



District Leadership



Dale C. G. Kerns
District Governor



Ken Montville
District Governor Elect



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District Governor Nominee



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District Governor Nominee Designate & AG Area 30



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District Secretary and Policy and Procedure Chair



James A. Roney III
PDG, District Parliamentarian, Insurance

Bernard Woodrow Davis



FEBRUARY 2, 2026 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DISCON 2026 is Coming! (and it's only \$99)

The highlight of each Rotary year is the annual District Conference. This is the largest gathering of Rotarians from our District, and it will be a one-day high-energy day bursting with fun and fellowship!

District Conference Chairs Lisa Bixby and Robin Broomall have been leading our planning committee and have some wonderful events in store for the day. We are beginning our day with a "0" K. Do you like to run? I don't, so a Zero K is perfect for me. By donating \$25 to our efforts at Camp Fairlee (the Easterseals camp in Chestertown, MD that we have supported for years), you will receive a District Conference T-shirt and be supporting projects that Rotarians will be completing on May 1st and 2nd. Next up will be a delicious breakfast followed by the District Business meeting and the traditional Memorial Service.

Then the fun really begins! We will have a District Grant showcase during our coffee break followed by 4 different service projects for participants to choose from. The afternoon schedule will have 3 separate times for breakout sessions (I don't know how you are going to choose).

Two more events will occur during the day that I am most excited about enjoying with each of you. Following our luncheon, we have not 1, but 2 amazing guest speakers. Rotary International Director Patrick Eakes and PDG from Michigan, Michael Angelo Caruso. If you were able to attend Michael's presentation in November, sponsored by the Kent Island Rotary Club, you know he is a "not to be missed" engaging speaker.



Rotary International Director Patrick Eakes and PDG Michael Angelo Caruso



Jr.
District
Membership
Chair



Ronald J. Kahn
District Public
Image Co-Chair



Robert Older
District Public
Image Co-Chair



Vaughan
Russell Hayden
DYS - District
Youth Services
Chair



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DYS - Youth
Exchange Chair



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Yencer
District
Easterseals
Camp Fairlee
Chair



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Rotary
Foundation
Chair



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DRF -
Endowment
Chair



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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

Finally, the event that will close out the day will be a minor league baseball game, filled with fellowship, fun, and food. The Wilmington Blue Rocks will be playing at 5:30 at their stadium. We will have bus transportation to the game, where you can enjoy a private suite (with both indoor and outdoor seating), a deluxe buffet and all the fellowship you could ask for.



So now you are asking - How do I register for this amazing one-day Conference? Well, you simply go to DACdb and complete the [registration form on the District DACdb calendar](#) listed on April 18. For those of you wanting to stay the night either before, after, or both nights surrounding the conference, there is a block of hotel rooms for \$149 a night at the Hilton Wilmington (really, it's in Christiana, right off I-95). There are only 25 rooms available for each night, so book early. To book a room, please call the hotel directly at 1-877-883-0746. You must mention District 7630 District Conference in your call to receive the \$149 rate.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dale
25-26 District Governor

DISTRICT 7630 OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES NEW DGND, MARK CLARK!



It is the District's honor to share with you that Mark Clark, member of the Newark Star Rotary Club, has been approved by Rotary International to serve as our District Governor for Rotary year 2028-2029!

[Read More](#)

ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!



These are the New Members that have been entered with January 2026 start dates in DACdb!

(Members with February dates will be highlighted in the first newsletter in March.)

ELKTON
Roger Young



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



Robert L. Smith
AG Area 60

Events

February 5th

District Open House for Club Presidents and District Leade

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

KENT ISLAND

Brian Moore

NANTICOKE/SEAFORD

Christine Hudson

NORTH EAST

Tammy Berg

Russell Polo

TIDEWATER-EASTON

Bridget Horner

Halli Leeson

Meghann Rauch

Laura Richardson

Terry Rudman

WILMINGTON

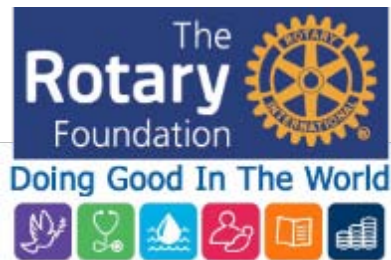
Tara Quinn

Welcome to those that are brand new to Rotary!

Thank you to those who had changes in their world, but made sure to remain a Rotarian! (That means a lot!)

We are thankful to have you here and look forward to working with you as we "Unite for Good"!

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER



Paul Harris Fellows Recognition acknowledges individuals who

contribute, or who have made contributions in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Club/members who reached that threshold this Rotary Year 2025-2026. ([See attached worksheet](#))

Top contribution clubs for Annual Fund and PolioPlus this Rotary Year. ([See attached worksheet](#))

Annual Fund per capita

Kent Island - \$308.42

MOT - \$287.31

Brandywine-Naamans - \$229.59

PolioPlus per capita

MOT - \$847.49

Newark Morning - \$253.79

Camden-Wyoming - \$229.59

Congratulations to these clubs!

