



# Monthly Newsletter July 2024 Edition

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## JULY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Highlights From July 9<sup>th</sup> Club Leadership Installation and Farewell for Peter and Margaret Kyle

On Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Peter Kyle led the installation of our club's 2024-2025 leadership team. During his introductory speech, Peter noted that Rotary's leadership changed on July 1<sup>st</sup> and that all over the world, some 37,000 new club presidents officially took office, along with 435 District Governors, 9 Rotary International Board members and a new Rotary International President. This leadership change is an extraordinary demonstration of Rotary's reach and its democratic foundation, especially because each new leader brings fresh ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to their positions. Peter also honored our club's 2023-2024 leadership team and welcomed the new leadership.

The installation event was used to bid farewell to Peter Kyle and Margaret Kyle, his lovely and supportive wife. Peter left our club after more than 20 years to join a club nearer to his home in Annapolis, Maryland. We are grateful to Peter and Margaret for being members of our Rotary club family for so many years and delighted about their interest to remain valuable members of the RCCH family. We also used the occasion to exchange club flags with Tomohiro Shibata, a Rotarian from Japan and a Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government, Georgetown University. Pat Sheikh and Sean McAlister also received Paul Harris Fellow and District recognitions, respectively.

Members of the District leadership who attended the event held at the Dubliner Restaurant in Washington, DC, included DG Nomie, DGE Mandy and LG Marilyn.

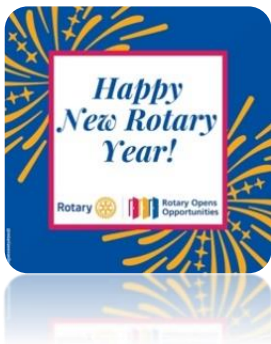








## Club President Pauline's July 1<sup>st</sup> Email to Members



Dear RCCH family,

Welcome to Rotary Year 2024-2025!

As we embark on a new Rotary year which starts on July 1<sup>st</sup>, I am honored and humbled to serve as your president. Welcome to this year's journey of service, fellowship, networking and community impact.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Vesselina, our immediate past president, and her leadership team, for the many achievements made in 2023-2024, and to you for your dedication and commitment to Rotary.

To our 2024-2025 leadership team, I am deeply grateful to all of you, especially to those who

served in leadership roles in 2023-2024, for your continued service. I look forward to working with you as a team, and to tapping into your varied experiences, knowledge and expertise as we embark on this exciting journey together.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am inspired by the limitless possibilities that lie before us. I am also acutely aware that as a voluntary organization, **membership engagement** is key to making a difference in our local and international communities through service, fellowships, networking and other interests that made you join our club. **Therefore, my theme for this year is: Engage--Together We Thrive!** I hope this theme will help us pursue our varied interests and passions in our club. I pledge to fully support you in finding your place and voice in our club so you can fully engage to help achieve our 2024-2025 strategic goals and objectives which will be discussed during our club assembly---date and time will be announced later. Please share your ideas and perspectives, and lend a helping hand whenever and wherever it is needed, so that, together, we can achieve extraordinary things and leave a lasting legacy of service and goodwill in our community and beyond.

As we embark on this new Rotary year, let us do so with a sense of enthusiasm and commitment to the ideals of Rotary. Let us be guided by the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" in all that we do, and let us continue to be a beacon of hope and inspiration for those in need.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Rotary. I look forward to serving alongside you in the year ahead.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pauline

### **2023-2024 was a year of many achievements for our club**

On Tuesday, June 25, the RCCH had its last meeting for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. Some of the club's many achievements included an Excellent Service Award. In addition to Vesselina receiving the best president district award, several members of our leadership team were also recognized at both the club and district levels for annual contributions and achievements.



