

The Rotary 7620

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District Newsletter
Dr. Sean McAlister, District Governor 2022-2023



Governor Sean McAlister Dinner Meeting With Rotarians in Rockville on August 30

By Bob Nelson on Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Governor Sean McAlister held an informative dinner meeting in Rockville on August 30, 2022. MC and AG Ken Weiss introduced Club Presidents and Leaders who highlighted the service projects that their clubs have been accomplishing. DG Sean gave an inspirational talk and noted that our District's membership growth rate in the past two weeks has been the highest in the entire nation! Please save the date of November 6 for the Rotary Foundation luncheon at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville.



District Baseball at Four Stadiums was a Grand Success!

By John S Clark on Saturday, August 27, 2022

518 heeded the call to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game!" on Saturday August 20th. Rotarians attended baseball games at their choice of either the Frederick Keys, Aberdeen Ironbirds, Bowie Baysox or Southern Maryland Blue Crabs stadiums. Each baseball team provided mention to



the district Rotarians during the game. Rotary teams provided membership information and End Polio Now stickers to attendees during the games. We have already had inquiries about Rotary being involved with our projects. All the teams participating are donating back to the district and over \$6,000 is now earmarked to End Polio Now. Thank you all for helping make our 4-team baseball night happen. [Read More](#)

Rotary Impact Summit in Baltimore September 27 to October 2

By Sean D. McAlister on Saturday, August 27, 2022

Get ready to #BEMOREROTARY in Baltimore next month with the Zone 33-34 Impact Summit! Drawing hundreds of ZONE 33/34 leaders together to learn and create lasting change! Get ready to learn and be inspired by our phenomenal speakers, sharing amazing stories and lessons learned. Additionally, we have a passionate team of trainers who are here to answer all your questions and share plenty of Rotary insight to inspire you. Bringing together Rotarians in the District Governor Line and those emerging as leaders in various roles, we will build "a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves," starting with the Impact Summit! [Read More](#)



Howard County Community Crab Feast September 17 at 3pm

By Bob Nelson on Saturday, August 27, 2022

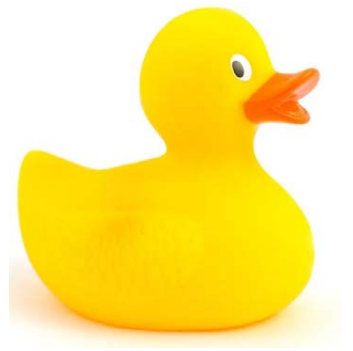


The Howard County Clubs Crab Feast is back on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 3-7 pm at the Howard County Fairgrounds! At this 75th Annual event, you get all you can eat crabs, cold oysters, and pit beef. Plus beer, wine and more are available. [Read More](#)

Mt. Airy Rotary Duck Race on September 18 at 2pm

By Bob Nelson on Saturday, August 27, 2022

The Rotary Club of Mount Airy has teamed up with the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, and The Town of Mount Airy to raise money for the Fire Company, Rotary scholarships, and other community projects. All net proceeds from this event will be given back to the Mount Airy community. So, what is this event all about? It is a Duck Race held by the fire department activities building. Thousands of ducks that have



been “adopted” will race to the finish with the winning duck earning the adopter \$1,000. We will have over 20 prizes for both random winners and the fastest ducks.

[Event Website](#)

Washington DC Rotary's \$100,000 Centennial Grant

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Friday, August 26, 2022



The Rotary Club of Washington, DC announced that applications will be accepted for a special Centennial Community Service Grant to mark the 100th anniversary of the club's Rotary Foundation, which has been supporting non-profit local organizations since the early part of the last century. This year they will reward a single Washington DC non-profit with a larger grant for a significant activity as a statement of pride in 100 years of service and commitment to a better future for our community. The application for the DC Rotary Foundation \$100k Centennial grant is now open and will close Friday, September 30.
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\$83,000 in District Grants Approved

