



MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 4, 2025

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDIA TRIP - 2026 - Commitment Deadline Has Been Extended to Nov. 15!

INDIA TRIP - 2026

You are invited to join a fun-filled two-week group tour to Taj Mahal and eastern India. During Jan 27 – Feb 12, 2026, we are organizing an India trip for interested Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their guests. 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 guided tour of the Taj Mahal, and 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 had organized a similar group tour in 2020, and it was a grand success. Six Rotarians had joined in to visit northern India at that time. Commitment window to make the India trip-2026 has been extended to Nov 15, 2025.

ATTACHED: Flyer for India Trip - 2026

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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India Trip - 2026

Join a fun-filled Group Tour to eastern India
Jan 27 – Feb 12, 2026

Visit three Global Grant sites at Purulia (W Bengal)



Take a guided tour of:

Taj Mahal



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

Disaster Aid USA Training Nov. 15

If you are interested in basic level disaster aid training, please join us on Nov 15, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at Miles Hall, 8401 Good Luck Road, Lanham MD 20706.

Larry Agee, Executive Director of DAUSA will lead the training.

In-person attendance is encouraged; however, zoom link will be available for virtual attendees. See attached Flyer for more details.

POCs:

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Steve Kemp (stevekemp77@gmail.com)

Zoom link provided by Vijay Kowtha: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/83928344424?pwd=qUdMaGDbkLbZsrXmXBc4xfBxUIxkfp.1>

disaster aid USA – Training – New date & Zoom link



All interested in basic disaster aid training are welcome to this annual event.

Trainer: Larry Agee, Executive Director of DAUSA

When: November 15, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,

Lunch will be provided

Where: Lanham Makerspace at Miles Hall
8401 Good Luck Road
Lanham, MD 20706

RSVP by Nov 13 for in-person attendees:

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Wreath-Laying at Arlington National Cemetery Dec. 13th

Rotary Honors Heroes: Annual Wreath-Laying at Arlington National Cemetery



Date/Time: Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 8:00 AM

– 11:00 AM

Location: Arlington National Cemetery, World War I Sections (3, 4, 30, 34)

Cost: Free

Meet-Up Options:

- 7:30 AM at Pentagon City Mall/Metro (northbound platform) for parking
- 7:50 AM at Arlington Cemetery Main Gate – 1 Memorial Avenue, Fort Myer, VA 22211

Join Rotary District 7620 and the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill for a powerful morning of remembrance and service. In partnership with Wreaths Across America, this free, family-friendly event honors veterans from all eras with dignity and gratitude.

Rotary Group Photo at 9:30 AM near Gen. John J. Pershing's grave (Section 34, Graves S-19-LH)

High Student Service Hours available – bring your forms for signature

RSVP/More Info:

Contact PDG Sean McAlister at SDMRotary7620@outlook.com or call (202) 262-7241

Let's grow our impact—last year, 38 volunteers from 14 clubs participated. All ages welcome. No cost to attend. Optional Veterans' Ceremony follows at 12:00 PM.

Let's honor those who served with dignity and heart

REMINDERS

Dialogue for Democracy for High school Teachers and Students on Nov. 4th

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Sponsored by the **Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution**. George Mason University

1-5 pm

Carter School Fuse Building, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington Virginia

The Dialogue for Democracy on November 4th for high school Teachers and Students is an excellent opportunity for Rotarians who teach or tutor or assist with clubs for high school students to enhance their skills in dealing with difficult topics and conflict among students. It also offers an opportunity to recognize student leaders by nominating them for a youth impact award. Our Interactors would be great candidates. Clubs may want to consider sponsoring student participation (the fee is \$50 per student). There is no charge for teacher participation.

1. Youth Impact Award – Nominate an Exceptional Student! We are now accepting nominations for the **Youth Impact Award**, which recognizes high school students who are making a meaningful impact in their communities. Educators can nominate outstanding students, and the winner will receive a **full scholarship** to attend our Conflict Resolution Youth Summit at George Mason University this summer, in addition to being recognized on our website. We encourage you and your colleagues to nominate students who embody leadership and community engagement.

