



MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 23, 2025

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Service Event at the Joint District Conference Oct. 4

We're delighted to announce that for our service event on Saturday, October 4 at the Joint District Conference, we are again partnering with [Friendship Place](#) following our successful service project at last year's DisCon.

We'll be collecting items that Friendship Place can distribute to our unhoused neighbors. Please let us know what you'll be bringing by [clicking here](#) or sending an email to [office@rotary7620.org](mailto:office@rotary7620.org).

You can [check here to see our current item count](#) if you'd like to see what's already been purchased. If you would like to donate but are unable to attend the District Conference, you're welcome to send items along with a fellow club member or Assistant Governor who may be attending.

Friendship Place is the premier housing service provider for people experiencing homelessness in the DC region. Their innovative, customized, person-focused programs empower participants to rebuild their lives, find homes, get jobs and reconnect with friends, family and the community, permanently. We're proud to partner with them to provide relief and build solutions.

If you have any questions about the project, please reach out to [Meesh Peters \(7610\)](#) or [Rafael Centeno \(7620\)](#)

Warm regards,  
The Districts 7610 & 7620 Joint Conference Team

### Peacebuilding Workshops at the DISCON Oct. 3

#### Discover the Power of Peacebuilding at the DISCON from 2-5 pm on Friday Oct. 3rd

The District 7620 Peace Committee is sponsoring two outstanding Peacebuilding workshops designed and facilitated by the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. These workshops are part of the Rotary-Carter Collaboration for Peace. **These workshops are open to registered DISCON participants only.**

There is no extra fee for these workshops. You can still register for the DISCON at: <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77810858&NoCaptcha>

**Workshop Date: Friday October 3, 2025 from 2:00-5:00pm**

**The Beginners Peacebuilding Workshop in the East Wing of the Westin Hotel.** It is tailored for Rotarians with no experience in using conflict resolution skills. Participants will learn about and styles of conflict and conflict resolution, techniques for building trust, and how to apply these skills in their clubs and communities.

**The Advanced Peacebuilding Workshop in the west wing of the Westin Hotel.** It is designed for Rotarians with conflict resolution experience who want to hone their skills. Participants will develop negotiation and mediation skills and learn tactics for addressing interorganizational conflict and how to apply these skills in their clubs and communities.

**If you are registered for the DISCON and want to participate in one of these workshops,** please email Mari Clark, Chair of the District 7620 Peace Committee at [marianth05@yahoo.com](mailto:marianth05@yahoo.com) and provide the following

## District Governor Office Hours Coming up on Friday, Oct. 3rd



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=XiVYIF8BQj01UABFNgdFbodGeYsrr.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

information: Beginners or Advanced Workshop, Name, Rotary Club, email, mobile phone, role in your club, and conflict scenarios you would like addressed.

## 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

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/rockville10k5). For inquiries about sponsorship applications and submissions, please contact:

Doug Hemmig, [dhemmig@comcast.net](mailto:dhemmig@comcast.net) and cell 240-793-8432,  
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

## Request For Volunteers: Rotary at the October Annapolis Boat Shows



Are you ready to 'Unite For Good' and make a splash for Rotary? The Parole Rotary Club in Annapolis, together with the Annapolis Rotary Club and Annapolis Boat Show, is thrilled to showcase Rotary with a Booth at this year's exciting October Boat Shows! The 2025 Annapolis Powerboat Show runs October 2-5, followed closely by the Annapolis Sailboat Show from October 9-12.

We need your energy, your stories, and your passion! Join us as vibrant ambassadors at our Rotary Booth and volunteer to showcase your stories.

Click on [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040444A9AD2AA0FB6-50889379-rotary#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040444A9AD2AA0FB6-50889379-rotary#/) to volunteer for the available time slots.

As a thank you, volunteers will enjoy access to the Boat Show before and after their shift. Just arrive 15-20 minutes prior to your scheduled time to pick up your wristband at the Boat Show Office.

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**

## REMINDERS

### Frederick's Oktoberfest September 26

Frederick's Oktoberfest  
September 26, 6:00PM-10:00PM &  
September 27, 11:00AM-10:00PM  
Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, MD

Bratwurst, Oktoberfest beer, German wines, dancing, music, children's events and much more! And it all benefits Frederick County charities. Spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County and Smoketown Rotary Club, this annual event not only promotes cultural exchange, but it also supports both the clubs' efforts in the community to raise thousands of dollars for area non-profits.

