

# Rotary

## Club of Caesar Rodney of Wilmington



### Club Leaders



Tim Mihok  
President



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President-Elect



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Vice President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Secretary



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Club Director



Michael J. Janis Jr.  
Club Director  
Club Program Chair



Monika Mickute  
Club Director



Jack C. Barr  
Club Foundation Chair



John Hawley  
Club Director  
Club Service Chair

Robert M Maffia  
CR Foundation Chair

### Speakers

November 1st

Abby Fischer

A Kids Book About Foster Families  
Children & Families First

November 22nd

Jeff Santoro

The Brandywiners

### Events

October 4th, 8:34

Caesar Rodney Basket Brigade Thanksgiving Fund Drive

### Birthdays



Helen Apostolico  
October 31st



Monika Mickute  
November 2nd



Richard Jervis  
November 23rd



James E. Vachris Jr.  
November 30th

### Years of Service



Charlie Copeland  
28 Years



Gregory L. Finkle  
4 Years

### Committee List 2024-25

Nominations

## This Week's Meeting



Meghan McDonough  
Club Director



Matthew McMenemy  
Club Director  
Club Membership Chair



Nancy Reilly Michener  
Club Fellowship Chair



Trevor Peirce Turner  
Club Director



James E. Vachris Jr.  
Club Scholarship Chair



Helen Apostolico  
iPast President

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### Chat, Eat, Learn - Rotary! Set Your Clocks Back on Saturday

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#### Upcoming Greeters

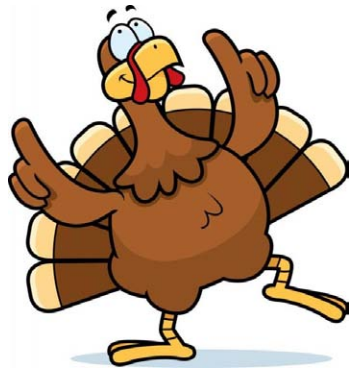
Please try and swap with someone if you can't make it. If you have no intention of attending meetings please give Rob a shout so he can modify the greeter list accordingly.

- Oct 25 - Kay Keenan, Dave Kenney, Bob MacIntosh
- Nov 1 - Bob Maffia, Mike Malchione, Chris Malmstrom
- Nov 8 - Brian Martinenza, Meghan McDonough, Matt McMenemy
- Nov 15 - Offsite at Food Bank
- Nov 22 - Nancy Michener, Monika Mickute, Roseanne Miller
- Nov 29 - No Meeting - Thanksgiving

#### Chaplains of the Day

- Oct 25 - Greg Finkle
  - Nov 1 - Rick Harra
  - Nov 8 - Des Baker
  - Nov 15 - Offsite
  - Nov 22 - Roseanne Miller (Chaplain and greeter - you can do it!)
  - Nov 29 - No Meeting
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### Basket Brigade Season In Full Swing



It's hard to believe but Basket Brigade season is here again. In our continuing effort to refine the process, we are again partnering with West End Neighborhood House, and adding the Claymont Community Center. This will be our 24th year of helping our community with food for Thanksgiving and our largest effort to date. All together we are helping to provide over 1000 Thanksgiving meals! As always, we need volunteers, and of course money if you are so inclined. If you would like to make a monetary donation there is a QR code on the flyer sent out yesterday, or you can bring a check to the meeting, cash also works, Venmo, Zelle, we'll figure it out. A few dates to mark on your calendar:

**Friday, November 8:** CRRC members will be collecting food donations from local schools. The Food Bank of DE is providing the truck, but we are providing the muscle!

**Friday, November 15th:** CCRC members will be sorting food and assembling boxes at the Food Bank of Delaware

**Saturday, November 22th:** CRRC members can help West End with distribution of the boxes at the Woodlawn Library (2020 W. 9th St), limited delivery people will be needed to bring food to those who cannot pick up their meal, and we may need some folks at Claymont also. Please give Debbie Janocha a shout with any questions.

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## WORLD POLIO DAY HIGHLIGHTS AROUND THE DISTRICT!

