



Welcome to The Magic of Rotary year !



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is with immense honor that I step into the role of District Governor. As we embark on this journey together, our decisions will be guided by a vision for Rotary's enduring future, not just immediate outcomes. My heartfelt gratitude extends to each of you for entrusting me with this responsibility. In my dual role as leader and follower within our district, I am committed to fostering an environment of collaboration and enduring progress.

This year, we aspire to transform our district into a model of outward engagement and robust partnerships, both internally and with external stakeholders. The inspiring levels of collaboration showcased during my installation are just the beginning. I encourage every club to embrace this spirit, working together and with community partners to amplify our impact.

Some initiatives for this year!

- 1. Outward-Facing Engagement:** We aim to elevate Rotary's visibility and impact in our communities, setting a standard of leadership and service. Continuously invite other leaders, friends, and family to your events, showcase meetings and events that you are proud of. Maintain the good, enhance the weak, and create new projects/fundraisers. Do it with others!
- 2. Strengthening Networks:** This year, let's support our own by utilizing the services offered by fellow Rotarians. From real estate to printing services, our district is rich with resources that can benefit all members, use your space as a networking tool to help the youth in mentorship, and adults in partnerships. Let's talk about our jobs, let's talk about our lives, let's connect people together with our networks.
- 3. Enhanced Collaboration:** I urge every club to increase interactions with other clubs. AG's will organize official district governor visits by areas to enhance the exchange of diverse ideas, opportunity for collaboration, and greater community impact, I expect at these area visits, not only shall there be Rotarians, but also leaders from other organizations, as well as community members. From the district level, we have already collaborated with our neighboring district for the District Conference in October, and for RYLA. I have engaged in conversation with academic institutions like The Carter School at GMU, The Universities at Shady Grove, and University of Maryland to further our collaborative efforts.
- 4. Welcoming New Members:** We should aim to create a welcoming environment for new members to integrate and share their skills. With a diverse array of clubs in our district, there's a place for everyone to thrive. I am asking each club to sponsor 2-4 new members where the club pays for their dues the first year! This isn't only about numbers, it's an opportunity to involve new skills and talents, as long as we let them step up to the plate. Let's start asking the questions as to why people want to join? What do they expect out of their membership? What's important to them? What projects would they like to work on? We all need to feel valued and heard, this will not only increase our retention rate, but add a greater impact on the amazing work we already do as rotarians!
- 5. Boosting Foundation Contributions:** Contributions to the Rotary International Foundation make a significant impact both locally and globally. I encourage all to witness the projects funded by our efforts to appreciate the breadth of our influence. I am asking for each Rotarian to make at the minimum a \$25 contribution to the Rotary Foundation. If you are unsure how to do it, just ask!
- 6. Living the Rotary Action Plan:** I firmly believe we can champion the Rotary Action plan where Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves. We shall aim to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and improve our adaptability.

As we move forward, I am not dictating specific projects but rather encouraging clubs to increase their activities and collaborate effectively. Remember, while we are part of a district, our strength and vibrancy originate from individual clubs.

Together, let's harness our collective abilities to create "The Magic of Rotary" and forge a path that others will follow for years to come. Thank you, and I look forward to a year of shared successes, and greater impact!

A few words I want to share that I had shared during my installation speech:

