

# Rotary

## District 7630



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## NOVEMBER 25, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Happy Thanksgiving To District 7630! It's that time again for the District Governor to send out, yes, another news bulletin. This month's bulletin will focus on the many blessings that we have in this country, especially since Thanksgiving is so close. We give thanks for the clean water, and so many other blessings that we have in this country.

Happy Thanksgiving to all the Rotary clubs and especially to the families that help make Rotary a viable and a great organization. I thank each and every one of you for your continued contribution to Rotary, and especially to The Rotary Foundation.

Although November is considered Rotary Foundation month, we must not forget the impact of Rotary Foundation and how important it is to the overall functionality of Rotary. The Rotary Foundation is constantly at work trying to improve the humanitarian aspects of those individuals in our society who are marginalized. The Rotary Foundation around the globe is doing projects to help these marginalized societies. Below are just a few examples of the help that the Rotary Foundation helps with regarding those marginalized cultures around the globe.

### Canada

The annual Concert to Feed the Need has raised nearly \$90,000 since 2018 to offer meals in the Durham region in Ontario, through a network of food banks, meal and snack programs, shelters, and other social service providers. [Feed Ontario](#) reports an increase of 47 percent in the number of employed people using food banks since 2018. "With the rising cost of food and the impact of the pandemic still being felt, food bank use is soaring," says Joe Solway, a member of the Rotary Club of Bowmanville, which initiated the event.

### Kenya

Recognizing the importance of sleep to child development, the Rotary Club of Nairobi delivered bed kits for 8,000 school children in 2024, a milestone in a long-running project. Over the past 16 years, the club has partnered with Toronto-based charity [Sleeping Children Around the World](#) to supply bed kits to a total of 80,000 children at a cost of about \$4 million, says club member Mumbi King.

The works continue, and with the help of so many Rotarians, donating to the Rotary Foundation, we will be able to do even more epic and greater things.

Membership is our ongoing and endless efforts to strengthen the growth of our Rotary Clubs



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AG Area 51



Molly Lynn Hilligoss  
AG Area 60

## Events

November 26th

District Policy and  
Procedures Committee - ROP  
Updates

and Rotary International.

Rotary Membership Chairperson Gary King, is diligently working with others in Membership. There is a new methodology, coming out shortly to the District to assist those clubs that wish to be helped in improving their membership in their individual clubs.

Unfortunately, I must inform the District there are some clubs that have had no new membership growth year-to-date.

However, there is help on the horizon. Hopefully, with this new Club Assistance Team Playbook, many of the clubs that have had no growth will use this new methodology and will see improvement in their club growth.

Overall, the District seems to be moving in a positive direction. We will be naming a new District Governor DGND, for 2026-2027 soon. The candidates that were interviewed were definitely qualified for the role as District Governor. Their experiences and education was astounding!

I'm most happy to hear that the Emerging Leadership concept is moving forward. I encourage every Rotary Club in the District to please add a line item on your budget for next year's Emerging Leaders.

This concept is to help the District prepare potential candidates for the roles of leadership and to have those potential new leaders in our District ready to step up to the various roles that are a requirement for the future of our District Leadership Chain.

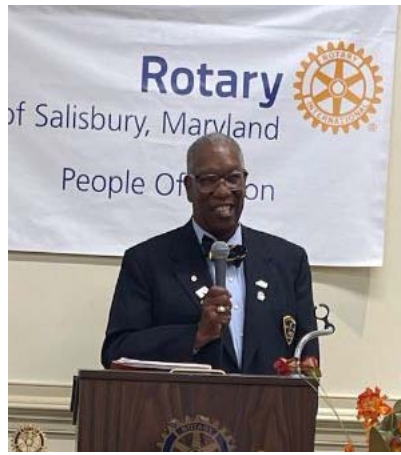
On Behalf Of Myself As District Governor, And The District Chain, We Wish All The Families, A Safe, Enjoyable, Happy Thanksgiving.

