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CREATE A CLUB MEMBERSHIP PLAN IN ROTARY'S MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

by Jennifer Coppit, District Membership Chair

As leaders, we would almost all certainly agree that having a plan is the cornerstone of success. We can also agree that plans can change in the blink of an eye but the reality is that planning must happen and it definitely must happen when working with large groups of people. Taking time to formally put thoughts into place with clearly identified goals, objectives and timelines, often brings a group peace of mind because everyone now knows where the group is starting from and where the group agrees to end. Membership planning is one such plan and should be taken seriously. In a recent survey, over 60% of clubs that responded reported that they did not have a plan and almost 20% said they have one in progress. The District goal is to have 100% of clubs report that they have a plan in place no later than September 30th. Membership Plans have always been important and yet they are probably the most neglected piece of club work done all year. Let's change this and effect positive change in our clubs in the coming year. Here are some things to consider when revisiting your current plan or creating a new plan:

1. Assess your club. If you have not done a club satisfaction or club engagement survey in the past 6 months, make the effort to do

so now. The information you will gather from such a survey will be gold. You may find that some decisions you have been dreading to make as a leader will be made for you as a result of the survey and you may find new and exciting ideas just from asking your members what they think.

2. Engage your current members. Sure, your regularly planned meetings are engagement. Sending a newsletter and posting to your social media are tools of engagement. The challenge is to engage your members beyond that. In conversations with clubs around the District, I hear members say they want something to do. Many of you have had to cancel or postpone events. Consider engaging them with small service projects that can be done from home such as

a food drive in their neighborhood where people drop food off at each member's house. The group could then arrange for an appropriate delivery to a food bank. Not only does this engage each member, but it engages their neighbors and it advances your work as a Rotarian and club.

3. Connect with prospective members. Do not give up on sharing your joy as a Rotarian with anyone and everyone you encounter in person or online in a meeting. Invite them to participate in your happy hours, share your social media pages with them, invite them to participate in your micro-projects

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22
Virtual Club Leadership Training
and Area Governor Training

September 19
Virtual Membership Summit

November 20-21
Rotary Zones 33 & 34
Virtual Leadership Summit

April 23-24, 2021
District Conference
The Graduate, Annapolis

June 6-10, 2021
Rotary International Convention
Taipei, Taiwan



District Membership Committee: In an effort to improve our odds in this area, we are reforming a District level membership committee made of representatives from each area of the District Committee members will work in small groups on various subjects relevant to membership development. Work groups will be devoted to lead management and nurturing, public image and marketing, club assessment, member engagement and even support using the multiple technology tools we have in place. If you are interested in working with this committee, please reach out to Jennifer at rotariancoppit@gmail.com as she is eager to get the group officially launched and on its way!

DEVELOP A MEMBERSHIP PLAN FOR YOUR ROTARY CLUB

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or fundraisers. And, if you receive a lead from the District, do everything you can to nurture that lead and give it a chance to grow.

4. Make new members feel welcome. This is obviously a challenge online, but making sure introductions are made whenever you have someone new online is paramount. Assign the new member a sponsor or buddy. If you do not have an onboarding program, this is a great time to create one. I have multiple examples to share if interested.

5. Develop your club. This is an incredible time to dig deep and perform a detailed analysis of your club's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and then create a strategic plan for the next 2-5 years.

Consider how you look for members, how you nurture your leads, onboard new members, engage members socially and via service, what your financial obligations are and how that might change, how you grow the mindset of foundation giving, new membership types and more!

There are many templates out there for membership plans. No single one is the end all. Set

a few goals for the year using the ideas above. Lay out some objectives and how you will measure success. Send it on to me so I have an idea what you will be working on. It would be great if all clubs had a plan before we have leadership training in mid-August so that you can review it as Terry Weaver walks us through all things membership. If needed, you could work on edits to your plan between then and our Membership Summit a month later. How great would be to have a solid plan as you launch into the second quarter of the year? It would be better than great. It would be amazing!

Let me know how I can assist you and your club! [You may contact Jennifer at rotariancoppit@gmail.com.]



ROTARY DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

*By Jennifer Coppit, District
Membership Chair*

Welcome to the new year as leaders in your Rotary Clubs! In just one month we have over two dozen newly inducted members in District 7620 with many others in the process. Just as with all “new years,” people tend to reevaluate and recommit to the next year with positive hopes and aspirations. We, at the District level of leadership, are no different than those of you working within your clubs. I, as your District Membership Chairperson, have goals for our District and for you and your clubs. My overarching goal is for you and your club to feel 100% supported in the area of membership development.

