

Rotary

District 7630



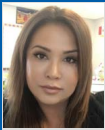
District Leadership



Dale C. G. Kerns
District Governor



Ken Montville
District Governor
Elect



Yasmith T. Johnson
District Governor
Nominee



Mark Henry Clark
District Governor
Nominee Designate &
AG Area 30



Randolph C. Smith
Immediate Past
District Governor



Larence Kirby
Lieutenant Governor



Stephen D. Ritchie
District Treasurer



John Kai Lassen
District Secretary and
Policy and Procedure
Chair



James A. Roney III
PDG, District
Parliamentarian,
Insurance



Bernard Woodrow
Davis Jr.
District Membership
Chair



Vaughan Russell
Hayden
DYS - District Youth
Services Chair

UNITE FOR GOOD



JANUARY 19, 2026 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Unite for Good
Create A Lasting Impact

Last year, Rotary International changed how the theme for our Rotary year is selected.

Previously the theme was selected by the incoming RI President-Elect. Last year we moved to the Presidential Message, and the theme is now selected by the RI President-Elect and the RI Board of Directors. Most past Club Presidents and Previous District Governors will be able to tell you the theme of the year they served. Some will recall — “The Magic of Rotary”, or “Imagine Rotary” or “Be the Inspiration” or “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.” By moving to a theme, Rotary recognizes the value and importance of the Rotary Action Plan.

Our current theme is “Unite for Good.” Our District has certainly displayed how areas of our District, communities, and individual clubs have united to: better our towns and cities, support those who are food insecure, and support the business communities around us.

As we prepare for next year, it is important that we create a lasting impact with our many efforts. In the last bulletin I discussed sustainability. At that time, I didn’t know what our new theme would be. If you recall, I mentioned that by having sustainable projects we benefit our communities for the long term. When our projects are sustainable, they create a lasting impact.

We have many clubs in our District that are growing and serving their communities. Unfortunately, there are clubs in our District that are struggling to retain and attract new members. There are clubs that have multiple individuals taking turns serving as club president because no one else is willing to serve. We have some smaller clubs where folks say that they have already been president, and they are not willing to serve again.

As you read this, there are very few clubs that are considering closing their doors. One question I asked all the clubs when I visited them is; “If this Rotary club was gone tomorrow, would anyone in your community notice?” The same could be said for our club members. If you left your club would anyone notice? We need to notice. We need to say yes to serving. For us to create a lasting impact in our clubs, communities and around the world, we must be present, engaged and united in our efforts. I am excited to help create a lasting impact and I hope you



William Jaeger
DYS - Youth
Exchange Chair



Kevin John Yencer
District Easterseals
Camp Fairlee Chair



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Jeffrey W Kitchen
DRF - Annual Giving
Co-Chair



Judith W. Price
DRF - Global Grants
Chair



John Nanni
DRF - PolioPlus Chair



Alexander Benjamin Vaughan III
DRF - PolioPlus Chair



Beste Kuru
DRF - Paul Harris
Society Chair



Carrie W. Gray
AG Area 10 &
Innovative Club
Advocate



Edward J Gossett Jr.
AG Area 20



Celeste Bevans
AG Area 21



Steven L Grossman
AG Area 40 & 41



Candice Cook
AG Area 50

Sherye Nickerson
AG Area 51

are too.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dale

25-26 District Governor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 25-26 EVENTS



- **January 24th** - Pre-PETS, Delaware State Troopers Association, Dover, DE (**Registration is open in DACdb! Sign up now!**)
- **April 18** - District Conference, Newark, DE
- **May 16th** - District Assembly (Via Zoom for incoming officers)

All of these are on the DACdb calendar!

And **SAVE THESE DATES...**



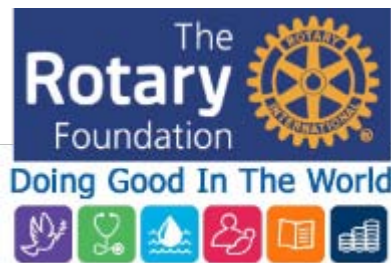
2026 Rotary Work Days at Camp Fairlee!

Friday, May 1st and **Saturday, May 2nd**

Here is the Rotary Work Days [Project List](#) and [Camp Wish List](#).

