



MANDY WARFIELD GRANGER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 9, 2025

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

[District 7620 Announcement Submission Form](#)

### Peace On Earth by 2030 Presentation this Thursday, 9/11

Rotary **rotary action group: For peace** **UNITE FOR GOOD**

An Initiative by INDIA - USA  
**INTER COUNTRY COMMITTEE (ICC)**

**PEACE ON EARTH BY 2030**

Rotary Peace Game Pilots & Rotary's Peace Leadership

**Speaker & Leader: David Gershon**  
Co-Founder/CEO, of Empowerment Institute  
One of the world's foremost authorities on behavior-change, community empowerment, peace building, & Rotary's Leadership's role for World Peace

**SAVE THE DATE** Meeting ID: 872 5517 2333  
Passcode: ICC

**11 September 2025, Thursday**  
10:30 a.m. EDT | 9:30 a.m. CDT |  
8:30 a.m. MDT | 7:30 a.m. PDT |  
8:00 p.m. IST

For more details contact  
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Meeting Zoom info:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87255172333?pwd=aOp3OVBPzVtWfkdVZZeWJaUUVGQT09>  
Meeting ID: 87255172333, Passcode: ICC

### District Governor Office Hours Coming Up Monday, Sept. 15, 6pm



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=XiVYIF8B0bjo1UABFNgdFbodGeYsrr.1>

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### Seeking District Volunteers!

District 7620 is in need of volunteers. We are looking for a Weekly Announcements editor and members for the district grants committee. Anyone interested in receiving more information may contact DG Mandy Warfield Granger at [mwgranger.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:mwgranger.rotary@gmail.com)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CDUVcO8aApeSG2w8FSA5fI0kEbWZYPStH4VrfFzWk/edit?usp=drivesdk>.

Please pass this final Friendly Reminder to as many of your Rotarians, friends, potential Rotary members, community colleagues, and any other interested parties you wish to participate in our Workshop.

Please text me at WhatsApp: +1-202-718-2762 with any questions or comments as we will also discuss promoting our own Washington, DC as the first National Capital City on the Planet to be designated a Peace Zone and its significance. Welcome!...

Dr. Sam, US Division President, India-USA ICC, <https://www.emerald-planet.org>

## Please Visit the Universal Aid for Children of Ukraine Booth at The Ukraine Festival Sept 12-14

**You are invited to visit the Universal Aid for Children, Inc., booth at the:**

**WASHINGTON UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL**

St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

**SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 2025** Fri 5pm-8pm, Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-7pm



**WASHINGTON UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL**

Admission: \$20

Address: 15100 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905



## District 7620 Peace Committee "Peace Talk" Series Sept. 25



In the District 7620 Peace Committee "Peace Talk" series  
**Synergies for Peace: Leveraging Networks for Conflict Transformation in Colombia**

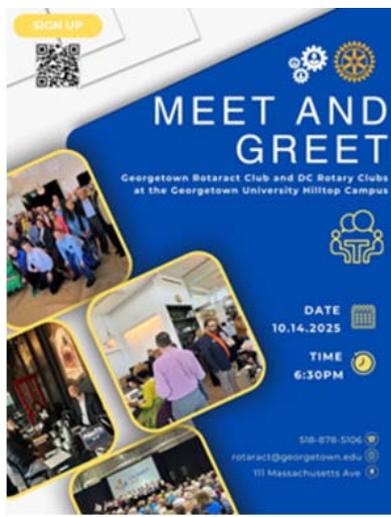
**September 25 at 7 pm**  
**Meeting ID: 843 7567 6815**  
**Passcode: 084273**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84375676815?pwd=JFzaLWUoa7AVLa7kpAPbxr9Db2cqyO.1>

This presentation, introduced by Peace Fellow and Rotarian Carlos Güiza (Rotary Club of Washington Global) features Isabella Cuevas of the Carter School of Peace and Conflict Resolution (George Mason University) Better Evidence project and Manuela Cordoba, President of the Bogotá Centenario Rotary Club. They will explore the critical role of networks in promoting peace and conflict transformation. Drawing on their recent experience in Colombia, where they brought together multiple peacebuilding organizations and leaders, including Fundación Amor, the speakers will highlight the impact of the Seamstresses of Peace initiative. This groundbreaking project empowers women affected by violent conflict through art, entrepreneurship, and mental health support, amplifying their resilience and promoting sustainable peace. This presentation offers a unique opportunity for peace practitioners to learn about innovative, on-the-ground approaches to peacebuilding.

