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ROTARY 7620 NEWSLETTER



The Leadership Hunt: Where Have All the Future Presidents Gone?

If you've ever sat in a board meeting where the words "So... who's next?" were followed by sudden fascination with phones, water glasses, or the ceiling tiles — you're not alone. Across Rotary, clubs are facing the same challenge: finding the next generation of leaders.

The good news? We are not short on talent. We are short on invitations.

Most Rotarians don't wake up thinking, "I hope someone asks me to be president today!" In fact, many assume leadership requires a secret handbook, unlimited free time, and superhero-level confidence. The truth is much less dramatic. Rotary leadership is less about capes and more about caring enough to say yes — and being willing to learn along the way.

Often, our most capable future leaders are quietly running successful projects, building relationships, and showing up consistently. They may not see themselves as "ready." That's where we come in. A simple, sincere invitation can change everything. "I think you'd be great at this" goes a long way.

Clubs that thrive treat leadership like a team sport. They share responsibilities, mentor new chairs, and let members try something small before taking on something big. When leadership is shared, it feels energizing instead of overwhelming.

And let's be honest — Rotary leadership comes with built-in support, training, and a whole district cheering you on. No one does this alone.

So the next time "Who's next?" comes up, resist the urge to study the carpet pattern. Instead, think about who has potential, who brings fresh energy, and who simply needs encouragement.

Our future leaders are already sitting at our tables. Sometimes, they're just waiting to be asked.

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month



Rotary's focus turns to two themes this month. March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, and we celebrate World Rotaract Week, March 9 to 15. Clean water, basic sanitation, and proper hygiene are fundamental human rights, yet a staggering 2.2 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water. Over the past decade, your Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$180 million in over 2,500 water and sanitation projects worldwide. Rotary is on the ground making a difference through global grant-supported projects funded by your contributions to the Foundation. -

Barry Rassin

Let's Grow Membership...Reframing Success

👤 Marilyn Nevy Cruz and Mark Milby participated in the monthly Zone

33 DMC/ICA Zoom call. The following are a few of the highlights of the call:

- Membership Success Center (MSC) which is available via DaCdb on the MAP button under the district tab. There are a few useful nuggets of information to show how your club is doing with attrition and attraction of members. Please use the features in MSC to see how clubs are doing with gains and losses. This is a great tool for AG use in working with clubs to move the needle forward on membership growth. We are in the second half of the Rotary year and much needs to be done in membership growth, not only in clubs, but districts as well. Chris Justice, Zone Coordinator, and the Zone 33 team are available to assist in any way to help clubs and districts finish strong by June 30th. If membership is to finish strong, start now.
- There are several districts who have not taken advantage of the \$1000 for membership efforts that is available to them.
- The campaign to finish with at least +1 in membership for clubs by June 30th is spelled out in the attached flyer.
- "Membership is a contact sport!" Emails that are sent out are forgotten quickly. It takes personal touches, face to face and with a handshake! Personal interaction is key.
- Club Boards of Directors are responsible for membership growth and are accountable for membership growth or the lack of growth. Attrition is real as all of us will be a factor of attrition someday for one reason or another. So, let's attract more than we will lose. Replace yourself and bring another with you. That will create a +1 or more for the club and it will grow!
- And there is an old tool used for decades used for prospecting new members. This club membership tickler is called [CLASSIFICATION/VOCATION GAP ANALYSIS](#).



Do We Ask? An Invitation to Grow Rotary in District 7620

By Justin Salzman

Rotary is built on service, fellowship, and leadership—but it also grows one conversation at a time. In District 7620, we're doing incredible work in our communities and around the world. The question worth asking is simple: are we consistently inviting others to be part of it?

Many people admire Rotary from the outside. They see our service projects, fundraisers, scholarships, and community impact. What they don't always see is the invitation. Too often, we assume people are too busy, already involved, or not interested. In reality, many are just waiting to be asked.

As Rotarians, we are our best ambassadors. Sharing why Rotary matters to us—whether it's the friendships, the leadership opportunities, or the chance to make a tangible difference—can be powerful. Inviting someone to a meeting, a service project, or even a casual coffee is often all it takes to spark interest.

