

Rotary

District 7630



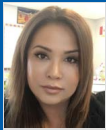
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AG Area 30



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District Public Image
Co-Chair

UNITE FOR GOOD



MARCH 30, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Go Global!

As you begin reading this article I would like you to pause and think of what your goals were when you were 22 years old. I was a Senior at Towson State University and student teaching. Going halfway across the world for graduate school to study child and maternal health and planning on how I would make this my life's work would never have been on my radar. Yet for Bear, DE native Simone Minor, that is exactly what she is planning.

Last year, Simone reached out and inquired about our District supporting her through a Global Grant. I contacted Judy Price, Global Grant Chair, and Robin Broomall, District Grant Advisor, to get their thoughts. Several months and lots of groundwork later, we are excited about this grant opportunity.

When looking at 1000 live births being recorded, we see in the US 5 - 6 children dying before their first birthday. Compare that to Sierra Leone (the highest in the world), where 78 babies, or Somalia, where 68 babies die before they reach a year old. UNICEF indicates there are ways to improve survival rates through regular health care with skilled professionals. Also, families having access to clean water, sanitation, vaccines, disease treatment and prevention, as well as birth spacing and mental health support, will produce healthier babies and mothers. How many Areas of Focus did you count?

With an undergraduate major in Global Public Health and a minor in Data Science, Simone plans to attain her Master's degree and then pursue a medical degree so she can address mortality and morbidity rates. Simone has participated in two rigorous internships while at University of Virginia. She also interned at the Centers for Global Health Equity and Birth Sisters of Charlottesville.

So, while I was enjoying the beach, Simone was working with medical professionals in Ghana investigating pediatric critical care practices in rural villages. Prior to that, she was in South Africa learning more about their medical systems and conducting surveys to learn more about vaccine hesitancy. I'm telling you, this young woman is amazing! When our Global Grant subcommittee met with her in early March, we were blown away. Newark Morning President Jamie Zingaro joined us on the call. His club, along with the Newark Star, have indicated a strong interest in leading this Global Grant effort. We need you to join them in raising \$75,000 to support this worthwhile education





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DRF - PolioPlus Chair



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AG Area 10 & Innovative Club Advocate



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AG Area 20



[Celeste Bevans](#)
AG Area 21

endeavor.

I can't wait for you to meet this amazing young woman. At the District Conference, Simone will be sharing her past experiences and future vision. Please plan to be in the room to hear about what child and maternal health will look like in the future. You and your club have an amazing opportunity to play a part in her efforts to help more children survive to celebrate many birthdays beyond their first.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dale

25-26 District Governor

Additional information: The cost of the scholarship being requested is \$75,000. Please see the attached documents on Simone's [scholarship goals](#) and [pledge form](#) and if you would like to support her and our district!

54th ANNUAL DISTRICT 7630 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON APRIL 6TH!

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

Registration closes on April 6th and booking your hotel room under the District's room block has been extended until April 5th!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Public Image with District Public Image Co-Chairs, Bob Older and Ron Kahn
Disaster Aid presented by PDG Bob Grill and Larry Agee
Human Trafficking/Chinese Organ Harvesting - Cindy Liu and Shirley Hsia
Nice Guys Finish First Always with Keith Roper, Author and Wilmington Impact Member
District Leadership with PDG Jim Roney and PDG Cliff Berg
Energy is Your Edge with Renee Caruso
District Foundation with DRFC PDG Bill Ferguson and incoming DFRC PDG Hugh Dawkins
Mini RLI, Session 1, Part 1 Engaging Members with AG Steve Grossman
Writing a Compelling Grant Application with District Grant Advisor, Robin Broomall
Global Grant Scholar, Simone Minor

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Newark Morning - Birthday Boxes for shut-ins
North East - Coloring for Early Childhood Literacy
Newark Star - Thank you cards for First Responders
District Meal Packing - Try out the new meal packing equipment (Room limited to 2 members from a club - There will be sign-up at registration.)

Not to mention the Zero K Run to raise funds for Easterseals Camp Fairlee!

