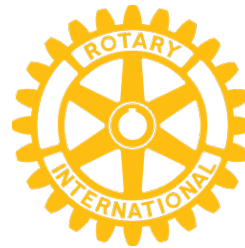
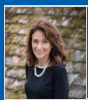


Rotary

Club of Caesar Rodney of Wilmington



Club Leaders



Helen Apostolico
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Club Foundation
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Club Service
Chair



Debbie Janocha
Club Director



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CR Foundation
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Chris Malmstrom
President-Nominee

Speakers

May 10th

Senator Nicole Poore of the 12th Senate District

May 17th

George Rassias - Greek Festival

Events

No Events found

Birthdays



Robert G. Elder
May 20th



Kay Keenan
May 23rd



John Seiberlich
May 30th



Richard Harra
June 4th



Matthew McMenemy
June 5th



Alisha Bryson
June 7th

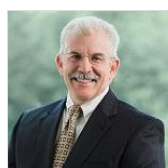
Years of Service



James E. Vachris Jr.
34 Years



Theodore (Ted) Dwyer Jr.
34 Years



Stephen D. Ritchie
33 Years



Desmond A. Baker
30 Years



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Membership
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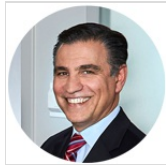
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28 Years



[Kay Keenan](#)
21 Years



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14 Years



[Richard Jervis](#)
13 Years



[Robert G. Elder](#)
12 Years



[David Tallmadge Andrews Jr.](#)
10 Years

Committee List 2024-25

[Nominations](#)

This Week's Meeting

Whist Club

7:16 ish

Breakfast - Coffee - Rotarians - Yada yada.....

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.

May 3 - Mike Gioffre, Rick Harra, Ted Harting
May 10 - John Hawley, John Himics, Mike Janis
May 17 - Debbie Janocha, Rick Jervis, Kay Keenan
May 24 - Service

Chaplains of the Day
May 3 - David Andrews
May 10 - Kay Keenan
May 17 - Roseanne Miller
May 24 - Pray on your Own

Wilmington Kitchen Collective and Lisa Bixby at CRRC





Lisa Bixby is the Operations Manager for the Wilmington Kitchen Collective, a community-based project dedicated to empowering holistic transformation by providing affordable high-quality commercial kitchen facilities, business development, and economic support to culinary entrepreneurs. We were honored to have Lisa Bixby from The Wilmington Kitchen Collective visit us on May 3.

Lisa was born & raised in Wilmington, DE, and began her career in hospitality right out of college, cutting her teeth in hotel foodservice before opening Bixby's Catering, which she owned & operated for 23 years. (Lisa has been in hospitality for 32 years total, so she brings a heaping plate of experience to the table!)

Lisa is also the President of the Rotary Club of Brandywine "Naamans"; she loves to travel and works in her garden whenever she has the chance.

So what was the impetus for Wilmington Kitchen Collective?

Often, young culinary entrepreneurs have a loyal following of people who love, yet these same entrepreneurs can't afford to open restaurants. In order to legitimately run a foodservice business, these culinary entrepreneurs need to have capital, need to learn how to launch & run a business, and need to meet the licensing requirements that go into being a permitted business. WKC helps these entrepreneurs in all stages of their development.

Firstly (and perhaps most importantly), WKC provides licensed commercial space that is certified for food production by the Health Dept and is equipped with industrial kitchen appliances.

The licensed commercial space becomes a shared kitchen that WKC oversees. By definition, a shared kitchen is a culinary production facility that can accommodate multiple tenants and is dedicated to growing early-stage wholesale, retail, and/or catering food businesses.

Going back to the beginning, Lisa detailed the three-way partnership that would give rise to WKC. The Wilmington Alliance had a vision for helping early-stage food entrepreneurs. Wilmington Alliance partners with community, civic, and business leaders to prioritize the City's highest needs to drive economic opportunity and social vitality. Enter Grace United Methodist Church, who wanted to participate in this vision but couldn't run the shared kitchen space themselves. Bring Riverfront Ministries into the mix, as they also had a desire to make a bigger impact on the community while emphasizing economic justice and culinary excellence. The partnership blossomed with Riverfront became the operating partner, Grace Church's industrial kitchen becoming the physical location for WKC, and Wilmington Alliance holding up things as a financial & project partner.

Et voila, Wilmington Kitchen Collective!

