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Message from District Governor Nomie Hamid

Greetings Rotarians,

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your dedication, passion, and service to our communities and the world. This season is a time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives, and I am grateful to be part of such a vibrant and compassionate Rotary family.

This year, more than ever, I am reminded of the profound impact we make together. Whether through service projects, fellowship, or the simple act of supporting one another, the work we do truly exemplifies the spirit of Rotary. Your efforts inspire me every day, and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside this community.

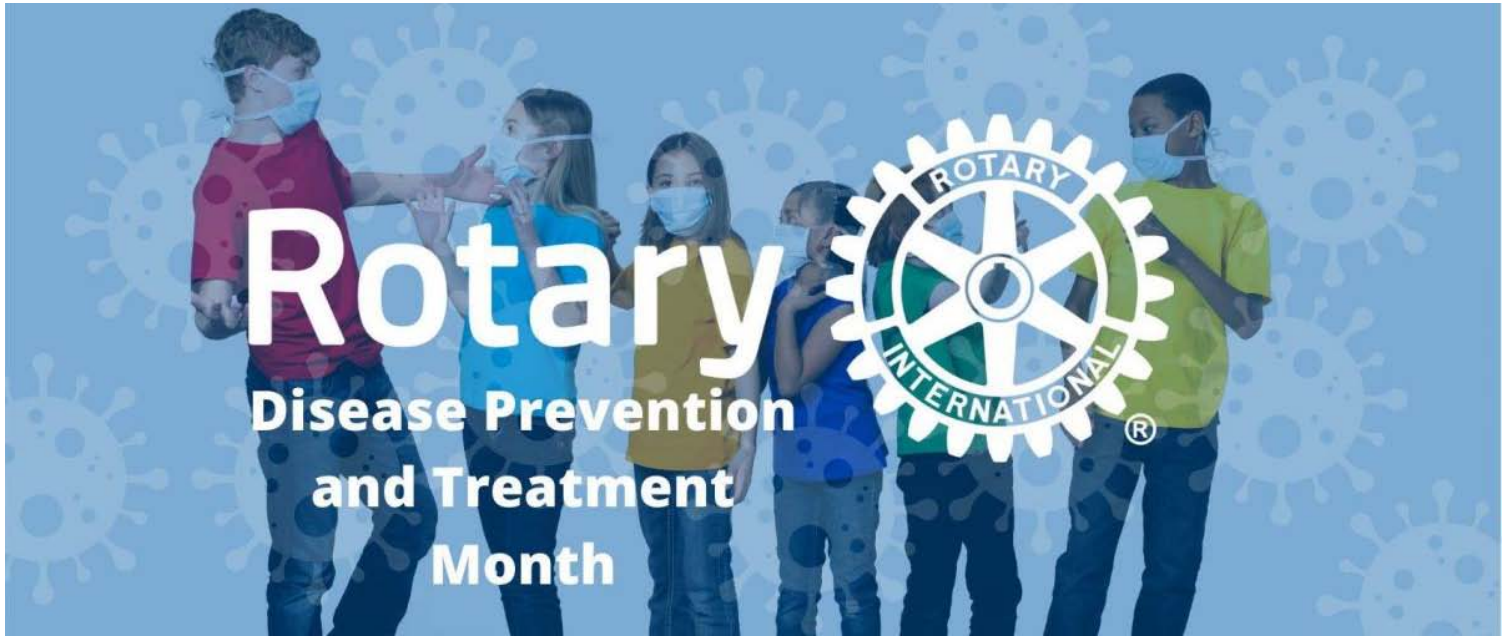
I hope you take time to relax, recharge, and reflect on the positive change you are helping to create in the world. May this season bring you peace, joy, and continued inspiration to carry out Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self."

Thank you again for all that you do.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Nomie Hamid
District Governor
Rotary International District 7620
Serving Washington, DC and Central Maryland

December is Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month



Governor Nomie Visits Area 1 Rotary Clubs



On October 16, Rotary District 7620 Area 1 members gathered for an inspiring and energizing meeting, setting the stage for a year filled with collaboration, service, and camaraderie. This special event provided a platform for club presidents to share updates on their clubs' activities, sparking ideas and enthusiasm among members from across the area.

