



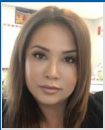
### District Leadership



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



## FEBRUARY 16, 2026

### MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We are less than 60 days from our energized District Conference. There are 102 spots left. Our ballroom at the Hilton will only hold 120, so don't delay in registering for DISCON 2026!

Your conference planning committee has been hard at working planning activities for Saturday, April 18. A delicious breakfast buffet is planned before we hold our annual business meeting, memorial service as well as our morning service project opportunities and District Grant showcase.

It is hard to decide which activity I am looking forward to the most. However, I do know how I am going to begin my day. By running my second ever "0" K. Yes! Just my speed! You read that right - Zero K. No 5 or 10 K for our District.



We are hosting our first ever "0" K. Your donation of \$25 will support our District Service Project Days at Easterseals' Camp Fairlee (May 1& 2). For this donation you will NOT have to run. You will breathe heavily as you approach the finish line, get your picture taken (thanks Mike Luck), grab a District t-shirt in your size, and head to the breakfast buffet to load up on delicious food as you recover from the excruciating effort.

There are many worthwhile projects that are happening in our District. This year our District Conference is going to support 4 service projects that are led by clubs in the northern end of our District. On a larger scale we wanted to raise funds for the awesome work that Camp Fairlee does for individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Camp Fairlee is located in Chestertown, MD and hosts young adults and adults at this Easterseals camp each summer. We have a long history of making camp a better place for those who attend camp as well as the counselors that support the campers.



[Woodrow Davis 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



[William Jaeger](#)  
DYS - Youth Exchange Chair



[Kevin John Yencer](#)  
District Easterseals Camp Fairlee Chair



[William R. Ferguson Sr.](#)  
PDG, District Rotary Foundation Chair



[Jerry A. Bilton](#)  
DRF - Endowment Chair



[Jeffrey W. Kitchen](#)  
DRF - Annual Giving Co-Chair



[Judith W. Price](#)  
DRF - Global Grants Chair



[John Nanni](#)  
DRF - PolioPlus Chair

[Alexander Benjamin Vaughan III](#)



Under the direction of Camp Fairlee Chair, Rotarian Kevin Yencer, and the longtime support of PDG Bill Ferguson and Snow Hill Rotarian Bob Smith, we spruce up, invest sweat equity and provide resources to make camp a welcoming place.

We plan on having 120 attendees at Dis Con 26 and if each attendee participates in the "0" K we will raise enough funds to mark off every task on the work day list. Imagine the power of \$3,000 to improve and incline walkways ,build barriers around trash can enclosures, clean up trails and walkways and create an archery pavilion.

By not running you can do that! I call that a win-win!

**Dale**  
25-26 District Governor

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## DISTRICT 7630 IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE DESIGNATE MARK CLARK!



Rotary District 7630 is proud to announce its District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) Mark Clark of the Newark Star club for the 2028-2029 Rotary year. With a rich background in academia, international experience, and a deep commitment to Rotary's mission, our new DGND brings a unique perspective and passion for service to the role. [Read More](#)

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## 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



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Innovative Club  
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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 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

February 23rd

### 2026 District Conference Planning Meeting

**Speaker:** DG Dale Kerns  
**Subject:** Planning for the

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!*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 25-26 EVENTS



- **March 5 - 7** - C-PETS in Chantilly, VA. (Helpful hint to all PEs...don't forget to click on "Multi District Event" when you go into the DACdb calendar, so this event will show up for you!)
- **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](mailto:baltemus@esdel.org) or by phone at 302-221-2051.

## 54th ANNUAL DISTRICT 7630 CONFERENCE - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

April 18th District Conference

March 2nd  
**District Global Grant Scholarship Opportunity**  
**Speaker:** GG Chair, Judy Price

March 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.

March 10th  
**Foundation Committee Meeting via Zoom**  
**Speaker:** Foundation Chair PDG Bill Ferguson

March 10th  
**DG Chain call**

March 12th  
**Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom**

March 12th  
**Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom**

Rotary  
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54th ANNUAL!

# DISTRICT CONFERENCE

CONNECT • LEARN • CELEBRATE!

APRIL 18, 2026

Hilton Christiana • Newark, DE

CONNECT

FUN

SERVICE

\*Informative presentations \*Inspiring displays \*Stimulating service opportunities

**BONUS: Blue Rocks Game**

Stay for the Blue Rocks Game

Wilmington Blue Rocks vs. Hub City Spartanburgers

Don't Miss Out on the FUN!

REGISTER NOW!



Don't miss out  
scan QR code to  
register through DACdb

April 18th — [Registration on DACdb is open!](#) This link has been updated...SO ACT NOW!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2026

Think you're good at chess? There's a 3-year-old in India with an international rating ready to school you. In this issue of *Rotary* magazine, we take you to what

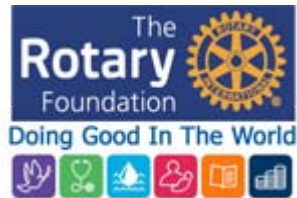
is arguably the most chess-obsessed country on Earth. Read how India's Rotary clubs are tapping into that passion for the game to open pathways to educational advancement and connection.

[Click here](#) to read your digital copy of the February 2026 issue.

[Read More](#)



## DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER



### Major Donor Recognition – Newark Morning Rotary Club

I had the pleasure of attending the Newark Morning Rotary Club on February 12, 2026, and presenting 6 Major Donor Level One pins and recognition. Those achieving Major Donor Level One were Paul and Eileen Keely, Fred Dawson, Marie Holliday, Laurie Williams and John Hornor. Congratulations to all for their continuing support of our Rotary Foundation.

