

#### **District Leadership**



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King Jr. District Membership Chair



Russell Havden DYS - District Youth Services Chair



# **DECEMBER 10, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Happy Holidays To My Rotarian Colleagues!

Tis The Season, for goodwill towards all men. We as Rotarians in District 7630 will continue to foster that goodwill as we continue to provide "Service Above Self "in a world that is so in need of our continued assistance.

Our current President, Stephanie Urchick has stated that we must step outside the box, and adapt to the various situations of life. We must continue to do the humanitarian thing, i.e., continue to focus on the eradication of polio, to help supply water to those areas of the world, and fight disease where the situation is dire.

The month of December is referred by Rotary as the month of Disease Prevention Month.

This is one of the six areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation. Much headway has been made in this area over the past decades - for instance, polio has been 99.9% eradicated, compared to where the world was with polio when Rotary became involved.

These are examples of the Rotary International Organization that continues to fight for the good of humanity in our society. Yes, Tis The Season, For Gift Giving, etc., but the gift that we give as Rotarians, in whatever form, is a gift of doing our motto of "Service Above Self," that keeps on giving.



Merry Christmas, Joyous Noel, and may each of you and your families share in the gift of love, compassion, prosperity and happiness in the new year ahead.

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24-25 7630 District Governor





Kevin John Yencer District Easterseals Camp Fairlee Chair



William R. Ferguson Sr. **District Rotary** Foundation Chair



Jeffrey W <u>Kitchen</u> **DRF** - Annual Giving Co-Chair



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Carrie W. Gray AG Area 10 & Innovative Club Advocate



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Alexander <u>Beniamin</u> Vaughan III AG Area 30



Steven L <u>Grossman</u> AG Area 40 & 41



**Bradley** Lundberg AG Area 50



# NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

#### Is your club ready for the January 2025 club dues invoices?

Club President's and Treasurer's should get invoices from both Rotary International and the District for club dues based on the number of members you have in My Rotary as of January 1st. Please click "Read More" for details on how to ensure your member count is correct.

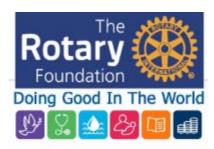
And as always, if you have any questions, I am here to help!

Thank you!

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# **DISTRICT 7630 FOUNDATION FACTS CORNER**



#### District 7630 Foundation Giving as of December 7, 2024

Annual Fund - \$49,156.00

After 5 months into Rotary year 2024-2025 and our giving is lacking substantially at 25% of our goal of \$193,300. Below is the list of 9 clubs that have made no contributions to the Annual Fund this year to date:

Cambridge Dover Colonial Dover Downtown

The 3 top giving clubs are: Brandywine-Naamans Nanticoke-Seaford Snow Hill South New Castle County Tidewater-Easton Wicomico County

Molly Lynn Hilligoss AG Area 60

Michael A.

<u>Friedberg</u> AG Area 51

**Events** 

Brandywine-Naamans

St Michaels

Milford

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Newark Morning

<u>PolioPlus</u> - \$52,353.86 Thanks to a substantial contribution from member of St Michaels club the district has achieved 85% of goal of \$61,750. But we still have 15 clubs shown below with no giving:

Cambridge Chestertown Denton Dover Capital City Dover Colonial Easton Elkton Georgetown-Millsboro Harrington-Felton-Greenwood Milford Nanticoke-Seaford Salisbury Southern New Castle County Southern Sussex County Wicomico County

The 3 top giving clubs are: St Michaels

Salisbury Sunrise

Caesar Rodney

If your club has Rotary Foundation contributions in their treasury, please forward them so your member, your club and our District can get proper credit.

I have attached an updated District giving report as of December 7 2024

If you have any questions or would like a Rotary Foundation presentation, please let me know.

Please support your Rotary Foundation so we can do more in our communities and around the world.

PDG Bill Ferguson DRFC 2023-2026

# 24-25 DISTRICT GRANT FINAL REPORTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1ST!



District Rotary Clubs that have approved 2024-2025 District Grants must submit their mid-year report before January 1st as required in the Club Qualification MOU. These clubs need to send a mid-year report to our District Grant Chair Margaret Mudron explaining where they are in completing their grant. Are they on track, are

there any issues or concerns, and will the grant be completed as required? Email this report to <u>mmudronrotary@gmail.com</u>.

