

Rotary



Club of Southern Frederick County (Urbana)

Club Meeting

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

Events

No Events found

Speakers

March 28, 2024

Jon Moles
Bylaws Revision

April 18, 2024

Dr. William Lord
Global Z Recording Project

Birthdays



Missy Baker
April 17th



Jon A. Moles
April 23rd

Wedding Anniversaries



Kristin LeDuc
April 23rd

Club Leaders



Benjamin R. Willens
President



Mary Jo Anderson
President-Elect
Youth Services Chair



David G Longstaff
Secretary



Gerald Lee Miller Jr.
Treasurer



Missy Baker
Board Member



Joseph J Unangst
Board Member

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.....](#)

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](#)

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 change 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!

District Governor Delores Edwards Harding's Report

District 7620 Rotarians and Rotaractors, Welcome to March! Winter is starting to fade, the days are getting longer, and the weather is becoming more like Spring. As District Governor, I must report that we accomplished a lot in February, and hands down, it was our busiest month of the Rotary Year thus far.

District Updates - District Website Refresh



We have updated our District Website with new Rotary images, and my District Governor Priorities for Rotary Year 2023-2024. We have also updated District Leadership information in our District and Club Database (DACdb). Grants and Foundation information has been updated, and District Conference registration portal is open and ready to receive your registration. Be sure to take a look around and don't forget the District 7620 Facebook and Instagram social media pages too for the latest posts!

RYLA 2024

Many of you were right by my side as we launched 2024 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at the YMCA Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD. Over 100 students (our largest cohort of attendees to date) registered for this annual youth leadership camp. Several Rotary members volunteered as Group Leaders or Adult volunteers to help ensure a wonderful and safe experience for the students. Special thanks to Assistant Governor and Youth Service Chair Marilyn Nevy Cruz (RC of Washington DC), RYLA District Chair Ash Khan (RC of College Park) and Team for securing multiple Rotary Club Sponsorships for this event. The RYLA Team executed a well-organized operation! Several students have already expressed interest in returning to serve next year! Pictures are included in this month's newsletter.

Rotary International President Visit



If you have not seen or heard, our District welcomed Rotary International President Gordon R. McNally (RC of South Queensferry, Scotland), Past RI President Mark Maloney, General Secretary John Hewko, and other RI Dignitaries mid-month for a historic visit to the Rotary Club of Washington, DC. The District coordinated 2 days of activities, comprised of a "District Day" and a "DC Day." President McNally and his aides were escorted to special meetings and events happening throughout DC. He met with DC students, Interactors, Rotaractors, local leaders, the OAS, USAID, and World Bank Agency dignitaries. The President also spent time with several District 7620 and 7610 Rotary District leaders. It was a memorable experience for all, and we extend our thanks to DC Rotarian Mark Wilson (also a Scotsman) for sending out the initial invitation for the President to visit District 7620. Extra special thanks to our District Leaders and members who helped coordinate the logistics for the visit. Both the DC and the District Planning Teams spent several months working on the official itinerary. The hard work paid off. We have lots of pictures to share!

2024 Create Hope Rotary Foundation Reception

The District hosted a beautiful Create Hope Rotary Foundation Reception on





Kelly A. McQuillen
iPast President



Clifford Vernon Barr
Club Programs Chair



Jon A. Moles
Past President Club Foundation Chair



Dave Sowers
Sergeant-at-Arms



Kristin LeDuc
Club Public Image Chair

February 20th at the prestigious Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. RI President McNally was our guest of honor. District Rotary Foundation Chair Geetha Jayaram and the District leadership team worked together to plan this special, annual Foundation event. DRFC Geetha gave a report on our annual giving to The Rotary Foundation, and recognized our top clubs contributing to the District's "giving and grants culture." The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a large check to RI President McNally (and Past RI President Mark Maloney) in the amount of \$2.6 million! Everyone in the room felt so proud to be a Rotarian. It was during this moment that PDG Geetha and I congratulated our Major Donors, and the many generous members of District 7620. Extra special thanks are given to Clara Montanez (Rotary Club of Metro Bethesda), PDG Rich Carson (Rotary Club of Bethesda Chevy Chase), Zone 33 Major Gifts Officer Laurie Menzel, District 7620 DG Line, Assistant Governors, Volunteers, and the host of D7610 Rotarians and guests who came to support the event. We could not have



had this event without your support. Thank you!



