

# Rotary



## DISTRICT 7620 Announcements

July 15, 2025

**Have an announcement for District 7620?** To be included in the weekly announcements, please submit your request **no later than** the Friday before the Tuesday publication if you want your announcement to be circulated and considered. Announcements past the Friday deadline will not be considered for the following week's announcements. Please contact DCO, **Pamela Stern-Green** at [psgreen@verizon.net](mailto:psgreen@verizon.net) with any questions.

[District 7620 Announcement Submission Form](#)

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Joint 7610-7620 DisCon Mega Hospitality Suite Sign-Up

The poster features a blue background with a subtle world map pattern. At the top left, the Rotary logo is followed by the text "Rotary Districts 7610 & 7620". To the right, the word "DISCON" is written in large, bold, orange and white letters. Below this, "Hospitality Night" is written in large, white, bold letters. Underneath, "FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD @ 7:00PM" is written in white. A circular inset on the right shows two wine glasses, one with white wine and one with red wine. A circular inset on the bottom left shows a group of people smiling. At the bottom, a blue silhouette of a world map is shown with the text "UNITE FOR GOOD" in white.

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

**SNACKS/LIBATIONS**  
**Club Participation Tables**  
7610 Andrea Savitch, [asavitch@uniquetravevents.com](mailto:asavitch@uniquetravevents.com)  
7620 Sterling Hoffman, [sterling@sterlingportraits.com](mailto:sterling@sterlingportraits.com)  
**Friday International Night**

**UNITE FOR GOOD**

To reserve your table, please contact:

7610: **Andrea Savitch** [asavitch@uniquetravevents.com](mailto:asavitch@uniquetravevents.com)

7620: **Sterling Hoffman** at [sterling@sterlingportraits.com](mailto:sterling@sterlingportraits.com)

Rotary  
Districts 7610 & 7620



**DISCON**

# Hospitality Night

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH @ 8:00PM

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**Club Participation Tables**

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7620 Sterling Hoffman, [sterling@sterlingportraits.com](mailto:sterling@sterlingportraits.com)

**Saturday is FUN Night**



**UNITE FOR GOOD**

## REMINDERS

**John Clark Memorial Baysox Game July 31**

# 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:

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.

Join us for an evening of fun and socializing with other Rotarians!

We will be raising money for Polio and celebrating the life and accomplishments of our own John Clark of Lake Shore-Severna Park. Let's make this one truly memorable!

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## 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: Unite for Good: Bigger Together 7/21

[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

## RLI Events

[Register NOW](#) for RLI Parts I, II, III, New Faculty/Recert/Grad - Kannapolis, NC 7/12

[Register NOW](#) for RLI Part I - Virtual (hosted by District 7770) 7/21-7/22

## DG Mandy's Installation

[Register NOW](#) for DG Installation and District Awards 7/13

## 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](mailto:alicia.hannon@gmail.com)

## Foundation and Grants Training Sessions Available On-line with Extended Deadline!

The incoming DRFC, Barton Goldenberg, has extended the deadline to complete the mandated **Foundation and Grants training for MOU qualification to 30 July**. In addition to the Foundation and Grants management courses in MyLearning of the Rotary website, you now have the option of completing the training by watching online recordings of District 7620 sessions (about 1 hour each) found at:

Foundations: <https://youtu.be/nIYIMUPIExU>

Grants: <https://youtu.be/YK4SeQV3rWw>

Be sure to take the quick quizzes for each course to track your successful completion of the courses.

Don't forget that required **MOU contributions (per capita, EREY and PHF) still must be completed by the end of the month, 30 June**, in line with the Rotary Year.

## 2025-26 District Grant Applications ROUND 2

Got a great idea for a community project? **Now's your chance to make it happen!** Due to your contributions 3 years ago, District 7620 will receive approximately \$100,000 in DDF for 2025-26 for small, impactful grants. While we are still evaluating awards in the first round of applications that ended 31 May, we have determined that we will have funds for a second round.

