



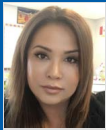
District Leadership



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



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Immediate Past
District Governor



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Lieutenant Governor



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District Secretary and
Policy and Procedure
Chair



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Parliamentarian,
Insurance



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Davis Jr.
District Membership
Chair

Ronald J. Kahn
District Public Image
Co-Chair



MARCH 16, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

This and That

Things are gearing up for the 2026 District Conference on Saturday, April 18. Since this is the last bulletin before the special pricing for the room block at the Hilton Wilmington (Christiana) will close on **Friday, March 18**. After that, rooms will be at market price. As of this writing, we have 93 people registered for the event. There are plenty of tickets available for the Wilmington Blue Rocks game. If family or friends want to just join us, they are welcome to. Tickets can be purchased on DACdb. There is plenty of room for attendees to sign up for the Zero K too. [Please register for this day of District fun!](#)

Rotarians around the District continue to address food insecurity in their communities. I want to send a big shout-out to the Tidewater Rotary Club. Under the direction of Rick Hughes and Steve Waltrich, they are committed to supporting community food pantries and local schools. They have purchased over 250 new crockpots and delivered them to their partner organizations. To top that, they recently held a Meals of Hope food packing event. They are addressing food insecurity in a BIG way in their community! I appreciate all they are doing to make sure FOLKS (Feeding Our Local Kids and Seniors) in Talbot County don't go hungry.





Robert Older
District Public Image
Co-Chair



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Carrie W. Gray
AG Area 10 &
Innovative Club
Advocate



Edward J Gossett Jr.
AG Area 20



The power behind the crockpot idea is not just the ability to put a crockpot into the hands of families that don't have a way to cook meals. It is the recipes that North East Rotarian Rock star Charlene Wilczynski, a retired Dietitian, created. Those recipes have now traveled to McHenry, PA via the hands of Previous RI President Stephanie Urchick.

That one idea is going places! Last weekend I had the honor of being Stephanie's Aide at C-PETS (our multi-district President-Elect Training Seminar). While chatting about my experiences as District Governor, I told her one of the many things I have learned in the role is flexibility. Last year my plans dramatically changed when the cuts to the DE Food Bank were announced. Instead of focusing on peace and building new leaders, I pivoted and began to focus on food insecurity. With that shift has come projects like FOLKS and the Nourish By Rotary District Grant to purchase meal packing equipment (the equipment is all purchased and Ed Gossett and I are ready to share the packing plan with all those who attend the District Conference). Stephanie was very impressed by our work, and she asked for the recipes. She has shared with her club's Impact club and they are making plans.

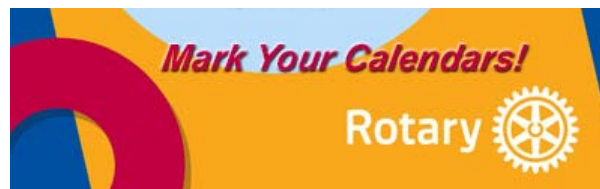
You just never know where Rotary will take you!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dale

25-26 District Governor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 25-26 EVENTS



- **April 18** - District Conference, Newark, DE
- **May 16th** - District Assembly (Via Zoom for incoming officers)

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.



[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

March 16th

[District Global Grant Scholarship Opportunity](#)

Speaker: GG Chair, Judy Price

March 23rd

[Diversity Inclusion and Equity Committee/ EPE](#)

Speaker: Larence Kirby, Celeste Bevans

Subject: Rotary International and District Updates on DEI/EPE

April 2nd

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

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.

April 4th

[District Grant Application Training Seminar via Zoom Only!](#)

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER

D7630 Club Foundation Giving Recap Worksheet

Updated as of March 15, 2026 ([see attached](#))

Annual Fund - Congratulations to the Top 3 Annual Fund Per Capita Giving Clubs:

1. Kent Island \$343.78
2. MOT \$287.82
3. Brandywine Naamans \$264.17

PolioPlus - Congratulations to the Top 3 PolioPlus Per Capita Giving Clubs:

1. MOT \$858.59
2. Newark Morning \$253.79
3. Camden-Wyoming \$230.02

Top Giving - Congratulations to the Top 3 Total Giving Per Capita Giving Clubs:

1. Brandywine-Naamans \$1,726.75
2. MOT \$1,146.41
3. Camden-Wyoming \$564.44

Grant Management Seminar for Rotary Year 2026-2027



April 4, 2026

10am to noon by Zoom

[RSVP on the DACdb calendar here!](#)

If your club plans on submitting an application, two members of your club need to attend the GMS and have to be included on the application.

PLEASE NOTE: THE APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY 15, 2026.

COMING IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

Global Grant Scholarship application information and pledge request!

A young lady from Bear, Delaware and attending the University of Virginia has asked our district to sponsor her scholarship to King's College in London, England. This would be a request from our district's DDF (district designated funds).

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](#)

PDG CLIFF BERG CONNECTS WITH CLASSMATES AT CPETS



These are PDG Cliff Berg's classmates from the year he was governor, and they were able to get together for dinner at C-PETS.

According to PDG Cliff, "We have become good friends and take turns hosting dinner periodically." From left to right are PDG Cliff, Sheila Brennan (7610), Sean McAlister (7620), and Kenny Janes (7600).

This shows how Rotary is all about relationships and PDG Cliff hopes that the incoming PEs will be able to make similar connections!

