



**ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BETHESDA**  
 Meeting on Fridays @ 7:30 AM  
 Bethesda Marriott  
 5151 Pooks Hill Rd., Bethesda MD 20814  
 ...and on Zoom  
 Contact us at [nbrotary.org](http://nbrotary.org)  
**April 2023**



**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Date	Speaker	Topic
April 7 Marriott/Zoom	Kevin Flynn	3-Minute Speaker
	Bruce Davis, Climate Reality Project	Electrify (Nearly) Everything
April 14 Marriott/Zoom	Paul Arveson	3-Minute Speaker
	Joe Kravitz	To Be Announced
April 21 Marriott/Zoom	John Waterston	3-Minute Speaker
	Liz Waggoner, Manager, Volunteer Engagement	Junior Achievement – Origin, Mission, & Programs
April 28 <b>No Morning Meeting</b>	<b>HAPPY HOUR</b> – Bring Family/Friends/Prospective Members 5 PM in NB Rotary Meeting Room at Bethesda Marriott	

*Meetings are at the Bethesda Marriott and on Zoom*  
 5151 Pooks Hill Rd., Bethesda MD 20814  
 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM Mix and Mingle  
 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM Meeting

**APRIL MILESTONES**

Member/Spouse	Event	Date
Joe DiPietro	Birthday	April 8
Kent Mason	Birthday	April 9
Donna Vaccarezza (Steve)	Birthday	April 12
Victoria Feldman	Birthday	April 22

**SPEAKER – APRIL 7, 2023 (Marriott/Zoom)****Electrify (Nearly) Everything****Bruce Davis, Climate Reality Project**

Climate experts tell us we need to electrify everything to help stop global warming. One reason for this is that electricity can be made from clean sources, like wind or sunlight, that do not require burning fossil fuels. Another reason, often overlooked, is that electricity is more efficient than fossil fuels when it comes to powering cars or heating buildings. In this presentation, Bruce Davis will explain why people might wish to consider electrification when they buy vehicles or replace gas-powered furnaces or appliances. Bruce will also report on the incentives that the Inflation Reduction act provides for electrification.

Bruce is a volunteer Leader with the Climate Reality Project. He speaks frequently about climate change and what people can do to help avoid its worst consequences.

**SPEAKER – APRIL 14, 2023 (Marriott/Zoom)****To Be Announced****Joe Kravitz**

Dr. Joseph J. Kravitz is a prosthodontist in North Potomac, Maryland<sup>1</sup>. He provides advice on proper dental prosthetics, such as crowns and bridges. Dr. Kravitz is one of the nation's top dental experts featured on Discovery, ABC, NBC, and Fox. He is credited with innovating a procedure to surgically place dental implants in just 3 minutes<sup>3</sup>. Dr. Kravitz's credentials include a Doctorate of Dental Surgery and a specialty certificate in Prosthodontics from the University of Maryland Dental School, a Master of Science in Oral Biology from the University of Maryland Graduate School, and a Fellowship in Implant Dentistry from NYU College of Dentistry. Joe is

a former member of our club and served as Vocational Services Chair.

## SPEAKER – APRIL 21, 2023 (Marriott/Zoom)

### Junior Achievement: Origin, Mission and Programs

Lizabeth (Liz) Wagger, Manager, Volunteer Engagement



Liz Wagger is part of the volunteer engagement team at Junior Achievement of Greater Washington. Liz recruits corporate partners for team-building opportunities and employee volunteer days of service in support of the financial literacy programs JA provides to students across the DMV, including here in Montgomery County.

Liz will be giving a presentation about Junior Achievement – its origin and mission, and the programs it provides nationally, internationally, and locally. She will also discuss ways to get involved and support JA in our area.

Liz moved to the Washington, DC area after obtaining her BA from University of Virginia and an MA from Northwestern University. After a long career in business development for a public relations firm, Liz transitioned to personal financial consulting starting in 2014. In 2022, she made a change from the financial consulting side to the financial education side by taking on her role at Junior Achievement of Greater Washington. As part of the part of the volunteer engagement team at JAGW, Liz recruits corporate partners for team-building opportunities and employee volunteer days of service in support of the financial literacy programs JA provides to students across the DMV, including here in Montgomery County.