These are all rain or shine events. Sorry, no refunds.

Friday's event is from 6:00pm - 10:00pm and is an age 21+ only event. Featuring the opening ceremony and keg tapping. Great food, a wide selection of beers, and live music from the Alpenlanders and Dan McGuire Group!

Saturday's event is fun for the entire family! Featuring authentic German cuisine, an amazing selection of seasonal beers, live music, kids zone, German heritage tent, and live football games in the sports tent! Zicke zacke, zicke zacke, hoi hoi hoi! Buy Tickets Now: <https://tickets.mdtix.com/fredericks-oktoberfest-2025>



### BCC Rotary Hosts Third Annual Rotary Hold 'Em Game Oct. 10

Please join host BCC Rotary President Jamie Arthurs for the THIRD Rotary Hold 'Em game! 50/50 Split between the winner and the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rotary Foundation. 50 dollar Buy in with Max 25 dollar one time re-up. 18 max for poker, 30 max for party.

Friday, October 10 7:30-11pm. Must RSVP. Sign Up Genius:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4AACA2FA2FD0-58567796-third#/>

Don't play Texas Hold Em? No worries! We have a game good for beginners. We will increase the stakes gradually until there's a single winner. Our goal is to have monthly games with other clubs eventually hosting, like Rotary Red Line. We already have some great hosts lined up for future games. Eventually we can have a solid core of folks who would help us launch a once a year 7620 Poker Tournament! WE NEED MORE CLUBS TO HOST ROTARY HOLD 'EM PARTIES! We can loan you the chips and walk you through how to do it.

Here's a guide to hosting a game: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BvWndugnPySQE3INMRVO7rsgqppzE9ot/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BvWndugnPySQE3INMRVO7rsgqppzE9ot/view?usp=drive_link)

To sign your club up Email David Searby Metro Bethesda Rotary: [david@beachcorps.com](mailto:david@beachcorps.com)

On Friday September 5, IPDG Nomie Hamid hosted a group of Rotarians and guests (photo shows Nomie before he lost all his chips :-)) The second "Rotary Hold 'Em" Poker Party, raising \$287.50 for a District 7620 project TBD to honor Metro Bethesda Rotary Member Barton Goldenberg, who passed recently.



**THIRD Rotary Hold 'Em Night with BCC Rotary! Have Your Club Host Next!**

## 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

## Carter School Fall 2025 Peace Week

The Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University Peace Week September 22-26. Join peace professionals, including Rotarians from District 7620, for a transformative week exploring Bridging Peacebuilding, Development, and Security. Most of the sessions are via Zoom.

Engage in interactive sessions that connect peacebuilding, development, and security to tackle the root causes of conflict and strengthen communities. Share your insights, and collaborate across sectors to help generate solutions and service opportunities to address some of today's complex local and global challenges.

View the the schedule and sign up Here:  
<https://carterschool.gmu.edu/news-events/carter-school-peace-week/fall-2025-peace-week>



**JIMMY AND ROSALYNN  
CARTER SCHOOL FOR PEACE  
AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**  
George Mason University



## Carter School Fall 2025 Peace Week

JOIN US  
ONLINE!

### Cyprus Peacebuilding Project in Collaboration with Rotary

**Presented by Carter School's Sustainable Peace Lab**

The Rotary-Carter Cyprus Peacebuilding Program is a "Track 2" initiative to reignite peace talks after seven years. This roundtable brings together Carter School faculty, Rotarians, and UN representatives to explore strategies, projects, and policy ideas to strengthen peacebuilding in Cyprus.

View full session details  
and register at  
[CarterSchool.gmu.edu](https://CarterSchool.gmu.edu)

**Speakers:**

- Mustafa Ongun and Maria Tsiarta, UNFICYP
- Tassan Altuner, Marina Gavriel, Sertac Gümdü, Cilem Manliga, Yiannos Pissourios, Michalis Prosfomou, Ioannis Tomasides, and Ali Vudali, Rotary Clubs Cyprus



**Tuesday  
September 23rd  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**START WITH MOTHERS**

**Peace Begins at Home**

**Moderated by:**

Rose Cardarelli

**Panelists:**

Gabriel Munro  
Tanyss Munro  
Rebecca Bradley

**Event Details**

24 September, 3:00-4:00 pm ET  
<https://gmu.zoom.us/j/91214483947?pwd=fdAleeZGcscHmuB8lllHyeaTolUyVlRjJ#success>  
 Meeting ID: 912 1448 3947  
 Passcode: 695166

