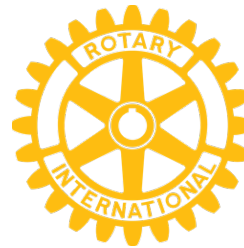
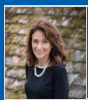


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Club of Caesar Rodney of Wilmington



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Speakers

March 1st
[RYLA Students](#)

Events

No Events found

Birthdays



Charlie Copeland
February 18th

Kenneth Harris
February 19th



Neal Donaldson
March 2nd



Dan C Shelton
March 4th



Tim Mihok
March 6th

Years of Service



Richard Harra
14 Years



David P. Kenney
5 Years

Committee List 2024-25

[Nominations](#)

This Week's Meeting

**No Meeting Tomorrow
Just a Sad Bowl of Oatmeal at Home :(
Happy Presidents Day!**



[Austin Publicover](#)
Club Communications Chair
Club Webmaster

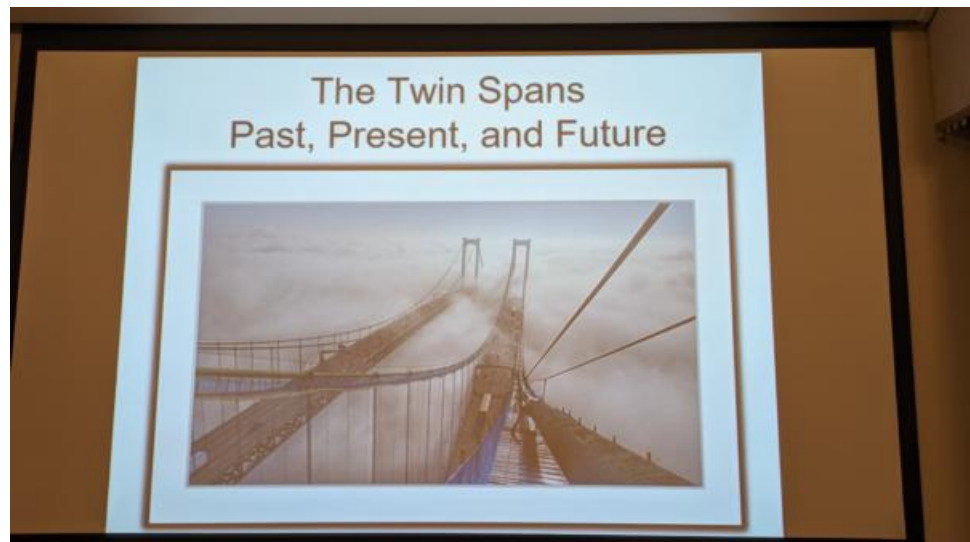
Upcoming Greeters

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 26th - Offsite - No Greeting Required
Feb 2nd - John Seiberlich, Dan Shelton, Thom Shumusic
Feb 9th - Tony Vassalotti, Jim Vachris, Trevor Turner
Feb 16th - No Meeting, no greeting
Feb 23 - Offsite Service

Chaplains of the Day
Jan 26th - Offsite
Feb 2nd - Bob Elder
Feb 9th - Rick Harrah
Feb 16th - Pray on your own!
Feb 23rd - Offsite

Greg Pawlowski: Delaware Memorial Bridge in Detail



Greg Pawlowski gave us an unforgettable engineer's view of the Delaware Memorial Bridge at CRRC on Friday, illuminated by his penchant for extraordinary detail and his more than 41 years in heavy construction. Greg Pawlowski's role is Senior Project Manager in the Delaware River & Bay Authority, a bistate agency created by Congress in 1962 that operates two airports in New Jersey, three airports in Delaware, the Cape May & Lewes Ferry, and more! but back to the amazing Delaware Memorial Bridge!

As Senior Project Manager, Greg helps oversee the upkeep of the Bridge. Given that a paint job alone takes \$78M and 11 years, upkeep ain't no piece of cake! And building it certainly wasn't easy! the idea for the bridge came about in 1945, and construction began a mere 7 years later. There's two miles of roadway arcing over the river, composed of massive amounts of metal from Bethlehem Steel, all capably assembled by the experts of American Bridge Company, who did all the construction utilizing barges to mix concrete, cranes swaying on platforms to hoist trusses from boats below, and many men slithering along gigantic beams some 175 feet above the Delaware River, with not a visible tie-back, harness, or even rope!

