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Dr. Sean McAlister, District Governor 2022-2023



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GOVERNOR SEAN MCALISTER'S INSTALLATION REMARKS

By Governor Sean McAlister

Allow me to start by thanking all of you, who are here this Saturday afternoon. I know we have Rotarians, Rotaractors, friends, neighbors, and guests from all parts of the Mid-Atlantic region who are here from Maryland; Washington, DC; Virginia, Delaware, and North Carolina.

I would also like to thank our Rotary International Zone Director, Peter Kyle and his lovely wife, Margaret who flew in from South Africa this very morning. More importantly, I want to thank my father Dr. Doug McAlister and my mother, Patsy, for being here on my special day.

I am truly humbled that you all sacrificed your Saturday for Rotary and me. Thank you.

But what is Rotary? If I asked each of you, I would probably get a different answer.

However, to me, it is the leading humanitarian organization in the world. As an organization, we

have the ability to change lives on a local, national and global scale.

For our guests who don't know, in 1905, Paul Harris, our founder, and 3 other



[Above] 2021-22 Governor Geetha Jayaram pinned and congratulated 2022-23 Governor Sean McAlister.

businessmen gathered in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary Club meeting. These men initiated a "rotating" meeting in order to experience fellowship and undertake community service.

Today, 117th years later, all of us continue that enduring tradition. I am proud to say that Rotary International leads the world in volunteer service.

- It consists of 1.4 million members
- in more than 34,000 clubs,
- in over 220 countries - More countries than that are in the United Nations today.

But Rotary is not about numbers .. it is about service.

Over the past three years, I have been fortunate to discover, through Governor-Elect Trainings and Rotary International events, the true scope of the work that Rotary does on a local, national, and international scale.

For example, Rotary has identified specific "causes" to target in order to maximize our local and global impact.



[Above - L-R] MC PDG Claude Morissette and wife Sue; DG Sean and his parents. Sean's Father administered the oath of office to Governor Sean on the same weekend as he became District 7570 Governor in 1982.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20-23, 2023
District Conference
Hyatt Regency Bethesda

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They include promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, protecting our environment, and growing local economies. I challenge each of you today to take up one of these causes and make it your own this Rotary year on either a local or international level.

As we move into our 70th year as a

that we hold in the MidAtlantic region.

For example, neighboring Rotary and Rotaract clubs from District 7610 [Northern Virginia] and District 7630 [Eastern Maryland and Delaware] want to engage with us. They want to participate in our social activities and fellowship events. And perhaps most importantly, they want to be partners with us on our local and global initiatives.

I give District Governor Dr. Geetha Jayaram a great deal of credit in starting these partnerships. Now, we need to continue to build on these relationships.

One of the greatest strengths of Rotary International is our ability to leverage our skills, our connections, and our resources. One needs to look no further than our Global Grants to see the benefits.

I am a firm believer in the need for Rotary to be a cause for good both locally and globally.

There is not a day that goes by that I don't see a project or interaction with a local organization that has been touched by Rotary. Every Rotarian and Rotaractor should feel pride in the things that we, you and I, have accomplished together.

On the international stage, District 7620 has become a significant force for good. We have made significant accomplishments in India, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Ghana, Honduras, Colombia, and Vietnam. Basically, we have touched every continent on planet Earth, including Antarctica. And we will not stop our efforts, as there is still more to be done.

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[Above] Rotarians congratulate Charlotte Hall Rotarian Ila Shah for being honored at the Rotary International Convention in Houston at the official ceremony inducting her into the Arch Klumph Society, the highest tier of donors – those who have contributed \$250,000 or more during their lifetime. [Left to Right]: Roma and DG Bala Murthy (Troy, Michigan), May O'Brien, Sharon Taylor, and philanthropists and humanitarians, Dr. Ila Shah and Dr. Vinod K. Shah.

District, I think that it is extremely important that we begin a new era of partnerships with our clubs, Districts, and the international community. As a leader in our communities, it is our responsibility to lead the charge.

In this past year, through our President-Elect training process, I have had the good fortune of meeting with our 62 incoming Rotary Club Presidents-Elect and 12 Assistant Governors. I have found them to be warm, engaging and extremely enthusiastic about the year ahead.

Through their enthusiasm and creativity, they have also given me firsthand knowledge of the position

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I also had the great honor of attending my 5th international convention in Houston, Texas, just three weeks ago. This was a once in a lifetime experience. Not only did it energize me for the year to come, but it also gave me the opportunity to meet other Rotarians and Rotaractors from all over the world.

More importantly, it gave me and District 7620 new international connections and potential partners. It opened a new world of opportunities for us as a District to help other global communities.

As I look forward to the new year, I am excited about the possibilities. And I know that I will have the greatest District in North America with nearly 3,400 Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact members.

I will also have the most professional and dedicated Chairs, Assistant Governors, and support staff standing behind me. And more importantly, more than 20 Past District Governors standing ready to provide me with advice and counsel.

Because of all the great Rotarians in the room today, this year will NOT be one in which I need to do everything myself for our District to be successful.

I have a great team ... which brings me to this year's 2022-23 Rotary theme

"Imagine Rotary".

On July 1, 2022, our incoming Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones will become our first women president in Rotary's 117th year history.

As our new international president, she changes all of us to

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

As we work in service this year, I urged all of us to dream big and harness our connections and the power of Rotary to turn our dreams into reality.

We have all been entrusted with leadership in our great organization. Now it is up to us to be brave and intentional in our actions, and let others help us lead.

And the best part is, this can happen at every level in our District, including through Rotaract and Interact.

Our theme this year, Imaging Rotary, is not as easy as it sounds. You see, although we all have dreams, acting on them is a choice we must make.

When an organization like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio, vaccinating against COVID, and creating peace, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen.

To quote Jennifer Jones again, "You

don't imagine yesterday, you imagine tomorrow."

In conclusion, being a Rotarian and Rotaractor is about the people we help.

At the end of the day, the only thing that matters in Rotary is how much better the world becomes because Rotary is in it, because we, you and I, made a difference!

Complacency will set Rotary back. That's why it is not enough for any of us to just go through the motions, to show up at our club meetings, to show up at an event to do the minimum needed just to get noticed.

I therefore urge all members to attend your club meetings regularly and recommit more time to our projects and fellowship activities.

My installation as the 70th Governor for Rotary District 7620 this year is a great honor.

I am joining an exclusive club of leaders in our community. I understand both the faith that you have put in me and the responsibility that I have to

- our global community.
- to Washington, DC, and Maryland.
- and to you.

I welcome the opportunity and want to thank all of you for the trust you have shown in me.



[Above] The Council of Governors at the Installation of Governor Sean McAlister.

ROTARY CLUB OF ANNAPOLIS RAISES \$40,000 FOR “LET’S CHOW”

By Anne Myers, Annapolis Rotary Public Relations

enhance its Annapolis fleet.

