



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 20, 2025

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### World Polio Day is Thursday, Oct 24: What is Your Club Planning?

**World Polio Day is Thursday October 24: what is your club planning?**

See <https://makepoliohistory.org/take-action/> for ideas that your club can implement.

Other efforts being organized include the following:

1. Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update (stream) — Watch on Facebook or EndPolio.org on Oct 24. EndPolio.org World Polio Day hub — Central page for the livestream and resources; great to share in club posts. <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>
2. Rotary Global Classroom "World Polio Day 2025" (replay) — A 2+ hour global broadcast originally streamed Oct 16; perfect to replay or excerpt on Oct 24. (Recording to be pasted soon.) <https://rotaryoshawa-parkwood.org/>
3. PAHO/WHO World Polio Day webinar (on-demand) — Multilingual recording (English/Spanish/Portuguese/French) celebrating polio-free Americas; ideal for a lunchtime watch party on the 24th. <https://www.paho.org/en/events/webinar-celebrate-30-more-years-free-wild-polio-americas>
4. CDC World Polio Day page & resource microsite — Use these videos, graphics and talking points for a virtual briefing or social livestream on the 24th. <https://www.cdc.gov/global-polio-vaccination/world-polio-day/index.html>
5. End Polio Now YouTube playlist — Curated short videos for club watch parties, classroom sessions, or social clips on Oct 24. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGukUvNU\\_j3KvjJFf4B9cfsVMbR6TROxx&utm](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGukUvNU_j3KvjJFf4B9cfsVMbR6TROxx&utm)

## 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](mailto:vdzu2018@gmail.com)

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

Nov. Dialogue for Democracy for High school Teachers and Students on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

## 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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## 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 **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. Please

Sponsored by the **Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution**. Geore 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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:  
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**District 7620 Grants Committee New Structure**

To strengthen communication with our District Rotary Clubs and ensure consistent support throughout the grants process, the District 7620 Grants Committee will begin operating under a regional structure. This structure balances workload across the committee and provides each Rotary Club with a clear Grants Committee Member point of contact for grants guidance and collaboration.

Additional information and detailed guidance on the updated grants process will be shared soon by our new District Grants Chair, Daniel Fisher. Together, this team looks forward to supporting clubs in developing impactful and sustainable projects that advance Rotary's mission of service. District Rotary Club assignments are as follows:

**DISTRICT 7620 GRANTS COMMITTEE ROTARY CLUB ASSIGNMENTS**

| Member          | Region / Area                                 | Assigned Clubs                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alexa Bedwell   | North West Area (8 clubs)                     | Bonds Meadow, Carroll Creek, Frederick, Fredericktowne, Key City, New Market, Smoketown Brunswick, Southern Frederick, Rockville                                   |
| Daniel Fisher   | Montgomery County (11 clubs)                  | Bethesda–Chevy Chase, Downtown Silver Spring, Gaithersburg, Metro Bethesda, Montgomery Village, North Bethesda, Olney, Potomac, Potomac Passport, Potomac–Bethesda |
| Linda Lymas     | Southern Area (7 clubs)                       | Calvert County, Charlotte Hall, La Plata, Lake Shore, Leonardtown, Lexington Park, Upper Marlboro                                                                  |
| Martin Mushambo | North East Area (9 clubs)                     | Aberdeen, Bel Air, Havre de Grace, Middle River, Mount Airy, Pikesville–Owings Mills, Southern Harford County, Sykesville, Towson–Hunt Valley                      |
| Mimi Kanda      | Central Area – DC & Prince George's (5 clubs) | Capitol Hill, Dupont Circle, Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Washington, D.C.                                                                                   |
| Patsy Ezell     | Central East Area (7 clubs)                   | College Park, Columbia, Columbia–Patuxent, Columbia Town Center, Ellicott City, Howard West, Laurel                                                                |
| Phil Reynolds   | Eastern Area (7 clubs)                        | Annapolis, Parole, BWI, Catonsville, Elkridge, Glen Burnie, Severna Park                                                                                           |

**REMINDERS**

**Peace Talk Bridges to Peace in Baltimore and Beyond 10/23**

Part of a Peace Talk Series Sponsored by Rotary District 7620 Peace Committee  
**Thursday October 23 at 7 pm**  
**Zoom Link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84375676815?pwd=JFZaLUUoa7AVLa7kpAPbxr9Db2cqyO.1>

contact DCO, **Pamela Stern-Green** at [psgreen@verizon.net](mailto:psgreen@verizon.net) with any questions.

**District 7620 Announcement Submission Form**



Join us to learn about the groundbreaking initiative, **Building Bridges for Peace in U.S. Cities**—an innovative urban peacebuilding program being piloted in Baltimore Initiative which is part of the Rotary-Carter Collaboration for Peace. As a leader in conflict resolution and community-driven peace efforts, Arthur Romano will share insights into the Carter School Urban Peacebuilding program and the objectives of the Bridges to Peace initiative. Rotary Leader Kristen Post, Rotary Club of Dupont Circle will talk about the powerful role of Rotarians in violence prevention. They will describe how this pilot project is laying the foundation for a scalable, city-wide peace network. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how collaboration, education, and action are creating safer, more resilient communities—starting in Baltimore and expanding beyond!