2026 RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS) WRAP UP!

By G. Philip Reed

Approximately 110 high school students from Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland came together over President's Day weekend to participate in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) 2026 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Md. After a brief "Get Acquainted Activity", the delegates joined together to pack 15500 meals for Meals of Hope. In an assembly line, the meals were mixed, packed and boxed to be transported throughout Rotary District 7630 by the students who packed them. These meals will help with food insecurity in several communities. [Read More](#)



PATHWAYS TO SERVICE PODCAST HOSTS STEPHANIE STECKEL FROM DOVER ROTARY

Hosted by Allison David and Mike Staman, Pathways to Service is a program about [Rotary](#), featuring Rotary-related guests and topics. Each Sunday morning on WDEL, we invite you to tune in to find out what Rotarians do to help make our local and worldwide communities better. In addition, other service organization members that do similar work are invited to take part.



The March 8th podcast featured Stephanie Steckel with Toastmasters and the Dover Rotary Club!

Click here to listen! <https://www.wdel.com/programs/pathways-to-service/>

Have a topic you'd love us to cover? Interested in being a guest? We'd love to hear from you!

Email us at: AllisonDavid@ClaymontCenter.org

org and MikeWilmRotary@gmail.com [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 - ALL TASKS DUE APRIL 30TH!



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. Not sure what tasks you still have remaining? Visit the [EPIC Award status page](#)

to find out.

[Read More](#)

CAMDEN WYOMING AND NOBLES POND SPEARHEADS SHOE DRIVE

The Camden Wyoming Rotary Club is delighted to share a shining example of Service Above Self in action. Throughout February, our club and its dedicated Satellite Club at Noble's Pond spearheaded a community-wide shoe drive that exceeded all expectations, collecting over 860 pairs of new and gently used shoes for Soles4Souls.



This project wasn't just about collecting footwear; it was about the power of District 7630 members coming together to provide dignity, health, and economic opportunity to those who need it most.

[Read More](#)

NEWARK STAR ROTARY SERVICE AND DONATION PROJECT



In February, Newark STAR Rotary club distributed thank you cards and a donation to Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company, Valentine's Day Cards and a donation to Meals on Wheels and thank you cards to the officers and staff in the Newark Police Department. Click "Read More" for photos!

[Read More](#)

TIDEWATER ROTARY PACKS 13,608 MEALS TO FIGHT HUNGER IN TALBOT COUNTY

On February 28, the Tidewater Rotary Club hosted a high-impact food packing day as part of its FOLKS (Feeding Our Local Kids & Seniors) initiative to combat food insecurity in Talbot County. Forty volunteers gathered at the Easton Airport ACE Center to assemble 2,268 meal packets containing a total of 13,608 servings of fortified macaroni and cheese or rice and beans with vegetables. [Read More](#)



REVITALIZING INTERACT AT APPOQUINIMINK HIGH SCHOOL



The MOT Rotary Club recently celebrated an exciting milestone with the Interact Club at Appoquinimink High School.

After learning that one of our scholarship recipients serves as the President of the Interact Club, further research revealed that the club's status had become inactive in Rotary's system during the COVID years. Many schools were operating in hybrid or remote formats at that time, and across many organizations, clubs became inactive when advisor information was not resubmitted. With leadership transitions occurring annually each July, these administrative updates can sometimes be overlooked.

[Read More](#)

DOVER DOWNTOWN ROTARY HOSTS ROTARY CLUB INNOVATION PROGRAM ON MARCH 30TH



"The best way to have a good idea is to have a lot of ideas—and share them." — Linus Pauling, two-time Nobel Prize winner, chemist, peace activist

Visit Dover Downtown Rotary for lunch on March 30, and you'll get to hear from our District 7630 Innovative Club Advocate, Carrie Gray.

[Read More](#)

OCEAN CITY BERLIN SPONSORS BOOTH AT BOAT SHOW

The Ocean City - Berlin Club sponsored a booth at the Ocean City Boat Show. Members Carl Smith (far right) and Walt Maizel (next to Carl) were joined by members of another Rotary Club, although their names were not shared with us.

[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](#)

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](#)



UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS!



**Raising Money for Scholarships for
Worcester County High School Students**

Date Saturday, March 28, 2026

Time 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location Elks Club ~ Sinepuxent Road, North Ocean City

What's Included!

\$30 Entry Fee

20 Bingo Games Included

3 Special Games

Cash Prizes: Minimum \$100 per Game

Additional Cards Available

Food will be available for purchase from the Elks Club. Desserts sold by the Rotary Club and all proceeds benefit scholarships for local students. Come for the fun, stay for the prizes, support our youth!

To purchase tickets:

- Visit www.ocberlinrotary.com to pay via PayPal
- Email ocberlinrotary@gmail.com or gina@shafferlawmd.com to arrange an in-person purchase
- Stop by or call **Shaffer Law**, 11033 Cathell Road, Berlin, MD
Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM / 410-995-8455

[Click Here to download Bingo flyer!](#)

2026 ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 GOLF OUTING

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)

The
Rotary
Club of Milford



Milford Rotary Club & MHS Interact Club



SPRING QUARTER AUCTION

Hosted By



APRIL

18

SATURDAY

2026

Doors Open:

3:00PM

Auction Begins:

4:00PM

**Win Some
Prizes &
Hang with
the Herd!**

LOCATION

Courageous Hearts

8848 September Way, Lincoln, DE 19960

All-In Paddles: \$40

Paddles: \$15

Additional Paddles: \$5

**Cash/Credit Accepted
at the Door**

Please Donate!



CONTACT:

Katie Barczewski

cbarczewski@msd.k12.de.us

Call/Text 570-479-7854

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.



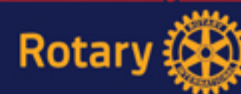
**Scan Here
For Tickets**



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/>

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.