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ROTARY CLUBS RESPOND TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By Governor Barton Goldenberg

There are and will continue to be multiple Covid-19 initiatives that local Rotarians and Rotary Clubs participate in. As you know, D7620 has launched its own District-wide initiative that we are implementing with great success at this time (see *below*). There are also multiple Club-led Covid-19 initiatives; I was pleased, for example, to authorize a \$53,000 Global Grant application for personal protective equipment in Montgomery County and DC led by metroBethesda Rotary Club and the Washington DC Rotary Club. There is a great \$30,000 Covid-19 grant effort underway by the Annapolis Rotary Club, the Parole Rotary Club and the Glen Burnie Rotary Club. And the list

goes on. In the past few weeks, D7620 has already committed in excess of \$100,000 for

Covid-19 grants. Rotary International has already committed in excess of \$3 million Covid-19 grants. We can all be proud to be Rotarians during these challenging times: We are 'People of Action'! I encourage you to volunteer and contribute to Covid-19 activities as you see fit. Speaking of which, below is the description of a new Rotary International Covid-19 Program that you may also want to participate in. Please see the email below sent from RI Directors Stephanie Urchick and Peter Kyle on April 14, 2020, to share with you:

"We have an exceptional and extraordinary request of you and all Rotary members in our Zones, to join the fight against COVID-19. What if there was a way to help, from the safety of our homes, and make a

real difference?"

Clubs in our Zones are leading an extraordinary new effort, and your immediate participation is critical to its success. This program was announced on April 6 via a press release (CNN, NYT, and other major coverage), and will be adopted by Rotary Clubs across the nation in the next few days.

The background is this: Three weeks ago, Rotarians in a local club were engaged to recruit 1 million volunteers to sign up with Volunteer Surge, a new program that allows an individual to train online to become a TeleHealth Worker or a Community Health Worker. These volunteers will provide basic assistance, and will reduce suffering and

save lives of people, locally and across the nation. How? By helping health care providers focus more of their

attention where it is most needed."

TIME IS CRITICAL

Please go to <https://theglobalimpactgroup.org> to learn more and decide how you, your friends and family can participate. And share this link with others on Facebook, email, and other social media. Additional Collateral at: <https://tinyurl.com/volunteersurge>

The world is watching, and we, as Rotarians, people of action, are now truly defined by our actions in this crisis.

With appreciation and thanks,

Stephanie Urchick, RI Director 2019-21

Peter Kyle, RI Director 2020-22



Are you at high risk for Covid-19 and unable to leave your home?

Call us: 240-781-6586

for immediate volunteer assistance to deliver your groceries and medicine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

D7620 is currently evaluating the impact of coronavirus on District events that are scheduled for the months of May and June. As decisions are made, our Rotary District Governor will share these decisions with all the District Rotarians.

100+ VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE CONTINENT DELIVER LIFE'S ESSENTIALS TO HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS

In an immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a team of Rotary & non-Rotary volunteers have launched an initiative to provide high risk individuals in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia with essential grocery and medicine delivery. The COVID-19 Rotary Response team is currently expanding its reach by opening this initiative to all Rotary Club members and volunteers, as well as non-Rotarian volunteers, looking to join the effort.

The initiative started when Rotarians from District 7620 joined together to discuss how to appropriately respond to the pandemic and to provide help to those in need. In a mere 72 hours, the team mobilized 100+ volunteers from 5 states and 2 provinces in Canada and has secured a partnership with two companies -- RingCentral and BaseCamp -- to provide its technology to support the new 'hotline' service. The team has expanded its effort to include a GoFundMe

campaign, where 100% of funds raised will go to provide free prescription fulfillment for those unable to afford medicine. In the first 24-hours, the team has already raised \$1200+ USD.

Rotary District 7620 Governor, Barton

Goldenberg notes: "All 1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries around the world are devoted to serving those in need. The Covid-19 Rotary Response is an outstanding example of Rotary in action. I strongly encourage all Rotarians and non-Rotarians to volunteer with this initiative in a way that works for you. I also encourage local government agencies and other service organizations to collaborate with our initiative."

How it Works

Between 9am-6pm EST, any high-risk individual (elderly, disabled, or severely injured person) unable to leave their home can call 240-781-6586 to coordinate grocery and medicine pick-up.

