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District 7630



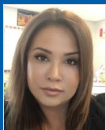
District Leadership



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

Ronald J. Kahn
District Public Image
Co-Chair

UNITE FOR GOOD



MARCH 2, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Yesterday morning I heard birds singing in my yard. The last of the snow from the most recent "storm" is all but gone. Like many of you, I am happy to see this season move out of here. Any day now, I expect to see crocuses popping their purple flowers out for all to see.

Last week PDG Cam Yorkston won his battle with cancer and went to his heavenly rest. Two of my family friends also passed away. Recalling these wonderful friends has got me thinking about how fortunate we are in Rotary to have dear friends that shape our Rotary experience.

This past week I was able to attend my own club's meeting. It has been six weeks since I was able to sit in a room with my North East Rotary family. Man, it was a good feeling! As District Governor, I am privileged to visit each club in the District and still there is nothing like coming home. Does that ever happen to you? You have been away or busy or sick, and you haven't been to a club meeting in a while. How do you feel when you are back with "your" peeps? Our club has an elderly member who is in hospice care. He hasn't been able to come to a meeting in a very long time and probably won't again. Our meeting used to be the highlight of his week. I think about him and wonder if he misses us too.

PDG Cam hadn't been to a meeting of his club, Wilmington Rotary Club, for some time too. Friends, like Kai Lassen, hadn't forgotten him. Kai would visit and chat with his long-time friend. PDG Cam was District Governor in 2008-09. The theme that year was "Make Dreams Real." Clubs focused on maternal and child health. It was considered a service-centered, heart-forward theme that urged Rotarians to turn compassion into tangible action. Given Cam's Master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and his ordination as a Presbyterian Minister, this theme was probably very motivating to him. Another of his friends, Pete Booker, recently sent a moving message to the current and previous governors and shared a bit about their wonderful friendship. Cam leaves behind his beloved wife, Kathy of 51 years, as well as a daughter and son-in-law and many Rotary friends to whom I extend my sympathies.

The next time your club meets, look around the room. Do you feel privileged to see these wonderful friends? Who is missing? Have you contacted them to see if they are okay? And in the words of Gordon McNally, PRIP, are they "really" okay?

The winter weather has been hard on people. Check on them! When you give them a call, ask them if they have registered for the District Conference yet? There are less than half the spots available.



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 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

(Come on, you knew I had to get a plug in!)

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dale

25-26 District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!



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

CHESTERTOWN

Kevin Schroeder

KENT ISLAND

Charles Montrie

Teresa Paddy

LEWES REHOBOTH BEACH

Christine Fossaceca

Michael Fossaceca

Douglas Crossan

Scott Robbins

NEWARK MORNING

Zachary Simendinger

NORTH EAST

Eric Warner

OCEAN CITY BERLIN

Melissa Lentz

SOUTHERN SUSSEX (SELBYVILLE)

Joseph Zeller

WILMINGTON

Darek Raguza

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"!



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

March 2nd

[District Global Grant Scholarship Opportunity](#)
Speaker: GG Chair, Judy Price

March 9th

[2026 District Conference Planning Meeting](#)
Speaker: DG Dale Kerns
Subject: Planning for the April 18th District Conference

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](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 25-26 EVENTS



- **March 5 - 7** - C-PETS in Chantilly, VA.
- **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 balthemus@esdel.org or by phone at 302-221-2051.

54th ANNUAL DISTRICT 7630 CONFERENCE — YOU WERE CHOSEN TO LEAD! REGISTER NOW!

By Sandra Early on Sunday, March 1, 2026

54th Annual District 7630 Conference at the **Hilton Christiana** in Newark Delaware on Saturday April 18th!

Register and hear this dynamic speaker as well as other great programs and talk to other Rotarians throughout the district.

(Click photo to watch the "You Were Chosen To Lead" video!)



[Registration on DACdb is open!](#)

SO ACT NOW!

2026 ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 GOLF OUTING!

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CHESAPEAKE BAY GOLF CLUB, RISING SUN, MD
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026
9:30 AM TEE TIME



The Rotary Club of North East is hosting a fun day of golf prior to DG Dale's District Conference at the beautiful Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, just 25 minutes down I-95 from the Christiana Hilton.

