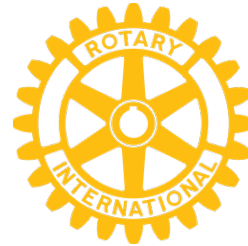


Rotary



Club of Caesar Rodney of Wilmington

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Speakers

January 19th

[Monika's Classification Speech followed by Basket Brigade Debrief](#)

Events

No Events found

Birthdays



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



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



[Robert M Maffia](#)
February 14th

Years of Service



[James F. Cloonan Jr.](#)
19 Years



[Richard Harra](#)
13 Years



[David P. Kenney](#)
4 Years

Committee List 2024-25



Austin
Publicover
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This Week's Meeting

Whist Club - 7:20ish Breakfast - Meet Monika - A Little Snow Perhaps

**Board Meeting After - All Are Welcome to See the Exciting Inner Workings
of CRR!**

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 5: Brian Martinenza, Megan McDouough, Tim Mihok

Jan 12: Nancy Michener, Roseanne Miller, Tim Mihok

Jan 19: Greg Munson, Austin Publicover, Steve Ritchie

Jan 26: John Seiberlich, Dan Shelton, Thom Shumusic

Chaplains of the Day

Jan 19th - Roseanne Miller

Jan 26th - Bob Elder

New Members - Third Posting

All kinds of new members! Starting with.....

Monika Mickute - Monika is a structural engineer, a Project Manager with EDIS, and has two decades of experience in the dynamic world of building and construction. Originally from Lithuania, she is a graduate of Drexel University and lives in Wilmington with her husband Matthew Zakutney and her kids Oliver (9) and Vitalija (6). Monika volunteers in an advisory capacity with Cornerstone West Community Development Corp and occasionally volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. In her spare time Monika loves travel and hiking "particularly amidst the tranquility of mountainous landscapes".

First State Dental - Taking advantage of our newish corporate membership program we welcome (and in one case welcome back) the dentists from First State Dental! Who are they? Well here they are.....

Dr. Dominic Michael Gioffre (Mike) - Mike is a former CRR Rotarian who has decided to return with a small herd of additional dentists. Mike lives in Wilmington with his wife, Krista, and four kids, Abigail, Connor, Jack and Dominic. Mike is on the board of Operation Smile, a non-profit that provides surgical and dental care to kids in over 60 countries. Mike has personally traveled on 22 missions to foreign countries including Vietnam, China, Bolivia and the Phillipines to provide free dental care. Mike is also on the board of Kids With Confidence, a local non-profit providing similar care to kids in the Delaware Valley. Mike is a member of a variety of dental organizations too long to list here, and when not being a dentist he enjoys golf, travel, sports and fitness activities. Please welcome him back!

Dr Alexander Crawford (Dr. Zee) - Dr Zee began his education at Dickenson College, where he played baseball and obtained a double major in Biochemistry and Chemistry. He then attended Temple School of Dentistry where he graduated with honors, before completing his residency at Christiana Care. When not practicing dentistry Dr Zee enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Danielle and their two dogs, Pippa and Rory.

Dr Marissa Schnelle - Marissa works and lives in Wilmington with her husband, Mark Fiss, and her three kids Megan, Josie and Ryan. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University with an undergraduate degree in Biology from Case Western Reserve University. She moved to Delaware where she completed her general practice residence at Christiana Care in 2005. She works as a general dentist, and recently also began specializing in pediatric dentistry. She enjoys hanging out with her family, traveling and going to the beach.

Dr John Fontana - John lives in Hockessin with his wife Stacy, and two sons John and Steven. He is active with the non-profit Delaware Field of Dreams Foundation. He no doubt graduated from at least one college and also probably has some hobbies and interests. What a better way to get to know him then to quiz him on what some of these may be!

Dr George E Frattali - George is a dentist who has a sparsely populated application form and no online bio from which we can easily glean some personal information. If you know anything about George please let Rob know and it will be included in the future!