Generous sponsors of the event included The Mattingley Family, Sue Weber-Wehnert, Pam Urnowey, Post, Neufeld Plato Charitable Gift Fund, Michael and Mary Walsh, Andy Laing, and Zachary’s Jewelers. .

Save-the-Date for the 77th Annual Rotary Club of Annapolis Crab Feast at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on Aug 5.

300 MILE BIKE RIDE

By Allan Roberts

The bike ride took place from May 14 to May 18 covering 300 miles, starting just outside Pittsburgh in the town of West Newton, and finishing in Georgetown. The following bike riders from Metro Bethesda Rotary Club took part in this adventurous trek : Past district treasurer Allan Roberts lead this group through the Laurel highlands of Pennsylvania, crossing the continental divide and the Mason-Dixon line, then onward to Georgetown. Escorted by area governor Temrah Okonski, and her husband Gene and PDG Barton Goldenberg, Followed by President Mark Rom and President elect Erika Dickstein and president nominee David Searby and club members Reed Dewey, David Faulders, and future club members Dr. Jonathan Hodor and Mr. James Grant Jr.

The weather cooperated for the group for the most part without too many challenges. There were reported two flat tires and four falls, but no injuries as this group got to enjoy Rotarian fellowship at the highest level, while raising over \$3000 for the Metro Bethesda foundation.

The Rotary Club of Annapolis raised \$40,000 to benefit Let’s Chow, a nonprofit organization supporting military veterans’ transition from the service to employment and careers in the culinary industry.

Co-chairs of the annual Black Tie & Diamonds gala, Sue Weber and Chera Howey, hosted the sold-out glittering event June 11 at The Atreum at Soaring Timbers. Each year a single organization is selected to receive proceeds from the fundraiser in order to make a significant impact toward its mission.

Let’s Chow was founded by Jordan Foley USNA ’12, to help bridge the gap for individuals leaving the service and successfully developing skills and businesses in food service, food trucks, catering, and restaurants. Chow focuses on long-term individual outcomes for veterans and military spouses. With culinary training, business coaching, and financial support, participants serve delicious food, fight food insecurity in their communities, and build sustainable, independent businesses.

COO Charlie Magovern thanked everyone for their goodwill for Chow and reported that proceeds from the gala will enable the organization to purchase an additional food truck to



[Above] Photos by Michael Datch.
 1. Charlie Magovern and his family with the Let’s Chow food truck.
 2. Black Tie & Diamonds co-chairs Sue Weber and Chera Howey.
 3. Rob Dews, Rotary Club of Annapolis president 2022-2023, and Tanya Dews
 4. Let’s Chow founders, Charlie Magovern, COO, and Jordan Foley, CEO.

ROTARY 7620 BASEBALL NIGHT

August 20, 2022 | Four Games, One District

On August 20, 2022, Rotary 7620 will host four baseball games throughout the District to bring together Rotarians, raise money for End Polio Now, and share more about Rotary's mission of #serviceaboveself. Pick your game.

Frederick Keys vs. Trenton Thunder
August 20th | 6PM

Nymeo Field At Harry Grove Stadium
21 Stadium Dr, Frederick, MD 21703

FIREWORKS

\$10/tickets

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Bowie Baysox vs. Somerset Patriots
August 20th | 6:35PM

Prince George's Stadium
4101 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716

FIREWORKS

\$10/tickets

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Aberdeen Ironbirds vs. Asheville Tourists

August 20th | 6:05PM

Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium
873 Long Dr, Aberdeen, MD 21001

\$15/tickets

[BUY TICKETS](#)

So. Maryland Blue Crabs vs. Kentucky

Wild

August 20th | 6:35PM

Regency Furniture Stadium

11765 St. Linus Drive Waldorf, MD
20602

Password: RD7620

\$15/tickets

[BUY TICKETS](#)

JOIN PRINCE FREDERICK ROTARY CLUB IN HONDURAS

Rotary Teams – Come serve for a week with us in Honduras. You are invited!

We are actively seeking Rotarians (Clubs/Districts/Individuals) who are interested in traveling to Honduras for 1-week trips to work on the various

projects Honduras Compassion Partners are involved in - specifically, the WASH and housing projects that are funded by Global Grants.

We currently have 2 of these trips already planned. December 3-10, 2022, and February 18-25, 2023. There is room for 20 people per team. We can also schedule more teams like these. If you have a few people who want to join a team, please let us know and we'll find a date that works for you.

The trip cost is \$700 per person plus airfare. This fee includes all housing, food, in country transportation, a t-shirt, and projects.

Visit this link for more info on the Rotary Teams. hondurascompassion.org/rotary

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MEDICAL SUPPLIES WORTH \$50K SENT TO UKRAINE

By Bob Grill, President, Disaster Aid USA and Paul Mahata, Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee and Disaster Aid USA have been coordinating disaster relief work locally, nationally, and internationally. We continue to help Ukraine and the Ukrainian refugees for the last four months. Per UN estimates, more than 7 million refugees have crossed the border and moved into Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova and other countries. Internally, another 10+ million people have been displaced, and two out of three children had to leave their homes. The Rotary Foundation and many other charitable organizations are now seriously engaged in helping the overwhelming number of refugees inside and outside of Ukraine. Obviously, you have several options to help these refugees. Here, we describe how Disaster Aid USA has been helping in this unprecedented disaster, and we are asking that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA, so we can continue the disaster relief work for Ukraine.

Through donation, DAUSA received \$50k worth of trauma medical supplies. We worked with Veterans without Borders and Crowd Source Rescue to deliver these much-needed supplies to Ukraine. Finding good partners to work with is essential. The supplies were loaded in Louisiana, sent to North Carolina and then air shipped to Ukraine. The list of requested medical supplies from Ukraine and our donated supplies were a good match. These medical supplies included: Israeli bandages, Resuscitators, IV kits, Blood transfusion

kits, Thermal blankets, Multiple sizes of syringes, Gauze, Tourniquet, Splits, Medical gloves, and so on.



In order for us to continue this type of disaster relief work now and in the coming weeks and months, each Rotary club and each Rotarian and their friends are being urged to donate generously. DAUSA is a 501-c-3 charitable

organization, co-founded by our own PDG Bob Grill. All checks could be sent to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706. To donate online, please visit www.disasteraidusa.org. To make a donation via Facebook, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/DisasterAidUSA>

BMORE FOR UKRAINE

By Mary Anne Rishbarger

I would like to invite our district to come out to support Ukraine at the Ukrainian festival in Baltimore on July 23rd. Disaster Aid USA and Baltimore Sunset Rotary Club will have a double booth to promote our Rotary work. We welcome other clubs to join us and promote their good work in the region. This festival will bring people from our entire district.