Interested volunteers and supporters are encouraged to:

- Share the hotline number with people in need: 240-781-6586
- Sign up to volunteer for ground support (pickups and deliveries) or remote support (participation in the call center, logistics, marketing).
- Donate to the GoFundMe campaign
- Follow and share the efforts of the team on Instagram and Facebook

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[Above] The Annapolis Rotary Club displayed banners thanking the heroes in the the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rotary 
COVID-19
#RotaryResponds

LIVESTREAM TELETHON

SATURDAY 2 MAY

10:00 A.M. CHICAGO
4:00 P.M. LONDON / LAGOS
8:30 P.M. DELHI

facebook.com/rotary

PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By Ashley Waters, District PR/PI Chair

As we continue our efforts to stay at home and keep our communities safe, it is also an opportunity to take care of a few PR things and try something new. Here are a few tips and requests for Presidents and PR Chairs to consider:

First, consider reviewing your PR/Marketing Plan and social media efforts.

- Do a social media audit. What channels are you on? Where are you getting the most engagement? Do you want to add additional channels? Are you using it for internal or external purposes? How should they differ?
- Update your images to ensure you are on brand. Did you know that the blue and yellow wheel is no longer used? Find a full suite of logos and resources in Brand Center. I'm happy to help with this if needed.

Second, don't forget to showcase your

COVID-19 response efforts.

- Rotary is, and should be, a destination for service. Let the community know what you are doing. It may bring you potential Rotarians.
- Showcase how your club is able to support the community through virtual efforts. I know we all love our meetings, but we are adapting and having fun in the process.
- Join with other clubs in your area to share the power of Rotary. Do a combined press release or social media campaign. Even if we are apart, we are still #peopleofaction.

Lastly, there is still time to get some points for District Awards this year. The submission period is open until May with time to initiate or reengage some of your PR and marketing efforts.

Please continue to tag 7620 on social media so we can share your work and your updates. As always, I'm here to chat and to support.

ROTARY CLUBS USE ONLINE MEETING TOOLS

By Dick Foot, Carroll Creek Rotary

The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek conducted its weekly breakfast meeting on April 1 on-line, using the ZOOM app. 94 Rotarians joined in, coffee mugs in hand, following the traditional meeting agenda, complete with invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and recitation of the Rotary Four-Way Test. Two Rotary member profiles were offered, and our fine master offered light-hearted bitcoin fines!

Club President Mike Moore announced our club has made financial grants totaling \$12,500 to the United Way's COVID-19 relief fund, the local small business relief fund, and a meals program for low-income children.



ELLICOTT CITY ROTARY DONATES OVER \$5,000 TO HOWARD COUNTY FOOD BANK

*By Temrah Okonski,
President of the Ellicott
City Rotary Club*

The Ellicott City Rotary Club has made supporting the local community its primary mission. When Courtney Watson, Maryland State Delegate and honorary member of the Ellicott City Rotary Club, Katie Fry Hester, Maryland State Senator, and Calvin Ball, Howard County

Foundation, individual Rotarians, and Friends of Rotary donations totaling \$2,130 which was then matched by a \$2,000 grant from Rotary District 7620. The final \$1,000 was contributed by the Howard County Community Crab Feast committee from proceeds collected at last year's event.

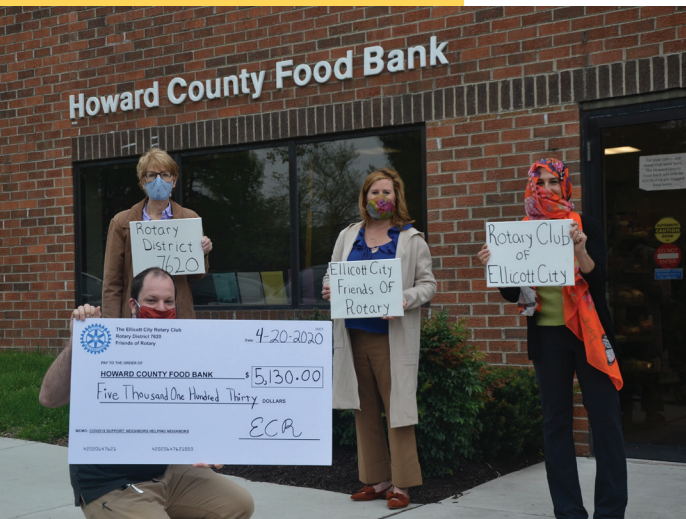
COVID-19 is severely impacting the Howard County community. One indicator is the Food Bank. Normally, it serves an average of 800 families a month. This past month it served 4,700 individuals who were in need.