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Beth Altemus of Easterseals by email at baltemus@esdel.org or by phone at 302-221-2051.

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER



Paul Harris Society recognizes donors from around the world

who notify The Rotary Foundation of their intention to contribute \$1,000 or more every year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund or approved global grants. ([See attached brochure on how to join](#)) Club/members who have made their \$1,000+ contribution for Rotary year 2025-2026.

Brandywine Hundred – Doug Kook

Brandywine-Naamans – PDG John Mager, Tom Talley, Art Werner

Caesar Rodney – James Cloonan Jr

Camden-Wyoming – Ron Kahn, Anne Mathisen, Darlene Sturgeon

Centreville – PDG Rich Graves

Denton – Clement Hathaway



Robert L. Smith
AG Area 60



Events

January 20th

[DG Chain Call](#)

January 22nd

[Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

January 22nd

[Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

January 24th

[2026-2027 Pre-PETS Seminar - SAVE THE DATE!](#)

Speaker: DGE Ken Montville

Subject: Seminar to prepare incoming Presidents for the 26-27 Rotary Year!

February 5th

[District Open House for Club Presidents and District Leaders](#)

Speaker: DG Dale Kerns

Subject: This is a time for Club Presidents and District Leaders to ask questions and chat with the District Governor, other club presidents as well as any District leaders that want to drop in.

February 9th

[2026 District Conference Planning Meeting](#)

Speaker: DG Dale Kerns

Subject: Planning for the April 18th District Conference

February 10th

[DG Chain call](#)

February 10th

[District 25-26 AG Meeting](#)

February 13th

[2026 RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Academy](#)

Kent Island – Brad Lundberg, Patricia Massimini, Sebastian Massimini

Lewes-Rehoboth Beach – Jason Caporiccio, Carol & Daniel Dupont, David Lance

MOT – Janis Harlow, John Nanni, William O’Neal

Newark Morning – Robin Broomall, John Hornor, Laurie Williams

Newark Star – DGND Mark Clark, Michael & Karen Luck

North East – DG Dale Kerns, Shelly Shiflett

Rehoboth Beach Sunrise – Trudie Thompson

Salisbury – Marie Calafiura, William Cropper, Greg Ferrier, Barbara Leonard, DGE Ken Montville, Christian Peek

Salisbury Sunrise – PDG William Ferguson Sr

Smyrna-Clayton – S M Flores

Southern Sussex – Steven Grossman

St Michaels – Michael Friedberg, Tom Roesel

Wilmington – Jillanna Gordy, Carrie Gray, Peter Horthy, Lynn Jones, Beste Kuru, Kai Lassen, David & Elizabeth Rhoads

Congratulations to Wilmington Rotary Club with 8 members and Salisbury Rotary with 6 members.

If your club has any Rotary Foundation contributions that have not been submitted yet, please get them sent promptly. This allows for the member, club and district to get proper credit.

Thank you,

PDG Bill Ferguson

DRFC 2023-2026

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[Every Rotarian Every Year \(EREY\) Brochure](#)

[Paul Harris Society Brochure](#)

[Rotary Foundation Contribution Form](#)

[Rotary Direct Contribution Form](#)

25-26 DISTRICT GRANT HIGHLIGHTS!

While District Grant mid-year reports were due to the District Grant Chair, Margaret Mudron by January 1st, a few clubs that received District Grants are already submitting their final reports!



Camden Wyoming club purchased ten outdoor steel trash cans with lids for the town of Wyoming, Delaware. After being affixed with signage to document the trash cans were donated by the Camden-Wyoming Rotary Club, the Town installed them at Wyoming Park in September 2025. Wyoming Park is a public, handicapped-accessible park at Third Street, Wyoming, DE 19934. Town records show that the park has approximately 30,000 visitors per year. These users of the Park are the primary beneficiaries. However, the Town and its citizens also benefit because these receptacles enable more efficient maintenance by Town staff.



The **Rotary Club of North East** purchased and donated four automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for placement with the officers' vehicles at the Rising Sun Police Department and one AED for placement in Rising Sun City Hall at City Hall on Friday, December 5, 2025, The residents of Rising Sun and surrounding areas are the beneficiaries of this project.



Well done Camden Wyoming and North East! Not only on taking Service Above Self to heart, but submitting your District Grant reports ahead of schedule!

