

DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE CALENDAR

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Expand your international horizons!

5 December - Rotary Action Group for Peace's inaugural "Legacy of Peace Award" will be bestowed on Mr. Albin "Al" Jubitz, Jr., co-founder of the Peace RAG. Al has dedicated his life to fostering peace. The Legacy of Peace Award is to be bestowed on Rotarians and peacebuilders who have demonstrated through their exemplary leadership an enduring and impactful commitment to the enhancement of world peace efforts. The Peace RAG will be honoring Al at a special Zoom event on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Contact: wendy@Rotariansforpeace.

10 December – Webinar: Groundwater Recharge; A key component for sustainable aquifer management, focusing on Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM EST, sponsored by The University of Texas at Austin and UHL Associates. Sustainable management of groundwater resources requires information on groundwater recharge (the rate at which aquifers are replenished). Recharge rates provide an upper limit on the longterm rates at which groundwater can be safely extracted for human and agricultural uses. And with an increasing need for food production, small and large-scale irrigation schemes are increasingly being developed in SSA, principally from groundwater sources. This webinar will illustrate the importance of natural recharge in SSA. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ut-austin-uhl-assoc-groundwater-recharge-webinar-registration127174968755>.

10 December – UN Human Rights Day

12 December – B.I.G. Sale! Books

for International Goodwill's next book sale, 8 AM – 2 PM: 451 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD. Sponsored by the Parole Annapolis Rotary Club, B.I.G.'s book sales offer an excellent opportunity to purchase books at highly discounted prices! Buy presents for the holidays. The BIG warehouse is located 1.7 miles west of the Annapolis Mall on the south side of the road. Books are priced at \$3 for hardbacks, \$2 for trade softbound, and \$1 for pocket paperbacks. You may fill a provided grocery shopping bag for \$35 or \$25 after 1:30 PM.

All participants MUST wear masks and practice distancing. The proceeds are used to ship books overseas to underserved populations in developing countries. The Parole Rotary Club has delivered over 8.7 million books to more than 30 countries to promote literacy, education and culture and to recycle gently used books. Over 1,000 books are donated a day! For more information: www.big-books.org or contact 4bigbooks@gmail.com

9 December – 8:30 am -- Ocean Plastic pollution: USAID's approach to the global problem. Speaker: Colin Holmes, Director, USAID's Land and Urban Office, which leads the Agency's efforts to strengthen land tenure and property rights of all members of society and to promote sustainable urbanization solutions, improved municipal governance and improved service delivery, as well as combatting ocean plastic pollution. Colin is the President of the Capitol Hill Rotary Club. Colin joined USAID in 2009 and the US Foreign Service in 2011, serving abroad in Nepal and Bangladesh. From 2016-19, Colin served on the management team of USAID's Office of Forestry and Biodiversity. He has a Masters in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis and a BS

in Biology from Santa Clara University. Colin's Rotary experience began with RYLA in high school, and served as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to India in 2002-2004. He belonged to the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Midtown while in Nepal. To register for ESRAG's Biodiversity Seminars, email Yasar Atacik

14 December – D.7620 Environment Committee meets, 7:00 AM. Contact Chris Puttock for Zoom link, ChristopherPuttock@gmail.com.

15 December – DEADLINE: Last day to get December registration discount for RI Convention Taipei. \$365. <https://convention.rotary.org/>

23 December -- ESRAG Biodiversity Task Force meeting, 9:00 AM ET – Open session Projects Assessment. Contact ChristopherPuttock@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

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13 January – ESRAG Biodiversity Task Force meeting, Topic: Clean Air – Charlie Garlow. 9:00 am. For meeting details, contact Christopherputtock@gmail.com. There is an accessible archive of earlier talks on Coral Reefs, Aquaponics, and Soil Health on the ESRAG website.

14 January, 7 PM, repeated 15 January at 11 AM - Webinar -- Nuts & Bolts of WASH.

Global Grants – Monitoring & Evaluation, Part 3– sponsored by the WASH Rotary Action Group and The Rotary Foundation. Register at WASHRAG.org.

Join us for the third of a three-part webinar series on global grants focused on WASH in Schools (WinS). Parts 1 and 2 webinars are available at wasrag.org.

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