



NOMIE HAMID, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final Reports for District Grants are due by 15 May 2025!

All District Grant Awardees - please submit your Final Report.

Submission Process:

- Final Reports must be submitted via DACdb.
- Some fields will auto-fill based on your original application; please review and update them as needed, especially if any deviations occurred.
- Upload supporting documentation to help the Grants Committee verify completion and compliance with the grant requirements, including receipts for expenditures totally the project budget.

Once your report is reviewed and approved, the remaining 50% of awarded DDF funds will be released. The earlier you submit and receive approval, the sooner the balance will be disbursed.

For help with DACdb (adding signatories, uploading documents, etc.), refer to DACdb Support. If you have questions about the report content or need feedback, 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
- Chamberlain-Skinner bjchamberlain@counsellor.com.

We look forward to learning about the meaningful work your Rotary Club has accomplished

Red Line Happy Hour May 7

REGISTER NOW!

RED LINE
HAPPY HOUR

Host: Rotary Club of Capitol Hill

Tuesday, May 27
5 - 7 pm
The Dubliner
4 F Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Join us and network with members from various Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in the DC Metro Area.

Bethesda Chevy Chase | Capitol Hill | College Park | Downtown Silver Spring | Dupont Circle
Gaithersburg | International Friendship | Metro Bethesda | North Bethesda | Olney
Potomac Passport | Rockville | Washington D.C. | Washington Global
Washington Area Rotaract Clubs

Rotary District 7620

Service Project at Christ House May 10



Christ House

HEALING AND HOPE FOR HOMELESS PERSONS

Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,

On May 10th we are partnering with Christ House for our monthly service event:
<https://www.meetup.com/rotaractdc/events/307548752/>

Please share this with your club members!

Vanessa Lewis, President of the DC Rotaract Club

May 6, 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

Zone 33 Monthly ICA Call May 6

The next monthly ICA call will be **Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EDT**, and it's another you definitely won't want to miss. After we recap last month's meeting, we plan to continue to encourage accountability and compare notes to see what we can all do to make the big push toward the end of the current Rotary year and move those Clubs from "in formation" to "in action" !!

We will also talk about ongoing membership efforts as we prepare for the newly passed COL enactments to take effect in the new year. We encourage you in the meantime to revisit your most recent monthly reporting data in the New Club Performance Google Sheet found [HERE](#) so that you are always prepared to discuss where the problems are, and more importantly, how you plan to work through them. Don't forget you can also reach out to your connected Zone ICA Team member for additional insight !!

Remember . . . together, we can continue to explore the infinite number of ways to collaborate, guide and assist each other moving forward into the new Rotary year and make it even better than the last. Please come prepared to be vocal, insightful and intentional.

Again, below you can see the connection details for the link and current schedule for EACH AND EVERY monthly ICA meeting for 2024-25. You also can connect to our meetings using the calendar function in DACdb (be sure the box for multi-district events is checked in the calendar). See you soon !!

Sincerely,

Sean J. Sawyer
Your Zone 33 Innovative Club Advocate Team Lead

Topic: Zone 33 Monthly ICA Call
Time: May 6, 2025 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/tZ0od-GhrDMvGdMNC1XMvOruQXCZHMFGzm_g/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhqzsiE9adtRqARpx5GYiqWfPzplxYjadwsjy0Ow1FTRHjB9phCJpyNv_K

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508928537?pwd=I9wVfOClalyicc2EPH34If7CYmTiz.1>

Meeting ID: 895 0892 8537
Passcode: 936335

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Programs for Young Leaders

Join us for the Youth Service Month webinar!

FUNDING, ELEVATING, AND INTEGRATING YOUNG LEADERS IN ROTARY

 HIYA JAIN India	 MAYA POVHE Canada	 CALEB HERNANDEZ CORTES Mexico	
 DAVID KAMAU Kenya	 CLAIRE CHANG United States	 VITOR JOVENTINO Brazil	 MARIANA CHAVES Brazil

Wednesday, May 14 at 9:00 AM Chicago time (UTC-5)

May is Youth Service Month. Celebrate with a special webinar featuring members of the Rotary Youth Advisory Council! They will share key insights from their districts and communities on:

- The qualities of Rotarian youth champions and how they amplify youth voices.
- How young people receive support and funding within Rotary.
- How Rotary events can foster meaningful intergenerational collaboration.

The webinar will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Italian. Can't attend live? Register to receive the recording!



PREPARING FOR GREATER GROWTH AND IMPACT WEBINAR MAY 12

Rotary Leaders & Changemakers! Get ready to set the stage for greater growth and impact in the year ahead!

Join us for our next MAP Webinar on
 *Monday, May 12th
 *5:30 PM EDT
 **Topic: PREPARING FOR GREATER GROWTH AND IMPACT: Create A Culture Of Planning

Rotary MAP Webinar
PREPARING FOR GREATER GROWTH AND IMPACT
 CREATE A CULTURE OF PLANNING
 MONDAY | MAY 12TH
 5:30 PM EDT

This session will focus on how to create a strategic plan for membership growth that aligns with your club's goals and values. A culture of planning is the foundation for sustainable success — let's build it together!

