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DISTRICT 7620 MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT: ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

by Governor Jimmie Gorski

On Saturday, September 19, District 7620 hosted nearly one hundred sixty registrants for its fall Membership Summit. The virtual program was led by District Membership Chair, Jennifer Coppit, of the New Market Rotary Club. The virtual program was designed and executed by District co-trainers Ayse Orellana of the Metro Bethesda Rotary and Chris Zabriskie of the Charles County La Plata Rotary.

The morning began with a welcome from DG Jimmie Gorski, acknowledging senior Rotarian leaders in attendance, including PDGs, RI Director Peter Kyle, and Zone Leader Janet Brown.

Next DG Jimmie introduced Audley Knight, a Regional Membership Officer supporting Zones 33 and 34, who delivered a spirited presentation as Guest Speaker.



[Above] Audley Knight, a Regional Membership Officer supporting Zones 33 and 34, who delivered a spirited presentation as Guest Speaker.

Membership Officer Audley has spent over twenty years in the Financial Sector in business development, sales, and operations with three international financial institutions serving the Caribbean and the United States.

Membership Officer Audley holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Technology and an MBA from the Florida International University. He also holds certifications in Financial Planning and

Change Management from the Canadian Securities Institute and Prosci Canada.

Audley is also a Rotarian, joining a club in Montego Bay, Jamaica in 2006 and serving as president in 2009. He then went on to serve that District as New Generation, Interact and Rotaract Chairs, Vice-Chair for a District Conference, R.I. Convention Chair, and Area Governor. In early 2019, he transferred to the North Cobb Rotary Club in Kennesaw, Georgia.

During the remainder of the summit, panels were utilized to discuss the following topics:

- Developing Club Membership Plans led by Jennifer Coppit, District Membership Chair;
- Club Surveying and Its Positive Impact on Member Engagement led by Dave Vogel of Annapolis Parole Rotary Club;
- Rotary Action Groups and Fellowships led by Quentin Wodon, President of the Washington Global Rotary Club and Ashley Waters, District Chair of Public Image and President Nominee of the Carroll Creek Rotary Club;
- Engaging the Young Professional in Rotary led by Ashley Waters;
- New and Innovative Clubs led by Naumaan (Nomie) Hamid, Past President of the College Park Rotary Club and current Innovative Clubs Ambassador for the District to RI, PDG Ray Streib of the Glen Burnie Rotary and the second Ambassador for the Innovative Clubs Initiative, and Kelsey Scanlon, President of the District's first e-club;

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