

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Peace Talk Series with Renowned Speaker Rotarian Barbara Gaughen-Muller May 1



May 1 at 7 pm, District 7620 Governor Nomie Hamid and the District Committee will Launch a Zoom Peace Talk Series with Renowned Speaker Rotarian Barbara Gaughen-Muller

Join District 7620 Governor Nomie Hamid and the District Peace Committee for the launch of our District Peace Talks series. We are fortunate to welcome the renowned Rotarian Peace builder, scholar, educator and podcast host, Barbara Gaughen-Muller, for a conversation that will challenge conventional notions of peace and inspire actionable steps towards a more harmonious world. Barbara Gaughen-Muller embodies the quintessential peace advocate, tirelessly working to bring peace to her relationships, her community, and the world.

"What If Peace Is Possible" is the topic of her presentation, delving into the transformative power of individual actions in fostering global peace. Drawing from her extensive background in peacebuilding, she will share insights from her personal journey and conversations she has held

with global peacemakers on PeacePodcast.org.

A key insight is the recognition of the concept that peace is not just a destination but a continuous journey. Another is the importance of relationships and community in achieving lasting peace. She will highlight how her work with organizations such as Rotary and the United Nations has shaped her understanding of peace as a practical and achievable goal of creating unity that we as Rotarians can strive for in our communities. She will illustrate the significant impact of small, individual actions, how these actions can create a ripple effect and inspire and empower others to recognize their own potential in promoting peace within their communities and beyond.

Use the link below to join this exciting session and engage with the speaker.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88679125543?pwd=YaYjbCBgl1OXbPZ490e4FENQYw1ypl.1>

Meeting ID: 886 7912 5543

Passcode: 377641

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District Training Assembly and Speech Contest May 3

Calling All Rotarians!

Mark your calendars for the **District Training Assembly** on **Saturday, May 3rd** in Columbia, MD! This premier event offers every Rotarian the chance to sharpen leadership skills, connect with peers, and witness the inspiring **Four-Way Test Speech Competition**.

Historic Oakland Manor

5430 Vantage Point Rd

Columbia, MD 21044

Event Schedule: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$25 per person (covers training sessions, the Four Way Test Speech Luncheon, or both!)

Why attend?

Master strategies to strengthen your club's impact

Engage with dynamic speakers and workshops

Cheer on talented competitors at the Four Way Test Speech finals

Secure your spot today: [Register Here](#)

Questions? Contact Chris Zabriskie:

240-320-6694 | district7620trainer@gmail.com

Elevate your Rotary journey—inspire, lead, and serve with purpose!

April 22, 2025

Have an announcement for District 7620? To be included in the weekly announcements, please submit your request **no later than** the Friday before the Tuesday publication if you want your announcement to be circulated and considered. Announcements past the Friday deadline will not be considered for the following week's announcements. Please contact DCO, **Pamela Stern-Green** at psgreen@verizon.net with any questions.

[District 7620 Announcement Submission Form](#)

Complete Your Rotary Club's Required MOU Training!

Complete Your Rotary Club's Required MOU Training! District Rotary Foundation (TRF) Training

Date: May 6 | Time: 6:00–7:00 PM (Zoom)

Two club leaders (incoming President & Foundation/Grants Chair) **must complete training** to ensure eligibility for 2025-26 grant funding. Registration is required for credit.

[Read More](#)

Charles County Lobster Festival Sponsor Opportunities

The Rotary Club of Charles County is seeking sponsors for its 50th Anniversary Lobster Festival. This signature Southern Maryland Event reaches over 1,000 patrons each year.

This year we are expanding efforts to recognize contributors and partner business in more ways than ever. Don't miss out on a chance to snag one of our premier sponsor spots.

[YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A SPONSOR PACKET HERE](#)

The Lobster Festival will take place on Sunday, September 28th at the Charles County Fairground in La Plata, MD.

Journey to Zero – End Polio Now Torch Tour

RAISE FOR ROTARY
<https://raise.rotary.org/Nancy-Barber/Challenge/>

**JOURNEY TO ZERO
End Polio Now Torch Tour**

**JUNE 9 - JUNE 19
\$1 MILLION FOR POLIO**

End Polio Now Fundraiser
Polio is being eradicated and Global Polio Eradication is just around the next bend. We are looking for a road trip from the Carolina's to the Rotary International Convention in Calgary Canada.