## Career Meet and Greet Oct. 14

Rotaract Club of Georgetown University and Rotaract of DC are looking to invite Rotarians to the Georgetown Capitol Hill Campus for a Career Meet and Greet Event where Rotarians will help advertise their careers and answer questions about their job industry from Georgetown Rotaract students. This is a great event to get to connect with the next generation of Rotary! It will take place 10/14 from 6pm-7:30pm with more details to come. Here in an interest link if you are looking to attend: <https://forms.gle/ANYCBsDznCBXzp7h7>



## 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.



## REMINDERS

### Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland's Polo Classic Sept 13

It's time to gather our fellow Rotarians for a day of fellowship, fun, and polo! Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland's 6th Annual Polo Classic is coming up on **September 13** at the beautiful **Congressional Polo Club in Poolesville, Maryland**, and we'd love for District 7620 to be part of the excitement.

In partnership with our local Rotary Clubs, HFHMM is offering **each Rotary Club a complimentary tailgate spot**. Just have your Club President reach out to me directly to reserve a spot. Plus, **all Rotarians receive \$35 off admission** with the promo code in the attached flyer!

This is a fantastic opportunity to relax, connect, and celebrate the incredible impact Rotary and Habitat make in our communities. Let's show how we're **'United for Good'** while enjoying a spectacular day on the polo field.



## Rotary Club of Frederick Raffle

The Rotary Club of Frederick invites you to participate in our exclusive raffle for a once-in-a-lifetime experience in Augusta, GA. Here is your chance to attend one of golf's most prestigious events – The Masters – all while supporting a local cause.

Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. \$50 = 1 raffle entry.

Two grand prize winners will be selected to receive (Winner 1: Thurs & Fri | Winner 2: Sat & Sun):

- Two-night accommodations
- Two tournament badges per winner for two tournament rounds
- \$1500 travel credit

See full details, rules and purchase ticket at <https://givebutter.com/c/cqoR8h>. Raffle is not affiliated with The Masters or Augusta National. Email [frederickrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:frederickrotaryclub@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ONLY 2000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**

## WIN A TRIP TO THE MASTERS

**TWO GRAND PRIZE WINNERS**  
Winner 1: Thurs & Fri | Winner 2: Sat & Sun

**AUGUSTA, GEORGIA – APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

- Accommodations at the Fairfield Inn & Suites.
- Two tournament badges per winner for two tournament rounds.
- \$1500 travel credit.

**RAFFLE ENTRY \$50.00** Per ticket

Must be 18 or older to purchase ticket. Winner does not need to be present at drawing. Raffle is not affiliated with The Masters or Augusta National. See full rules on [www.rotarycluboffrederick.org](https://www.rotarycluboffrederick.org).

[WWW.ROTARYCLUBOFFREDERICK.ORG](https://www.rotarycluboffrederick.org)

Rotary Club of Frederick

## Get Your Feet Wet ... Try a Rotary Grant even if not MOU Qualified!

The District Governor (DG) and District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) are encouraging all clubs to experience the benefits of Rotary grants. As a special, one-time opportunity, every Rotary club in our District—whether MOU qualified or not—may apply for up to \$1,000 in 2:1 matching District Designated Funds (DDF) to support a local project.