The Baltimore-Odesa Sister City Committee (BOSCC) is excited to announce BMore for Ukraine, an outdoor fundraising festival on Saturday, July 23 from 12-6 in Baltimore's Patterson Park. BMore for Ukraine is raising money for World

Central Kitchen and United Help Ukraine, two organizations doing humanitarian work in Ukraine.

BMore for Ukraine will be an outdoor festival with local food and drink vendors, live cultural music and dance, games, raffles, prizes, and children's activities. Tickets can be purchased at bmoreforukraine.eventbrite.com. FREE entry for children 16 years and younger.

The Baltimore-Odesa Sister City Committee is a member of Baltimore Sister Cities, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, and manages Baltimore's second-oldest sister city relationship with Odesa since 1974. BOSCC's members include Ukrainian natives and refugees, as well as a Past President of the Rotaract Club of College Park. BOSCC is a corporate member of the Baltimore Sunset Rotary Club. Secretary, Baltimore-Odesa Sister City Committee

<https://www.baltimoreodesa.org/>

FIRST AID KITS SENT TO UKRAINE FROM METRO BETHESDA ROTARY

By Daniel Fischer, Metro Bethesda Rotary Club

While millions of dollars and euro have been donated to help displaced Ukrainians, Metro Bethesda Rotary felt it could have a different opportunity. Spearheaded by Daniel Fischer, Barton Goldenberg and Kathy Schwab, the club decided to provide critical first aid materials and other key medical supplies to those on the frontlines of the war. "We found the right partners to assist us including the Lviv International Rotary Club (<https://www.facebook.com/LvivInternationalRC>) and a local DC area nonprofit, United Help Ukraine (UHU) (www.unitedhelpukraine.org) run by Ukraine ex-pats since 2014," according to Daniel, past club president.

The Lviv International RC has 60 members from 11 European countries and the U.S. They will distribute the medical to the areas of most need on the frontlines. United Help Ukraine (UHU) helped purchase the aid, and as part of their mission, coordinates the shipping from the DC area to their warehouse in Lviv, Ukraine for no charge to Rotary, thus making the project far more effective.

In total, the MBR project is funding \$45,000 of medical items. Funds included a \$25,000 Disaster Response grant from RI and approved by District leadership, plus \$20,000 of cash donations from

MBR members, other Rotarians and the public. "I learned about the Rotary Disaster Response grants from my work with Rotary Intercountry Committees. I knew we were eligible and felt confident ... that the \$25,000 grant would act a primer for our ever-so-generous club members to add to this effort" commented Barton, past 7620 DG and past MBR club president.



After making contact with James Joeriman, President of the International Lviv RC, discussions began to identify the highest priority medical needs. Concurrently, MBR came to an agreement with UHU. Maryna Baydyuk president of UHU and former Georgetown University teacher, has received millions of dollars donated specifically for the purchase of supplies and the very expensive and complicated shipping from the U.S. to Ukraine. Maryna agreed to share her discounted prices making the project more economical and satisfying the RI requirement that supplies be sourced from U.S.-based companies.

In early May, 200 emergency first aid kits were purchased, packaged and delivered to the Lviv Rotary Club in Ukraine, each box displaying an MBR promotional label. These kits included a combat level tourniquet, chest seal twin pack, hemostatic gauze, Israeli compression bandage, Z fold compression gauzes, tape, shear, burn bandages and a tracheostomy tube. Also purchased were large Custom Medical Combat

backpacks with over 80 items.

30 Rotarians, Interactors and family members met at the UHU warehouse and assembled 200 individual medical kits. The packed boxes then headed off to Newark airport.

The kits' journey began at a warehouse in Gaithersburg, MD then

trucked to Newark, NJ airport, flown to Warsaw, Poland, trucked to Lviv and picked up the International Lviv RC.

"Working on an international project to deliver medical supplies to Ukraine provided me a way to serve my club and RI. Rotary fits so well with my core value of giving back to society thru action. Thanks for the opportunity," commented Kathy Schwab, club member.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact Daniel, Barton or Kathy.

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ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SUMMER MEETING

and New Faculty Training

By Pam Kreis, District RLI Chair

Knowledge is Power to Change the World

We are closing in on the Summer Meeting of Zone 33's Mid-Atlantic Rotary Leadership Institute. An exciting agenda is planned for all current faculty and new faculty training is being offered as well. It's an opportunity where likeminded members get to connect personally with Rotarians from nine Mid-Atlantic states, celebrate our RLI accomplishments together, and collaborate on every level to grow Rotary education for the future. We do all of this at one event — while making memories that will last a lifetime.

The Mid-Atlantic RLI community will take place at Virginia Crossings a Hilton property located at 1000 Virginia Center Parkway, Glen Allen, VA 23059 Friday and Saturday July 15-16, 2022.

As the world continues to change, so must RLI. Both current faculty and new faculty will experience a program that forecasts what is to come for RLI

No matter who you are or where you're from, you're bound to find inspirational moments throughout the summer RLI meeting. The program offers:

- General sessions - Interact with people

from around the Mid-Atlantic region and learn about what's coming for Mid-Atlantic RLI.

- Breakout sessions - Participate in lively discussions, learn new adult facilitation skills, collaborate with other RLI participants, and explore new programming initiatives.

- Networking - Connect on a global level while meeting new friends, catching up with old ones, and making memories that'll last a lifetime.

- New Facilitator Training – Saturday will feature an opportunity for graduates to become faculty.

Register today at your District's DACdb calendar or on the Mid-Atlantic RLI website at www.rli33.org. The block of rooms at VA Crossings is full but additional rooms are available at the nearby Hampton Inn and Suites, Virginia Center at the same rate of \$115/night. The hotel's Director of Sales, Nancy Coggins, will honor that rate several days before and after those dates. Please call Nancy directly to reserve, 804-261-22666 and tell her you want the RLI rate. The deadline for registration is July 7, 2022.



[Above] The Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village and Historic Emory Grove Rotary club have completed their very successful Memorial Day Weekend Flags for our Heroes activity.

Rotaract



DC ROTARY CELEBRATED WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the Rotaract Club of Washington DC took over the Washington DC's Rotary Club meeting.

The #DCRotaryClub has had the tradition of inviting our #DCRotaractClub to take over, run and present at our weekly meeting during #WorldRotaractWeek. Overall it was an amazing program. We are so lucky to sponsor such an amazing group of Rotarians! Rotaractors make the world a better place. Thank you for all you do and we are glad our Club got to celebrate you that week!



