

Rotary

District 7630



District Leadership



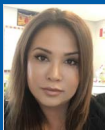
[Randolph C. Smith](#)
District Governor



[Dale C. G. Kerns](#)
DG-Elect



[Ken Montville](#)
DG-Nominee,
International
Convention Chair



[Yasmith T. Johnson](#)
DG-Nominee
Designate



[John E. Mager](#)
Immediate Past
District Governor



[Robin Broomall](#)
Lieutenant Governor



[Shawn W. Klapinsky](#)
District Treasurer



[John Kai Lassen](#)
District Secretary and
Policy and Procedure
Chair



[James A. Roney III](#)
District
Parliamentarian



[William Garrow King
Jr.](#)
District Membership
Chair



[Vaughan Russell
Hayden](#)
DYS - District Youth
Services Chair



JANUARY 6, 2025 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Welcome To The New Year Of 2025, And A Very Special Thanks And Appreciation For The Past Year of 2024, Especially To All The Incredible Rotarians And Their Many Successes.

In a letter that our current President, Stephanie Urchick wrote, she stated that there is nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members, than a club that's vibrant, welcoming and, yes, fun.

She has encouraged all clubs to try something different, and just as important, to help bring out those extra smiles. "It is the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible." She further adds, "When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious."

January is Vocational Service month on Rotary's calendar.

Let us step back in time when Rotary only allowed one professional individual from one industry, i.e., if the club had one lawyer, the quota of the club would have been met.

Vocational Service is at the heart of Rotary, which was founded on the classification system of membership. Business and professional life are the bedrock of Rotary, and Vocational Service, which is a major force in promoting the continuity of Rotary relating to business.

Paul Harris felt that if several members of the same profession were to join, they would either sit together and "talk shop" or compete against each other for other members' business.

The idea of "trade-boosting" was gradually eliminated and by 1912, Rotarians were no longer required to exchange business with one another.

The Magic of Rotary, Dreams, Along with The Continued Spirit of Rotary, is still very much active and alive, for as we step forward with greater enthusiasm for this year of 2025, I am, as I hope that our other 1,400 Rotarians in our District are as well, looking forward to the continued successes, enjoyment and the achievements of our clubs.

I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the incredible work accomplished by our Rotary District. I can only say congratulations to all of you for doing a fantastic job.

We are now more than half-way through the Rotary year of 2024-2025, where oh, where did the time go?

I remain continually inspired by the many photos and the many stories shared by so many of our wonderful clubs, along with so many things that we have accomplished across the entire state of DE, and the lower Eastern Shore of MD.



Kevin John Yencer
District Easterseals
Camp Fairlee Chair



William R. Ferguson Sr.
District Rotary
Foundation Chair



Jeffrey W. Kitchen
DRF - Annual Giving
Co-Chair



Tracy E. Reynolds
DRF - Annual Giving
Co-Chair



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DRF - Global Grants
Co-Chair



Judith W. Price
DRF - Global Grants
Co-Chair



Margaret M. Mudron
DRF - District Grants
Chair



Carrie W. Gray
AG Area 10 &
Innovative Club
Advocate



Edward J. Gossett Jr.
AG Area 20



Alexander Benjamin
Vaughan III
AG Area 30



Steven L. Grossman
AG Area 40 & 41



Bradley Lundberg
AG Area 50



Michael A. Friedberg
AG Area 51



Molly Lynn Hilligoss
AG Area 60

Also, another bit of important information that is slowly approaching is that Rotary International will be celebrating its 120th birthday, on February 23rd, when Rotary was founded in 1905.

Yet another important date that is looming in the future as well, is the **District Conference** which is scheduled to be held starting the evening of Friday April 25, and Saturday 26th. It is at the Sands Hotel, in downtown, Rehoboth Beach, DE. The District Conference 53rd Team is working diligently to put together Magical Celebration, with learning and entertainment. You will not want to miss all the fun of these two days.

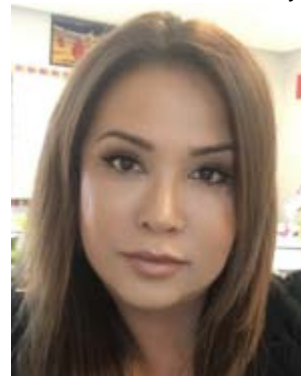
Let's not forget the upcoming PETS registration, which is open to all President-Elects. I definitely encourage all the Presidents-Elects to attend.