Since its founding in 1928, the Ellicott City Rotary Club has supported our Community through grants, scholarships, and hands-on projects. "We are committed to helping our Community any way we can. Neighbors helping neighbors is what it is all about," Okonski said.

PANDEMIC DOESN'T HALT COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Dick Foot, Carroll Creek Rotary Club

Smoketown Rotary Club enrolled in "Day To Serve," a collaborative initiative of the Governors of the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia to connect and mobilize communities to "feed the hungry and improve their communities." On April 17 Dr. Wayne Allgaier and Tom Dawson, co-chairs of the Brunswick "Day To Serve" committee, presented the program to the Smoketown Rotary Club on the club's ZOOM-powered luncheon meeting. Smoketown Rotarian Phil Graves, Chair of the Brunswick Ecumenical Action Committee On Needs (BEACON) volunteered to be the Rotary Club's point person for Day To Serve. "Day to Serve" is planned for a Saturday in September (date to be determined in the coming months).



Executive all deemed supporting the Howard County Food Bank a community priority during this COVID-19 time, the club kicked into action.

On April 20 Temrah Okonski, President of the Ellicott City Rotary Club, along with a fellow Rotarian and Friend of Rotary, presented a \$5,130 check to Paul McElderry, Director of the Howard County Food Bank. "We are grateful for this gift. This money will feed our families for a whole week," McElderry said.

The gift was a coordinated effort between the Club's Friend's in Need

[Above] On April 20 Temrah Okonski, President of the Ellicott City Rotary Club, along with a fellow Rotarian and Friend of Rotary, presented a \$5,130 check to Paul McElderry, Director of the Howard County Food Bank.

[Below] Members of the Smoketown Rotary Club conduct a virtual meeting.



FREDERICK ROTARY OFFERING GROCERIES FOR SENIORS DURING COVID-19

By Steve Bohnel, *Frederick News Post*, April 27, 2020 [Excerpted]

In some respects, Jonathan Watkins considers himself lucky during the coronavirus pandemic.

Watkins, who is from Frederick, has healthy parents on both his and his wife's side, who also live in Frederick.

So when he heard that other area seniors, who might be more isolated, needed help accessing groceries and other supplies, the decision to assist them was easy.

"This isn't my first rodeo, but I like giving back," Watkins said. "When I heard about this program, I was probably one of the first people to say, 'I'm in.'"

Watkins was referring to the Food and More program through the Rotary Club of Frederick, an organization which turns 100 this October. Joanne McCoy, President-elect of the club and chair of its Food and More program, said about \$10,000 has been collected for it.

The program requires Rotary Club members to grocery shop and deliver food to senior households twice a month, McCoy said. Two to three members are assigned per senior citizen, and are also responsible for checking in with seniors who might be isolated due to the pandemic — through phone calls, cards and small gifts via the postal service, McCoy said.

McCoy said the club has also started working with Supporting Older Adults through Resources (SOAR), a local nonprofit that aims to help seniors in need.

Leslie Schultz, founder and president of SOAR, said the Rotary Club recently reached out to her and the



[Above] Jonathan Watkins, a member of the Frederick Rotary Club, walks the aisles of Walmart to pick and then deliver a two-week supply of groceries to a senior. Photo by Bill Green.

organization to assist with seniors who typically get groceries through SOAR.

She appreciates the support, because SOAR is an all-volunteer organization, all of whom work in the health care field. Roughly 35 seniors are receiving assistance because of the Rotary Club's efforts, Schultz said, but SOAR and the Rotary have probably helped many more, either because seniors transition to assisted living facilities or move out of the area.

"It's important not only that seniors receive groceries every few weeks, but also receive phone calls from Rotary Club members because they're isolated during the coronavirus pandemic," Schultz said. "She hopes their efforts can continue after the peak and decline of the pandemic, because isolation is an everyday reality for many seniors," she said.