ROTARY CLUB OF DUPONT CIRCLE CELEBRATED 10TH ANNIVERSARY

By Luke Beer, Past President, Rotary Club of Dupont Circle 2021-22; Past President, Rotary Club of Kabul City 2014-15

Ten years ago in March, District 7620 welcomed its 3rd club that would meet in Washington, D.C. The Rotary Club of Dupont Circle, which meets at happy hour on Tuesdays, launched with a mission to use “our professional diversity and international perspective to serve our community—both local and global.” Also known as Dupont Rotary, the club’s initial five leaders were all women, and all but one was a former Rotary Peace Fellow or Rotary Ambassadorial (now Global Grant) scholar. Early membership drew on D.C.-based professionals who were interested in making local connections and having a global impact.

In this same spirit, we continue to attract those with a heart for service who reside and/or work in the District of Columbia to engage in their community. Many of our current members are children or grandchildren of Rotarians. And most have lived and worked outside of the United States. That’s also how we ended up with a Canadian as President-Elect! We are so very proud of the first ten years and delighted for the next ten!

Leading into this year, Dupont Rotary’s board worked with DGN Delores Edwards to establish a strategic plan to guide our club’s efforts and activities. Investing in our membership was a key part of that plan. As such, we were pleased to extend financial support for all members who participated in Rotary Leadership Institutes (RLI) and to a member who will be attending their first Rotary International (RI) Convention in Houston.

In true Rotarian fashion, not only did we focus on membership, we also looked at creative ways to raise money. To support our fundraising efforts, I issued a Presidential Challenge for each member to raise funds, with matching amounts offered from the Club to encourage participation. To bolster the efforts of local nonprofits and sustain relationships with our local community, the Dupont Circle Rotary Charitable Foundation has donated some \$5,000 to support our partners including Homes

Not Borders, City Dogs & City Kitties, Friendship Place, City Blossoms and For the Love of Children.

Additionally, we continue to upcycle our impact by leveraging the institutional strength of Rotary. As our mission statement concludes, “the synergy of the club lets us have a higher impact on the world than possible as an individual, while enriching us through fellowship.” In that spirit, we extended resources to the District Disaster Relief Committee following the terrible Kentucky tornadoes and donated funds for the Zone 33 Youth & Peace in Action project, and of course to RI’s PolioPlus.

I am particularly excited that our club now meets the threshold requirements to receive District designated funding with our members donating graciously to the Rotary International Annual Fund and achieving the requisite goal of 50% Paul Harris Fellows. Thus, with no shortage of partnerships and institutional confidence, the Rotary Club of Dupont Circle is very excited for the future!

This future involves building our legacy by supporting our Rotaract Club at Howard University, also known as HU Rotaract. Rotaract’s executive board attended an online fall meeting to introduce themselves and present their plans for the year. Their Dupont Rotary advisors supported them through the many challenges they faced on campus including bomb threats, student protests, and continuing club activities and meetings throughout the pandemic. We were elated to provide a platform for President Jarius Garner to serve as a speaker during World Rotaract Week in March where we heard about their successes. I was even able to join their induction ceremony where they welcomed 16 new Rotaractors into the club.

This persistence, resilience, and spirit of excellence at our Rotaract Club mirrors our own.

Our club has and will continue to evolve to carve our own path to success. We have navigated many challenges and continue to adapt our club model to overcome them. So with the ongoing

COVID 19 pandemic, we decided to stay active while prioritizing the safety of our members and guests. Our club meets virtually on the first, second, and third Tuesday evenings of the month at 7pm ET. We have designated the 4th week as our Service week, with any 5th Tuesdays as our social events, which tend to be in-person. This hybrid model offers all members options to remain active in the club while providing us the choice to meet in-person for purposeful camaraderie.

You will see that fellowship on full display if you watch the replay of our 10th Anniversary meeting along with our special guests RI Zone Director Peter Kyle, DG Geetha Jayaram, DGE Sean McAlister, DGN Delores Edwards, PDG Jay Kumar, HU Rotaract President Jarius Garner, former members near and far, and many others. A highlight was the special anniversary video (<https://www.kindeo.com/group/k0xeg1ynjbinf44>) which brought greetings from old and new members inside and outside of the US, past and present District leaders, former HU Rotaract Presidents, and our first Global Grant Project partner from the Rotary Club of Harare City in Zimbabwe.

Our partnership to build a pedestrian footbridge there has helped local school children get to school without walking through a dangerous river.

This connection with members and the broader Rotary community is supported by an active presence online via our social media platforms. Over the winter and through this spring, Dupont Rotary has increased its social media activities by launching a club YouTube Channel, where we archive our past meetings. Everyone is welcome to join us there, or stay connected with us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, or with our newest social media venture, our TikTok account @dupontcircle! Utilizing technology has made it possible to stay connected. Dupont Rotary is literally always just a click away. It has been an amazing

10 years and we encourage your club to reach out and serve, lead, or connect with us any day.

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valuable resources on Public Image/Public Relations topics. As we had great attendance and participation at these sessions, we decided to repeat again this year. These sessions are open to all district leaders, club leaders and club members

All sessions this year will be held at 6:00 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The following is the schedule for this year:

- July 26, 2022 Master Class #1 - Getting Started - the Force is with YOU!
- August 23, 2022 Office Hours
- October 25, 2022 Master Class #2 - Creating a PR Plan for Club and District Service Projects
- November 22, 2022 Office Hours
- January 24, 2023 Master Class #3 - Collaborative Public Image
- February 28, 2023 Office Hours
- March 28, 2023 Master Class #4 - How Membership Retention and PI Work Together
- June 27, 2023 Master Class #5 - Running a Digital Marketing Campaign

To join any of these sessions, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89759173311?pwd=Tzlvd09yNU13VDY2UitFN3RZWnhadz09>

Your Zone 33 Public Image Team

Please remember that your Zone 33 Public Image Team stands ready to help with any needs that you may have. We can offer training on a district or club basis as well as offer help on any Public Image campaign you are considering. Also, if you have any questions related to proper use of the Rotary brand, please reach out to us. In addition to training, please [click here](#) to access the Zone 33 Public Image page or go to <https://www.rizoness33-34.org/z33pi/> for resources and training materials.

If you research the Rotary theme for July, you will either find that it is “New Leadership Month” or “Transition Month”. Both apply as we are transitioning from our previous leaders to those that will guide Rotary into the new year, but it is more than that. There is no doubt there has been a great deal of planning by all our leaders regarding what we want to accomplish in the coming year. It is now time to put those plans into ACTION. As we start the new Rotary year, Public Image Chairs of our districts and clubs need to assert that we are just as important as those in Membership and Foundation roles. Without good Public Image/Public Relations campaigns, it is difficult to recruit new members and increase donations to the Foundation. There will be those that say that membership committees are the most important part of our organization as they will make our organization grow. We beg to disagree. You can have the best product available, but if you don’t have the right marketing, nobody will know about you and what you have to offer.

