

THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY

WEEKLY  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Sessions Regarding the District Four Way Test for the  
Upcoming 2024-2025 Year Jan. 9 & 27

Would your club like to participate in the 2025 District Four Way Test Speech Contest?  
Please join Matthew May for an informational Zoom session regarding the District Four Way Test for the upcoming 2024-2025 year. The dates will be:

- Thursday, January 9th at 7pm
- Monday, January 27th at 7pm.

The Zoom link is here:  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 410 628 4825  
Passcode: 77777

Matthew May  
Four Way Test Chair  
Rotary District 7620  
410.340.9127

REMINDERS

College Football Playoff Squares for Charity

December 31, 2024



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](mailto:psgreen@verizon.net) with any questions.

[District 7620 Announcement Submission Form](#)



2024-25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF  
SQUARES for CHARITY

Squares are \$100 each or three for \$250  
100 Squares available

One GRID - 7 Games - 7 Chances to win!

Each Square can win multiple games – win up to \$ 3,000!

- Quarter Final games win \$ 250 each (Fiesta Bowl; Peach Bowl; Rose Bowl; Sugar Bowl)
- Semi-Final games win \$ 500 each (Orange Bowl; Cotton Bowl)
- Final National Championship Game wins \$ 1,000

This is a traditional 10 X 10 grid raffle with 100 squares available – once these SQUARES are sold – or December 20, 2024 whichever comes first, sales will close. Squares and Scores will be assigned randomly with assignments shared with participants via email prior to the Fiesta Bowl on December 31. Unsold squares are the property of the Columbia Town Center Rotary Club.

The winning squares will be based on the final score of each game. Final payout of prizes will be after the January 20 game.

On the GRID, the WINNING team is across the top, and the LOSING team down the vertical. A participant retains the same Square for all games. The last digit of the final score for each game determines the row and column.

(See example: Winning 34 - Losing 18 - Square 36 wins)

		WINNING TEAM FINAL SCORE (last digit)									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LOSING TEAM FINAL SCORE (last digit)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0



Purchase Squares online at: <https://igfn.us/form/CJ9H1g>. Scan the QR Code OR text CFP2425 to 41444 to receive a link on your mobile phone.

This is a raffle with proceeds to benefit the Columbia Town Center Rotary Foundation which is a 501c3 nonprofit that distributes these proceeds from annual fundraising, including this raffle, to local non-profit organizations in the greater Columbia, MD area.  
Please visit our web link: <https://www.rotary.org> for information about the organizations we currently support.

Purchase Squares online at: <https://igfn.us/form/CJ9H1g> Scan the QR Code OR text CFP2425 to 41444 to receive a link on your mobile phone.

# LAST DAY for Early Bird Registration for RYLA2025!



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/1FAIpQLSfFSzIwbF5TTEM2dGneqTuaNQLCbS6wRyKINGChS2M6JX\\_MZO/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFSzIwbF5TTEM2dGneqTuaNQLCbS6wRyKINGChS2M6JX_MZO/viewform)

The Peacebuilder Club Certificate will be sent to you."

Kindly inform Rotary District 7620 Peace Committee at [district7620peace@gmail.com](mailto: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)



### People of EcoAction

ESRAG drives global action, becomes better as you help.

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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,

Yavuz V. Atila  
ESRAG Chair (2024-25)  
Past District 5230 Governor (2016-17)  
Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row  
[yavuz.atila@esrag.org](mailto:yavuz.atila@esrag.org)

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

**Vitaliy V. Bezrodnov**

Founder/Coordinator

RCF 501(c)(3) International Friendship & Cultural Exchange

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**Location:** Raleigh, NC / Cleveland, OH, USA

**Website:** [www.ReuniteCulturesFund.org](http://www.ReuniteCulturesFund.org)

**Facebook:** [RCF.Golden.Gates](https://www.facebook.com/RCF.Golden.Gates)

**YouTube:**

- [RCF.Golden.Gates](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvKjz8q8q8q8q8q8q8q8q8q)
- [Rotarian.Blog](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvKjz8q8q8q8q8q8q8q8q8q)

**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!

## 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](http://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).