The highlight of the evening was a powerful address by District Governor Nomie Hamid, who emphasized his vision for increased collaboration—not only within Area 1 clubs but also across different areas throughout the district. His message was clear: Rotary's impact grows when clubs work together, leveraging collective strengths to drive meaningful service projects, successful fundraisers, and enduring friendships.

There was a palpable sense of unity as members discussed the opportunities for joining forces and supporting each other. Attendees agreed: *"Let's do this again!"* The consensus was that frequent, inter-area gatherings would build stronger relationships and enable Rotarians to lift each other up—amplifying their impact across the community.



As District Governor Hamid and Area 1 members continue to explore ways to unite clubs, it's clear that this October meeting was just the beginning of a collaborative journey. From shared service initiatives to joint fundraisers and networking events, the future of Rotary District 7620 Area 1 looks bright with promise, fueled by teamwork and a collective commitment to *Service Above Self*.



Disaster Update – DDF Project on Disaster Recovery to help Greeneville, Tennessee



By Bob Grill, President, Disaster Aid USA; Paul Mahata, Co-Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee

District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee continues to coordinate with Disaster Aid USA and seven clubs (Mt Airy, College Park, Prince George's County, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Bonds Meadow, Washington DC, and New Market) to respond to recent disasters caused by Hurricane Helene. We are helping the disaster victims in Greeneville, TN. The DDF project, supported by our district 7620, will be valued over \$25K. This will make a big impact in repairing and rebuilding about 10 houses in the Greeneville area. The Rotary Club of Greeneville (RID 7570) will participate in distributing materials and supplies to the needy homeowners. To support such relief work, money and supplies are always needed, and we request that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA. Please see below a detailed description of the DDF Project on Disaster Recovery.

Greeneville, TN

The DDF Project objective is to directly support on-the-ground recovery projects, including providing essential supplies, rebuilding homes, restoring community services, and offering aid to affected families. A group of seven clubs in our district in collaboration with Disaster Aid USA focused on Greeneville, TN since it was flooded heavily due to Hurricane Helene. In October, Disaster Aid USA had a deployment there for a week and did "mucking and gutting" of several homes. The Rotarians from Greeneville club helped out by feeding the local volunteers and the DAUSA volunteers from MD, VA & OH. Thus, a working relationship developed between RID 7620 and RID 7570.

Our group of seven clubs worked for a few weeks to raise more than \$13K in support of the DDF Project. With DDF match and other donations from Greeneville area, this project with a value of over \$25K, will be implemented between December '24 and May '25. Ten homes will be repaired and rebuilt, which will make a big impact in addressing the needs of the Hurricane victims. Specifically, drywall, flooring, electrical work, painting, etc. will be done on these homes. Local suppliers and licensed contractors will be used to accomplish this DDF Project.

In order for us to continue this type of disaster relief work now and in the coming months, we encourage the Rotary clubs, and individual Rotarians and Rotaractors to consider donating money to DAUSA (a 501-c-3 organization, co-founded by PDG Bob Grill). Please visit the following website for online donation: www.disasteraidusa.org Alternately, you may consider sending checks to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham MD 20706. For any questions on our initiatives, please feel free to contact Co-Chairs: Paul Mahata (Pmahata@verizon.net), Steve Kemp (Stevekemp77@gmail.com).
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Carroll Creek Kinetic Art Promenade / Updates

Over the past year, we've continued to expand and enhance this unique public art installation that brings creativity and energy to Downtown Frederick.

Sculptures Unveiled at Frederick Health Village

In August, two relocated sculptures were unveiled to join others on display at Frederick Health Village:

- "Water Lily with Dragonfly", created by Thomas Sterner and donated by sponsors/owners Carmen and Manny Casiano.
- "Rotary Lotus", created by Bernard Gouin and Doug Fauth, and donated by sponsor/owner Greg Light.

These beautiful sculptures will be enjoyed by community members for years to come. The photos below showcase these sculptures at the unveiling event held at the Frederick Health Village.