Raise for Rotary
Fund on board by creating your own team to support the trip and add to the donations to #EndPolioNow. Use the QR code or visit the link at <https://raise.rotary.org/Nancy-Barber/Challenge/>

Tour Updates on the PPS FB Group
Use trip updates and event news along the way. It's back to 10 days and lots of events along the way. Don't miss being a part of this awesome event! #EndPolioNow

Join us on the "Journey to Zero – End Polio Now Torch Tour" and help make history by supporting Rotary's fight to eradicate polio. [Read More](#)

Rotary Club of Downtown Silver Spring Brewer Spring May 31

Join the Rotary Club of Downtown Silver Spring on May 31st, 12pm - 4pm, for a fun and meaningful celebration of Brewer Spring!

We'll be visiting three local gems, All Set, Silver Branch, and Third Hill Brewing Company to sample some of the finest local craft beers. As we stroll through the vibrant streets of Downtown Silver Spring, we'll also explore the art, culture, and diversity that make our community so special. At the end of the day, we will honor a local volunteer hero who has made a significant impact in our community.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Rotary Club of Downtown Silver Spring, supporting vital causes such as food insecurity, literacy, environmental initiatives, and holiday gift programs. This is a great opportunity to get connected with a global organization that promotes service, goodwill, and fellowship.

Come enjoy good beer, great company, and support meaningful causes! Ticket price includes one drink at each restaurant and a T-shirt Early Bird Ticket (before May 1) - \$55.00 Ticket (after May 1) - \$65.00

[\\$55 Early Bird Tickets through May 1](https://silverspringrotary.org/activities.php)

<https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/RSVP/Index.cfm?EventID=77810682>



Sykesville Rotary Club Flags for Heroes May 24 - 31

Flags for Heroes Memorial Week!
200 flags will be displayed on Rts.
32 and 26 May 24-31st in
Eldersburg, Carroll County.

There will also be a service to Honor
Heroes **May 30th at 10 am at
Haight Funeral Home.**

\$50 per flag to sponsor your Hero
by May 10, 2025.

For more information, contact Nancy
Parker: SykesvilleRotary@gmail.com
or call (410) 236-4028



REMINDERS

Parole Rotary Club Earth Day Activities April 22

Parole Rotary Club – Earth Day Activities
Community Encouraged to Participate!

Parole Rotary Club will be celebrating Earth Day – April 22, 2025 from 9:00am to 12:00noon – at the Farmer's Market at 275 Harry S. Truman Pkwy. Working in conjunction with other local non-profits they will be collecting eye glasses/hearing aides with the local Lions Club; Pet supplies/food with the Anne Arundel County SPCA; Sweaters/Sweatshirts with Just One Sweater as well as Bicycles and Bike parts. As with last year, the Shred It truck will be available – first two boxes free then \$5.00 suggested donation for the next 5 boxes. Event will take place rain or shine.

North Bethesda Rotary 51st Anniversary Charter Night April 26

To Rotary District 7620 Leadership Team Members:

Next month we'll be celebrating the 51st anniversary of our founding and the launching of a new award program for our club. We would like to invite you to attend our **51st Anniversary Charter Night** to help us celebrate!

On Saturday, April 26, we will be presenting the first **North Bethesda Rotary Professional Service Award** to an outstanding member of our community who exemplifies the Four Way Test. The event will be at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant in Chevy Chase.

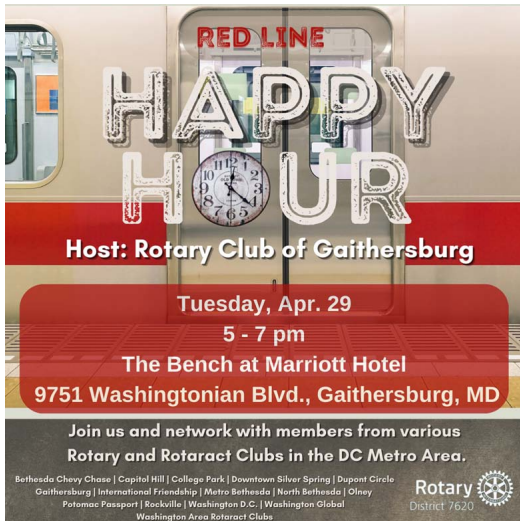
Space may be limited, so sign up yourself, your spouse, and friends as soon as possible. Thanks! The cost for the dinner is \$110 per person. Here's the signup link (we'll send you an invoice you can pay via credit card). Also attached is the invitation you can print out or share. Thanks!

Register Here:
<https://nbrotaary.org/charternight/>

Kevin Flynn
Past President



Red Line Happy Hour April 29



[Register NOW](#)

Rotary District Conference Early Bird Alert!

