



ROTARY'S "GRATE PATROL" REACHES OUT TO HOMELESS

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[Above] By Ugonna Ezeanya, District Rotaract Representative: For the Annapolis Rotaract Club's last meeting of 2019, Earl T. Murray, the President and CE of Entrepreneur's Accountants spoke about financial habits and goals. The presentation was helpful and informative to the club members.

[Below] The Annapolis Rotaract Club held an active shooter training demonstration with Vital Vigilance to prepare their members for various situations. Vital Vigilance was professional and informative in their demonstrations.



The DC Rotary Club offers several reoccurring monthly service projects and fellowship opportunities and one of those opportunities is Grate Patrol!

Volunteer with your fellow Rotarians and the Salvation Army as they hand out food and water to the city's homeless population from the Salvation Army's Grate Patrol van. Rotary's grate patrol runs the third Tuesday and third Friday of every month. Make it a date night and bring a friend or family member. It will be a night to remember in helping others. Mark your calendars and sign-up!

Why should you volunteer?

It is a rewarding experience in giving to those who don't have much to give.

You will bond with your friends and family when you make it a date night.

Bring a teenager and they can get credit with their school for volunteering and it will open their eyes about life.

You will feel compassion, empathy, and gratitude.

WHO: ALL Volunteers will meet the Grate Patrol Salvation Army Food Van (red and white in color)

WHERE: Volunteers meet in front of 1425 New York Ave. NW, Washington DC 20005 at 6:30 PM with the van arriving by 6:45. The van arrives back around 8 PM. The nearest Metro stop to the start location is McPherson Square on the

blue and orange lines.

Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4EA5AE2BA2FA7-grate1> to check availability and sign up (due to space, we are limited to four volunteers per day).

Register online or contact Grate Patrol Chair, Thomas Napier at tnapier24@aol.com or his Co-Chair Leopold Wildenauer at leopold.wildenauer@gmail.com for more information.

SILVER SPRING ROTARY CLUB ADOPTS A STREET

By Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, January 9, 2020 [Excerpted]

Litter collection in downtown Silver Spring is done by the Silver Spring Urban District. Most recently the Downtown Silver Spring Rotary Club adopted Fenton Street where they are doing additional clean up every other month. We are working with the community, including the local businesses to address the perceived increase in homelessness in Silver Spring. We will be locating a staff at the Silver Spring Fire Station to help us better respond to situations requiring immediate attention. Having said that, homelessness is not a crime. And our public spaces are welcoming of all, regardless of social status or age. We are continuing to work on improving our programs and strengthening partnerships with nonprofits that provide service to the homeless. Shepherd's Table "feeding program" is a highly successful meal program for the homeless and food-insecure residents. It is accompanied with the provision of social services. Many in the community, including nearby residents and local businesses, volunteer regularly to help make this a model facility.