Membership growth isn't about pressure or quotas; it's about extending an opportunity. If we believe in Rotary's mission and value, we owe it to our clubs and our communities to ask.

So let's challenge ourselves in District 7620: Who could you invite this month? One ask can lead to a new Rotarian—and a stronger Rotary for the future.



DC Rotary Foundation Awards \$20,000 Grant to The Salvation Army National Capital Area Command

Service in action. Earlier this year, members of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. attended the dedication ceremony for the new Grate Patrol canteen van.

Through their most recent grant cycle, their Club's Foundation proudly awarded a \$20,000 community grant to The Salvation Army National Capital Area Command to support this vital resource — now fully operational and ready to help distribute over 33,000 meals each year.

This is what it looks like when DC Rotarians turn compassion into impact.



Rotarians From Rotary Club of Washington D.C. Participate In The Walk For Peace



Rotarians, Kay Killingsworth and Elisabeth Johnson (Rotary Club of Washington D.C.) marched in *The Walk For Peace* led by the Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakar. The walk began on October 26th from the Huong Dao Vipassana Bhavana Center in Fort Worth, Texas and ended on February 12th in Washington DC. Kay and Elisabeth, joined the group of nineteen (19) Buddhist monks at St Mary's Church as they were ending their 108-day Walk for Peace, and afterwards walked partly with them to the Lincoln Memorial. Although the weather was spectacular in Washington DC, the Buddhist monks had walked 2,300 miles (3,700 kilometers) across several southern states through snow, sleet, and roads coated with ice. They were accompanied by Aloka, the dog of the Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakar.



The Walk For Peace drew large crowds in-person as well as millions of online followers. There was a large crowd at St Mary's Church and some said "suddha" (purity/blessing) as the monks walked by. Additionally, spectators passed out various varieties of flowers which are symbolic in Buddhism and represent different core teachings, i.e., impermanence, enlightenment and interconnectedness.



As *The Walk For Peace* marched down Capitol Hill, various politicians watched. One of the politicians was Congresswoman Ayanna Soyini Pressley who spoke with some of the marchers. Congresswoman Ayanna Soyini Pressley has served as the U.S. representative for Massachusetts's 7th congressional district since 2019. She shared with Rotarians Kay Killingsworth and Elisabeth Johnson her support and participated in an impromptu photo op.



metroBethesda Rotary Club Celebrated its 20th Anniversary



It's been a busy month at metroBethesda Rotary Club, starting with our 20th anniversary party
 Thank you to the many members – current and past – who joined us to celebrate!

#serviceaboveself
 Rotary District 7620

Columbia-Patuxent Rotary Donates Motel Boxes



Columbia-Patuxent Rotary members packed and donated 20 "motel boxes" to help Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center in Howard County. These are specialized care packages supporting families and individuals who are homeless or in transition while staying in local motels to await more permanent housing. Their motel rooms often lack full kitchen facilities.

Boxes typically contain non-perishable food items, snacks, and sometimes hygiene products. Specific examples include canned goods with pop-tops, crackers, peanut butter, and tuna pouches. The goal is to provide essential food and supplies. Boxes are frequently supplemented with supermarket gift cards so families can purchase fresh food. Columbia-Patuxent Rotary's donation also got support from Wegmans and Von Paris Moving.

Anna T. Katz, Director of Grants and Support for Grassroots, thanked the club and said: "These boxes are arriving just in time. We have lots of folks in motels due to the dangerously cold

temperatures."

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The Rotary Action Group for Peace Potomac Chapter in the United States of America is a collection of Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) members within the Potomac Region which includes Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware covering about five Rotary International Districts.

The objectives of the Rotary Action Group for Peace Potomac Chapter include: to encourage Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, and Rotary Districts to develop and implement education projects focused on peacebuilding and conflict prevention, to create a culture of peace, to facilitate exchange of knowledge, expertise and projects.