2. Dialogue for Democracy - Nov 4th

We would be grateful for your help in spreading the word. Please share the enclosed flyers with AP History teachers, Model UN clubs, social studies departments, or any students and educators who may benefit.

For Teachers: Join us for a free professional development workshop on November 4th from 1:00–5:00 PM. This training, led by Carter School faculty, will explore: The Role of History & Memory in Civic engagement, Integrating Conflict Resolution into Curriculum, Fostering Curiosity about the Perspectives of Others, and Encouraging Dialogue over Debate. Teachers will leave with practical activities to bring back to their classrooms and new strategies to empower youth to engage productively with conflict.

For Students: High school students are invited to participate in this one-of-a-kind program from 1:00–6:00 PM on election day. The schedule includes an expert panel, dialogue circles, and sessions on critical issues such as democracy, the environment, school violence, polarization, social media, immigration, populism, and activism.

Registration is \$50 and space is limited— encourage students to claim their spots soon!

For more information and to sign up contact Avery Jordan:
email: ajorda22@gmu.edu Phone: (703) 993 – 1295

Bay Bridge Run/Walk Fundraiser Nov. 9th



Join the Official Bay Bridge Run and Support Walk the Walk Foundation! Make your miles matter by running or walking with the Walk the Walk Foundation team. Your participation helps provide essential items—like diapers, school supplies, and Christmas gifts—to children in need within our community.

This is your only opportunity to cross the stunning Chesapeake Bay Bridge on foot! The 10K course spans the eastbound side of the bridge, from Anne Arundel County to Kent Island, and ends with a lively post-race celebration.

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to continue improving the lives of those we serve. Register at <https://bit.ly/BBRforacause>

The Rotary Club of Rockville, Maryland Peace Concert Nov. 15



The Rotary Club of Rockville, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Greenbelt and the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, proudly presents the Rotary Club of Rockville, Maryland Peace Concert — a celebration of unity, understanding, and peace.

Through the universal languages of music, spoken words, dance, and collaborative performances, this special event will highlight Rotary International's mission to foster peace and goodwill in our communities and beyond.

Date and Time: Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 2:00 pm

Location: Carnation Room, Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

Our Aims:

- Promote peace through Rotary's global network,
- Inspire connections through artistic expressions,
- Celebrate diversity and collaborations,
- Create shared spaces for reflections, hopes, and peace.

Kindly join us for an event of uplifting performances and community spirit as we come together to make peace possible.

Note that the cost of general admission tickets or donations are not tax-deductible.

Purchase tickets here: <https://buytickets.at/rockvillerotary/1857074>

Thank you

Environmental Youth Summit | Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County Nov. 16

IT'S BACK! **SAVE THE DATE**

The Rotary Club Southern Frederick is proud to once again host this meaningful event that is perfect for high school students to get involved and fight against climate change.

All information can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1KxThVczs9/>
Hit the "GOING" button and be the FIRST to know when the registration link goes LIVE!

If you know of a student passionate about creating a greener future, don't miss this chance to join!

When: 11/16/25, 10am-3pm

Where: Bar-T Mountainside, 2822 Roderick Rd, Frederick MD 21704

STUDENT REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON Students will learn about:

1. Food recovery and composting
2. Funding for free tree plantings
3. Plastics recovery
4. Sustainable architecture
5. Lithium-Ion recovery
6. Green school certification

Invitation to join the PolioPlus Society

As part of President Donnie Shaw's initiative for the Rotary Club of Washington DC to support World Polio Day, you are invited to become a member of the newest endeavor of Rotary International, the PolioPlus Society.

On October 4, 2022, Rotary International Trustees endorsed the PolioPlus Society as a Club and District-led program. It is similar to how the Paul Harris Fellow Program was initially set up and is an effective way for clubs to meet their \$1500 in annual giving to polio. Donations to the PolioPlus Society are tax-deductible and qualify for Paul Harris Recognition credit. Rotarians may make a one-time donation of \$100 or more or a recurring monthly donation of \$10. PolioPlus Society members will be presented with a special pin and a certificate. It is truly a win-win situation: you, the Club, and Rotary International all benefit.

For more information, contact Vitalina Dzutseva at vdzu2018@gmail.com