Not a fund-raiser and not a scramble; real golf with fun and fellowship. We will have optional games to make things interesting, so please provide your handicap, or your average 18 hole score.

Even if you are not attending the District Conference (and why not??) you are invited to play.

Registration is due by Tuesday, April 14th.
Greens Fee, Cart and Lunch: \$80 per player.

Register online by scanning the QR code below, or by sending your check payable to the Rotary Club of North East to:

Rotary Club of North East
P O Box 367
North East, MD 21901



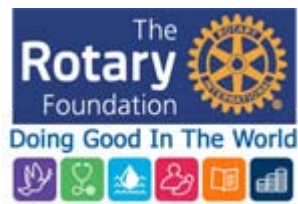
With your name, email address, phone number, Rotary Club and handicap.

For more information, call PDG Jim Roney at 410 920-2710 (email: jim.roney@comcast.net) or Greg Warren 302 530-1218 (email: glwarren@verizon.net)

[Read More](#)

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](#))
Complete the PHS form on rotary.org/paulharrissociety and look for the



join button at bottom of page.

For committing to contribute to The Rotary Foundation annually, you are entitled to a PHS chevron as shown on the brochure. If you have joined the PHS, made your 2025-2026 contribution and would like to have a PHS chevron, please email me and I will mail you one to wear proudly to show your Rotary Foundation support.

HOW WILL MY MEMBERSHIP BE RECOGNIZED?

Rotary districts are encouraged to recognize members of the society by presenting them a certificate and a Paul Harris Society chevron lapel pin at a district or club event, or at another special occasion. Because the society is a district-led program, leaders celebrate their local Paul Harris Society members differently around the world.

Show your commitment to making the world a better place by wearing your recognition pin.



Our District currently has 57 Paul Harris Society members that have made their annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

- Brandywine Hundred-1
- Brandywine-Naamans-3
- Caesar Rodney-2
- Camden-Wyoming-3
- Centreville-1
- Denton-1
- Kent Island-5
- Lewes-Rehoboth Beach-5
- MOT-3
- Newark Morning-4
- Newark Star-3
- North East-2
- Ocean City-Berlin-1
- Rehoboth Beach Sunrise-2
- Salisbury-6
- Salisbury Sunrise-1
- Smyrna-Clayton-2
- So Sussex Cty-1
- St Michaels-2
- Wilmington-9

D7630 Club Foundation Giving Recap Worksheet as been updated as of February 28 2026 ([see attached](#))

Annual Fund – District still has 2 clubs that have given zero to the Rotary Foundation

PolioPlus – District still has 9 clubs that have given zero to the Rotary Foundation

Please make your contributions today.

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
fergy123@comcast.net
443-786-6345

[Every Rotarian Every Year \(EREY\) Brochure](#)
[Paul Harris Society Brochure](#)

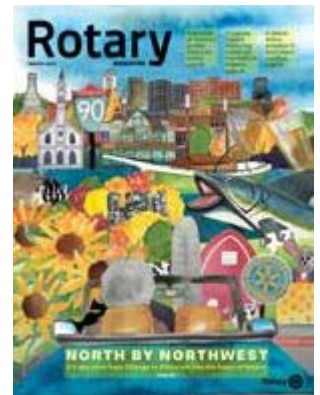
[Rotary Foundation Contribution Form](#)
[Rotary Direct Contribution Form](#)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER — MARCH 2026

At the entrance to most any small town in America, travelers are greeted by a sign for the local Rotary club, a time-honored symbol of civic engagement and of vibrant communities of neighbors helping neighbors. A quarter of the way into the 21st century, is it still so? In this issue of *Rotary* magazine, we go on a rapid-fire road trip to find out.

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

[Read More](#)



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](#)

EPIC AWARDS - IS YOUR CLUB ON TRACK?

Now is the time to review your club's progress toward the EPIC Award, along with any other club/district public image goals. Are you showcasing service projects? Promoting Rotary's impact? Leveraging video and storytelling?



The EPIC Award recognizes clubs for Excellence in Public Image Coordination. Tasks for the remainder of the year are available online. [Click here](#) to view and submit the monthly forms for your club.

[Read More](#)

STRONGER TOGETHER: TOASTMASTERS & ROTARY IN ACTION!