**Randy**

24-25 7630 District Governor



**DG Visits Salibury Club**



DG Randy Smith, President BJ Summers, Rotarian Molly Hilligoss, PDG Stephen Capelli

## 2025 RYLA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

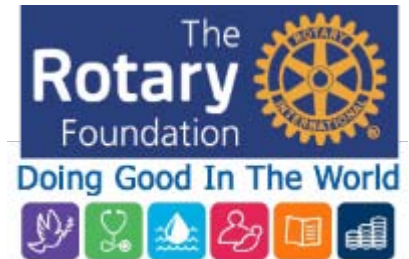


Rotary District 7630's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) has been able to keep the cost of the delegate's attendance fee at relatively the same level for several years. Probably no surprise to any of us, that is not the case for the cost of conducting the event. Food costs and particularly, the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

[Read More](#)

## DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER

District 7630 Foundation Giving



	<u>YTD October 2024</u>	<u>Goal 2024-2025</u>	<u>Total Year 2023-2024</u>
Annual Fund	\$44,618=23%	\$197,300	\$247,055
PolioPlus	\$16,349.86=26%	\$61,750	\$86,845

Clubs, please remit your funds to the Rotary Foundation on a current basis so all get credit.

Please see the attached [2024-2025 Foundation Giving Recap Worksheet](#) by club. This will show where your club stands so far this Rotary year.

Congratulations to our new Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows!



**Major Donors – New – 5**

**Level 1**

Caesar Rodney  
Lewes-Rehoboth Beach

**Level 2**

Middletown-Odessa-Townsend  
St Michaels

**Level 3**

Crisfield – deceased

**Paul Harris Fellows**

**New - 6**

Camden-Wyoming  
Centreville  
Newark (2)  
Newark Star  
North East

**Multi - 24**

Caesar Rodney  
Denton  
Easton  
Elkton  
Kent Island (2)  
Lewes-Rehoboth Beach  
Long Neck Sunrise  
Newark

Newark Morning (2)  
Newark Star  
North East  
Rehoboth Beach Sunrise  
Salisbury (3)  
Smyrna-Clayton (2)  
St Michaels (2)  
Wilmington (3)

PDG Bill Ferguson  
DRFC 2023-2026



**ROTARY FOUNDATION - MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT  
ENDOWMENT CHAIR JERRY BILTON**

**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 Jerry Bilton [jabilton@aol.com](mailto:jabilton@aol.com). Thank you!



## ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 MEMBERSHIP MINUTE



Has your club set your Membership Goals in the DACdb - Membership Action Plan or in Rotary Club Central?

We are almost halfway through the year, so if this is not completed, please do so now. (Contact Sandra Early if

you need assistance! [7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com](mailto:7630RotaryDistrict@gmail.com))

The good news is that we are slightly ahead of our Success Track as a District! (This pertains to the goals we set within our Zone) We have accomplished this with just 10 clubs that are ahead of their goals, but that leaves 27 clubs that are behind.

We don't encourage your club to focus on new members just so we look good in the Zone Reports. New members will give your club new ideas and more help to do the good work that is at the heart of Rotary! (And don't forget about retention! Keep in touch with your fellow club Rotarians! Ask how they are doing or express your concerns. Communication is key!)

## 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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## NORTH EAST AND ELKTON CLUBS COMPLETE THEIR DISTRICT GRANT



On Saturday, Nov. 9, members of the North East Rotary Club and the Elkton Rotary Club were joined by over 60 volunteers to complete their District Grant. The group packed over 15,000 meals to be distributed to local food pantries in Cecil County. [Read More](#)

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## LEWES REHOBOTH BEACH WRAPS UP FLAGS FOR HEROES WITH VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The club took down its 500 flags last Monday and closed the book on another successful Flags for Heroes (FFH) fundraiser and public flag display. This was the club's 11<sup>th</sup> year doing FFH and is its biggest fundraiser of the year. The money raised by this campaign and the club's popular publication, "Great Walks and Trails in Sussex County", generate nearly \$100k annually to provide scholarships to their local high school and nursing school students, as well as much-needed support for many local charities.