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,

Meeting

February 13th

[2026 RYLA - Rotary](#)

[Youth Leadership](#)

[Academy](#)

February 16th

[Diversity Inclusion and](#)

[Equity Committee/ EPE](#)

Speaker: Larence Kirby,

Celeste Bevans

Subject: Rotary

International and District

Updates on DEI/EPE

February 19th

[COG/PDG Meeting](#)

PDG Bill Ferguson

DRFC 2023-2026

fergy123@comcast.net

443-786-6345

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

[Paul Harris Society Brochure](#)

[Rotary Foundation Contribution Form](#)

[Rotary Direct Contribution Form](#)

NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEMORIAL PRESENTATION INFORMATION REQUEST

As we are planning for the District Conference coming up in April, we are working on the Memorial Presentation that we do every year. If your club has lost a member in the last year, please let me know. A link to their obituary, a photo and a couple of lines about their participation in your club would be helpful!



Thank you,

Sandra Early

Sandra's Office Support

Rotary 7630 Executive Secretary

Kent Island Rotarian

PO Box 55, Chester MD 21619

410-739-4716 (Cell)

I am typically out of my office on Tuesday and Thursday.

Texting my cell is always a great way to reach me!

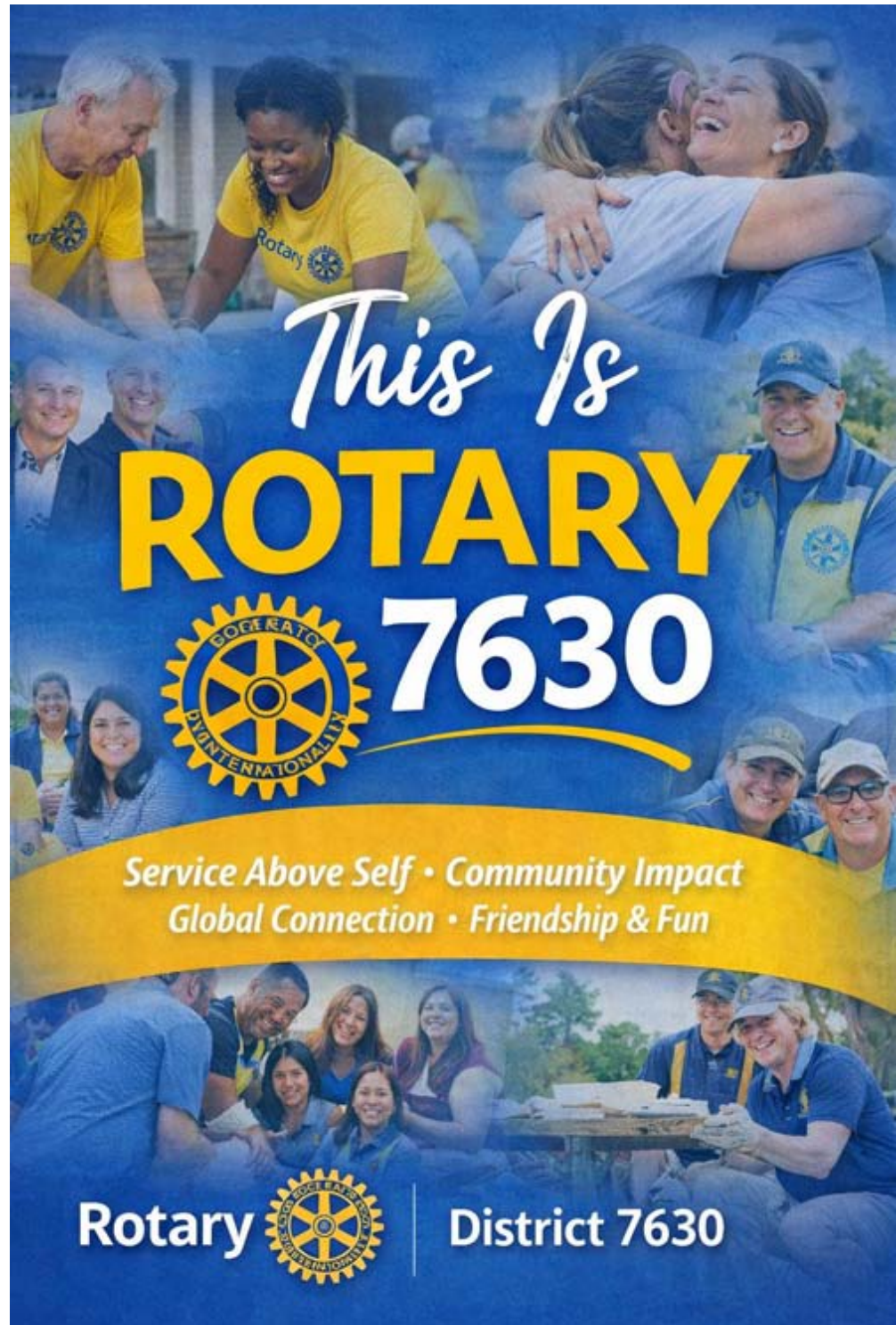
GOOD TO SEE THE IPDG OUT AND ABOUT!