Commencing 1 July, the District is accepting new and updated applications for matching DDF for 2025-26 grants. Rotary Clubs are invited to submit applications for matching DDF for their projects. In addition, this is an opportunity to improve and update any applications that were not chosen in the first round.

All **applications and updates must be submitted in DACdb by 31 July**. The Grants Guide with its numerous supporting documents, found on the District website under the Foundation tab, details the requirements for District and Global Grants.

**What Makes a Winning Application? The District Grants Committee will evaluate projects based on:**

- **Project Objectives** – Clear need, strong community input, and alignment with Rotary's Focus Areas.
- **Project Design & Management** – Well-defined roles, responsibilities, and timelines, including *letters of commitment* from all participating organizations.
- **Impact & Sustainability** – Measurable outcomes, data-backed success, and long-term benefits.
- **Financial Feasibility** – A detailed budget with *supporting quotes or other documentation* justifying the budget.

**Need Help?** Have an idea but not sure where to start? **Reach out!** The District Grants Committee is happy to discuss your project and guide you through the process. Email one of the Grants Committee Members: Mimi Kanda [mk8601@aol.com](mailto:mk8601@aol.com), Phil Reynolds [philreynolds60@hotmail.com](mailto:philreynolds60@hotmail.com), Linda Lymas [lindalymas@aol.com](mailto:lindalymas@aol.com), Patsy Ezell [pezell@umd.edu](mailto:pezell@umd.edu), Daniel Fisher [Daniel@solveitgroup.com](mailto:Daniel@solveitgroup.com) or B.J. Chamberlain-Skinner [bjchamberlain@counsellor.com](mailto:bjchamberlain@counsellor.com)

Let's **UNITE FOR GOOD** and create lasting change through our grants program!

## Texas Flooding Disaster Relief - Please Consider Donating

Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,

Catastrophic flash floods swept across Central Texas, particularly devastating Kerr and Kendall counties. Some areas received over 11 inches of rain in just 3 hours, causing river levels to surge nearly 30 feet. The floods claimed 60+ lives, including children attending a summer camp, and a dozen of girls remain missing. Rescue operations are ongoing, with 250+ people evacuated by helicopter and boat. Entire communities have been left without power, clean water, or access to major roads, prompting a major disaster declaration and a



coordinated response involving FEMA, state agencies, and relief organizations.

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee is actively coordinating with Disaster Aid USA. Some volunteers from Texas and Louisiana are already on the ground to assess the damage and to make plans for deployment in the coming days and weeks. DAUSA actions will include the following.

- Debris Removal: Clearing fallen trees and wreckage to ensure safe access for residents and emergency services.
- Mucking and Gutting: Assisting homeowners in the removal of mud, water, and damaged materials from their homes to prevent further deterioration.
- Tarping Roofs: Providing temporary roofing solutions to protect homes from additional weather damage.
- Point of Distribution, Supplies: Setup and manage PODs for emergency supplies and aid.

In order for the Committee and the DAUSA to do this type of disaster relief work in the coming days and weeks, we encourage the Rotary clubs, and individual Rotarians and Rotaractors to consider donating money to DAUSA (a 501-c-3 organization, co-founded by PDG Bob Grill). Please visit the following link for online donation: <https://disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/projects/249980-texas-flooding>.

Alternately, you may consider sending checks to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham MD 20706. For any questions on this initiative, please feel free to contact Co-Chairs: Paul Mahata ( [Pmahata@verizon.net](mailto:Pmahata@verizon.net) ) and Steve Kemp ( [Stevekemp77@gmail.com](mailto:Stevekemp77@gmail.com) ).

## 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](mailto:rotariangarciaparks@gmail.com)

7610 - Cheri Maea, [cmaea2000@gmail.com](mailto:cmaea2000@gmail.com)

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 !