Please welcome all of our new members and make them feel at home!

Small but Mighty: Pacem In Terris



At the U&W Club, Sarah Green quickly took notice of Rotary's Four-Way Test slide, shining brightly on the screen behind the podium where she presented an overview of **Pacem In Terris** last Friday (Yes, Pacem In Terris translates to "Peace on Earth" and yes, it is Wilmington's own!)



Sarah Green pointed out that The Four Way Test is intrinsically tied into the work that Pacem In Terris does. Founded in 1967 by interfaith leaders and civilians to protest the Vietnam war, Pacem In Terris shifted from nonviolence, nuclear disarmament, and global advocacy to a hyperlocal approach, lifting up people who live around us (after all, true peace begins at home). Sarah described Pacem In Terris as small but mighty, and the organization has given birth to everything from [The Ulster Project](#) to [Peace Week](#) to prison [expungements](#) & pardons.

Sarah was hired in to be the executive director at Pacem In Terris, but instead developed a non-hierarchical structure where people (such as Sarah's co-directors) have a shared feeling of authority, everyone feels heard, and everyone is invested in the outcome of initiatives and programs. Also known as a horizontal structure, this way of leading is the beautiful, inspired opposite of the top-down corporate control exerted in most organizations.

Sarah was born & raised in Wilmington and has spent the past 17 years community organizing, advocacy, and non-profit work. Sarah is the co-founder and was the executive director of [Urban Bike Project of Wilmington](#); she helped found [S.A.F.E. Schools Delaware](#) and has been at Pacem In Terris for about 2 ½ years. She's the proud mom of a student at Warner Elementary School.

Getting back to that Four-Way Test slide! Sarah emphasized the Four-Way Rule is really tied into the work that Pacem In Terris does. There are two major programs at Pacem In Terris: Community Listening Circles and Restoring Through Relationships. Anyone who comes to a Community Listening Circle (usually facilitated by Sarah herself) gets to connect on a deeper level as people sit in the circle and everyone listens to the person holding the talking piece.

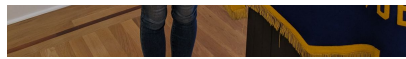
So is it the truth? Yes, because the person holding the talking piece is sharing their truth. Is it fair to all concerned? Yes, because everyone in a Community Listening Circle has an equal opportunity to speak. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? You bet! The circle process finds people becoming more open through the sharing & listening process.

Last and certainly not least, will it be beneficial to all concerned? Absolutely; Community Listening Circles create shared empathy, build relationships between neighbors, and repair the rents in our social fabric. Everyone becomes an asset in strengthening their own community.

Restoring Through Relationships is communication & conflict resolution training. In some ways, it's an extension of the Community Circle dialog and facilitates a deep dive into how we communicate, how important communication is when we're dealing with conflict, and how our perception of conflict changes how we live & move in the world. Conflict, broadly speaking, can be bifurcated into something from which we run away from or something from which we can learn, change, and grow.

Coming up on January 28 is the Visionary Peace Youth Art Exhibition at Wilmington Public Library. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade created artwork around the question of, "what is your vision of a peaceful world?" Don't miss the youth art exhibition and get involved with [Pacem In Terris](#)!





JANUARY 15, 2023 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Family, Fun, Fellowship & Rotary. These are the things that I believe a District Conference should be. I remember taking my children with us to the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland when they were little. I would spend my days attending the District Conference learning as much as I could and, in the evenings, and on the final Sunday of the Conference, we would spend time together as a family going to the boardwalk, doing the rides, and having meals together.

