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APRIL 27, 2026 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

WHAT A GREAT DAY!

When asked to describe our 54th Annual District Conference in three words, I decided upon — Fellowship, Energy and Unity.

Thank you to the almost 150 Rotarians who converged with excitement and energy for our "Unite for Good" District Conference.

The "0" K to benefit Camp Fairlee had 60 "non-runners" participate in this first ever event to benefit Easterseals Camp Fairlee located in Chestertown, MD. Together we raised just shy of \$1,900 to support our workday efforts on May 1st & 2nd at camp. Each participant received a conference T-shirt designed by North East Rotary Club President Keith Moore.

Our members were well represented by 54 Electors who voted to support the recommended editorial changes to the Policy & Procedures as well as maintaining the name Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for our standing Committee. PDG Bill Ferguson was elected to represent the District at the upcoming Zone 33 nomination meeting for the 2028-2030 RI Director. The alternate will be PDG Hugh Dawkins. We appreciate both individuals for their willingness to serve our District in this important role.

Additionally, we honored 19 of our fellow Rotarians who passed away this year. Kai Lassen and PDG Pete Booker provided a special tribute to PDG Cam Yorkston during the service. We were honored to have Cam's widow, Kathy Yorkston, with us for the service and luncheon. PDG Don Hackett did a wonderful job again this year of preparing the service.

Prior to lunch, attendees selected one of four service projects that were offered. Then, following lunch, we had the pleasure of hearing from RI Director Patrick Eakes. He updated us on happenings in the Rotary world. Director Patrick was also honored to induct Middletown-Odessa-Townsend Rotarians Bill O' Neal and his wife, Millie, into the Arch Klumph Society. Finally, we welcomed Michael Angelo Caruso for our keynote address. Not a single one of us left the room wanting to feel average.

Twelve breakout sessions were offered in the afternoon. The workshops were presented by individuals in our District like; Keith Roper from The Wilmington RC and Karen Aspinwall from the North East RC, as well as Rene Caruso (yes, Michael's wife), and Cindy Liu and Shirley Hsia. I appreciate the time and preparation each of our presenters invested in their sessions.

Many folks have asked when I felt like I could relax and enjoy the event. My response is twofold; 1) when we finished the business meeting and 2) when I was told the bus was in the parking lot to take us to the Blue Rocks

LEARNING SEMINAR SET FOR 2026

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 RI CONVENTION!

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



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

game. Fifty of us enjoyed the Diamond Suite and really relaxed.

There are too many people to thank for making our day a success. Needless to say, I have a lot of thank you notes to write. Most of all, I want to thank each of the 149 people who set aside the day for joining me for a wonderful day of being together. I look forward to seeing you at the next District Conference.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dale

25-26 District Governor



Many thanks to Rotarian Mike Luck of the Newark Star Club for being our official "O" K Run photographer!
If you'd like your photo, please check out this QR Code!
(Plus other candid shots from the day!)



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



John E. Mager
DRF - Treasurer



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

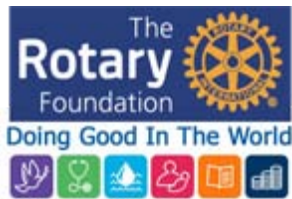
Edward J
Gossett Jr.



Or you can use [this link](#) to access the photos directly!

If you have any trouble, please don't hesitate to contact Mike Luck at mykluck@gmail.com

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER



Rotary Global Grant Scholarship - GG2694014

District 7630 has been approached by Simone Minor, a senior at University of Virginia who lives in Bear, De, about applying for a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship for graduate study in

England. She has been accepted at both schools to which she applied: #1 King's College (London) and #2 Univ of Bristol (England) and has the support of District 1130 London and local Mayfair Rotary Club which host 40 graduate students each year. The cost of the scholarship will be \$75,000.

The District Foundation DDF committee has agreed to pledge \$30,000 in DDF, if the district clubs and members make pledges that equal or exceed that amount. With that \$30,000 DDF the Rotary Foundation will match with an additional 80% from World Fund of \$24,000 for a total of \$54,000. To fund the scholarship all with DDF we would need \$42,000 in pledges.

