

Rotary

District 7630



DECEMBER 24, 2024 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

This week's message will be short and sweet!

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying their family and friends while keeping in mind the importance of this holiday!

And as we enter into a new year, may we all count our blessings. The camaraderie we have as Rotarians is certainly something that is to be treasured. I look forward to working with all of you in the year to come.

The registration for the **District Conference** that will take place at the Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on April 25th and 26th is finally available on the DACdb calendar! Please register early and don't forget to book your room before March 24th to get the discounted rate. (The registration link is below)

May you have the happiest of holidays!

See you next year...

YIRS,

Randy

24-25 7630 District Governor



District Leadership



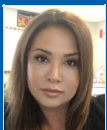
Randolph C. Smith
District Governor



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



Kevin John Yencer
District Easterseals Camp Fairlee Chair



William R. Ferguson Sr.
District Rotary Foundation Chair



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DRF - Annual Giving Co-Chair



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DRF - Global Grants Co-Chair



Margaret M. Mudron
DRF - District Grants Chair



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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.

THE 2025 DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

53rd Annual District Conference!
at
Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center
in Rehoboth Beach Delaware
Friday April 25th and Saturday April 26th

[Please click here to register!](#)

That link will get you signed up and can accept payment for the conference.

If paying by check, please make your check out to: **Rotary District 7630**
Checks are NOT accepted at the door!
Mailed checks must be received within one-week of event!

Mail your check to:
Rotary District 7630 c/o Sandra's Office Support
PO Box 55, Chester MD 21619

The fees listed above are strictly for the conference!
You will need to book a room if you want to stay overnight.

The District does have a block of rooms at The Sands Hotel at the discounted rate of \$169.00 per room per night plus 11% occupancy tax and \$1.50 resort fee (single/double occupancy). The rate does include one parking space per hotel room.

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



DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS NEWARK MORNING AND HARRINGTON GREENWOOD FELTON CENTENNIAL CLUBS

The Newark Morning Rotary Club met on December 20th, and their distinguished guest speaker was Randolph C. Smith - District Governor, District 7630. Randy gave his perspective on the values of Rotary and the need to change as the world evolves. He stressed the importance of the history of Rotary, the "Service Above Self" motto, and the 4-way test. Randy was warmly welcomed by 30 members and guests, and we wish him the very best as he is about halfway through his one-year term! Thanks to Randy for his visit!



Friedberg
AG Area 51



Molly Lynn
Hilligoss
AG Area 60

Events

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 14th

District AG Meeting

January 16th

Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom

January 16th

Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom



In the photo from left, are Member Robin, Member Mark, President Lynn, Randolph C Smith District Governor, Dale C. G. Kerns District 7630 Governor-Elect, Edward J Gossett Jr., Assistant Governor - Area 20 (Also below introducing the District Governor)



NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Please note that I will be taking some time off from Christmas Day until January 6th!

I'm not going anywhere, so if you need something please email me as I will still be checking that daily.
(If you really need me, you are also welcome to text or call! I will get back to you ASAP!)

I hope all the District 7630 Rotarians have a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to a wonderful 2025 working with you!



Correction/Clarification about the January 2025 Dues Invoices!

The Rotary International invoice will be based on your membership count as of **January 1, 2025** while your **District** dues invoice will be based on your membership count as of **July 1, 2024**. (Same count used for your initial invoice that you received earlier this year.)

I apologize for this error.

And again, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

Thank you!

Sandra Early
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410-739-4716

"Read more" for the letter from Rotary International about their January 2025 billing! [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>

Zones 33/34

Foundation Matters Monthly Webinar

Join Monthly on the 3rd Thursday
at 6 PM EDT



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.

Happy Holidays to all Rotarians and their families and Happy New Year into 2025!

PDG Bill Ferguson
DRFC 2023-2026

2024-2025 DISTRICT GRANT MID YEAR 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 mmudronrotary@gmail.com.

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](#)

SEVEN MEMBERS JOIN TIDEWATER ROTARY!

On December 12, 2024, Tidewater Rotary had the privilege of welcoming seven new members to our growing club! Please join us in giving them a warm Rotary welcome. Formal introductions are coming soon (spoiler alert: even more incredible individuals are joining us in the coming weeks). Tidewater Rotary club continues to grow! "Read More" for more photos!



[Read More](#)

SEVEN SUSSEX COUNTY CLUBS FORM NON-PROFIT TO FUND AND BUILD CAN-DO PLAYGROUND

LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FROM ALL DISTRICT 7630 CLUBS!

If you have not heard, your fellow Rotarians from the seven Sussex County clubs have formed Sussex Rotary Can-Do Playground, Inc., a nonprofit to plan, fund and build the Can-Do Playground at Hudson Park. This will be the fourth Can-Do Playground in the state and the first new facility since 2018. We are indebted to our partners at the Sussex County Land Trust for providing the land and sharing in its development. [Read More](#)



SMYRNA CLAYTON HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Special Thank you to the Sayers Family for hosting!

REHOBOTH BEACH SUNRISE PRESENTS DICTIONARIES



Thanks to Lisa Grossman and Miguel Gomez for presenting Dictionaries to the 3rd Graders at Rehoboth Beach Elementary School. The Dictionary Project helps provide the dictionaries. We also included Spanish-English dictionaries to the students in the ESL program.

UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS!

Click on photo to download flyer!



MERRY MARKETPLACE in Brrrlin



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



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,

[Read More](#)

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](#)

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!](#)