[Read More](#)

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## INTERACT CLUB VOLUNTEERS AT SNOW HILL FOOD PANTRY

On November 8, members of the Snow Hill (Md.) High School Interact Club volunteered at the Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry.

[Read More](#)



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## STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOVER DOWNTOWN



## ROTARY



District Membership Chair Gary King was the lunch guest at Dover Downtown Rotary. His interactive presentation focused on intentional strategies, and how we Rotarians can help prospective members Discover Rotary. [Read More](#)

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## NEWARK MORNING HOSTS FLAGS FOR HEROES CEREMONY

The Newark Morning Club hosted our annual "Flags for Heroes" ceremony at the Newark Reservoir. Over 100 guests, vets, and families joined our club for this very special event. With the backdrop of over 450 flags, we celebrated all who have served the United States of America! [Read More](#)



## ROTARY CLUB OF SALISBURY ADDS AWARD TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY



The Rotary Club of Salisbury has created a new award of recognition – the Ace Parker Community Service Award. This award annually will recognize an active club member who has made a positive impact in the community. The recipient of the award will receive \$1,000 to be distributed to the charity of his or her choice. The award will be funded through the Ace Parker Community Service Award Endowment Fund established at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. [Read More](#)

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## DISCOVER TIDEWATER ROTARY EVENT CELEBRATES SERVICE AND INSPIRES NEW CONNECTIONS

We are thrilled to share that our Discover Tidewater Rotary event on November 20th was a big success! Held at the innovative and inviting [iFrog Marketing Solutions](#) offices in Easton, MD, the evening brought together community members eager to learn more about the Tidewater Rotary Club and our mission of service.



[Read More](#)

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## WILMINGTON CLUB SHARES RECENT ACTIVITIES!

### **Don Parsons is our 2024 Distinguished Service Award winner!**

This distinction is reserved for members of the Wilmington community who have performed an outstanding service on behalf of their community. Don's unwavering support of our Early Childhood Education initiative has led to tangible gains in the State Legislature on behalf of educational equity and better outcomes for Delaware's children.



We joined Habitat for Humanity in their "Rock the Block" cleanup project in downtown Wilmington.



Our dedicated Rotarians gathered to support Stockings for Soldiers.



Thank You

To our volunteers for spreading the Magic of Rotary to those serving our country



#PeopleOfAction  
#ServiceAboveSelf



World Polio Day brown bag fundraiser yielded a \$1,400 contribution from our Club to PolioPlus

	<b>10/24/24</b> DATE
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <b>Rotary Polio Plus</b>	\$ <b>1400.00</b>
<b>One thousand four hundred</b> DOLLARS	
RCW Bank	
FOR <b>World Polio Day '24</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Wilmington</b> SIGNATURE
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And last but not least, Delaware LIVE news followed our Club volunteers as they picked up food deliveries from the Food Bank of Delaware and delivered them to our Community Partners: Latin American Community Center, Kingswood Community Center, St. Michael's Nursery & School. [Click here to watch the video!](#)

## UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS!

Click on photo to download flyer!

# HUB CLUB ROTARY

## LIVE LOBSTER DINNER RAFFLE / FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

Hub Club Live *LOBSTER DINNER FOR 4* Raffle



Four 1<sup>lb</sup> Live Maine Lobsters

Award-Winning Clam Chowder

Superb Lobster Bisque

Fresh Littleneck Clams

Case of Beverages

Tickets \$10.00/each or 5 for \$45.00

Drawing held on December 4, 2024

You do **NOT** need to be present to win!

Contact T. Bell to order tickets  
or to get more information.  
(302) 249-0140 [btibell@comcast.net](mailto:btibell@comcast.net)

**FREE**  
FedEx Overnight Shipping  
&  
Cooking Instructions Included

Thank you for supporting our HUB Club Rotary!!!

Harrington-Greenwood-Felton Centennial Rotary

# MERRY MARKETPLACE in Brrrlin

berlin  
and arts district  
entertainment



10AM-3PM  
NOVEMBER 30  
DECEMBER 7 • 14 • 21

FRESHLY ROASTED CHESTNUTS  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
FARMERS MARKET • GIFTS • ART

LOCATED AT THE BERLIN WELCOME  
CENTER LOT, 14 S. MAIN STREET

Sponsored by  
the Ocean City-Berlin

Rotary





# *Snow Hill's* Annual Christmas Market

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Friday  
December  
6th  
4 to 8 pm

old Firehouse  
210 W. Green St.