Black History Month Awards

The Rotary Club of Washington, DC hosted an open meeting during RI President's Visit to District 7620. Our members were able to zoom in to watch this meeting while the Area 7 Washington DC Clubs (Interact, Rotaract and Rotary) attended the in-person weekly meeting at The University Club in Washington, DC. During this meeting, "Champion" Club President Lisa Cohen took time to honor Black History Month (February), and to recognize Past



President Lisa McCurdy and me for our pioneering roles in Rotary. Lisa McCurdy is DC Rotary's first African American Club President to serve in the Club's 100+ year history. As for me, I was recognized for serving as our District's first African American Woman District Governor. The beautiful awards were a surprise, and we received a standing ovation from the room. We are truly honored to have been recognized for our achievements. Thank you DC Rotary!

Rotary Monthly Theme for March 2024

As we look to the month ahead, the Rotary International (RI) theme for this March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. As a humanitarian organization, this theme is one of seven Areas of Focus in Rotary. As members, we are blessed in the United States to have access to clean water. We wake up each day to fresh, running water and access to clean toilets and handwashing basins within our homes. We take showers,

cook our food, and wash our clothes with little concern for contamination or parasites; or the need to walk long miles to access fresh water or purification stations. Unfortunately for some countries, this is a daily struggle and Rotary is in place to offer support. Thank you to those Rotary Clubs of District 7620 who financially sponsor water purification and sanitation programs worldwide. Please read more about this area of focus and the many WASH educational programs world-wide, on the RI website:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

International Women's Day 2024



On March 8th, the World will celebrate International Women's Day 2024! This is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The campaign theme this year is "Inspiring Inclusion." Per the IWD 2024 website, I love the message they share with the World. It reads, "When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment." It is my hope that your Rotary or Rotaract Club will recognize women who are making their mark within our organization, and in our world.

On behalf of District 7620, I would like to acknowledge several women leaders who have gone over and above in Rotary District 7620, and continue to pave the way for women each day by giving of themselves to various causes which impact women and girls. They embrace the commitment to Inspire Inclusion and equitable treatment. Thank you Ladies!

As District Governor, I'd like to recognize several leaders for 2024 International Women's Day. Each of these women will receive standing recognition at the 2024 District Conference in Cambridge, MD. Congratulations Ladies!

1. Ila Shah (Rotary Club of Charlotte Hall)
2. Clara Montanez (Rotary Club of Metro Bethesda)
3. Nancy Riker (Rotary Club of Washington, DC)
4. Hande Apaydin (Rotary Club of Rockville)
5. Assistant Governor Linda Lymas (Rotary Club of Lexington Park)
6. Assistant Governor Marilyn Nevy Cruz (Rotary Club of Washington, DC)
7. Club President Stacy Moler (Rotary Club of Frederick)
8. Advika Agarwal (Montgomery County "MoCo" Rotaract Club)
9. Rose Carderelli (Rotary Club of Washington Global)
10. Club President Sarah Ortiz Brown (Rotary Club of Southern Harford County)
11. Nina Mezu Nwaba (Rotary Club of Pikesville-Owings Mills)
12. Pallavi Gowda (Rotary Club of Potomac Passport)
13. Elizabeth Milby (Rotary Club of Mt. Airy)
14. Carol Ann McCurdy (Rotary Club of Glen Burnie)
15. Club President Vesselina Stoytcheva (Rotary Club of Capitol Hill)

2024 Spring District Conference





Just a reminder! Don't forget to register for the District 7620 District Conference in Cambridge, Maryland on April 19-21, 2024! We have a host of activities planned including: Golf, Spa, Yoga, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), the 4-Way Test Competition, District Club Awards, Service Projects, thought-provoking Speakers and break-out sessions, a Memorial Service, and our Annual Business Meeting. Did I mention that I will host a District Governor's Awards Ceremony? Come see who has earned recognition this year for being a "Champion" leader and/or Club in District 7620! Actual awards will be given! Hope you will join us! Register thru DACdb at: <https://www.rotary7620.org/districtconference>.

Welcome Back DES Deborah Burgess

In closing, I am pleased to report that our District Executive Secretary Deborah Burgess (Rotary Club of Baltimore) is officially back! On the mend, Deborah is resuming her part-time DES duties, and I would like to thank the host of District Leaders who volunteered to help provide coverage in her absence. Thanks Everyone for your support! Have a wonderful and productive March 2024!
Yours In Rotary Service,
Delores Edwards Harding
District Governor 2023-2024



RI President Gordon McNally Visits Washington, D.C.!