*From left to right: LG/AG Marilyn and Vesselina*



*Thanks to virtual/zoom participants, including PDG Delores and Peter who joined from Spain*



*And the award goes to: From left, Pauline, Kip, Vesselina and Gary*



*Fun times: From left: Mark, Vesselina, Pauline, Kip, LG/AG Marilyn and Gary*

## What a Day!! By CJ

The RCCH graced Nomie Hamid's installation as the Magic of Rotary year's District Governor of D7620. There were a lot of people, live band performances, caricature artists, great food and so much more. The Rotary year already seems blissful!



From left: CJ, Pauline, Vesselina and Paul



DG Nomie

## CLUB BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Club Board

On June 26, the Board met to adopt the revised 2024 club bylaws and discuss the 2024-2025 club goals and objectives, which were submitted in Rotary Club Central on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Rotary International requires all clubs submit their annual goals and objectives by July 1<sup>st</sup>, which is beginning of the new Rotary year

The goals and objectives will help:

- Clarify our direction so members would be encouraged to engage, participate and contribute to our activities and projects.
- Provide a framework to measure progress and success, track our achievements and identify areas for improvement.
- Members hold themselves and each other accountable for commitments and contributions to our club.
- Prioritize activities, allocate resources effectively and ensure our time, money, and efforts are invested wisely.

Details about specific activities that will help implement our goals and objectives will be discussed during our club assembly. Date and time to be confirmed.

### Community Service Events

Starting July 1, we will no longer have a community service committee. Instead, **Kip Knudson** will help organize our community service events. *if you are interested in community service, or have any suggestions/ideas, please send an email to Kip at [kknudson64@gmail.com](mailto:kknudson64@gmail.com)*

- **Richard Huffine** has curtailed his club membership. A big thank you for his service.

### International Service Committee

#### **Wheelchairs for Ghana**

Some members of our club will continue to attend meeting and is provide non-financial support for a global grant for wheelchairs led by the Rotary Club of Mt. Airy, Maryland, which plans to obtain commitment from a dozen district clubs. Expected budget is \$60,000 (clubs + District + TRF) to support 100 beneficiaries. Rotary Club of ACCRA-South (Ghana) is the host club. The schedule is to submit a global fund application by July 2024 and complete implementation by December 2025. *Please email **Kuhu Maitra** at [k.maitra.8915@gmail.com](mailto:k.maitra.8915@gmail.com) if you are interested in the International Service Committee.*

### Membership & Engagement Committee

*Please email **Sean McAlister** at [SDMRotary7620@outlook.com](mailto:SDMRotary7620@outlook.com) if you are interested in the Membership Committee.*

- The membership committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month to continue its ongoing discussions on how to attract new members and keep current members engaged. The next membership and engagement committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 7-8 PM.

### Rotary Twin Club Relationships

The membership committee developed guidelines for the establishment of twin club relationships. Twin clubs, sometimes called sister clubs, are two clubs from different countries that form a long-term relationship to promote international understanding and goodwill. These twin relationships could be with another Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club.

The Rotary Club of Capitol Hill has updated its bylaws to include information on twinning clubs. Members can propose a twining club arrangement with other international clubs. The RCCH board voted on April 11<sup>th</sup> to pilot the twining club concept with a Rotary Club in Morocco. Signing of the twinning club certificate between the two clubs was signed in June and coordinated by club secretary **Eli Missouri**, the lead of this effort who currently lives in Morocco.

### Public Image Committee

*Please email **Chidubem Egboluche** at [egbolucheidubem61@gmail.com](mailto:egbolucheidubem61@gmail.com) if you are interested in the Public Image Committee.*

Our very tech savvy and hard-working public image and publicity Chair, CJ, has increased our social media channels. Please send him pictures, videos and stories, follow club news and events, share/like/comment on:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Twitter

