



MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Low Cost CPR and AED Training in Olney Feb. 7

### Low Cost CPR Certification & Free AED Awareness Training



Saturday, Feb 7th

from 9am -12 & Noon to 1 pm

Trainings will be held at Oakdale Emory Church in Olney

CPR Certification is \$65. AED Awareness is Free.

Scan QR Code for more information.

Registration for both classes is required.



The Rotary Club of Olney are partnering with Rescue One to offer a low-cost CPR certification and free AED awareness training on Saturday, February 7th, from 9:00-12:00 and 12:00-1:00. Trainings will be held at Oakdale Emory Church in Olney. CPR Certification is \$65 and AED awareness is free.

## Parole Rotary's Rob Smith Memorial Blood Drive Feb. 9

Parole Rotary will host the Rob Smith Memorial Blood Drive on Monday, 9 February, in partnership with Luminis Health / Anne Arundel Medical Center. The drive will take place in the parking lot of the Annapolis Yacht Club, with free and convenient parking available for all donors. This annual event honors the legacy of Rob Smith while supporting one of the most critical needs in our community: maintaining a safe and reliable blood supply for local hospitals and emergency care. Donors are encouraged to register in advance using the QR code on the attached flyer to reserve a time slot and help Luminis Health plan for a strong turnout.

[Read More](#)

## 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.

Rotary  
Club of Parole (Annapolis)

Luminis Health.

Give Blood, Save Lives

**Rob Smith Memorial -  
PAROLE ROTARY CLUB  
BLOOD DRIVE**

February 9, 2026  
8:30am-1:00pm

2 Compromise Street Annapolis, MD 21401



Register here:



## Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Super Bowl Fundraiser

ROTARY CLUB OF  
COLUMBIA PATUXENT

# SUPER BOWL POOL

**PRICE OF SQUARES** | **1 FOR \$100**  
**3 FOR \$250**

Q1 WIN \$1,000  
Q2 WIN \$1,000  
Q3 WIN \$1,000  
Q4 WIN \$1,000

**PURCHASE:** [www.columbiarotary.com](http://www.columbiarotary.com)

Rotary  
Columbia-Patuxent

We are officially kicking off our Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent Super Bowl Pool, and we want you to claim your spot on the board!

The Cost: \$100 for 1 square or \$250 for 3. You may purchase as many as you would like. Each purchase benefits our 501(c)(3) Charitable Trust that gives all proceeds to local non-profit organizations.

Once the board is full, we'll send out the completed sheet so you can see your lucky numbers before kickoff!

The Prizes: \$1,000 payouts based on the last digit of each team's score at the end of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters, plus the final score (no overtime).

How to Claim Your Square:

Scan the QR code or visit [www.columbiarotary.com/superbowl](http://www.columbiarotary.com/superbowl)  
Send checks to: Rotary Club of Columbia- Patuxent, P.O. Box 1292 Columbia, MD 21044

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

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 February 24th



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

[Register here on DACdb](#)

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

## 4-Way Test Speech Contest - Learn More & Get Involved!



Learn more about District 7620's Four Way Test Speech Contest during an upcoming information session! Please feel free to share information session details with any interested eligible participants (contestants must be in grades 9-12 and cannot be a direct descendant of a Rotarian).

**Monday, February 9th** at 7:00 pm. [RSVP](#) for Calendar Invitation

Call link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4106284825?pwd=tTCCQAmWOTB1Q0jgAm3D76twPjkMe.1&omn=85344142463>

We are still seeking student mentors for the Four Way Speech Contest. Mentors guide participating students in choosing a speech topic, developing their speech, and strengthening their public speaking skills.

Will you consider serving as a student mentor?

To register:  
Please [register to be a speech mentor on DACdb \(ezLink\)](#)

More information is available on the website at <https://www.rotary7620.org/youth-programs/4wt/>

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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[okonskitg@verizon.net](mailto:okonskitg@verizon.net)  
240-426-3404

## Presidents-Elect, Sign Up for CPETS!

Chesapeake Presidents Elect  
Training Seminar (CPETS) 2026

March 5 – 7, 2026

Westfields Marriott  
Washington Dulles, Chantilly  
VA

[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.

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## Taipei 2026 - Register Before March 31 for Discounted Pricing!



### 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](#)

## 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

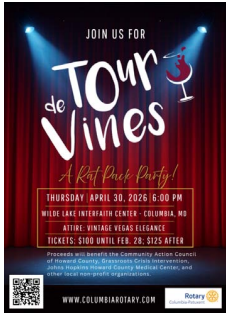
The Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Club is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding on Thursday, Feb. 26, with a gala at The Collective Encore from 6-8:30 p.m. Longtime member Charlie McCabe and charter member Dushyant Patel are gathering historical pictures and memorabilia to retrace the club's history.



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 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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