See the [attached Pledge form](#). Your pledge is your agreement to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Share. If the Global Grant Scholarship is not approved by the Rotary Foundation, no request for contribution will be made.

Simone's scholarship goals and our district ask is [attached](#) also. Please help us support Simone and her Global Grant Scholarship.

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 27TH IS 26-27 DISTRICT GOVERNOR KEN MONTVILLE'S INSTALLATION!





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

April 28th
District Global Grant Scholarship Opportunity
Speaker: GG Chair, Judy Price

May 6th
2026 District Conference Debriefing Meeting
Speaker: DG Dale Kerns
Subject: Planning for the April 18th District Conference

May 7th
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.

May 12th
DG Chain call

May 16th
2026 District Assembly via Zoom! SAVE THE DATE!
Speaker: DGE Ken Montville

Rotary

SAVE THE DATE!

ROTARY DISTRICT 7630

You're Invited to Attend
the Installation Luncheon for
District Governor Ken Montville.

- Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 10:00m to 2:00pm.
- Dove Pointe, 1225 Mt. Harmon Road, Salisbury, MD 21804

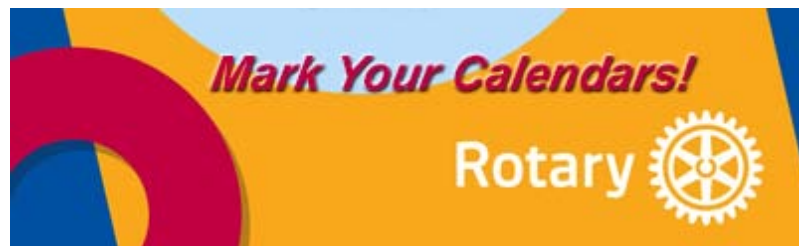
PLEASE RSVP to BJ Summers at bjsummers072481@gmail.com

- The cost is \$50/person.
- Please send payment to
TREASURER
TREASURER – ROTARY CLUB OF SALISBURY,
PO BOX 735, SALISBURY, MD 21803-0735

I look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to BJ Summers at bjsummers072481@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 25-26 EVENTS



- **May 16th** - District Assembly (Via Zoom for incoming officers)
- **June 17th** - Zoom meeting for Electors to review District Audit Report
- **June 27th** - Installation Luncheon for 26-27 District Governor Ken Montville

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](#)

ITS WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK!



As World Immunization Week begins, we celebrate the power of vaccines to protect children, prevent disease, and keep communities healthy. This week, 24 to 30 April, is also a time to recognize the dedicated people who make immunization possible.

[Rotary supports programs](#) that equip community health workers to deliver vaccines and connect communities to care. In Pakistan, [thousands of these essential workers](#) travel long distances to vaccinate children and support environmental surveillance efforts, reaching even the most remote and vulnerable people.

These efforts have achieved remarkable progress. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have reduced polio cases worldwide by more than 99.9%. Our members support vaccination programs that protect against polio, measles, and other life-threatening diseases. Immunization remains one of the most effective tools to protect children and keep communities healthy.

During World Immunization Week, you can help sustain these efforts by:

- [Donating](#) to support our work to eradicate polio and prevent other diseases
- [Fundraising](#) through Raise for Rotary
- [Exploring](#) other ways to raise funds for the PolioPlus Fund

Together, we can support the people who are delivering vaccines, strengthening communities, and moving us all closer to a world free of polio and other preventable diseases.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Foundation

RLI III: LEAD. INSPIRE. MAKE AN IMPACT.

You've already completed Parts I & II—amazing! Now, **Part III is your chance to take everything you've learned and turn it into action.** Click "Read More" for information including how to register for the virtual event to be held on May 11th and 12th! [Read More](#)



ZONE 33/34 HOLDS PUBLIC IMAGE BOOT CAMP ON APRIL 28TH



It's time to get your club in shape for a successful 2026-27 Rotary year, and we've got just the regimen for you. Join the Rotary Zones 33/34 Public Image Team for Public Image Boot Camp on Tuesday, April 28 at 6PM EDT. This high-energy, live virtual session is designed to strengthen your public image skills and set your club up for success.