The fun and fellowship activities of our District Conference this year will commence on Thursday, April 18th with a golf tournament and continue, Friday, April 19th with a cocktail party, dinner without a speaker, and then music and dancing. The band Club Phred, whose members include Fred Dawson and Mark Sisk of the Newark Morning Club, will provide our entertainment. After breakfast on Saturday, April 20th we will start the Rotary part of the Conference with breakout sessions on topics such as, Fundraising and Service Projects for Clubs of All Sizes, District Grant Opportunities and The Rotary Foundation You Do Not Hear About, and How to Make Your Club Irresistible. At lunch on Saturday, our speaker will be Past District Governor David Forward from Rotary District 7500. David, who I believe missed his calling as a comedian, is an author and whose Rotary book titles include "A Century of Service" and "Doing Good in the World." After lunch, we will have our required Business Meeting, our Memorial Service to remember those Rotarians who are no longer with us and will then continue with more breakout sessions.

Our Conference will be held at the Grand Hotel, on the boardwalk, in Ocean City, Maryland. We have a block of rooms set aside for you, but you must reserve your room prior to March 1, 2024, to get the discounted price. A save the date has been created in the calendar on DACdb along with a link to the hotel.

If you have been to a District Conference you know how much fun they can be. Please reach out to your new members and to the members of your club who have never attended a District Conference and bring them and their families to Ocean City with you. Once they get a taste of this aspect of Rotary, they will come back every year!

Finally, a District Conference is a major undertaking and the cost of putting on a Conference gets more expensive each year. I am looking for Rotarians or their Companies who might consider sponsorships to help me with the Conference. Sponsorships are available to support the Cocktail Party, the Band and entertainment and our luncheon speaker. Please contact me if you are interested. Thank you.


Thanks for all you do for Rotary and for Creating Hope in the World!

John

23-24 7630 District Governor

[Click here to download the Conference flyer!](#)






The Grand Hotel
 2100 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD
 To book call: 410-289-6191 or 800-447-6779
 Rates good April 18 to April 20, 2024

Room Rates:
 \$109 for City View
 \$119 Partial Ocean View
 \$164 Deluxe Direct Ocean View

Plus 11% tax, one night's deposit is required
 Cancellation policy is 3 days prior for a full refund
When booking - ask for the 7630 District Conference group rate!

Friday, April 19, 2024
 Welcome Cocktail Reception
 Major Donor Reception (Invitation Only)
 Dinner with Special Guest Speaker
 After dinner party with Club Phred for music and dancing

Saturday, April 20, 2023
 9am to 5pm District Conference Activities with breakouts and educational opportunities!
 - Stay tuned as details are still being finalized



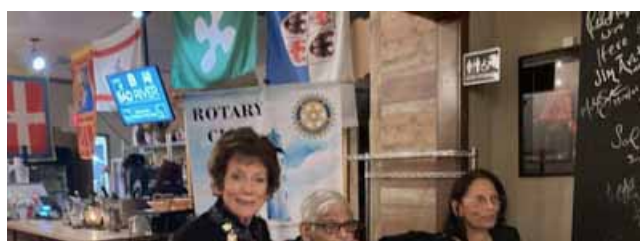
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Mark your calendars for the following District/Zone events:

- 1/15/24 5:00 p.m. [Zone Membership Chair/DDG Line Call](#)
- 1/15/24 5:30 p.m. [Membership Action Plan Webinar](#)
- 1/20/24 [Pre-Pets Maple Dale Country Club](#)
- 2/29-3/2/24 [Chesapeake PETS](#)
- 4/19-20/24 [District Conference, Ocean City, MD](#)
- 5/11/24 [District Assembly](#)

LEWES REHOBOTH CELEBRATES 95 YEARS

According to Cape Gazette, "Since 1929, the Lewes Rehoboth Rotary Club has quietly and significantly been making the community a better place to live, work, go to school and raise a family. Through its various fundraising activities, it has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities over the years." District Governor John Mager attended their 95th Anniversary last week!





PDG Susan Giove and Ramachandra "Dr Ram" Hosmane and his wife, Kay, celebrating their Club's milestone!



PDG Pete Booker and IPP Jeff Kitchen enjoying the music!

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