District Membership

Committee: In an effort to improve our odds in this area, we are reforming a District level membership committee made of representatives from each area of the

District. Committee members will work in small groups on various subjects relevant to membership development. Work groups will be devoted to lead management and nurturing, public image and marketing, club assessment, member engagement and even support using the multiple technology tools we have in place. If you are interested in working with this committee, please reach out to me as I am eager to get the group officially launched and on its way!

District Training: Beyond supporting clubs with tools and resources developed and delivered by these work groups, DG Gorski and her team are planning an upcoming club leadership training event on August 22 that will dive deeper into the subject of membership with the help of one of Rotary's most respected experts in the subject, Terry Weaver of Zone 33. Additionally, the Membership Committee and I are working on our annual Membership Summit scheduled for September 19th. Anyone in your club is welcome



to attend this event. Membership is not the sole responsibility of the President or the Membership Chair but of every Rotarian. We will also be offering a second Summit in late January that will focus on subjects such as how to successfully pivot your year in membership. If needed, we will revisit best practices for clubs based on the current situation with regards to COVID-19 and help your club begin planning for the year to come.

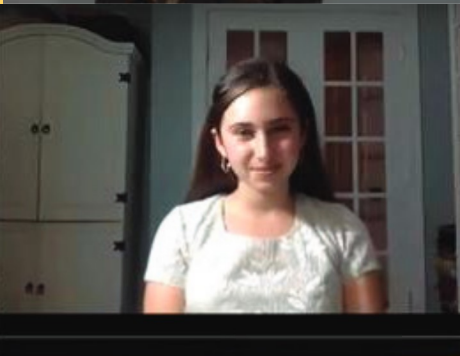
Club Specific Work Group:

Please be on the lookout for opportunities to connect with me and committee members regularly online via Zoom meetings, Google Meets or other formats. To date, I have held 6 different training opportunities for clubs on the subjects of Club Membership Plans and using DACdb and My Rotary. You do not need to wait for me or the committee to formally arrange such an opportunity. Feel free to reach out to me at ANY time to schedule time to work through any membership related topic you would like. Often times, I find it

is actually much more productive to work with clubs independently online. Email to schedule.

Our work as Rotarians during this extraordinary time can seem overwhelming. Some of you are feeling a bit adrift in knowing how to proceed. Some are worried about the toll not seeing each other in person is going to take on your club. I think as we progress and adapt, all of you are going

to be continually surprised with the innovation that occurs within your clubs to survive and to thrive! Many clubs are reporting more people are interested in joining despite the online meetings. My interactions with leads I work with are very positive. They want to be part of an organization that has a plan and a reputable position in the community. They want to be Rotarians. Let's make that happen and let us at the District help you find the resources and tools you need to do it! *[You may contact Jennifer at rotariancoppit@gmail.com.]*



BRINGING THE 4-WAY TEST TO THE VIRTUAL WORLD

By Temrah Okonski, Ellicott City Rotary Club

"The Four Way Test Speech Competition (is a powerful lens) allowing Rotarians to see the Four Way Test in action. Rotarians recite the Four Way Test in meetings without giving it much thought, but the Four-Way Test Speech Competition allows Rotarians to see the true value of the test," explained Matt May the District's Four Way Test Speech Program Chair. When COVID19 changed the world in February 2020, Rotary District 7620 decided to hold their annual Four Way Test Speech Competition on-line. The results proved to be better than expected in that different types of students from different schools submitted applications.

The first challenge was reaching students who were no longer accessible through typical channels because schools were functioning under COVID19 restrictions. The push to find students was a two path process. Marilyn Nevy Cruz, the District's RYLA and Interact Chair, advertised the opportunity to students and advisors, while Sonia Liu the District's Executive Secretary requested that Rotarians ask their local high schools to advertise the opportunity. Twenty three students applied.

Being that students would not receive typical support from school staff operating under COVID19 restrictions, students were paired with mentors. Monique Toussaint, our District's Rotaract Chair, sought out Rotaractors while Sonia requested Rotarian support. Mentors helped students vet topics, proof speeches, and coach on presentation delivery.

Ashley Waters, the District's Public Image Chair, created a web based landing page with resources for students, mentors, and judges. The landing page included a "How to Score a Four Way Test Speech" video and a video geared to students called "How to Prepare for a 4-Way Test." The landing page also had links to the Four Way Test scoring sheet, videos of past 4-Way Test winners, and a tip sheet

called, "Speech Basic Requirements."

Temrah Okonski, one of the District's Virtual Committee members, set up three rounds of judging. Judges for rounds one and two viewed pre-recorded speeches loaded onto the landing page. The final round of judging was held live from a GoToMeeting platform during the District's annual but virtual conference. The first set of judges identified their top twelve candidates and the semifinal judges chose their top four. Rotarians attending the virtual District Conference submitted their votes ranking the students from one to four. The students were impressive and if you have not seen their performances, go to the District's web site to view the four finalists.

