

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

June 13, 2024

Kristin LeDuc
Telling your club's story.

June 20, 2024

Stephanie Carrillo and Wayne Dorsey
Rides for Good

June 27, 2024

Ben Willens/Mary Jo Anderson
Changeover

July 04, 2024

No Meeting

Birthdays



Kristin LeDuc
July 7th

Wedding Anniversaries



James Edwin McKeever
June 9th



Jon A. Moles
June 30th

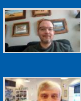
Club Leaders



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



Kristin

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.....](#)

Thank You for a Remarkable District Conference

Dear Rotarians,

I hope you are doing well.

Following the District Conference, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the past weekend. The District Conference was a testament to the dedication, passion, and commitment that each Rotaractor and Rotarian brings to our organization. From the speakers to the engaging breakout sessions, every moment was filled with learning, fellowship, and the spirit of service.



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District Governor Delores Edwards Harding's Report

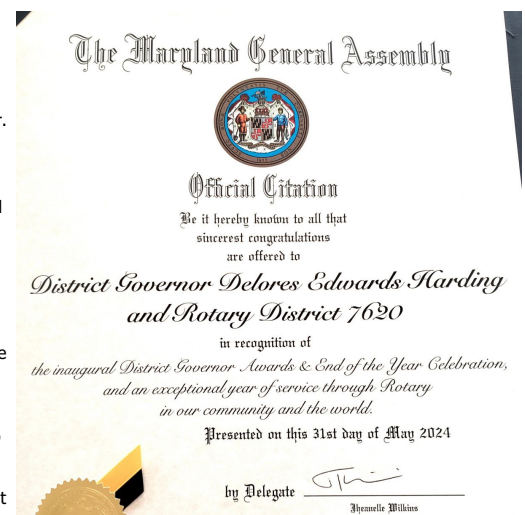
Hello District 7620 Rotarians and Rotaractors, Congratulations! We have reached the final month of Rotary Year 2023-2024. What a wonderful year it has been! It has been my honor to serve as your District Governor this year, and I have enjoyed every moment as we worked together to "Create Hope in the World" through our many acts of service in District 7620, and around the world. Thank You for your active participation and service this year. We are a truly dynamic District because of our many caring members!

DG Awards and End of Year Fellowship

On Friday, May 31st, the District hosted an inaugural DG Awards Ceremony and End of Year Fellowship at the Meeting House in Columbia. We had a great time of fellowship and fun, as I recognized top District 7620 Clubs and District Leaders for their exceptional leadership, support and service during Rotary Year 2023-2024. I also gave a brief State of the District Address to highlight our successes, and the many historic events that took place this year. Congratulations to all of our Award recipients, and to our 2000+ members of District 7620! You are all true "Champions" in my book, and we could not have such a successful Rotary Year without you!



Special thanks to the District Hospitality and Planning Committee for their time and energy in hosting our final event. I'd also like to recognize our District Conference DJ, Jeffrey Ponder, who came through to support this special occasion with the perfect music. Thank you to Nora's Catering for





LeDuc
Board
Member
Club Public
Image
Chair



Joseph J. Unangst
Board
Member



Kelly A. McQuillen
iPast
President



Clifford Vernon Barr
Club
Programs
Chair



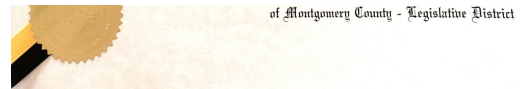
Jon A. Moles
Past
President
Club
Foundation
Chair



Dave Sowers
Sergeant-at-Arms



model. Thank you to everyone's catering for preparing a delicious Mediterranean dinner. And thank you Rotary Club of Washington, DC for your donation of not one, but TWO specialty cakes for dessert! Thanks everyone for ensuring that we had a memorable



of Montgomery County - Legislative District

event!



June Rotary Fellowships Month

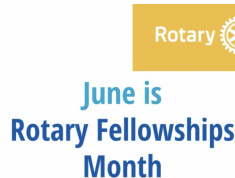
Happy June! We are 6 months into 2024, and this month is special for so many reasons. Many of us look forward to celebrating Graduations, Father's Day, the beginning of Summer, Family vacations and road trips!

If you did not know, June is Pride Month, where we recognize the members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer community, and the impact that these individuals have had on history, locally, nationally and internationally. At least 3 Areas in District 7620 will be participating in Pride events this month (and later in 2024), and welcome your support. Clubs in Area 1 (Harford County), Area 5 (Frederick County), and Area 7 (Washington, DC) have activities or events planned. Please feel free to reach out to the Assistant

Governors for these Areas for more information. The District website, District Calendar and social media sites will share event information.