The Rotary Action Group for Peace Potomac Chapter welcomes persons to join the Potomac Chapter. Before a person can become a Rotary Action Group for Peace Potomac Chapter member, the person needs to first join the Rotary Action Group for Peace. Rotary Action Group for Peace membership information and application can be accessed through this link: <https://www.rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/join-us/>

Kindly contact the Rotary Action Group for Peace Potomac Chapter Chair - Ukpeme Akpan Okon for more information about the Chapter, through rotarypeaceaction@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Carroll Creek: A Year of Global Impact

This month at the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, we reflected on a year that can only be described as extraordinary. Through the work of our International Grants Committee, more than **\$46,000** was invested in projects that are changing lives across continents.

Rotary's reach is often described as global. This year, that word was not symbolic. It was literal.

A Commitment That Crosses Oceans

One of our largest commitments was the **third and final \$13,500 contribution** toward shipping containers that transport our collected bicycles to South Africa. What began as a local collection effort has become an international pipeline of opportunity.

A bicycle may seem simple. In many parts of the world, it is transformative. It shortens the distance to education. It opens access to health care. It connects people to jobs and markets. It restores independence. In addition to container shipping, we allocated **\$5,000** toward the transportation and refurbishment of bicycles, ensuring that our program remains sustainable and impactful.

Investing in Skills, Education, and Opportunity

In **Honduras**, an \$8,000 grant supported the creation of vocational classrooms where residents are learning welding, electrical work, air conditioning repair, and sewing. These are not temporary relief efforts. They are skill-building initiatives that create long-term economic resilience.

In **South Africa**, \$5,000 funded upgrades to an e-Learning Center, providing new computers and updated software. Access to technology is no longer optional in a global economy. It is essential.

In **Guatemala**, our \$2,500 contribution to Phase 2 of a water filtration project, in cooperation with several other DC-area Rotary clubs, strengthened access to clean water. Safe water is foundational. Everything else builds from there.



Supporting Children in Vulnerable Communities

In **Ukraine**, \$1,500 supported art therapy programs for children impacted by war. When language fails and trauma lingers, art becomes a bridge toward healing.

In **Cambodia**, \$1,100 funded a school kitchen project that uses food grown in school gardens to nourish students while educating them about sustainability and nutrition.

Through a **\$5,000 Sports-Based Education program**, we supported efforts to use athletics as a platform to educate communities about the dangers of fetal alcohol syndrome. Sports become a classroom. Play becomes prevention.

Empowering Through Enterprise

Our **\$1,000 multi-year commitment to KIVA microlending** continues to provide small business loans to entrepreneurs around the world. These modest loans often become the first stepping stones toward financial independence for families.

Powered by Rotary

None of this happens in isolation. Every dollar granted represents member contributions, participation in our key fundraisers, and the hands-on volunteerism that defines Rotary.

The International Grants Committee did more than distribute funds. They stewarded trust. They transformed resources into results.

From bicycles in South Africa to vocational training in Honduras, from clean water in Guatemala to art therapy in Ukraine, the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek has proven that local commitment can produce global change.

This past year was not simply active. It was impactful.

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Each summer, the Rotary Club of Annapolis holds its Crab Feast, which is a major annual fundraiser with all proceeds donated to local charities and non-profit organizations. The club is pleased to announce that twenty-five organizations have been selected to receive grant funding.

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Books For International Goodwill (B.I.G) Donation Updates



Books For International Goodwill (B.I.G) began as Parole Rotary's signature project, and continues to receive a huge number of book donations every week from individuals and organizations. Some of the donations are from regular supporters, many others are first-timers who have discovered B.I.G. The reason for the donations varies, ranging from specifically wanting to support literacy through book drives, to cleaning out personal libraries when retiring from work or from an estate. The Anne Arundel County Public Schools System and the Public Library System provide thousands of books, primarily children's and schoolbooks, to B.I.G each year as they update

their inventory; these books are wonderful for shipping to deserving recipients overseas. Here are two recent examples of other organizations and private donations to B.I.G.

The Frederick (MD) Rotary Club's Dave Miller dropped off over 600 books in February. Dave initiated the

Frederick Rotary's book collection efforts in 2000. He makes the trek from Frederick to B.I.G a few times each year. Over the past 25 years his club has donated about 635,000 books, worth \$1.9 million, to B.I.G. Including travel miles and hours spent, the total value of the contributions is approximately \$2 million. B.I.G salutes Frederick Rotary and Dave for their efforts to support us.