- Rotary District Conference attendees—don't miss this exclusive deal!
- For a limited time only (thru 5/1/25), lock in your registration at just \$275—**that's \$50 OFF the regular price!**
- Rates increase soon, so act fast!
- <https://www.rotary7620.org/discon-2526/>



Rotary Training Events Coming Soon

District Training Assembly and Four-Way Test Speech Contest
Saturday, May 3rd, 8am-2:30pm



[Register NOW](#)

And don't forget to register for the District Conference

October 3-5, 2025
Washington, DC



[Register NOW](#)

Rotary Club of Lexington Park announces it's 27th Annual Charity Golf Tournament May 15

The Rotary Club of Lexington Park announces its 27th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Breton Bay Golf and Country Club in Leonardtown, MD. This Best Ball tournament overlooking Breton Bay includes prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, post-tournament oyster bar, and dinner.

Rotary Club of Lexington Park invites community members, businesses, and golf enthusiasts to participate in this exciting charitable event.

To register or learn more, visit <https://rotarylp.org/annual-golf-classic-2025php.php>.

Lexington Park
Rotary

27th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025



08:30AM REGISTRATION **10:00AM SHOTGUN START**

18 holes & cart, goodie bag, door prizes, coffee & donuts, drinks & lunch, post tournament oyster bar, dinner.

Breton Bay
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
21955 Society Hill Rd
Leonardtown, MD 20650

ALL PROCEEDS SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Sponsorship Levels:

Tournament Sponsor \$ 1,500	Two Foursomes, Inside Front or Back Cover of Program, Sponsorship Banner
Platinum Sponsor \$ 1,000	One Foursome, Full Page Ad in Program, and Sponsorship Banner
Gold Sponsor \$ 500	Half Page Ad in Program and Sponsorship Banner
Silver Sponsor \$ 250	Quarter Page Ad in Program and Sponsorship Sign
Hole Sponsor \$ 150	Sponsorship Sign at one of 18 Holes and Listing in Program

Players Only:

Foursomes \$ 550 ea.	Team and Player names listed in Program
Individual Players \$ 350 ea.	Name(s) listed in Program. Individuals will be paired with others to form teams

[Golf Tournament Registration](#)

PLEASE submit your registration and logo by May 2nd to allow time for signage and program production. Payment must be made prior to production of signage and inclusion in the tournament program.

CONTACTS: Al Gardiner (301) 904-7448, algar34@gmail.com
or Bob Parkinson (301) 751-2114, bobparkinson@hughes.net
Lexington Park Rotary Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 202, Lexington Park, MD 20653

2026-27 Rotary Peace Fellowship Application is Available Through 15 May 2025



The 2026-27 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is available online through 15 May 2025 at this link:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

If you know a potential candidate, use the Rotary International referral form so they can receive more information:

https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cp8EInvsT3toZOB

A club or district recommendation is optional, but strongly encouraged as part of the application of a candidate.

Submitted applications are screened for eligibility requirements. Qualified applications move forward for further review and evaluation. The Rotary Peace Centers Committee, composed of Rotary members, and university representatives review the top candidates and select finalists. Top candidates may be contacted by the university for an interview. Selected candidates are notified in November.

Throughout the process, applications are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Qualification based on the eligibility requirements
- English proficiency
- Commitment to peace and development
- Leadership potential
- Compatibility with fellowship objectives and fit with Rotary Academic record and compatibility with preferred university program
- Feasibility and impact of Social Change Initiative (certificate only)

Rotary Peace Fellowships may not be used for doctoral study.

The following people are not eligible for the fellowship: Active Rotary members, or Rotaract members who are also Rotary members* Employees of a Rotary club or district, Rotary International, or other Rotary entity Spouses, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parents or grandparents by blood) of any living person in these categories Former Rotary members and their relatives as described above (within 36 months of their resignation) * Rotaract club members who are not also Rotary club members are eligible to apply.

For questions please contact District Peace Fellow Chair Ukpeme Akpan Okon at emepaix@yahoo.com.

Which Frederick County Rotary Club Rules the Green? May 15

Are you up for the challenge?
The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County personally invites you to join us for a day of camaraderie, competition, and a great cause! The Service Above Self Golf Tournament is your chance to enjoy a round of golf while representing your club in the spirit of friendly competition.

- Form Your Team: Gather your best golfers and enjoy a day on the course.
- Bragging Rights Await: Will your club take home the championship?
- A Day to Remember: Great golf, great food, and great company—all while coming together as Rotarian neighbors to support one another.

- May 15th, 2025 | Worthington Manor Golf Club in Urbana

Don't miss out—be a sponsor or register your team today! ?? ServiceAboveSelfGolf.com

We'll see you at the tee box!