This virtual format not only gave a wide array of students access to the Four Way Test competition, it also gave Rotarians and Rotaractors direct access to mentoring our youth.

Moving forward, Matt hopes to create a more diverse platform that gives different types of students access to the competition, and students will again be teamed with Rotaractors and Rotarians. Clubs that sponsor students will need to commit to a \$200 sponsorship fee, send a Rotarian to judge semifinals, and transport student(s) to semifinals if the student needs this support.

Stay tuned for Four Way Test Speech Contest timeline details to be posted in the fall.

- In March clubs will be asked to seek out students interested in this opportunity. Interact and RYLA students will also receive contest details.
- Semifinals will be held at Glen Burnie High School in April.
- Top finalists will compete during the 2021 District Conference that is to be held in Annapolis.

For more details contact: Matt May: heymattmay@gmail.com.

ROTARY ANNOUNCES A NEW FOCUS AREA: SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

By Governor Jimmie Gorski

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

Announced on June 26, 2020, more than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) supports the creation of a new and unique Area of Focus for the Environment. The less desirable alternative would be to combine the Environment with one of the existing six Areas of Focus, which ESRAG does not support.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on July 1, 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus. More information about this

new area of focus will be announced soon.

DISASTER AID USA AND ROTARY CLUBS KEEP FIGHTING COVID-19

By Bob Grill, President of Disaster Aid USA; and Paul Mahata, Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee

Disaster Aid USA and a dozen Rotary clubs, in coordination with District Disaster Relief Committee, continue

Howard West, Columbia Town Center, Bethesda Chevy Chase, Montgomery Village, Potomac, and BWI Airport club. The unique multi-club teaming arrangement is behind the success of these projects. The PPE helps the health workers stay safe in hospitals and nursing homes. As a "Collaborating Partner" of Rotary International, DAUSA also remains ready to help the victims of disasters caused by natural causes such as Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Floods, and Earthquakes.

In order to expand our capability to provide disaster relief, we have taken concrete steps to raise funds. At this time funds are urgently needed for fighting COVID-19 and for providing disaster assistance. For this reason, Disaster Aid USA is seeking donations now. Disaster Aid USA is a Rotary Club project providing aid and assistance when disaster strikes within and outside the United States. We appreciate the support from Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians.

Please earmark your donation "COVID-19" or "General" and mail to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham,

MD 20706, or donate online using the website www.disasteraidusa.org via PayPal or going to link disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com.

For any questions, feel free to contact Bob Grill, President & Co-founder, Disaster Aid USA bob.grill@disasteraidusa.org Tel: 410-956-7344; or Paul Mahata, Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee, Pmahata@verizon.net



[Above] Courtesy: Carroll County Times/ Photo by Dylan Slagle
Hospital gets mask donation: Carroll County Times, July 9, 2020. Carroll Hospital staff Frank Johnson, right, helps unload a donation of 2,700 KN-95 respirator masks dropped off by Paul Mahata, left, of Disaster Aid USA and Mary Jo Burkett, Past President of Mt. Airy Rotary Club at Carroll Hospital.

to fight COVID-19. We are providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) using club contributions and funds from District 7620 and The Rotary Foundation. Three DDF grants (worth \$30K) and a recently approved Global Grant project (worth \$57K) are helping Carroll Hospital, PG County Doctors Hospital, and 18 local nursing homes. The clubs supporting these projects are as follows: Mount Airy, Bonds Meadow, Westminster, Sykesville-South Carroll, PG County, Southern Frederick County, Fredericktowne,

CHARLOTTE HALL ROTARY CLUB COVID-19 PROJECTS

By Ryan Schlotterbeck,
Charlotte Hall Rotary Club



[Above] Rotarians donated iPads to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Pictured are Dr. Ilah Shah and Karrie Wood from the Charlotte Hall Rotary Club and Kristopher Brown, Ashley Radano, and Erin Johnson from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.