Sophia, a high school student from Severna Park, MD, organized a book drive at her school and in her neighborhood to fulfill her service-learning requirement. Sophia delivered 815 books to B.I.G in early February. The books included children's and adult fiction and nonfiction. It was a very nice collection that B.I.G greatly appreciates.



Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent reports on mid-year progress

The Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent reported on the progress of committee projects and activities at the midpoint of the 2025-2026 year. [Read More](#)



Happy Faces at Our Discover Rotary Event

An Evening Full of Fellowship and Connection at the January 2026 Rotary Red Line Happy Hour



What a fantastic evening of fellowship and connection at our Red Line Happy Hour on Thursday, January 22, hosted by Rotary Club of Rockville at Plaza Oaxaca in Rockville Town Center. We loved welcoming fellow Rotarians from Rotary Clubs of Gaithersburg, Bethesda Chevy-Chase, Metro Bethesda, Washington DC, Washington Global, and the Montgomery College Rotaract Club, along with several exciting prospective new members. The room was full of great conversations, shared laughter, and that magnetic Rotary energy.

One of the highlights of the evening was the induction of Rockville Rotary's newest member, Camila Bueno. Surrounded by Rotarians from across our District, we were thrilled to give Camila a warm welcome into our Rotary family and look forward to serving together.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening such a success. Gatherings like this remind us how powerful it is to connect with dedicated Rotarians beyond our own Rotary Clubs and unite for good. We're already looking forward to the next Red Line Happy Hour and many more moments of fellowship and service together.

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Featured Video: Comprehensive Sexuality Education Changing Lives in West Bengal

By Kuhu Maitra

A Rotary Club of Capitol Hill pilot initiative bringing comprehensive sexuality education to youth in West Bengal reached an important milestone on February 5, 2026 with an **End-of-Project Workshop** celebrating its progress and impact.

The school-based program focused on raising awareness about menstrual health and sexual health issues among adolescents and was implemented by the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) in partnership with the Rotary Club of Behala, with technical guidance from RMCH RAG and funding from the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill and District DDF. Designed to reach adolescents in both urban and rural communities, the initiative was carried out across 10 sites—five in Kolkata and five in Asansol—serving approximately 1,000 boys and girls.

The workshop welcomed International Rotarians visiting India, members of the Rotary Club of Behala, officials from the West Bengal Government's Adolescent Health Program, representatives from the Indian Academy of

Pediatrics, as well as teachers and students who participated in the initiative. Throughout the session, attendees reflected on the program's journey—sharing lessons learned, best practices, and strategies to strengthen future adolescent health and education efforts. The discussions highlighted the value of collaboration between educators, health professionals, and community leaders in empowering young people with accurate, age-appropriate information.

This video - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c9b10am5pQfcLsrs-f1qEu-9D95ILbwl> - spotlights the experiences of the program's trainers, offering a powerful look at the impact the initiative has had in classrooms and communities. The end-of-project workshop not only celebrated the project's achievements but also reinforced a sustainability and commitment to advancing adolescent wellbeing across West Bengal.

DC Rotary Club Embassy International Relations Committee

The Embassy International Relations Committee of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. truly enjoyed being part of the return of the [#Winternational](#) one-day event in the heart of Washington, D.C.

It was nothing short of a cultural extravaganza.

Each year, this incredible event gives attendees the chance to "travel" to 70+ countries and embassies all without ever boarding a plane.

The Middle East and North Africa section absolutely went all out, with Saudi Arabia and Algeria standing out for their stunning, immersive exhibitions. It's no surprise they walked away as Best Embassy Exhibit, curating vibrant cultural showcases that became some of the most talked-about (and photographed!) experiences of the day.

Truly unforgettable moments and global connections.





DC Rotary Club Past Presidents' Dinner

It's a cherished tradition of the [DC Rotary Club](#) to honor and celebrate the commitment of their Past Presidents with an annual evening of dinner and fellowship. This year's Past Presidents' Dinner brought together Past Presidents along with current and incoming club leadership for a wonderful evening.

This formal dinner is a coveted fellowship event each year, and they look forward to gathering again next club year. A heartfelt thank you to their amazing host, **Past President Andy Cook**, and to the Chairwoman of the DC Rotary Club Past Presidents' Council, **Past President Marilyn Nevy Cruz**, for coordinating.





Rotary Club of Dupont Circle

Thank you to everyone who served with us at the @freemindsbookclub on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Service Event

Free Minds Book Club

Rotary Club of Capitol Hill

Another day of volunteer service.

The Capitol Hill Rotary Club opened the year with volunteer service at the women's basketball concession stands.

They Fellowship through Service.



UMBC Rotaract Club Hosts Panel Discussion

On February 21st, members of the [UMBC Rotaract Club](#) hosted a panel discussion in observance of Black History Month. Club President Noah Larsen was in attendance and the discussion was moderated by Juliana Blakely. The distinguished panelists included Dr Jé St Sume, political science faculty member, Frank Caldwell, Director of Student Affairs Facilities, Paul Monteiro, VP of Government Affairs, and Keondra Prier, PhD candidate in community-based approaches to research in education.



Panelists touched on topics that will be familiar to many: learning the "hidden curriculum" of navigating the academic and professional worlds as a first-generation college student, confronting the soft bigotry of low expectations, getting your family's buy-in when they don't understand your career path, and the importance of identifying mentors and building a support network. All agreed on the importance of not falling into traps of

division within the community, and focusing on creating a community that still supports members to keep their individual voice. A recurring theme was the need to understand Black history in order to apply the lessons of history to the present moment and to look forward to building the future. Dr St Sume advised, "get clear about the world you want to live in, and...give yourself permission to create a world you don't see yet."



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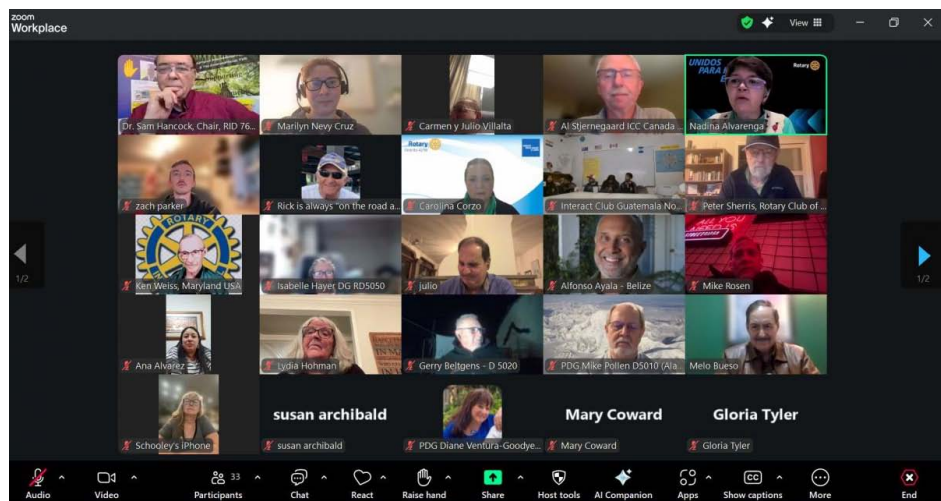
2nd USA/Canada/Guatemala–Honduras–Belize ICC meeting, officially in the books!



Grateful for the great turnout, thoughtful conversations, and the real sense of connection across borders. It was especially energizing to have our young leaders with us. They keep the future front and center and remind us why this work matters.

A special shout-out to DGs [Mandy Warfield Granger](#) and [Diana Brown](#) for their support and for showing up. It truly meant a lot and is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to what's next as we keep building together and Uniting for Good through [Rotary International](#).



Mid-Atlantic Rotary Leadership Institute (MARLI)

As part of the Mid-Atlantic Rotary Leadership Institute (MARLI) Annual Meeting fortunately conducted virtually the weekend of January 30th, nominations and elections for incoming officers were made . . . *Congratulations* to our very own **D7620 AG Marilyn Nevy Cruz (Washington, D.C.)**, and to those whose various terms begin on July 1, 2026, as the organization will be in great hands with all of them leading the way !!

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers of Mid Atlantic Rotary Leadership Institute . . .