"It's truly inspired work the Rotary is doing," Schultz said. "And Joanne McCoy has taken on the lion's share of the work and coordinating all

the efforts ... and that is a huge undertaking for which I will forever be in her debt."

McCoy said the Food and More program has been running for about five weeks, and about 70 Rotarians are assisting in some way. She said the club has also received a \$5,000 COVID-19 relief grant from Rotary District 7620.

For Watkins, the Food and More program ties back to the organization's motto, "Service Above Self." He'll start delivering groceries for an area senior citizen Monday, and another club member will check in with that person during the week. "It'll be the start of what is also being called the Rotibuddies program," McCoy said.

"This is what Rotary is all about ... so when you find opportunities to give back to your community and make it better ... you jump at that opportunity," Watkins said.

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“OUR CENTRAL DUTY:” COLLEGE PARK ROTARY CLUB RUNS ERRANDS FOR THOSE IN NEED

By Lyna Bentahar, Eric Neugeboren and Jonathan Tercasio, *The Diamondback Staff*, April 16, 2020 [Excerpted]

For years, Lisa Ealley and her team of volunteers at Meals on Wheels talked about how many senior citizens the group could serve before they would need to start a waitlist for eligible clients.

But since conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic have worsened nationwide — keeping many Americans shuttered in their homes and in need of food deliveries — the local nonprofit group has tossed out that idea altogether. The volunteers decided they couldn't leave anyone behind, according to a letter Ealley wrote to the College Park City Council.

With many residents now hesitant to leave their homes, organizations in College Park — both new and more established — have stepped up to the plate. Though some have begun serving food to older residents and others have offered assistance in completing daily tasks, they share the same goal: making sure people stay safe.

“It's a necessary thing that needs to be done, and somebody's gotta do it,” said Ealley, chairperson for Meals on Wheels of College Park.

For \$5 every day, the program delivers three meals — breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with some snacks — to senior citizens in College Park and other areas in northern Prince George's County. And since elderly people are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, demand for these meals has doubled since the outbreak, amounting to about 150 clients, Ealley said.

Volunteers now have to wear gloves and masks while making deliveries, Ealley said. And inside the kitchen, surfaces are sanitized twice a day, she added.

Jim Hartsock, 84, said he's thankful for

the College Park organization's efforts. Meals on Wheels has been a great help to him and his son over the past seven years, he said.

“It's a good program, it really is,” said Hartsock. “They've been in business ... a long time, and they've got a good reputation here.”

Nomie Hamid, President of the Rotary Club of College Park, a humanitarian service organization, knew in early March that the pandemic would soon reach his community in Maryland. Preparations needed to be made to accommodate the increased demand for help, he decided.

With the help of College Park Rotary Club members, members of the greater Rotary District for central Maryland and Washington, D.C., and non-Rotary volunteers, Hamid set up a hotline that members of the community can call to ask for help picking up groceries or completing other tasks. Over 300 volunteers help answer the calls, complete jobs for those who dial in and spread the word about the hotline.

All volunteers for the hotline wear masks and gloves and leave groceries at the caller's doorstep. The club is also preparing a training video for volunteers who are making deliveries.

“Every man needs to give back — at the minimum — what they were given in this world,” Hamid said. “It's our central duty as human beings to make sure we help the people around us and to help make a difference.”

Over the three weeks the hotline had been up and running, the response has largely been positive, Hamid said.

“Thank you so much,” Hamid recalled those over the phone saying. “Because we didn't know where to go. We didn't know who to contact. We're scared to even exit the house, to go to the grocery store.”



[Above] Nomie Hamid, the President of the Rotary Club of College Park and the owner of Krazi Kebab, set up a hotline so that members of the community could call in for aid with groceries or other tasks during the coronavirus pandemic. (Julia Nikhinson/The Diamondback)

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 via PayPal or going to link disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/

For any questions, feel free to contact Bob Grill, President & Co-founder, Disaster Aid USA.

bob.grill@disasteraidusa.org Tel: 410-956-7344; or Paul Mahata, Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee, Pmahata@verizon.net



DC INTERACTORS & ROTARACTORS CONTINUE TO WORK

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District Interact Chair

This is an unexpected and uncertain time for everyone as everyone shifts their priorities, work, and routine. However, that doesn't stop our youth programs from working in DC. I am pleased to announce that our Interact

and Rotaract Clubs are continuing to meet virtually. They are hosting virtual club meetings, virtual trivia nights, virtual fundraisers, virtual service and fellowship events, and for those age appropriate, virtual happy hours. We are very proud of them and everything they are doing to continue to make a difference in our local DC community and the world!

