- Inspiring keynote speakers who will challenge and motivate us
- Dynamic breakout sessions on service, leadership, innovation, and Rotary's future
- Hands-on service projects making a real impact right here in D.C.
- The [House of Friendship](#) — your hub for networking, collaboration, and sharing ideas
- Evening celebrations and fellowship that capture the true Rotary spirit

All of this is happening in one location — and staying onsite means you'll be at the center of the action from the first cup of coffee to the last conversation of the night.

Why book now? [Our special conference room block](#) is limited and only available **until September 23**. Once it's gone, it's gone — and we want you there with us for the full experience.

?? [Reserve your hotel room](#) today and make sure you're part of the most energizing Rotary weekend of the year!

We're looking forward to seeing you in D.C. — and making this a conference to remember.

Yours in Rotary,

2025 District Conference Executive Committee

Joint 7610-7620 DisCon House of Friendship Sign-Up



Please Join Us at the House of Friendship at the Upcoming Joint District 7610 and 7620 Conference

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Community Partners,

We are excited to invite you to participate in the House of Friendship at the upcoming Joint District 7610 and 7620 Conference, taking place from Friday, October 3 to Sunday, October 5, 2025, at the Westin City Center in Washington, D.C.

REGISTER HERE --> <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77810857>

The House of Friendship offers a unique opportunity to showcase your products, projects, or passions to a diverse audience of Rotarians and community members. Each exhibitor will be provided with a high-visibility location, a table, a table skirt, and two chairs. Setup is scheduled from 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM on Friday.

The participation rates are as follows:

- Clubs, Community Organizations, and Nonprofits: \$50

- For-Profit Businesses: \$100

SECURE YOUR SPOT --> <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77810857>

We encourage you to reserve your table promptly, as spaces are limited and expected to fill up quickly.

For more information about the conference and additional opportunities for engagement, please contact:

7620 - Theresa Garcia-Parks, rotariangarciaparks@gmail.com
7610 - Pat Borowski, paborowski@cox.net

We look forward to your participation in making this year's House of Friendship a vibrant and enriching experience for all attendees.

Joint 7610-7620 DisCon Mega Hospitality Suite Sign-Up

Rotary  **DISCON**
Districts 7610 & 7620
Hospitality Night
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD @ 7:00PM

SNACKS/LIBATIONS
Club Participation Tables
7610 Andrea Savitch, asavitch@uniquetravevents.com
7620 Sterling Hoffman, sterling@sterlingportraits.com
Friday International Night

UNITE FOR GOOD

To reserve your table, please contact:

7610: **Andrea Savitch** asavitch@uniquetravevents.com
7620: **Sterling Hoffman** at sterling@sterlingportraits.com

Rotary  **DISCON**
Districts 7610 & 7620
Hospitality Night
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH @ 8:00PM

SNACKS/LIBATIONS
Club Participation Tables
7610 Andrea Savitch, asavitch@uniquetravevents.com
7620 Sterling Hoffman, sterling@sterlingportraits.com
Saturday is FUN Night

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