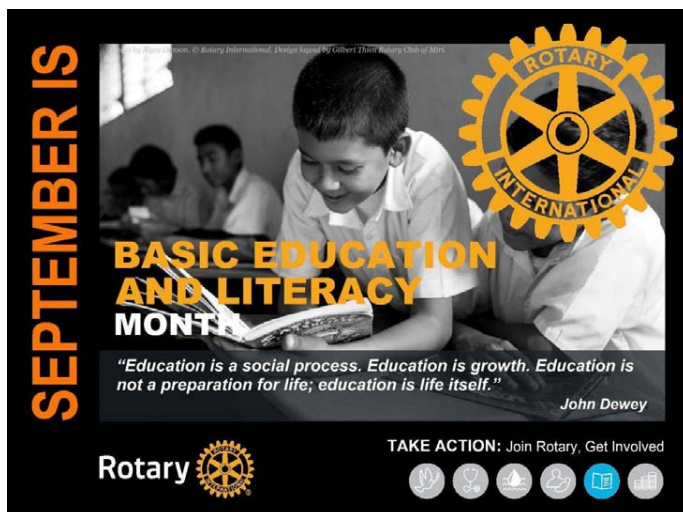
By Geetha Jayaram on Saturday, August 27, 2022

\$83,000 has been awarded in District Grants! Below are the results of the second round of community grants for our District. We were able to fund all applications that qualified. A couple applications are funded less than requested (noted with *) since DDF can only match Rotary Club and Rotary Foundations' contribution, not individuals'. Finally, one application (noted with #) was not fully funded as we had reached our total of available community DDF of \$83,000 between the two rounds of awards.

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September is Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month

By Bob Nelson on Saturday, August 27, 2022



Rotary Youth Exchange — Back in Operation!

By Ric Meyer on Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Last month, District 7620 welcomed new Rotary Exchange Students for the first time in three years, following Rotary's COVID-19 Youth Exchange hiatus. This year the District is hosting Alverich, from Germany (hosted by the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek), Adam, from the Czech Republic (Annapolis), Quimy, from Argentina (Urbana), and Malaika, from Indonesia (Parole). The District is also sponsoring Maddie, from Urbana (hosted by Belgium) and Sarah, from Parole (Brazil). In the photo (L to R) newly arrived Rotary Exchange Students Alverich, Adam, Quimy, and Malaika on the Chesapeake Bay during last month's Orientation Weekend for students, host families, and Rotarians. Following Rotary's COVID-19 Youth Exchange hiatus, exchanges resumed this summer. 2023-24 applications are now open and due November 1st. [Read More](#)



Rotary Foundation of Washington DC Centennial Celebration September 10 at 5pm

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Saturday, August 27, 2022

The D.C. Rotary Club, through its Foundation, can look back with pride on over a century of service to the community and the world. Again and again, through wars, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and intractable human needs, the club has raised money, undertaken projects, and provided countless hours in an effort to improve the human condition and sustainable development. It has fostered the bonds of friendship and fellowship throughout its history. All Rotarians are invited to join the Rotary Foundation of Washington DC for its Centennial Celebration on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Hanson Farm, Potomac, MD.

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Rotary International Convention May 27-31, 2023, in Melbourne, Australia

By Sean McAlister on Saturday, August 27, 2022



Middle River Rotary President's Recognition

By Richard James Langmead on Saturday, August 27, 2022



Middle River Rotary Club celebrates past president (2020-2022) Kim Meehan as she receives the Award letter and lapel pin for her Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Annapolis Rotary Honored Dedicated Rotarians

By Daniel Kevin Hurley on Saturday, August 27, 2022

**Annapolis
Rotary Club
President
Rob Dews**



recognized **Carletta Allen** (Plus 7) and **Gordon Hewitt** (Plus 3) with Paul Harris pins and thanked them for their generous contributions to the club.