CHRIS STEVENSON
CHAIR, 2026-28



TAREK MONEIR
VICE CHAIR, 2026-28



MARILYN NEVY CRUZ
SECRETARY, 2026-28

. . . and Board Members for July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 !!



RENEE STUBBS



KYLIE HERBERT



DANA WOOTEN
ASST SECRETARY,
2026-28

Rotaract Club of Georgetown University

Thank you EVERYONE that showed up on Saturday, January 31st for an amazing project at Grace's Table. We got so much done in a quick time period and thanks as well to @joinnest for providing all of the donated food! Always a good time.



Quick recap from last semester for with @fapacdc and @rotaryclubofcapitolhill !
Thanks to everyone who came.



Georgetown University Rotaract had a great time at the Rotary of Capitol Hill Christmas Party! Thanks for the invitation @rotaryclubofcapitolhill and we look forward to working more with you this semester!



Dr. Pallavi Gowda Honored as Top Doctor by Washingtonian Magazine

WASHINGTONIAN TOP DOCTOR

HALL OF FAME

Dr. Pallavi Gowda



Honored to be named to
Washingtonian's
Top Doctor Hall of Fame!

Proud to be recognized among
the best of the best in the March issue!

Howard West President Honored for Mental Wellness Efforts

Howard West President Rawle Andrews has been chosen to receive the 2026 Distinguished Leadership Award presented by Don't MiND Me Foundation of California (DMM). Past honorees have included: Molly Ringwald; the Mental Health Storytelling Coalition; Kids Mental Health Foundation; Joely Fisher; Mariel Hemingway; Ernst & Young; and The David Lynch Foundation. The award will be presented at DMM's Annual Mental Health Fundraiser, on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the historic Frank Sinatra Twin Palms Estate in Palm Springs, CA.



Rotary Peace Fellowship Application - NOW OPEN!



It's time to apply!

The Rotary Peace Fellowship application for fully funded 2027 fellowships is now available for both our master's degree and advanced professional development certificate programs. The application deadline is 15 May.

Dedicated peace and development leaders can learn more and start an application: <https://on.rotary.org/3J6sYLP>

Turn Your RMD Into Rotary Impact: Support the Annual Fund–SHARE

If you are age 73 or older and taking a **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** from your IRA, there's a smart and tax-efficient way to support **The Rotary Foundation** — and strengthen our District's future grant funding at the same time.

By directing part (or all) of your RMD to the **Annual Fund–SHARE** through a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**, you can fulfill your IRS requirement while advancing Rotary's mission locally and globally.

Why Direct Your RMD to Annual Fund–SHARE?

When your QCD is directed to the **Annual Fund–SHARE**, it comes back to **Our District** through Rotary's unique SHARE system as 50% goes to the World Fund to support global grant matching and 50% returns to our District in three years as District Designated Funds (DDF). That returned DDF supports District Grants for local community projects, Global Grants sponsored by our clubs and Scholarships and humanitarian initiatives. Your 2026 gift, for example, helps build District capacity in 2029. That stability allows us to plan meaningful, sustainable projects with confidence.

Using your RMD for the Annual Fund–SHARE can:

- Reduce your taxable income
- Potentially lower the taxation of Social Security benefits
- Possibly reduce Medicare premium surcharges (income-related adjustments)
- Allow you to give pre-tax dollars instead of after-tax income

For many Rotarians, this is one of the most efficient ways to give.

How to Make a QCD to The Rotary Foundation

1. Contact your IRA custodian.
2. Request a **Qualified Charitable Distribution** payable to **The Rotary Foundation**, EIN 36-3245072.

Transfer must go directly from your IRA custodian to The Rotary Foundation to qualify.

3. Indicate that the gift should be directed to **Annual Fund–SHARE**.
4. Be sure to include your Rotary member number when submitting your request to your IRA custodian to ensure proper credit and designation.
5. Contact the DRFC, B.J. Chamberlain-Skinner at bjchamberlain@counsellor.com, if you would like assistance with the process. I am happy to help!

