

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County Launches New Podcast Series



The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County is excited to announce the launch of its new podcast series, "Voices of Service." Produced by Public Image Chair, Kristin LeDuc, this series offers an audible summary of the expert speakers featured at their club meetings, making their insights and experiences accessible to a broader audience.

"Our club has a robust digital media presence, with a large portfolio of assets created to promote our guest speakers. It only made sense to leverage these existing assets using artificial intelligence to craft a 3-to-4-minute summary in this very digestible format and in a tone that reflects the friendly and approachable culture of our club. We are very excited to serve those who prefer to listen rather than scroll through digital

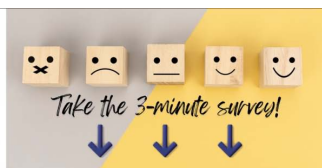
content."

This new initiative is currently in its testing phase. Kristin explains, "This podcast channel is far from perfect, but that's part of the journey. We're experimenting with how this medium can support our efforts in recruiting dynamic speakers and engaging prospective members. Feedback is essential as we refine and grow this project."

Listen to our first episode now on Spotify: Voices of Service: Episode 1
https://open.spotify.com/episode/23ZaihY9kBX1EDgaZDcNgm?si=STqOAb_6Tragy8jOu7Z0mA

Your Feedback is Important! Please Act Now: 3-Minute Survey to Shape New Signage Solutions Hub!

Should We Create the
**Signage
Solution Hub?**
Rotary
District 7620



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We need **your help** to make our district's latest initiative, the *Signage Solutions Hub*, a success! Our goal is to create a shared resource for Rotary clubs to **borrow and share signage** for events, making it easier for everyone to promote their incredible work.

Please take a moment to complete this short, 3-minute survey. Your input will help us gauge interest and see which clubs are ready to participate in this exciting new program.

Take the Survey Here! <https://forms.gle/isCynXaWYYTshYjR8>



November 26, 2024

Reminders

Effective July 1, 2024, District 7620 will be sending weekly email announcements every Tuesday morning, promoting District and Club projects and events to the entire District membership. Please submit your request **no later than** the Friday before the Tuesday 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**

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Chase

Take a look at how you could impact the community by being a part of the Turkey Chase. Please consider becoming a sponsor and joining in on the fun in the run!
For more information, please email Genette.Comfort@ymcadc.org



Join The Tradition & Build Brand Recognition!



THANKSGIVING DAY AT YMCA BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE

- The largest run for charity in Montgomery County, MD
- A 40-year history with nearly one million runners
- \$7 million raised for local children and families

For you, an opportunity to reach new audiences while making an impact in your community!

For more information, please email Genette.Comfort@ymcadc.org



Title Sponsor \$50,000

- Recognized as title sponsor on front and back of race shirt
- Comprehensive partnership + discounted YMCA membership
- Corporate team day at YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase
- Opportunity to speak from the stage before the race
- Featured on our social media channels prior to race day
- 20 complimentary race entries
- Sponsored mile markers at start and finish lines
- Branding on ALL Turkey Chase collateral / website including:
 - Registration website and YMCA website
 - RTRT app (remote racing app)
 - Virtual save the date card
 - Race bib + completion certificate
 - YMCA marquee and more!

Youth Development \$10,000

- Featured on our social media channels prior to race day
- 10 complimentary race entries
- Two sponsored mile markers
- Branding on Turkey Chase collateral / website including:
 - Registration website and YMCA website
 - Branding on back of race shirt
 - Virtual save the date
 - RTRT app (remote racing app)
 - Race bib
 - And more!

Healthy Living Sponsor \$5,000

- Featured on our social media channels prior to race day
- 5 complimentary race entries
- One sponsored mile marker
- Branding on Turkey Chase collateral / website including:
 - Back of race shirt
 - Registration and YMCA website
 - RTRT app

Community Sponsor \$3,000

- Featured on our social media
- One complimentary race entry
- Branding on back of race shirt
- Branding on registration website and YMCA website
- And more!



HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

District Four Way Test Information Sessions Dec. 3

Would your club like to participate in the 2025 District Four Way Test Speech Contest? Please join Matthew May for an informational Zoom session regarding the District Four Way Test for the upcoming 2024-2025 year. The date will be:

- Tuesday, December 3rd at 8pm.

The Zoom link is here:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 410 628 4825

Passcode: 77777

Mark Your Calendars - Webinar on The Rotary Foundation Dec. 5

Gifts to Rotary's Endowment play a vital role in providing districts with a reliable income stream to support projects and grants.

[Join us this December](#) to explore how Rotary's Endowment complements Annual Giving to enhance district sustainability and support impactful initiatives. Panelists will discuss how a well-funded Endowment contributes to membership growth and community engagement by funding scholarships, humanitarian grants, and district grants. Additionally, the session will cover strategies for engaging your district leaders and club members in raising awareness of the Endowment's importance. Discover how effective use of Rotary's Endowment can drive long-term success and amplify your district's impact.

Doing Good in the World

Future-Proofing Rotary:
Maximizing District Impact with the 2.025 by 2025 Endowment
5 December 2024 at 09:00 CT

 Mark Daniel Maloney Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation	 Olayinka Hakeem Babalola Past Vice President, Rotary International	 Dominiek Willemse Endowment/Major Gifts Advisor, The Rotary Foundation	 Maria Gina Africa Sy Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, The Rotary Foundation
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with **Karena Bierman**, Director of Planned and Principal Gifts

The Rotary Foundation

Lights of Kindness sponsored by Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County Dec. 6



The Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County will celebrate the 11th anniversary of its highly successful Annual Lights of Kindness charity event, a Christmas tree decorating contest that will be held December 5-8 at Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, Md. This event has been important to the community over the past years; since inception, these unique and magical events raised more than \$190,000 to help local charities.

Friday, December 06, 2024 , 9:00am-6:00pm

Additional Dates Sunday, December 08, 2024, 9:00am-12:06pm

Location

[Homestead Gardens Davidsonville](#)
743 West Central Ave
Davidsonville, MD
[Directions](#)

Price

Free—Free

Parole Rotary's Books for International Goodwill Dec. 6 and 7

B.I.G. Book Sale. Over 70,000 good used books at reasonable prices (1\$-\$3)

451 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (1.7 miles west of the Annapolis Mall)

Friday, December 6th (3-5 p.m.) and Saturday, December 7th (8 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Further information at www.big-books.org or (410) 757-2785



Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow Gathering Items for Children and Seniors Dec. 10

The Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow is looking forward to gathering items for children and seniors to brighten the holidays for those with limited resources. We will gather many of the items listed and then, on Tuesday, December 10 at our 7:30 am meeting, fill stockings for children and sacks for seniors. These will be distributed by Shepherd's Staff of Carroll County.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US IN THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT by gathering items and then **joining us on December 10** in the Board Room, Carroll Lutheran Village, 300 Saint Luke Circle, Westminster.

For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15DvoAv6tB/>

Potomac-Bethesda Club Collecting for Toys For Tots



The Potomac-Bethesda Club is collecting new unwrapped toy donations for Toys For Tots this year. We invite Rotarians to visit our club meetings and drop off any toys from themselves or from their Rotary Club **on any Thursday Evening at 6:30PM through December 12th.**

The Bretton Woods Recreation Center is located at 15700 River Road, Germantown, MD. 20874. Toy donations will be delivered to the Montgomery County, MD Toys For Tots center.

Rotarians and/or Clubs can also make a tax-deductible donation to our Foundation which will purchase toys using the directed funds. Donations can be made through Venmo:

@PotomacBethesdaRotary or by sending a check to:
Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Foundation
c/o Lou Bartolo
4720 Chevy Chase Drive #407
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Contact Lou Bartolo for additional information on the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda partnership at tonylou2@hotmail.com or visit our website <https://pbrotary.org/>.