As a reminder, the DC Rotary Club sponsors the following four clubs:

- Rotaract Club of Washington, DC (chartered in May 1994)
- Rotaract Club of George Washington University (chartered in November 2018)
- Interact Club of Columbia Heights Educational Campus (chartered in February 2018)
- Interact Club of Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts (chartered in March 2019)

If you would like to attend any of their virtual meetings or events don't hesitate to contact DC Rotary Club Interact/ Rotaract Adviser, Marilyn Nevy Cruz at mncruz10@gmail.com.

DC ROTARACT PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District Interact Chair

The Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. is pleased to announce that the Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C. has received the Rotary International Presidential Citation with Platinum distinction. This is the highest distinction a Rotaract Club can get. We are very proud of them! A little good news in middle of this pandemic.

2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION WITH PLATINUM DISTINCTION



Awarded to the Rotaract Club of

Washington, D.C.

for helping **Rotary connect the world** in the lives of people all over the world.

Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International

DC ROTARY CLUB PARTNERS WITH METRO BETHESDA CLUB FOR GLOBAL GRANT EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR DC

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District Interact Chair

The Rotary Club of Washington DC partnered with the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club to support a \$53,750 COVID-19 Global Grant project to assist our local community. This project provides Personal Protective Equipment and decontamination equipment to DC Metro Area First Responders and families in poverty.

The Rotary Club of Washington DC's Foundation Board approved \$5,000 in uncommitted funds which will generate up to \$17,500 from our Club to benefit our community through the RI Global Grant System while working with another Club in our District.

Below is more information about the grant: "COVID-19 emergency response to provide medical equipment/PPE to local frontline medical personnel and to support nonprofits who need PPE and other aid to support vulnerable community members. Key groups are especially vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. This grant will assist in protecting medical First Responders and families in poverty. This Global Grant 2011355. COVID 19 emergency response to provide medical equipment/PPE to local frontline medical personnel and to support nonprofits who need PPE and other aid to support vulnerable community members. In partnership with Bethesda Rescue Squad we plan to fund equipment that will sanitize their ambulances, equipment, building and all front line workers. PPE is also a key component. When the squad answers a 911 call, they don't know what to expect so the assumption must be that the patient is infected. These funds will increase the safety of medical personnel covering about 300,000 Montgomery County and NW DC residents. They will share the equipment with at least 10 units with ambulances and other equipment. This includes the

NIH station and Walter Reed. Mobile Med's mission at this time is to keep ill patients out of the hospital system during the emergency. The funds will be used to enhance their diagnostic capabilities and PPE to protect their medical staff. So What Else is a child and family focused non-profit serving Montgomery County and parts of DC and Baltimore. During the crisis they will distribute food and other household items to people in poverty. The funds will buy food and PPE to protect their staff and volunteers."

NEW INTERACT CLUB IN DISTRICT

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District Interact Chair

The COVID-19 doesn't stop our district! Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Metro Bethesda for sponsoring the new community-based Interact Club of Metro Bethesda! Kudos to MBR Rotarian & Interact Adviser, Kallie Forman, for taking the lead and making this charter possible. We look forward to the amazing things this Interact Club will do in the Metro Bethesda area and the rest of the world! The Interact Club of Metro Bethesda was established on March 3, 2020.

INTERACT UPDATE

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz, District Interact Chair

I hope everyone is well and staying safe and sane during this COVID-19 pandemic.

I also hope your sponsoring Interact Clubs are still meeting via Google Meets, Zoom or any other online platform your Interact Club finds suitable.

Some Rotary Clubs are still virtually hosting their own 4-Way-Test speech

competition. I know my Rotary club is! I encourage every club and as many Interactors as possible to participate in this great initiative. Information about the 4-Way-Test speech competition and how to qualify and apply for the Interact Presidential Citation can be found at rotary7620.org. Please work with your Interact Club Advisers to make this happen.