In Service,
The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County
(Kelly McQuillen, 301-639-6002, kelly.mcquillen@ignitehcm.com)

Join the Metro Bethesda Rotary For Metro Move Fest May 18

Link: <https://metromovefest.com/>

Description:

Metro Move Fest (MMF) 2025 is where movement, community, and giving back come together! Hosted by the Nesfield Performance Foundation in partnership with the Metro Bethesda Rotary, this one-of-a-kind festival takes place:

When: 11am-3pm on Sunday, May 18, 2025

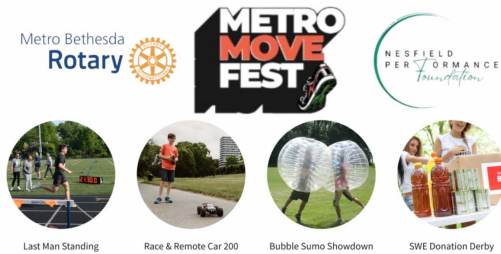
Where: Bethesda Chevy Chase High School (4301 East-West Hwy).

Metro Move Fest is designed to unite public, private, and nonprofit organizations to inspire people of all ages to move, connect, and give back. Food served! Plenty of Parking.

From competitive events like Last Man Standing, Sumo Bubble Ball Wrestling, and the Sprint & Speed 200 Footrace-Model Car Race to classic challenges like the 100m sprint, tug-of-war, fitness and yoga classes, the So What Else Donation Derby, there's something for everyone. Nonprofits have the opportunity to raise funds by hosting activities and selling tickets, while businesses can showcase their support by participating as vendors, activity hosts, or volunteers.

More than just a festival, Metro Move Fest is a movement, creating an annual tradition of wellness, connection, and impact. Come move with us and help make Metro Move Fest 2025 an unforgettable day of fitness, fun, and philanthropy!

Tickets: https://app.aplos.com/aws/events/metro_move_fest



And So Much More!

Please Join Us at the House of Friendship at the Upcoming Joint District 7610 and 7620 Conference



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Community Partners, We are excited to invite you to participate in the House of Friendship at the upcoming Joint District 7610 and 7620 Conference, taking place from Friday, October 3 to Sunday, October 5, 2025, at the Westin City Center in Washington, D.C.

REGISTER HERE -->

<https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77810857>

The House of Friendship offers a unique opportunity to showcase your products, projects, or passions to a diverse audience of Rotarians and community members. Each exhibitor will be provided with a high-visibility location, a table, a table skirt, and two chairs. Setup is scheduled from 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM on Friday.

The participation rates are as follows:

- Clubs, Community Organizations, and Nonprofits: \$50
- For-Profit Businesses: \$100

SECURE YOUR SPOT --> <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77810857>

We encourage you to reserve your table promptly, as spaces are limited and expected to fill up quickly.

For more information about the conference and additional opportunities for engagement, please contact:

7620 - Theresa Garcia-Parks, rotariangarciaparks@gmail.com
7610 - Cheri Maea, cmaea2000@gmail.com

We look forward to your participation in making this year's House of Friendship a vibrant and enriching experience for all attendees.

2025-26 District Grant Applications Are OPEN!

Got a great idea for a community project? **Now's your chance to make it happen!** The window for **District 7620 Grant Applications** is officially open from **March 1st through May 31st, 2025**. These **matching District Designated Funds (DDF)** grants are perfect for short-term, high-impact **humanitarian projects**—whether it's funding **small capital items, startup initiatives, or services** that bring **direct, tangible benefits** to communities both locally and globally.

What You Need to Know:

Competitive Grants – Funding is awarded based on merit!

Deadline to Complete Projects – May 31, 2026.

Submit Electronically – Applications accepted only via the DACdb Grants Module.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – available for Rotary Club signatures on the District website under the Foundation tab

What Makes a Winning Application? The District Grants Committee will evaluate projects based on:

- **Project Objectives** – Clear need, strong community input, and alignment with Rotary's Focus Areas.
- **Project Design & Management** – Well-defined roles, responsibilities, and timelines.
- **Impact & Sustainability** – Measurable outcomes, data-backed success, and long-term benefits.
- **Financial Feasibility** – A detailed budget with transparent funding sources, including Rotary & non-Rotary contributions and matching DDF.

Need Help? Have an idea but not sure where to start? **Reach out!** The District Grants Committee is happy to discuss your project and guide you through the process. Email one of the Grants Committee Members: Mimi Kanda mk8601@aol.com, Phil Reynolds philreynolds60@hotmail.com, Linda Lymas lindalymas@aol.com, Patsy Ezell pezell@umd.edu, Daniel Fisher Daniel@solveitgroup.com or B.J. Chamberlain-Skinner bjchamberlain@counsellor.com

Let's UNITE FOR GOOD and create lasting change—apply today!