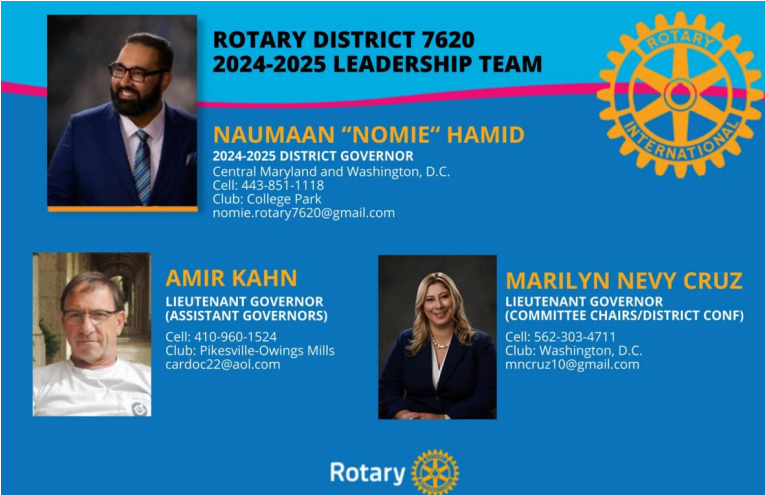
- If you hate someone put yourself in their shoes, you might be more alike than you think
- If you hate yourself talk to someone, loneliness creates self doubt
- If you feel overwhelmed write down your thoughts
- If you feel stuck in the past plan for the future
- If you feel anxious about the future focus on the present
- If you feel restless take a long walk
- If you feel emotionally drained take a break
- If you feel uninspired try something new
- If you feel like giving up remember how good it feels to succeed
- Comfort is the enemy of success
- If you're not failing your not succeeding
- You move fast by doing it alone, however you can move far by doing it with others

Warm regards,

Nomie Hamid
Rotary International District 7620 Governor
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My Leadership Team

By Naumaan Hamid



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7620
2024-2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

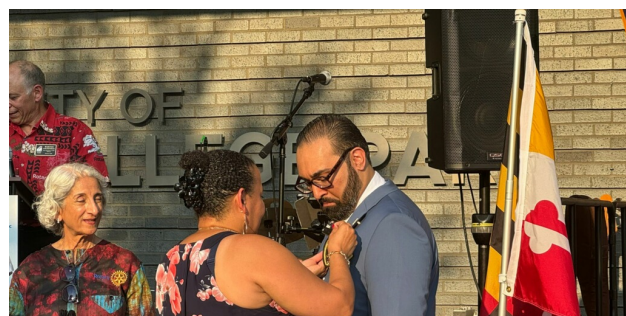
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District Governor Nomie Hamid's Installation on June 22, 2024





It was toasty warm for the installation of Governor Nomie Hamid, but the crowd was large. The band was good but had to stop at 6:15 for the formal proceedings. An hour or so later, there was a new Rotarian in charge of our sixty club district. The Master of Ceremonies was Gloria Aparacio Blackwell, Director of the Office of Community Engagement, University of Maryland. She did an excellent job. Former DG, Geetha Jayaram, gave Nomie a **Major Donor** pin and said our district had given more than \$1 million to the Rotary Foundation during the past 12 months. The Mayor of College Park said Nomie had been named **Influential Marylander** 2023. Our incoming DG received a proclamation from the city Mayor and an official Citation from the General Assembly presented by State Senator Jim Rosapepe, and then was expertly introduced by former DG, Barton Goldenberg.

Nomie's talk was filled with recognitions of the many people who have supported him in his endeavors, start a business, start more businesses, become a well-known philanthropist, and more. He recognized his team for Rotary year 2024-2025, thanked **outgoing Governor Delores** for a job well done, and urged the club leaders present to work together and accomplish more than ever before.

Then, it was time for Nomie's catering business to satisfy the **appetites** of about 400 Rotarians and guests. There was a line, of course, but there was plenty for all at four food stations. Then, a surprising number of us stayed for quite a while for fun and fellowship. The band played on, and we left College Park with a new Rotary year only one week away. - AG Ken Weiss

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Joint District 7610-7620 District Conference - REGISTER NOW!

When: Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6, 2024

Where: Westin City Center, Washington, D.C.

Price: Early Bird \$275. First 50 new conferees \$225. Rotaractors \$200

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Hotel: \$161 + tax and fees (includes \$8 donation to PolioPlus)
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ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

BREAKOUT SESSIONS FRIDAY EMBASSY EVENT

SERVICE PROJECT HOSPITALITY SUITES

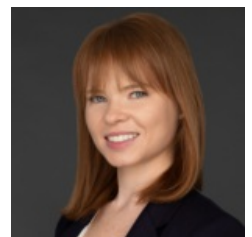
SATURDAY DINING IN DC RESTAURANTS

MENTAL HEALTH MORNING MOMENTS: WALKING GROUPS & YOGA & COFFEE MEET UPS

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DISTRICTS 7610 AND 7620

Welcome our new District Executive Secretary Elizabeth “Liz” Moody

Liz Moody is delighted to join the District Leadership Team as District Secretary and to continue serving the members of 7620 in a new capacity.