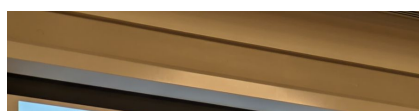
Alas, when construction was completed & the bridge was commissioned, it was such a success that a second bridge was built alongside of it in 1968. These two impressive engineering feats, though separate, are what we now know as the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

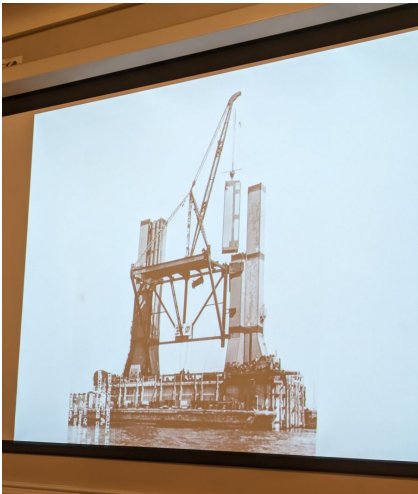
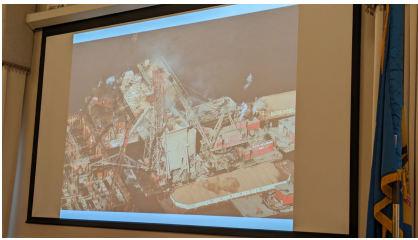
Greg shared rich information about everything from the \$2M worth of equipment that is placed above the road as part of the constant repainting process, which includes

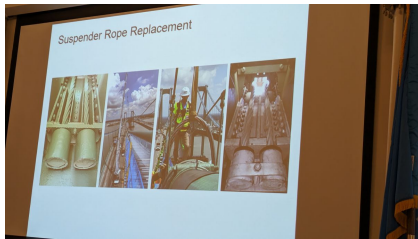
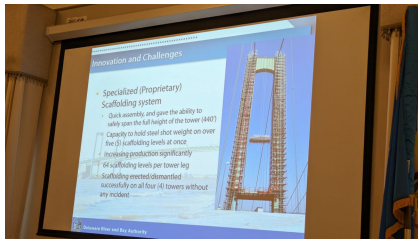
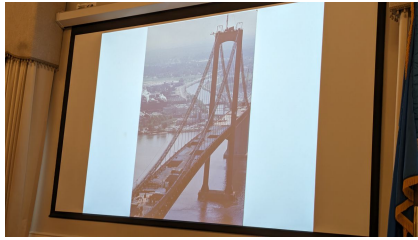
recycling metal shot, vacuums, air compressors, and other equipment. With large cocoons and dedicated teams, the original lead paint is removed, leaving the metal shiny. A zinc powder & binder goes on, then a waterproofing membrane is applied, and then a UV-inhibitor is applied (which is also the color of the bridge, which is Federal Green).

The cables, each of which are composed of 8,284 bundled wires, are now clad in neoprene wrap. The Delaware Memorial Bridge is only the second bridge in the United States to have its cables encased in neoprene!

Below are some photos from Greg's presentation (including one of the man himself!). Thank you Greg for joining us at CRRC, we really enjoyed having you! See more photos and a brief history at <https://www.delawarememorialbridge.com/dmb-history>









YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY!

The Polio Plus Society is an organization of like-minded individuals who have committed to contributing \$100 or more each and every year to Polio Plus until the world has been declared free of the Wild Polio Virus. This is our commitment to fulfill the promise Rotary made in 1985 to immunize all the children of the world. It's easy and rewarding to become a member. Click the flyer header below to fill out the flyer!





District 7630
PolioPlus Society
Membership Form



As a Rotarian and supporter of Rotary's PolioPlus efforts to eradicate polio, I wish to participate as a member of our District 7630's PolioPlus Society.

Polio Status:

Wild Polio: 2024 - 0

2023: 12 Cases of Wild Polio, 6 in Afghanistan, 6 in Pakistan

We are still looking for additional PolioPlus Society Members. Our District has 59 confirmed members.

If you are already a member, please remember (if you haven't already) that you need to make your 2023-24 donation of \$100.

I am available to talk to Clubs in person!

Sincerely in Rotary Service,

John A. Nanni

Rotary District 7630 PolioPlus Chair

WORLD CUP OF BOWLING FUNDRAISER SET FOR MARCH 11TH

Please click on the photo to download the flyer for Tidewater Rotary's bowling fundraiser. Sponsors and participants needed!

Here is a link to register a team: <https://tidewaterrotary.org/bowling/>

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FEBRUARY 12, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

About a month ago, I asked my son, Daniel, to please remove all the Rubbermaid storage totes in our basement that had his name on them because I have started thinking about the sale of my home later this year. Cleaning out the basement will be a major chore. Last Sunday, Dan came home for a visit and brought the empty storage totes back and handed me one document which was my Rotary Club's weekly bulletin dated August 25, 1981. August 25th was my daughter's fifth birthday, but it was in Dan's tote because there was a congratulations to Monica and me on the birth of our son, Daniel, two weeks earlier.