For those Interactors going on to college, don't forget to have them check out the Rotaract Clubs in their designated colleges. You can search for a Rotaract Club at <https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>.

If you would like to purchase Interact merchandise check out the Russell Hampton website <https://www.bestclubsupplies.com/Interact-Products/products/53/>

If there are any pictures, flyers, or projects you wish to showcase on our district newsletter and social media pages, please feel free to send them to me no later than May 20, 2020 at mncruz10@gmail.com.

I also encourage everyone to follow, post and tag any pictures of what your Interact Clubs have done YTD on our Facebook (Interact District 7620) and/or Instagram (interact_district_7620) pages. I'd love to see more of you on there. You can also follow the Rotary International Facebook Page to find out what other Clubs are doing at the international level.

Lastly, if you know of an Interactor interested in serving as the Rotary District 7620 Interact Representative or on the District Interact Committee in the 2020-2021 year, feel free to send me a private email. I will send you detailed information on what the position entails.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am here to help. Please also feel free to forward this message to any Interactor or Interact Adviser in your Clubs.

ROTARACT 7620 LEADERSHIP TEAM
invites you to our

Virtual
TRIVIA SOCIAL

May 14, 2020
6:30 pm

Email Rotaract@rotary7620.org
for Zoom log in information

[Above] The Rotaract District 7620 Leadership Team is having a virtual trivia social to keep engagement up and to encourage fellowship in this challenging time.

[Below] The Rotaract Club of American University created a bingo card to engage members and the public virtually via their social media. Participants marked off the items they completed to get to bingo.

BROUGHT A FRIEND TO A MEETING	HAD 50% ATTENDANCE	ENJOYED ICE BREAKERS	ATTENDED A COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT	WENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TRIP
WAS A GROUP LEADER AT RYLA	E-BOARD MEMBER	HAS A COLLECTION OF PINS	WENT ON THE CAMPING TRIP	WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER
KNOW THE 4-WAY TEST	DONATED MEAL SWIPES	FREE: LOVE ROTARACT	WENT TO A FEDERAL CITY MEETING	MADE A PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION THROUGH ROTARACT
WENT TO AN INTERNATIONAL ROTARY EVENT	PURCHASED A CANDY GRAM	STUDIED ABROAD IN HIGHSCHOOL WITH RYE	DID INTERACT	TAKING A CLASS WITH A PROFESSOR WHO WAS A SPEAKER
ATTENDED LOCAL ROTARY MEETING IN HOMETOWN	KNOW MARK	WENT TO AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	WILL ATTEND MEETINGS NEXT YEAR	MISS MEETINGS

ROTARACT CLUB OF JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTED AS 2019-20 OUTSTANDING AWARD FINALIST

By Monique S. Toussaint, District Rotaract Chair

The Rotaract Club of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health was recently selected as a 2019-20 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award finalist for their project Taking Back Control. Congratulations to them.

DISTRICT ROTARACT REPRESENTATIVE

By Monique S. Toussaint, District Rotaract Chair

District Rotaract Representative Ugonna Ezeanya hosted a quarterly check-in with Rotaract Club Presidents via Google



Hangouts on April 9, 2020. Topics discussed included elections, leadership transitions and virtual inductions.

An update on advisor information was requested to assist in club sustainability and support for next year.



By Monique S. Toussaint, District Rotaract Chair

Annapolis Rotaract held their General Meeting virtually on April 14th. They discussed updates on their club as well as what local Rotary and District Rotaract partners are doing during this crisis.

WHAT IS ROTARACT?

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-35 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service.

WHAT IS INTERACT?

Interact is a club for youth ages 12-18 who want to connect with other young people in their community or school. Interact club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Interact clubs organize at least two service projects a year: one that benefits their community and one that encourages international understanding.

ANNAPOLIS ROTARY DONATED \$9,500 TO ANNE ARUNDEL FOOD BANK

By Anne Myers, Annapolis Rotary Public Relations

The Rotary Club of Annapolis has donated \$9,500 to help the Anne Arundel County Food Bank address food insecurity in the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. The goal is to assist vulnerable populations by providing nutrition, reducing hunger, and assisting with critical expenses. The funds will enable the food bank to purchase food from distributors at favorable prices to offset its reduced supplies.

