

# Rotary

## Club of Caesar Rodney of Wilmington



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Chair



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Club  
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Chair  
Club Webmaster

### Speakers

March 8th  
[Lydia York, Delaware State Auditor](#)

March 15th  
[Girls On the Run](#)

### Events

No Events found

### Birthdays

— [George Frattali](#) — [Alexander Crawford](#)  
March 17th March 28th

### Years of Service



[Matthew McMenamy](#)  
14 Years



[Brian Martinenza Jr.](#)  
9 Years



[Helen Apostolico](#)  
4 Years

### Committee List 2024-25

[Nominations](#)

## This Week's Meeting

### Whist Club

7:15 ish

**Join Us in Celebrating International Women's Day - Go Women!**  
**And/Or Celebrating Maha Shivarati with our Hindu Friends - Go Hindus!**  
**And Of Course National Peanut Cluster Day - Go To the Chocolate Shop!**

### 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.

Feb 23 - Offsite Service  
March 1 - Blake Werley, David Andrews, Des Baker  
March 8 - Jack Barr, Alisha Bryson, Jim Cloonan  
March 15 - Chelsea Collins, Charlie Copeland\*, Wes Davis

Chaplains of the Day  
Feb 23rd - Offsite  
March 1 - David Andrews  
March 8 - Kay Keenan  
March 15 - Roseanne Miller

\*Some may ask, just who is Charlie Copeland? A tall, handsome man occasionally seen in birthday or years of service pictures? A whispered rumor in the hallowed halls of the Whist Club? A pre-Covid Rotarian who has not quite made it out in public yet? We need Charlie back! Accordingly, a \$100 CRR dollar bounty will be paid if Charlie shows up to greet on March 15th. Will it happen? Show up on March 15th to find out!

### RYLA's Avery, Anya, and Nora



Who better than Rotary Youth to engage in an intensive leadership experience while having fun and making friends? Enter RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards!

Avery, Anya, and Nora (each from Wilmington Friends School) joined us last Friday at the UR&W Club to share their experiences at



joined us last Friday, as the youth came to share their experiences at RYLA in Ocean City, MD. Avery explained that there were multiple shared experiences, and multiple individual experiences. With a PowerPoint presentation on the wall and an uncanny knack for navigating the laptop, Avery, Anya, and Nora each took turns relating the RYLA experience.

And it all began with tacos! Then quickly segued into a Rise Against Hunger project with groups of six where everyone had a specific job of weighing & packing food all the while staying within the standards.

At the Carousel Hotel, there were two speakers on Saturday who covered two diverse topics. The first was service and the difference between serving vs self-serving, while defining & highlighting anti-fragility as an important quality of a leader, and being a servant leader. The other presentation was no less weighty: sex trafficking, how to recognize human trafficking, and how to intervene while staying safe.

An egg drop was also part of Saturday: each team was given a fake budget and had to split up how much of each material that would build an encapsulation over each egg so that when the egg dropped, it wouldn't break. Great team building resulted. They started at the first floor, and then went progressively higher, dropping the protected eggs while trying to hit a target. Group 10 won ??

The Rotary Youth hit the hot tub during the bit of free time they had before getting gussied up in gowns for a fancy, plated dinner.

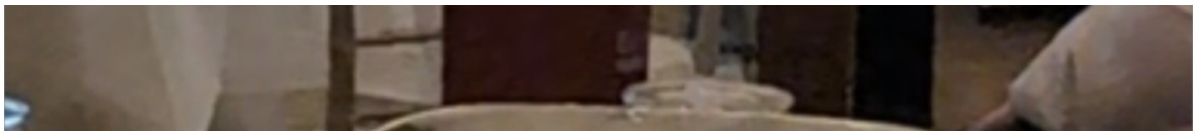
Sunday brought group bonding out in the lobby, amidst the hustle & bustle of non-RYLA guests, while the Rotary Youth practiced their communication skills while fanned out in something resembling a spider web composed of strings radiating from a center that had a donut ring with a whiffle ball on top! the exercise being how to move and communicate so as not to drop the whiffle ball which was basically in the middle of a spider web. As far as those other hotels guests were concerned, this was definitely stare-worthy!

There were also ethical dilemma skits, which were pre-written but up to the Rotary Youth to be depicted and portrayed in different ways, allowing them to apply Rotary's Four Way Test to each dilemma. For instance, posting inappropriate pics on Instagram and how The Four Way Test applied to those pics and the person(s) posting them. Or how about that new girl in school who was getting bullied, and how to gently quash that before it grows! –they, you shouldn't be talking about her like that. Or my favorite: the exam assignment for a test and whether the winning essay that had been done by a sibling last year would be repurposed and submitted this year, cheating the system. Applying each step of The Four Way Test to these skits allowed the participants' critical thinking to come to the fore, and clear defined moral clarity.

There were more speakers on Sunday, including a polio survivor shared his story and how eradicating polio remains as urgent & relevant now as it was in 1955.