RI President R. Gordon R. McNally had a successful visit to District 7620 on February 20 and 21, 2024. The invitation came from a fellow Scot in the Washington, D.C. Rotary Club, Mark Wilson.



His busy schedule involved visits to RI international partners (actual and potential) with headquarters in Washington, D.C. including the OAS, USAID and the World Bank. On Tuesday evening, February 20th, **DG Delores Edwards Harding** hosted an impressive

reception at the Cosmos Club in Downtown DC. RIP Gordon's impassioned speech focused on the role of the RI Foundation as the engine of Rotary support to underserved communities around the world. He also recounted some of his firsthand experiences with very poor beneficiaries in low-income countries.

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, was hosted by **President Lisa Cohen** of the **Rotary Club of Washington, D.C.** and the agenda focused on youth activities supported by the Club. This included a visit to the Multicultural Career Intern Program (MCIP) at the Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC) which had received a special \$100,000 Community Service Grant in celebration of the Centennial of the Washington DC Rotary Club's Foundation.



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2024-25 Youth Advisory Council applications are now open!



Share this opportunity with your young leaders: 2024-25 Youth Advisory Council applications are now open!

Rotary's youth programs are some of the best and most vibrant in the world – engaging upwards of 500,000 young people each year! Activating youth voice to strengthen these programs is more important than ever, and President-elect Stephanie Urchick is proud to continue building on the success of previous councils with the 2024-25 Youth Advisory Council. Youth program participants, alumni, and Rotary



participants, alumni, and Rotary members are invited to serve at the international level and advise the Board of Directors of Rotary International to shape the future of our youth programs (Interact, RYLA, and Youth Exchange).

[Read More](#)

Post RYLA Information & Pictures

On behalf of the RYLA 2024 Committee, we'd like to thank you and your Clubs for sponsoring students to RYLA this year. Without you and your Club's support, this would not have been possible.



Here is the photo link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/KJgdRpyfcai1TWnc7>

gl/KJgdRpyfcai1TWnc7 of the pictures that were taken this past weekend.

We hope that you are able to share these pictures with your Club members and are able to invite the students your Club sponsored to speak about the RYLA program at one of your upcoming meetings.

Thank you for your support of the RYLA program in District 7620. We look forward to having students from your area again next year.

<https://www.rotary7620.org/youth-programs/ryla/>
#RYLA7620 #Rotary7620

Best Regards and Yours in Rotary Service,

District 7620 RYLA Committee



Empowering women in the workplace



To celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March, Rotary will host a webinar focusing on the importance of female leaders in the workplace and beyond. The webinar will discuss how to identify leaders early, how to establish mentorship and scholarship programs, and how to be an ally. [Register now](#) for the event, open to members and nonmembers of all genders.

Apply for a Rotary Peace Fellowship by 15 May

Rotary offers fully funded master's degrees and professional development certificate programs for young professionals with three to five years of experience in peace and development. They study at premier universities around the world, gaining knowledge, skills, and global networks to be effective peacebuilders. [Learn more](#) about this unique opportunity and [apply now](#) or in future years.

[APPLY NOW](#)



Join District Membership Team's Zoom Meeting on April 1



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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83242608572?pwd=bG9LYjB1T0FBdTkwWHZvbXJRQkxFTU09>

Meeting ID: 832 4260 8572

Passcode: 12345

6 pm - 6:30 pm Eastern Time

First Monday of each month

Student resources for UN Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations (UN) calls countries and individuals to act toward peace and prosperity through 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Learn about the Sustainable Development Goals and how to take action to make them a reality through the UN's SDG [student resources!](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)



Take \$2,000 of Medical Supplies to an Under-Resourced Country for Free!

Here's how any Rotary Club in our region that has members making a service trip can take \$2,000 of medical supplies to an under-resourced country for free!



When one organization cannot do it alone... Rotary is there. Medicine with a Mission is a Maryland-based Nonprofit whose mission is to provide hope and healing to those in need. They wanted to distribute medical supplies around the world to under-resourced countries but did not have a way to broadly distribute them. Medicine with a mission partnered with Parole Rotary and provided Parole Rotary with ten Project C.U.R.E Kits, each valued at \$2,000 of basic medical supplies. Parole Rotary is offering the kits to any Rotary Club located in the region for free on a first come, first-served basis. [Read More](#)