Key Parameters:

- Open to clubs that have not received District DDF this year (as lead or contributing club)
- Available regardless of MOU compliance
- Requires a 2:1 match (example: \$1,000 DDF with \$500 club contribution)
- Local projects only
- Maximum of \$1,000 per grant

Must meet Rotary International and District requirements, including:

- o At least one applicant has completed grants training (video available on the District website under Foundation ? Grants)
- o Submitted in DACdb
- o Balanced budget with supporting quotes
- o Letters of commitment from cooperating partners
- o Project completed and Final Report to be submitted by May 15 Compliant applications will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the available \$12,000 in DDF is allocated.

Rotary grants open the door for clubs to expand their impact far beyond what local resources alone can accomplish. Matching funds multiply your contributions, bring projects to life, and create opportunities for members to engage more deeply while showcasing Rotary's reach. If your club has never applied before, this is the perfect way to get started and see how powerful Rotary grants can be.

Need assistance? Want to bounce an idea for a grant? Reach out to a member of the District Grants Committee: Linda Lymas, Phil Reynolds, Patsy Ezell, Daniel Fisher, Mimi Kanda, Martin Mushambo and Alexa Bedwell.

## Call for Nominations: 2026 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship

It's time to identify and nominate outstanding candidates for the 2026 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship! With the power of your District Designated Funds (DDF) and Rotary International's matching funds, our District can award up to \$30,000 to a candidate pursuing graduate studies in one of Rotary's Areas of Focus outside the United States.

**What Clubs Need to Do**

**September–December:** Identify, interview, and endorse qualified candidates.

**December 31:** Deadline to submit club endorsements online to the District Global Grants Scholarship Committee using the following link - Club Endorsement.

**February–March:** District finalist interviews.

**March–April:** District selection of scholar(s).

**May–June:** District submits Global Grant application and partners candidate with a host Rotary club in the destination country.

**August:** Scholarship funds become available; most scholars begin studies.

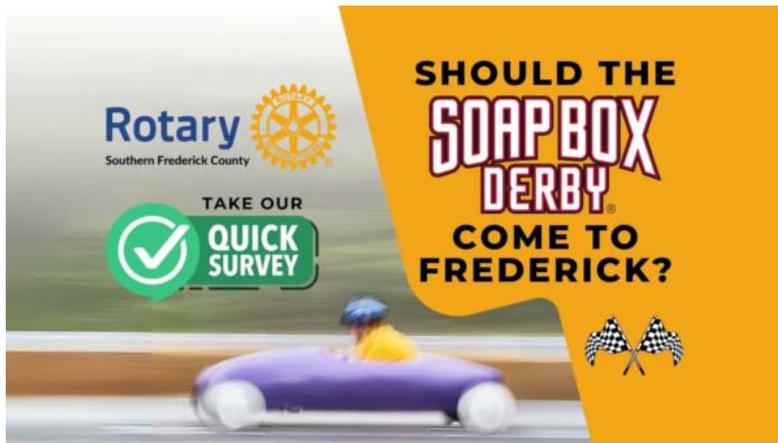
**Key Eligibility Rules** (Remember 1–2–3!) Graduate studies only (no undergraduate programs).  
Outside the United States.

Degree must align with one of Rotary's Areas of Focus.

Together, let's Unite for Good by launching a scholar who will create measurable, sustainable change in the world!

Contact Kristin Post, District 7620 Peace Fellow and Global Scholarship Chair, for more information.

## District-Wide Input Needed: Soap Box Derby in Frederick County?



The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County is exploring the possibility of bringing the All-American Soap Box Derby tradition to Frederick County (MD)—and we'd love your input!

Take the 2-minute survey here:

<https://forms.gle/mDjyLTDEc11BicSL7>

We're also interested in learning whether other Rotary Clubs in District 7620 would like to partner with the Southern Frederick County Club to help bring this event to life.

To learn more or discuss partnering opportunities, please contact:  
Dr. Jon Moles – [drmoles@molesortho.com](mailto:drmoles@molesortho.com)

For generations, Soap Box Derby races have united families, friends, and neighbors for a day of fun, teamwork, and unforgettable memories. Imagine cheering crowds, homemade racers, and a showcase of community spirit right here in Maryland.