All-in-all, a terrific, enriching experience which saw tomorrow's Rotary Leaders shining brightly today. Huge thanks to Avery, Nora, and Anya for spending their Friday morning with us oldsters ??





## AREA 10 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR NINJA FIT PLAYGROUND PROJECT

This Area 10 Rotary led initiative is almost ready to come to fruition, but it needs help to make it to the finish line.



The poster features a group of five women in athletic wear jumping joyfully in front of a green sign that reads 'COMING SOON 2024'. To the right, another sign says 'SAT. APRIL 27TH, 2024'. The main text 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!' is in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. Below it, 'NinjaFit Playground Community Build Day!' is written in a smaller, white font. The poster lists the event details: '7:30 am sign in / coffee', '8:30 am start time', and the location 'Alapocas Run State Park, 4361 Weldin Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803'. It also includes three bullet points: 'No experience necessary', 'Must be 16+ to build. Younger volunteers can assist with food, waivers, photography...', and 'Food and drinks provided!'. At the bottom, there is a green bar with the text 'LEARN MORE & SIGN UP' and a link to 'neighborhoodninjas.org/playground-project'. Below this, it says 'CONNECT WITH US!' and provides social media handles for @neighborhood\_ninjas and @brandywinenaamansrotary.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
*NinjaFit Playground Community Build Day!*

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**Alapocas Run State Park**  
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**Wilmington, DE 19803**

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## FEBRUARY 26, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Congratulations to Phil Reed, all the RYLA committee and the RYLA staff for, in Phil's words, "One of the best RYLA's we have had". On President's Day weekend, our District hosted our 2024 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. The Clubs in our District sent 120 delegates to Ocean City, Maryland to attend RYLA. On Friday night, the delegates packed 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger and afterward enjoyed a pizza party.

On Saturday, the Delegates heard from DGE Amelia Stansel of District 7610 on Human Trafficking, Katie McGrath of Chick Filet on Leadership, Mallory Metzner of Coast TV on public speaking and interview preparation, Samantha Scott on mental health and Ken Wood on the service projects he continues to do in Africa. In between the speakers, the delegates worked on an egg drop challenge, getting their presentation ready for the Four Way Test Theater of Ethical Dilemmas which was held Saturday evening, their community service project which they would present on Sunday and various team building exercises hosted by Dan Tabler.

On Sunday the Delegates heard from John Nanni on Rotary's mission to eradicate polio and from Elayna Aiken of what she's doing to create hope, education, and economic opportunities in Kenya. After working on finishing their presentations, each group had fifteen minutes to present their community service project. Group #1 won the competition with their presentation on "Athletic Equipment Drive" and their charity "Uplifting Athletes" will receive a \$500.00 contribution in Group #1's names.

This year's outstanding group leader was Khloe Barrett Kues. This was the third year Katie served as a group leader, and she was a delegate to RYLA during her junior year at Cambridge South Dorchester High School. Katie is currently a junior at Salisbury University majoring in Exercise Science. Congratulations and thank you Khloe!

Special thanks to all the Rotary Clubs, Companies and Rotarians who sponsored this year's RYLA tee shirts and the cost of Rise Against Hunger and to DGN Dale Kerns for filling in for me when I had to leave.

Last call for your District Conference room. The discount on our room block goes away after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

This coming Thursday, all our Club Presidents, Area Governors and District Leadership leave to go to Chantilly, VA for the Chesapeake President-Elect Training Seminar or CPETS for three days of training. Everyone in Rotary says that the best job in Rotary is being the Club President. Please reach out to your incoming Club President, and thank them for committing their time to the club service time necessary to make your club grow and become irresistible.

Finally, Happy Birthday to all our Rotarians whose birthday is February 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**John**

23-24 7630 District Governor

**DG John speaking at RYLA**

### Mark your calendars for the following District/Zone events:

- 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](#)



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



#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:fergy123@comcast.net) or cell 443-786-6345 or Robert Smith at [rls.terps22@gmail.com](mailto:rls.terps22@gmail.com) or cell 443-614-2503. Would appreciate your participation and support!

#### SUCCESSFUL 2024 RYLA IN THE BOOKS

On the weekend of Feb. 16, District 7630 Rotarians gathered alongside students at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD for the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA). Click "Read More" for photos highlighting the Rise Against Hunger meal packing and team building challenges!



Dist 7610 DGE Amelia Stansell seen here with DGN Dale Kerns and Pat Campbell-White was a speaker at RYLA.

DGE Stansell stated, "What an awesome weekend with the family at the Rotary District 7630 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in Ocean City, MD! These students were on fire with energy and engagement as I share about the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery and how they are the generation who will end human trafficking. The ideas they had to raise awareness in their school and communities were awesome and several asked for my presentation so they can adapt it for their school. I can't wait to hear the results of their efforts! Thank you District 7630 for the invitation and hospitality."





RYLA Morning Prayer Service below



## 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