[Click here to register!](#)

ACT NOW!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 25-26 EVENTS



[Steven L. Grossman](#)
AG Area 40 & 41



[Candice Cook](#)
AG Area 50



[Sherye Nickerson](#)
AG Area 51



[Robert L. Smith](#)
AG Area 60



- **April 4** - District Grant Management Seminar (10 am to Noon. Zoom link in DACdb calendar!)
- **April 18** - District Conference, Newark, DE
- **May 16th** - District Assembly (Via Zoom for incoming officers)

All of these are on the DACdb calendar!



2026 Rotary Work Days at Camp Fairlee!

Friday, May 1st and **Saturday, May 2nd** — Click "Read More" below for the details!

[Read More](#)

Events

April 2nd

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

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!](#)

April 6th

[District Global Grant Scholarship Opportunity](#)

Speaker: GG Chair, Judy Price

April 14th

[DG Chain call](#)

April 14th

[District 25-26 AG Meeting](#)

April 18th

[54th Annual District Conference: Registration closes April 6th!](#)

NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE BI-WEEKLY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

To prevent information overload, and be mindful of everyone's time, the decision has been made to run **one story per club per newsletter**. (Additional stories will be held for the next newsletter)

We need a headline, at least two sentences for a story, a photo and a cutline describing the photo. Please submit a photo that has been cropped and is not enormous. (Try to keep it under 1 MB)

Any questions, please let me know! (**Not by "replying" to this newsletter please! The newsletter is a large file, and it's best not to send it back and forth.**) Instead, start a new email with a good subject line! 7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com

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)

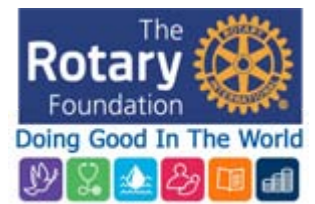
I am typically out of my office on Tuesday and Thursday.

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

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER

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

I would like to see all clubs and members contribute to Annual Fund or



PolioPlus this Rotary year. 2 clubs have no contributions to Annual Fund and 9 clubs with no contributions to PolioPlus. With only 3 months to go before the end of our Rotary year, please contribute now!

Grant Management Seminar for Rotary Year 2026-2027 – April 4, 2026 10am to noon by zoom. 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.

[RSVP Here!](#)

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEW 2026-2027 DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY 15, 2026

Projected amount of DDF for District Grants 2026-2027 next year is about \$62,000+/-

And finally...

Please make your RI Foundation 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](#)

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](#)

NEWARK STAR HOSTS CITY OF NEWARK PLANNER AS SPEAKER

Mike Fortner, AICP Senior Planner for the City of Newark stopped by to talk about the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Newark. This plan outlines the community's vision over a period of 10 years and serves as a long-range guide for the community's growth and development. Several components go under consideration, such as economic development, historic preservation, and housing and community development to name a few.

[Read More](#)



DOVER DOWNTOWN WILL BE HOSTING SPEAKER, DR. PHILLIP "PJ" LOUIE



Dr. Phillip J. Louie
Pediatric Dentist

Second Generation Smiles- Dr. Pj Louie Pediatric dentist Dr. Phillip “Pj” Louie will speak at the Dover Downtown Rotary on April 20. Dr. PJ grew up with the original Dr. Louie and works to help our younger friends have bright and healthy smiles. He will share his insights on children’s oral health and the innovative care he has brought to Kent County.

Bring your questions for Dr. PJ and join us for lunch at 12:15 pm, the Green Turtle restaurant, 391 N. Dupont Hwy. Dover, DE.

ROTARIANS HAVE MANY TALENTS

The Rotary Club of Snow Hill, Md., always enjoys it when a “member share” item is included on the weekly meeting agenda. It signals a time to learn about notable experiences of fellow members. [Read More](#)



OCEAN CITY BERLIN INSTALLS NEWEST MEMBER



The Ocean City - Berlin Rotary Club recently installed their newest member — Melissa Lentz. [Read More](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF SALISBURY SUPPORTS WICOMICO COUNTY LIBRARY

Members of The Rotary Club of Salisbury have donated hundreds of books that will be sold in April at the Friends Foundation of the Wicomico Public Library biannual book sale. These donations will raise hundreds and perhaps thousands of dollars, depending upon how many are sold and at what price. Money raised by the foundation will be used to cover library expenses not funded by the taxpayers. [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](#)

UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS!

