



MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Peace Talk on The Rotary Representative Network Feb. 19

Speaker: Rose Cardarelli, District Governor Nominee  
Date/Time: Thursday, February 19 @ 7pm  
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85785874705?pwd=5TaMqih0v2deyCbSkvu5gOetXyraqi.1>  
Topic: The Rotary Representative Network: Creating Global Impact and Reach

The Rotary Representative Network increases Rotary's impact around the world by working with international organizations to facilitate further collaboration and support on shared priorities such as polio eradication, food security, peace, health, the environment, and the alleviation of poverty. As official liaisons to the United Nations and other international organizations, the Rotary Representative Network (RRN) serves as a vital component of RI's brand building and outreach efforts – enhancing Rotary's international profile while strengthening the organization's ability to share Rotary's perspective with global forums and entities. The RRN also exists to facilitate strategic meetings with key personnel and to develop relationships that help advance their work within Rotary's areas of focus.

## Comedy Show for Food & Shelter in Gaza: Unite for Good! Feb. 28



The Rotary Club of Washington Global, Gaza Champions and Grassroots Comedy are teaming up to support families in Gaza.

On February 28, at the Festival Center in Washington D.C., we're bringing people together for Comedy Show for Food & Shelter in Gaza: Unite for Good - a night of stand-up with purpose, created to turn collective frustration into action.

Proceeds from the show will support Gaza Champions, providing direct emergency assistance for families in Gaza. The show will

feature some of the best comedians in the Mid-Atlantic, bringing sharp sets, cathartic laughs, and the kind of energy that reminds you you're not alone in wanting to do something.

Come for the comedy, stay for the impact: when institutions fail, community steps in. Get your tickets here: <https://lnkd.in/eMDGfVzZ>

If you can't make it to the event, but still want to contribute, you can donate directly to Gaza Champions via Venmo @gazachamps with the memo 'comedy night' or to funds linked here: <https://lnkd.in/e77Ve7Yt>  
100% of all funds sent to the Venmo are wired directly to families in Gaza in need of assistance.

## Register Today! Red Line Happy Hour Feb. 24

Join us on February 24th at the Red Line Happy Hour at BT's Bethesda Bar & Grill!

[Register here on DACdb](#)

## 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](mailto:office@rotary7620.org) with any questions.

BT's Bethesda Bar & Grill  
4866 Cordell Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
<https://btsbethesda.com/>



## BWI Flower Sale - orders due April 10



### 2026 BWI Rotary Club Flower Sale OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION & LITERACY.

Flowers, Plants, Hanging Baskets and Tropical's are available for pre-order. For Order Forms contact Peter Notari 443-540-6923 or Margaret Nichols 410-608-7716  
**Order Deadline April 10, 2026**  
**Order Delivery Dates – May 1-2, 2026**  
**FREE DELIVERY**



BWI's Annual Flower Sale supports education and literacy projects in the community. To order, please complete the [order form](#). The deadline for orders is April 10th with delivery on May 1st and 2nd. Delivery is free and the club will deliver within a 50 mile radius!

## Presidents-Elect, sign up for C-PETS!

Chesapeake Presidents Elect  
Training Seminar (CPETS) 2026

March 5 – 7, 2026

Westfields Marriott  
Washington Dulles, Chantilly  
VA



**Our DGE Leaders!**

Districts 7600, 7610, 7620, 7630

**Rotary**  
CHESAPEAKE PETS

**Chesapeake PETS**  
Presidents Elect Learning Seminar  
**MARCH 5 - 7, 2026**  
Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles | Virginia

*Emerging Club Leaders Academy is Mar. 6 afternoon - Mar. 7 for selected participants. Ask your District Governor Nominee about attending!*

**CPETS** helps prepare future Club Presidents and district leaders for their upcoming roles. Our dedicated event Planning Committee and facilitators will help you to make the best of this learning event. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences and best practices during interactive sessions. You will have the opportunity to learn proven strategies to make your club stronger, attract new members, and enhance your members' Rotary experience.

[View CPETS26 event flyer here \(pdf\) >](#)

### Our 2026 VIP Speakers from Rotary International:

IPP Stephanie Urchick 2024-25 | Foundation Trustee Marty Helman | Rotarian Brian Rusch, CEO, Out For Equality

[Click here](#) to register in DACdb with your Rotary login credentials.

**Note: Registration fees will increase by \$50 after Feb. 11, 2025 -- so register asap!**

*Registration for Hotel Rooms is a Separate Step:*

**A block of rooms has been reserved for CPETS26 participants with a deadline of Feb. 11, 2026. (If the hotel gets sold out, there are several hotels very close by along Rte. 28.) [Click here for Westfields Marriott 2026 hotel reservations info](#) at our special \$117/night rate (plus taxes).**

*Presidents Elect:*

**For questions about event registration: contact your District Governor Elect or ask at your district Pre-PETS sessions. Or email [CPETSRotary@gmail.com](mailto:CPETSRotary@gmail.com), so we can direct your inquiry to the appropriate Planning Committee member.**

[Read More](#)

## Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Club to Toast 40th Anniversary Feb. 26

Date: 2/26/2026  
Time: 6-8:30 p.m.  
Place: The Collective Encore, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia MD 21044

The Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Club is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding on Thursday, Feb. 26, with a gala at The Collective Encore from 6-8:30 p.m. Longtime member Charlie McCabe and charter member Dushyant Patel are gathering historical pictures and memorabilia to retrace the club's history.

They've been working to compile a list of names for invitations and reaching out to past presidents, as well as the original district governor and charter president—both of whom will attend. The event will recount the club's four decades of service and community commitment, including details of its founding, milestones, and accomplishments.



While Rotary has undergone a number of changes over the years, Charlie and Dushyant say Columbia-Patuxent members from the beginning enjoyed community service, networking, and fellowship. "Our club has had a good mixture of both the business side and the social side," Charlie said. "We've held on to that tradition. I think that's a very important part of our success. We love to get together, be together, and have fun."

## Early Bird Pricing for 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 era.

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.

Early Bird Special ticket prices of \$100 per person available now through February 28. Standard tickets are \$125 starting March 1. Why wait? Secure your ticket now and save!

Proceeds benefit the Community Action Council of Howard County, Grassroots Crisis Intervention, Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center and other local nonprofit organizations.  
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## Taipei 2026 - Register before March 31 for discounted pricing!

# UNITE FOR GOOD IN TAIPEI CITY, TAIWAN ROTARY



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, 13–17 JUNE 2026

### Taipei Is Getting Real - Are You In?

Here's the reality: the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei is no longer a someday idea, it's happening.

More than 36,000 Rotarians from around the world will be there. Travel groups are forming. Roommates are being paired. Zone events are being planned. Side trips are filling in. Connections are already happening. And this is the moment where the experience starts to take shape.

Taipei isn't just another convention city. It's a global crossroads of culture, innovation, food, history, and Rotary energy. This convention will be bold, international, and unforgettable - the kind people talk about long after the closing session. The only regret we hear after conventions like this? "I wish I had gone."

So, if Taipei is even *on your radar*, now's the time to lean in, ask questions, and start planning. Because the best conventions aren't just attended, they're experienced together.

Don't be the one looking at the photos afterward. Be in them!

## Register Early & Save

Don't miss out - register early and SAVE!

**Register before 31 March 2026** to avoid the **\$100 rate increase** that takes effect **1 April 2026**

[Register for the Convention](#)

[Read More](#)