Please "Read More" to see photos and find out how several of the District's clubs participated in World Polio Day!

### **Middletown Odessa Townsend Rotary Club**



John Nanni - "End Polio Now" shared his powerful story of personal resilience and his inspiring journey with Rotary to eradicate polio for good. MOT Rotary Club proudly celebrates John and his commitment to our mission.

To support the cause, MOT Rotary Club presented John with a \$1,000 check for The Rotary Foundation, continuing the fight to end this disease.

We cannot tackle polio without the dedication of committed Rotarians who consistently show up, engage, and make a real impact.



### **Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club**

The Ocean City - Berlin Rotary Club held their own version of World's Greatest Meal for World Polio Day. Since we meet in a restaurant, we couldn't 'brown bag' our meal, so we held a pound auction. Members brought something that weighed about a pound and disguised it in wrapping paper. Margaret volunteered to be the auctioneer, and we raffled off the items. After some vigorous bidding from the nine members present, we will have a nice-sized check that we will send to Polio Plus.





## DISTRICT GOVERNOR RANDY SMITH VISITS KENT ISLAND



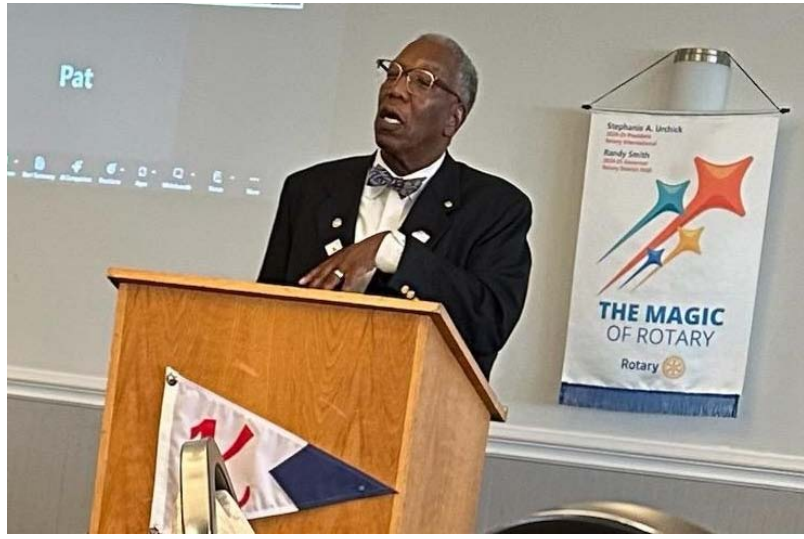
District Governor Randy Smith highlighted the importance of adaptability and fellowship in Rotary during his recent address to the Kent Island club. Reflecting on the legacy of Rotary, Smith quoted Paul Harris from 1945, "Rotary simply must continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress."

Smith emphasized that "Rotary must change, or it will die." One of the most significant milestones was the induction of the first woman club president in 1986, showcasing the organization's commitment to progress.

Smith stressed the dangers of complacency, comparing it to stagnant water. Rotary must continue to evolve, and fellowship plays a critical role in keeping the organization vibrant and connected. However, he noted a lack of fellowship in some areas, potentially influenced by changing attendance requirements and the evolving interests of potential new members.

He urged clubs to work together more effectively. Smith praised recent collaborative events, such as the club's Sharp Dressed Man event, and Rotary's prompt response to emergencies in Florida and South Carolina. He also acknowledged challenges in recruitment, as younger professionals may not be drawn to the traditional structure or networking aspects that once defined Rotary.

Looking ahead, Smith encouraged members to attend the district's April conference in Rehoboth, featuring breakout sessions and opportunities to foster connections. Fellowship, membership growth, and continuity remain key to Rotary's future success, as Smith reminded members that relationships within Rotary are what drive progress.





## Club Meeting

Caesar Rodney of Wilmington  
Meets at University and Whist Club - Washington Room  
805 N Broom St.  
Wilmington, DE 19806  
Time: Friday at 07:15 AM