Approximately 9,000 individuals in the county have filed for unemployment benefits recently, with the number expected to rise further in the coming weeks. Simultaneously, approximately 30,000 children in the county, who ordinarily depend on the Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) program, are home from school with limited access to the breakfast and lunch provided by FARM. As a result, local food pantries have reported a 220% increase in the number of people seeking assistance for their families.

The County Food Bank, which supplies local food pantries, relies largely on donations from grocery stores, which ordinarily share unsold inventory before its best-by-date. However, as Americans stockpile food, supermarkets no longer have excess to donate. In addition, many food drives, which normally help supply the food bank, have been cancelled due to

social distancing measures, making it harder for the food bank to cope with the increased demand.

In recognition of these challenges, Rotary Club of Annapolis raised

\$7,000 and received \$2,500 from Rotary District 7620 to make the \$9,500 grant to the County Food Bank. The grant went into effect April 15.



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GENDER DYNAMICS AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana is a Professor and Research Affiliate with the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Peace. She is also a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Metro Bethesda. She will talk about gender dynamics in conflict, and Muslim women's role in peacebuilding initiatives.

MAY 19, 2020

LEVERAGING HUMANITARIAN DATA IN AFGHANISTAN



Nandini Krishnan is a Senior Economist at the World Bank. She holds a PhD from Boston University. Together with **Hisham Esper**, she will talk about a new joint World Bank-IOM-UNHCR initiative in Afghanistan to leverage data collected by humanitarian organizations to learn about the causes and consequences of displacement.

About us: We are a dynamic and global Rotary club with a majority of women and 40% under 40. We use our professional skills in our service work and create learning opportunities for our members. Our dues are low so that all who want to can join.

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PRINCE FREDERICK ROTARY'S PROJECT FOR CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION IN LA PAZ, HONDURAS

By Jeremy Robinson, Prince Frederick Rotary Club

So far, 22 water filters, 3 latrines, and 2 water storage containers (pilas) have been installed. Rotarian Julya Doyle (pictured) is teaching healthy sanitation practices with a water filter recipient. Our goal is to install 100 water filters, 50 latrines, and 50 water storage containers by the end of 2020. We are now well on our way!

Here is a personal story from one of the recipients in Buenos Areas.

"My name is Fernando Lazo. My family received a water filter and a pila. Since using the water filter, there are no more stomach aches. The pila has been so important for us because we have no access to public water. We had to buy water and store it in old plastic bottles, paint cans, and old buckets. Now, we can store for several days. For us, this is just amazing, thank you!"

In addition, teams from Honduras Compassion Partners have been working with Rotary in Honduras to train the Water/Leadership Committee from the Buenos Aires neighborhood in leadership strategies as well as care and maintenance of the water & sanitation projects. The goal is to help this community sustain the project for years to come.

For more information, or to be a part of this great project, please contact Rotarian Jeremy Robinson jdsrobinson@gmail.com 443-306-3347



The Rotary Club of Prince Frederick in conjunction with the Rotary Club of La Paz, Honduras, was awarded a Global Grant in the amount of \$35,000 for clean water, sanitary latrines, and water storage solutions to 500 people in the neighborhood of Buenos Aires in La Paz,

Honduras. This area has little to no access to clean water or sanitary bathroom options causing sickness and death especially among young children.

Our club has partnered with other clubs in 7620 including Charles County (La Plata), and Leonardtown for technical advice, financial contributions & more. We have also partnered with The Rotary Clubs of La Paz (host club), Marcala, and The NGO's Honduras Compassion Partners, and ADEC (both in Honduras).



CARROLL COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME TO UNVEIL CLASS OF 2020

By Pat Stoetzer, *Carroll County Times*,
March 16, 2020 [Excerpted]

The latest inductees into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame include state championship coaches, a college volleyball standout, and a former professional football player.

The Rotary Club of Westminster recently voted to create the Carroll Hall's Class of 2020, which consists of five members — Brenda Baker, James Costley, Jim Gilford, Stephanie Stambaugh Moore and Mark Orlando.

The new members will have their plaques unveiled at a ceremony to be announced at Carroll Community College.

