



NOMIE HAMID, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Announcements

### Multi-club meeting at Mount Airy Rotary Today, Oct 1st URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DISTRICT 7620

**Multi-club meeting at Mount Airy Rotary:** A special meeting has been planned to honor recent Gold Medalist at Paralympics in Paris, Daniel Romanchuk. He is a Mt Airy resident. He also supports our global grant project, Wheelchairs for Ghana. Video of his 5,000-meter race will be shown. Come join us. Do not miss this one.

Date and time: Oct 1, Tue, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Place: The Grille at Challedon, 6166 Challedon Circle, Mount Airy, MD 21771  
You have three Options for attending:

1. In-person with dinner. Cost \$21/person. RSVP: [Pmahata@verizon.net](mailto:Pmahata@verizon.net) by Sept 30
2. In-person without dinner. No cost. Just walk in.
3. Join via ZOOM link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2177176201>

Meeting ID: 217 717 6201  
Point of contact: Paul Mahata, [Pmahata@verizon.net](mailto:Pmahata@verizon.net) Tel: 301-275-9730

### October Monthly Training Topic - 21 Oct - Youth Protection

Our October monthly training topic will take place on Monday, October 21st at 7pm.

The topic is Youth Protection.

District Youth Protection Officer, Cindy Harisson, will present on a range of aspects of youth protection, and importantly want you need to know as a club member and leader.

This training will be on Zoom, and run no more than one hour. Register at <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77751214>.

If you have any questions, please email Chris Zabriskie at [district7620trainer@gmail.com](mailto:district7620trainer@gmail.com)



## October 1, 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](mailto:psgreen@verizon.net)** with any questions.

### District 7620 Announcement Submission Form

### Joint 7610-7620 DisCon Mega Hospitality Suite & HOF Sign-Up!



To reserve your table, please contact:  
7610: **Andrea Savitch**  
[asavitch@uniqueevents.com](mailto:asavitch@uniqueevents.com)  
7620: **Sterling Hoffman** at

[sterling@sterlingportraits.com](mailto:sterling@sterlingportraits.com)

### An Evening of Creativity, Wine & Giving Back Nov 2



An Evening of Creativity, Wine & Giving Back

Hosted by Howard West Rotary Club  
Paint & Sip Event, Saturday, November 2 | 5 - 7 PM  
Kittleman Room, 6040 Scholarship Drive, Columbia, MD 21044



Unwind, get creative, and support your community with the Howard West Rotary Club! Join us for an unforgettable evening of art, laughter, and philanthropy at our Paint & Sip Event.



Register for a House of Friendship Table Here:  
<https://bit.ly/4bgUjpb>

**What to Expect:**

**No Experience Necessary** – Whether you're an artist or just looking for a fun night, our instructors from Pinot's Palette (Ellicott City, MD) will guide you step by step.

**Wine & Refreshments** – Enjoy premium wine as you paint your masterpiece.

**Silent Auction** – Bid on exclusive items, including over 30 framed paintings, sports tickets, vacation packages, theater experiences, jewelry, handcrafted goods, and much more!

**Support Local Causes:**

Your participation and donations will directly benefit the Howard West Rotary Club's community initiatives, funding scholarships, youth programs, and health projects in Howard County. Can't attend? You can still support us by donating via PayPal at [rotaryhowardwest@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryhowardwest@gmail.com).

**Limited Spots Available – Reserve Now!**

Don't miss out on a memorable evening of creativity, connection, and community impact. Reserve your seat today!

**For More Information:**

Contact Ruchira at 410-979-6678 or [rotaryhowardwest@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryhowardwest@gmail.com).

## Global Grant Scholar - Temporary Housing Needed - Oct. 18-31

Fellow Club Members,

Our Global Grant Scholar, Ms. Dami Adedeji, whom some of you met at the Red Line Happy Hour our Club hosted in August, is in need of a temporary place to stay for approximately two weeks, from Friday, October 18 to Thursday, October 31. She has been staying with PP Kristin Post from the Dupont Circle Rotary Club since she arrived in mid-August. Her grant has been approved, but the funds have not yet been released due to a misunderstanding on behalf of her host District and Clubs about the grant budget. We are hopeful this matter will be resolved by the end of October, if not sooner. She currently does not have any other funds available to pay for an apartment and so has been relying on the kindness of our District to support her.

Dami is Nigerian and is attending Georgetown University's Master of Arts program in Global Human Development.

Please let me know if you are willing to host Dami in your home for these two weeks or if you know of someone who can.

I can be reached at [hara128@hotmail.com](mailto:hara128@hotmail.com) or 202-262-6010.

Thank you!

PP Jennifer Hara

District 7620 Global Grant Scholarship Committee Chair, 2019-2025

## Red Line Happy Hour Oct. 29

### Save the Date for next Red Line Happy Hour!

Register Here: <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77789131&NoCaptcha>



## Happening In October

### Four Way Test Speech Contest Information Session - Oct. 1



Please join Matthew May for an informational session regarding the District Four Way Test for the upcoming 2024-2025 year. These dates will be:

- Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm (needed to change from Monday, September 9th)
- Tuesday, October 1st at 7pm

**The Zoom link for both sessions is:**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 410 628 4825

Passcode: 77777

## Joint District 7610-7620 Conference - Oct. 4 - 6



**DISCON 2024**  
FRIDAY, OCT 4-6 2024  
THE WESTIN WASHINGTON, DC CITY CENTER  
1400 M ST. NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

**SPEAKERS**

 <b>Ed Futa</b> RI President's Representative	 <b>Amb. John Cotton</b> Richmond	 <b>Burhan Hamid</b> TIME CTO	 <b>Hon. Muriel Bowser</b> Mayor, Washington DC
 <b>Gregor Baum</b> "The Rotary Mindset" Co-author	 <b>René Lows</b> Dist. 7610 Gov. 2023-2024	 <b>Sam Weaver</b> Rotary Business Network Breakout	 <b>Dr. Charles Davidson</b> Peace Breakout Session

**Register Now!**

[rotary7610.org/district-conference](https://rotary7610.org/district-conference)  
[rotary7620.org/discon-2425](https://rotary7620.org/discon-2425)

 <b>Caroline DeWitt</b> Environmental Breakout Session	 <b>Rebecca Kiesel</b> National Alliance on Mental Illness
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**When:** Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6, 2024

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

**Price:** Early Bird \$275 (ends July 31), \$325 (starting August 1), First 50 First Time Conference Attendees \$225, Saturday ONLY \$275, Rotaractors & RYE \$200

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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

[book.passkey.com/go/Rotaryinter](https://book.passkey.com/go/Rotaryinter) (room block ends September 23)

**For more information,** visit our Conference Page at <https://www.rotary7620.org/discon-2425/>, and don't forget to follow us on our [Facebook Page](#).

## Service Event on Saturday, October 5 at the Joint District Conference

Dear Rotarians,

We're delighted to announce that for our service event on Saturday, October 5 at the Joint District Conference, we are partnering with [Friendship Place](#). Friendship Place is the premier housing service provider for people experiencing homelessness in the DC region. Their innovative, customized, person-focused programs empower participants to rebuild their lives, find homes, get jobs and reconnect with friends, family and the community, permanently.

We'll be collecting items that Friendship Place can then distribute to our unhoused neighbors. Please let us know if you or your Club would like to participate in this event. Please also let us know what you'll be bringing by [clicking here](#) or sending an email to [office@rotary7620.org](mailto:office@rotary7620.org).

You can [check here to see our current item count](#) if you'd like to see what's already been purchased.

If DC were a state, it would be the state with the highest concentration of homelessness, according to a recent HUD report. However, the District has had more success than other parts of the country in reducing homelessness and providing shelter. Organizations like Friendship Place are leading that effort, and we're proud to partner with them to provide relief and build solutions.

If you have any questions about the project, please reach out to [Meesh Peters \(7610\)](#) or [Vanessa Lewis \(7620\)](#)

Warm regards,  
The Districts 7610 & 7620 Joint Conference Team

## 77th Annual Howard County Community Crab Feast Oct. 5

Join Us for the 77th Annual Ellicott City Rotary Community Crab Feast!



The Ellicott City Rotary Club is thrilled to announce its 77th Annual Howard County Community Crab Feast, taking place on October 5th, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This year's feast promises to be a delectable delight with an all-you-can-eat spread featuring hot steamed crabs, ice-cold oysters, succulent pit beef, and refreshing beer and wine. It's the perfect occasion to gather with friends and family, enjoy great food and support raising awareness and funds for Mental Health Initiatives in Howard County. Your participation will help support vital programs and services in our community.



Please visit our website: [Howard County Crab Feast](https://www.howardcountymd.gov/crab-feast). We look forward to seeing you there!

## Membership Action Plan (MAP) and Success Center Webinar! - Oct. 7



Dear Rotarians and friends,

The District 7620 Membership Committee is pleased to host monthly educational opportunities where clubs can learn best practices for growing and retaining members.

On Monday, October 7th at 6:00 PM, a 20-minute presentation followed by time for questions will feature two speakers from District 7620 that will share important tools such as Membership Action Plan (MAP) and Success Center to grow membership.

[Click here to register!](#)  
**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83242608572?pwd=bG9LYjB1T0FBbTlxWHZvbXJRQkxFTU09>  
Meeting ID: 832 4260 8572  
Passcode: 12345

We are grateful to the panel of speakers representing our District:



**Mandy Warfield Granger**  
D7620 Governor Elect  
Past President, Rotary Club of Dupont Circle,  
<https://www.dupontrotary.org/>  
Chair, D7620 Bylaws Committee  
Member, D7620 Membership Committee

RLI Graduate



**Marilyn Nevy Cruz**  
D7620 Lieutenant Governor  
Area 7 Assistant Governor  
President, Rotary Foundation of Washington, D.C.  
Past President, Rotary Club of Washington, D.C.,  
<https://rotaryclubdc.org/>  
Past President, Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.,  
<https://rotaractdc.org/index.html>

D7620 MAP Ambassador  
Member, D7620 Membership Committee  
RLI Graduate



**Elizabeth 'Liz' Moody**  
Assistant Rotary Coordinator (Rotaract), Zone 33 Membership Committee  
Past Rotaract Representative (2022-2023)  
Past President, Rotaract Club of Washington, D.C.,  
<https://rotaractdc.org/index.html>  
Past Global Scholar (2016)

D7620 DES  
Committee member, D7620 Membership Committee

Missed our August 24th Membership Summit? [Watch the recording here!](#)  
What topic would you like the District Membership Committee to focus on in their next webinar?  
[Submit your response here!](#)

## National Service Symposium - Join Us in Washington DC! OCT. 9

Dear DC Rotarians,

The spirit of service has always been fundamental to our national character and essential to our democracy.



We are thrilled to share that the **National Museum and Center for Service** (NMCFS), in partnership with the **Independent Sector**, the largest umbrella group of non-profits in the US, will host the **National Service Symposium** on October 9, 2024, at the MLK Library, 10-4pm. This hybrid event will unite leaders, practitioners, and advocates from across the nation to discuss and promote community service.

The Symposium will also launch **"250 & Beyond,"** a national initiative aimed at honoring and inspiring service in schools and communities in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.



**AMERICAN  
SPIRIT OF  
SERVICE**

Save the date  
**October 9th Service Symposium**

[www.250andbeyond.com](http://www.250andbeyond.com)

A joint initiative of  
**INDEPENDENT SECTOR** | **NATIONAL MUSEUM AND CENTER FOR SERVICE**

We warmly invite you to join us virtually or in person. We encourage you to save the date and register at [www.nmcfs.org/events](http://www.nmcfs.org/events).

We look forward to your participation!

*Yours in Service, Bill & May*

*PP William H, Dent, Jr., Chair  
May Yoneyama O'Brien, co-chair  
Washington, DC Rotary Club/NMCFS Committee*

## Annual Hike in Observance of World Polio Day - Oct. 12



Join the DC Rotaract and DC Rotary Clubs at their Annual Hike in Observance of World Polio Day!

**When:** Saturday, October 12, 2024

**Time:** 10am - 12:00pm

**Where:** Rock Creek Park (Beach Drive, Washington, DC 20011)

**Sign-up here:** <https://meetu.ps/e/Nvnsml/wLDTs/i>

We will meet at and park at picnic area #6. From there, we will follow an easy path around the river.

Suggested donation of \$10 to Rotary International. Send payment to DC Rotaract Venmo at **@RCWDC**.

Please contact Suzan Al Shammari at [suzanslshammari@gmail.com](mailto:suzanslshammari@gmail.com) or Marilyn Nevy Cruz at [mncruz10@gmail.com](mailto:mncruz10@gmail.com) with any questions.