Liz's Rotary journey began in 2016 when she received a Global Grant for master's studies and became a founding member of Rotaract Genève International. Upon relocating to the DC area in 2019, she was delighted to connect with the Rotaract Club of Washington, DC and has enjoyed diving into District 7620's activities. Liz's professional focus is management of not-for-profit and social enterprises, and she has previously consulted with international organizations and worked with small- and medium-sized nonprofits in the United States and Switzerland. Liz holds a Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and an MBA from the University of Geneva, as well as a BA from The Ohio State University. Outside of work and Rotary, she enjoys biking, sailing, and exploring the rich cultural offerings of the DMV. You can connect with her at office@rotary7620.org.

Rotary Red Line Happy Hour - June 20, 2024

[Rotary District 7620](#) Red Line Happy Hour on Thursday, June 20th, at Puro Gusto in downtown DC was a big success. Our Rotary Club of Washington Global organized this one, and we had a lot of fun seeing Rotarians from around District 7620 - from Rockville and Bethesda to all the different clubs in the District. Thanks to all who came out! [Rotary Club of Washington](#) [Global](#) [DC Rotary Club](#) [Rotary Club of Dupont Circle](#) [Metro](#) [Bethesda Rotary Club](#)



Leonardtowntown Rotary Club Library Storywalks



The Leonardtown Rotary Club, in partnership with the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) and St. Mary's County Library, is happy to announce the opening on May 11, 2024, of a storywalk at the Leonardtown and Charlotte Hall libraries. The walk at Charlotte Hall is along the nearby county multi-use trail, while the one at Leonardtown is by the beautiful garden in front of Leonardtown. A storywalk is a series of reading stations. Readers walk from station to station, where the pages of books are displayed. As they move, the story progresses from beginning to end. The stories are picture books aimed at beginning readers. Children can walk

with their families to have fun, enjoy the outdoors, get a bit of exercise, and, above all, engage in vital early childhood literacy. Weather-resistant covers keep the pages dry. The ground covered is generally flat, and the walks are only about 100 yards long, ensuring a pleasant but not exhausting walk. "I'm so very grateful to Rotary for the funding for this \$10,000 project," said Library Director Michael Blackwell. "I came from Leonardtown Rotary with a match from Rotary District 7620. I'm grateful, too, to the Rotarians who help with installing the weather resistant reading acrylics. [Read More](#)

Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow (Westminster) Environmental Project

Members of the Rotary Club of Bonds Meadow (Westminster) made a contribution to a sustainable environment by planting a garden at North Carroll Community School. The plantings will also attract Monarch butterflies. Digging and planting Rotarians were Wanda Lynn, Bill Kelly, Dave Highfield, Jeff Jarvis, and Tina Miller.



\$77,696 Ukraine BEL Grant Update – Huge Challenges Delivering School Supplies in a War Zone

By PDG Barton Goldenberg

Eight schools from two regions of Ukraine, from the Dnepropetrovsk and Kharkov regions, are participating in the Global Grant. Each school has individual needs due to the specifics of the school and the location of remoteness from military operations. During the implementation of the grant, the needs of schools were assessed and when school directors, teachers, and parents received much-needed school supplies, their delight and amazement cannot be expressed in words. In peaceful conditions, people do always appreciate the benefits that they have, and this was very noticeable by the joy of the Ukrainian children who expressed extreme happiness to gain access to ordinary school subjects which were limited due to hostilities.

Ukrainian children receiving books and other school supplies



Ukrainian Rotarians unloading the school supplies

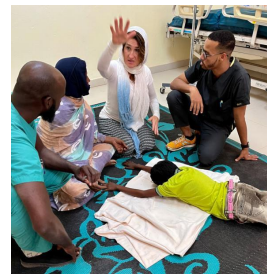


During the implementation of the Global Grant, educational materials, laptops, monitors, printers and stationery for primary school students were provided to schools. On behalf of all participants in the grant project, I express my heartfelt gratitude for your valuable contribution to the sustainable development of primary education in Ukraine. Your efforts exceeded all our expectations. Please accept our gratitude for your valuable support. The best way to provide this update is to share with you texts from the president (Iryna Odytsova) our global grant "host club", Dnipro Novyi, located in Dnipro Ukraine.

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My Rewarding Medical Mission Trip to Mauritania, West Africa

As I packed for my two-week medical mission trip to Mauritania, a country located in West Africa, I was excited and nervous. Read more to learn about this rewarding experience! Learn about opportunities for healthcare workers. [Read More](#)





Dupont Rotary Members are People of Action!

The Rotary Club of Dupont Circle is proud to put our time where our hearts are. Every other month, we dedicate one of our meeting times to pack lunches for the residents of La Casa, a @friendshipplace program supporting the unhoused. By providing the lunches we can take just one small thing off residents' plates for the day.



We are thrilled to team up with BEST Kids! We recently hosted an amazing fundraiser with fellow Rotarians, diving into how BEST Kids empowers foster and at-risk youth to build bright futures through mentoring, college and career readiness, and life skills programs. And guess what? We raised \$350 together!



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District 2024-25 Grant Awards

Congratulations to the following Rotary Clubs who have been approved for matching DDF for District 7620 community grants for Rotary Year 2024-25: [Read More](#)

Rotary Zones 33/34 Social Media Cover Art Competition

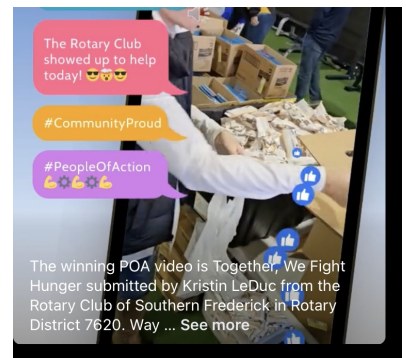
Our district has won back-to-back competitions. The first was announced back in January for the "Zones 33/34 Social Media Cover Art Competition" where our design is now used on all of Zones 33/34 social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn). The latest competition we won last month was for the "Zones 33/34 People Of Action Competition."

- Kristin LeDuc
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County (Urbana)

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Announcing a Second Round of District Grant Applications

Commencing 1 July, the District is accepting new and updated applications for matching DDF for 2024-25 grants. Due to the large amount of DDF available for this Rotary Year - thanks to your contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund 3 years ago - the District has additional DDF available. Accordingly, Rotary Clubs are invited to submit applications for matching DDF for their projects. In addition, this is an opportunity to improve and update any applications that were not chosen in the first round.

All applications and updates must be submitted in DACdb by 31 July. The Grants Guide with its numerous supporting documents, found on the District website under the Foundation tab, details the requirements for District and Global Grants. Rotary Clubs can also reach out to the District 7620 Grants Committee - Patsy Ezell, Daniel Fisher, Mimi Kanda, Linda Lymas, Phil Reynolds and B.J. Chamberlain-Skinner - for guidance. In addition, we are offering a special training session to walk through successful grant applications and answer any questions about grants and DDF on Tuesday, 9 July: [Read More](#)

Rotarian-led Trips to Cambodia

We have two upcoming Rotarian-led Trips to Cambodia, Nov 16th to 25th, 2024: This will be a small-group trip, and very special as you can arrive a couple of days earlier and be immersed in the colorful and exciting Cambodia Water Festival.

Jan 11th to 20th, 2025: This trip has been filling up rather rapidly, and will be somewhat larger than November, but equally wonderful (albeit without the Water Festival).

Those who have gone on these trips will attest that they are different from anything you may have experienced before. They are led by volunteer Rotarians, both international and Cambodian. You go far off the beaten path, out into the rural villages where you get to meet the families. You will be welcomed with celebration. You will get to meet the young SC school students from those distant villages, and the students who grew up in those distant villages and are now attending Cambodian university on SC scholarship. You can engage in hands-on projects and co-teaching if you wish. You will visit a program training African rats to safely sniff out land-mines. And you will visit Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site that was once the largest pre-industrial city in the world. [Read More](#)



Washington, D.C. Pride !



Area 7 Rotarians and our friends from [Rotary District 7610](#) celebrated Pride Month at the 2024 [Capital Pride Parade](#) on Saturday, June 8th. Love always wins, and we even made it on [local television](#)!

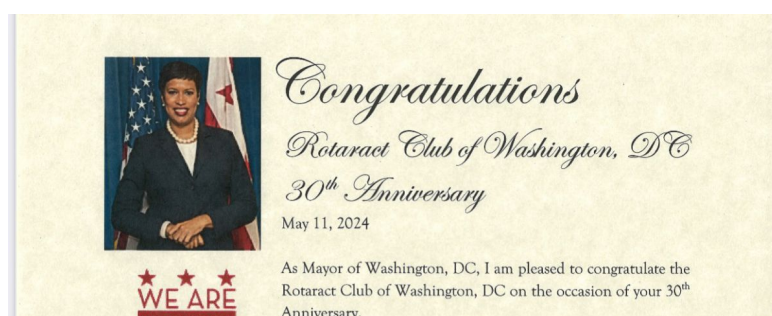
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Congratulations Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.!

Weâ€™re beyond thrilled to share some incredible news with our community!

Today, we received a heartfelt congratulations letter from the Mayor of Washington, DC, celebrating the 30th anniversary of our beloved Rotaract Club!



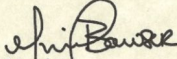


Since its founding in 1994, as the young professional chapter of Rotary International, the Rotaract Club has dedicated itself to advancing its members' professional and personal development.

I am especially grateful for your rich legacy of imparting the honorable principles of philanthropy, community service, and providing essential resources to those in need.

As you mark your 30th anniversary, may you be inspired to even higher heights of achievement in shaping and empowering the next generation of leaders.

On behalf of the nearly 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, I offer my heartfelt thanks and my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable anniversary celebration.


Muriel Bowser
Mayor, Washington, DC



For three decades, our club has been dedicated to making a positive impact in our community and beyond. From organizing local service [Read More](#)

Howard County Crab Feast Save the Date

Save The Date

77th Annual



Saturday, October 5, 2024

3-7 pm

Howard County Fairground

Let's Get Crackin'

All You Can Eat
Hot Crabs, Cold Oysters, Pit Beef



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Tickets Available in July!

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District 7620 Rotaract Committee Year-End Report

Year-End Review (Redacted for Newsletter)

District 7620

Rotaract Committee

June 2024



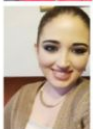
Rotaract Clubs & Committee

District Rotaract Committee



District Rotaract Committee Chair (DRC)

Rtn. Michael Skerritt
 Rotary Club of Washington DC



District Rotaract Committee Co-Chair (DRC-C)







Rtn. Feda Nil Saric
 Rotary Club of Rockville



District Rotaract Representative (DRR)

Rtc. Loralli Johnson
 Rotaract Club of Washington DC

Committee Members

-  Rtn. Alexander Tu (Immediate Past Chair)
-  Rtn. Monique Toussaint (Past Chair)
-  Rtc. Elizabeth Moody (Immediate Past DRR)
-  Rtc. Mike Diallo
-  Rtc. Jacquelyn Riloff
-  Rtc. Arslon Humayun

Rotaract Clubs & Committee

Rotaract Clubs

No.	Club Name	Area
1	Loyola University	2
2	Montgomery College	6
3	Rotaract Club of Annapolis	10
4	Rotaract Club of Washington DC	7
5	George Washington University	7
6	Georgetown University	7
7	Hood College Rotaract Club	5
8	Howard University	7
9	Rotaract Club of Frederick Community College	5
10	Rotaract Club of University of Maryland School of Dentistry	2
11	Rotaract Club of University of Maryland College Park	9
12	MoCo Rotaract Club	6

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*Exploring New Rotaract Club at Gallaudet University

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Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.