## RCCH Foundation

### **Funds approved for 2024-2025 projects.**

- Tin June, the international project proposal submitted by **Kuhu Maitra** was *approved to receive district-designated funds from District 7620 Foundation*. The project will train adolescent girls in health & sexuality in SE Delhi, India. Other funding partners include the Washington, DC club, other Rotary partners and an NGO from India.
- If you have any questions, please email **Vesselina**/Foundation Chair at [vesselinarcch@gmail.com](mailto:vesselinarcch@gmail.com) or Kip Knudson, Foundation Treasurer at [kknudson64@gmail.com](mailto:kknudson64@gmail.com)

### **PLAN AHEAD...NOTE: Only some District or Washington, D.C., events are included here. Please check the DACdb District calendar and register for events of interest to you!**

- Thursday, July 18, 7-8 PM, Regular Club Board Zoom meeting.
- **Tuesday, July 23, 7:30-8:30 AM:** Regular Club Hybrid Meeting. *The first meeting of Rotary Year 2024-2025. District Governor Nomie will present his 2024-2025 goals to our club. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND IN PERSON, IF YOU CAN. Thank you!*
- Tuesday, July 30, 2-5PM: Rotary Day at Camp Greentop, Catochin Mountain Park, Maryland
- Tuesday, August 6, 7:30-8:30 AM: Regular Club Hybrid Meeting. *Lieutenant District Governor/Area Governor Marilyn Nevy-Cruz will present her 2024-2025 goals to our club. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND IN PERSON, IF YOU CAN. Thank you!*

## **DISTRICT NEWS:**

### **Check out our very first new Rotary year District Newsletter at:**

<https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Ezbulletin2/preview2.cfm?ezBulletinID=97651>



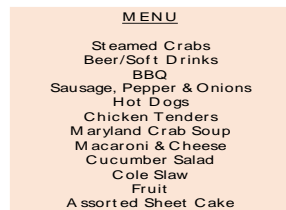
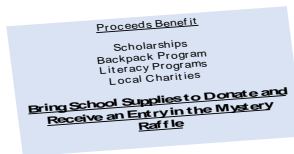


The event of the Summer is back!

## CRAB FEAST

Presented by the Rotary Club of Lake Shore-Severna Park

Thursday, **August 15**, 2024 @ 6 pm  
Kurtz's Beach – 2070 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Rotary in Review for July 2024**  
<https://msgfocus.rotary.org/q/15e3NmNNj0zHbR1Q9GB7isd85/wv>
- **Rotary in Review for June 2024**  
<https://msgfocus.rotary.org/q/15e3NmNNiFYADDnu7VkvABY76/wv>
- **2025 Rotary Convention will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.**  
Please see details, including registration at: <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>  
**LG Marilyn** has created a WhatsApp group for all area attendees. Please sign up if you plan to go at: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FybozCQHJga31ICCmrnHJA>
- **Polio Plus newsletter for June**  
<https://msgfocus.rotary.org/q/15e3NmNNhV4X0r2nOECACC0PZ/wv>



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## 2024-2025 CLUB LEADERSHIP AND BOARD MEMBERS

**Pauline Simmons**, President  
**Pat Sheikh**, President-Elect  
**CJ Chidubem**, President Nominee  
**Eli Missouri**, Secretary  
**Paul Simmons**, Treasurer  
**Kip Knudson**, Community Service Coordinator  
**Sean McAlister**, Director, Membership & Engagement Chair  
**Kuhu Maitra**, Director, International Service Chair  
**CJ Chidubem**, PR/Public Image Chair  
**Vesselina Stoytcheva**, Past President, Club Foundation Chair

**Serving in Club Leadership Positions**  
**Oluwatosin Olateju**, Sargent of Arms and  
**Liliana Bachelder**, Assistant Secretary

## ROTARY'S 7 AREAS OF FOCUS:



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

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## SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES



Rotary Club of  
Capitol Hill's  
**Facebook Site**

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofCapitolHill>

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Phone: 703-300-1401

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## FOUR-WAY TEST



The Four-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943, but it had been around since 1932 when Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor coined it when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy.

The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. [Click here](#) for the Story Behind the Four-Way Test, in Taylor's own words.

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