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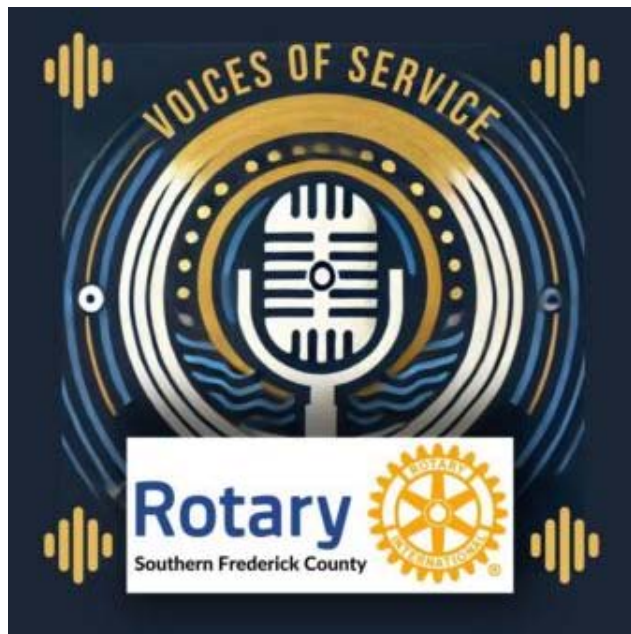
Rotary Club of Annapolis Awards Grants from Crab Feast Proceeds

Each summer, the Rotary Club of Annapolis holds its Crab Feast, which is a major annual fundraiser with all proceeds donated to local charities and non-profit organizations. The club is pleased to announce that \$30,000 was raised during the event in August 2024 and sixteen organizations have been selected to receive grant funding. [Read More](#)

Club Debuts 'Voices of Service' Podcast Series - Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

The Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County is excited to announce the launch of its new podcast series, "Voices of Service." Produced by Public Image Chair, Kristin LeDuc, this series offers an audible summary of the expert speakers featured at their club meetings, making their insights and experiences accessible to a broader audience.
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Would You Like to Change Rotary? You can, Here's How



Rotary International ('Rotary') may have one of the most democratic legislative systems of any organization. It is a little clumsy and expensive, but very effective. Any Rotarian in the world can make a change in how Rotary operates and change any part of the constitution or bylaws. Rotary's legislative body is called the Council on Legislation (COL). It meets every three years and is made up of one representative from all 500+ districts in the world. This three-year term our COL representative is PDG Barton Goldenberg. His role

is to share the potential legislation (called 'enactments') that could change how Rotary functions, discuss them with anyone interested, and vote them up or down.

An enactment is created by anyone that has an idea to better Rotary management. Next, they need to convince their Rotary club and have their district vote on their idea. Next the enactment gets voted on during the COL. Changes to Rotary's constitution requires a 2/3 vote, while changes to Rotary's bylaws and Rotary's standard club constitution require just a simple majority vote. Since votes can be reconsidered during the COL, it is probably best to think in terms of votes not being finalized until the COL concludes.

The COL will meet in Chicago, April 13-18, 2025, to debate and vote on 86 proposed enactments. These enactments are now listed on the Rotary's website and Barton encourages anyone interested to read and share your thoughts. They usually are very interesting reading since Rotarians from all parts of the world, with many views, offer ideas on how Rotary should operate in the future.

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Rotary Club of Annapolis Raises Funds to Eradicate Polio

The Rotary Club of Annapolis held the Seventh Annual Maria Maher Wine Tasting fundraiser on November 7, 2024, at the home of Elaine and Jay Shanley of Annapolis. The annual event is named in memory of Maria Maher, a beloved Rotarian who helped establish the fundraiser several years ago. The wine tasting supports Rotary International's global program to eradicate polio from the world. [Read More](#)



Scaling Effective Communication: LifeHikes' Impact on Global Leadership

Effective communication and executive presence skills are some of the most valuable transferable skills that companies, organizations, and people seek out. [LifeHikes](#) model for teaching these skills in an amazingly effective and dynamic way has benefited hundreds of thousands of employees and leaders around the world. To have LifeHikes, the Rotary Club of Washington Global and George Washington University be able to convene over 60 leaders to experience the methodology and discuss how we scale these skills was an amazing opportunity. In a world struggling for connection and collaboration, the investment by each participant in learning the LifeHikes communication skills creates a path to progress.



Members of the Rotary Club Washington Global at the Leadership Communications event. November 21, 2024.

Parole Rotary at Navy Football

The Parole Rotary Club's primary fundraising effort



centers around managing parking for the Naval Academy's home football games. This longstanding tradition requires a remarkable commitment from our dedicated members, who willingly volunteer their Saturdays during the fall season, rain or shine, for 5-6 home games each year.