Your feedback and partnership interest will help shape whether this beloved tradition finds a new home in Frederick County.

## Bus Tour for Seniors

My name is Wanda Young, and I am a member of the Pikesville Owings Mills Rotary Club.

I am organizing a bus tour for seniors, adults and families to visit the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky.

This 5-day, 4-night tour departs from the Baltimore area and offers a meaningful and uplifting travel experience centered on fellowship, and fun. Seniors are encouraged to join us and bring a roommate, spouse, or friend. Should Rotary Members join this tour, a portion of the proceeds from those travelers will be donated to the Pikesville Owings Mills Rotary Club.

### Trip Overview:

Fellowship! 5 Day/4 Night Bus Tour to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky — a life-sized replica of Noah's Ark built to Biblical dimensions.

Trip Dates: April 6 - 10, 2026 - Only \$769.  
Perfect for everyone & their travel buddies (roommates welcome!)  
Faith • Fellowship • Fun • Easy travel

Round-trip luxury bus w/movies, games and snacks  
Hotel stay, 4 breakfasts & 4 Dinners, Gratuities included  
Ark Encounter admission  
Creation Museum  
Riverboat Sightseeing Cruise  
National Underground Railroad Museum  
Relaxed itinerary, plenty of social time

Affordable Pricing – Payment Options - Limited Seats Available! Bring a friend or spouse

Call/Text/DM/Message Wanda 443.844.6607

Or Email: [worldtravelwithwanda@gmail.com](mailto:worldtravelwithwanda@gmail.com)

Departing from: Baltimore

A printable flyer is attached and I'd be happy to provide bulletin-ready text or speak briefly with you.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. I truly believe this tour will leave many with both inspiration and a joyful connection.

There's an entire world out there awaiting our footprints. Let's keep exploring through adventures in travel!

For the love of Rotary, I remain determined!

Wanda B. Young

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Phone: 443.844.6607

## Fear of Missing Out?



Join Us in Washington, D.C. for the [2025 Rotary District 7610 & 7620 Joint District Conference!](#)

Rotarians from [Rotary District 7610](#) & [Rotary District 7620](#) are uniting for a weekend of inspiration, connection, and fun in our nation's capital!

DisCon 2025 Highlights:

**Friday:** Scavenger Hunt, Peacebuilding Workshop, documentary screening + panel, and our lively International Night to Unite for Good!

**Saturday:** Morning mindfulness, powerful keynotes, breakout sessions (AI, Peace, Youth & more), service project, local dine-arounds (\$), and hospitality fun!

**Sunday:** Final sessions + optional outing to a Washington Spirit soccer game!  
House of Friendship open all weekend!

Stay at the [The Westin Washington, D.C. City Center](#)

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50961144/owner/1686/home>

Register & learn more:

**7610:** <https://www.rotary7610.org/district-conference/>

**7620:** <https://www.rotary7620.org/discon-2526/>

Follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates!

Let's come together to connect, learn, and serve—see you there! [#DisCon2025](#) [#UniteForGood](#)

## 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 23**. 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.

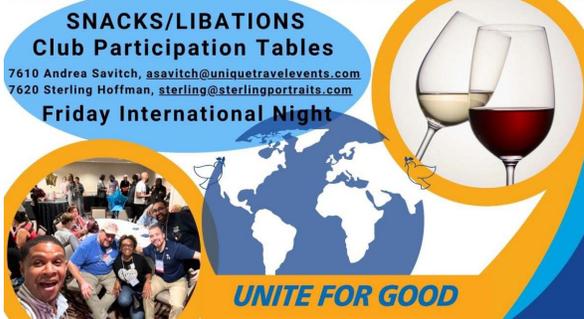
For more information about the conference and additional opportunities for engagement, please contact:

7620 - Susan Gordon, [susangordonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:susangordonrotary@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 Sign-Up



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)

