

# DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE CALENDAR

## **Expand your international horizons!**

By May Yoneyama O'Brien, District DISC co-chair

**11 January – PEACE Rotary Action Group** – Chat with the Chair, 5:00 PM. Ring in the New Year by building Peace with RAGFP Board Chair, Alison Sutherland, and by joining the latest Chat with the Chair meetings. Chat with the Chair started in April as a means for Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Peacebuilders to connect and discuss actions for Peace in a world being socially distant. Through these meetings, over 20 Peacebuilder Clubs from 10 nations worldwide have convened and taken action for Peace. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5336326427> Meeting ID: 533 632 6427

**12 January – Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group** Regional Chapter Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM. Rob Altenburg will speak on solar power and the challenges of growing clean renewable generation. For more information, contact Jennie Lewis, ESRAG Eastern North American Regional Chapter Chair, [easternna@esrag.org](mailto:easternna@esrag.org).

ZOOM -Link <https://esrag.zoom.us/j/89357348682?pwd=eWkwTlkwS2p3dUQ3N3FnOXJKM3hMQT09#success>

**13 January – ESRAG Biodiversity Task Force meeting**, 9:00 AM. Topic: Clean Air—Charlie Garlow will address clean air policy in general and climate in particular, including possible solutions: price on carbon, other market-based alternatives, planting billions of trees, carbon capture and storage, and other ideas. As an environmental lawyer, Charlie worked for nearly 30 years in DC, suing polluters who violated the Clean Air Act. He is an advocate for clean technologies, smart transportation alternatives, and alternatives to carbon based fuels. Charlie holds degrees from Harvard and WV U.Law School. A leader in the Citizens' Climate Lobby of Lower Delaware, he is a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. For Zoom link, contact [christopher.puttock@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.puttock@gmail.com).

**14 January, 7pm, Repeated 15 January at 11 AM - WASRAG Webinar – Nuts & Bolts of WASH Global Grants** – MONITORING & EVALUATION, Part 3 – sponsored by the WASH Rotary Action Group and The Rotary Foundation.

Join us for the third of a three-part webinar series on global grants focused on WASH in Schools (WinS). This is a popular and informative webinar; Hundreds have participated in Part 1 & 2; slides and webinars are available at [wasrag.org](http://wasrag.org). Register for either day at [WASRAG.org](http://WASRAG.org).

Also available at [wasrag.org](http://wasrag.org) is the two-part program, **“World Water Summit 12– Making Partnerships Work.”**

**14 January, 1:00 pm -- PEACE RAG -- Turkey Peacebuilders:** Those who attended the Turkish Global Virtual Peace Conference over the weekend of 12th and 13th December will be well aware of what has been happening on this call. Since July, members of Rotary, Interact and Rotaract in Turkey have been meeting with the Chair and other interested Rotarians. The Peace Conference was mooted by the Turkish Rotarians, they grew a Committee, everyone on the call pitched in to help, both in the planning and in taking part in the actual conference. The rest is history! Over 64 countries in attendance. 1500 registrants. Speakers/Panelists from multiple countries, including Palestine, Israel, Cyprus. Join us on a Thursday, the journey has only just begun. They plan to do more! Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5336326427> Meeting ID: 533 632 6427

**15 January, 9:00 AM -- PEACE RAG - Hong Kong Peacebuilders:** We are delighted to say that Hong Kong is one of three pilot Chapters of the RAGFP. The other two being Germany and Serbia. Hong Kong began their conversation on Chat with the Chair back in March. From there they formed their Chapter, brought 70 new members into the RAGFP, helped create 30 Peacebuilder Clubs, and put 55 Rotarians through the RI Peace Academy online training. They had a joint Multi-District Conference (District 3450 and

6690) in September, bringing together DG Eric Chak and DG Steve Heiser. Peter Kyle was the keynote speaker. They have undertaken much training, including Every Rotarian/Rotaractor is a Peacebuilder offered and presented by Tom Carlisi of Columbus, Ohio. They put on a fantastic display of the work of Rotary and they have Chartered and began the work of their Chapter. They welcome Rotarians from around the globe to join in this Chat on a Friday. Contact +1.503.505.5720 for details. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5336326427> Meeting ID: 533 632 6427

**15 January – 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM and 16 January – 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM – B.I.G. Sale ! Books for International Goodwill's next book sale:** 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. 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 p.m. 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 & culture and to recycle gently used books. Over 1,000 books are donated a day!

B.I.G. is currently preparing to pack shipments to Nigeria and Mongolia. For more information, or to join the mailing list, contact: [www.big-books.org](http://www.big-books.org) or [4bigbooks@gmail.com](mailto:4bigbooks@gmail.com). Phone: 410-757-2785. Volunteers welcome!

**16 January -- 8:30-11:30 AM – District 7620 Webinar on “The Environment”** focusing on Rotary's New Area of Focus, hosted by the D7620 Environment Committee with Dr. Christopher Puttock, ESRAG Chair and D7620 Environment Chair. Register online at the D7620 website.