EMERGENCY AT THE CENTREVILLE ROTARY HOUSE! **Can you help?**



The Centreville Rotary Club has supported residents within our Mid-Shore community who are in need since its founding in 1927. One of the most impactful projects undertaken by the club has been the construction of a residential structure to house domestic violence families seeking a safe haven from their abusers until they can find a more permanent home. Known as the "Rotary House," this building has provided housing, accompanied by job search and life skill assistance from Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence, Inc. since it opened in 2008. The facility is owned by the Centreville Rotary Club Community Fund, Inc. (CRCCF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose board members are appointed by the club.

Recently, **the building sustained major flooding damage** from a clogged drain that went undetected when one of the two apartments was temporarily unoccupied awaiting the arrival of a new family. **The cost of remediating and repairing the damage is expected to be over \$120,000, and we have been informed that coverage is being denied by our insurance company.** We are beginning the process of appealing the insurance denial. However, it is critical that we raise the funds to begin restoring and repairing the house to avoid further damage and enable our families at risk to return to their home.

This is an **urgent request for your assistance** in helping us restore the structure that has been so

instrumental to the health and welfare of domestic violence families. The Rotary House is the only such facility specifically available for this purpose throughout the entire fore-county Mid-Shore area.

[Read More](#)

NEWARK MORNING ROTARIANS ARE BUSY!

We're upholding the Rotary theme of Service Above Self. Members have just been BUSY!

Click "Read More" for the list of activities from just the first six months of the year! [Read More](#)



TRAVELING NEWARK STAR ROTARIAN CONNECTS WITH CLUB IN GERMANY



While enjoying the sites on vacation, Margie Masino made time to interact with a local club in Germany! Club Banners are a token of friendship and showcase local pride! Click "Read More" for a larger photo.

[Read More](#)

CAMDEN WYOMING PRESIDENT SPARKS GROWTH AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

When Anne began her term as President of the Camden-Wyoming Rotary Club last July, she introduced an ambitious theme — **“This Girl Is on Fire.”** Six months into the Rotary year, club members say the results have matched the energy behind the message.

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EASTERSEALS CAMP FAIRLEE FUNDRAISING FOR 2026 WATER BOTTLES AND T-SHIRTS

Last Rotary year, we had a District Grant of \$5,000 to pay for the majority of the cost for Camp Fairlee camper water bottles and T-



shirts.

This year the District will not have that available, so we need to raise \$6,000. DRFC/PDG Bill Ferguson is requesting club contributions of \$500 or \$250 and individual contributions of \$100.

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NEWARK STAR WELCOMES FIRST SPEAKER FOR 2026...ANDREW COTTONE

Andrew Cottone, Ph.D.: Founder & CEO of Aternium — Andrew is a distinguished entrepreneur and scientist whose leadership has shaped the global distribution of Delaware-made products during his tenure as President & CEO of Adesis, a renowned chemical development and manufacturing firm. Now, as the founder & CEO of Aternium, Andrew is spearheading an ambitious and responsible initiative to position our region at the forefront of the emerging hydrogen economy. His vision uniquely addresses critical material supply challenges for the United States and pioneers the establishment of hydrogen production facilities right here in Delaware.



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ZONE 33 DISTRICT TEAM LEARNING SEMINAR SET FOR 2026



Join us for an engaging and empowering learning event tailored for our Rotary District Leaders and those who wish to expand their skills and connections within Rotary! Through general and breakout sessions, this two-day seminar is guaranteed to offer new perspectives, suggest practical and tactical activities, and foster fellowship among Rotary members. "Read More" for the details!

[Read More](#)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 RI CONVENTION!

Connect with Rotary members from around the world as we unite for good in Taipei City, Taiwan, for the Rotary International Convention, 13-17 June 2026.

The convention is a unique opportunity to learn, collaborate, and be inspired in a vibrant city rich in culture, iconic landmarks, and culinary delights. This transformative event is your opportunity to renew relationships made at previous conventions, create new ones, and



share with likeminded changemakers the exciting work that your club is doing.

The convention is our biggest event of the year! Learn more and register today at convention.rotary.org.

UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS!