But how does WKC work? Entrepreneurs fill out an application on the website. When Lisa started, there were about 80 people on the waitlist, ultimately narrowed down to about 25 entrepreneurs. WKC offers membership to users based on where they are

about 35 entrepreneurs. WKC offers membership to users based on where they are with their business at that time. Entrepreneurs sign a license for use of the shared kitchen and then complete the licensing process with the State Board of Health, City Business License, ServSafe food handler license, various insurance requirements, and (for wholesalers) FDA Food Facility Registration.

These early-stage culinarians also enjoy business support through the Small Business Development Center.

WKC provides workshops by culinary and business professionals, e.g. how to price your food or menus, etc., and partners with Launcher DE with classes geared toward establishing a successful food business.

WKC also does on-on-one coaching and social media marketing assistance and also help their members to apply for grants to achieve business goals.

Currently, 22 food businesses thrive under the WKC umbrella. There are 8 more food businesses joining the fold by the end of the year.

Sound like something that whets your appetite? You can also get involved with Wilmington Kitchen Collective in so many ways!

- Join them at Brew HaHa! in Trolley Square on May 11th and July 13th from 10am-2pm, where several members will be showcasing their products
- Join them for lunch at our Taste and See Series at Grace Church, the second Tuesday of each month. The first one is on May 14th at 900 N. Washington Street. There will be live music, delicious food, and loads of fun!
- Offer Business Coaching/Mentoring to their food entrepreneurs
- Hire WKC's caterers or food trucks for your next event
- Donate financially to the Wilmington Kitchen Collective
- Visit them online:
www.wilmingtonkitchencollective.com

And, of course, follow WKC on Social Media! @ wilmingtonkitchencollective
Thank you Lisa for sharing your time & expertise with CRRC!





@WilmingtonKitchenCollective

TASTE & SEE

with WKC!

LUNCHTIME MARKET WITH

**The Stand | Ma Ada's Water Ice
Bea Delightful | Gravesyard Apiary**

TUESDAY, MAY 14
11 AM - 2 PM

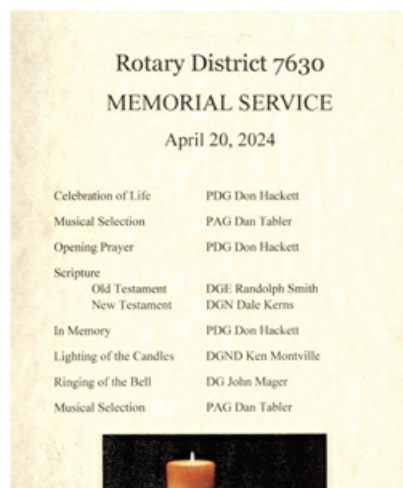
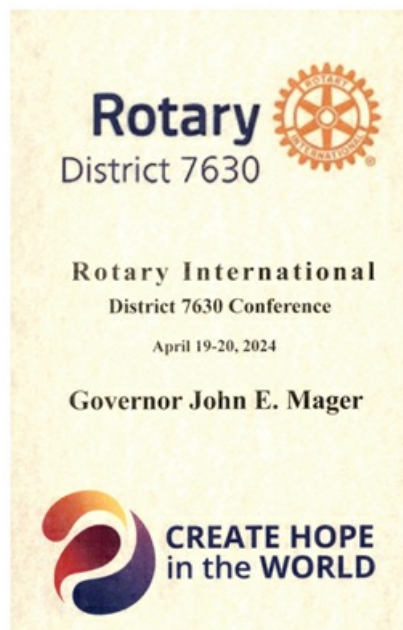


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2024 DISTRICT CONFERENCE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

It had been about a year and a half since the last District Conference Remembrance Service. A total of 29 Rotarians were remembered during the ceremony which was prepared and presented by PDG Don Hackett. He was assisted by PAG Dan Tabler who's masterful playing of the harpsichord stirred our hearts. The DG chain also participated in this meaningful service.

Please [click here](#) to download the entire program which gives information on every Rotarian remembered. Sandra also has hard copies in her office if anyone would like one. (7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com)





<i>In Memory of</i>	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Rotary Club</i>
Christopher Aulita Jr.	Dover-Capital City
Richard S. Barr Sr.	Salisbury
Audrey C. Boys	Wilmington
John Broyhill	Salisbury
Rodney Bunty	North East
John J. Callaghan Jr.	Wilmington
Edward A. Caporin	Centreville
William F. Carroll Jr.	Southern Sussex
George Chabbot	Dover-Capital City
Kenneth D. Everline	Nanticoke-Seaford
Robert A. Fischer	Snow Hill
Edward "Ted" Geist	Wilmington
Gordan D. Gladden	Salisbury
James E. Grilli	Camden-Wyoming
Bernard L. Grove	St. Michaels
Donald F. Johnson	Cambridge
Dr. Lester F. Link III	Dover-Colonial
Joseph P. Melloy Sr.	Wilmington
William J. Minster	Wilmington
Maurice E. Newnam III	Easton
John C. Papen	Camden-Wyoming
Captain Jimmy L. Parsons	Cambridge
Anna Whittet-Pitts	Camden-Wyoming
Jean Schmidt	Southern Sussex
Rodman B. Teeple Jr.	Wilmington
George Test	Southern Sussex
Edgar "Steve" Welde Jr.	Camden-Wyoming
Edward L. Wilchinski	Dover-Capital City
Edgar S. Woolard Jr.	Wilmington

APRIL 29, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

We had 155 Rotarians and guests registered for last weekend's District Conference and **I had a ball!** We played golf at Maple Dale Country Club on Thursday with lunch afterwards. Friday evening, we had a cocktail reception and dinner and then were blown away by Club Phred who entertained us for two straight hours without a break. Thank you, Fred Dawson, and Mark Sisk, for a wonderful evening of music & dancing. My wife Beth had a wonderful time dancing and cannot wait to hear you play again. On Saturday we had our business meeting at which future District Officers were approved, prior year financial statements were approved as were changes to our District Rules of Procedures. We had nine Rotary educational breakout sessions on Saturday and heard from Rotary Author, PDG David Forward. We had attendees from all over our District and guests from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New Orleans, Louisiana.

There are so many people to thank. Thanks to the facilitators of our breakout sessions, to all who participated in our memorial service during which we remembered the 29 Rotarians who have left us since our last District Conference, to the members of the Brandywine Naamans Rotary Club who were the host club and who helped with the conference planning, registration and acted as our Sergeant at Arms. Finally, thanks to our sponsors who contributed \$12,500.00 to help fund the conference. Without sponsorships, we could not continue to provide meaningful conferences for our members at a reasonable cost. If you attended the conference, please go back to your clubs this week, and tell your members how much fun you had and why the rest of the members in your Club should attend next year's conference in Rehoboth Beach.

The annual workdays at Camp Fairlee Manor are coming up on May 3rd and 4th. If your Club has not signed up, please reach out to our Easterseals representative, Bob Smith at 443-614-2503 or rls.terps22@gmail.com. There are items remaining on the Easterseals wish list if your Club would like to contribute. See you at camp!

This year's District Assembly will be held on May 11th on Zoom. All incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Foundation Chairs should attend. Please RSVP your attendance on DACdb.

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, please remember that most Rotary Clubs see their highest attrition numbers in December and June. Most clubs lose between ten and fifteen percent of their membership annually. Statistically, we expect to lose twenty-nine members during June. Now is the time to plan. Ask your membership chair to create an intentional strategy to find those new members over the next six to eight weeks. A Rotary Information Hour (Discover Rotary) event would create the highest likelihood of success.

Our annual fund giving to The Rotary Foundation provides the funding to the World Fund, which the Foundation Trustees use to provide matching funds for global grants. Our annual fund giving also provides the funding for our annual District Grants. As an incentive to increase our annual giving during May and June, several members of our District Leadership team and I will match your annual fund gifts of \$100.00 or more with points. To obtain your points, please email our District Foundation Chair, Bill Ferguson, or myself a copy of your Rotary Foundation Contribution form.

I had a telephone call today from the Grand Hotel in Ocean City letting me know that they found an iPad in the ballroom after the District Conference. I hope to be in Ocean City in a week and will pick it up. Please call me at 302-740-2197 or email me at jmager@bumpersco.com if the iPad belongs to you.

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

John

23-24 7630 District Governor

Mark your calendars for the following District/Zone events:

May 1, 2024, [District AG Meeting](#)
May 3-4, 2024 [Easterseals Rotary Work Days](#)
May 11, 2024 [District Assembly](#)
June 23, 2024 [DG Randy Smith Installation](#)





DG John Mager and his lovely wife, Beth greeting the District Conference attendees!



DGN Dale Kerns and District Executive Secretary Sandra Early at the check-in table.



Look for several stories below highlighting the 2024 District Conference!

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