

# Rotary

## Club of Caesar Rodney of Wilmington



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CR Foundation Chair

### Speakers

January 10th  
[Natalie Kok, James Russell, and Jackie Armstrong](#)

Foundation Grant Recipient

January 24th  
[Carrie Gray](#)  
Innovative Rotary Clubs

January 17th  
[Deborah Deal](#)  
Face the Facts Delaware

January 31st  
[Nicole Poore](#)  
Jobs for Delaware Graduates

### Events

No Events found

### Birthdays



[Robert Thomas MacIntosh](#)  
January 9th



[Brian Martinenza Jr.](#)  
January 24th



[Richard Eugene Dudek Jr.](#)  
February 7th

### Years of Service



[Richard Harra](#)  
14 Years



[Dan C Shelton](#)  
2 Years

### Committee List 2025-26



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



## This Week's Meeting

# Woot Woot! Rotary's Back!

## Whist Club

7:15

**Break that diet with some pancakes and bacon!**

## 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.

- Jan 3 - No Meeting
- Jan 10 - Trevor Turner, Jim Vachris, Tony Vassalotti
- Jan 17 - Blake Werley, David Andrews, Helen Apostolico
- Jan 24 - Des Baker, Jack Barr, Alisha Bryson
- Jan 31 - Jim Cloonan, Chelsea Collins, Xavi Decaire

### Chaplains of the Day

- Jan 3 - No Meeting
- Jan 10 - Des Baker
- Jan 17 - Kay Keenan
- Jan 24 - Roseanne Miller
- Jan 31 - Ted Dwyer

## 2024 ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 HERO BLOOD DRIVE



### ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 HERO BLOOD DRIVE IN 2024

We are wrapping up the 2024 District 7630 Hero Blood Drive, supporting the Blood Bank of Delmarva. I would like to thank all the Rotarians who have donated, promoted and helped organize blood drives for your community. We have done well as a district, but the Blood Bank still needs donations, especially now that winter is quickly approaching. Click "Read

More" for a letter from Sherye Nickerson, President of the Easton Club and Blood Drive Organizer.

**[Click Here](#) to download the updated flyer with QR Codes to schedule to give blood, make a contribution, volunteer or host a drive!**

The point this year was to have 3 target timeframes to encourage when to donate. Determined by the Blood Bank of Delmarva, the quarterly campaigns were months when historically blood product collection has been low. They were January-March 2024, June-August 2024 and November-January 2025. Although blood production donation is important and needed year round, it was great to see donations come in and drives being hosted.

My goal for our district was to collect 100 products by January 2025, have 5 hosted blood drives by Rotary Clubs and raise \$2000 for the Blood Bank in monetary donations. As of the end of September, we have collected 80 blood products from Rotarians, have had 4 Rotary clubs host drives and 1 Rotary Club had a donation hero week based on how close they were to the Salisbury donation center. There are 2 clubs, Camden Wyoming/Nobles Pond, and the Talbot Rotary Clubs (Tidewater, Easton and St. Michaels) that have each hosted 2 drives. Each of the stand-alone drives had at least 20 or more blood products collected, not just from Rotarians. In regard to monetary donations, we have collected \$440. We are being heros within Delmarva and, to date, just from us, we have potentially helped 240 people in our community!

As an incentive, I have created a little competition among the clubs in the district. Based on the club's membership size as of July 1, 2023, I have divided our district into size categories. Extra large, large, medium, small and extra small. Winners for each campaign were determined based on the percentage of blood product collected to size of the club. Rotarians have 1 month from their donation date to either fill out the hero card, or email me so that I can record their donation. Here are the winners per size category for the first two campaigns:

#### **January-March 2024**

Extra Large- Easton  
Large- Camden Wyoming  
Medium- Cambridge  
Small- MOT  
Extra Small- Denton

#### **June-August 2024**

Extra Large- Easton  
Large-Camden Wyoming  
Medium-Cambridge  
Small- Tidewater  
Extra Small - No donations

In closing, it is not too late for your club to host a drive or encourage your club to donate during a particular week at a donor center. Each donation takes no more than 45 minutes of your time and just by your donation you could potentially save 3 people. If you are uncomfortable donating, please consider training to be a volunteer or donating to one of the three funds the Blood Bank has. Here is the link for a monetary donation: <https://give.delmarvablood.org/campaign/2024-rotary-7630-hero-drive/c545998>. Just \$5.00 is what it would take for a volunteer to call and make a future appointment. Will you help me reach my goal of \$2000? If your club would like to host a drive, I will be happy to help. When the campaign ends in January 2025, I hope to have next year's campaign ready to go!

Yours in Service,  
Sherye Nickerson

## ROTARY MAGAZINE - JANUARY 2025 ISSUE



In 2009 Julie Mulligan was a few days into a Group Study Exchange trip to Nigeria when she was kidnapped at gunpoint. For two weeks, the Rotarian was shuttled from place to place by armed captors seeking a ransom. In this issue of *Rotary* magazine, Mulligan opens up about the experience and how nearly 16 years later, rather than withdrawing from the world, she is living an even more authentic life of Service Above Self.

[Click here](#) to read the digital copy of the January 2025 issue.

In another of this month's features, we present expert advice on how Rotary members and the public can protect themselves from fraud schemes, which cost Americans a record \$10 billion in 2023.

In the Our Clubs section, we introduce you to a Rotary club created for and by members with disabilities, including one Rotarian who started a soccer league in Uganda for visually impaired athletes. And finally, have you ever wondered how we make the magazine? In our Handbook item, we'll take you behind the scenes.

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## 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