There is always something new to learn, and more importantly, the opportunity to meet other Rotarians from other Districts and to build relationships, for this is a significant part of being a Rotarian.

Yet another important event will be occurring in February and that is **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards RYLA**. If your club has not already started to select your individuals to attend this incredible weekend event there at the Carousel Hotel, in Ocean City, I strongly encourage you to start.

The young individuals have a wonderful time experiencing and learning new techniques of life and business. The benefits of learning are tremendous.

Congratulations should go out to our DGND, Yasmith Johnson, PhD. She has been selected from a panel of interviewers for the position of District Governor for the year of 2027-2028. Yasmith Johnson, "Jazzy" is a member of the Camden/Wyoming Club.



Yes, another year is off to a great start. Let's continue to make this year an even greater year than the year before.

The Magic Of Rotary Is Within Us. For As Rotarians, We Are Referred To As The People Of Action, For We Make The Magic!

Randy Smith, DG.
24-25 7630 District Governor



THE DISTRICT MOURNS THE PASSING OF A PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We are writing with great sadness to let you know that our Past District Governor and fellow District Rotarian, Dr. Clifton "Clif" Hutton passed away on Christmas Eve.

Clif was a Past District Governor in 2016-2017 and was the Camden Wyoming President twice (1998-1999 and 2013-2014)

He was dedicated to Rotary and a true model of "Service Above Self".

Planning is underway for a remembrance gathering on March 2nd in Dover.
(When more information is available, it will be passed along)

Condolences can be sent to Clif's wife, Marie Hutton, at 98 Fox Hall Drive, Dover DE 19904.

Rotary District 7630 expresses our heartfelt sympathy and will greatly miss PDG Dr. Clif Hutton.



January 8th
[Foundation Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

Speaker: Foundation Chair
PDG Bill Ferguson

January 9th
[District Membership Committee Meeting](#)

Speaker: Membership Committee Chair Gary King
Subject: Membership Committee Meeting

January 16th
[Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

January 16th
[Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

January 23rd
[District Membership Committee Meeting](#)
Speaker: Membership Committee Chair Gary King

ROTARY MAGAZINE - JANUARY 2025 ISSUE



In 2009 Julie Mulligan was a few days into a Group Study Exchange trip to Nigeria when she was kidnapped at gunpoint. For two weeks, the Rotarian was shuttled from place to place by armed captors seeking a ransom. In this issue of *Rotary* magazine, Mulligan opens up about the experience and how nearly 16 years later, rather than withdrawing from the world, she is living an even more authentic life of Service Above Self.

[Click here](#) to read the digital copy of the January 2025 issue.

[Read More](#)

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER

Next Foundation Matters Webinar – January 16, 2025 6 PM

The Foundation Matters Webinars are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 6 PM Eastern Daylight Time. (5 PM Central and 7 PM Atlantic). During this webinar we will be discussing key elements for engaging your club with The Rotary Foundation. You will hear actionable ideas from experienced Club Foundation chairs.



The monthly Foundation Matters Webinar Series is designed for club leaders like you. The series will deliver bite-sized informational content about different aspects of The Rotary Foundation. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experienced leaders who will share proven strategies to engage your club in The Rotary Foundation.

Please click on the link below to join the webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85767045645?pwd=Gc3KmgTKdV63alarbDYnuEBZY8vizZ.1>

To join the Paul Harris Society - follow this link and complete -

https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eCYMZ3u8qeCZALb

If you have any problems, please contact me directly.

An updated District 7630 club giving worksheet updated January 4 2025 is [attached](#).

The District still has 4 clubs with no contributions to the annual fund and 7 clubs for PolioPlus.

Annual Fund per capita giving:

1. North East - \$260.83
2. Brandywine-Naamans - \$221.59
3. St Michaels - \$137.54

PolioPlus per capital giving:

1. St Michaels - \$1,014.40
2. Newark Morning - \$221.28
3. Salisbury Sunrise - \$76.25

PDG Bill Ferguson

DRFC 2023-2026

NOW IS THE TIME...

to maximize your support to the Rotary Foundation with a charitable IRA gift to the Rotary Endowment. Contact your

IRA manager today, ask for a qualified charitable distribution to the endowment and enjoy the tax and charitable benefits of your action. For further information, email

jabilton@aol.com. Thank you!