Disaster Aid Update – West Virginia Floods

By Paul C Mahata on Friday, August 26, 2022

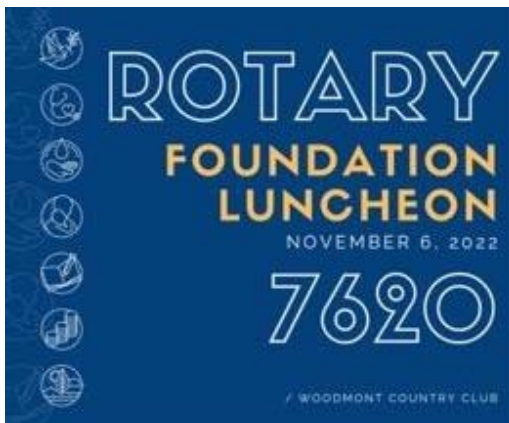
District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee and Disaster Aid USA continue to coordinate disaster relief work locally, nationally, and internationally. They have been helping Ukraine and the Ukrainian refugees for the last six months. In addition, the DAUSA team including Steve Kemp of Greenbelt was deployed to Hazard, Kentucky, (August 8 - 14) to help the flood victims clean up their homes. Other volunteers from PA, WV, and OH also joined in. They are asking that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA, so they can continue the important disaster relief work.

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Save the Date: District Foundation Luncheon, November 6

By Mandy Warfield on Friday, August 26, 2022



Save the date for this year's District Rotary Foundation luncheon, which will take place at Woodmont Country Club on the afternoon of November 6. Registration details are coming soon.

In Memoriam: PDG H. Kenneth Shook

By Bob Nelson on Saturday, August 27, 2022

Dr. H. Kenneth Shook, 92, of Westminster, Maryland, died on August 17, 2022. Ken was a lifetime member of the Rotary Club in Westminster, with perfect attendance for 50 years. Ken joined Rotary in 1960 and served in local and international service projects. He was president of the Westminster Club in 1971, and District Governor in 1997-98. He founded the Bonds Meadow Club in 1994 and headed a Group Study Exchange to New Zealand in 1992. Ken received numerous Paul Harris Awards, and was presented the Distinguished Service Award by Rotary International. His Rotary songs remain the first item to appear when searching the internet for Rotary songs. Ken self-published two volumes of his memoirs.



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In Memoriam: Jill E. Kent, Washington DC Rotary Club

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz on Monday, August 29, 2022



Jill E. Kent, of Washington D.C. and McDaniel, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly on July 28, 2022, at the age of 74. Above all, Jill lived a life of service, accomplishment, and loving kindness towards everyone. Jill, a native of Detroit, Michigan, began her government career in the Vista programs, moving to the executive office of the President and, later, to the Department of Treasury where President Ronald Reagan appointed her as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Finance and Management. President George H.W. Bush then appointed her the first Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. State Department. In addition, she served as Acting Under Secretary of State for Management. Her State Department

assignments were featured in the Prune Book, being among the most difficult in the federal government. A Memorial Service will be held at Temple B'Nai Israel, Easton, Maryland, October 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., in-person and by Zoom.

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A NEW Rotary District Newsletter Submission Process

By Ashley Waters on Wednesday, August 31, 2022

So what do you think of the new newsletter format?!? We are very excited to start using the ezBulletin feature to produce our newsletter, as it is easier, quicker, and more digitally dynamic. This will change the way you submit your newsletter articles, but don't worry we have a nice cheat sheet ready to go for you!



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History Moment: "Inventive Queens of Ice Cream"

By Monica M Smith on Saturday, August 27, 2022

For a summertime treat, I thought I'd give a fun talk about "Inventive Queens of Ices" courtesy of a Smithsonian blog post by my Lemelson Center colleague Meg Maher:

<https://invention.si.edu/inventive-queens-ices>. "When you think about it, ice cream is not only a culinary marvel but a technological one as well. Invented long before the days of refrigeration, the cold confection was initially a rare delicacy reserved for the well-to-do. As summer gets into high gear and we look into the freezer for a way to cool off, I'd like to highlight a few women whose innovative thinking has contributed to our enjoyment today. [Read More](#)

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