

MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 5, 2025

#### **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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 Arounds* (\$) at curated local restaurants and another funfilled 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

# 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

We can't wait to see you there!

Yours in Service. Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District Conference Chair E: mncruz10@gmail.com C: (562) 303-4711

### Howard West Virtual Meeting & Guest Speaker Aug. 18

Kenyan Rotarian Emily Bakhitah is the founder of the Rise to Shine Education Foundation, a private non-governmental organization focused on empowering young, needy students in Kenya. Bakhitah will share her personal story and the mission of her foundation, which aims to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational opportunities for vulnerable children.



#### REMINDERS

### **Upcoming District, Monthly Learning Opportunities and** Other Events!

Please take a moment to register and save the dates for these upcoming district, monthly learning opportunities and other events!

**Monthly Learning Opportunities** 

Register NOW for Rotary Monthly Learning: Zoom, Canva & AI, Oh My! 8/18
Register NOW for Rotary Monthly Learning: Shine Bright, Make Your Club

Unmissable 9/15

Register NOW for Rotary Monthly Learning: Turning Conversations into Invitations 10/20

District Conference

Register NOW for Joint DisCon 10/3-10/5

I welcome your questions, training topic suggestions and speaker recommendations for the monthly learning opportunities.

Warm regards,

Alicia

Alicia Hannon District 7620 Learning Facilitator 2025-2028 alicia.hannon@gmail.com

#### Rotary Club of Annapolis Announces Tickets are on Sale for 80th Annual Crab Feast

The Rotary Club of Annapolis is excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast, which is taking place on Friday, August 1st at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis.

As in years past, the Rotary Club is busy preparing to welcome over 1,000 guests at one of the premier summer events in Annapolis. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of all-you-can-eat crabs and BBQ, corn on the cob, and other treats. The Crab Feast offers fun for all and is a traditional celebration of summer!

Prices for the Crab Feast this year are:

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.

### Banner of Clubs Opportunity!



Dear Club Presidents, President-Elects, Treasurers and Secretaries,

In igniting Unite for Good, we are offering each of our clubs an extraordinary opportunity to participate in the as a sponsor at the special rate of \$250.00 (or more). In appreciation of your sponsorship of \$250.00, we will enter your club's name on the *Banner of Clubs* that will be hung in a highly visible area during the October 3-5 conference. Also, your club will be listed as a club sponsor on our website. Can you imagine seeing your name on the displayed banner along with other clubs? How exciting!

Please confirm your participation by emailing or texting Marilyn Nevy Cruz at **(562) 303-4711**, email: <a href="mailto:mncruz10@gmail.com">mncruz10@gmail.com</a>. Sponsorships can be made via check payable to: Rotary District 7610 or via Credit Card or ACH at discon2025/

Confirmation Deadline: September 25, 2025. For those that have already confirmed, thank you!

We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

YIRS,

Mandy Warfield Granger District 7620 Governor

Marilyn Nevy Cruz District 7620 Conference Chair & AG

Joint 7610-7620 DisCon Mega Hospitality Suite Sign-Up

General admission: Adults \$95; children 3-12 \$35 Reserved seating: Individual \$135; Table of 14 \$2100; Table of 12 \$1800 VIP seating: Individual \$190 - these seats are very limited; Table of 12 \$2280; Table of 10 \$1900

Raffle tickets are also available for purchase, with five tickets priced at \$20. Prizes include: 1st Place \$1000; 2nd Place \$500; 3rd Place \$250; and 4th Place a bushel of crabs.

The Crab Feast is a major fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Annapolis. All proceeds are donated to local charities and non-profit organizations through the Crab Feast grant program.

Tickets for the Crab Feast and the raffle can be purchased online at www.annapolisrotary.org/crabfeast.

Let's Get Crackin' for a Good Cause! For more information about the Rotary Club of Annapolis, please visit www.annapolisrotary.org.

## Books, Bubbles and All That Jazz - August 18th

Register now at books4kids.givesmart.com



"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free" - Frederick Douglass

Join us for a celebration of literacy and all it can do to change lives.

To benefit Signature Literacy-Based Projects:

- Birthday Books Program
- Little Free Libraries
- **Positive Vibes for Kids**
- **Rotary Dictionary Project Dictionaries for 3rd Graders**
- **CAC Summer Reading Program**

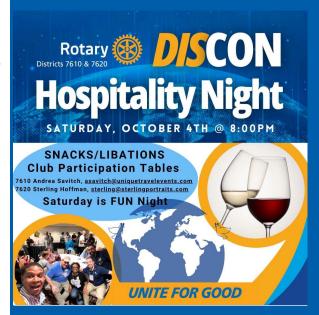
Tickets and Sponsorships available at books4kids.givesmart.com

Glen Burnie Crab Feast Aug 20



To reserve your table, please contact:

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



#### **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=XiVYIF8BObjo1UABFNgdfBodGeYsrr.1

Meeting ID: 815 6012 5331 Passcode: 111607

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# **Crab Feast for schools! Aug 21**



The Event of the

Summer is Back!!! The Crab Feast for schools!

Proceeds Benefits; Scholarships **Backpack Programs** Literacy Programs presented by Rotary Club of Lake Shore-Severna Park

Date: Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025 @ 6:00 pm Place: Kurtz's Beach - 2070 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena, MD 21122

Menu: Steamed Crabs, Beer & Soft Drinks, BBQ, Sausage, Pepper & Onions Hot Dogs, Chicken Tenders, Maryland Crab Soup, Macaroni & Cheese, Cucumber

Salad, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Assorted Sheet Cake.

Entertainment: Music, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Cake Wheel Auction

Price: \$75 /Person.

or Purchase a Table of 10 for \$700.

For tickets contact Bob Sartwell at bobsartwell@gmail.com, 443-306-4997

Note: Bring School supplies to donate to schools and receive an entry in the Mystery Raffle.

#### Red Line Happy Hour Aug. 26

**Register NOW** 

