

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chesapeake PETS
March 5-7, 2020

April 18, 2020
Club Leadership Training
Doubletree, Annapolis;
Youth Conference, Columbia

May 1-2, 2020
Zone 33 Leadership Training
Seminar at University of Virginia

May 8-10, 2020
Rotary District Conference
Hyatt Golf Resort and Spa
Cambridge

May 16-17, 2020
Rotary Leadership Institute
New Faculty and Refresher
Training in Annapolis

June 6-10, 2020
Rotary International
Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii



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HAWAII 2020

TRANSFORMING ROTARY – FIRST SEMINAR SERIES FROM ROTARY CLUB OF WASHINGTON GLOBAL

By Quentin Wodon, District Membership Chair

A new club, the Rotary Club of Washington Global (www.washingtonglobalrotary.org), is being chartered in Washington, DC. 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 will be able to attend meetings online.

Our program of online seminars on the first and third Tuesdays of the month is open to Rotarians from other clubs. The first series of three seminars focuses on transforming Rotary with presentations by leaders from our district. On March 3, Ashley Waters will talk about social media dos and don'ts. On March 17 Governor Barton Goldenberg will share insights from a presentation he made to the Board of Rotary International on how Rotary could use a customer relationship management approach to improve the Rotarian experience. And on April 7 soon to be Rotary International Director Peter Kyle will talk about the power of partnerships to increase Rotary's impact globally.

If you would like to attend any of those seminars online, please register on our website, so that we can send you the weblink to participate. Our website lists all our online seminars until December. After the first three seminars focusing on Rotary (to get our members up to speed), most of the other seminars planned ahead focus on issues and debates related to international development.

In terms of service work, plan to practice Service Above Self by using our

professional skills in support of other clubs, Rotarian Action Groups, and nongovernmental organizations, both locally and internationally. Essentially, we will engage in pro-bono consulting work to support projects that reach some of the most vulnerable groups in the world. Quite a few of our charter members are Rotary Peace Fellows and Ambassadorial Scholars – they have great professional skills to offer in their volunteer work. If you see opportunities for us to partner with your club on a project, please let us know.

We will working hard to keep our dues to a minimum (currently \$250 per year, and even \$200 for those under 35 and spouses or partners of existing members), so that professionals based in developing countries as well as young professionals based in the DC area or elsewhere can join. We will be thrifty with our membership dues, but we plan to develop a great website.

We are starting our club with just under 40 members, but we are actively looking for additional members. If you know friends or colleagues who may be interested in joining us, please tell them to contact me at rotarianeconomist@gmail.com.

IT'S ROTARACT MONTH

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It is time to make some fundamental changes. We already know what the barriers are to an engaged and diverse membership. It is time to act on what we know: creating new membership models, opening new paths to Rotary membership, and building new Rotary and Rotaract clubs where the existing clubs do not meet a current need.

New club models represent an opportunity to connect with a more