DINE TO DONATE



15% OF ALL DINE IN SALES WILL BE DONATED DIRECTLY TO
THE SUSSEX ROTARY CAN-DO PLAYGROUND INC.

Abbott's Grill at Paynter's Mill

16388 Samuel Paynter Blvd

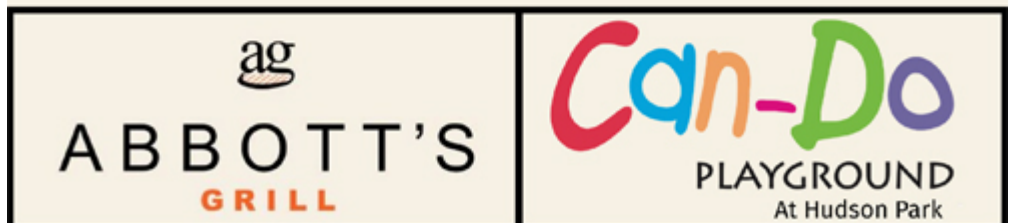
Milton, DE 19968

Thursday

Thursday, April 16, 2026

5:00PM to 9:00PM

The "Can-Do Playground" at Hudson Park in Sussex County is an inclusive play area designed to serve children and families of all abilities. It is located on Rt 9 on the Lewes- Georgetown bike trail. Project is led by Sussex County Rotary clubs and promotes physical, cognitive, and sensory development through its specialized play areas.



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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.



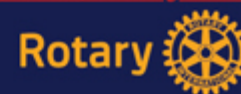
**Scan Here
For Tickets**



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) 499-8656

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](#)

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.

The Ocean City Berlin Club is holding a raffle for a 2-night stay at the Assateague Cottage.

They will be selling tickets in person but anyone interested can email Margaret Mudron at ocberlinrotary@gmail.com to arrange payment!

**DRAWING:
May 25, 2026**

2 NIGHT STAY AT ASSATEAGUE

**Tickets:
\$5 each or
3 for \$10**

**PACKAGE
INCLUDES:**

- TWO NIGHT STAY IN ASSATEAGUE COTTAGE, VALID FOR 2026 SEASON (MAY-OCT)
- SLEEPS UP TO FOUR PEOPLE
- BASED ON AVAILABILITY AT ASSATEAGUE STATE PARK (YOU PAY & BOOK CAMPSITE)
- FOR MORE INFO - VISIT OUR WEBSITE @ WWW.ASSATEAGUECOTTAGE.COM

RETAIL VALUE: \$500

No cash value

2026 HUB CLUB SCHOLARSHIP CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER



HUB CLUB ROTARY 8TH ANNUAL CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW
AUGUST 15, 2026 9:00 AM - 1:30 P.M.
(Registration begins 8:30 AM - 11:00 A.M.)

Lake Forest N. Elementary School Parking Lot, 319 E. Main St., Felton, DE 19943.
Proceeds benefit Student Scholarships!

Sponsorships - \$250. Donors - \$100
(Any and all donations are appreciated)!

Trophies and Dash Plaques awarded. Door Prizes and Games all day.
Delicious Eats. Music by A.c.e. 82 Entertainment. Welcome Vendors \$20 per space!

\$15 registration per vehicle. Custom Limited Edition T Shirts - \$20.
Free admission to the public!

Contact: Tee Bell - HUB CLUB EVENTS
bttbell@comcast.net (302) 249.0140.

We will be collecting canned goods and donations for our "Holidays Feed our Families" Program.
(Free Raffle tickets).

Thank you for your support!
Harrington-Greenwood-Felton Centennial Rotary Club!

**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 \(BBd\) \(delmarvablood.org\)](https://www.delmarvablood.org/digital-hero-card)

**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!](#)

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.