### Club Recognition

100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

For clubs in which all dues-paying members are Paul Harris Fellows. This is a one-time recognition 100% Paul Harris Society Club for clubs in which every dues-paying member contributes a minimum of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or global grants within a Rotary Year.

100% Foundation Giving Club.

For clubs that achieve an average of \$100 in per capita giving and 100 percent participation, with every dues-paying member contributing at least \$25 to any or all of the following during the Rotary Year: Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, approved global grants, or Endowment Fund.

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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443-786-6345

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

[Paul Harris Society Brochure](#)

[Rotary Foundation Contribution Form](#)

[Rotary Direct Contribution Form](#)

## DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE SEEKS CLUB PI CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS

**By Ron Kahn and Bob Older, Co-Chairs, District Public Image Committee**

Are you passionate about sharing the impact of Rotary in your community? The District Public Image (PI) Committee invites all club PI Chairs, as well as Rotarians with experience in public relations, marketing, or communications, to join our team and help amplify Rotary's message across the district. [Read More](#)



## ROTARY HOUSE RECONSTRUCTION STANDS AT THE CROSSROADS...



**Latest update from PDG Rich Graves regarding the Rotary House in Centreville...**

We have completed the demolition of the damaged kitchen cabinets, flooring, wall and ceilings. Remediation of the Mold issues with the guys in the HazMat outfits has occurred. Air Sample tests are close to normal.

The reconstruction work is about the begin. While we have had a number of commitments of funds, we are still well short of the amount we need. We are still looking for about \$60k in funds. We have a listing of particular items and amounts if you would like to fund something in particular.

[Read More](#)

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## FROM THE PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE: IT'S MORE THAN JUST A POST

By Ronald J. Kahn

Have you ever wondered what people think of when they hear the word "Rotary"? While our Facebook and Instagram pages are great for sharing highlights, our true **Public Image** is built by all of us every single day.

Whether it's wearing your Rotary pin to a business lunch, the way we greet guests at our weekly meetings, or the "boots on the ground" impact neighbors see during our service projects, **we are all the face of Rotary**. Check out our latest featured article, "**We Are All the Face of Rotary**," where we dive into why public image encompasses everything from the pin on your lapel to the stories shared in our community. Let's work together to ensure the image we project is as impactful as the work we do!

[Read More](#)



## HUB CLUB WELCOMES SPEAKER, DISTRICT POLIOPLUS CO-CHAIR ALEX VAUGHAN



HUB Club President, Bunnie Williams, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to our speaker, Alex Vaughn. Alex gave an excellent presentation about Polio, and he is our Polio Plus Co-Chair for Rotary District 7630.

[Read More](#)

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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.

[Read More](#)



## DISTRICT ROTARIANS LEAD EASTERN SHORE MISSION OF MERCY



The [Eastern Shore Mission of Mercy](#) is a free two-day adult Dental Clinic held in Salisbury, MD on March 27 & 28. It serves the entire 7630 District and is led by two Rotarians from the Denton Club: Dr. Rolwand Holsinger, DDS and Sue Simmons. [Read More](#)

## OUR SHIP HAS LAUNCHED

A ship containing a load of medical equipment and supplies collected by the Rotary Club of Salisbury is in route to help with the establishment of a medical clinic in Kamachumu, Tanzania. [Read More](#)



## NEWARK STAR ROTARY GUEST SPEAKER FROM MOSAIC



Mosaic® is a whole-person healthcare organization reaching across 12 states with national support to ensure quality and provide innovation in services. Nationally, Mosaic supports nearly 5,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other diverse needs. STAR Rotary presented Mosaic in Delaware with a check for additional resources.

[Read More](#)

## CAMDEN WYOMING ROTARY RECOGNIZES PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

The spirit of "Service Above Self" was on full display at a recent meeting of the **Camden-Wyoming Rotary Club**, as we gathered to celebrate the incredible generosity of our members toward The Rotary Foundation. In a moving ceremony, **ten members** were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows, marking a significant milestone in our club's history of giving. [Read More](#)



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## STUFF THE TRUCK!



In one meeting, Newark Morning Rotarians donated enough non-perishables, paper ware, and personal care items to more than fill the truck bed, back seat, and passenger seat of Rotarian Dan's truck. [Read More](#)

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## SALISBURY SUNRISE MEMBER RECEIVES BROTHERHOOD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

According to AG Bob Smith, every year there is an Awards Committee that gets together and votes on possible candidates for the Brotherhood Community Service Award. The award honors individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to service, mentorship, unity, and social uplift. This year's winner was Salisbury Sunrise's very own "Coach" Sherman Wood! (Salisbury University Football Coach). Click "Read more" for more information on Coach Wood and Congratulations! [Read More](#)



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## SNOW HILL ROTARY SUPPORTS CUB SCOUTS



On Saturday, February 7, Cub Scout Pack 3155 held its 2026 Blue & Gold Banquet at Snow Hill Middle School. This annual event brings together Scouts, leaders, and families to recognize and honor the accomplishments of each Scout and thank the family members and leaders who make this experience possible for the youth of our community. [Read More](#)

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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](#)

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## 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](https://convention.rotary.org).

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## UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS!

# 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](mailto: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  
110 EAST AVENUE  
EASTON, MD 21601  
(410) 890-8656

### GREAT TEAM BUILDING EVENTS:

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

[tidewaterrotary.org/fundraisers](http://tidewaterrotary.org/fundraisers)

[facebook.com/TidewaterRotary](https://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](http://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](http://www.tidewaterrotary.org).

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## 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](mailto:sheryeh@gmail.com)

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



### **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!](#)