*Speakers for April coordinated by Kent Mason and Linda Berg-Cross*

## Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda Update

*Club Fundraising Raises Foundation Resources*

**By Kevin Flynn, Foundation Treasurer**

Our club's foundation, known as the Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda, has been growing. Currently, the bank balance is slightly less than \$20,000--last year at this time, the balance was around \$14,000. We've been able to increase the balance thanks to some generous contributions from friends of Rob Follit, as well as successful fundraisers for our backpack program, our Thanksgiving donations, and the Christmas ornament sales.

In memory of Rob Follit, we have raised nearly \$3,000. Rob's wife Jane asked that donations be made the Foundation, and we have received 16 donations ranging from \$20 to \$1000. We appreciate the donations and will be thanking the donors with a letter in the next few weeks as well as sending a notification to Jane.

The **Christmas ornament sale** was successful, thanks to Carmela and her family. We sold 95 ornaments at \$25 each and netted about \$600 for the Foundation as a result. We are going to miss Carmela, who revitalized the Foundation and helped get our bank account straight. Carmela also was working on getting an online donation program to work through the NB Rotary website.

In some separate fundraising efforts, we raised \$450 for **Thanksgiving meals** coordinated by Dan Moore. We actually have about \$100 left over from that effort, which we spent about \$350 on.

Our **backpack program** last fall was also successful. Thanks to Joh Waterston for coordinating that. This year we are hoping to get a sales tax exemption from the State of Maryland. That will also help with the Christmas ornament sales.

We also were able to give out one **scholarship** to Lexus Soumahoro, a worthy candidate who is attending the UMBC at Shady Grove. We had another candidate selected for a scholarship, but he decided not to return to school this year.

- We still have a considerable amount of funds available for scholarships. Some of these have been on the books for several years.
- We have funds available for donations to Rotary International, to help meet our quota to qualify for RI grants.
- We also have funds available for our own projects to match the grant projects that require matching funds.

Our new chairman is **Nick Martinez**. As per the Foundation bylaws, the immediate Past President of the club becomes the Chairman of the Foundation on the January of the following year. So the President leaves office in July, then has 6 months off before becoming chair of the foundation. We're hoping for a great new year! Nick, by the way, ran a successful "popup" fundraiser last summer for the Kentucky Derby. We're hoping he'll continue the good efforts!

## ROCK CREEK CLEANUP – APRIL 15TH

**On Saturday, April 15, we'll be cleaning up a section of Rock Creek** where Kensington Parkway crosses the creek in Kensington, MD. This is a site we have worked on in recent years. Heavy rain in February and early March brought a large tree down, which clogged the creek at the Kensington Parkway Bridge and created a dam for trash. The cleanup will run from **10 AM to Noon**, and is being sponsored with the Rock Creek Conservancy, which is supplying bags and gloves. Please contact Kevin Flynn to sign up and learn more.



*In 2016, Rob Follit and Victoria Feldman enjoyed a lovely spring day picking up trash at Rock Creek. Left: How it looks today.*

HAPPY HOUR – March 31st at BETHESDA MARRIOT



**CLUB SPEAKER COORDINATORS**

*The Club needs your help!  
Please confirm your commitment to provide 30-Minute speakers for the months from  
September 2023 onward!  
Many thanks to those who've already volunteered.*

MONTH / (No. of Speakers)	SPEAKER COORDINATORS
April 2023 (2)	Kent Mason
May 2023 (3)	Claes Ryn
June 2023 (4)	Paul Arveson
July 2023 (3)	Linda Berg-Cross
August 2023 (3)	Kevin Flynn
September 2023 (4)	Steve Vaccarezza
October 2023 (3)	Ron Sigelman
November 2023 (3)	Linda Berg-Cross
December 2023 (3)	Dan Moore

**DISTRICT 7620 ACTIVITIES**



Dear North Bethesda Rotarians,

I am delighted to invite you to the Rotary District 7620 District Conference, which will be held in **Bethesda, MD from April 20-23, 2023, at the [Hyatt Regency Hotel](#)**. This is an excellent event designed for all Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors to come together, network, and celebrate our collective achievements.