During this session we'll give you a preview of what's ahead in the new Rotary year, show you tips to stay organized and consistent with your public image efforts, and give you the inside scoop on the updated EPIC (Excellence in Public Image Coordination) Award criteria.

This is one of our most popular sessions of the year. Whether you're new to public image or a seasoned pro, it's certain to help you build a stronger, more impactful club presence.

PUBLIC IMAGE BOOT CAMP
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026
6:00PM EST
[REGISTER FOR BOOT CAMP](#)

TIDEWATER UTILITIES SUPPORTS HUB CLUB "BOOKS FOR KIDS"!



The Harrington - Greenwood - Felton Centennial Rotary (HUB) Club received a generous \$500 donation from Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Tidewater Utilities, Inc is also a Sponsor for our HUB Club Student Scholarship Program.

[Read More](#)

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 \$36,000 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](#)



SNOW HILL 2026 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND SCHOLORSHIPS



The Rotary Club of Snow Hill, Md., held a banquet on April 22 at the Worcester County Technical High School celebrating the recipients of the 2026 Teacher of the Year honors at our area schools. [Read More](#)

CHESTERTOWN ROTARY OFFERS FLAGS FOR HEROES SPONSORSHIPS



FLAGS FOR HEROES

HONORING COMMUNITY & COUNTRY



O SAY, DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE
O’ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?
- FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

SPONSOR A FLAG FOR \$50

- Honor a personal hero - a veteran, member of our armed forces, health care worker, police officer, firefighter, family member, teacher, or friend who has made a positive impact on your life. Flags are a full sized 3x5 ft. and stand 8 ft. tall.
- Flags will be proudly displayed on Washington College's parcel located at Washington Avenue and Morgnac Road from mid-May through Memorial Day Weekend.
- A list of flag sponsors and their heroes will appear in local publications for Memorial Day Weekend.
- 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Proceeds will support local veteran and other worthy causes.

Sponsor Name(s) _____ Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Corporate sponsor: \$250 - Please identify up to 5 heroes and type of any military service on reverse side.

Individual sponsor: # of flags _____ Total contribution (\$50/flag): \$ _____

Name(s) of Hero(es) (1) _____ (2) _____

Please note by the corresponding number(s) above if your hero(es): _____ died in service of the U.S.;
 _____ otherwise served in the U.S. military; or _____ currently serves in the U.S. military.

DETAILS WELCOMED!!! IF MORE THAN TWO HEROES, PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE.

_____ Check this space if you would like to sponsor a flag generally for "All of the brave men and women who have served and presently serve our country."

The Chestertown Rotary Flags for Heroes Fund is a component fund of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, a public 501(c)(3) charity (EIN: 52-1782273). Contributions to the Fund are fully tax-deductible as allowable by law. A copy of MSCF's financial statement is available at mscf.org or by calling 410-820-8175. Information about MSCF submitted under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act can be obtained from the office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401. Chestertown Rotary Club retains all ownership rights in and to the subject flags for use in future projects and reserves sole and absolute discretion to reject any submission deemed inappropriate.

Make checks payable to: **MSCF/Chestertown Rotary Flags for Heroes Fund**

Mail to: **Chestertown Rotary Flags for Heroes
 c/o Andrew C. Meehan
 110 North Cross Street
 Chestertown, MD 21620**

For more information or to pay securely online by credit card go to

www.chestertownrotaryflags4heroes.com

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, 5/19/2023 Questions? Email Andy Meehan at ameehan12@gmail.com

[Click here to download the form!](#)

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***



[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) 699-8456

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](#)

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



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!](#)

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!

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



REGISTRATION CATEGORY	21-25 JUNE 2025	26 JUNE 2025 TO 15 DECEMBER 2025	16 DECEMBER 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026	1 APRIL 2026 TO 17 JUNE 2026
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$395	\$475	\$575	\$675
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 30 or under	\$150	\$175	\$225	\$275
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.



Register today at convention.rotary.org
#Rotary26