



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BETHESDA

Currently meeting via Zoom  
 Fridays @ 7:30 AM  
 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM Mix and Mingle  
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**October 2020**



### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Speaker	Topic
October 2	Steve Vaccarezza	3-Minute Speaker
	Daniel N. Myers	Leadership Lessons from the Greatest Statesmen of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century: Sir Winston Churchill
October 9	Bruce Fowler	3-Minute Speaker
	Fahim Malik, M.D.	Dispatch from the Front Lines of the World's Worst Refugee Crisis
October 16	Joe DiPietro	3-Minute Speaker
	Miles Huq, CPA, MBA	Decarbonization/Environmental, Social & Governance Trends in Financial Markets
October 23	Victoria Feldman	3-Minute Speaker
	Junad Chowdhury, M.D.	Challenges in Management of COVID-19 in a Large Urban Academic Center
October 30	Barry Thompson	3-Minute Speaker
	Rev. Anne Derse	Reflections on Diplomacy & Ministry – For Our Times

### MILESTONES

Name	Event	Date
Lily & John Waterston	Anniversary	October 4
Mary Fowler	Birthday	October 11
Carmen DiPietro	Birthday	October 18
Betsy Flynn	Birthday	October 19
Dave Fitzwilliam	Birthday	October 21



## Speakers – October 2, 2020

### Leadership Lessons from the Greatest Statesman of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Sir Winston S. Churchill, Daniel Myers



An attorney by training, Dan Myers served the National Propane Gas Association as Chief Legal Counsel for 25 years, and for 14 of those years he was also its Chief Executive Officer. He retired in 2002 and opened a law practice in his home in Downers Grove, Illinois, to represent non-profit trade associations. From 2003-2008, he commuted between Chicago and Washington, serving as the Executive Director of The Churchill Centre, a worldwide organization with over 3,000 members that seeks to keep alive the memory and record of the greatest statesman of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Sir Winston Churchill. Myers continues to serve as the Centre's Chief Financial and Operating Officer and a consultant on their educational programs.

## Speaker – October 9, 2020

### Dispatch from the Front Lines of the World's Worst Refugee Crisis Fahim Malik, M.D.



Dr. Malik is a practicing nephrologist in Montgomery County, Maryland. In addition to his practice, he serves as the section chief of nephrology at Suburban Hospital and is the medical director of several dialysis units in the area. He also rounds at many of the local hospitals in the area including Suburban, Shady Grove Adventist, Washington Adventist, and Holy Cross.

Dr. Malik grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland and attended Wheaton High School. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from University of Toledo, and earned his MD from the Medical College of Ohio. He completed residency at the University of Arizona. His Nephrology and Transplant Nephrology Fellowships were at Boston University and Massachusetts General Hospital, respectively. His main research interests are in glomerulonephritis and kidney transplantation.

Dr. Malik went on humanitarian medical missions serving the Syrian refugees in Jordan, and Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Dr. Malik is married to his wife, Anjum, and they live in Bethesda, MD. They have a daughter, Rania, 8, and a son, Jibrán, 5. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with them and playing tennis and baseball.



**Speaker – October 16, 2020****Decarbonization/Environmental, Social & Governance Trends in Financial Markets  
Miles Huq, CPA, MBA**

Miles Huq is a Partner with Ernest and Young, specializing in Strategy and Transactions. He has over 20 years of corporate finance experience across multiple disciplines, including corporate treasury, investor relations, financial analysis and due diligence.

Miles has over 16 years of energy/infrastructure sector experience in corporate finance including several years of service at Constellation Energy (an Exelon company) and Progress Energy (a Duke Energy company), two of the major integrated energy companies in the U.S. While at those companies, He was the primary representative for the company with sell-side analysts and buy-side fixed income and equity investors.

Miles advised on over 200 deals involving major integrated electric, gas and water utilities, as well as renewable energy transactions, midstream oil & gas, waste management, mining and manufacturing sector deals.