#### **ROTARY DISTRICT 7630 MEMBERSHIP MINUTE**

Maybe your club doesn't "get" why consistent, moderate growth is important! Maybe your club thinks you are "just the right size".

Let's talk less about **membership**, and more about **MEMBERS**.







# What's the VALUE PROPOSITION of Rotary?

#### BY TERRY WEAVER Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator

We talk a lot about growing membership in Rotary, and many people think that's a conversation about numbers. Perhaps justifiably, as numbers are the metric. But let's take another look at that.

Let's be clear—this is not about membership numbers. It's about your club's members, and the value they get from Rotary.

In more than 40 years of Rotary in four different clubs, I've gotten a lot of value out of Rotary—not from the clubs but from the members. I've found friends, advisors, mentors, customers, suppliers and service providers in other Rotarians. And if they couldn't help me themselves, they knew someone else who could.

So, I've come to believe the real value proposition of Rotary is the members. It stands to reason, then, that more members in a Rotary club provide more value to each other. It feeds on itself

A successful, sustainable club has an intentional approach to membership – consistently and moderately growing the number of members in the club year over year. We're not talking about a 20-member club growing to 50 – we're talking about growing to 21 or 22, then to 24 or 25. That's how a club makes itself more valuable to its members. Besides that, new members in a Rotary club bring:

- 1. New ideas
- 2. New perspectives
- New candidates for future leadership we won't have to be president 2-3 times
  New skills and talents
- More hands we can do more or bigger projects
- 6. More fundraising capacity
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, the value proposition of Rotary membership is the network of other Rotarians –
  - More members = more value to all members
  - Fewer members = less value to all members
  - People who can help with challenges or opportunities in your life or business
  - People who know others outside Rotary who could be helpful to you
  - A durable, lifetime network that's not going away (like your school network did or like your work network will)
  - High quality people of high personal integrity

MEMBERSHIP



A value proposition is a clear statement that explains how a product or service solves a problem or fulfills a need, the specific benefits it provides, and why it's better than other options available. It's essentially the reason customers should choose a product or service over competitors. In Rotary, we can use value propositions to communicate the unique value that our clubs offer to our communities.

When someone is talking about consistent, moderate membership growth, don't think of the numbers. Ask yourself: "WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR MEMBERS?" The fact is, they get more value and more benefit from a club that's larger, rather than smaller. Think about this question: What could your club do if you had more members?

Click on the photo below to download the flyer.

#### 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

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opportunities!

#### 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.

<u>Click Here</u> to download the updated flyer with QR Codes to schedule to give blood, make a contribution, volunteer or host a drive!

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#### HUB CLUB HOLDS LOBSTER RAFFLE DRAWING

The Harrington-Greenwood-Felton Rotary (HUB Club) held their Lobster Raffle Dinner drawing on Dec. 4th. The 2024 Winner is Ms. Charlotte Boone of Georgetown, DE.



Pictured at the drawing is (I-r): James Carter, President, "Mr. Rudy", Owner of Rudy's Family Restaurant and Frank Newton, Treasurer.

#### HUB CLUB WELCOMES SPEAKER FROM LOBLOLLY ACRES

Loblolly Acres, a local Kent County Agribusiness, was our Nov. featured speaker at our Hub Club meeting. Pictured (I-r) in the photo are Bryant "Tee" Bell, Events, Cheryl Epps and Angela Zielen from Loblolly Acres.



### HARRINGTON GREENWOOD FELTON CENTENNIAL HOLDS FOOD/TOY DRIVE

The Harrington-Greenwood-Felton Centennial Rotary Club held a food drive at their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at Rudy's Family Diner in Harrington, DE. All food items were donated to Delaware State University in Dover, DE. In addition, new and unwrapped toys were collected to be distributed at a later date. Photo by: Zoe Bell



#### **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

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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-akind 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!

#### **UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS!**

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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 or visit us on Facebook



# \* **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.wreathsacrossamerica.org/DE0127P





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