**How do the most underprivileged mothers inculcate peace in the community through education?**

**JIMMY AND ROSALYNN CARTER SCHOOL FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**  
George Mason University

**EDUCATION FOR ALL COLLEGE**

**Rotary**  
Club of Washington Global

## Celebrate 30 Years of Books International Goodwill (B.I.G.) Oct. 19

Parole Rotary Club's signature project, Books International Goodwill (B.I.G.), has been giving books new life for 30 years. By recycling books no longer needed by current owners, B.I.G. has placed more than 10 million books into the hands of new readers—serving schools, libraries, and communities across the U.S. and in more than 40 countries worldwide. The hunger for books and knowledge staggers the imagination. B.I.G. provides learning, inspiration, and opportunity both locally and globally—demonstrating the power of Rotary service in action.

We invite all Rotarians and friends to join us in celebrating this 30th Anniversary milestone — using the QR code in the announcement to purchase tickets. Come be part of this momentous achievement to honor the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to the future of B.I.G.

For more information: <https://sites.google.com/view/big30thanniversary/home>

**BIG 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*Celebration*

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF GLOBAL LITERACY IMPACT

2025

SUNDAY | 19 | OCTOBER

3:00pm - 6:00pm

*Join us for:*

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- LIVE MUSIC
- SILENT AUCTION
- INSPIRING STORIES OF 30 YEARS OF GLOBAL LITERACY IMPACT

**30 YEARS, 10 MILLION BOOKS, ONE PURPOSE**  
A CELEBRATION OF LITERACY, COMMUNITY, AND IMPACT!

*Location:*

THE BYZANTIUM AT SS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
2747 RIVA ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

*Tickets:*

\$100 PER PERSON

*More Info:*

[WWW.BIG30THANNIVERSARY.COM](http://WWW.BIG30THANNIVERSARY.COM)  
 BIG30THANNIVERSARY@GMAIL.COM  
 (410) 757-2785

**Don't Miss Out — Book Your Room for the 2025 Joint District Conference!**



Fellow Rotarians,

Our [Joint District 7610 & 7620 Conference](#) is just around the corner — happening October 3–5, 2025, in the heart of Washington, D.C. This will be a weekend you won't want to miss!

We're bringing together Rotarians from across two districts for:

- Inspiring keynote speakers who will challenge and motivate us
- Dynamic breakout sessions on service, leadership, innovation, and Rotary's future
- Hands-on service projects making a real impact right here in D.C.
- The [House of Friendship](#) — your hub for networking, collaboration, and sharing ideas
- Evening celebrations and fellowship that capture the true Rotary spirit

All of this is happening in one location — and staying onsite means you'll be at the center of the action from the first cup of coffee to the last conversation of the night.

Why book now? [Our special conference room block](#) is limited and only available **until September 18**. Once it's gone, it's gone — and we want you there with us for the full experience.

--> [Reserve your hotel room](#) today and make sure you're part of the most energizing Rotary weekend of the year!

We're looking forward to seeing you in D.C. — and making this a conference to remember.

Yours in Rotary,

2025 District Conference Executive Committee

## 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 - Pat Borowski, [paborowski@cox.net](mailto:paborowski@cox.net)

We look forward to your participation in making this year's House of Friendship a vibrant and enriching experience for all attendees.

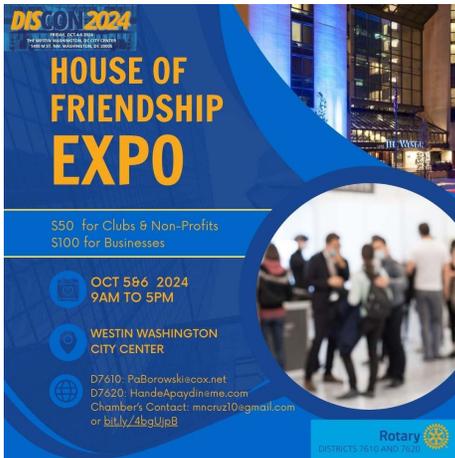
## Joint 7610-7620 DisCon Mega Hospitality Suite & HOF Sign-Up!



To reserve your table, please contact:

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

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



Register for a House of Friendship Table Here: <https://bit.ly/4bgUjpB>