-Whether you're a Club President, Membership Chair, or passionate Rotarian, this session is for YOU.

-Mark your calendar and spread the word — let's grow Rotary, together.

Register today at <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77666881&NoCaptcha>

Honor Your Hero with Rockville Rotary This Memorial Day Weekend

Rockville Rotary invites you to our Flags for Heroes ceremony on Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 AM at King Farm Homestead (corner of Rt. 355 & Ridgemont

- +1 253 205 0468 US
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 360 209 5623 US
- +1 386 347 5053 US

Meeting ID: 895 0892 8537
Passcode: 936335

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbUxxwMUoy>

Foundation Matters Monthly Webinar May 15th

Rotary Foundation
FOUNDATION MATTERS
 Rotary Proud. Rotary Strong. Full speed to the future!
 Join us Thursday, May 15, 2025
 6:00 PM EDT (5 PM CST) / 7 PM AST
 Rotary Zones 2334

Plan to join us for the third Thursday "Foundation Matters" Monthly Webinar on May 15th at 6:00 p.m. EDT.

This month's webinar focuses on finishing the year strong and achieving the Club Excellence Award.

The "Foundation Matters" Webinar Series was developed especially for you, Club Presidents, and Club Foundation Chairs. These monthly webinars will provide "bite-sized chunks" of valuable insights and actionable strategies that work to increase club engagement in The Rotary Foundation.

Register today at <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77805273>.



Ave, Rockville). A field of 300 American flags will wave all weekend in tribute to the heroes who've touched our lives—military, healthcare workers, teachers, first responders, mentors, and loved ones.

For a \$50 sponsorship, a flag bearing your hero's name will proudly fly during Memorial Day Weekend. All are welcome to stop by, reflect, and celebrate the spirit of service and sacrifice.

Your sponsorship supports the Rockville Rotary Foundation's local and global impact. In 2024, we donated \$65,300 to 17 charitable causes, including clinics for underserved families, programs for foster youth, schools, scholarships, environmental and peace initiatives, and much more.

Join Rockville Rotary in honoring heroes, past and present.

Sponsor now: rockvillerotary.org/flags-for-heroes.php

REMINDERS

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.

To register: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77825308>

[Read More](#)

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)

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.

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

Breton Bay GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
21935 Society Hill Rd.
Leonardtown, MD 20650

10:00AM SHOTGUN START
Best Ball Tournament with prizes for the top 3 teams, mens and ladies longest drive, closest to the pin and more!

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	\$ 250 ea.	Names 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) 904-7446, algar34@gmail.com
or Bob Parkinson (301) 751-2114, bobsparkinson@hughes.net
Lexington Park Rotary Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 202, Lexington Park, MD 20653

2025-26 District Grant Applications Deadline May 31

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@counselor.com

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

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

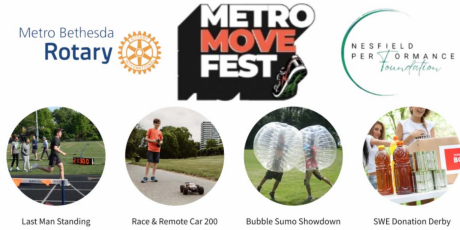
Where: Bethesda Chevy Chase High School (4301 East-West Hwy).

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!

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

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>

Journey to Zero – End Polio Now Torch Tour

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](#)

You are invited to join a fun-filled group tour of eastern India. In Feb 2026, Paul Mahata of Mt Airy Club (in coordination with the district) is organizing an India trip for interested Rotarians and Rotaractors and their guests. The details of the trip are provided below. See also the attached Flyer with pictures. For further information, contact: Paul Mahata at Rotary Club of Mt Airy, Pmahata@verizon.net Tel: 301-275-9730.

TRIP DETAILS:

- Visiting three Rotary global grant project sites in Purulia, India. These projects were supported by 23 Rotary clubs of district 7620.
- Attending the opening of a Rotary library, jointly operated by Purulia Rotary club and a local Trust.
- Going on a special tour of eastern India which includes:
 - Kolkata (Calcutta) and its impressive monuments (such as Victoria Memorial)
 - Sundarbans Tiger Reserve (home of Royal Bengal Tigers), and
 - Darjeeling tea gardens in the slopes of the Himalayan Range
- Other Options being considered: a) tour opportunities to other parts of India, and b) vaccinating children on Polio Vaccine Day

Expected cost for this fun-filled trip is \$2,500/person, including air fare. A similar group tour of India was organized in 2020, and it was a grand success. Five Rotarians had joined in to visit northern India's "Golden Triangle". Commitment window to make the India trip-2026 closes by May 16, 2025.

