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Crab Feast August 15, 2024

By Michael Naghdi on Sunday, September 1, 2024

We had a fantastic Crab Feast fundraiser, thanks to the great effort by Bob Sartwell and the leadership of John Clark and for a fantastic and successful silent auction, the Cake Wheel auction, and Peggy Kennelley for maintaining the cash semblance of order, and all the members of the club who volunteered for all the raffles and chores. Everyone who attended seemed to have fun, and we were given excellent hospitality by John Mason and his staff at kurtz's Beach.



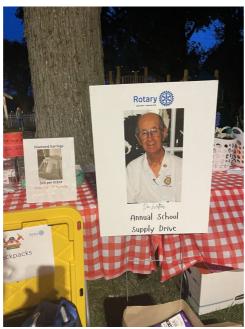












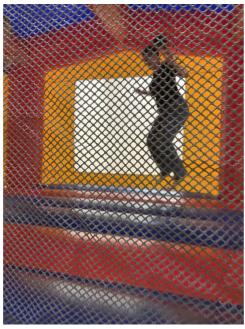


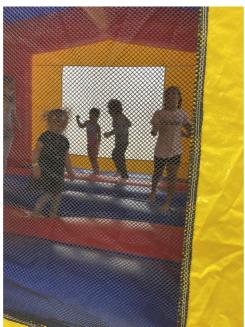


Family Fun Day September 7, 2024

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Thanks to all our volunteers, the Family Fun Day hosted by the Y and Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary Club was a successful event! All the attendees had a wonderful time. Here is a pictorial action of some of the events:





























Disaster Aid - Function of the District Disaster Relief Committee



By Bob Grill, President, Disaster Aid USA; Paul Mahata, Co-Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee continues to coordinate with Disaster Aid USA to respond to recent

disasters, such as Midwest floods. We are helping the disaster victims, and we request that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA. We thank you for your past donations. Please see below a detailed description of how the District Disaster Relief Committee coordinates with established organizations such as DAUSA, ShelterBox, VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), and others. This will answer some questions you may have on the function of the Committee.

Committee Function: Rotary District 7620 addresses disaster relief work, when disaster strikes locally, nationally and internationally. In order to provide disaster assistance, District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee (DRCom) within District 7620 works closely with MD-VOAD (MD Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), MEMA (MD Emergency Management Agency), FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), ShelterBox, and Disaster Aid USA (DAUSA), a 501-c-3 organization, co-founded by PDG Bob Grill (District 7620). DAUSA, with its national and international network, will act as the enabler and partner, when disaster strikes. The areas of successful cooperation between DRCom and DAUSA can be in national disaster relief work for Flood victims, Tornado victims, and Hurricane victims. The cooperation may be extended to international relief work for earthquake and Typhoon disaster in foreign countries. DRCom works hand-in-hand with DAUSA; and thus District 7620 can readily respond to all types of disasters. Here are some specific areas of committee focus.

- Effectively respond to natural and man-made disasters consistent with the humanitarian objectives of the Rotary International and Rotary District 7620.
- Establish policies, a set of procedures, and create the organizational infrastructure to strengthen disaster relief capacity focused on providing humanitarian assistance in the USA and internationally.
- Encourage Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 7620 to participate in disaster assistance and relief operations.
- Bring awareness to Rotary and Rotaract Clubs within District 7620 on available Rotary programs related to disaster assistance and relief operations.
- Encourage every Rotary and Rotaract Club in District 7620 to appoint a Point Person to address the disaster assistance and relief issues.
- Identify Rotarians, Rotaractors and/or other volunteers that would be interested in being trained in domestic and international disaster assistance and relief operations. Arrange for annual volunteer training.
- Work with DAUSA and raise funds for disaster assistance and relief activities.

In order for us to continue this type of disaster relief work now and in the coming months, we encourage the Rotary and Rotaract clubs, and individual Rotarians and Rotaractors to consider donating money to DAUSA (a 501-c-3 organization) for disasters. Please visit the following website for online donation.

www.disasteraidusa.org

Alternately, you may consider sending checks to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham MD 20706. For any questions on our initiatives, please feel free to contact co-chairs:

Paul Mahata (Pmahata@verizon.net) or Steve Kemp (Stevekemp77@gmail.com).



Joint District 7610-7620 Conference - REGISTER TODAY!



When: Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6, 2024 Where: Westin City Center, Washington, D.C.