3 keys to overcoming resistance to change

Michael McQueen, a bestselling author, motivational speaker, and sought-after media commentator, shared three steps with incoming Rotary leaders to overcome resistance to change in their clubs at the International Assembly in January. Nothing changes unless minds do, McQueen said, giving the leaders tools to shift the discussion and reframe reality. [Read an excerpt of his speech on Rotary 360](#) or view the [entire speech in the Brand Center](#).



Buy Your Tickets to Parole Rotary's 40th Anniversary Celebration, Friday, March 27, 2026

Please Join Us For a Fun Evening!

Celebrating
40 Years
of Service Above Self
Parole Rotary Club

Date: Friday, March 27th, 2026
Time: 6:00 – 10:00pm
Location: Blue Dolphin Grill
1166 MD-3 North
Gambrills, Maryland

Cocktail Hour + Dinner + Dancing + Open Bar
Cocktail Attire

Tickets: \$100

Tickets available via <http://bit.ly/4s2C6V6>
Or by using the QR code



Mark your calendars for Friday, March 27, 2026, as we celebrate the Parole Rotary Club's 40th Anniversary at **The Blue Dolphin**, 1166 MD-3 North, Gambrills, MD 21054 from 6-10pm. Come enjoy a lively evening filled with memories from forty years of service, friendship, and community impact. Be sure to secure your tickets at <http://bit.ly/4s2C6V6> or scan the QR code in the attached before March 19th — you won't want to miss this. We can't wait to welcome you to this special occasion.

On the podcast: Polio eradication leaders


Listen now or later to stories from Rotary's official podcast, brought to you by Rotary magazine. Pick among topics that interest you in a library of interviews with inspiring Rotary members, thought leaders, and celebrities. The latest guests: world leaders in the fight against polio. [Find Rotary Voices on your favorite podcast platform.](#)



District's Taipei Convention Corner - District 7620 Taipei Convention Jersey is ready for order!

Your District's Taipei Convention Committee is busy working to make the June 13-17, 2026 Taipei convention experience a memorable one. Our District's plans include at least 2 informational webinars, a DMV Meetup; and a Social in Taipei.

Our District 7620 Taipei Convention Jersey is ready for order at <https://store.fivestarawards.net/shopping-cart/catalog/display-single-product.php?CSN=8hzsq9LX4&PSN=8hzsq9LXy&HATC=No&HPP=No>. May 1st is the deadline for all orders.




District 7620 Convention Jersey

V-neck soccer style jersey designed for District 7620 and the International Convention in Taipei June 13-17, 2026. No additional customization. Just size. Sizes run pretty true, from our own experience. We have included a size chart just in case. **DEADLINE for all orders to be placed is May 1, 2026.** Then this item will close and production will begin. Delivery is expected by June 1, 2026.

SPECIFY YOUR SIZE IN THE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS SECTION. For example, if you want to order a YOUTH MEDIUM, select the pricing for Youth S-XL but SPECIFY "Youth Medium" in the instructions area.

Production lead time for this product is 28 days.

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Prod #	Description	1+
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3TP7620-A-2XL	Adult XXL (2XL)	\$45.00 Add To Cart
4TP7620-A-3XL	Adult XXXL (3XL)	\$47.00 Add To Cart
5TP7620-A-4XL	Adult XXXXL (4XL)	\$49.00 Add To Cart

Be sure to check out <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/registration> for registration information as well as Taipei, Taiwan travel requirements.

Save the dates for the following District 7620 Convention activities:

- April 1st for our 1st Informational Zoom Webinar where we will share our District's finalized plans. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, as well as share your travel and accommodation plans. Time and Zoom Link will be sent in our Weekly News.
- May 1st is deadline for all orders of our District 7620 Taipei Convention Jersey.

We have a Taipei2026 WhatsApp group to share plans and stay connected while in Taipei. Reach out to flora.bartek@fsbconsults.com to be added.

Abe Lincoln a member of Rotary?!?



While history may say otherwise, Rotarians have long embraced the Rail Splitter as one of their own. Starting in Lincoln's tomb with the last people to see his face, learn the story of the president's links to Rotary. [A. Lincoln, Rotarian?](#)

Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?

District 7620 Newsletter Team:
Bob Nelson, PDG

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Please submit articles for the April Newsletter by March 25, 2026.

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