The District Conference offers the opportunity to attend engaging workshops and plenary sessions, hear from dynamic speakers, and participate in fun activities. Whether you are a seasoned Rotarian or new to the organization, you will find value in attending this conference. You'll get to meet like-minded individuals who are passionate about making the world a better place, and you'll be inspired to take action in your own community.

**Some of the conference highlights include:**

- Inspirational speakers and thought-provoking sessions.
- Networking opportunities with Rotarians from across the multiple Mid-Atlantic states.
- Fellowship events, including a gala dinner with the 2019-20 Rotary International President [Barry Rassin](#), and our famed evening hospitality suites.
- Opportunities to participate in service projects with the [Salvation Army Food Bank](#).
- Sunday Brunch with District 7620's finest [Heroes and Community Service Leaders](#) from more than 50+ Rotary and Rotaract Clubs.

### [LEARN MORE ON THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE](#)

OR



**[Register NOW](#)** for **2023 Rotary District 7620 Conference**

Thank you for your dedication to Rotary and your commitment to service above self. I look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Best regards  
Sean

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## US-Russia Intercountry Committee (ICC) to hold Annual Meeting in DC You're Invited!

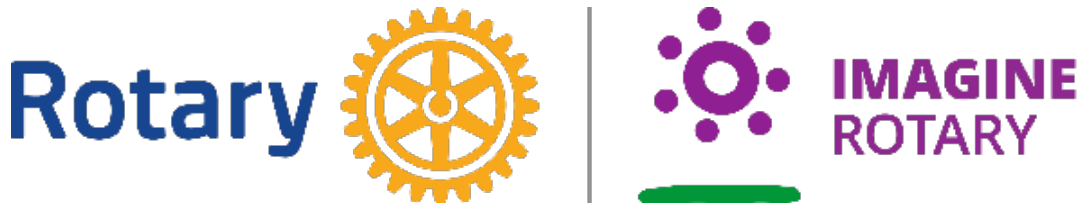
March 20, 2023



By Barton Goldenberg

The US-Russia Intercountry Committee (ICC) cordially invites you to attend the 2023 annual meeting in Washington, DC. You will have the opportunity to meet American and Russian ICC members, hear Russia experts from the [Kennan Institute](#) talk about Russian history and how we got to the current situation, hear from international Rotarians with deep knowledge of Russia, have the opportunity to watch the Joffrey Ballet dance 'Anna Karenina' at the gorgeous Kennedy Center, spend time at the intriguing Spy museum, visit the beautiful Cherry Blossoms, dine at PDG Barton's home, and more. [Read More](#)

For more information on Rotary District 7620, go to <https://rotary7620.org>.



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BETHESDA 2022-2023 OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Steve Vaccarezza	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Joe DiPietro	
<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Berg-Cross	
<b>President-Elect</b>	John Waterston	
<b>Club Administration Director</b>	Paul Arveson	Chairs the Club Administration committee which is responsible for performing the logistical tasks related to club meetings.
<b>Club Service Director</b>	Victoria Feldman	Chairs the Service Projects committee which is responsible for planning and carrying out successful service projects which focus on Rotary's Areas of Service.
<b>Membership Director</b>	Ron Sigelman	Chairs the Membership committee which is developing and implementing an action plan to attract and engage members.
<b>Public Relations Director Committee Member</b>	Kevin Flynn Christine Syversen	Chairs the Public Relations (PR) committee which is responsible for developing and implementing a plan to create awareness of club activities and projects among club members, media, and the community.
<b>President, Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda</b>	Nick Martinez	
<b>Treasurer, Rotary Charitable Foundation of North Bethesda</b>	Kevin Flynn	