Have you heard Episode #293: **Personal Experience — Toastmasters, Rotary & the Alliance** from *The Toastmasters Podcast* with Stephanie Steckel? Stephanie's story is a powerful example of how being part of both **Toastmasters** and **Rotary** creates opportunities for growth in leadership, communication, service, and community impact. [Read More](#)

SIMPLE MAGAZINE RACK IS TURNING INTO POWER PUBLIC IMAGE TOOL

Jim LaRocca, chair-elect of the Camden–Wyoming Rotary Satellite Club at Noble's Pond, recently set up an attractive display of Rotary magazines in the Noble's Pond clubhouse library, a gathering place for residents in this 55+ community. The stand is stocked with gently used copies and duplicate issues that members would otherwise recycle or leave unread at home, transforming "extras" into a steady stream of Rotary stories, images, and ideas. Each colorful cover—highlighting topics from service projects to global causes—invites residents to pick up a copy, take it home, and discover the breadth of Rotary's impact. [Read More](#)



DG VISITS THE "HUB CLUB" — DISCUSSES FOOD INSECURITY

By Bernard Carr



On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, the Harrington-Greenwood-Felton Centennial Rotary Club welcomed District Governor Dale Kerns to their bi-monthly meeting at Rudy's Family Restaurant in Greenwood, DE., at 7:30 am. DG Kerns informed the Club of the state of the District, and upcoming events. She was available afterward for questions and concerns from the "Hub Club" members. [Read More](#)

DoMore24 DELAWARE TO BENEFIT SUSSEX ROTARY CAN-DO PLAYGROUND

Hello Rotarians! We want to thank you for supporting the Can-Do Playground movement in District 7630 over the past 20 years! As you know, we have beautiful facilities throughout the District and we are working hard toward adding a fourth site: The Can-Do Playground at Hudson Park in central Sussex County. Many from across the District have been very generous toward our latest effort. To date, we have raised about \$360,000 toward our goal of \$860,000, and we are continuing to build momentum.

A blue and white advertisement for a 'DoMore24 Delaware' event. The text reads: 'Imagine a playground where Sussex County kids and families of all abilities can play together! Please support the Can-Do Playground at Hudson Park. March 5 - 6 | 6 PM - 6 PM'. Below the text is a QR code and the 'DO MORE DELAWARE 24' logo. The logo includes the text 'Delaware's Giving Day | DoMore24Delaware.org'.

We are hopeful that we will open to the public in 2027.

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CAMDEN WYOMING HOSTS PRESENTATION - THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF DR ANNA JULIA HAYWOOD COOPER



The Camden-Wyoming Rotary Club recently hosted a presentation that we believe would resonate with Rotarians across our district. Our member, Dr. Christine Warren, shared the extraordinary life of Dr. Anna Julia Haywood Cooper (1858–1964). [Read More](#)

NEWARK STAR PARTICIPATES IN GO BAGS SERVICE PROJECT

Newark STAR Rotary service project this month was to create Go Bags for the unhoused. The bags contained: a reusable shopping bag, chemical hand warmers, fleece gloves and a hat, socks, emergency blanket, and a shelter blanket. We dropped them off to Matt Morrison, Executive Director at Delaware Regional Dream Center, who will make sure they get distributed. [Read More](#)



MILFORD ROTARY WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS



The Milford Rotary Club celebrated the holidays at their annual Holiday Party in December 2025, welcoming two new members and enjoying a surprise visit from the Greater Milford Chamber of Commerce.

[Read More](#)

HUB CLUB REPRESENTED AT RYLA!

Natalie Cuccinello, a Junior at Lake Forest H.S., recently represented the HUB Club at RYLA in Ocean City, MD. Natalie helped create many meals, some of which were donated to the Cornerstone Community Center for families in need. [Read More](#)



FLAGS FOR HEROES PROCEEDS DISTRIBUTED



On Feb. 26, Newark Morning Rotarians presented \$27,000 to 12 different organizations that support our veterans, first responders and local youth. The proceeds were raised in the Fall 2025 Flags For Heroes event, with 500 flags on display for three weeks over Veterans' Day. [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 to 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](#)

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](#)



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!

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.gofeve.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) 499-8456

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.

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 \(BBd\) \(delmarvablood.org\)](#)



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!](#)
