

#### **District Leadership**



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## MARCH 3, 2025 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Well, here we are once again, with the Rotary News Bulletin. The District News Bulletin is a key source of information insofar as to the happenings around our District of 7630.

For example, last month I talked about sanitation and water. This month I intend to focus on issues surrounding the environment. Yes, please continue to feed and to share what is occurring in your clubs, so that other clubs may be inspired by your club's activities.

Are we doing everything possible to protect our environment, taking the necessary precautions to rid our planet of items that may be harmful to our environment? So many questions that need to be answered. However, Rotary is once again there to fight the fight on this issue of protecting the environment.

Globally, we produce about 400 million tons of plastic waste products per year, a staggering figure. We can only see this worsening in the years moving ahead globally. We must be vigilant in making every attempt to try and curtail some of the waste products, harming our planet. All is not lost because there are organizations working with corporations in making strong efforts to help try and alleviate some of this plastic waste and Rotary is once again doing everything to try and to protect the environment.



Please continue to focus on the upcoming District Conference that is rapidly approaching. I'm sure there will be something at the District Conference that will enlighten you, if nothing more than to see old friends, and more importantly, to make new friends, and continue to build that camaraderie of the Four Way Test.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all those Presidents Elects to have a great time continuing their Presidential Training that they will continue to receive there in Chantilly, Va in a few weeks. Learn, meet new Rotarians from the other three Districts etc. Spring is just around the corner, and the close of this Rotary year is getting closer, where there will be some of the same, and hopefully many new ideas will come forth, with the new leaders of our clubs and our District.

Thanks to all those who attended Cliff Hutton's Memorial Services on Sunday, March 2, there at Wild Quail Country



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<u>Jeffrey W Kitchen</u> DRF - Annual Giving Co-Chair



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Bradley Lundberg AG Area 50



Michael A. Friedberg
AG Area 51

Molly Lynn Hilligoss AG Area 60 Club. Truly a tribute to a great individual and leader of our District. Thank you, PDG Clif.

Happy Early Spring, for the first day of Spring is March 20th, and the Daylight-Saving Time Begins March 9th.

Every Day Is A New Beginning. Take A Deep Breathe, Smile, And Start Again.

Thanks Randy Smith, DG







Click on the photo to be taken to the DACdb Rotary Member registration link!

Please call 302-227-2511 to book your overnight accommodations.

The block ID number is 10702 and the discounted rate is **available until Monday, March 24**<sup>th</sup>.

Friday night will start with a Major Donor Reception with special guest, RI Major Donor Officer, Laurie Menzel!

We will then have a buffet dinner followed by our keynote speaker, <u>Sean Sawver!</u>

The night will end with the band Club



#### **Events**

March 12th
Foundation Committee
Meeting via Zoom
Speaker: Foundation Chair
PDG Bill Ferguson

March 13th

Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom

March 13th

Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom

March 18th

**District AG Meeting** 

March 20th

<u>District Membership</u> <u>Committee Meeting</u>

**Speaker:** Membership Committee Chair Gary King

Subject: Membership Committee Meeting

March 29th

<u>District Grant Application</u> <u>Training Seminar via Zoom</u> <u>Only!</u>



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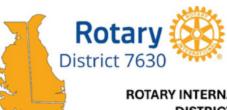


# DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OFFERS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

If you work for or own a business that would like to partner with the District Conference as a sponsor, please click on the link below to download the fillable form! (Or perhaps you are an individual who would like to support the District Conference!)

Sponsorships allow us to keep registration costs reasonable, plus have stellar entertainment, food and speakers!

If you have any questions, please email 7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7630 DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### PLATINUM \$2,500

- · Largest Top Tier with logo on Conference Signage
- Front Cover of Program with logo
- · Monthly Dedicated Social Media Shout Out
- Monthly Dedicated Newsletter Highlight (The sooner you get this in, the sooner we can start!)

#### \_\_\_ GOLD \$1,000

- Largest Top Tier with logo on Conference Signage
- · Front Cover of Program with logo
- One Dedicated Social Media Shout-Out
- One Dedicated Newsletter Highlight

#### \_\_\_\_ SILVER \$500

- · Large 2nd Tier with logo on Conference Signage
- · Back Cover of Program with logo (Large)
- One Social Media Shout-Out with all Silver Sponsors
- · One Newsletter Highlight with all Silver Sponsors

#### BRONZE \$250

- Medium 3rd Tier with logo on Conference Signage
- · Back Cover of Program with logo (Medium)
- · One Social Media Shout-Out with other Bronze Sponsors
- · One Newsletter Highlight with all Bronze Sponsors