Baker coached field hockey at South Carroll and Westminster high schools and collected five state championships. She led the Cavaliers to a Class A state title in 1980, then teamed with Sue Hooper and led the Owls to Class AA crowns in 1984, 1985, 1994, and 1996. Baker retired as Westminster's coach following the 1999 season after a 22-year run.

Costley excelled in football, basketball, and lacrosse before he graduated from South Carroll in 1981. Costley was a Times first-team all-county defensive lineman as a senior in 1980, and helped SC to a 9-2 record and a berth in the postseason. Costley played defense in lacrosse and was a two-time all-county selection.

Costley, who earned a football scholarship at Shepherd University, joined the South Carroll Athletics Hall of Fame in 2019.

Gilford coached Westminster's boys cross country team from 1980-96 and led the Owls to state championships in 1982, 1989, 1992, and 1996. He also guided the girls team to a state title in 1984. Westminster's boys won 16 Carroll County meet crowns with

Gilford as coach.

Stambaugh Moore helped Francis Scott Key win a girls basketball 1A state championship, but she shined brighter in volleyball — the two-time Times Player of the Year was a three-time first-team all-county pick who led the Eagles to a state title in 1996 as a senior.

Stambaugh Moore went to North Carolina State University after high school, and became an all-time volleyball great for the Wolfpack with

1,192 career kills and 345 blocks.

Orlando played football, basketball, and baseball at Liberty (Class of 1990) before taking his sports career to Towson University, where he became a standout wide receiver and punt returner. Orlando signed with the Baltimore Stallions of the Canadian Football League in 1995 and was part of the Grey Cup championship squad.

The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame will total 133 members when the Class of 2020 is inducted later this year.



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IN MEMORIAM: DICK LIBBY

The Rev. Richardson ("Dick") Armstrong Libby Jr. passed away comfortably at his home April 2, 2020 at the age of 88. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Kathryn Blunck Libby, sons Richardson ("Rich") Armstrong Libby III and Roger Andrew Libby; daughters-in-law Sami and Lisa; his beloved grandchildren Zoe, Ben, Riggs, and Bailey; and his brother in law Roger Blunck. An only child, he was born on January 30, 1932 and was preceded in death by his parents Richardson Armstrong Libby Sr. and Josephine Glascock Libby when he was age 9 and 19 respectively.



He was a graduate of St. Alban's School for Boys (1950), Trinity College in Hartford, CT (1954) and General Seminary in New York City (1960). He served in Episcopal parishes of Maine (Bath), Connecticut (Niantic, Newington, Branford and Milford), and Maryland (Pasadena, Mayo, Gibson Island, and his beloved St. Anne's of Annapolis), and regularly assisted at the Washington National Cathedral during mid-week services as the chaplain on call and organized the Annual Kirkin O' the Tartan, which celebrated the Scottish-American Heritage of our nation.

From his high school yearbook, which described his "cheerful exuberance and willingness to help," to the

present day, Dick has always been known by his incredibly joyful smile and his willingness to serve all those in need. In college, he was a cheerleader, a role that he kept throughout his life, encouraging others in their times of struggle. He served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War (1954-1957); his community as an Episcopal priest, Rotarian, volunteer fireman, and race committee of the U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron; and of course his family. He was a devoted husband and father and the hardest working and kindest clergyman we have ever known.

Dick loved history, including the study of American Revolutionary War flags. One pet project was correcting the design of the "Shaw Flag" that flew over the Annapolis State House. He was active in many organizations, including serving as chaplain for the St. Andrew's Societies of Washington, DC and Baltimore, member of the Society of St. George, Rotary International, the North American Vexillological Association, and Boys Scouts of America.

It was as an Eagle Scout that he learned two important lessons that shaped his life and legacy, "be prepared," and "always leave the campsite better than you found it." Dick has left his churches, his community, his family, and indeed the world a better place. A celebration of his long and full life will be held at a future date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in his memory to St. Anne's Episcopal Church (www.stannes-annapolis.org).

"There is nothing intangible about Rotary: It is reality itself. To give is to receive; to lose oneself is to find oneself; to be happy is to serve. These are old truths...for the individual...and the mass, whether application be in the exchange of goods, toil, knowledge, or love."

- Crawford C. McCullough, 1921-22 President, Rotary International

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