[Read More](#)

## Red Line Happy Hour Oct. 28

[Register NOW](#)

**RED LINE**  
**HAPPY HOUR**  
**AND COSTUME PARTY**  
**Host: Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.**  
**Tuesday, October 28**  
**5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Ellipse Rooftop Bar**  
**1522 K Street NW, Washington, D.C.**

Join us and network with members from various  
Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in the DC Metro Area.

Bethesda Chevy Chase | Capitol Hill | College Park | Downtown Silver Spring | Dupont Circle  
Gaithersburg | International Friendship | Metro Bethesda | North Bethesda | Olney  
Potomac Passport | Rockville | Washington D.C. | Washington Global  
Washington Area Rotaract Clubs

Rotary District 7620

## Rotary Club of Rockville Charter Night Oct. 30

We warmly invite you to join us for our annual Charter Night 2025 on Thursday, October 30, 2025. 5:30 P.M.

Cocktail Reception and Appetizers. 6:00 P.M. Event Begins.

The Charter Night is an Annual Celebration of the Rotary Club of Rockville and Recognizing our Grants Recipients.

Celebrating our 96th Year! 1929-2025.

Kindly register here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rockvillerotary/1857088>

Rockville Rotary Club  
*Celebrating 96 Years*  
**Rockville Rotary**  
**Charter Night Celebration 2025**  
Thursday, October 30, 2025  
Botanero Restaurant, Rockville, MD  
5:30 - 8:30 pm

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rockville Rotary Club Foundation

END POLIO NOW

We'll look back at our accomplishments this past year, including our Flags for Heroes Event, our vision for the future, and highlight the 2025 Rotary Club of Rockville Foundation grants recipients.

Most local 2025 grants awardees who are not members of the Rotary Club of Rockville will receive an email with instructions on how to register one person to receive the grant at the event.

**Reception:** 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Appetizers will be served in a private room on the lower level of Botanero. Please

use the side entrance to enter the room. A cash bar will be available.

**Dinner:** We have curated a variety of main dishes and side dishes to appeal to everyone's taste.

## Rotary Club of Howard West Fundraiser Nov. 1

The Rotary Club of Howard West invites all Rotarians to participate in our thrilling fundraiser on November 1, 2025.



## Rotary Club of Rockville Looking for Sponsors for Rockville 2025 10K/5K Event

November 2, 2025 at 8:30 am, the longest continuous road race in Montgomery County will kick off and we are in charge of getting sponsors for this run.

It is a wonderful community gathering. Every dollar that we generate for this fundraiser is part of the pot of money that we give away in 2026. So think about who can sponsor this and how it can help your favorite charity that we give money to.

We co-host every year with the City of Rockville and the Montgomery County Road Runners. There will be about 1500 runners and about 3000-5000 spectators.

If you have a prospective sponsor in mind but do not know how to approach them, Doug, Denise or Andrew can help. Our goal this year is 15,000. Last year we raised around 12,000.

What does your Sponsorship do? The annual Rockville Rotary Foundation has raised over 1.5 million dollars since it began in 1980. And all of it has benefited citizens of Rockville and charities around the world.

Almost 1800 runners annually participate in this 5/10K race through Rockville neighborhoods. All funds raised each year are divided between the 501(c)(3) Rockville Rotary Foundation and the Rockville Recreation Fund. The Rockville Recreation Fund annually provides hundreds of low income children and families with funding to participate in summer camps, sports leagues, after-school day-care, teen programs and community center classes and activities. The Rockville Rotary Foundation supports local homeless shelters, food programs, needy families, Scouting organizations, historic projects, Rotary International's Polio Eradication Initiative, as well as many health and education programs in the U.S., India, Kenya and Mexico.

We've worked hard to get mentions and fans on social media. Check us out on [www.facebook.com/rockville10k5](https://www.facebook.com/rockville10k5). For inquiries about sponsorship applications and submissions, please contact:

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Andrew Einsmann, [drewster711@gmail.com](mailto:drewster711@gmail.com)

Denise Frederick, [denise.s.fredericks@gmail.com](mailto:denise.s.fredericks@gmail.com) or

Derrick Thompson, [dthompson@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:dthompson@rockvillemd.gov)

Mail Check to : Rockville Rotary Foundation, 306 Linthicum St, Rockville, MD 20850

Thank you

## Bay Bridge Run/Walk Fundraiser Nov. 9



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

## Disaster Aid USA Training NEW DATE NOV. 15

If you are interested in basic level disaster aid training, please join us on November 15, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00PM

POCs:  
Paul Mahata ([Pmahata@verizon.net](mailto:Pmahata@verizon.net) )  
Steve Kemp ([stevekemp77@gmail.com](mailto:stevekemp77@gmail.com) )

## disaster aid USA – Training – New date



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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Zoom link for virtual attendees will be available. Contact the above.



## 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