Gathering of friendly Rotarians...previous Rehoboth Beach Sunrise President, Scott Bossert and IPDG Randy Smith, at their regular Friday morning club meeting. IPDG Randy said, "It was great fun being with other Rotarians!" We are certainly glad to hear that IPDG Randy is out and about and enjoying the fellowship!

DISTRICT ANNOUNCES PUBLIC IMAGE CO-CHAIRS!

DG Dale is happy to announce that **Ron Kahn of the Camden Wyoming Club** and **Bob Older of the Newark Morning Club** have agreed to co-chair the District's Public Image Committee! They have already hit the ground running and have come up with a series of social media posts, so make sure to join the District's Facebook group! (We also have a presence on Instagram and LinkedIn!) Thank you, Ron and Bob, for stepping up!



HARRINGTON GREENWOOD FELTON HOLDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY

PARTY

The Harrington-Greenwood-Felton Centennial Rotary Club held their annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at Rudy's Family Restaurant in Harrington, Delaware. The gathering gives the Hub Club and their spouses or significant others, and other family an opportunity to meet and greet one another before the new year arrives. Photo by: Bernard W. Carr



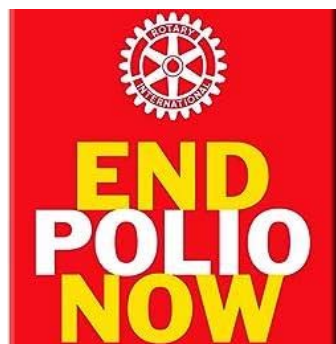
INCOMING PRESIDENTS ATTEND PRE-PETS!

District Governor Elect Ken Montville hosted an outstanding learning event for President Elects. Several Assistant Governors as well as Previous District Governors supported the event. Click "Read More" for more photos!

[Read More](#)



POLIOPLUS NIGHT HOSTED BY THE YANKEES ON MAY 2ND



The Yankees are hosting Rotary's PolioPlus on May 2nd at 1:35pm vs Baltimore Orioles. "Read More" below to find the link to order tickets and a flier for the May 2nd "Strike Out Polio Yankee Game".

You get a great Yankee hat with the Rotary logo and PolioPlus logo AND \$25 of every ticket is donated back to PolioPlus which becomes \$75 with the Gates Foundation matching monies! Let's raise a lot of money for PolioPlus and have a lot of fun at the same time!

[Read More](#)

NEWARK STAR HOLDS DISCOVER ROTARY EVENT

Newark Star invited folks to find out what Rotary is all about! Those in attendance got a chance to hear from each of the members as to what made them join Rotary and help us with a service project. They personalized and signed Thank-You cards to Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Co. and the Newark Police Department, and also did cards for recipients of Meals on Wheels.

Click on "Read More" for photos!

[Read More](#)



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.

[Read More](#)

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!



Rotary Club of
Southern Sussex

Crock Pot Drive

Final Drop Off - February 11th

OUR MISSION

We are collecting used Crock-Pots to gift to local families in need who might not have the tools to cook at home, along with easy, healthy meal ingredients and recipes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate a Crock-Pot of any size in working condition! You can also include a recipe found by scanning the QR code below



DROP OFF LOCATIONS

The Real McCoy Group Office - 33000 Coastal Hwy, Ste 2 & 3, Bethany Beach, DE

Kristinas Kitchen - 32828 Reba Rd e, Millville, DE

Bank of Ocean City - 38227 Dupont Blvd, Selbyville, DE

Country Hound - 34397 Rickards Rd, Frankford, DE

HAVE QUESTIONS?

7630YOUTHEXCHANGE@GMAIL.COM

Join Rotary International at Yankee Stadium to **End Polio Now!**

**New York
Yankees**



**Baltimore
Orioles**

Saturday, May 2nd at 1:35pm

Let's Strike Out Polio!

This year, we are hosting a fundraising event at Yankee Stadium benefiting PolioPlus! For every ticket sold to this event we fundraise \$25 with 100% of those donations going to the PolioPlus. Additionally, the Gates Foundation graciously committed to match \$2 for every \$1 raised. There is a range of ticket options, starting at \$70 per person. Included in every ticket purchase is your donation and a limited-edition Yankees x Rotary/End Polio Now Hat.



**Scan Here
For Tickets**



To purchase tickets for this game, you can either scan the QR code on the page, or use the link below to purchase.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/RotaryInternational8>

**For any questions regarding this event:
Email: jntenor@yahoo.com**



[Link to Order Tickets!](#)

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) 699-8456

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!](#)