

NEW PLANS FOR ANNAPOLIS ROTARY CRAB FEAST

By Anne Myers, Annapolis Rotary Public Relations

The Rotary Club of Annapolis will hold "Rotary Crabs To Go!" a drive-through crab and corn fundraiser at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on Friday, August 7, 2020.

This year, "Rotary Crabs To Go!" will replace the Club's traditional crab feast held annually at the stadium on the first Friday in August. While the coronavirus crisis has made the traditional gathering of 2,000 guests impractical this year due to social distancing requirements, the funds generated by the event to benefit the community are more important than ever.

Crab feast chair Leigh Rand says, "This is not what we expected this year, but as Rotarians we think it is very important to do our best to support our communities as we have done for so many years. We'd like to keep the tradition going and have a little fun too."

"Rotary Crabs To Go!" will focus on providing crabs and raising funds in the safest manner possible. Crabs will be steamed onsite at the stadium and packaged for travel. Rotarians and volunteers (with PPE) will direct traffic and provide customers with their orders in the parking lot between 4:30-7:00pm.

This event will be an online pre-order, drive-through pick-up event with competitive pricing. Large #1 crabs can be ordered by the bushel, half bushel, or one or two dozen - to include corn on the cob. Raffle tickets will be sold online as well. Net proceeds will be promptly granted to local nonprofit organizations in this increased time of need in our community.

People will be encouraged to take their crabs and corn home to hold crab feasts safely in their own back yards or in

picnic areas with appropriate spacing. Pictures and films of back yard feasts can be shared on a dedicated site to create the feeling of a community-wide feast.

Visit www.annapolisrotary.org/crabfeast for more information. Online sales will begin soon. Save next year's date - August 6, 2021 for the official 75th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Annapolis Crab Feast when everyone can get-together again for the traditional afternoon of fun and community fellowship!

THE INTERACT CLUB OF METRO BETHESDA

By Kallie Forman

The Interact Club of Metro Bethesda is a community-based club open to all high school students (14-18 years old) with current academic attendance in any educational setting (public, private, religious, home-school, non-profit, for-profit, online). The Interact Club was founded on March 3, 2020 because of Kody-Ann, Elsa, Jarvis and Leyla's participation at the District 7620 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) event at Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD over President's Day weekend. The Metro Bethesda Rotary Club sponsored five students to attend this spectacular leadership development conference. The founding officers will continue to learn new skills, build their confidence, form friendships, have fun and become dynamic leaders in their schools and community. I sincerely thank our Metro Bethesda Rotary Club President, Daniel Fischer, Board of Directors and club membership for budgeting and enthusiastically supporting this new pillar of service, Youth Initiatives to our club's agenda.



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