Public Image Master Classes

Last year, the Zone 33 Public Image team started hosting “Master Classes” and “Open Office Hours” on a monthly basis to provide

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APPROVED DISTRICT COMMUNITY GRANTS ANNOUNCED

By DFRC and iPDG Geetha Jayaram and BJ Skinner, Grants committee Chair.

We are pleased to announce the DDF-Share Grants approved in the first round for 2022-2023 and the opening of a second round of community grant applications.

The District received a diverse set of applications for matching DDF for community grants. These grants are smaller local or global efforts that can be completed by 15 May 2023. They must adhere to RI and District 7620 guidelines including clear objectives, detailed project design, objective measurements, demonstrable sustainability and financial feasibility.

Not all grants were approved. If your grant is not listed above you are welcome to contact the Grants Committee Chair B.J. Chamberlain-Skinner (bjchamberlain@counsellor.com) for further information regarding your application, including how to make it compliant.

As there is still 2022-2023 DDF-Share funds available for clubs wishing to apply for community grants, we are conducting a second round of applications in accordance with the following

parameters:

All 2022-2023 MOU eligibility requirements still apply for the second round applications.

The closing period for "Submitted for District Approval" grant applications will end no later than 11:59pm, July 31, 2022.

If your club currently has a 2022-2023 grant in DACdb "Draft" you may complete the application and "Submitted for District Approval" no later than 11:59pm, July 31, 2022.

Announcement of Approved second round grants will occur early August with release of DDF funds soon thereafter.

Global Grants (minimum \$30,000, required Community Assessment, multiyear, etc.) continue to be

submitted through the [MyRotary.org](https://myrotary.org) application process.

Your Grants Committee members have taken considerable measures to be of assistance to club grant writers, follow the Four-Way Test, maintain transparency throughout the process, examine submitted content to evaluate and recommend this year's district DDF-Share community grant approvals. They are available to guide your club in the submittal of compliant applications.

As your DRFC, I welcome any feedback of the process.

Congratulations to all Awardees.

The approved community District grants are:

Project Number	Project Name	Rotary Club	Total Project	DDF Approved	Notes/Focus Area
14261	Backpacks for Bright Futures	Carroll Creek	\$20,000	\$5,000	Maternal and Child Health
13996	Gopinathabetta Watershed Project	Capitol Hill* College Park	\$6,000	\$3,000	Global/Maternal and Child Health
13504	Helping Kids Eat Weekend Meal Program	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	\$6,000	\$3,000	Maternal and Child Health
14249	Hot Meals for Needy in Mount Airy	Mount Airy	\$2,600	\$1,300	Maternal and Child Health
14262	Howard County ECE Parent-Student Engagement	Ellicott City* Columbia Columbia Town Center Elkridge Howard West	\$7,300	\$3,150	Basic Education and Literacy
14028	Jacsonville Haiti Medical / Dental Clinic	Ellicott City	\$10,000	\$5,000	Global/Maternal and Child Health
14256	Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic Flood Assistance	Rockville Potomac	\$10,800	\$5,400	Maternal and Child Health
13486	Monarch Butterfly Garden - Marriotts Ridge High School	Columbia Town Center	\$1,500	\$750	Environment
14016	Oseno Primary School	Capitol Hill	\$6,000	\$1,500	Global/Basic Education and Literacy
14088	Guatemala City Children's Library	Howard West	\$3,000	\$1,500	Global/Basic Education and Literacy
14090	Essential Services to Students at Howard Community College	Howard West	\$2,280	\$1,140	Basic Education and Literacy
14089	Scholarships for Career and Tech Certifications	Prince Frederick	\$10,000	\$5,000	Basic Education and Literacy
13946	Food Banks / Rotary Green Bag Project	Ellicott City Sunrise* Ellicott City	\$2,000	\$1,000	Environment
13352	Teacher Training - Niger Africa	Montgomery Village	\$10,000	\$5,000	Global/Basic Education and Literacy
13652	Teteman Sanitation and Hygiene Project	Capitol Hill* Metro Bethesda	\$10,670	\$4,670	Global/Water and Sanitation
14282	War Relief Project in Odesa, Ukraine	Rockville	\$10,000	\$5,000	Global/Maternal and Child Health

DC CLUB CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF TREES FOR THE CAPITAL

President Bill Dent of the Washington, DC Rotary Club invited Rotarians and past speakers to our first Tree Planting Ceremony in two and a half years on June 15, 2022, at 11:15 am. In fact, the club celebrated the 30th Anniversary of our Trees for the Capital Program with our friends from the U.S. National Park Service. 'Trees' Chair Bryan Ingram flew into town for the occasion. This year, the tree-planting location took place on the Washington Monument grounds across from the World War II Memorial in a grove of cherry trees. Remarkably, many of our speakers showed up for the tree planting! In the past, for many years, twice-yearly tree plantings of mostly cherry trees, took place around the Tidal Basin.



Just four years ago, NPS hired its first Arborist, Matthew J. Morrison, and he shared the podium with Robin detailing what happens to trees when 30 million visitors a year visit Washington and stomp around the trees. He is experimenting with a number of ways to care for the trees and build and preserve the tree canopy on federal parkland in DC, which is not just on the Mall, but on triangles and corners and small park areas all over Washington.

Finally, President Bill presented our annual check to the National Park Service. The donation helps fund the 45 full-grown trees that honor our guest speakers each year. The DC Club has worked with the Park Service on a website that identifies the coordinates of each tree planted for each speaker, so a speaker can visit their tree and water it, if they want. Each tree costs upwards of \$300.



The celebration continued at the University Club where NPS officials joined us for a program to celebrate our 30 years of planting trees

"As a life-long 'tree hugger,' this is a very special moment, as I wind down my term as your Club President," said President Bill Dent. Bill formerly chaired the Trees for the Capital Committee for years after Trees founder Peter Gilsey passed away, and will chair the District's Environment Committee after he steps down as President.

MELWOOD

By Kevin Freese, District Finance Committee Chair

The Board of the District's Project Trust Fund (PTF), a 501(c)3 corporation, recently decided to discontinue the PTF. With this change, the PTF can no longer accept donations. For the past several years the PTF participated in a program with Melwood by which Rotarians could donate their cars to Melwood, and Melwood would split the sale proceeds between the PTF and the donor's Rotary club. Because the PTF is no longer active, this program is no longer in effect.

We encourage you to continue to support Melwood and The Rotary Foundation through their respective contribution processes.

together in the Nation's Capital. Robin Nixon, Director of Partnership, National Mall and Memorial Parks, US Park Service, was the guest speaker at the DC Rotary Club meeting.

Robin surprised our club with a spectacular announcement -- The Park Service found funds to match our Rotary donations for the last couple years and is planting 500 trees total! These are full-grown trees; and like this year's trees, many are cherry

trees. Robin noted that the contractor who planted them guarantees the trees, and if one should die, the tree will be replaced. She noted that "Rotary is her favorite partner!"



