

## WHAT IS A ROTARIAN?

Rotarians are people like you who look beyond themselves to serve their community, country, and the world. They seek the truth, let fairness govern their actions and relationships, and strive to build goodwill and peace.

One of the first objects of Rotary is the development of relationships as an opportunity for service and the exchange of ideas. We meet regularly, and our meetings are explicitly designed to foster this idea. Our club strives to be inclusive and to have members with a wide range of business, professional, and community leadership experience.



Our many programs and events provide numerous opportunities for members and their families, coworkers, and friends to join in on all the Rotary fun.

**CLUB MEETINGS** are at 5 pm on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month and feature meaningful guest speakers, updates on club projects, and networking among fellow members and guests.

### You're Invited!

Please call me to schedule your visit with our club.

(Sponsoring member to write in name, telephone number and email address above)

## OUR ANNUAL EVENTS:

- APRIL: Christmas in April Project House
- JUNE: Charter Night, Service Above Self, and Scholarship Awards
- AUGUST: Picnic in The Park and Fellowship/Membership - Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Game

- OCTOBER: Oyster Gala and Festival: Launch of the Oyster Festival Weekend. Welcome Festival Sponsors and the Oyster Shucking and Cook-off Competitors.
- NOVEMBER: Teacher Appreciation Dinner
- DECEMBER: Christmas Party & Oyster Festival Volunteers Appreciation Dinner

## MAJOR FUNDRAISERS:

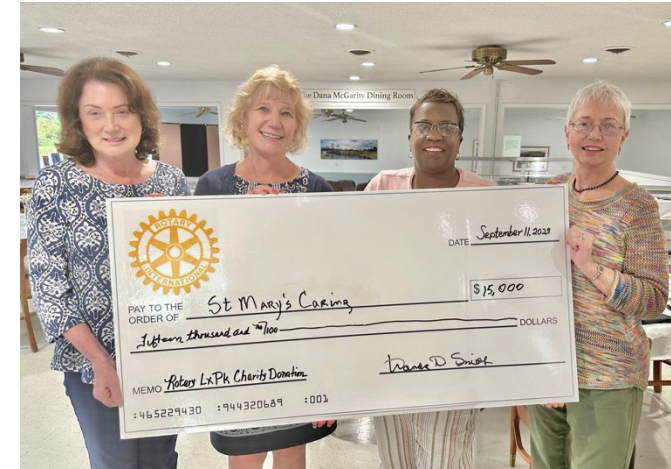
- FEBRUARY: Art Auction
- MAY: Golf Tournament
- OCTOBER: The U.S. Oyster Festival



**MEMBERSHIP** costs less than \$1 per day. The costs include membership in our club, Rotary District 7620, and Rotary International. In addition to local and district engagement, members receive a subscription to "The Rotarian" and an online library of training and informational resources. **Ask about CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP and VOLUNTEER opportunities.**

While we strongly encourage fellowship by participating in events, projects, and meetings, we are also flexible. Members contribute time according to their interests and schedules. Family, associates, and friends are always welcome guests at Rotary Club of Lexington Park! For more information, please talk to one of our Rotarians or send inquiries to:

**Rotary Club of Lexington Park**  
**P.O. Box 202**  
**Lexington Park, MD 20653, or visit:**  
[www.rotarylp.org](http://www.rotarylp.org)



# People Like You Engaging in Service and Making a Difference



How your Oyster Festival Donations helped the fight against polio

\$1,253.38 Total Oyster Festival Donations	+ \$1,200 Anonymous Match	+ \$2,433.38 Double Match from the Gates Foundation
<b>= \$7,316.14</b> for over 3,000 Polio Inoculations		

# THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



## ENGAGEMENT & OPPORTUNITIES

We are a diverse group of current and former community and business professionals representing different industries, experiences, and perspectives but with a shared desire to connect with others and address the challenges facing our community and the world.

### Club members are given the opportunity to:

- Make acquaintances with people
- Apply existing skills and develop new ones
- Learn how our and other thriving communities and organizations work and what is essential to our community's growth and prosperity.
- Identify areas of need and create solutions
- Make new friends and expand business networks
- Become influential leaders & mentors to others
- Partner with other Rotary Clubs to collaborate on projects

Through club meetings, social events, volunteer projects, and conference attendance, our members learn about issues facing our community and others in the US and worldwide and partner with fellow Rotarians and experts to exchange ideas and work out solutions. Our regular club meetings can bring friendships and valuable business connections along with these opportunities to serve. Membership provides a pathway to club leadership that includes valuable training resources and opens the door to a fantastic journey with Rotary at home and beyond.

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment, and vision. As Rotarians, we believe that :

**Extraordinary things can be achieved when people like us come together for a common purpose.**



## MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

### Q: Where else can you ...

- ... Establish a Food Bank?
- ... Donate to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen to feed the hungry
- ... Provide \$10,000 to make emergency Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during COVID-19 in St. Mary's County?
- ... Put on *The U.S. National Oyster Festival*?
- ... Award scholarships to local high school seniors?
- ... Volunteer with friends on a Christmas in April house project or Mission of Mercy event?
- ... Recognize our outstanding educators by hosting an annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner?
- ... Run a Golf Tournament to raise funds for scholarships?
- ... Run an Art Auction to raise funds for scholarships and Feed the Hungry?
- ... Take part in an international project that provides immediate & sustainable benefits to its recipients?
- ... Sponsor an exceptional educator for a summer learning experience that directly enhances their teaching ability and students for years to come?
- ... Partner with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF to End Polio once and for all?
- ... Donate to The St. Mary's County Health Hub for an improved mental health and wellness awareness campaign?

### A: Only here with the Rotary Club of Lexington Park!



## A SOLID FOUNDATION & PROVEN HISTORY

With decades of experience and strong, consistent leadership since 1982, **our Club and Foundation\*** have the human and financial resources necessary to adapt, face challenges, and carry out large-scale programs.

Although COVID-19 curtailed usual club activities in 2020, we swiftly adjusted to a virtual format and continued our community service focus. Early in the shutdown, we applied for a matching grant through Rotary District 7620 that allowed us to provide \$10,000 to the local RoboBees to manufacture urgently needed face shields and other essential SARS-COVID safety devices for hospitals and healthcare facilities. Later, when it was clear that the shutdown would continue, we quickly turned our efforts to create a safe online auction that made up for some of the fundraising lost due to the cancellation of all in-person events. Our 1<sup>st</sup> year out of COVID, we put on a very successful US National Oyster Festival, raising more than \$100,000 for community service efforts. Those efforts have included \$50,000 to the St. Mary's County Health Hub for an improved Mental Illness campaign, a \$15,000 donation to the St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, and contributions to 2 churches for nutritional insecurity and homelessness. With this and our existing reserves, we have the funds to support a healthy budget and the ability to move forward for future planning.

\*Rotary Club of Lexington Park is a certified 501(c)5 civic organization. Rotary Foundation of Lexington Park is a certified 501(c)3 charitable foundation