

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join The Rotary Club of Capitol Hill to Lay Wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery Dec. 14



For the fifth year, the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill has committed to the [Wreaths Across America Day Association](#) to lay holiday wreaths for U.S. military veterans at the [Arlington National Cemetery](#) on **Saturday, December 14, 2024**, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. For our community service project to be successful, we need "at least" 10 volunteers, but we welcome more. Last year we had 34 volunteers from various District 7620 Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

As a volunteer, you will join hundreds of people at the Arlington National Cemetery and place live balsam veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our fallen heroes. The wreaths are made of fresh evergreens and have been used for centuries as symbols of honor, living tributes and memorials to honor veterans, active-duty military, and their families.

When each wreath is placed, the service member's name is said out loud to ensure his/her memory lives on.

Volunteers Needed

Come join us and make a difference this holiday season! We invite Rotarians, Rotaractors, families and volunteers of all ages to come and share in this patriotic experience.

Details

- You can park at the [Pentagon City Mall Parking Garage \(850 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA\)](#)
- Meet the group at 7:30 am on the northbound platform at the [Pentagon City Metro Stop](#).
- Ride the Blue Line subway two stops to the [Arlington Cemetery Metro Stop](#). ??????
 - Note: You do not have to take the subway. You can take a taxi, Uber, or Lift to the main gates at Arlington Cemetery.
- All visitors will have to clear Security.
 - Due to the volunteer lines, it takes between 5 and 20 minutes to clear, so plan to arrive early
- Lay holiday wreaths from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. (3 hours)
- Depart the Arlington Cemetery Metro Stop at 11:00 pm and go back to the Pentagon City Mall Subway.
- **Optional** -There will be a Holiday Veterans' Ceremony from 12:00 to 12:45 pm for all volunteers. This location will be provided on the day of service.

Meetup Location & Group Photo

The members of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill traditionally lay wreaths in the southwest part of the cemetery in Sections 3, 4, 30, and 34.

We also take a **Rotary Volunteer Group Photo** at 9:30 am in Section 34 near Gen. John J. Pershing's grave (Ref: Sec. 34, Graves S-19-LH).

Past Event Pictures

Ukrainian Arts of Peace Calendars 2025

The "Ukrainian Arts of Peace Calendars 2025" is a collaboration between Universal Aid for Children, Inc. and the Rotary Club of Rockville, Maryland. This project "Unveiled the Magic Hope and Dreams" within the hearts and minds of children who, despite daily hearing the wailing sirens warning them to run to bomb shelters, poured their hopes and emotions into their artwork, creating pieces that cried out for PEACE. We would be honored to present these calendars to Rotarians of Districts 7620 and 7610.

With gratitude for your \$30.00 donation, which you can make using the UAC site www.uacukraine.org, you will receive a beautiful calendar featuring the Ukrainian children's hope for peace. Proceeds from the calendar project will directly support UAC's efforts to provide help to children in need in the Odesa region of Ukraine.

The Project "Ukrainian Arts of Peace Calendars 2025", is the result of a collaboration between Universal Aid for Children, Inc. and the Rotary Club of Rockville, Maryland, with the support of the following Rotary Clubs and organizations: Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club (USA, MD), Rotary Club of Santa Maria (USA, AR), Odesa Rotary E-club (Odesa, Ukraine), Odesa Rotary Club (Odesa, Ukraine), and NGO Odesa Dream (Odesa, Ukraine).

Prices For the Rotary International Convention in Calgary Go Up \$100 on December 16!

December 10, 2024

Reminders

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 with any questions.

District 7620 Announcement Submission Form

The prices for the Rotary International Convention in Calgary go up \$100 on December 16! Don't wait to register so you can save today! onrotary.org/3OgDGzN

Why attend a convention?

- Meeting Rotarians from across the world
- Networking opportunities
- Inspiration to bring back to your districts and clubs
- Learning sessions on a variety of topics from membership, foundation, public image and more
- Huge arena shows with motivational speakers
- ... and fun!



Watch a video (<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18KDxh8Ke5/2>) from RI President Stephanie Urchick herself and discover endless opportunities.

"My Rotary family #Rotary25 gives us the opportunity to come together, engage in riveting discussion and learn from distinguished speakers. You'll exchange ideas, ignite innovative projects and build new relationships with changemakers around the world."

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind event. Register by 15 December before the price increases: onrotary.org/3OgDGzN

Early Bird Registration for RYLA2025 Ends Dec.31



Registration for RYLA2025 is [Now Open](#) !

Important information regarding Rotary Club Registration, Student Registration, and upcoming RYLA deadlines.