**DISCON 2025**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3-5 | WASHINGTON, DC

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**  
BONUS: Club sponsorship of \$250 or more will earn mention on the event's website and the Banner of Clubs hung at the conference!

| Platinum   \$5000   | Gold   \$3000  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Premium Ad Placement during event announcements and digital assets</li><li>• Opportunity to introduce one keynote</li><li>• House of Friendship Booth</li><li>• Naming rights for one premium conference event/offering</li><li>• Banner display on site all weekend</li><li>• Logo on all printed material</li><li>• Included on conference website sponsor list</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity to introduce one keynote</li><li>• Naming rights for one premium conference event/offering</li><li>• Banner display on site all weekend</li><li>• Logo on all printed material</li><li>• House of Friendship Booth</li><li>• Included on conference website sponsor list</li></ul> |
| Silver   \$1500   | Bronze   \$500-\$750   |
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| Friend   \$100-\$250  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name on standard printed material</li></ul>   |  |

Contact us now to discuss sponsorship opportunities:  
7620 - Marilyn Nevy Cruz  
562-303-4711 | [mncruz10@gmail.com](mailto:mncruz10@gmail.com)  
7610 - Aimee Aciteberry  
[aimeeaciteberry@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeaciteberry@gmail.com)

**Rotary**  **UNITE FOR GOOD**  
Districts 7610 & 7620

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 [Joint District Conference](#) 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: [mncruz10@gmail.com](mailto:mncruz10@gmail.com). Sponsorships can be made via check payable to: **Rotary District 7610** or via Credit Card or ACH at <https://superform.app/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

## 50 years of Rotary Youth Exchange



### A look back at 50 years of Rotary Youth Exchange

Although we're celebrating 50 years of Rotary Youth Exchange as an official program of Rotary International, you may also know that Rotary members facilitated exchanges dating back to the 1920s. We recently published [a historical overview of the program](#) from inception to formal recognition as an activity of Rotary International. It's an

enjoyable look back at the origins of the program. Share it with your friends and peers interested in Rotary Youth Exchange.

On our new Rotary Young Leaders page on Instagram, we published [a celebratory post announcing the anniversary](#). And more posts are on the way! Be sure to follow the account for more highlights in the coming months related to Rotary Youth Exchange's 50th anniversary.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

### Get Ready: Interact Adviser course available

A new course for Interact advisers is available in Rotary's Learning Center. Assess your strengths as a youth advocate, learn how to support the administration of an Interact club, and connect your Interactors to Rotary's global network through international service projects.



[ENROLL NOW](#)



### In case you missed it: Youth Service Month webinar

Last month, Rotary's Youth Advisory Council hosted the webinar *Youth Service Month: Funding, Elevating, and Integrating Young Leaders*. Access the [recording](#) to learn:

- How young people receive support and funding within Rotary
- How Rotary members are champions for young people and amplify youth perspectives
- How Rotary events can foster meaningful collaboration across generations

[LEARN FROM YOUNG LEADERS](#)

### New Rotary Learning Center mobile app offers improved experience

The Rotary Learning Center has a new mobile app, RotaryLearn, that

makes it easier for you to take courses on your mobile devices. The new Rotary Learning Center app replaces the Go.Learn app and gives you a more direct and intuitive way to access the Learning Center. With the new app, it's now easier than ever to take role-based courses, view your progress, and access other courses and resources wherever you are. Download the new Rotary Learning Center app from your app store, open the app, sign in to My Rotary, and explore!

- [Rotary Learning Center on Apple's App Store](#)
- [Rotary Learning Center on Google Play](#)

Write to [learn@rotary.org](mailto:learn@rotary.org) with any questions.



*Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotary members, their partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they come into contact and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.*

*Rotary International takes all youth protection allegations seriously. You can report any concern at any time by using the blue Report a Youth Protection Concern button on the [Youth Protection page](#).*

#### LEARN MORE

- An introduction to [Rotary Youth Exchange](#), [RYLA](#), and [Interact](#)
- [Youth protection](#) and Rotary International

Send questions and story ideas to [youngleaders@rotary.org](mailto:youngleaders@rotary.org).

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