The theme for June is Rotary Fellowships Month. All around the world, our members come together to host an exciting activity or service project, and to build friendships. We celebrate and promote Rotary through a common passion, hobby or profession. Did you know we have Fellowships for Astrology, Badminton, Chess, Coffee Lovers, E-Clubs, Fishing, IT Professionals, Jazz, Leadership and more? There are over 100 different Fellowships that you can choose to join this month. I encourage you to seek out a fun group that suits your specific interest(s). Rotary Fellowships are open to all members, and are a great way to enhance your Rotary experience. Learn more about Rotary Fellowships here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2s47dwta>



2024 RI Singapore Convention

One Fellowship that Rotarians look forward to each and every year is the Rotary International Convention.

This year, District 7620 sent 25 members to Singapore, a beautiful island country and City-State in South-East Asia! Congratulations and many thanks to our District RI Convention Chair Flora Bartek of the Rotary Club of Parole, and to her Committee Members Todd Miller and Sheldon Ray of the Rotary Club of Washington, DC. They did a great job of planning for this trip, and ensured that our members were supported while abroad. The Singapore delegation wore custom-made, red, District 7620 Polo Shirts while there too! Take a look at the pictures! You could easily find them!

We are pleased to recognize 2023-2024 Emerging Leader Dr. Pallavi Gowda (Rotary Club of Potomac Passport) for on-stage recognition she received in Singapore. If you haven't seen social media or the Rotary Magazine pictures, Pallavi gave a very moving speech at the RI Convention on the importance of Mental Health. She shared on both platforms her personal and professional perspectives on the mental health issues we are facing today. Way to Go Pallavi!

Year End Transition & DG Installation

As we begin the process of transition of District leadership for the Rotary Year 2024-2025, I hope you will join me in extending my best wishes to incoming District Governor Naumaan "Nomie" Hamid (Rotary Club of College Park) as he prepares to lead us forward in the new year starting July 1st. His installation is on June 22nd at City Hall in College Park, Maryland. Please register through DACdb for this free event! Nomie will lead us under the Rotary International theme of "The Magic of Rotary." We look forward to an exciting year!

Funeral Service PDG Dr. John Louis Sever - April 11, 1932 - April 25, 2024

On June 1st, several of District 7620's members and Past District Governors attended the funeral for PDG Dr. John Louis Sever in Rockville, MD. A former member of the Rotary Club of Potomac, Dr. Sever was a Pioneer in the world of Rotary and Polio Eradication. His funeral was well attended by family and friends, and his passing was felt around the world.

Michael McGovern, Rotary International Chair of the Polio Plus Fund, gave Reflections on Dr. Sever's life. There was not a dry eye in the room, as his daughters and grandchildren shared about Dr. Sever's passion for family, Rotary, and helping prevent the spread of Polio. Our District will greatly miss Dr. Sever, and we will work to keep his memory alive through our continued giving to the Rotary Polio Plus Fund. The District will also make a special monetary donation in Dr. Sever's honor.

Dr. Sever is survived by his wife of 68 years Gerane, daughters Kimberly, Beverly and Valerie, and seven grandchildren. Rest in Peace Dr. Sever. Thank you for a lifetime of Service above Self.



Special Thank You "District Executive Secretary Deborah Burgess

As of the writing of this final Newsletter for Rotary Year 2023-2024, I wish to inform you that our current District Executive Secretary Deborah Burgess (Rotary Club of Baltimore) will be moving on from her position effective June 30th. Serving under the leadership of three different District Governors (i.e., PDG Geetha Jayaram, PDG Sean McAlister and me), Deborah has worked hard in her position as an Admin, and we are grateful for her years of service. I hope you will join me in wishing Deborah well on her future Rotary and personal endeavors.

We salute you Deborah, and wish you the absolute best! Thank You!



Final Remarks "DG and First Gentleman

Thank You District 7620 for an amazing and an historic Rotary Year 2023-2024! It was the year that we chose to Create Hope in the World under Rotary International President Gordon McNally of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, in Lothian, Scotland.

Many thanks to District Newsletter Committee Chairs Past District Governor Bob Nelson and Assistant Governor Ashley Waters, and to all who contributed articles and pictures each month! Special thanks to our District 7620 Members, Contractors, District Committee Chairs & Committee Members, Counsel of Governors, Assistant Governors, and the District Executive Leadership Team. As we wrap up the year, I encourage you to Finish Strong! James and I have watched your Clubs take flight this year to champion the 4 DG Priorities of Youth (Foster Care), Peace, Mental Health and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Many of you took on other Rotary initiatives too, and participated in the Grant process to help others on a much larger scale. Congratulations!

Thank You for your support and generosity this year. We are so proud of the members of District



7620! As People of Action, please keep up the good work in service for Rotary. We'll see you around the District!

God Bless You!

Yours In Rotary Service,

Delores Edwards Harding
District Governor 2023-2024
Rotary Club of Baltimore

James Harding
First Gentleman 2023-2024
Rising Star and Future Rotarian

Sharing Rotary with Prospective Members



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, June 3rd at 6:00 PM, a 20-minute presentation followed by time for questions will feature two speakers from District 7620 that will share their membership success stories on sharing Rotary with prospective members.