Registration Information:

- Early Bird Registration for RYLA 2025 is \$360.00 per student.
- Early Bird registration ends on December 31st.
- After January 1st, registration for RYLA 2025 is \$410.00 per student.
- Registration closes on February 10th. Rotary Clubs/Organizations - Please fill out and return the RYLA Form attached.
- There are no refunds, but we're happy to have your club replace students for the conference up to February 3rd. February 3rd is the last day to change/replace participants.

Other Reminders:

- The Code of Conduct Form must be completed at Registration by the Student and their Parent(s). Instructions for sending the Code of Conduct, Parent Permission Form, Medical Emergency Form, T-Shirt Size, Food Allergies (meals) can be found on the [Registration Form](#). The forms are also attached to this email (below).
 - Students must be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade to participate in RYLA 2025
- A RYLA flier is attached for your use.

[View RYLA Pictures Here](#)

[RYLA Student Registration Form](#)

DC Rotary Foundation Community Service and Special Project Grants is now open

We are pleased to announce that the application for the DC Rotary Foundation Community Service and Special Project Grants is now open and will close Tuesday, January 31, 2025. All applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on January 31.

Please help us spread the word to eligible 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations serving Washington, DC residents by **sharing this information** with them. We will also be publicizing the grant opportunity via social media, news outlets, and other means -- please share these as you see them, too!

Community Service Grants are grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 per organization supporting projects that demonstrate need for small capital items or "seed money" for special services that provide direct and tangible benefits to residents of the DC Metropolitan Area. **Foundation Special Project Grants** are grants of \$20,000 per organization to support larger projects that demonstrate long-term sustainability and impact benefiting DC Area residents.

Applications must be sent via the link below; they **will not** be accepted via email in PDF format.

The link to our Community Service Grant application for 2024-25 can be found here:

<https://form.jotform.com/243194607979169>

Please let us know if you have any questions. The entire Community Service Grants Committee looks forward to reviewing applications from worthy organizations.

Sincerely and Yours in Rotary Service,

Elise Egan and Todd Miller, Co-Chairs
Community Service Grants Committee
Rotary Club of Washington DC



Call for Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) Peacebuilder Clubs in

Rotary District 7620

The Peace Committee of Rotary District 7620 encourages clubs in Rotary District 7620 to become Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) Peacebuilder Clubs. Only 2 clubs in Rotary District 7620 are Rotary Action Group for Peace Peacebuilder Clubs. The clubs are Rotary Club of Rockville, and Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C. There is no Rotary Action Group for Peace Chapter in this region.

If 3 more Clubs in Rotary District 7620 become Rotary Action Group for Peace Peacebuilder Clubs, we will be able to form a Rotary Action Group for Peace Maryland Chapter. Rotary Club of Rockville's Rotary Action Group for Peace Peacebuilder Club Certificate is dated 28 August 2023. The Rotaract Club of Washington D.C. Rotary Action Group for Peace Peacebuilder Club Certificate is dated 18th May 2024.

"Why Should we Become a Peacebuilder Club?"

- You have a peace project which you want to share/receive support from others
- You want to broaden your circle of contacts outside of your Club and District
- You have an interest/passion in promoting peace
- You want to learn more about the multiple facets of peace and the difference between positive and negative peace
- You want to put on a peace conference or peace event
- You want to join up with others both locally and globally who share your interest/passion for peace...

What does it take to become a RAGFP Peacebuilder Club?

First ensure that your Club has a designated Team/Committee for Peace (just like Foundation, Membership, Youth etc.). Have at least two Club members on that Peace Team/Committee

Have the two members be or become members of the Rotary Action Group for Peace (annual cost 20US\$ per member) <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/>

Read the Primer and the Peacebuilder Club Standards (on the RAGFP website)

Fill out the application form and submit through this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSzIwbF5TTEM2dGneqTuaNQLCbS6wRyKINGChS2M6JX_MZO/viewform

The Peacebuilder Club Certificate will be sent to you."

Kindly inform Rotary District 7620 Peace Committee at district7620peace@gmail.com when you receive your Rotary Action Group for Peace Peacebuilder Club Certificate.

Thank you.

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Become a Member of ESGAF (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group)



Dear Rotarians, Today, I would like to invite you to become a member of ESGAF (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group) and form your club's Eco Action (Environmental) committee to have your club join the ESRAG's ECO ACTION CLUBS network!!

- To connect with the other ECO Action clubs, exchange ideas and take action!
- To work together and collaborate on global grants,
- To mitigate climate change and become a climate-friendly club,
- To educate the public about the ecological challenges and attract them to Rotary
- To stop air pollution, plastics pollution

- To engage with the ESRAG task forces on climate solutions, biodiversity, renewable energy, plastics solutions, pollinators, agriculture,...
- To support ESRAG to grow, inspire, engage more people to implement impactful environmental projects around the planet EARTH!..

If you decide to volunteer to form your club's ECO Action (Environmental) Committee and serve as the Eco Action Club chair, please email join-EcoAction@Esrags.org to receive your welcome message and an ONLINE LINK to review the current/expired ESRAG members in your club and ADD new members.

For more information, visit the ESRAG website at <https://esrag.org/>

I hope your club and district will become eligible to BECOME an ECO ACTION CLUB and ECO ACTION DISTRICT by inspiring more Rotarians and Rotaractors to JOIN ESRAG!..

Please contact us at join-EcoAction@Esrags.org, if you have any questions.

Please CONSIDER ESRAG to make your END OF YEAR GIFT at <https://esrag.org/donate/>

Yours in Rotary Service,

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Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group
People of ECO Action <http://EcoActionNow.org>

LIKE us at <https://www.facebook.com/GoESRAG>



Ready to Join the Next Adventure?

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming journey to **Azerbaijan and Turkey!**

Trip Dates: February 9–19, 2024

Stay for an extended experience at the **Rotary Presidential Peace Conference** in Istanbul, February 19–22, where you'll have the unique opportunity to meet Rotary International President **Stephanie Urchick**. Our friends in Azerbaijan and Turkey are eager to welcome us and share the very best of their cultures, hospitality, and heritage.

Explore Future Adventures with Us
Rotarians, Rotaractors, Family members and friends are welcome to join.

[Here are link to our upcoming all planned trips](#)

Celebrate Our Past Journeys

[Take a look at the highlights from previous trips](#)

[Participation Terms](#)

- A **\$300 deposit** secures your place in the team.
- Need assistance with flight arrangements? Let us know—we're here to help!

For more details, reach out to us:

[Zoom meeting for this trip](#) (Orientation and questions)

Thursday Dec 13, 2024 at 7:00pm (EST)

Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76757486266?pwd=oBvfv3XsjcbrxOO02ngag0BadSicEt.1>

Meeting ID: 767 5748 6266

Passcode: b1idVz

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Facebook: [RCF Golden Gates](#)

YouTube:

- [RCF Golden Gates](#)
- [Rotarian Blog](#)

About RCF

Reunite Cultures Fund (formerly known as Rotary Children's Fund) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit inspired by Rotary principles and Service Above Self. Founded in 2003 with the support of the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Club, RCF fosters international friendship and cultural exchange.

We look forward to traveling with you!

HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

Potomac-Bethesda Club Collecting for Toys For Tots



4720 Chevy Chase Drive #407
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

The Potomac-Bethesda Club is collecting new unwrapped toy donations for Toys For Tots this year. We invite Rotarians to visit our club meetings and drop off any toys from themselves or from their Rotary Club **on any Thursday Evening at 6:30PM through December 12th.**

The Bretton Woods Recreation Center is located at 15700 River Road, Germantown, MD, 20874.

Toy donations will be delivered to the Montgomery County, MD Toys For Tots center.

Rotarians and/or Clubs can also make a tax-deductible donation to our Foundation which will purchase toys using the directed funds. Donations can be made through Venmo: @PotomacBethesdaRotary or by sending a check to:

Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club Foundation
c/o Lou Bartolo

Contact Lou Bartolo for additional information on the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda partnership at tonylou2@hotmail.com or visit our website <https://pbrotary.org/>.

Holiday Visit to Memory Care Facility Dec. 17

Little Gifts and Good Wishes

Years ago, a member of our club, now deceased, helped his mother as she spent her final years in Memory Care. She was in the Wilson Health Care Building of Asbury Methodist Village, in Gaithersburg.

That member, Winfree Irvine, was so impressed with the care his mother received that he organized a Rotary club activity. It was for members, two dressed as Santa Claus, to visit the building each year,



greet each resident and staff members, and give each a delicious navel orange. The next day, club members and Scouts would visit an assisted living building at Asbury to lead Christmas carols and distribute more oranges.

Members continue to play Santa Claus, year after year, and they greatly enjoy doing it. This year, they will be saying their "ho ho hos" on December 17th.



For more information, contact Ken Weiss, Rotary Club of Gaithersburg, 301-947-8150 or plansolv@aol.com

Urbana Park & Ride Cleanup | Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County Dec. 28

Urbana Park & Ride Cleanup | Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County

Where: 8816 Fingerboard Rd, Frederick, MD

When: 12/28/24, 9am-10am

RSVP here <https://www.facebook.com/share/Dx6b9gT4FTde3mQk/>

You might have seen some of us rolling up our sleeves and picking up litter at Urbana's Park & Ride! Join us to help enhance the beauty of our town, Urbana (MD) with this simple act of community service.

Please arrive between 8:45 am - 9:00 am. - Bring your own work gloves, and we will supply the trash bags & trash disposal.

High School & Middle School students can EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS!

All information can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/share/Dx6b9gT4FTde3mQk/>