IMPACT OF POETRY ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH

By Efrat Levner, Greenbelt Rotary Club

I am an Occupational Therapist, a volunteer in a community garden in Greenbelt and a member of the local Rotary Club.

I was inspired to write this article, after using Poetry Reading with our residents visiting our garden and expressing their positive impression of the garden and even writing poems about it. The garden called The Three Sisters Garden and run only by volunteers. The garden has an artistic and peaceful appeal which attracts many visitors. One visitor from India told me: "It is so peaceful here; I could pray here." We wanted to use this garden for more personal expression and that's how we came to the decision of Poetry in The Garden which we do once a month.

At some point I was invited by the local Rotary club member: Mr. Vijay Kowtha, to introduce poetry to high school students who attend Robotic classes after school hours. At first, I was not sure if the two subjects can connect. Engineers and Poetry? An odd couple?

I started visiting and interacting with the students. I introduced myself and talked about the importance of education for their future. During these initial visits, I noticed something was missing. I found the students very motivated and focused on

their projects, but also most of them appeared to be shy, not comfortable interacting with others. Some made a brief verbal contact but no eye contact or any personal input. I continued visiting, increasing familiarity with the students and help as needed.

I kept thinking; how can I introduce Poetry to these students that all they appear to be interested is their project. I also did not want to distract them while they were so focused on their work. I went online to see if there is any material on Engineers and Poetry. I was very surprised to find poems written by Engineering students and professionals. Many of them expressing sense of isolation, loneliness and not being really happy. One adult engineer told me that "all engineers have some mental health issues."

My observations with these students led me to focus on their mental health. This thinking encouraged me to go back to these students and introduce this diverse activity. I could now see how engineering and poetry can be connected. I could see how beneficial poetry can be for these young men and women. How it can facilitate awareness of their emotional needs and discovery of a healthy outlet to express them. I brought poems written by engineering students and read them in a group. They were willing to read the poems in a group

situation, but we now need to continue developing to a degree where they are able to relax and be able to enjoy self-expression before negative feelings appear.

Poetry has the therapeutic power to reduce anxiety and sadness. By sitting to write about your thoughts, feelings, you manage to slow down. Looking for that special, precise word that can describe exactly how you feel becomes like a challenging game and when you find that special word, you feel you got the answer to your feelings. This process over time can become "addictive" and you start enjoying "the game". I believe that with education and some self-discipline this process could be possible. We will be able to incorporate poetry in our daily life like we use physical exercise, yoga, jogging and swimming for our mental and physical health well-being.

Wouldn't it be nice if doctors prescribed Dozes of Poetry for treating their anxious/depressed patients instead of prescribing medication? Or if Poetry could be taught in school as a fun subject, from a young age? This may be a dream now, but possible.

I hope the readers will find this article useful regardless of their occupation and use it to inspire others to enjoy poetry in general. effielevner@aol.com

[see page 4 for a poem written by a future engineer]



METRO BETHESDA INTERACTORS END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR PROJECTS

By Kallie Forman

In May, the Metro Bethesda Interactors partnered with Metro Bethesda Rotarians for two community service projects.

On May 1, Interactors and Rotarians assembled and packed two hundred medical backpacks filled with urgently needed supplies for Ukraine's frontline forces. The kits were airborne to the Lviv Ukraine Rotary Club who coordinated distribution. The humanitarian project was a team effort achieved in a short-turnaround period thanks to dedicated Rotarians, generous donors, two Rotary Club's foundation contributions and matching district and international grant funding.

On May 22, Interactors volunteered as runners, officials, race timers, face painters, parking assistants and setup/cleanup crew at the Nesfield Performance 5K Classic. The event raised funds for Metro Bethesda Rotary Club's Foundation and The Spirit Club Foundation.

On June 12, Interactors

recognized their club officers and graduating seniors at Ledo Pizza and made hand crafted greeting cards for the non-profit organization, Cards for Hospitalized Kids.

POEM FROM A FUTURE ENGINEER

The Project

By Molten

What a pain you have been?
 Every day there is something new,
 Another task that needs solving,
 A deadline constantly approaches,
 It never stops so neither do I,
 No hope for more time,
 Just got to keep moving,
 As soon as I finish one task,
 Another is given,
 An endless struggle for life,
 The life of an engineer



DC ROTARY'S TUNISIAN EMBASSY FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

By May Yoneyama O'Brien, DISC co-chair

An unexpected visitor to our June 22 meeting, Past Tunisian Ambassador to the US, Hatem Atallah, PP of our twin club, the Tunis Doyen Rotary Club, hailed the success of the Washington, DC Rotary Club's annual Ambassadorial Reception, which was hosted by Her Excellency the Ambassador of Tunisia, Hanene

welcoming remarks and their hope for continued good will and friendship between our two countries. President Bill thanked the Ambassador for the wonderful buffet of Tunisian specialties and warm hospitality. In spite of threatening rain, the mood was celebratory and the evening memorable.

Ambassadors from countries in which our club's International



diplomats, USAID, and Peace Corps volunteers; Jim is a friend and a former Rotarian from our sister club, the Paris Academies Rotary Club, when he was posted at the US Embassy in Paris.



This was a fundraiser for a charity in Tunisia, chosen by the Ambassador and the Tunis Doyen Rotary Club. The charity, called Association UNESI, or the National Union for Specialized Education, provides specialized education, professional training leading to a diploma, and follow-up of socio-professional integration for young people with mental disabilities who have dropped out of school. The center also offers individual therapeutic care for children and adolescents still in school (from 4 to 18 years old).



Service Committee has partnered with Rotary clubs in those countries on international humanitarian projects, as well as countries where the

Tajouri Bessassi

The DC Club's Embassy and International Relations Committee annual fundraiser event, led by PP David Klaus and Linda Solomon, took place on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the Ambassador's beautiful residence on a hill near Rock Creek Park.

DC Club President Bill Dent and Ambassador Bassassi provided

club has twin or sister club relationships, were invited. Many ambassadors and their partners came in their native costumes.

The DC club collaborated with the American Tunisian Association, and Board member James L.

Bullock also spoke and introduced the ATA President and members present; the ATA is composed mostly of former ambassadors,

Ambassador Atallah warmly noted, "I am thankful for the support from DC. Tunis Doyen will continue to support UNESI," and he promised "to give a report on how the funds will be spent" and assured us he would "keep the club informed on progress." The Ambassador gave "strong words of appreciation for the support, especially from Linda and David," and looks "forward to working with the Washington DC club -- as well as on other projects."

PAROLE ROTARY CLUB STAYS ACTIVE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Buzz Stillinger, Parole Rotary Club

When the Parole Rotary Club isn't busy collecting, sorting, and sending books overseas to developing countries, it is busy raising money by parking cars at the Naval Academy and giving away that money to local organizations, to a chef in Ukraine to help him buy food, and to help obtain a Rotary Grant for assistance in Honduras.