Since 1991, this initiative has not only exemplified the spirit of service above self but also enabled us to make a significant impact in the Annapolis

community. Through these efforts, the Parole Rotary Club has raised tens of thousands of dollars annually, which are directed toward supporting local nonprofit organizations via our Parole Rotary Club Foundation grants program.

This initiative reflects our ongoing dedication to fostering positive change, strengthening community partnerships, and improving the lives of those we serve.

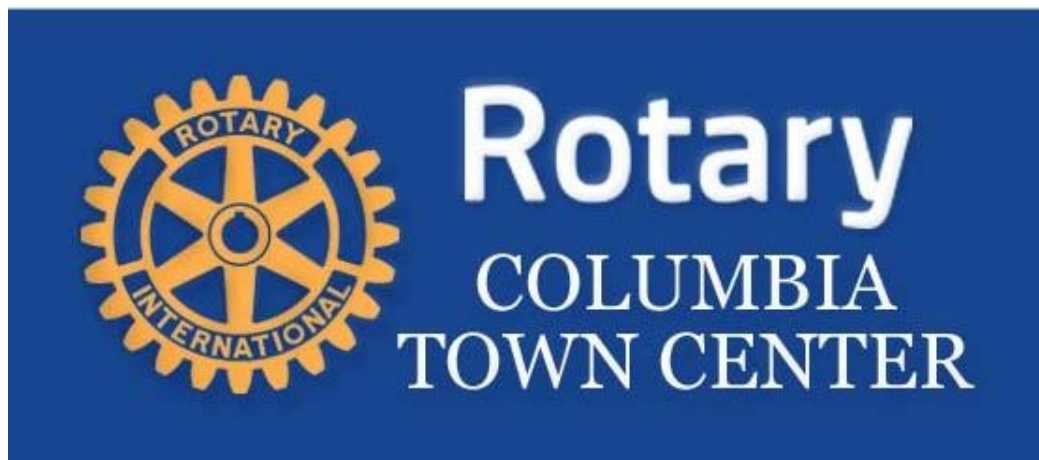




The Grateful Gobbler Needs Your Help!

The Columbia Town Center Rotary is raising money to help the Open Doors Food Pantry (ODFP) provide holiday dinners to the many food-insecure families who regularly come for food monthly. This includes the families we support at Longfellow and Running Brook Elementary Schools.

As you can imagine, the number of food-insecure families continues to be high due to the high cost of food. The ODFP typically provides food to 175-200 families each month. Our Rotary club directs traffic and loads cars monthly at this drive-thru pantry on distribution days and also delivers food to families who do not have transportation to come pick up food.



Will you help us brighten the holidays for these struggling families? Visit <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/vjWH5Q> or text **Gobbler2024** to **41444** to donate. You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

Thanks in advance!

The Columbia Town Center Rotary and Open Doors Food Pantry

Tickets are on Sale for the Rotary Club of Annapolis Black Tie & Diamonds

The Rotary Club of Annapolis is pleased to announce that tickets are on sale for the club's 2025 Black Tie & Diamonds, which is taking place on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Annapolis Graduate Hotel. The beneficiary of the 2025 event is Marshall Hope Corporation. [Read More](#)

Deep appreciation for your Paul Harris Society membership and beyond

Dear Fellow Rotarians and contributors,
Our District thanks you for all that you do and provide to make the world a better place. We appreciate your generosity and altruistic spirit that helps around the world. This note is to remind you to update your Paul Harris Society giving for the year.

Many of you have gone beyond that to become Major Donors at several levels, Bequest Society members and Benefactors. For that, we are touched that you have committed yourselves to improve the lives of those less fortunate. Please do not hesitate to write or call for assistance. Laurie Menzel, our Major Gifts officer, is available as well to help you. Her phone number is 1-847-425-5601.



Season's Greetings to all.

Yours in Rotary Service,
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The secret to a flourishing club

One thing successful clubs have in common is effective goal setting. When club leaders plan for the future, they give the club a sense of direction. Whether you aim to welcome more members, complete more service projects, or improve the experience your club offers members, setting goals motivates members to work toward a common purpose.

Rotary Club Central makes it easy for Rotary and Rotaract clubs to plan and track their goals. Club leaders can now set yearly goals for up to three years and record the club's accomplishments, and all members can view the club's progress. Plus, future leaders can use past goals to make informed decisions about the club's direction. It's never too late to start planning for your club's future. Visit [Rotary Club Central](#) and get started.

Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES