

# MOUNT AIRY ROTARY CLUB DONATES MASKS TO CARROLL HOSPITAL DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

By Akira Kyles, Carroll County Times, April 23, 2020 [Excerpted]

The Mount Airy Rotary Club held a “donation ceremony” to delivery a shipment of surgical masks to Carroll Hospital.

The Rotary Club donated 2,500 surgical masks to Carroll Hospital on April 15.

The donation comes as part of the club’s support to Carroll Hospital during the pandemic of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

“We have already been involved in donating funds to the Carroll Foundation for the last five to seven years,” said Paul Mahata, Mount Airy Rotary Club Foundation Chair. “So, this is a continuation of our efforts to help the Carroll County hospital.”

All four Rotary clubs in Carroll County have collectively donated almost \$50,000 to the Carroll Foundation, according to Mahata.

The Mount Airy Rotary Club received a special grant due for COVID-19 projects from the Rotary District for Central Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The club raised \$10,000 and received a matching grant for \$10,000.

The \$20,000 total will be used

primarily to provide personal protective equipment such as masks, gowns or whatever the hospital needs, according to Mahata.

“We are excited about this opportunity,” Mahata said. “I think that shows that all four clubs in Carroll County can really act together during this COVID-19 pandemic.”

The Mount Airy Rotary Club is also working with MISCellaneous Distillery in Mount Airy to make hand sanitizer for the fire department and adding funds to the Mount Airy Net, a food bank.

## DISASTER AID USA FIGHTING COVID-19

By Bob Grill, President of Disaster Aid USA; and Paul Mahata, Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee

Disaster Aid USA, in coordination with District Disaster Relief Committee, is actively supporting COVID-19 projects led by many Rotary clubs in Rotary District 7620. DAUSA is now procuring PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) for Prince Georges County hospitals and for Carroll County Hospital, using the cash contributions of the local clubs and matching grants from the Rotary District 7620. DAUSA and Carroll County Clubs delivered 2,500 surgical masks to Carroll County

Hospital on April 15. The picture shows DAUSA representative and three leaders of local Rotary clubs handing over the surgical masks to President, Garrett Hoover, of Carroll County Hospital (at center). More N-95 masks have been ordered for this and other local hospitals. DAUSA and the Rotary clubs are fighting COVID-19 virus.

Although these Rotary grants amount to a total of \$30,000; the need for PPE is much more locally and nationwide. For this reason, Disaster Aid USA is seeking donations now. Disaster Aid USA is a Rotary Club project providing aid and assistance when disaster strikes within and outside the United States. Past support from Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians is appreciated. Please earmark your donation “COVID-19” and mail to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706 or donate online using the website [www.disasteraidusa.org](http://www.disasteraidusa.org) via PayPal or going to link [disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/](http://disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/)

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