The Club is proud to have been recognized in the May/June issue of the Rotary Magazine. It is not an easy task to accept over 1,000 used books a day, to sort them, and then to ship them 20,000 at a time to places around the world needing them. Books for International Goodwill holds periodic sales of valuable books less appropriate for the educational needs of our friends overseas. Revenues from these sales generally go to offset the costs of shipping and delivery, but a special sale was recently held to raise money to feed people in Ukraine. We raised \$12,000, which included a grant from the Hollins Family Foundation, and the money was sent to Jose Andres, a local chef in Ukraine, who used it to purchase food which he prepared and handed out to many people in Ukraine.

But the Club does not rest on B.I.G.'s accomplishments and stop there. During the football season, the Club members volunteer their Saturdays to direct the parking at all US Naval Academy home football games, for which we get paid. This raises most of the money we give to qualifying organizations in the form of grants. We recently gave away \$50,000 in grants to organizations which help our young people develop. Those organizations included Services from the Heart, Seeds 4 Success, Inc., Annapolis Symphony Orchestra Youth Education Program, Girls on the Run of the Greater Chesapeake, YMCA Camp

Letts, Annapolis Area Imagination Library, Creating Communities, and the Maritime Museum to name a few.

In addition to feeding people in Ukraine and providing grants to worthy local organizations, the Parole Club has also provided \$5,000 as our contribution in the pooling of financial resources from other area Rotary Clubs to apply for a \$65,000 Rotary International grant to help finance the work that Honduras Compassion Partners is to doing in the community of La Paz, Honduras to provide safe drinking water and sanitary conditions. The La Paz community has recently announced that improving conditions in La Paz, because of the work that Honduras Compassion Partners is doing, has stopped the efforts of local people to migrate illegally to the United States – a lesson that could be learned at all levels of our society.

More information about the Parole Rotary Club and their activities can be found at <http://www.parole-rotary.org/>



INTERACT UPDATE

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz

It's been a great pleasure serving as the District 7620 Interact Chair for the past three and a half years. During my term as Interact Chair, I had the distinguished pleasure of serving under four District Governors (PDG Rich Glover, PDG, Barton Goldenberg, PDG Jimmie Gorski, DG Geetha Jayaram), all who I respect and cherish immensely, and had the honor of assisting in the charter of 18 Interact Clubs in our district. I also charted the only two Interact clubs we currently

have in Washington, DC. In addition, I created our Interact District 7620 Facebook Page and our Instagram Page and created our Interact slack page (with the help of Rotaract) which I am still working on using more so actively.

Our District List of Interact Clubs is 94% accurate and complete with RI and our Interact District 7620 Page is 100% up to date.

Interact will be in good hands under the leadership of former Interactor and current Rotarian from the Capitol Hill Club, Jason Chang. (Please review the April district newsletter to learn more about his background). Jason and I have met several times and he is ready to go!

Being the Interact Chair these past years and working with the talented D7620 leadership team to rebuild Interact in our district has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I am committed to continue to help grow D7620's Interact program.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the D7620 Interact Chair.

INTERACT VIDEOS

During the District Conference we displayed amazing videos created from Interact Clubs around the district.

Perry Hall High School

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18XoneCMaw-0TtyJNwNHH9PbQkJ4Nn-9n/view>

Charles County

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ayw4icYOHgEE3s3u6YEPRwUfM5Er8CJu/view>

Dulaney High School

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ZvWH7iEwo6o>



“I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion...begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty--these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership. I will champion double digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.”
- Jennifer Jones, 2022-23 President, Rotary International



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DISC CALENDAR – July 2022

Expand your international horizons!

Celebrate Rotary New Leadership Month!

Our leaders exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary -- integrity, expertise, and commitment to service.

July is a time of new beginnings, a time to reconnect with each other across distances and differences and to respond to change, a time to show Rotary opens opportunities.

As we reconnect, and respond, this is a time to reassess, to envision; and most importantly to set goals to determine how we will serve our Communities, our Nation and the World.

The ability to see and act on opportunities that are opened through friendship and fellowship is what makes Rotary so extraordinary. And the willingness of all Rotarians to serve, locally or globally, is what unites us. – PDG Jack Weige

June to 1 August – The Rotary Foundation PROGRAMS OF SCALE \$2 million Grant Program Opens – CONCEPT NOTES DUE August 1! The Rotary Foundation awards one \$2 million Programs of Scale grant each year to a program sponsored by a Rotary club, Rotaract club, or district that is working in strong collaboration with partners. Each grant helps a program scale up, or expand, over three to five years.

The competitive application process requires a concept note and, later, a detailed program design in the form of a proposal. Concept notes must include a description of how the program has already demonstrated success in achieving measurable results and of how it is ready to scale.

Programs of Scale is a way for Rotary members to increase our impact within our areas of focus by supporting proven methods of achieving positive change, measuring our results, and sharing what we learn with each other and the communities we aim to serve.



Rotary's Programs of Scale builds on the scope, impact, and sustainability of successful Rotary service projects in our [areas of focus](#) by supporting larger and longer-term undertakings. Programs of Scale gives Rotary members the opportunity to work with experienced partners in order to implement large-scale, high-impact programs that benefit a large number of people across a sizeable geographic area. The knowledge gained from each program is shared so that all clubs and

districts can benefit from the experience and apply successful practices to their own local and international service projects.

Rotary has a unique role as a civil society organization whose culturally, professionally, and geographically diverse members are active in their communities and connected with one another around the world. Our global nature and a reputation built on decades of persistence and success make partnering with us appealing to other organizations that share Rotary's values and goals.

Our members contribute to scaling through their ability to innovate and their presence in communities around the world, where they are well positioned to inspire action. Through Programs of Scale, Rotary members can measure their impact; share what they learn with other members, partners, and communities around the world; and ultimately increase Rotary's global impact. For more information, go to rotary.org.

Announced at the RI Houston Convention, this year's winner was **NIGERIA's Together for Healthy Families**, a program to reduce maternal and neo-natal mortality rate by improving health seeking behavior and quality care for pregnant women, mothers and newborns.

Last year's winner was **ZAMBIA – Partners for a Malaria-free Zambia**, led by the Rotary Club of Federal Way, a \$6 million program, with \$2m each from World Vision and the Gates Foundation, and with Rotarian-led Malaria Partners International; the project aims to reduce the incidence of malaria by 90% over time in 10 target districts in two provinces in Zambia, reaching 1.2 million people. The DC Club and D7620 worked on earlier precursor global grants in Zambia to eliminate malaria.