#### SHINING STAR Under \$250 (Whatever fits your budget!)

- 4th Tier listing on Conference Signage
- Back Cover of Program listing
- · One Social Media Shout-Out with all Shining Star Sponsors
- One Newsletter Highlight with all Shining Star Sponsors

Name as you would like it to appear:

Please make your check out to "Rotary District 7630", then mail it and this form to:

Rotary District 7630 c/o Sandra Early PO Box 55 Chester MD 21619

Please email your company logo to RotaryDistrict7630@gmail.com

### Click here to download the sponsorship form!

"Read More" for details about entertainment, breakout sessions and speakers that will be updated as the committee gets things set! Read More

### **DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER**



Our district has a new major donor level 1 from Long Neck Rotary – Max Hutsell as of February 5, 2025. **Congratulations Max!** 

Rotary Foundation contributions as of February 28, 2025 (see attached)

Annual Fund - \$139,782.98 PolioPlus - \$96,964.85 Endowment - \$235,814.50 **Total - \$478,102.33** 

Congratulations to the St Michael's Rotary Club and contributions to the Rotary Foundation that total \$230,724.00!

Our district still has clubs that have not contributed to Rotary Foundation this year:

**Annual Fund** – Milford; **PolioPlus** – Cambridge, Chestertown, Denton, Dover Downtown, Georgetown-Millsboro, Harrington-Greenwood-Felton, Nanticoke-Seaford, Southern Sussex and Wicomico County.

Please make a contribution today! Every dollar helps Rotary do service in our communities and around the world.

Click here to download the 2024 Rotary Foundation Fact Card

PDG Bill Ferguson DRFC 2023-2026



The Foundation Matters Webinars are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 6 PM Eastern Daylight Time. (5 PM Central and 7 PM Atlantic). During this webinar we will be discussing key elements for engaging your club with The Rotary Foundation. You will hear actionable ideas from experienced Club Foundation chairs.

The monthly Foundation Matters Webinar Series is designed for club leaders like you. The series will deliver bite-sized informational content about different aspects of The Rotary Foundation. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experienced leaders who will share proven strategies to engage your club in The Rotary Foundation.

Please click on the link to learn more about the webinars, including links to past webinars! <a href="https://www.rizones33-34.org/foundation-matters/">https://www.rizones33-34.org/foundation-matters/</a>

Here are the upcoming webinar topics: Mar. 20, 2025 | Foundation Reports April 17, 2025 | Goal Setting May 15, 2025 | Finishing the Year Strong June 19, 2025 | Year End Recap

(Zoom link is in the DACdb calendar under Multi-District Events!)

## **RYLA 2025 IN THE BOOKS!**

Just a few photos from RYLA 2025 to tide you over until we get more information to share about this incredible weekend!



Group Leader Faith Molitor was recognized as Best Group Leader for RYLA 2025. Voted by staff and fellow group leaders. Faith is on the left with Phil Reed introducing her.

Also pictured, Jacob Vassolotti and Rosangel Perry, 2 of the 3 previous winners in attendance. Not in picture, Khloe Kues.

The winner receives their Paul Harris Fellowship membership



Winning group. Faith Molitor group leader.



Pictured are 6 delegates sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cambridge and 6 RYLA staff members from Dorchester County.

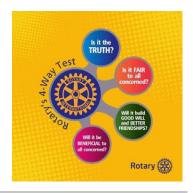


A group with their flag.

Picture of RYLA Chair, Phil Reed in lower left corner signifying "Leader" in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

# ROTARY CLUB OF SALISBURY SEEKS 2025 FOUR WAY TEST NOMINATIONS

The Rotary Club of Salisbury is seeking nominations of individuals in the community who, in their everyday lives, are a living example of the Rotary Motto: Service Above Self. Read More



# OCEAN CITY BERLIN VISITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY!



Cliff Berg, Mike Simcock and Margaret Mudron of the Ocean City - Berlin Rotary Club visited their adopted Pre K-3 classes at Showell, Ocean City and Buckingham Elementary to decorate Valentine's cookies with the students. The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Don's Seafood at the South Gate of Ocean Pines. "Read More" for more photos!

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# ROTARY CLUB OF SALISBURY SUPPORTS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Continuing its decades-long support of programs to enrich the youth of our community, The Rotary Club of Salisbury has awarded \$52,500 divided among 13 local non-profit organizations through its annual 3-Point Initiative. The initiative supports youth programs that promote leadership, integrity, and academic achievement. Read More



# DOVER CAPITAL CITY ROTARY CLUB HOLDS PLANNING SESSION



evening planning session over food and camaraderie for the coming year at Maple Dale Country Club, where they meet weekly for lunch.