[Above] This is the largest Global Grant for the Charlotte Hall Rotary Club totaling total \$1.125million! More than 300 clubs and 30 Districts have contributed \$725,956 plus \$400,000 from The Rotary Foundation World Fund. Mercy Ships goes back to 1978 and over the years more than 89,000 surgeries and 423,000 dental procedures were performed. They trained 40,800 healthcare professionals. Mercy Ships Headquarters was established in Texas and 15 other countries joined with their offices in their country. This ship will be equipped with 35 surgical trays, ICU ultrasound, operating room and anesthesia equipment. District 1260 Governor Mary Whitehead says "Be the Inspiration; Rotary Connects the World; Rotary Opens Opportunities." West Africa is the primary goal at this time.
--Dr. Ila Shah

I am writing to share some of the recent projects our club has completed with regards to

the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Below is a list of the projects completed to date:

- 1) April 2020: \$2,500 dollars was donated to St. Mary's County Public Schools which assisted the school system in continuing to provide meals to children in need during the school closures.
- 2) April 2020: \$600 dollars was donated to St. Mary's Nursing Center for an appreciation luncheon for the center's employees.
- 3) April 2020: \$600 dollars was donated to Medstar St. Mary's Hospital for an appreciation luncheon for the hospital employees.
- 4) April 2020: \$20,000 dollars was donated for a ventilator facility in Ahmadabad, India.
- 5) May 2020: \$2,000 dollars was donated to Feed St. Mary's to assist the Maryland Food Bank in continuing to support and address Covid-19 food shortages.
- 6) May 2020: \$10,650 dollars was donated to assist in procuring personal

protective equipment to Mumbai, India for use in the fight against COVID-19.

7) May 2020: The club procured 20 iPads for donation to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. The iPads will provide the veterans with means to communicate with family while social distancing and will be used during activities such as virtual vacations, virtual tours of historic places, and for virtual tours of museums. The iPads will significantly improve the staff's ability to support the residents. The project totaled \$6,629.05.

8) June 2020: The club issued a onetime \$1,800 grant to provide respite care to a special needs child. The respite care will assist in supplementing a summer camp that was cancelled due to Covid-19 and will allow the child to participate in social-emotional activities while reinforcing communication and life skills that are typically gained through summer camps.

Dr. Shah from our club is working to secure funding for a Covid project in Italy. Here are some of the Global Grant Projects:

GG NO2011529 for ventilators; Total \$66,667; we gave \$20,000.

GG2011677 COVID; Total \$188,712; we gave \$10,650.

GG1988620 MERCY SHIP Total\$1,125,956 we gave \$10,000.

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GG201241 ITAKIAN; Total \$41,790; we gave \$11,112.

GG2095136 Ped ICU; Total \$66,234; we gave \$19,950.

INITIATIVES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT

By Quentin Wodon, Rotary Club of Washington Global

August is membership month in Rotary. To promote member engagement and retention, and to attract new members, we need to come up with new initiatives that enable Rotarians to practice “service above self.” Many Rotarians in our district have an interest in international service projects and development. So I thought that two new initiatives that have been spearheaded by members of my club could be of interest to some of you. These initiatives are: (1) a potential new Rotary fellowship on international development, and (2) a potential new Rotary Action Group (RAG) on refugees and forced displacement.

A brief description of each initiative is provided below together with a link for you to participate. For both initiatives, I checked with staff at Rotary International and senior Rotarians whether this would make sense, and I received positive feedback. Note that both Rotary Fellowships and RAGs are now open to non-Rotarians as well for membership. The plan is to submit formally both ideas to Rotary International for approval in early September at the latest, and start planning activities before the end of the calendar year if the initiatives are approved.

Rotary fellowship for international development. The fellowship will

encourage Rotarians to support the cause of international development through learning and networking opportunities. It will organize a series of seminars and events on international development, and promote selected seminars and events on this topic organized by Rotary clubs or districts. It will curate knowledge on international development on its website, including in the areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, but also more broadly. It will maintain a quarterly newsletter with news on key events and reports released by UN and other international organizations, and a series of knowledge notes written by some of its members that have undergone peer review. While some of the founding members of the fellowship work for international development agencies, the fellowship is open to all (Rotarians and non-Rotarians) with an interest in this issue. There would be a token membership fee of probably \$10 per year in order to pay for the website that will help in sharing resources. If you are interested in potentially joining the fellowship, please fill the small form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H2L67RT> so we can include you in planning discussions. If you might be interested in playing a leadership role, please let me know as well.

Rotary action group on refugees and forced displacement. As is the case for other RAGs, the RAG will

support clubs and districts for the implementation of projects in its area of focus. The number of refugees and internally displaced people is rising fast (80 million in 2019), and expected to continue to increase due to conflicts, economic crises, and climate change. We started to work on the RAG a month earlier than the fellowship mentioned above, so we already have close to 100 people who have expressed interest in joining. The idea for the RAG emerged from a high level event organized by my Rotary club together with the Organization of American States for world refugee day in June. The RAG will however be global, and not focused specifically on Latin America. There would be again a small fee for members, probably at about \$25 per year, to help fund the activities of the RAG. If you are interested in potentially joining the RAG, please fill the small form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CVXKFXL>. If you might be interested in playing a leadership role, again please let me know.