*Cocoa,  
Crafts,  
and  
More!*



*Pottery,  
Amish Bread,  
Soaps, Decoys,  
Soup and  
More!*



*Jewelry,  
Ornaments, Baked  
Goods, Greenery,  
Candles, Coffee,  
and More!*

Hosted by the Snow Hill Rotary & Town of Snow Hill



SNOW HILL  
**Holiday  
House  
Tour**

3 - 7 pm  
December 14  
2024

\$30 / person

Contact Jan King, 240-793-2500

\$35 online & at the door

Purchase tickets online  
by visiting  
[snowhillrotary.org](http://snowhillrotary.org) or  
visit us on Facebook



*Join Us in Our Mission*

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



**Help Rotary District 7630 honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Sharon Hill Memorial Park.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/DE0127P](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/DE0127P)



#LiveWithPurpose

## 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.

The point this year was to have 3 target timeframes to encourage when to donate. Determined by the Blood Bank of Delmarva, the quarterly campaigns were months when historically blood product collection has been low. They were January-March 2024, June-August 2024 and November-January 2025. Although blood production donation is important and needed year round, it was great to see donations come in and drives being hosted.

My goal for our district was to collect 100 products by January 2025, have 5 hosted blood drives by



Rotary Clubs and raise \$2000 for the Blood Bank in monetary donations. As of the end of September, we have collected 80 blood products from Rotarians, have had 4 Rotary clubs host drives and 1 Rotary Club had a donation hero week based on how close they were to the Salisbury donation center. There are 2 clubs, Camden Wyoming/Nobles Pond, and the Talbot Rotary Clubs (Tidewater, Easton and St. Michaels) that have each hosted 2 drives. Each of the stand-alone drives had at least 20 or more blood products collected, not just from Rotarians. In regard to monetary donations, we have collected \$440. We are being heroes within Delmarva and, to date, just from us, we have potentially helped 240 people in our community!

As an incentive, I have created a little competition among the clubs in the district. Based on the club's membership size as of July 1, 2023, I have divided our district into size categories. Extra large, large, medium, small and extra small. Winners for each campaign were determined based on the percentage of blood product collected to size of the club. Rotarians have 1 month from their donation date to either fill out the hero card, or email me so that I can record their donation. Here are the winners per size category for the first two campaigns:

**January-March 2024**

Extra Large- Easton  
Large- Camden Wyoming  
Medium- Cambridge  
Small- MOT  
Extra Small- Denton

**June-August 2024**

Extra Large- Easton  
Large-Camden Wyoming  
Medium-Cambridge  
Small- Tidewater  
Extra Small - No donations

In closing, it is not too late for your club to host a drive or encourage your club to donate during a particular week at a donor center. Each donation takes no more than 45 minutes of your time and just by your donation you could potentially save 3 people. If you are uncomfortable donating, please consider training to be a volunteer or donating to one of the three funds the Blood Bank has. Here is the link for a monetary donation: <https://give.delmarvablood.org/campaign/2024-rotary-7630-hero-drive/c545998>. Just \$5.00 is what it would take for a volunteer to call and make a future appointment. Will you help me reach my goal of \$2000? If your club would like to host a drive, I will be happy to help. When the campaign ends in January 2025, I hope to have next year's campaign ready to go!

Yours in Service,  
Sherye Nickerson  
President Elect  
Easton Rotary Club

[Read More](#)

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## RI 2025 ROTARY PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE -



### REGISTER NOW!

Led by Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 February 2025, will be an opportunity for the Rotary community and our partners to build on Rotary's contributions to promoting peace by exploring:

- Peace in a polarized world
- Technology, media, and peacebuilding
- Environmental issues in peacebuilding
- Making peace last

[Read More](#)

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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!](#)

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