**Education and memberships**

MBA, Finance, Strategic Management, Duke University

Certified public accountant licensed in Maryland

Member of the American Institute of CPAs

**Speaker – October 23, 2020****Challenges in Management of COVID-19 in a Large Urban Academic Center  
Junad Chowdhury, M.D.**

Dr. Chowdhury is an Internal Medicine specialist and a Fellow at Temple University Hospital's Division of Thoracic Medicine & Surgery. Dr. Chowdhury has been instrumental in the management of COVID-19 patients. He spent the majority of the pandemic working in a high-volume inner-city intensive care unit caring for only COVID-19 patients. He is also a sub-investigator of over 25 clinical trials involving novel therapies for COVID-19. Along with this, he has been published in multiple international journals and serves in several hospital-based committees.

Dr. Chowdhury's specific clinical research interests include quality improvement in ICU outcomes, respiratory virology, advanced life-sustaining therapies, and acute respiratory distress syndrome. He is also invested in graduate medical education and training.

Junad M. Chowdhury is a native of Northern Jersey. He completed his medical education at Bangladesh Medical College in Dhaka, Bangladesh. After medical school, he started his Internal Medicine residency at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Darby, Pennsylvania, where he also served as chief medical resident. He started his fellowship in Pulmonary Diseases & Critical Care Medicine in 2018 at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Subsequent to the closure of Hahnemann University Hospital, he transitioned to Temple University Hospital where he currently serves as a final year fellow. He is married to his wife, Dr. Jesmin Chowdhury, an internist. They have a 1-year old daughter.

**Speaker – October 30, 2020****Reflections on Diplomacy & Ministry – For Our Times****The Reverend Anne E. Derse**

The Reverend Anne Elizabeth Derse is a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, currently serving at St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church in Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland. In both her clergy and staff capacity, she promotes St. John's engagement with the community, local government, and non-profit sector, and advances St. John's advocacy and ministries on issues of social justice, including racial equity, food insecurity, gun violence prevention, support for immigrants, refugees and asilees, interfaith relations, alleviating homelessness and working for peace in the Holy Land. Prior to her ordination in September 2018, she attended the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Deacon School and Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C.

From 1981 until 2013, Derse was a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, serving in Asia, Europe and the Middle East. She was the U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania 2009-2012 and to Azerbaijan 2006-2009. Earlier in her career, she held senior positions managing economic relations at the U.S. Mission to the European Union and at the U.S. Embassies in Korea, the Philippines and in Belgium, where she also served as the last U.S. Commissioner on the Tripartite Gold Commission. She was Special Assistant for Asia 1993-1995 and Executive Assistant 2003-2004 to the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs. She worked as Director for Bio-defense Policy at the Homeland Security Council at the White House in 2005-06, helping to write the President's Plan for Fighting Pandemic Influenza, and in 2004-05, she assisted in establishing the new U.S. Embassy in Iraq, where she headed the Economic Section. She retired from the Department of State in 2012.

Derse received a B.A. in French and Linguistics from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1976 and an M.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins SAIS in 1981. She speaks French, Italian, Lithuanian and Azerbaijani. She is married to former diplomat and current Executive Director of the U.S.-Philippines Society Hank Hendrickson. They have four children.

**NB Rotary's 2020 COVID Challenge Fundraiser – Update**

North Bethesda Rotary's 2020 COVID CHALLENGE ended September 30. We expect that the fundraiser will raise over \$7000, with proceeds to be distributed among the partners--our Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda, the Mobile Medical Clinic, and the Mercy Health Clinic. The event attracted more than 80 participants and nearly 50 contributors. Our Fundraising Committee worked closely with the partners to create a fun and rewarding event, which helped energize our club, raise our profile in the community, and develop some important contacts for the future. We're already working on some exciting fundraising events for the coming year. Thanks to all who participated and contributed! We'll be having some special awards and prizes at a meeting in early October.