If you have any questions on either initiative, please do not hesitate to send me an email at rotarianeconomist@gmail.com. We will have brainstorming meetings in August on how to best proceed for those who have filled the forms to indicate their interest in joining. Then we will finalize the proposals for approval by Rotary International.



[Above] Our new club, the Rotary Club of Washington Global was chartered on February 28, 2020. We will aim to serve as a knowledge club or small “think tank” for Rotarians. Our charter members are mostly based in Washington, DC and working for international development organizations, but we welcome members from all walks of life. Apart from a core group meeting in DC, members located elsewhere in the US and abroad will be able to attend meetings online.

DISTRICT ROTARACT LEADERSHIP TEAM IS READY

By Monique S. Toussaint, District Rotaract Chair

The District 7620 Rotaract Committee is fully staffed and ready to roll for the Rotary 2020-2021 year. Three members have changed positions from last year and we have added two new Rotaractors to the team. Alexander

Health, has become the new District Rotaract Representative (DRR). Taylor Kimble, member of the Rotaract Club of Howard County, will serve as the Assistant DRR.

We welcome Elizabeth Anderson from the Rotaract Club of American University to serve as Secretary. Elizabeth has served as a board member for over three years in various positions, including as Director of Community Service, President, Immediate Past President, and now as Director of Outreach.

Jacquelyn Riloff will serve as the Director of Professional Development. She has been a member of the Rotaract Club of Washington DC since 2017. Prior to moving to DC to work in Human Resources for the federal government, she has served as a member of Rotaract Club of Philadelphia, President of Manor College Rotaract, and District Rotaract Representative for District 7450. Jacquelyn also has volunteered as a RYLA Camp Counselor, been an active district committee member that helped with RYLA and Youth Exchange, and has attended two Rotary International Conventions. She loves Asian food, is a HUGE Philadelphia Sports Fan, and looks forward to joining a Rotary Club in the near future.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Rotaract District Committee of 2020-2021 is poised and ready to work. If your Rotaract Club needs support, your Rotaract advisor has questions, you are interested in starting a Rotaract Club, you have a job or internship opportunity that you want to share with Rotaractors, or you just want to get in contact with the team, please email Rotaract@Rotary7620.org.

Tu has become a Rotarian and is now a member of the Rotary Club of Washington DC. Therefore, he will serve as the Assistant District Chair alongside Chair Monique Toussaint of the Rotary Club of Dupont Circle. Madeleine Blunt, member of the Rotaract Club of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public

Congrats to the new District 7620 Rotaract Leadership Team



Madeleine Blunt
DRR



Chair Monique Toussaint
Asst. Chair Alexander Tu



Taylor Kimble
Assistant DRR



Elizabeth Anderson
Secretary



Jacquelyn Riloff
Director of PD



ROTARACT CLUB NEWS

By Monique S. Toussaint, District Rotaract Chair

HOWARD COUNTY ROTARACT INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION

On June 30th, the Rotaract Club of Howard County inducted 7 new members and installed new officers. The new members are looking forward to working with all 7 of the Rotary Clubs in Howard County and getting to know their new liaisons. The District is proud of the club and will continue to support it moving forward.

DISTRICT ROTARACT CHANGEOVER AND CELEBRATION

Ten Presidents started the Rotary Year 2019-2020 and 13 came out. The District Rotaract team celebrated the outgoing Presidents and welcomed the new ones during the Rotaract District Changeover on July 16th. The team also shared its plan for the year as well as dates for districtwide training, fellowship and service opportunities. Attendees also shared with the District team and each other ways to engage virtually in anticipation of the majority of the universities and colleges remaining virtual for the upcoming school year.

DC ROTARACT ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On July 17th, DC Rotaract announced their new board for the 2020-2021 year!

Congratulations to all of their new board members! They are looking forward to a year filled with new friendships, creativity, service, and professional development!

ANNAPOLIS ROTARACT INDUCTION

On July 17th, Annapolis Rotaract inducted their new 2020-2021 Board of Directors and welcomed three new Rotaract members: Eleni, Sarah, and Brittany. Though they couldn't meet in-person, they were able to celebrate the upcoming year and share special Rotaract themed cupcakes virtually. Congratulations to their new members and Board of Directors! Here's to another successful year of serving our community together!

GEORGETOWN ROTARACT SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERSHIP

In partnership with Aplica Prep, Georgetown Rotaract launched a new scholarship program: the Rotaract-Aplica Latin American Scholars fellowship! In this program, Aplica will select students from Latin America who are leaders in their community, and who come from low-income and/or marginalized communities, to receive free advising from Aplica to apply for undergraduate programs in the United States and Canada with the goal of obtaining partial-full scholarships. The selected applicants will also receive a partial subsidy to cover the application fees. The application process was open from: July 10th - 31st, 2020. Results will be shared: August 10th, 2020 and the program runs from: August 15th 2020 - April 2021. Additional information can be found at: linktr.ee/aplicaprep.