2025 RYLA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Rotary District 7630's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) has been able to keep the cost of the delegate's attendance fee at relatively the same level for several years. Probably no surprise to any of us, that is not the case for the cost of conducting the event. Food costs and particularly, the cost of supplies for the "Rise Against Hunger" service project have increased substantially. Click "Read More" for sponsorship opportunities!

[Read More](#)

TIDEWATER ROTARY BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO TALBOT COUNTY SENIORS AND FAMILIES

This holiday season, Tidewater Rotary helped spread the spirit of giving by donating gift cards to accompany meals at Brookletts Place – Talbot Senior Center. On Friday, December 20, the club provided nearly 100 gift cards to local shops and grocery stores, valued between \$20 and \$25. These were distributed alongside the holiday meals at St. Mark's Food Pantry, located at Brookletts Place. [Read](#)

[More](#)



ROTARIANS SHARE THEIR BOUNTY



The end of 2024 was noted by the Rotary Club of Salisbury as a time to share support with several local groups and individuals.

The first donation was a \$1,000 gift to the Adopt-A-Block Outreach, Inc., a local charitable organization that provides quality food at no cost for households experiencing food insecurity. To find out more about this donation as well as other gifts, please click on "Read More". [Read More](#)

REHOBOTH BEACH SUNRISE SHARES PHOTOS FROM WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



See more photos from Sharon Hill Memorial Park sent by Lisa Grossman, President of the Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Club, by clicking "Read More".



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THANK YOU FOR POWERING HOPE AND RECOVERY IN 2024!

[Click here to download this Disaster Aid Thank You flyer!](#)



December 31, 2024

Thank You for Powering Hope and Recovery in 2024!

As we close the chapter on 2024, all of us at Disaster Aid USA are overwhelmed with gratitude for your steadfast support. Thanks to your generosity, our Chainsaw Teams, Muck and Gut Crews, and Rescue Boat Teams deployed 27 times this year, delivering over \$2.5 million in disaster response aid to communities devastated by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and fires. Teams from 9 states deployed and 13 teams were in the field at the same time meaning you our donor made things happen!

Your contributions made it possible for us to: Clear storm-ravaged landscapes with our Chainsaw Teams, providing access and safety to affected neighborhoods. Restore hope to flooded homes through our Muck and Gut Crews, giving families a foundation to rebuild their lives. Rescue survivors stranded by rising waters, offering immediate relief and life-saving support with our Rescue Boat Team.

Each deployment is a testament to your compassion and commitment to helping those in need. From the first chainsaw cut to the last bucket of debris removed, your generosity is at the heart of every effort to rebuild lives and restore communities.

Please follow the links below to our Facebook and Instagram pages to see videos, stories, and pictures throughout the year!

As we look to 2025, the challenges ahead remind us that this mission is far from over. But with your continued partnership, we are ready to meet the call, providing relief, recovery, and hope wherever disaster strikes.

On behalf of every survivor whose life you've touched, we thank you. You are not just a donor—you are a lifeline, a hero, and a vital part of our Disaster Aid USA family. Wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season.

In January look for a detailed summary of our deployments and survivor stories!

Larry Agee
 Co-Founder/Executive Director



2024 ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 HERO BLOOD DRIVE



ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 HERO BLOOD DRIVE IN 2024

We are wrapping up the 2024 District 7630 Hero Blood Drive, supporting the Blood Bank of Delmarva. I would like to thank all the Rotarians who have donated, promoted and helped organize blood drives for your community. We have done well as a district, but the Blood Bank still needs donations, especially now that winter is quickly approaching. Click "Read More" for a letter from Sherye Nickerson, President of the Easton Club and Blood Drive Organizer.

[Click Here](#) to download the updated flyer with QR Codes to schedule to give blood, make a contribution, volunteer or host a drive!

[Read More](#)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025 RI CONVENTION!



Calgary, along with breathtaking beauty, is a big city with a small-town feel that warmly welcomes visitors. More than 165 languages are spoken in Calgary, making it a perfect destination to bring together Rotary members from around the world.

The 2025 convention theme is "Magic All Around," and from the moment you arrive, you'll feel it. The one-of-a-kind connections and friendships. The people with different backgrounds, experiences, and points of view. The energy of thousands of members with their spirits, hearts, and passions together in one place, creating a lasting impact and changing the world. That's magic!

[Click here to go to the Registration Page!](#)