**Here are two Covid Challenge stories that we publicized on Facebook.. Congratulations to all participants and donors!**

COVID CHALLENGE participant and former NB Rotary Member **Lyuba Hubbard** signed up for 25 miles, but ended up doing four times that! She got her mask on Tuesday, September 15, rode her bike 31 miles on Wednesday, 17 miles on Thursday, and finished with 54 miles on Friday, September 18. Lyuba rode all 103 miles on the C&O Canal, starting near Poolesville, Md., and ending up in Oldtown in Western Maryland. Congratulations!



Christine Syversen was one of the earliest participants in the Covid Challenge. Based in Oslo, Norway, she manages the website for the North Bethesda Rotary Club with her father, club member Lasse Syversen. On a weekend trip to Bergen, one of the largest cities in Norway, she and her boyfriend climbed the Stoltzekleiven Trail, with 1000 stairs made by Sherpas. The hike was 10.2 miles with an altitude of 315 meters (1033 feet).

## NOTES FROM THE 2020-2021 BOARD

Time to get involved in a Club Committee! Contact the Committee Chair to volunteer.

COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:	CHAIR
Club Member Outreach	Outreach to Club members	Linda Berg-Cross
Club Service	Plan and implement community services activities.	Dan Moore
Membership	Develop and implement the Club's Membership Plan	Bob Sonawane
Public Relations	Develop and implement the Club's Public Relations Plan	John Waterston

## DISTRICT NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19  
Virtual Membership Summit

November 20-21  
Rotary Zones 33 & 34 Virtual Leadership Summit

April 23-24, 2021  
District Conference  
The Graduate, Annapolis

June 6-10, 2021  
Rotary International Convention Taipei, Taiwan

### 2022-23 RI President:

The 2020-21 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated: JENNIFER JONES of the Rotary Club of WINDSOR-ROSELAND, ONTARIO, CANADA for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2022-23.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULING LIST

**Goal:** To have programs scheduled and publicized at least one month prior to meeting date.

Once you schedule the speaker go to NBRC Friday Programs Google Form, [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8Dzwousg7IEmZxIEV88c7bSPTN\\_fQ3meVrR0KN854sqcuH/vi/ewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8Dzwousg7IEmZxIEV88c7bSPTN_fQ3meVrR0KN854sqcuH/vi/ewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1), and enter in the information regarding the Speaker/Program and complete the NBRC Friday Program form.

Rotary Month	Date	Person Responsible	Rotary Month	Date	Person Responsible
Economic and Community Development	10/2/2020	Sultan Chowdhury	Water and Sanitation	3/5/2021	Bob Sonawane
	10/9/2020			3/12/2021	
	10/16/2020			3/19/2021	
	10/23/2020			3/26/2021	
	10/30/2020		Maternal and Child Health	4/2/2021	TBD
11/6/2020	4/9/2021				
11/13/2020	4/16/2021				
11/20/2020	4/23/2021				
11/27/2020	4/30/2021				
Disease Prevention and Treatment	12/4/2020	Carmela Carr	Youth Service	5/7/2021	TBD
	12/11/2020	Annual Meeting		5/14/2021	
	12/18/2020	Carmela Carr		5/21/2021	
	12/25/2020	No meeting		5/28/2021	
Vocational Service	1/1/2021	No meeting	Rotary Fellowship	6/4/2021	TBD
	1/8/2021	Steve Vaccarezza		6/11/2021	
	1/15/2021			6/18/2021	
	1/22/2021			6/25/2021	Installation of Officers
	1/29/2021		Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution	Kent Mason	2/5/2021
2/12/2021					
2/19/2021					
2/26/2021					

**ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BETHESDA 2020-2021 OFFICERS**

- **President:** Carmela Carr
- **President Elect:** Bob Sonawane
- **Vice President:** Nick Martinez
- **Secretary:** Linda Berg-Cross
- **Treasurer:** Steve Vaccarezza
- **Club Administration Director:** Carmela Carr (Interim)
- **Club Service Director:** Dan Moore
- **Public Relations Director:** John Waterston
- **Membership Director:** Bob Sonawane