Price: Early Bird \$275 (ends July 31), \$325 (starting August 1), First 50 First Time

Conference Attendees \$225, Rotaractors \$200

REGISTER HERE

Hotel: \$161 + tax and fees (includes \$8 donation to PolioPlus)
book.passkey.com/go/Rotaryinter (room block ends September 6)

For more information, visit our Conference Page at https://www.rotary7620.org/discon-2425/, and don't forget to follow us on our Facebook Page.

Welcome to The Magic of Rotary year!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is with immense honor that I step into the role of District Governor. As we embark on this journey together, our decisions will be guided by a vision for Rotary's enduring future, not just immediate outcomes. My heartfelt gratitude extends to each of you for entrusting me with this responsibility. In my dual role as leader and follower within our district, I am committed to fostering an environment of collaboration and enduring progress.

This year, we aspire to transform our district into a model of outward engagement and robust partnerships, both internally and with external stakeholders. The inspiring levels of collaboration showcased during my installation are just the beginning. I encourage every club to embrace this spirit, working together and with community partners to amplify our impact.



Some initiatives for this year!

- 1. **Outward-Facing Engagemen**t: We aim to elevate Rotary's visibility and impact in our communities, setting a standard of leadership and service. Continuously invite other leaders, friends, and family to your events, showcase meetings and events that you are proud of. Maintain the good, enhance the weak, and create new projects/fundraisers. Do it with others!
- 2. **Strengthening Networks**: This year, let's support our own by utilizing the services offered by fellow Rotarians. From real estate to printing services, our district is rich with resources that can benefit all members, use your space as a networking tool to help the youth in mentorship, and adults in partnerships. Let's talk about our jobs, let's talk about

our lives, let's connect people together with our networks.

- 3. Enhanced Collaboration: I urge every club to increase interactions with other clubs. AG's will organize official district governor visits by areas to enhance the exchange of diverse ideas, opportunity for collaboration, and greater community impact, I expect at these area visits, not only shall there be Rotarians, but also leaders from other organizations, as well as community members. From the district level, we have already collaborated with our neighboring district for the District Conference in October, and for RYLA. I have engaged in conversation with academic institutions like The Carter School at GMU, The Universities at Shady Grove, and University of Maryland to further our collaborative efforts.
- 4. **We Icoming New Members**: We should aim to create a welcoming environment for new members to integrate and share their skills. With a diverse array of clubs in our district, there's a place for everyone to thrive. I am asking each club to sponsor 2-4 new members where the club pays for their dues the first year! This isn't only about numbers, it's an opportunity to involve new skills and talents, as long as we let them step up to the plate. Let's start asking the questions as to why people want to join? What do they expect out of their membership? What's important to them? What projects would they like to work on? We all need to feel valued and heard, this will not only increase our retention rate, but add a greater impact on the amazing work we already do as rotarians!
- 5. **Boosting Foundation Contributions**: Contributions to the Rotary International Foundation make a significant impact both locally and globally. I encourage all to witness the projects funded by our efforts to appreciate the breadth of our influence. I am asking for each Rotarian to make at the minimum a \$25 contribution to the Rotary Foundation. If you are unsure how to do it, just ask!
- 6. Living the Rotary Action Plan: I firmly believe we can champion the Rotary Action plan where Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves. We shall aim to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and improve our adaptability.

As we move forward, I am not dictating specific projects but rather encouraging clubs to increase their activities and collaborate effectively. Remember, while we are part of a district, our strength and vibrancy originate from individual clubs.

Together, let's harness our collectiv hi e abilities to create "The Magic of Rotary" and forge a path that others will follow for years to come. Thank you, and I look forward to a year of shared successes, and greater impact!

A few words I want to share that I had shared during my installation speech:

- -If you hate someone put yourself in their shoes, you might be more alike than you think
- -If you hate yourself talk to someone, loneliness creates self doubt
- -If you feel overwhelmed write down your thoughts
- -If you feel stuck in the past plan for the future
- -If you feel anxious about the future focus on the present
- -If you feel restless take a long walk
- -If you feel emotionally drained take a break
- -If you feel uninspired try something new
- -If you feel like giving up remember how good it feels to succeed
- -Comfort is the enemy of success
- -If you're not failing your not succeeding
- -You move fast by doing it alone, however you can move far by doing it with others

Warm regards,

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