TIDEWATER ROTARY ANNOUNCES 2026 FUNDRAISING EVENTS SUPPORTING "FOLKS"

A TIDEWATER ROTARY CLUB INITIATIVE TO COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY IN TALBOT COUNTY

Food insecurity affects far too many of our neighbors right here in Talbot County. Behind every statistic is a child, parent, or senior unsure of their next meal. In Talbot County...

- **15%** of children are food insecure that means hungry.
- **11%** of County residents are food insecure.
- **14.5%** of children live below the poverty line.
- **6%** of seniors live below the poverty line.
- **61%** of Talbot County Public School students receive free or reduced-price school meals.
- **12.6%** of residents rely on Food Stamps (SNAP).



FOLKS (*Feeding Our Local Kids & Seniors*) is a project of the Tidewater Rotary Club created to do our part to address this crisis. The dollars we raise will go toward feeding those in need and purchasing hundreds of pounds of food distributed through our local food pantries.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



TRIVIA NIGHT
May 13th from
5:30 to 7:30 PM
4 DOGS BREWERY
COMPANY
10 EAST AVENUE
EASTON, MD 21601
(410) 899-8456

GREAT TEAM BUILDING EVENTS:

\$1,000.00 to participate in both events — \$600.00 for each separate event

tidewaterrotary.org/fundraisers

facebook.com/TidewaterRotary

[Click here to download this flyer](#)

The Tidewater Rotary Club of Easton is proud to announce its 2026 fundraising events, inviting the community to come together for two engaging evenings of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition, all in support of FOLKS (Feeding Our Local Kids & Seniors).

The events, Team Bowling Night and Trivia Night, offer excellent team-building opportunities while raising funds to combat food insecurity in Easton and Talbot County.

Strike Up Fun at Team Bowling Night

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Easton Bowl (101 Marlboro Ave #39, Easton, MD 21601)

Bowling enthusiasts and casual players alike are invited to enjoy an evening of team bowling. Teams of four will receive lane time, shoes, and enjoy friendly competition with prizes awarded for Best Score, Bottom of the Barrel Score, and Best Dressed Team. Lane signage and recognition are included for sponsors.



Test Your Knowledge at Trivia Night

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: 4 Dogs Brewing Co. & Pub (10 East Avenue, Easton, MD 21601)

Put your knowledge to the test at Trivia Night, where teams of four will compete for prizes and bragging rights. This lighthearted evening includes signage and recognition for sponsors, prizes for first and last place teams, food giveaways, and more.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to sponsor one or both events:

- \$600 per event
- \$1,000 for both events

Each sponsorship includes four participants per event, along with signage and recognition. Both events provide a great way to support the community while engaging employees or clients.

For sponsorship information and event registration, visit www.tidewaterrotary.org/

fundraisers.

About FOLKS – Feeding Our Local Kids & Seniors

FOLKS addresses food insecurity in Easton and Talbot County, where more than 20% of local children and families face uncertainty about their next meal. Through this program, Tidewater Rotary provides families with new six-quart crockpots and ready-to-make meal packets, helping ensure access to warm, nutritious meals.

About Tidewater Rotary Club

Tidewater Rotary is a service-focused group of professionals dedicated to the Rotary motto, Service Above Self. Through fellowship, volunteerism, and community-driven initiatives, the club works to create meaningful local and global impact.

For more information about Tidewater Rotary and how to get involved, visit www.tidewaterrotary.org.



Rotary District #7630 Hero Blood Drive in 2025

Blood is needed daily by patients in our local hospitals. You can help!
Rotary District #7630 is supporting the Blood Bank of Delmarva.



Schedule an appointment to give blood

<https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/zip>

Or call 888-8blood8 (888-825-6638)

After you donate fill out the hero card and select your Rotary Club or email Sherye Nickerson sheryeh@gmail.com

[Digital Hero Card - Blood Bank of Delmarva \(BBB\) \(delmarvablood.org\)](#)



Make a financial contribution

☑ Online giving: <https://give.delmarvablood.org/Rotary7630HeroDrive>

☑ Or mail check to:

- Blood Bank of Delmarva, PO Box 419354, Boston, MA 02241-9354
- In Memo add: **Rotary District #7630**



Volunteer

<https://www.delmarvablood.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

- ☑ Volunteer at a local center or mobile near you giving donors attention, care, and snacks and drinks

Host a Drive

<https://www.delmarvablood.org/host-a-blood-drive/>

[Click here to download form!](#)