3 June – UN International Day of Cooperatives -- Co-operatives have been acknowledged as associations and enterprises through which citizens can effectively improve their lives while contributing to the economic, social, cultural and political advancement of their

community and nation. The co-operative movement has been also recognized as a distinct and major stakeholder in both national and international affairs. . . .

The cooperative movement is highly democratic, locally autonomous, but internationally integrated, and a form of organization of associations and enterprises whereby citizens themselves rely on self-help and their own responsibility to meet goals that include not only economic, but also social and environmental objectives, such as overcoming poverty, securing productive employment and encouraging social integration.



- More than 12% of humanity is part of any of the 3 million cooperatives in the world.
- The largest 300 cooperatives and mutuals report a total turnover of 2,034.98 billion USD.
- Cooperatives employ 280 million people across the globe (10% of the world's employed population).
Source: World Cooperative Monitor.

6 July - 9:00 AM - ESRAG Circular Economy Division Talk with Dr. Margaret Kelly on "Next generation fluorocarbons."
Contact Dr. Chris Puttock for registration information, at Christopher.Puttock@gmail.com.

6 July - 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI), Talk led by Dr. Saleem Ali, "Earthy Order: How Natural Laws Define Human Life (Oxford Univ. Press)" based on his book of the same title. Dr. Ali received his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Tufts University, and his Masters and Ph.D. degrees in environmental policy and planning at Yale and MIT, respectively. He currently holds the



Blue and Gold Distinguished Professorship in Geography and Spatial Sciences at the University of Delaware (USA) and is Honorary Professor at the University of Queensland (Australia). Dr. Ali's laurels include being a National Geographic Explorer (having travelled for research to over 150 countries);

being chosen as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and serving on the seven-member science panel of the Global Environment Facility (the world's largest multilateral trust fund for the environment held in trusteeship by the World Bank). His earlier books include *Treasures of the Earth: Need Greed and a Sustainable Future* which was hailed by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus as providing "a welcome linkage between environmental behavior and poverty alleviation." Register at MBBI.org.

12 July –8:00 PM - 9:00 PM - MBBI- Rotary Working Group Meeting -- The MBBI- Rotary Working Group was established, at the Rotary Convention in Hamburg 2019, to connect like-minded Peace Builders, strengthen the MBBI Rotary Partnership and learn more about global peace programs for

potential involvement to grow our collective efforts. It is an open group to MBBI members, Rotarians, and any Peace Builder who desires greater involvement in the global community. As we Share peace projects, educate one another, and build partnerships within the group we have a greater opportunity for a more Peaceable World. **Meet the MBBI-RWG Coordinating Committee:** PDG Dr. Vicki Radel, District 5280; Frances Jeffries, Rotary Peace Fellow; Martin Scott, MBBI Global Partnerships Manager, and Rotary Peace Fellow; PP Steve Goldsmith, San Pedro Rotary Club. Would you like to join this team and help build the MBBI—RI Working Group? Email us at info@mediatorsbeyondborders.org.



Let's

Brunch!

17 July - 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM -- DISC BRUNCH – Join the District International Service Committee and share your international humanitarian projects, seek partners, learn about upcoming trips and site visits in project countries, and meet fellow internationally-minded Rotarians seeking to make the world a better place. **POT-LUCK! Bring something to share.** For directions to Sharon's home in Annapolis, contact DISC co-chair, Sharon Taylor, at sharon400taylor@gmail.com

19 July – USA-UKRAINE INTERCOUNTRY COMMITTEE MEETING – 12:00 PM? - Learn how Rotarians are supporting aid efforts to Ukraine and how to help Ukrainian Refugees through Rotary Disaster Relief grants. Contact US Chair, Claudine Schooley at [cgschooley@outlook.com](mailto:cdschooley@outlook.com)



Claudine Schooley (center), RI CEO John Hewko in masked and US ICC Director, Dana Moldova, at RI Convention in Houston.



19 July – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM -- Climate Change Policy (CCP) group of MBBI Meeting -- Since 2009, the Climate Change Policy (CCP) has been an Observer Project of the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and an Official Observer Organization for Talks and Conference of the Parties (COP). If you are interested in engaging with this team, <https://mediatorsbeyondborders.org/what-we-do/projects/climate-change/>

19 July - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM – MBBI Gender Diversity Interest Group Monthly Meeting. The Gender Awareness Group is a place to discuss gender-based issues around the world and address ways to support communities that could benefit from our skills as peacebuilders. The group will focus on the local and international issues facing those on the spectrum of gender identity with a view to understanding the social impact. Issues of family shaming and shunning, social discrimination and violence, as well as political stigma against this marginalized community are having significant rippling effects. To register contact MBBI.org.

28 July -- World Hepatitis Day

20 July – International Day of Friendship

27 July – 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM -- MBBI Talk on “Lessons Learned from International Educational Development Projects: Are they Transferable to Mediation Approaches?” led by Dr. David Peat. Dr. David Peat has been involved in the fields of education, rehabilitation, and health in various capacities since 1972. Responsibilities within school settings have included being a ‘mainstream’ Science, Mathematics, Physical Education, and ‘Special Education’ teacher, psychologist, school administrator, district level Coordinator of ‘Special Services’, Associate Superintendent of Schools, and Executive Director of Research & Innovation. Internationally, as an Educational Consultant, he has worked extensively in the Middle East and Asia in School, University, Government, UN and Mental Health Settings. **Register at MBBI.org.**

27 July – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PPM MBBI – United Nations Multilateral Working Group Meeting. UNMWG was created in response to the UN call on civil society to help build its mediation capacity. **NMWG fosters partnerships** to support the international community’s mediation and conflict prevention capacity-building efforts, **advocates** for the use and value of mediation in the UN system, and **engages MBBI membership** in collaborating with and supporting the UN. MBBI holds Special NGO Consultative Status with the [Economic and Social Council](#) (ECOSOC) which provides MBBI with access to ECOSOC and other aspects of United Nations. For more information see MBBI.org.

27 July - 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM – SUSTAINABLE CAMBODIA founder RICHARD ALLEN, will be the guest speaker at the Washington, DC Rotary Club via Zoom. Sustainable Cambodia is a Rotary-led NGO that empowers rural villages by providing safe water, sustainable incomes, healthy food and quality education. Richard is a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Gainesville, Florida (D-6970).

Richard is the CEO of BluAzu/Scout, and a co-founder of Synogen, a private venture fund. In 2007 Richard received the Service Above Self award from Rotary International, the highest public service recognition award given by Rotary. Learn about upcoming Rotarian-led trips Sustainable Cambodia. The DC Club and the Annapolis club as well as D7620 are sponsors of SC projects and have traveled there. Contact May O’Brien, at mayzobrien@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Sustainable Cambodia



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30 July – World Day against Trafficking in Persons - The UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons defines Trafficking in Persons as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.



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