



The Rotary 7620

INNOVATOR

District Newsletter

Dr. Sean McAlister, District Governor 2022-2023



Join Us for the Induction of DG Delores Edwards Harding!



We invite you to be a part of this momentous occasion as we honor Delores Edwards Harding, who will be the first female African American District Governor in our District's history. Her remarkable achievement marks a significant milestone not only for our district but for the entire Rotary community.

DGE Delores has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the Rotary principles of service and fellowship. Now, she embarks on a new chapter as our District Governor, poised to inspire and lead us towards new heights.

- **DATE:** Saturday, June 24 | 10AM

- Doors Open; 10:30AM Program Begins
- **LOCATION:** Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel | 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore
- **COST:** \$65/ticket
- **ATTIRE:** Summer Brunch
- **PARKING:** Valet parking is available at a discounted rate of \$30 for three hours. Self-parking is available at the garage next door to the hotel.

Faith in Peace Concert June 17, 2023



Come join DG Sean McAlister in his last hurrah as we combine forces with the Concert for the Human Family (CFHF) of the US Episcopal Church on the second ever ["Faith In Peace" Concert on Saturday, June 17, 2023 in the historic Sixth and I Synagogue!](#) Go to [Light4America](#) to buy a ticket that will give 50% of ticket sales to the next Rotary District to host a "Faith in Peace" Concert" or **EVEN better** email **David@Light4America.org** so your own club can get a personalized QR code, graphics and website ticket sales address to receive 50% of ticket sales. [Read More](#)

Highly Successful 2022-23 District Grants

District 7620 had an amazing array of successful community grants this year. \$83,000 of District Designated Funds (DDF) combined with Rotary Clubs' and their Foundations' contributions to support almost \$200,000 worth of projects in the local area and internationally. [Read More](#)

Washington, D.C. Pride Parade



Join Rotary International District 7620 and the Washington DC Area 7 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs at the DC Pride Parade!

When: Saturday, June 10, 2023

Time: 3:00pm – 7:30pm

Where: Logan & Dupont Circle Neighborhoods, Washington, D.C.

REGISTER HERE: <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77661235&NoCaptcha>

Contact President Marilyn Nevy Cruz at mncruz10@gmail.com with any questions.

Rotary Club of Carroll Creek Grants 17 Scholarships to Graduating Seniors



This past month, the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek was thrilled to grant 17 scholarships to local graduating high school seniors! Each has a dream of how they will impact this world and truly embodies the Service Above Self motto in their daily lives. Congratulations to the scholarship recipients and all recent graduates!

Frederick County Rotary Clubs Coming Together for Frederick Pride Festival



Join all seven Rotary Clubs in Frederick County (Carroll Creek, Frederick, Fredericktowne, Key City, New Market, Smoketown, Southern Frederick County) at this year's Frederick PRIDE Festival on June 24th! The clubs will host a booth along Carroll Creek from 10AM-6PM. Enjoy hundreds of local businesses and nonprofit vendors, delicious food and drinks, drag entertainment, local musical guests, a youth pride area with activities and more at this year's Frederick Pride Festival!

Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County Raised \$7000 for the What Would Stew Dew Fund



The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County hosted its first annual golf tournament on Monday, 5/8/23, and raised \$7000 for the “What Would Stew Dew?” Fund, which is a component fund of The Community Foundation of Frederick County, a 501(c)(3) public charity. The memorial fund and its initiatives support first responders and their families, as well as advocates for children in need. [Read More](#)

Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.

Thank you [@dcrotaryclub](#) for sponsoring 16 of our members to the District Conference this year and thank you [@rotaract_district_7620](#) for hosting such a great session! Excited to continue leading the Rotary Four-Way Test in our community.





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Rotaract Club of George Washington University



Awesome event! Thank you to all who showed up! Great way to be wrapping up the year with only one more event left!! Thank you to [@sage_russell_photography](#) for these awesome pics!



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JUN - Rotary Red Line Happy Hour

The first Rotary Red Line Happy Hour post pandemic was a huge success. Thank you [Rotary Club of Capitol Hill - Washington, DC](#) for hosting and RCCH PE [Vessellina Stoytcheva](#) for organizing! Looking forward to the next one.



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DC Rotary Club Receives ShelterBox HERO Recognition



Greetings President Marilyn and members of Washington DC Rotary,

Congratulations on achieving ShelterBox HERO GOLD level recognition for Rotary Year 2022-2023.

2022 was our biggest year yet and your support helped us to reach over 400,000 people across 22 projects in 12 countries. This year is shaping up to be just as busy and your continued support is truly appreciated.

Attached is your digital award to use on your club website and please share this recognition on your club and district social media outlets. At the end of the Rotary Year your club will be listed on our HERO page www.shelterboxusa.org/hero. [Read More](#)

DC Rotary Club Celebrates World Rotaract Week



rotaractor

ro-ta-ract-or/ noun

Young leaders who are developing
innovative solutions to the world's most
pressing challenges

Every year, Rotaractors and Rotarians around the world celebrate World Rotaract Week during the week of **March 13-18** to commemorate the founding of the first club in 1968.

World Rotaract Week is a time for celebrating the success and importance of the Rotaract program. This is also an excellent opportunity to inform members of your community about the amazing work that [Rotaract](#) clubs do and give them an opportunity to get involved.

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2022-2023 DC Rotary Foundation Community Service Grant Awardees!



We are very pleased to announce that the DC Rotary Club's and Foundation's Boards at their April meetings have adopted the recommendations of the DC Rotary Club Community Service Grants Committee and awarded grants to the following organizations for projects in the DC area:

- An Open Book Foundation
- Anacostia Watershed Society
- Christ House
- City Blossoms
- DC Youth Orchestra Program (DCYOP)
- District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)
- The Family Place, Inc.
- Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop
- Hope and a Home
- Light The Way Foundation
- Prevention of Blindness Society of Metro Washington
- Resources to Inspire Students and Educators
- Right Beginnings, Inc.
- Salvation Army National Capital Area Command
- Street Sense Media
- Suited for Change
- Teens Run DC
- WANADA ADEI
- We Are Family Senior Outreach Network
- Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Metropolitan Washington

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History Moment: The Origins of Earth Day



In honor of Earth Day, which is celebrated annually on April 22 in the US and in many other countries, today I would like to share a Rotary history moment about the origins of the event. I will quote primarily from a [blog post](#) written by my National Museum of American History colleague Joan Boudreau.

"What would you have done if you saw your river burning? The Cuyahoga River that runs through the northeastern corner of Ohio was so polluted in the 1950s and 1960s that fish populations were decimated because of the river's oily, industry-produced pollution. In 1969, with a spark from a train traveling nearby, the river began to burn. [Read More](#)

Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Rotary's Vision Statement

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES