

Rotary District 7620

NOMIE HAMID, DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Announcements

September 24, 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](#)

Submitting Articles for Distribution to the Rotary District

Both weekly announcements and the monthly newsletter are now available to reach Rotarians and Rotaractors across the District. If you are highlighting events and projects that your club has completed, these would be featured in the monthly newsletter. When submitting via ezStory, just add the first three letters of the desired publication month to the story name. To promote club events that are coming up, you may submit these for publication in the Weekly Announcements. You may also submit these via ezStory and "Weekly" should be appended to the Story Name.



Let's Go™s Go To Calgary Live Webinar Today September 24th at 7:30pm.

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Register to participate at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0qcOGvqTwrHtyn3Ia-oZ7_AMJ5V4CijxJT*#/registration

Join Us!

Zones 33/34 Live Webinar

Let's Go To Calgary! ✈️

Rotary District 7620 CALGARY 2025

Learn from Our Travel Expert!

How to find the best flight deals, use hotel points and so much more!

Jamie Larounis
PRESIDENT, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY

7:30 PM EST

STAFFORD (VA, USA)
 ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, AREA 4, DISTRICT
 7610 (2024-2025)

Featured On
 CNN, NBC, ABC, FOX, and the BBC, and written for
 Forbes and USA Today

24 SEP 7:30 PM EST to 8:30 PM EST

Registration Link provided to District
 Governor Lines and Promotion Chairs
 to disseminate to Districts and on DACdb

[Welcome! You are invited to join a meeting: Rotary Zones 33/34: RI Convention 2025 - Let's Go To Calgary. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.](#)
us02web.zoom.us

District Applications for DDF Deadline Sept. 30

SEP - The District is Accepting Applications for DDF
 District 7620 Announces a Third and Final Round of DDF Grant Applications for the month of September.

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 almost \$30,000 of DDF still available for qualified applications,

Accordingly, we are accepting new and updated applications for matching DDF for 2024-25 grants. All qualified 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 prior rounds.

As a reminder, award of DDF is on a competitive basis. The Grants Committee will score all community grant applications based on District Evaluation Criteria which focuses on:

1. Project Objectives - clear description of the need for the project supported by community input, consistent with Rotary's Focus Areas.
2. Project Design and Management - outlining **specific tasks, roles and responsibilities** with associated timeline. The applications MUST INCLUDE A LETTER OF PARTICIPATION from all organizations involved in the project.
3. Impact and Sustainability - specific outcomes with supporting data to verify the outcome and address continued support after the grant period.
4. Financial Feasibility - **detailed line item budget** and all funding sources including all participating Rotary Clubs and non-Rotary contributions and matching DDF.

All applications and updates must be submitted in DACdb by 30 September. 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.

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](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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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.

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

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.

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.

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/Nvnsn/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 or Marilyn Nevy Cruz at mncruz10@gmail.com with any questions.

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



To reserve your table, please contact:

7610: **Andrea Savitch** asavitch@uniquetravelevents.com

7620: **Sterling Hoffman** at sterling@sterlingportraits.com



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

Happening In September/October

Rotary Red Line Happy Hour - Sept. 26



SEPTEMBER 20
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Barking Dog
Bar & Grill
4723 Elm St.
Bethesda



Come NETWORK with fellow Rotarians from Rotary and Rotaract Clubs along the Red Line: Bethesda-Chevy Chase • Capitol Hill College Park • Downtown Silver Spring Dupont Circle • International Friendship • Metro Bethesda • North Bethesda Olney • Potomac Passport • Rockville Washington D.C. • Washington Global • and Washington Area Rotaract Clubs

Rotary Red Line Happy Hour



[REGISTER NOW](#)

Parole Rotary's Books for International Goodwill Sept 27 & 28

B.I.G. Book Sale. Over 70,000 good used books at reasonable prices (1\$-\$3) Friday September 27th (3-5 p.m.) and Saturday September 28th (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) 451 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (1.7 miles west of the Annapolis Mall) Unable to attend in September? Join us for the following dates: Friday November 1st (3-5 p.m.) and Saturday November 2nd (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) Friday December 6th (3-5 p.m.) Saturday December 7th (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) Further information at www.big-books.org or (410) 757-2785



Frederick Oktoberfest - Sept. 27 & 28

Dust off that stein and plan to skip the line! Buy your #OFest2024 tickets online now at frederickoktoberfest.org/tickets

TICKETS ARE ON SALE!
Don't wait!



FRI, SEPT 27 & SAT, SEPT 28
FREDERICKOKTOBERFEST.ORG



Charles County (La Plata) Lobster Festival - Sept. 29

The Rotary Club of Charles County La Plata is thrilled to announce the return of its beloved Lobster Festival! Join us for a day of fun, food, and community on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Charles County Fairgrounds. Rain or shine, we'll be serving up a delicious feast of lobster, clams, BBQ, hot dogs, and all the fixings. Enjoy refreshing beer, sodas, and water to quench your thirst. Plus, live music will keep you entertained throughout the day! Adult tickets are \$85.00 in advance and include all the food and drinks mentioned above. Children's tickets (ages 5-12) are \$20.00. Click here to purchase tickets: https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_9855f276

SUNDAY • RAIN OR SHINE!
September 29, 2024
Charles County Fairgrounds
 8440 Fairgrounds Road • La Plata, MD 20646
 Gates Open 12 noon - 6pm
 Food Served 1-5pm

Advanced Ticket Prices: **\$85/adult**
 (*\$0 is tax-deductible)
\$95 at the Door
 *20/children ages 5-12. Free for kids under 5.



Rotary Club of CHARLES COUNTY, LA PLATA

Sponsored by the Charles County (La Plata) Rotary Foundation

All proceeds are put back into the community to support:

- Charles County LP and CC Explorers
- Arts Alliance
- Children's Aid Society
- Charles County Literacy Council
- Charles County Youth Orchestra
- College of Southern Maryland Foundation
- Dictionaries to all County 3rd Graders
- Hospice of Southern Maryland
- International Youth Exchange Students
- LifeStyles of Maryland
- Little Libraries
- SagePoint
- Scholarships to Graduating Seniors
- Southern Maryland Food Bank
- Spring Dell Center
- UM Charles Regional Medical Center
- Warfighter Advance
- And many more

ADULT TICKET INCLUDES:
 2 Lobsters (available for take-out)
 Clams
 You Can Also Eat:
 Hot Dogs
 BBQ
 Side Dishes
 Water
 Soda
 Beer
 +
 Live Entertainment
 Games, Silent Auction,
 Children's Activities
 All Day

NEW PURCHASE ONLINE
 SCAN QR CODES TO BUY TICKETS

GENERAL TICKETS

CANT ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

See below for online purchase options or contact your favorite La Plata Rotary Member or email us: LaPlataRotaryClub@gmail.com

Four Way Test Speech Contest Information Session Oct. 1



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
 Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four Way Test is a simple and powerful tool for enhancing our personal and professional relationships.

1. Be FAIR to all concerned.
2. Be FAIR to all concerned.
3. Be FAIR to all concerned.

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: <https://zoom.us/j/98555276>



Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 410 628 4825
Passcode: 77777

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



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 (sold out), Rotaractors \$200

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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

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](#).

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!](#)



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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83242608572>

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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!](#)

