

### Club Meeting

Southern Frederick County (Urbana)  
Meets at South County Family Y  
3481 Campus Drive  
Jamesville, MD 21754  
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM

### Events

No Events found

### Speakers

**February 15, 2024**  
**Club Annual Meeting**  
**February 22, 2024**  
**Mary Nagel/Jonathan Warner**  
Hope in South Africa and Fetal Alcohol  
**February 29, 2024**  
**Adam Tuznik/Timika Thrasher**  
Frederick Boys and Girls Club  
**March 07, 2024**  
**Dr. Linda Chambers (Urbana High School)**  
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion











### Birthdays

 **John Matthew Robinson III**  
February 18th  
 **Alan R. Chou**  
February 19th  
 **Dave Sowers**  
March 6th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Club Leaders

 **Benjamin R. Wilens**  
President  
 **Mary Jo Anderson**  
President-Elect  
Youth Services Chair  
 **David G. Longstaff**  
Secretary  
 **Gerald Lee Miller Jr.**  
Treasurer  
 **Missy Baker**  
Board Member  
 **Joseph J. Unanue**  
Board Member  
 **Kelly A. McQuillen**  
Past President  
 **Jon A. Males**  
Past President  
Club Foundation Chair  
 **Dave Sowers**  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
 **Kristin LeDuc**  
Club Public Image Chair

## Welcome to the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. [More info.....](#)

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to: Become connected to your community. Work with others in addressing community needs. Interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts. Establish contacts with an international network of professionals. Develop leadership skills. Involve family in promoting service efforts. [More info.....](#)

## Reminder: Check email and vote for positions

Reminder: Check email and vote for positions. Everyone should have received an email with a link to vote for candidates to fill next year's board positions. [Read More](#)

## Service Above Self Charity Invitational Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County

By David G Longstaff on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Please join the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County at Worthington Manor Golf Course on Monday May 6th, 2024 for our second annual golf tournament at [Worthington Manor Golf Club](#) to benefit Blessings in a Backpack.

[Service Above Self Charity Golf Tournament \(perfectgolfevent.com\)](#)

All are welcome. Sign up before we soon sell out. [Read More](#)

## Governor's Newsletter for February 2024

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors

February is upon us, and the members of District 7620 will celebrate many different events this month: Black History Month, Valentines Day, Presidents' Day, and Mardi Gras to name a few. In the World of Rotary, we will celebrate the Anniversary of the founding of our great organization on February 23, 1905. This day is now known as, "World Understanding and Peace Day," all around the globe. We are one hundred and nineteen (119) years young in Rotary, and we continue to seek a world where we unite and take action to make lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

The Rotary International (RI) theme for this month is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. As a humanitarian organization, this theme is one of seven Areas of Focus in Rotary, and as Rotarians, we are encouraged to foster conversations on Peace which build good will, and foster understanding within and across cultures.

Peace is a cornerstone of our organization, and it is also one of four priorities that I have identified as District Governor for Rotary Year 2023-2024. I have charged our District Peace Committee to host events which help educate our members on this theme. The Committee is currently planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Peace Webinar to be held via Zoom on February 24, 2024 in conjunction with George Mason University in Virginia, and the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution. The event will be held from 11am-1pm, and will focus on the unique topic of Peace in Journalism. We hope you will join the conversation!

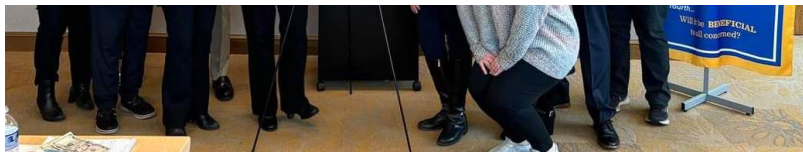
Finally, before this year concludes, we anticipate hosting a District 7620 Peace Summit and Concert to bring together intelligent minds to address the importance of Peace within ourselves, within our communities, and within our world. We will invite District talent to perform during the concert and will celebrate our various differences, and our diversity as one human race in Rotary. February will be a busy month! I look forward to seeing you online, or in person, for the various District happenings!

Yours In Rotary Service,  
Delores Edwards Harding  
District Governor 2023-2024



DG Visit to Rotary Club of Bel Air





for Deceased Rotarian Charlie Harris.

DG Visit to Smoketown Rotary Club of Brunswick Maryland with Picture Memorial

## Registration for District Conference is NOW OPEN!



Get ready to set sail for a springtime adventure of service, connection and Chesapeake charm at the District's Conference! Join us at the stunning Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, where the sun-kissed waters meet endless possibilities for learning, fellowship, and action.