RECENT POLICY CHANGES FOR ROTARACT

Rotary International has made some policy changes that affect all Rotaract Clubs effective July 1, 2020. A quick preview of those changes is below.

- Rotaract clubs can establish a new club with or without a sponsor;
- Rotaract clubs will be open to all young adults at least 18 years old and no longer has an age limit;
- Note: A Rotaract club may, but is not required to, set an age limit, if the club (in accordance with its bylaws) gets the approval of its members and, if applicable, its sponsor club.
- Rotaract clubs can choose other Rotaract clubs as their sponsors; and
- Rotary districts are encouraged to include Rotaractors in every district committee.

Other Key Decisions:

- Rotaract clubs will begin paying dues to Rotary International July 1, 2022. The annual dues will be \$5 per member for university-based clubs and \$8 per member for community-based clubs. The \$50 one-time fee for chartering a new Rotaract club will be eliminated.
- Rotary International has set goals for Rotaract to:
 - Increase the number of Rotaractors reported to Rotary by 100 percent by 2022
 - Increase the number of reported Rotaractors who join Rotary clubs by 20 percent by 2022
 - Increase the number of reported Rotaractors to 1 million by 2029

Additional information can be found at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/recent-rotaract-policy-updates>



[Above] The Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary Club held a food drive on July 14th in front of Sanders Jewelers in Pasadena for AACFB -and in 2 hours collected close to 300 pounds of non-perishable food.

[Below] Broadneck High School Interact Club now and 15 years ago.



LAKE SHORE-SEVERNA PARK ROTARY FOOD DRIVE

By Monique S. Toussaint, District Rotaract Chair

The Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary Club held a food drive Tuesday, July 14th in front of Sanders Jewelers in Pasadena for AACFB -and in 2 hours collected close to 300 pounds of non-perishable food! Thank you to President John Clark and everyone that helped! You are awesome! We also collected \$1135 in checks.

BROADNECK HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

by Parole (Annapolis) RC Interact Adviser, Vernon Penner

For the first time in the 15-year history of the Broadneck High School Interact Club, the incoming officers for the coming academic year were officially introduced at the sponsoring Parole Rotary Club in a virtual zoom meeting on July 21st. Their program was entitled "Meet the New IC Leadership Team."

President Rowan Pilarski stressed that she wanted the club to be seen not just as something to add to a college resume but as something you actually enjoy – helping others. 1st Vice President Madeleine Stern was announced as

having added responsibilities and opportunities as a new member of the Anne Arundel County Student Leadership Committee. IC Secretary Ceci Oliver had to suspend her Rotary student exchange program in Peru for a year due to the pandemic and described her positive experiences attending the February RYLA Conference at Camp Letts. The Broadneck HS teacher adviser was praised for her support to the IC – now entering its 5th year – as being instrumental in growing club membership from 13 in 2004 to over 50 students in 2019. Parole Club President Kristi Neidhardt ended the program by thanking outgoing IC President Bella Ferreira and wishing her success at the



Rhode Island School of Design. District 7620 Interact & RYLA Chair, Marilyn Nevy Cruz was also in attendance, as usual supporting the Interact clubs in our District.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

By Marilyn Navy Cruz, District Interact and RYLA Chair

DC Rotary Club member, Erminia Scarcella lead the DC Rotary Club's involvement to celebrate the anniversary of World Environment Day. World Environment Day was established on June 5th, 1972, by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Foro Italico Rotary Club in Rome organized a musical marathon and invited Rotary Clubs throughout the world to participate. Hundreds of Clubs participated including the new Russian Clubs. Our Club was represented by Erminia Scarcella, David Klaus, Hal Vaughn, May Yoneyama O'Brien, and Marilyn Navy Cruz. The positive energy through musical presentations and exhibits on the environment connected Rotarians with plans for a long term project. Thank you Erminia for organizing this event and connecting the Club to this important event.

Our DC Rotary Club was honored to host and present with honorary membership, Ambassador of New Zealand to The United States, Her Excellency Rosemary Banks at our June 4th club meeting.

Ambassador Banks has had a forty-year career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including six previous overseas assignments. She was Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (2005–2009) and Ambassador to France and Portugal and New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the OECD (2010–2014). Ambassador Banks previously served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Honiara and Canberra.

DC ROTARY THEME

By Marilyn Navy Cruz, District Interact and RYLA Chair

We are excited to launch this new Rotary year and it's new theme/ platform. A little over one year ago, we designed and launched the new Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., logo which purposefully includes national and local elements in its design features. The new club logo also presents our brand mantra "Transforming Lives Through Service." It was important to show that we are globally driven and locally focused.

