

# Rotary



## The Mediator Official Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Charles County (La Plata)

Monday, February 18, 2019

### Virtual Access

If you can't attend a meeting in person, feel free to join us virtually using the following link.  
<https://businesstrainingworks.adobeconnect.com/rotary/>

For questions or assistance, contact Chris at 240-320-6694.

### Opportunities for Rotarians and the Community

Thursday, February 14, 2019

During Wednesday's meeting several Rotarians announced opportunities to help fellow members of the community.



Gordon Schrader offered to shave his beard to support Race for Hope DC, a charity that funds brain tumor research if club members raised \$2,500. After saying something whimsical, Larry doubled-down and suggested that the Gordon's entire head should be shaved, which elicited a "so I would look like you?" reply. Gordon started the fundraising with a personal contribution of \$100 to start the effort. Club members are asked to bring contributions directly to Rotary. For more information about Race for Hope see [braintumorcommunity.org](http://braintumorcommunity.org).

Marv Lewis offered an opportunity to participate in or to sponsor the St. Patrick's Day Shamrock 5k run to benefit the SaMercy foundation. The race will weave through the streets of LaPlata and end at The Charles for a post-race buffet, awards and entertainment For more information and to register see <https://www.active.com/laplata-md/running/distance-running-races/6th-annual-shamrock-5k-run-walk-lil-leprechaun-fueled-by-crc-in-benefit-of-the-samercy-fund-2019>

Chris Zabriskie suggested that someone from the club attend the Symposium on Human Trafficking: Seeing the Unseen in Southern Maryland on March 30 at the First Baptist Church of Waldorf. Registration is \$10 until Feb 28th, and \$15 thereafter. Register <https://b-www.facebook.com/events/2157971067854531/>

Lisa Case promoted the Big Hair Ball on March 29th that supports lifestyles - <https://www.lifestylesofmd.org/bhb19>.

Although she didn't mention it at the meeting, Cathy Bender would like all members to know that the Alice Fergusson Foundation will host Pinot on the Potomac on Saturday, June 8th, from 5pm to 9pm. <https://fergusonfoundation.org/events/2019-pinot-on-the-potomac/>.

Jim Brewster shared a story of a local 8th grader who wrote a book dedicated to raising money for the Parkland, Florida shooting victims. For more information about this book - [https://www.amazon.com/Counting-17-Aliya-Peremel/dp/1948747251/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1550070288&sr=8-3&keywords=counting+to+17](https://www.amazon.com/Counting-17-Aliya-Peremel/dp/1948747251/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1550070288&sr=8-3&keywords=counting+to+17).

### Warfighter Advance

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Mary Neal Vieten and Jim Buckingham attended the Rotary Club of Charles County's weekly meeting to inform club members about what

### Club Leaders



[Chelsea R. Brown](#)  
President



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[Catherine A. Bender](#)  
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Treasurer



[Christopher Simpson](#)  
iPast President



[Janet Salazar](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Barbara R. Thompson](#)  
Assistant Governor

### Speakers

**February 20, 2019**

[Alvin Stewart](#)  
Rebuilding Together -  
Rebuilding Together Day Event  
- April

**February 27, 2019**

[Ann Lebo](#)  
Healthy Eating

**March 06, 2019**

[Chelsea Brown](#)  
Club Business Meeting



Warfighter Advance has been accomplishing with helping veterans reintegrate into society after the trauma of combat.

Warfighter Advance is a non-profit that offers veterans a week-long reintegration camp, typically held at Lions' Camp Merrick in Nanjemoy. Veterans are given the opportunity to come to terms with the grief of losing comrades during war and are helped to find meaningful/gainful

employment thereafter. For more information about Warrior Advance see <http://www.warfighteradvance.org/>

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## Rotarians Help with Safe Nights

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

On Thursday, February 7th, Rotarians from The Charles County Rotary Club helped with Lifestyle's project to help aid the homeless community in Charles County by providing a dinner during the cold winter's evening. The Safe Nights event was hosted by the Marbury Baptist Church.

Chelsea Brown, Chris Nalley, Greg Cockerham, Chris Zabriskie, Eric Martin, and family member, Mark Bohrer helped to heave pizza and salad from Lido's onto an appreciative crowd. This was the second such outline by Rotarians in 2019. Homelessness is an increasing problem within our community.

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## Port Tobacco River Conservancy Environmental Education Project

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

On Wednesday, January 30th, Tina Wilson, President of the Port Tobacco River Conservancy, and Bill Wilson, a member of the board, presented the Rotary Club of Charles County with their organization's project to construct an outdoor education classroom at James Craik Elementary School. This project would follow an already-completed project to adjust grading and drainage at the school which was funded by a \$42k grant received by the PTRC. The current project is in the fundraising stages, but they expect the \$40k needed to begin the project by Summer 2019, so the education classroom can be built in time for the 2019-2020 school year.



The PTRC hosted a fundraising event on February 1st at the Waldorf Jaycee's. Additional funding is being sought by individual contributions, civic organizations, and grants. The outdoor education center will be ADA compliant and will offer students a shaded pavilion to better study the environment.

In addition to the outdoor education center project, the PTRC offers many opportunities for volunteers, either as individuals or groups, to attend periodic river clean-up efforts, tree plantings, and educational events. A number of Eagle Scouts have also accomplished projects to support the Potomac River Watershed.