[Click here to register!](#) [Read More](#)

May is Youth Service Month

Every May, Rotary International celebrates Youth Service Month! We invite you to spend this time highlighting the leadership development and service impact of the more than 350,000 young leaders who participate in Rotary International's youth programs each year. RSVP to the [Facebook Event](#) to learn ways to celebrate and receive updates throughout the month.

[JOIN THE CELEBRATION](#)



Rotary Youth Exchange, Our Outbound Students

"Exchange is not a year in one's life, but a life in a year". This is a common saying among Rotarians, Rotex and Youth Exchange Students to describe Youth Exchange.

Both Tabitha and Elsie, two high school students from D7620, are experiencing just that this Rotary year. As they near the end of their time abroad, we would like to invite you to take a peek into their year. We would also like to introduce our outbound class of Rotary Youth Exchange Students for the Rotary year 2025-2026. [Read More](#)

How many students went on exchange last year?



When you think about Rotary Youth Exchange, do you ever wonder just how many students experience the program each year? Or maybe how many Rotary volunteers it takes to run the program worldwide?

This newsletter is the debut of the recently reintroduced the Rotary Youth Exchange annual report, which contains answers to these questions and more for the most recent full Rotary year, 2022-2023. In the report, you can learn more about what happened across the program all over the world. There are great pieces of information and inspiring stories that will satisfy even the most curious out there among the Rotary Youth



Exchange community.

[READ THE REPORT](#)

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](#)

District Governor Installation Ceremony - Register NOW!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Saturday, 22 June 2024



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OF ROTARY**

Rotary
District 7620



WE INVITE YOU

Free Entry

NOMIE HAMID'S

DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLATION

TIME: **6PM - 9PM**
MUSIC / FOOD /
FESTIVITIES

Located:

College Park City Hall
7401 Baltimore Ave,
College Park, MD, 20740

HOSTED BY:



Free
Garage
Parking
Available



Please join us on this special day. We look forward to your presence. This is a family friendly event.

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In Memoriam: Past District Governor Dr. John L. Sever

It is with sadness that I share news of the passing of Past District Governor Dr. John Sever of the Rotary Club of Potomac. Dr. Sever was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, and joined Rotary in 1964 in Potomac, Maryland. He served as Club President from 1969-1970, and was our District Governor during Rotary Year 1978-1979.

As many of you may know, Dr. Sever is widely known as the Father of the Polio Initiative. His contributions to eradicating the disease have been immeasurable. Dr. Sever is known world-wide for his work with infectious diseases, and also Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Sever was married. He and his beautiful wife, Gerane, raised three daughters together; Kimberly, Beverly and Valerie. The funeral will held on June 1 at 3pm at Ingleside at King Farm, 701 King Farm Blvd., Rockville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rotary Polio Plus Program.

Please keep the Sever Family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you.

YIRS,

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Delores Edwards Harding

District Governor 2023-2024

Rotary International District 7620 - Zone 33

Home Club: Rotary Club of Baltimore

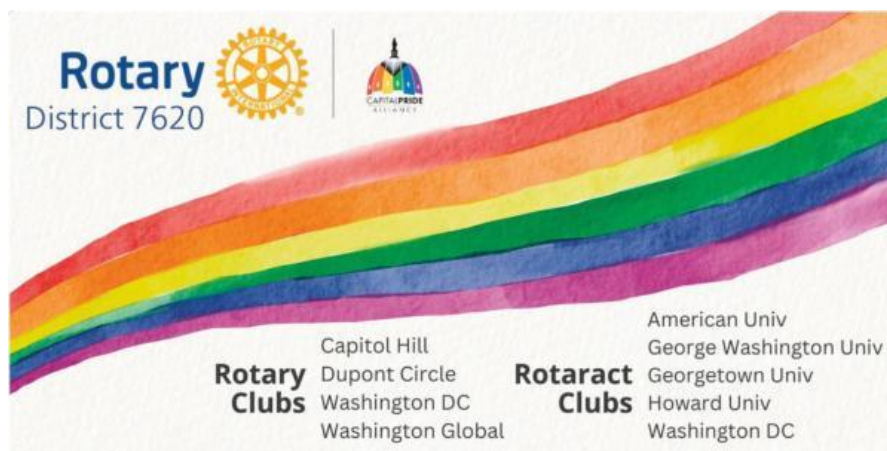
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Article published by Rotary International:
https://www.rotary.org/en/john-sever-champion-polio-eradication-dies?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=social&utm_profile=EndPolioNow&utm_source=twitter

Washington, D.C. Pride Parade



Join Rotary International District 7620 and the Washington DC Area 7 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs at the DC Pride Parade!

When: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Time: 3:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Logan & Dupont Circle Neighborhoods, Washington, D.C.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Contact AG Marilyn Nevy Cruz at mncruz10@gmail.com with any questions.

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Capitol Hill
Dupont Circle
Washington DC
Washington Global

Rotaract Clubs

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