Holiday Visit to Memory Care Facility Dec. 17

Little Gifts and Good Wishes

Years ago, a member of our club, now deceased, helped his mother as she spent her final years in Memory

Care. She was in the Wilson Health Care Building of Asbury Methodist Village, in Gaithersburg.

That member, Winfree Irvine, was so impressed with the care his mother received that he organized a Rotary club activity. It was for members, two dressed as Santa Claus, to visit the building each year, greet each resident and staff members, and give each a delicious navel orange. The next day, club members and Scouts would visit an assisted living building at Asbury to lead Christmas carols and distribute more oranges.

Members continue to play Santa Claus, year after year, and they greatly enjoy doing it. This year, they will be saying their "ho ho hos" on December 17th.



For more information, contact Ken Weiss, Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, 301-947-8150 or plansolv@aol.com

Urbana Park & Ride Cleanup | Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County Dec. 28

Urbana Park & Ride Cleanup | Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County

Where: 8816 Fingerboard Rd, Frederick, MD

When: 12/28/24, 9am-10am

RSVP here <https://www.facebook.com/share/Dx6b9gT4FTde3mQk/>

You might have seen some of us rolling up our sleeves and picking up litter at Urbana's Park & Ride! Join us to help enhance the beauty of our town, Urbana (MD) with this simple act of community service.

Please arrive between 8:45 am - 9:00 am. - Bring your own work gloves, and we will supply the trash bags & trash disposal.

High School & Middle School students can EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS!

All information can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/share/Dx6b9gT4FTde3mQk/>



REMINDERS

Doughnate to End Polio!



In observance of World Polio Day, Rockville Rotary Club is hosting a delicious fundraiser: **Doughnate to End Polio!** For just \$20, you can enjoy a dozen Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and over 60% of your payment will support Rotary's mission to End Polio Now worldwide.

How to participate:

1- Order your doughnuts here:

https://www.groupraise.com/oc/50457?utm_campaign=ocmp_copy_url&utm_medium=social&utm_source=offers_promo

2- Receive a code to redeem your order.

3- Pick up your doughnuts at the Krispy Kreme location near you!

No matter where you are in the U.S., you can support our cause! With over 370 Krispy Kreme locations nationwide, it's easy to join the efforts of Rotary to end polio.

Join us in supporting Rotary International's 35+ years of work to eradicate polio, one sweet bite at a time.

Spread the word! Feel free to share this opportunity with anyone who'd love a dozen doughnuts while contributing to this important cause.

If you do not need doughnuts but are happy to make a direct donation to Rotary to End Polio, please **Donate HERE** <https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund> . A recurring donation of just \$9/month adds up to more than \$100/year, making you eligible to become a PolioPlus Society Member, recognized with a certificate and pin.

Thank you for all you do for Rotary. Together, we can End Polio Now!
Rockville Rotary Club

Registration for RYLA2025 is Now Open !

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Important information regarding Rotary Club Registration, Student Registration, and upcoming RYLA deadlines.

Registration Information:

- Early Bird Registration for RYLA 2025 is \$360.00 per student.
- Early Bird registration ends on December 31st.
- After January 1st, registration for RYLA 2025 is \$410.00 per student.
- Registration closes on February 10th. Rotary Clubs/Organizations - Please fill out and return the RYLA Form attached.
- There are no refunds, but we're happy to have your club replace students for the conference up to February 3rd. February 3rd is the last day to change/replace participants.

Other Reminders:

- The Code of Conduct Form must be completed at Registration by the Student and their Parent(s). Instructions for sending the Code of Conduct, Parent Permission Form, Medical Emergency Form, T-Shirt Size, Food Allergies (meals) can be found on the [Registration Form](#). The forms are also attached to this email (below).
- Students must be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade to participate in RYLA 2025
- A RYLA flier is attached for your use.

[View RYLA Pictures Here](#)

[RYLA Student Registration Form](#)