For more information you can check out <http://porttobaccoriver.org/>

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## Virtual Club Meetings

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Since January 2019 the Rotary Club of Charles County has been live streaming club meetings. This provides an opportunity for members who are unable to attend an chance to view meetings and enjoy the benefits of fellowship. While the virtual breakfast leaves a little to be desired, and the videography is a work in process, as time goes on, we anticipate that this is a way to offer club members a way to not only attend when they physically can't make it, but an alternative for fellowship during inclement winter weather, and an opportunity for a meeting makeup. Viewing the virtual meeting and having it count as a make-up requires a decision of the board, but this is a way to encourage engagement and connectedness for those in the club, and share experiences, even when traveling.

Virtual meetings are provided compliments of Business Training Works, and meetings can be accessed at <https://businesstrainingworks.adobeconnect.com/rotary/> from a laptop/desktop computer, or by downloading the Adobe Connect app on an iPhone or iPad.

Recordings of recent meetings can be accessed using the links below.

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Club Meeting 30 Jan - <https://businessstrainingworks.adobeconnect.com/pvvcipml5jy6/>

Club Meeting 16 Jan - <https://businessstrainingworks.adobeconnect.com/ptpotlk561lu/>

Club Meeting 9 Jan - <https://businessstrainingworks.adobeconnect.com/pbba066ieki6/>

If you have any problems connecting, contact Chris Zabriskie at [zabriskiect@gmail.com](mailto:zabriskiect@gmail.com) or 240-320-6694.

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## Rotary Leadership Institute and Officer Training

Monday, December 31, 2018

Rotarians throughout Maryland and DC, District 7620, have the opportunity to participate in Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) when it comes to La Plata on April 26th, and also when it is held in Towson on February 23rd. Additionally, club officers and directors should plan on attending club officer training in Columbia, MD on April 13th

RLI is an opportunity to join Rotarians from other clubs in the district and neighboring districts, to learn, share with, and take away ideas to improve your home club service to your community and the world. Part I, II, and III. Rotarians progress from Level 1, to Level, 2, and then to Level 3, and then may be considered for invitation to be a faculty members.

The cost for registration is \$95 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

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**Saturday, February 23rd, 2019**

**Towson MD- Goucher College**

1021 Dulaney Valley Road

Towson, MD 21204

Sign/Breakfast in at 8:30am. Program starts at 9:00am. Ends at 4:30pm

Registration link: <https://goo.gl/bZjg3s>

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**La Plata MD ♦ La Plata United Methodist Church**

3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, MD 20677

Start time 8:30 AM

Register at [https://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view\\_month.aspx?as=14&aid=ROTARYLI&wp=29](https://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view_month.aspx?as=14&aid=ROTARYLI&wp=29)

RLI is not managed by the District therefore you must register through their website. If you have any questions about RLI, please contact PDG Bob Parkinson, registrar, at [bobparkinson@hughes.net](mailto:bobparkinson@hughes.net)

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**District Club Leadership Training (CLT)**

**Face-to-Face w/ DLT, AGEs, PEs, PN's, Club Chair-Elects**

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Columbia, MD

*Stay tuned for more details later...*

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## Charles County Rotary Delivers Dictionaries to County Third Graders

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Charles County (La Plata) handed out dictionaries to 2052 students, and 90 teachers/librarians dictionaries at 21 public and six private school schools in the county between mid-November 2018 and early December for the sixth straight year. The club invested \$6,840 on this effort.

All of the club's 45 members participated in preparing and sorting the dictionaries for distribution and 14 Rotarians traveled to schools throughout the county delivering dictionaries to smiling third graders. This effort was accomplished in conjunction with the Dictionary Project, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization - [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org) and supports Rotary's goal to improve early learning and literacy by ensuring that each student can enjoy the benefits of owning a dictionary.

Rotarians give dictionaries to third graders because they are at an age where they are making the transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn", and having a dictionary to look up new words is critical.

Rotarians had the opportunity to share some information about the Rotary Club, and also a few other features of the dictionary, such as the braille alphabet, long words, and information contained in the dictionary about US Presidents, states and foreign countries.

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## Rotary Looking Forward to Lobster Festival 2019

Wednesday, December 26, 2018



The Rotary Club of Charles County (La Plata) has announced the date of the 44th Annual Lobster Festival as Sunday, September 29th, 2019. This event has been taking place each year in Charles County since 1976 and is the club's largest fund raiser. Rotary is the world's largest and oldest community service organization and in 2018 the Lobster Festival raised more than \$64,000 that the Rotary Club will use to fund local projects.

In 2019 the Charles County Rotary expects to feature a performance by Trilogry, the same band that has performed each of the last few years. In addition to the food and drink, Rotary will again feature a silent auction, games of skills and chance.

Although tickets won't officially be for sale until the summer of 2019, you can reserve tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/44th-annual-rotary-club-lobster-festival-tickets-51942398111>.

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## 2019 Rotary Convention-Capture the Moment in Hamburg Germany

By Catherine A Bender on Monday, December 31, 2018

Join Chris, Attie, and Melissa in Hamburg June 1-5th for the Rotary International Convention.

Registration is still open to attend the Annual Rotary Convention! This year it's in Hamburg, Germany.

register at [www.riconvention.org/en](http://www.riconvention.org/en)

Attie and Melissa have been to a number of RI Conventions, and this will be PE Chris' third straight after having attended conventions in Atlanta and Toronto. The Rotary International Convention is a great way to learn more about what Rotary is doing in the world, collaborate with other Rotarians, and gain energy and knowledge to start the Rotary Year.

For those unable to travel to Hamburg, Germany in 2019, please consider Hawaii in June 2020.

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### Club Meeting

Charles County (La Plata)  
Meets at Green Turtle LaPlata  
6 Street Mary's Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM