

Message from District Governor Nomie Hamid

As we delive into Foundation Month, it's crucial to remember that supportingThe Rotary Foundation is a year-round commitment, not just a one-month endeavor. Many might wonder about the specific impacts of the Foundation—while you could certainly explore more on the Rotary International website, here's a brief overview. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. When we contribute to the Foundation, those funds cycle back to our districts through grants, amplifying our local and global impact.

Thinking shead, I propose a bold initiative—a Million Dollar Dinner in Agril. If we can neath this fundraising milestone beforehand, I will personally cater the event (I will cook everything), ensuring a memorable evening for all attendees. This isn't just rarger! it's about coming together as a community, celebrating our collective effort, and making a substantial difference.

Would you be willing to contribute towards this goal and join us for a dinner prepared by your very own District Governor? Let's keep our spirits high and our generosity flowing, especially as we approach the holiday season. We are indeed fortunate, and through or efforts, we need help others improve wheir circumstances.

am eager to hear your thoughts on this idea, should we make this happen? Please email me with your feedback or any suggestions. Together, let's continue to embody the spirit of "Service Above Self" and make a lasting impact. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Rotiary.



Disaster Update – Hurricanes Helene and Milton devastated the Southeastern States



39 Rob Grill, President, Disaster Aid USA: Paul Mahata, Co-Chair, District Disaster Relief Committee
Shirtict 7420 Disaster Relief Committee continues to condinate with Disaster Aid USA for respond to recent disasters caused by Hurricanes Helene and Millton. We are helping the disaster victims in several states, including FL, NC and TN. To support such relief
work, money and supplies are baddy needed, and we request that you and your club consider donating money to DAUSA. We thank you for your past donations.

North Carolina & Tennessee: Two DAUSA learns, one from IND/WV/A and another from OH, merged alGreenville, TN and spent two weeks helping the people affected by floods due to Hurricane Helene. This town is only a few miles from the worst affected from or Ads/ville, No. Lamie Baisden of DAUSA led the local Rotatian volunties cleaning up six houses affected by severe flood. Dave Rosas of Ohio continued to lead a team doing disaster relief work at Greenville. Rotaty Club of Greenville members (Lucia Luliano Fillers and Pauline Adams) prepared dinners for both the teams for two weeks. The total continued to lead a team doing disaster relief work at Greenville. Rotaty Club of Greenville members (Lucia Luliano Fillers and Pauline Adams) prepared dinners for both the teams for two weeks. The total continued to the continued of the cont



further or volunteers averaged over Zu. Inansis to frees lociatoriaris. Similarly, Jan Hoasa and uniter schmilt (from Unit) cooked dreaktast and kept the foundaters going every day. One important aspect of the deployment dealt with DAUSA's Reverse Comosis water purification trailer. The water system was damaged in Greenville, so the local authorities requested this trailer. This trailer provides over ten thousand gallons of drinkable water a day to the affected community. Read force

Rotary Water-Sanitation-Hygiene Project in Ghana

Dear Rotarians and Friends, Thank you for your support

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Hank you for your support for a new generation of leaders from Chana, Virginia and Lurkey who want to change the wornd. Inis is a quick update to let you that the grant was approved by the kotary Foundation and the money is in Chana. Originally, this project was meant to be here with the earthquake in Lurkey, but unfortunate events prevent that goal from heappering. This project is meant to lead the next generation who are in university studies or early in their careers. We believe that it is not your age that determines whether you can impact lives, but the <u>size of your heart.</u> It is or un hope that the lessons learned on this project can produce a carly in their careers. We believe that it is not your age that determines whether you can impact lives, but the <u>size of your heart.</u> It is or un hope that the lessons learned on this project can produce a elliferm of change from the next generation of leaders.

The first three tole facilities of eight are being built right now. The two boreholes will be drilled soon. The Rolaractors are learning about six-step empowerment, teamwork across leaders in three countries, communication on Whatsapp and Zoom, project management, conducting bids, stewardship, financial management and also conducting



Rotaractor leaders meeting with key school supporters to determine who to help.



Rotaractors conducting a strength assessment regarding a school.

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Global Grant Project by Dr. IIa Shah and the Charlotte Hall Rotary Club



The most recent Global Grant GC2453.656 was for a total of \$141,719. Three Districts and four Rotary Clubs Joined hands. Charlotte Hall Rotary Club contributed \$20,000 and District 7620 contributed \$50,000. This year provides ovcational training for high school dropout students in India and gives them a new life. Training includes computers, nusrian, experiang agricultural equipment, leasury parior, etc. They bring out the abilities of the students of the st

Global Grant Project by Dr. IIa Shah and the Charlotte Hall Rotary Club

Rolary Foundation GC244-0311 provided \$155,976 are The reference of the Control o

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ZONE 33 2023-24 TOP ANNUAL FUND GIVING DISTRICTS

#1 **Total** \$692,999

District 7770

DG Lou Mello



DRFC Paul Walter

#1 **District** Per Capita 7710 \$276

DG Veronica **Bent**



DRFC Marie Howard

#1 % Change 11%

District 7620



DG **Delores** Harding



DRFC Geetha Jayaram

Annual Fund (AF) Rankings

Districts by AF Total					
1	7770	\$692,999.42			
2	7750	\$517,537.05			
3	7710	\$509,917.52			
4	7600	\$491,321.12			
5	7690	\$464,076.06			
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1	7620	11.04%			
2	7670	10.86%			
3	7860	9.84%			
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1	7710	\$276.38		
2	7610	\$245.75		
3	7600	\$227.30		
4	7620	\$225.32		
5	7750	\$220.42		

District Rotary Foundation Report

Foundation report September -- Oct 2024

Global Grants in draft×	GG submitted ×	GG approved×
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र x x x Data as of October - x 19 th -2024 - x रा	23 grants submitted and approved in 2024 ¶ 12 countries, many in India¶ ×	Our District has 15 newly approved Global Grants in 2024; the next most productive in 2 Zones is District 6990 with 9 grants; the rest are 6 or fewer each; most have one or two fl

- ► Total impact over \$2 million ¶

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TOTALS	All Grants and Applications			
×	DRFC·Requested·or Approved·2024-25·DDF	\$62,000	\$186,337	\$2,071,710
20	024-25 Hanson Directed Gift	\$60,000	\$7,927×	\$68,250×

Rotary Clubs Can Use DDF to Join Forces for Disaster Recovery in North Carolina and Florida

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Rotary Clubs who have been approved for additional matching DDF for District 7620 community grants for Rotary Year 2024-25

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, the Rotary District 7620 PolioPlus Committee held a virtual event to commemorate World Polio Day. The webinar drew around 40 participants, including Rotarians and public health advocates dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide. The featured speaker was Bernie Riedel, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for Zone 33, who provided an insightful update on the global progress toward polio eradication. He shared the latest advancements and also ongoing challenges that must be overcome to eliminate polion core and for all. The event was highly successful, leaving attendess both informed and higspired to conflict their efforts in the flight against polio. Progression of the progression of the













58th Annual St. Mary's Oyster Festival and U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championship Contest



The U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championship Contest, held both days of the St. Mary's Oyster Festival, features the fastest men and women shuckers representing ten states and the fastest local tidewater shuckers competing for cash prizes totaling \$1,800. Winners from previous years have competed in the International Oyster Festival in Galway Ireland. See the Previous years, Winners, List. Contestants for the shucking contest come from across the country, Usually they have worn a shucking competition from whatever region or area of the country in which they lave, For counting the Miss Class shucking champer comes from Washington state. Other champs represent the states Virgina, North Corolland, Fortia, Maryland, Tosas, Louisham and Comercius. Exciponal tidewater Maryland Annually the The Rollary Club of Lexington Park distributes up to \$30,000 in academic scholarships to college-bound high school seniors: provides over \$20,000 in direct support to area non-profits for programs such as the local food partners are shown to the armidal Christians in April project. The Club also percloadicy participation is in a Rollary International relief effort for to support committees in developing countries. The U.S. Associated in St. Mary's County, Min is the Rollary Club of Lexington Park's primary means to raise funds for all of these charitable causes, most of which are clearly centered on St. Mary's County. The Club partners with numerous other local non-profits to sell food at the event making the Oyster Festival the largest venue for annual charitable fund raising in St. Mary's County.



77th Annual Howard County Community Crab Feast Held on October 5, 2024

Hundreds of people came out to the Howard County Fairgrounds for Ellicott City Rotary Club's annual Crab Feast on October 5, 2024. The 77th Annual Howard County Community Crab Feast was the perfect occasion to gather with friends and family, enjoy great food, and support Mental Health Initiatives in Howard County. The feast included all-you-can-eat hot steamed crabs, ice-cold oysters, succulent BBO, and refreshing beer and wine.





DC Rotary Club & National Museum and Center for Service



what an excitting opportunity to show the impact of service to the local and global community! We encourage all to join us in service to our fellow occupants of this world. Thank you for highlighting or work, National Museum and Center for Service.





Dupont Circle RC Grant for Emma's Torch

In spring 2024, our club applied for a district grant to help Emma's Texch build streateries for their clients to sit and dine. We were awarded the grant, the construction was completed, and volunteers from our club helped add ambiance to the streatery space. Feel free to visit and check it out!