Our last monthly Meeting Recap:

Last week's meeting was a success! Thank you to everyone who joined us.

We engaged in meaningful discussions, reviewed our achievements, and discussed upcoming projects and events. Our President-Elect, Jennifer and her new board updated us on their exciting plans and initiatives.





After the business meeting, we went to a happy hour featuring [@dcrotaryclub](#) President Nominee Mr. Donnie Shaw, who shared great insights about Rotaract's role in shaping Rotary's future.
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Disaster Aid - Function of the District Disaster Relief Committee

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 to respond to recent disasters, such as Midwest floods. We are helping the disaster victims, and we request that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA. We thank you for your past donations. Please see below a detailed description of how the District Disaster Relief Committee coordinates with established organizations such as DAUSA, ShelterBox, VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), and others. This will answer some questions you may have on the function of the Committee.

Committee Function: Rotary District 7620 addresses disaster relief work, when disaster strikes locally, nationally and internationally. In order to provide disaster assistance, District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee (DRCom) within District 7620 works closely with MD-VOAD (MD Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), MEMA (MD Emergency Management Agency), FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), ShelterBox, and **Disaster Aid USA (DAUSA)**, a 501-c-3 organization, co-founded by PDG Bob Grill (District 7620). DAUSA, with its national and international network, will act as the enabler and partner, when disaster strikes. The areas of successful cooperation between DRCom and DAUSA can be in national disaster relief work for Flood victims, Tornado victims, and Hurricane victims. The cooperation may be extended to international relief work for earthquake and Typhoon disaster in foreign countries. DRCom works hand-in-hand with DAUSA; and thus District 7620 can readily respond to all types of disasters. Here are some specific areas of committee focus. [Read More](#)

New District 7620 Announcement Submission Form



Effective July 1, 2024, District 7620 will be sending weekly email announcements every Tuesday morning, promoting District and Club projects and events to the entire District membership. Please submit your request **no later than** the Friday before the Tuesday if you want your announcement to be circulated and considered. Announcements past the Friday deadline will not be considered for the following week's announcements. Please contact DCO, **Pamela Stern-Green at psgreen@verizon.net** or **LG, Marilyn Nevy Cruz at mncruz10@gmail.com** with any questions.

[District 7620 Announcement Submission Form](#)

Key Expense Request Update



Beginning on July 1, 2024, the district is implementing an update to the Expense Request process. **All Expense Requests must be submitted within 30 days after the expense is incurred.** The district will also reimburse expenses within 30 days. Please ensure expense and reimbursement requests are submitted as promptly as possible.

PS - you can find the Expense Request form under the "Learning Resources" section of rotary7620.org

In Memoriam: Larry Leahy, South Anne Arundel County Rotary Club

IN MEMORIAM: Larry Leahy, South Anne Arundel County Rotary Club

Lawrence "Larry" Leahy, 82, a resident of Southern Anne Arundel County for 36 years, passed away after a lengthy illness on Monday, June 17. Born on June 4, 1942, in Baltimore, MD, to the late Edward Lawrence and Louise Meding Leahy, Larry earned a Master of Education degree in Secondary Administration. Larry's dedication to education and community was unparalleled. He served as a Social Studies teacher, Head Coach of Cross County and Track & Field at Surrattsville High School from 1966 to 1977. Larry also was a Secondary High School Administrator in Prince George's County Public Schools. His former students remember him as an exceptional teacher, coach, mentor, and leader. He treated everyone with respect, providing guidance and a stable environment. His dedication, discipline, sacrifice, and hard work were an inspiration to all. Larry was a charter member and past President of both the South Anne Arundel County Rotary and College Park Rotary Clubs. He was named Rotarian of the Year in 2012. He also served as the District 7620 Area Governor for 5 years, Awards Chairman for 19 years and served in many leadership positions. [Read More](#)



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?

District 7620 Newsletter Team:

Bob Nelson, PDG, Chair
Sean McAlister, PDG, District Public Image Chair

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