

# Rotary

## Club of Caesar Rodney of Wilmington



### Club Leaders



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Club Service Chair



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Club Director



John Hawley  
Club Director  
Club Service Chair



Debbie Janocha  
Club Director



Robert M Maffia  
CR Foundation Chair



Chris Malmstrom  
President-Nominee

### Speakers

May 17th  
George Rassias - Greek Festival

### Events

No Events found

### Birthdays



Kay Keenan  
May 23rd

### Years of Service



James E. Vachris Jr.  
34 Years



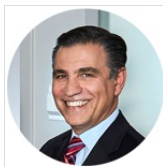
Theodore (Ted) Dwyer Jr.  
34 Years



Stephen D. Ritchie  
33 Years



Desmond A. Baker  
30 Years



Michael A. Malchione  
28 Years



Kay Keenan  
21 Years



Richard Jervis  
13 Years



Lee Dotson  
11 Years



David Tallmadge Andrews Jr.  
10 Years



Matthew McMenemy  
Club Director  
Club Membership  
Chair



Nancy Reilly Michener  
Club Director  
Club Fellowship  
Chair



Austin Publicover  
Club Communications  
Chair  
Club Webmaster



Robert G. Elder  
CR Foundation  
Chair



James E. Vachris Jr.  
Club Scholarship  
Chair

## Committee List 2024-25

### Nominations

## This Week's Meeting Whist Club 7:18 ish

## Learn About the Greek Festival! Bring a Greek Friend Ouzo Optional

### 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 10 - John Hawley, John Himics, Mike Janis  
May 17 - Debbie Janocha, Rick Jervis, Kay Keenan  
May 24 - Service  
May 31 - Something  
June 7 - Dave Kenny, Bob MacIntosh, Bob Maffia

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

## Senator Nicole Poore visits CRRC



Senator Nicole Poore has represented the 12<sup>th</sup> Senate District since she was elected in 2012, when she beat a 30 year incumbent. She has degrees in criminal justice from Delaware Technical Community College and Wilmington University. In addition to her formidable day job, Senator Poore is also the current president of Jobs for Delaware Graduates, a nonprofit that helps student connect with sustainable, skills-based career opportunities.

When she was a girl, Ms. Poore dreamt of being a State Trooper, but her dad did not take kindly to this. He enrolled her in nail school instead, where he knew she would learn the value of a dollar! if you don't fill a chair at a nail salon, you don't get paid. Yet Nicole knew the value of a degree and enrolled in Delaware Technical Community College where she received her associate degree in criminal justice and, later, Wilmington University, where she received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Later, Ms. Poore commuted from New Castle to Cherry Hill for 18 years then farther on as she joined & assisted her brother in building a successful healthcare staffing startup (which was later sold to Welsch Carson). Ms. Poore worked inside acute care and long-term care facilities as part of building that business.

Ms. Poore's oldest son, Nicholas, was born with periventricular leukomalacia and later diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Poore's activism in the special-needs community led to her successful bid for State Senate! four years later, Senator Poore was selected by her fellow statespersons to serve as Senate Majority Whip, a role she fulfilled until 2021.

Among Ms. Poore's myriad accomplishments, she served as Delaware Juvenile Service Advisory Board, and volunteered for four years with the Rape Crisis Center.

Ms. Poore is passionate about governmental consensus and collaborative efforts across the board. While serving in government, Senator Poore:

- Cleared the backlog of untested rape kits
- Helped Delaware's educators get suicide prevention training
- Supported children aging out of foster care
- Created Safety and Accountability For Everyone (SAFE) which is an anti-grooming law (and the first grooming law in Delaware)
- Helped police find missing children
- Funded new suicide prevention hotline
- Created a debt-free college education system for post-Covid Delawareans to go back to college at any age to pursue a certification or degree.
- Revamped the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA), including spending 8 months crafting quality legislation to give the same advantages to Delaware student athletes that other students enjoy throughout the tri-state area
- Required insurance companies to cover screenings and tests for ovarian cancer while passing the Faith Deanna Johnson Ovarian Cancer Bill
- Helped human trafficking victims get free education
- Continues to be a good steward of tax payer dollars
- Incentivizes companies to come to Delaware (and supports those companies already here)

Senator Nicole Poore is, in her words, "super-passionate about people", including gubernatorial candidate Bethany Hall-Long, whom Senator Poore has sat alongside for 15 years.

We are so grateful for the Senator's time at CRRC and, especially, for all her hard work on behalf of all Delawareans!







## AREA 10 ROTARY CLUBS VOLUNTEER TO ASSEMBLE NEW NINJA WARRIOR PARK

DG John wrote about this project in his message but click "[Read More](#)" here to see more photos from that day!





## MAY 13, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Area 10 Rotary Clubs were joined by volunteers from Neighborhood Ninjas, the Home Depot Foundation, Renewal by Anderson, the Delaware State Park General Recreation Department (DENREC), and many others to assemble the new Ninja Warrior Park called Ninja Fit next to the Can-Do-Playground in Alapocas State Park in Wilmington. Thanks to Doug Kook, member of the Brandywine Hundred Rotary Club and President of the Wilmington Delaware Area Rotary Clubs Community Fund, who worked tirelessly planning, coordinating, and fundraising from the start of the project through completion. Special thanks to Edis Company, DENREC and McComsey Builders who helped prepare the site for build day and prep the site for the rubberized surfacing. This is a wonderful community service project which provides a place of recreation for families with children of all ages with and without disabilities. I am proud every time I enter the park and see our Rotary Logo. Rotarians are people of action who exemplify service above self.

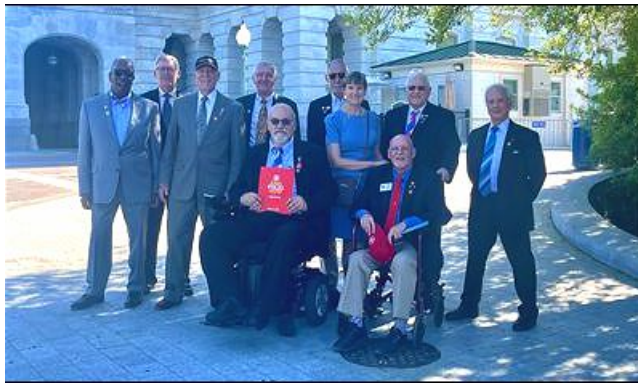


Camp Fairlee workdays were held on May 3rd & 4th. Thanks to all the Rotarians who came out and helped get the camp ready for the upcoming season. Special thanks to Kevin Yencer and the crew who built the decks on the back of the new cottages. Rotarians did weeding, spread mulch, straightened out the arts and crafts room, did power washing, and cleaned outside furniture. It was great to see several Rotary Clubs who came to camp for the first



outside furniture. It was great to see several Rotary Clubs who came to camp for the first time. District Rotarians also contributed funds which were used to purchase a golf cart which was equipped for the maintenance department at camp. All the projects scheduled were completed and many of the items on the Camp wish list have been purchased. Ken Sklenar, member of the Wilmington Rotary Club and President of Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, and all the staff of Easterseals extend their thanks to the Rotarians who participated. **Please mark your calendars and save the date of October 29, 2024, when the Easterseals Annual Dinner will be held at the Riverfront in Wilmington.**

I was honored to be one of ten District 7630 Rotarians invited by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation to a Capitol Hill Reception on May 1<sup>st</sup> honoring the 2024 Congressional Champions of Polio Eradication. It was so nice to go to into the Capitol to meet several of our Senators and Representatives who continue to help provide the funding the U.S. Coalition for the Eradication of Polio desperately needs to continue the fight to end polio. The United States Government is the second largest contributor to PolioPlus. Prior to the reception, members of the U.S. Coalition for the Eradication of Polio, which includes our own John Nanni met with Senators, Representatives, and their staff to update them on the status of Polio around the world. The 2024 Congressional Champions of Polio Eradication who were honored included, Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Senator Roger Marshall, Representative Robert Aderholt, Representative Rosa DeLauro, Representative Mario Diaz-Balart, and Representative Chellie Pingree. The highlight of the evening for me was hearing Senator Tammy Duckworth who told us that prior to becoming a U.S. Senator she worked for Rotary International in the Constitution and By-Laws division. Senator Duckworth was a member of the Illinois National Guard while employed by Rotary and was activated and served our county in Iraq as a Blackhawk Helicopter pilot. In 2004, Senator Duckworth's helicopter was hit by an RPG, and she lost her legs and partial use of her right arm. Senator Duckworth loved working for Rotary and loves working for the people to make the world a better place to live. The hosts for the evening were Mike McGovern, Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee and incoming Chair of the Rotary Foundation and Past Rotary International President Mark Maloney.



It is an honor for the members of your District Governor Chain to come to your Rotary Club to induct a new member into your Club or to thank our members for their generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation as they become Paul Harris Fellows. It is also our pleasure to install your new Officers and Directors at your changeover or induction ceremonies. As we approach the end of our Rotary year, please reach out to any of us as soon as possible as our schedules are filling up.

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

**John**

23-24 7630 District Governor





DG John visiting the Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Club during his Farewell Tour!



DG John Mager and President Molly Hilligoss assisted PDG Don Hackett to install Ryan Johnson and Tami Weber as new members of the Wicomico County Rotary Club!  
Welcome to Rotary!



DG John inducted Christine Murphy as the newest member of the Southern Sussex Rotary Club this past Thursday.  
In the picture with Christine and DG John are Woody Davis, President of Southern Sussex and Steve Cropper who was Christine's Sponsor.  
Welcome Christine!

## 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