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# CAMDEN WYOMING CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The Camden-Wyoming Rotary Club proudly marks its 80th anniversary, commemorating eight decades of dedicated community service and global impact. Since its founding on March 16, 1945, the club has exemplified Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self" through its tireless efforts in local and international initiatives.

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### **HUB CLUB ROTARY SPEAKER**



Loretta "Bunnie" Williams, Hub Club President - Elect, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to speaker, Lauren Irby. Lauren is the Public Relations and Community Outreach for the Delaware Electric Cooperative

## **DONATED BOOK COLLECTED AT CPETS**

President Elects are being asked to bring books to CPETS as part of a service project! (This flyer is from District 7610) After CPETS, books and coloring materials will be delivered to clubs who choose to participate in their local Head Start programs and Title 1 Kindergartens across four Districts, including District 7630! Click here to download this flyer!

# **Books for Bright Beginnings:** Rotary's Commitment to Early Literacy

Help Brighten a Child's Future—One Book at a Time!

#### What to Donate:

- New children's books (ages 2-6)- Bring to your club before March 3rd!
- Complete coloring pages (we provide the materials!) at the CPETS Conference March 7th.



Join us in supporting early literacy and creativity by donating children's books for ages 2-6 for classrooms in need. Together, we can provide vital resources to children in **Head Start programs** and **Title 1 kindergartens** across our districts.

#### How to Participate

- Before the District Conference: Bring your book donations to your local Rotary club meeting by Friday February 28th, 2025!
- 2. At the District Conference: Your President-Elect will deliver your books and:
  - Stop by our "Coloring for Kids" station at the Friday CPETS March 7th, at the Hospitality Suite to color pages for classrooms!
  - Drop off books at the designated collection tables at CPETS March, 6th and 7th- add Rotary stickers to each book and bundle in bags of 10-15 to be delivered by clubs.
- 3. After the Conference: Books and coloring materials will be delivered by clubs who choose to participate to their local Head Start programs and Title 1 Kindergartens across each of our four Districts: 7600, 7610, 7620 and 7630.

Join Us in Creating a Legacy of Learning!

For more information, contact: Ravi Cooper
District Governor- Elect 7610
email: RaviRotaryD7610@gmail.com cell:434-284-1321
A service project for Rotary Districts 7600, 7610, 7620, and 7630

ROTARY CLUB OF WILMINGTON CONGRATULATES NETHRA NARESH



## LEWES REHOBOTH ROTARY HAS BEEN A BEACON OF HOPE

CLOTHING OUR KIDS (COK) PRESS RELEASE – FEBRUARY 20, 2025 THE LEWES-REHOBOTH ROTARY HAS BEEN A BEACON OF HOPE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED

Contact info@clothingourkids.org

One of Rotary International's programs is providing funding to make the world a better place. District grants fund activities that address needs in their community. Clothing Our Kids (COK) has been privileged to be the recipient of several grants over the years by our local Lewes-Rehoboth Rotary Club. This year the Club awarded a generous \$3,500 grant to the disadvantaged students in Sussex County who need it the most. COK has provided hundreds of thousands of clothing items so that kids can reach their full learning potential without being ashamed of their attire.

Pictured below is Lewes-Rotary Club President Katie Millard presenting the donation to COK Volunteer Peter Thomas. Peter advised the group that their money goes to essential clothing to ensure students thrive and has a significant impact on providing them with brighter futures. COK is extremely appreciative of all Rotarians who work so hard to raise funds all year round.



For information regarding Clothing Our Kids (COK), or to donate, please go to <a href="https://www.clothingourkids.org">www.clothingourkids.org</a>. Kindly pass on the good work of COK by sharing this Update and liking our Social Media posts with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.



## **UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS!**

#### Tidewater Rotary Club Announces 2025 Fundraising Events Benefiting Talbot Hospice

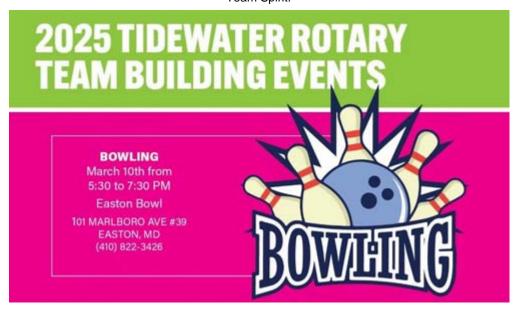
The Tidewater Rotary Club is proud to announce two engaging fundraising events for 2025, offering the community a chance to come together and support Talbot Hospice, an organization known for its compassionate care for those facing serious illness and end-of-life challenges.