As I read the bulletin, it brought back great memories of Rotarians who are no longer here with us, but the thing that stood out the most is that we had ten guests that day, including four from the Wilmington Club (including Mike Friedberg our current AG in Area 51), one guest from Wilmington West, one from Media, PA, one from Kennett Square, PA and one from Marco Island, FL. All these Rotarians were making up for a meeting they had missed. During the eighties and nineties my club had at least ten people making up every week from all over the world and Rotarians, like Hugh Mahaffy, who were regular attendees. In November 2017, Rotary International announced that the Council of Legislation passed new legislation and that the attendance requirements would be relaxed. Shortly after the announcement the number of make-ups each week steadily decreased and today, we very rarely have a Rotarian guest who is visiting to just make up.

While I understand the reason for the change, Rotary and our members have lost something especially important. Making up at other Clubs affords Rotarians the opportunity to see what other Rotary Clubs look like, the service projects they have done and how they raise funds. While all clubs encourage service as provided in Rotary's Object of Rotary, what and how they provide their services is different in every club and every club has its own personality. That is why it is important when engaging and mentoring our new members to take them to other clubs, so they understand that Rotary just does not happen at your club. Also suggest they visit Rotary clubs when they vacation outside the country for an entirely unique perspective.

One of the best things a District Governor does is to visit all the clubs in our district to get to know our members better and hear all the good things they are doing. This past week I visited six clubs in the district as I begin to visit all of you again. I had the honor to induct four new members and acknowledge the generous contributions of four individuals who received multiple Paul Harris awards on Wednesday evening at the Camden Wyoming Club and I had fun Thursday morning at the Newark Morning Club packing birthday boxes which will be distributed along with meals by the Meals on Wheels organization.

The conference committee met with the hotel this past Friday, and we hope to have registration for the conference open on DACdb by this coming Friday. If you are coming to the District Conference, it is important that you make your hotel reservation by February 29th to get the discounted price. The cost of food for the conference has risen, just like the cost of food we buy for home. I am looking for help with the cost of the conference through sponsorships. If you are interested in sponsoring an event, please reach out to me.

In planning the balance of your year, please remember that Camp Fairlee Manor workdays will be May third and fourth this year. Our District Chair for Camp Fairlee Manor, Bob Smith, will be distributing a list of projects and the annual Camp Fairlee Manor wish list soon. For the first time since covid started, the Camp will be able to run at 100% capacity and Easterseals will need our help with scholarships for campers.

Thanks for all you do to Create Hope in the World!

John

23-24 7630 District Governor





DG John awards multiple Paul Harris Fellows at the Camden Wyoming Club!



Several new members were also inducted that night!

Mark your calendars for the following District/Zone events:

- 02/15/2024 [District Membership Committee Meeting](#)
 - 02/16-18/2024 [RYLA \(Rotary Youth Leadership Academy\)](#)
 - 02/19/2024 [Zone 33 Memberships Chair/DG Line Call](#)
 - 02/20/2024 [DG Chain Call](#)
 - 02/27/2024 [Zone 33/34 Public Image Webinar](#)
 - 02/29-3/2/24 [Chesapeake PETS](#)
 - 03/30/24 [District Grant Application Training via Zoom](#)
 - 04/19-20/24 [District Conference, Ocean City, MD](#)
 - 05/03-04/24 [Easterseals Rotary Work Days](#)
 - 05/11/24 [District Assembly](#)
 - 06/23/24 [DG Randy Smith Installation](#)
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[Click here to download the Conference flyer!](#)

Rotary
District 7630

**52nd Annual
District Conference**

**SAVE
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ROOM!**

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, 2024
9am to 5pm District Conference Activities with breakouts and educational opportunities!
- Stay tuned as details are still being finalized


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REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

As is tradition, the District would like to acknowledge and remember Rotarians that have passed away since the last District Conference. Please contact the District Executive Secretary if anyone from your club has passed away since October of 2022. (A link to the obituary, any thoughts or stories about them as a member of your club and a photo is helpful!)

7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com

THANK YOU



April 18, 2024 District Conference Golf Tournament

If you are interested in playing golf, we are trying to organize a round of golf on Thursday, April 18th at a golf course to be determined depending on the area the golfers are located. We are thinking of the Dover area for the middle of the district.

If you have an interest, please contact PDG/DRFC Bill Ferguson at fergy123@comcast.net or cell 443-786-6345 or Robert Smith at rls.terps22@gmail.com or cell 443-614-2503. Would appreciate your participation and support!

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