- Engaging keynotes from inspiring leaders who will ignite your passion for Rotary's mission
- Dynamic breakout sessions covering a diverse range of topics
- Unforgettable networking opportunities to connect with fellow Rotarians from across the district and forge powerful collaborations.

And of course, the chance to explore the breathtaking beauty of the Chesapeake Bay! Kayak through pristine coves, take a stroll, or simply unwind and soak up the sunshine on the resort's private beach.

Registration is now open! Visit [rotary7620.org/districtconference/](https://rotary7620.org/districtconference/)

## RI president-elect announces 2024-25 presidential theme

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is *The Magic of Rotary* and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me," we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

[Read More](#)



## Rotaract Club New Member Induction



## Make 2024 the year to start your service-learning journey



Rotary International's approach to youth service, service-learning, is a proven method for activating young people to create a lasting impact on their communities and themselves. Service-learning is **youth-led**, meaning that participants are in charge of their service experience with the guidance of an adult adviser. Service-learning also empowers youth participants to hone **life skills** and enact **real change** within their communities by addressing genuine community needs through sustainable service solutions. [Read More](#)

## Grow Rotary by Learning Best Practices from our Top Membership Sponsors

Dear Rotarians, and friends,

The District 7620 Membership Committee is pleased to host monthly educational opportunities where clubs can learn best practices for growing and retaining members.

On Monday, March 4th at 6:00 PM, a 20-minute presentation followed by time for questions will feature two speakers from District 7620 that will share important tools such as Membership Action Plan (MAP) and Membership Leads to grow membership.

[Click here to register!](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83242608572?pwd=bG9LYjB1T0FBeTkxWjZvbXJROkxFTU09>

Meeting ID: 832 4260 8572



Meeting ID: 622 7600 0372

Passcode: 12345

We are grateful to the panel of speakers representing our District:



**Mandy Warfield Granger**  
D7620 Governor Nominee  
D7620 MAP Ambassador  
Past President, Rotary Club of Dupont Circle,  
<https://www.dupontrotary.org/>  
Chair, D7620 Bylaws Committee  
Member, D7620 Membership Committee  
RLI Graduate



**Robert "Bob" Sartwell**  
Current President and Past President,  
Rotary Club of Lake Shore-Severna Park,  
<https://www.rotarycluboflakeshore.org/>  
D7620 Membership Leads Coordinator  
Member, D7620 Membership Committee  
RLI Graduate

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Missed our February 5th webinar? [Watch the recording here!](#)

What topic would you like the District Membership Committee to focus on in their next webinar?  
[Submit your response here!](#)



## Mt. Airy Rotary Club's DDF Project on Windy Ridge Trails

Below are two pictures of the battery-operated maintenance tool transfer worth \$8,000 (procured through District 7620's DDF project for environmental protection of Windy Ridge Trails). Transfer was officially done to the Town of Mt Airy at their Council meeting on Feb 5. We are thankful to the District Leadership for approving this valuable project.



Picture 1: Group picture of Rotarians with Town Council members and the Mayor.  
[Read More](#)

## RYLA 2024 Volunteers and Group Leaders Wanted!



Dear Fellow Rotarians and friends,

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is right around the corner. Please consider joining us to assist next February 17-19th, 2024 at YMCA Camp Letts in Edgewater, Maryland over President's Day weekend!

RYLA is an intense 3-day, 2-night leadership training program that is designed to recognize, encourage and further develop the leadership skills of 10th, 11th and 12th-grade high school students who have shown a potential for rendering important service to their schools and communities. The program was first developed in New Zealand and Australia in 1959 to fulfill a need to recognize and develop outstanding young people. RYLA was later adopted by Rotary International and is now held throughout the world.

We are still in need of volunteers to serve as Group Leaders or facilitators, and mentor our high school participants. Group Leaders can be [Read More](#)

## RYLA video accessible in languages

Rotary International has released a brand new Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) promotional video! Use this resource to showcase the RYLA experience for participants and member organizers.

This video is available to view on [YouTube](#) and can be downloaded within the Rotary [Brand Center](#) with subtitles in English, Spanish, French, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese, German, and Italian.



[DOWNLOAD VIDEO](#)

## Disaster Update – Deployment for Tennessee Tornadoes

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee continues to coordinate with Disaster Aid USA to respond to recent disasters including Tennessee Tornadoes. 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 DAUSA deployment for Tennessee Tornadoes.

**Tennessee Tornadoes:** Between January 2 and 6 we coordinated with an Ohio team to deploy at Tennessee. [Read More](#)