October 2024 Membership Achievement Awards

Congratulations to <u>Rotary District 7620's</u> Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C., and Rotary Clubs of: Annapolis, Capitol Hill, Carroll Creek, Parole (Annapolis), South Anne Arundel County, Bethesda-Chery Chase, Charles County (La Plata), Columbia Town Center, Frederick, Greenbell, Lake Shore-Severna Park, Olney, and Rockville for growing their membership base. Way to go! #themagicalrotary



Rotary Peace Fellowship 2025 Selection Notification

The Rotary Peace Centers team has selected this year's finalists to receive the 2025 Rotary Peace Fellowship, and they have been notified. We are happy to announce that the Rotary Peace Fellowship Application 2025 of Awet Wereta - a Rotary Peace Fellowship candidate from Rotary District 7620, recommended by Rotary

Awet has been selected for the Rotary Peace Fellowship and will pursue a Master's Degree in Global Studies at the University of North Carolina starting in August, 2025. Awet Wereta graduated with a Master's Degree in Diptomacy and International Relations and served as a diptomat for Ethiopia at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Embassy in Algiers, Algeria. Awet volunteered as an advocacy expert and community organizer in Germany for two years, campaigning against a war that broke out in Ethiopia in November 2020. Awet currently lives in the United States of America.

Rotary Peace Centers notes that as in previous years, selection was highly competitive; Evaluators reviewed over 800 applications for 131 fellowship awards this year.



2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference



Healing in a Divided World

20-22 February 2025 Istanbul, Türkiye Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center

Led by Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 February 2025, will be an opportunity for the Rotary community and our partners to build on Rotary's contributions to promoting peace by exploring

- Peace in a polarized world

 Technology, media, and peacebuilding
 Environmental issues in peacebuilding
 Making peace last

The conference will also recognize the launch of the new Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in partnership with Bahçe?ehir University in Istanbul.

The three-day conference includes keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions that will highlight the many ways Rotary members, program participants, partners, and community leaders can advocate for peace; share stories, insights, and ideas about building peace locally and globally; and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace within our communities and beyond.

Don't miss this special, one-time event focused on ways to take action to advance the cause of peace and explore important issues of our time, including creating sustainable peace and healing in a divided world. tration for the Presidential Peace Conference is now open.

For additional questions, contact lstanbul25@rotary.org.

Rotary Membership Trends

By Terry P. Weaver Potary Coordinator 2022-25

WOW -- A net gain of FIFTY-ONE members (51) for the week is a good catch-up towards getting back on the Success Track. We need a net gain of 50 members per week for the next 5 weeks to get back on track

Bright Spots -- A BIG shout-out to District 7730 for a new club this week. We have widened our lead in the #1 position among North American Zones, Link to 2024-25 Tabular Data

District	Ahead (Behind) Success Track # Members	Member Gain/Loss	Member Gain/Loss	
7690 - Central NC	55	2024-25 93	3.90%	WEEK 5
7620 - Central MD/DC	36	68	3.40%	0
7680 - West Central NC	12	48	2.20%	4
7730 - Southeastern NC	12	37	2.40%	19
7710 - Raleigh	7	36	2.00%	3
7630 - Delaware/MD	6	29	2.10%	0
7750 - Western SC	6	45	1.90%	3
7600 - Southeast VA	5	40	1.90%	3
7610 - Northern VA	5	35	1.90%	4
7545 - West Virginia	-2	27	1.40%	2
7305 - SW Pennsylvania	-6	22	1.20%	4
7720 - North Eastern NC	-12	7	0.60%	1
7280 - NW Pennsylvania	-22	-3	-0.30%	4
7670 - Western NC	-28	5	0.20%	0
7570 - Western VA & NE TN	-39	6	0.20%	-4
7770 - Central & East SC	-39	12	0.40%	1
7360 - Parts of MD, PA, WV	-40	-6	-0.30%	2
Totals	-40	501	1.50%	51

Stalled Clubs -- This is the time of year when we need to contact clubs with ZERO new members (through Oct. 1), asking how we can help them with their new member attraction strategies. Please open the D-7620 YTD Goal Progress

Regardless of efforts or success in retaining members, attrition never goes away. It can be reduced, not eradicated. The antidote to "normal" attrition is NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION. Since we know that's essential, why not get started NOW, rather than scrambling at year end? Link to 2024-25 Grap Your Rotary Coordinator team will be working with your District to build a Membership Assistance Team to help clubs with membership challenges get on a path toward consistent, moderate membership growth.

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 POB Barton Goldenberg. His role is to share the potential legislation (called 'enactments') and the council change how Rotary functions, docus them with anymore interrested, and vote them up or down.

Note that the council change has been designed by the council of the control of the control of the control of the control of the council of the



Getting excited for Calgary



anadian members are already excited about the biggest event in the Rotary calendar: the 2025 Rotary International Convention, to be held on 21-25 June in Calgary. "This is an incredible opportunity to see the global nature of Rotary," says Louisa Horne, a ember of the Rotary Cub of Haiffart Harbor. Rotary Canada talked with members from Quebec to British Columbia to capture their enthusiasm about the upcoming event. You don't have to be Canadian to be excited, of course! Register by 15 December to International Columbia.

Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.

October 2024 Club Meeting Another great meeting in the books!



Great time @ the Annual Hike for Police



Service Above Self - Service Event @foodjusticedmy



Rotaract UN Days in Geneva

Get Ready for Rotaract UN Days in Geneva

From 30 October to 2 November, Rotaractors from 46+ countries will come together in Geneva, Switzerland. Explore iconic locations like UNOG, WIPO, and CERN while engaging in meaningful discussions on topics like refugees, human rights, and peace

2024 Interact Awards!



The 2024 Interact Awards are here!! Learn more at rotary.org/interactawards

Rotary Club Central Updates

Rotary Club Central updates are coming!

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Programs for Young Leaders

New Rotaract benefit unlocked



Rollarsd members can now use Rolary Club Central, Rolary's free goal planning and tracking plasform. Club leaders can add and track goals, while members can track their club's progress. Rolaract clubs can earn the Club Excellence Award (formerly the Rolary Cliading) by achieving goals entered directly into Rolary Cliading Central Its never too late to start planning your clib's future. Set annual goals in <u>Bistary Cliad Central</u> It is never too late to start planning your clib's future. Set annual goals in <u>Bistary Cliad Central</u> It is never to start to start planning your clib's future. Set annual goals in <u>Bistary Cliad Central</u> It is never to start to start planning your clib's achieves.

Exciting update: Two newsletters for young leaders are merging!

Starting in December, Rotary Youth Exchange News and Young Leaders in Action are merging into one newsletter: Programs for Young Leaders. You'll receive it every other month and will find information from Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, and RYLA?

- More diverse content: Find stories, tips, and news from all three of Rotary's youth programs for a fuller understanding of the impact they have.?
- Expert insights: Stay informed with advice, event updates, and motivational stories
 A new design: An updated layout will make the newsletter easier to use and enjoy.?

If you're passionate about Rotary's youth programs, this new format offers an even greater opportunity to learn, get involved, and share stories that make a difference.?

Rotary International looks forward to your feedback as we make this exciting transition!

LEARN MORE

- An introduction to <u>Rotary Youth Exchange</u>
- FAQ about Rotary Youth Exchange and COVID-1

Rotary is committed to fostering environments that are safe and positive for young people and free from discrimination and physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Rotary International takes all youth protection allegations seriou

ou can report any concern at any time by using the blue REPORT A YOUTH PROTECTION CONCERN button on the Youth Protection page of Rotary.org

Rotary's partnership with UNICER



As Rolary International's Representative to UNICEF, I had the great privilege of visiting the UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen this past week. It is the world's largest humanitarian and emergency response warehouse.



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Rotaract Club of Howard University











The views from our weekend hike in observance of World Polio Day. #endpolionow









Read More

Educating yourself!

Educating yourselft Review and know where to find resources on Rotary's programs for young leaders. The following program web pages provide the most up-to-date program handbooks and resources:

In Memoriam: William Boleyn

William "Bill" A. Boleyn, 102, of Ashburn, WA, passed away on October 6, 2024, from natural causes.

Bill was born on May 22, 1022, to Charles and Jennie Boleyn in Remington, W. He graduated from Marshall College, now Marshall University, in Huntington, WV, in 1943. Bill was the first Boleyn to earn a college degree.

World War If was in full swing when Bill was in college so he elected to to entitle States Marine Corps because the Marines allowed recruits to complete their college education before reporting for duty. After graduation, and Parris Island, Bill reported to Officer Candidate School at Marine Corps Base Quantico. He entered the War as a second lieutenant and served in the South Pacific.

After the War, Bill landed his first job at the Velerans Administration in Richmond, VA. This is where he met and married his beloved wife of 50 years, the late Jewell Fox Boleyn of Manassas, VA. In 1949, he moved the family to Northern Virginia and accepted a position in the federal government with the Bureau of the Budget, now the Office of Management and Budget, in Washington, DC. He served there for 25 years, ultimately becoming the Acting Gorens Base Quantition of the Company of the Com



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?

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

District 7620 Newsletter Team: Bob Nelson, PDG, Chair Sean McAlister, PDG, District Public Image Chair