For this new Rotary year, we designed a logo which encapsulates



the environment we now find ourselves in. One of CHANGE, that is Uncomfortable. Necessary. Rewarding. As Rotarians, we are agents of change. While recognizing and helping to support environments of equality, we hold hands, and lift up, those whom have been systemically oppressed and mistreated, as we critically help to produce growth in the communities that need our support the most.

CARROLL CREEK KINETIC ART UPDATE

By Bernard Gouin Chair, Carroll Creek Kinetic Art Promenade

1) Reminder to artisans

Our deadline to submit designs for the 2021 season is Friday, August 14, 2020 at 5pm.

For details about the process including the related application and agreement, please see our "Get Involved" website page at <https://carrollcreekkineticart.org/get-involved/>

We encourage you to share this creative opportunity with family, friends, and associates!



2) New video of current kinetic artwork

You can view a 2-minute video of our three kinetic sculptures dancing in the breeze over a blooming Carroll Creek by clicking <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XU7XfXPYHow>

Thanks for your continued support!

WASHINGTON DC ROTARACT CLUB NEWS

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District Interact
and RYLA Chair

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1-3 pm to welcome their new board and swear in new club members. Please keep an eye out for more details about the Induction Ceremony.

Marcus Soriano and I had such a great time at the Rotaract Club of Washington, DC end of the year brunch on Sunday, June 28, 2020. Thanks so much for the wonderful gift President Elise Lorraine. You had an amazing year as President and we are very proud of you. You continue to make @DC Rotary Club proud! 26 years strong! As Rotaract Advisers and former DC Rotaractors, Marcus and I joined them for their final social event of the year to toast to their service, friendship, and the new year ahead!

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Board of Directors of the Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C. We look forward to our continued partnership in the new Rotary year.

Brunswick Interact Club Puerto Rico Relief Effort Fundraiser Kickoff Event Bus Excursion to Luray Caverns, VA Saturday, August 22, 2020



The Island of Puerto Rico (a territory of the U.S.) has been ravaged by several earthquakes and Hurricane Maria over the past two years. Brunswick Interact Club members (sponsored by Smoketown Rotary) are organizing a fundraising effort to purchase and deliver much-needed supplies and aid to Puerto Ricans in need.

The Interact Club will raise the initial funds for this effort by hosting a fun, bus excursion to Luray Caverns, Virginia on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020. All members of the club, plus family and friends are welcome to secure a spot on the air-conditioned bus transport. Learn more about this awesome venue at LurayCaverns.com

Smoketown Rotarians have stepped up to ensure that proceeds from this excursion will be donated to the Interact Club to launch this effort. The plan is for these funds to be matched by Rotary District 7620, and then again by Rotary International as we build toward a winter 2020/21 Relief Aid Effort to the island. People who support the fundraiser will be constantly updated on all progress toward materials secured for the people in need. Club Members will have the opportunity to deliver the aid directly to the island.

The Brunswick Interact Club is a collective of 14-19 year old students & citizens of the Brunswick, MD area and is supported by all Rotary Clubs in Frederick County. Each member of the club will be reaching out to family and friends to sponsor their seat on the bus. Learn more at SmoketownRotary.org

Support one of these ways:

- Write a check (payable to Smoketown Rotary Club). Mail it to Smoketown Rotary Club, PO Box 84, Brunswick 21716. Reference the Interact Club Fundraiser. Any amount is fine.
- Log on to www.SmoketownRotary.org, click the headline that says 'Support the Brunswick Interact Club Fundraiser' and use the paypal widget to buy a seat on the bus at \$99.
- Log on to your personal paypal account and send any amount you like to SmoketownRotaryClub@gmail.com - Reference the Interact Club member you would like to sponsor, in the notes section.

Smoketown Rotary Club - SmoketownRotary.org - [Facebook.com/SmoketownRotary](https://www.facebook.com/SmoketownRotary)



It's been an outstanding Rotaract year for the Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C. and they had so much to celebrate! To close out this chapter with a final toast, they hosted a virtual brunch social on Sunday, June 28 from 1-3 pm.

Members filled out a form that was sent to their emails (including me), asking for their preferred brunch drink, which they delivered to each member on the Sunday ahead of the event.

They begin a new Rotaract year on July 1st, and they'll have an Induction Ceremony on Sunday, July 26th from

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR PETER KYLE WHO IS NOW DIRECTOR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR ZONES 33-34

Peter was born and raised in New Zealand. After graduating with degrees in law and economics from Victoria University of Wellington he clerked for the Chief Justice of New Zealand and was then awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to pursue post-graduate studies in law at the University of Virginia in 1973. Upon his return to New Zealand he was admitted to partnership in one of the country's leading corporate law firms. In 1992 he moved to Washington, DC to take up a senior position as an international attorney with the World Bank. He retired from the Bank 12 years ago. Peter has also been very active in Outward Bound and currently serves as the Chair Emeritus of Outward Bound International.

Peter was inducted into the Rotary Club of Wellington North in 1976 and has since served in a variety of leadership positions in Rotary Clubs in Manila, Auckland and Capitol Hill, (Washington, DC). He

served as the Governor of District 7620 in 2013/14 and has since served on many Rotary committees at the District, Zone and international

levels. At the international level he chaired the RI Alumni Advisory Committee, served as the Co-Chair of the Rotary Foundation Alumni Celebration at the Bangkok Convention in 2012, chaired the

Peace Centers Committee. He has also served on the Joint Committee on Partnerships, the Rotarian Action Group Committee and as Vice Chair of the Family Health Day Rotarian Action Group for three years. He has been a Training Leader at the International Assembly, an active facilitator with RLI and has represented the RI President on four occasions.

Peter served as the Dean of the Rotary Representative Network and was a member of the Peace Programs Committee. He was Vice Chair of WASRAG and on the board of the WASRAG Foundation. He was the District Representative to the 2019 Council on Legislation and was recently confirmed as the RI Director-Nominee for Zones 33 and 34 in 2018. He formally commenced his two-year term on the RI Board of Directors on July 1, 2020.

In 2010 Peter was honored with the RF Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. He is also the recipient of the RI Service Above Self award and the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Peter and his wife Margaret live on the West River south of Annapolis, MD in a home designed by Margaret and close to their daughter, son and grandson. They are Major Donors (second level) and members of the Paul Harris Society.



[Above] Rotary International Director Peter Kyle pinned Jimmie Gorski at the Governor's Installation Ceremony on June 28, 2020.

Peace Symposium at the Sao Paulo Convention in 2015 and completed a three-year term as Chair of the Rotary

IN MEMORIAM: FERNAND TERSIGUEL

[Below is from the Baltimore Sun, July 24 and 27, 2020]

By Jean Marbella and Jacques Kelly

Fernand G.M. Tersiguel, a retired Ellicott City restaurateur whose business emerged successfully from both fire and flood, died of heart failure Friday at his Granite-area home. He was 78.

Born in a village, Leuhan, in Brittany in northwest France, he was the son of Michel Tersiguel and his wife, Marie Hemery.

His daughter-in-law, Angela Tersiguel, said he came to the United States in 1963 with the intention of working for a while and returning to France. He initially lived in Queens, New York, with his sister, Louise, and worked at the du Midi restaurant in New York City and then owned his own place, La Poularde.

"My father was a hard worker and he learned quickly how to run the front of the house," said his son, Michel Tersiguel, who now runs the restaurant. "I think he ate steak every day for a month. He grew up in a poor household and he loved the tastes of U.S. steak. Steak frites with shallots was always one of his favorites."

He gave up plans of returning to France permanently.



[Above] Fernand Tersiguel was Past President of the Ellicott City Sunrise Rotary Club and hosted both his club and the Ellicott City Rotary Club at his restaurant. To many who have served as District Governor, he had the reputation of offering the best cuisine in the District. In lieu of flowers, Fernand asked that donations be made to the Sunrise Rotary Club.

"He soon realized this was where he belonged, and he became a U.S. citizen," said his daughter-in-law.

He operated first Chez Fernand and then the current Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant, reopening and relocating after multiple floods and other disasters before turning over the business to his son, Michel Tersiguel.

He was "well known and loved by many for his joyous celebrations of family, friends, soccer and football, and his French heritage," said the post, signed by his widow, Odette; his son and daughter-in-law, Michel and Angie; and their sons, Lucas and Landon.

A 1991 Sun review said, "There were no slips, no falters, not even a blip. In more than two years of reviewing restaurants in and around Baltimore — more than 100 of them — Tersiguel's is the best we've found.

"Mr. Tersiguel, as maitre d', greeted us," the review said. "We were immediately put at ease by his informal, cheerful manner. He tends to the diners; his wife to the kitchen. It's a match made in heaven. Or, at least, a happy division of labor."

Fernand Tersiguel and his wife opened Chez Fernand on Ellicott City's Main Street on Bastille Day 1975. Several months later, Hurricane Eloise swept through, flooding the Main Street. The restaurant reopened and operated until 1984, when it was destroyed by a fire.

The Tersiguels moved the restaurant to Baltimore for a time, but eventually returned to Ellicott City. Relocating to higher ground on Main Street, the family opened Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant in 1990.

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— across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."
- Vision of Rotary International***



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