

Rotary

District 7630



District Leadership



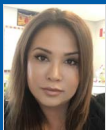
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District Governor



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DG-Elect



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



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



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District Secretary and
Policy and Procedure
Chair



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District Membership
Chair



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Hayden](#)
DYS - District Youth
Services Chair



FEBRUARY 3, 2025 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings my Fellow Rotarians!

Yes, January is coming to an end, and the month of February is here! According to the Rotary calendar, February in the Rotary world is noted for Peace and Conflict Resolution Month.



Rotary, as a humanitarian organization, has peace as a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. How is Rotary approaching peace? In several ways: we are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

We as Rotarians continue to foster peace and conflict resolution, by indicating symbols, such as the peace poles around the area. Because as people of action, known as Rotarians, we create situations where peace can happen.

This very concept of Peace and Conflict Resolution Month is so significant now, particularly because individuals seem to be caught in their own worlds, with so little consideration for other individuals.

Yes, January is at an end, but there were several positive occurrences which took place that made January an awesome month!

Our incoming DG Dale Kearns, held PRE-PETS in Dover. It was a morning of excitement and a room full of enthusiastic incoming Presidents. As I observed the faces of many of the individuals, there was excitement and apprehension about their coming roles.

The AG's enlightened the incoming Presidents with their expertise of the various activities that will be expected of them. The new, and not so new, incoming President-Elects will receive additional training



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AG Area 40 & 41



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AG Area 51



[Molly Lynn Hilligoss](#)
AG Area 60

in Chantilly, Va. Let us applaud those individuals that have stepped up to lead their clubs for the upcoming Rotary year of 2025!

A special thanks goes out to Kevin Yencer, of the Dover/Colonial Rotary Club, for providing the District with the new bell. The old bell was running out of space for the addition of any new District Governors to be added. While dismantling the old bell, he discovered a time capsule buried inside the base of the bell. In the space capsule, there was significant history about the bell. The various types of wood that was used to construct the bell, when the bell was assembled, the individual that assembled the bell, and so much more regarding the old bell. A wonderful finding, particularly for the history of our District, and the tribute to those various District Governors that came before us.



Old Bell on the left and New Bell on the right



DG Chain present at C-PETS celebrates the new District Bell with Kevin Yencer!



DGE Dale and DGN Ken leading at Pre-PETS!

I'm confident that everyone is aware that the District Conference is slowly approaching. I hope that many of the Rotarians will come to this annual event, where we gather together to meet our new/old Rotarians, have lots of fun with our colleagues and hopefully learn something new in the various breakout sessions that will be given.

See you all there!!!!

Randy

24-25 7630 District Governor



Register NOW
for the
53rd Annual District Conference

Rotary District 7630 

To be held at the

Sands
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
1 Baltimore Ave
Rehoboth Beach Delaware 19971

Conference Registration is \$220
for the entire weekend
(Or pay \$120 for Friday or Saturday)
Hotel Reservations are not included!

SPECIAL OFFER ON HOTEL ROOM RATES
April 25-26 plus tax and fees
\$169 per night
Registration and Hotel Discount code available in DACdb
(Hotel Discount expires March 24th)

Click on the photo to be taken to the DACdb Rotary Member registration link!

Please call 302-227-2511 to book your overnight accommodations.
The block ID number is 10702 and the discounted rate is **available until Monday, March 24th**.



DG Randy with DGND Jazzy Johnson, DGN Ken Montville and DGE Dale Kerns at the most recent Council of Governors Meeting.



DG Randy Smith visited Rotary Club of Elkton to hear about their planned service and fundraising projects for 2025. President Jason Lim greeted everyone at a cozy dinner at Elk River Brewing. DC Smith encouraged our members to learn about the rich history of Rotary and its founding members.

DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER



Next Foundation Matters Webinar – February 20, 2025 6pm
(also included on DACdb under Multi-District Events if needed)

Congratulations District 7630 – Giving for Annual Fund and PolioPlus increased YTD from end of December to end of January – Annual Fund +\$49,497.50 PolioPlus +\$47,079.38

Updated District 7630 club giving worksheet updated as of January 31, 2025 is attached. The District still has 3 clubs with no contributions to annual fund and 10 clubs for PolioPlus.

Annual Fund per capita giving

1. Middletown-Odesa - \$534.21
2. St Michaels - \$483.80
3. North East - \$268.96

PolioPlus per capital giving

1. St Michaels - \$1,531.09
2. Middletown-Odesa - \$584.21
3. Newark Morning - \$221.28

Total Giving per capita

1. St Michaels - \$6,586.31
2. Middletown-Odesa - \$1,118.42
3. Newark Morning - \$396.43

PDG Bill Ferguson
DRFC 2023-2026



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 to learn more about the webinars, including links to past webinars!
<https://www.rizones33-34.org/foundation-matters/>

Here are the upcoming webinar topics:

- Feb. 20, 2025 | Global Grants
- Mar. 20, 2025 | Foundation Reports

ROTARY'S RESPONSE TO THE US's PLAN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Rotary notes the recent announcement that the United States intends to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate polio. As a founding partner of the GPEI, Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the U.S. government, and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. The global effort to eradicate polio has innovated many times over the years to come close to protecting every last child. "Read More" for the entire statement.



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025



Around the world, election observers play a critical role in ensuring fairness, documenting irregularities, and building confidence in elections. In Nigeria, which has a worrisome history of election violence, Rotary members wondered: Could observers also open a path to peacebuilding? In this issue of *Rotary* magazine, we take you to Africa's largest democracy in search of an answer to that intriguing question.