The events—Team Bowling and Trivia Night—promise fun and fellowship while raising funds for a vital cause.

Strike Up Fun at Team Bowling Night

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Location: Easton Bowl (101 Marlboro Ave #39, Easton, MD)

Bowling enthusiasts and casual players alike are invited to join this lively evening of team bowling. Teams of four will enjoy friendly competition, raffle prizes, and fun awards such as "Best Dressed" and "Team Spirit."





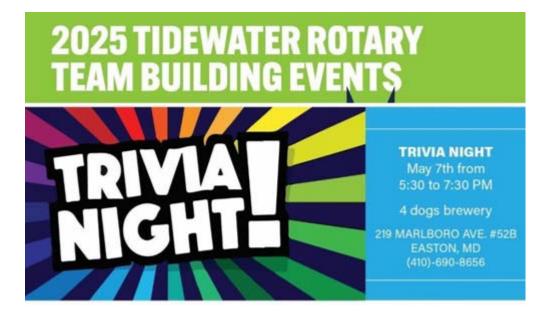
The Milford Rotary Club and Milford High School Interact Club are hosting their inaugural Spring Quarter Auction on March 22, 2025 at the Elks Lodge in Milford. 10% of all proceeds will go to the MHS "Be Safe" Food and Clothing Pantry.

#### Challenge Your Brain at Trivia Night!

Date: Monday, May 7, 2025 Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: 4 Dogs Brewing Co. & Pub (219 Marlboro Ave #52B, Easton, MD)

Put your knowledge to the test at Trivia Night, where teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights. This evening of lighthearted rivalry is perfect for friends, colleagues, and trivia lovers looking to support an important community resource.



### **Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

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

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

Sponsorships include entry for four participants per event, offering an excellent way to engage with the community while supporting Talbot Hospice's essential mission.

For sponsorship details or to register your team, visit <a href="www.tidewaterrotary.org/">www.tidewaterrotary.org/</a>

fundraisers

# *2025*

# Smyrna-Clayton Rotary Club Car Show







Saturday, May 10th • 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (rain or shine) Smyrna High School Parking Lot 500 Duck Creek Parkway • Smyrna, Delaware

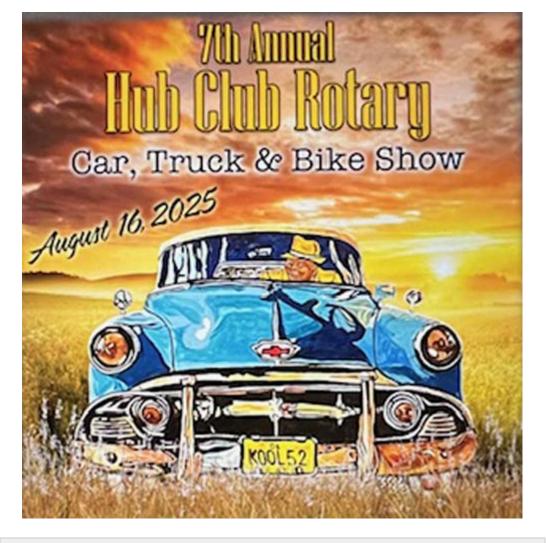
## ADMISSION FREE TO PUBLIC • PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!

### Registration time - 8:30 am to 11:00 am. \$15 per vehicle

- Preregistration by May 1 \$10 per vehicle
- Prizes will be awarded in various categories, including trophies and a \$50 gift card for Best in Show.
  - For more information, please contact Marie Fontaine St Pierre at (302) 373-9012.
  - You can also find details on the Smyrna-Clayton Rotary Facebook page at www.SmyrnaClaytonRotaryClub.com/car-show, or you can scan the QR code to access the site directly.



Click on the picture above to download the registration form!



# Save the Date!!! Calling All Cars! SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025.

2025 HUB Club Student Scholarship Car Show Fundraiser

HUB Club Rotary 7th Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show!

August 16th, 2025. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration begins @ 8:30 a.m.

Lake Forest N. Elementary School Parking Lot, 319 E. Main St., Felton, DE.

Proceeds benefit Student Scholarships! \$15 registration per vehicle. Sponsor our Students (\$250). Donors - \$100. Any & all donations appreciated!

Trophies & Dash Plaques Awarded. Door Prizes & Games all day. Delicious food by Kirby & Holloway. Music by A.c.e. Entertainment.

Custom limited t-shirts are \$20. Free admission to the public! Vendors are welcome. \$25 per space. Pre-registration recommended!

Contact Tee Bell, HUB Club Events. Bttbell@comcast.net (302)249.0140