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

[Read More](#)

LONG NECK SUNRISE HOSTS LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT

The event raised awareness of the club's activities in the community and to recruit new members. It was organized by April Armstrong, Marketing Committee (left). The Lunar New Year event was very well attended and received. Max Hutsell, Foundation Chair, (right) provided an overview of Rotary and the club's activities that support the community. Also pictured is Lucille Cavan, Youth Department Chair (second from left).



OCEAN CITY BERLIN VISITS BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY

Cliff Berg and Margaret Mudron of the Ocean City - Berlin Rotary Club visited the club's adopted class at Buckingham Elementary and shared a snack with Ms. Jenny Schwab's pre-K3 students. The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm Don's Seafood at the South Gate of Ocean Pines. For more info, email ocberlinrotary@gmail.com.



WILMINGTON'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP IS OPEN!

Annual Scholarship is OPEN!

Help us spread the word
so we can continue to help
our future leaders SUCCEED!



Rotary Club of Wilmington 2025 Annual Scholarships

Important Dates:
*February 28th Application due
*March 15th Interviews
*March 24th Winners notified

Requirements:
*City of Wilmington resident
*Financial need
*Strong academics
*Extracurriculars & Community Service

To request application:
Email scholarships@rotarywilmington.org
Contact Club Executive Ashley Cloud 302-388-7176

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UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS!

Tidewater Rotary Club Announces 2025 Fundraising Events Benefiting Talbot Hospice

The Tidewater Rotary Club is proud to announce two engaging fundraising events for 2025, offering the community a chance to come together and support Talbot Hospice, an organization known for its compassionate care for those facing serious illness and end-of-life challenges.

The events—Team Bowling and Trivia Night—promise fun and fellowship while raising funds for a vital cause.

Strike Up Fun at Team Bowling Night

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Easton Bowl (101 Marlboro Ave #39, Easton, MD)

Bowling enthusiasts and casual players alike are invited to join this lively evening of team bowling. Teams of four will enjoy friendly competition, raffle prizes, and fun awards such as “Best Dressed” and “Team Spirit.”

2025 TIDEWATER ROTARY TEAM BUILDING EVENTS

BOWLING

March 10th from
5:30 to 7:30 PM

Easton Bowl

101 MARLBORO AVE #39
EASTON, MD
(410) 822-3426



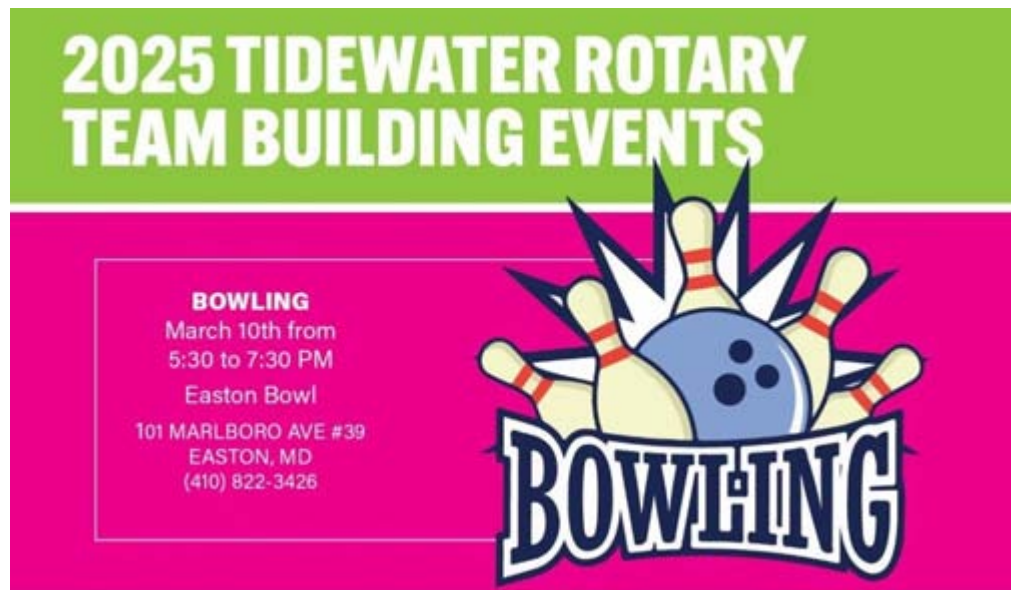
Challenge Your Brain at Trivia Night!

Date: Monday, May 7, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: 4 Dogs Brewing Co. & Pub (219 Marlboro Ave #52B, Easton, MD)

Put your knowledge to the test at Trivia Night, where teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights. This evening of lighthearted rivalry is perfect for friends, colleagues, and trivia lovers looking to support an important community resource.



Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to sponsor one or both events:

- \$600 per event
- \$1,000 for both events

Sponsorships include entry for four participants per event, offering an excellent way to engage with the community while supporting Talbot Hospice's essential mission.

For sponsorship details or to register your team, visit www.tidewaterrotary.org/

fundraisers

About Talbot Hospice

Founded in 1981, Talbot Hospice offers hope and compassionate support to those facing life-limiting, serious or end-of-life illnesses. Their vision is to build a lasting legacy as an inclusive, trusted and compassionate provider of care for those facing serious illness and end-of-life needs.

Learn more at www.talbothospice.org

About Tidewater Rotary Club

Tidewater Rotary is a service-focused group of professionals committed to the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." Through initiatives that promote fellowship and community service, the club strives to make a meaningful impact locally and globally.

For more information about the club and how to join, visit www.tidewaterrotary.org

EASTERSEALS SELECTS ROTARY WORK DAYS...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Easterseals values the longstanding relationship with Rotary District 7630, and we are looking forward to another amazing Rotary Work Days event on May 2nd and 3rd in 2025! Mark your calendars now!



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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!](#)
