



## 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)  
**July 2023**



### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Speaker	Topic
July 7 Marriott/Zoom	Lasse Syversen	3-Minute Speaker
	Rich Carson & John Waterston	Induction of Officers
July 14 Marriott/Zoom	Linda Berg-Cross	3-Minute Speaker
	Capt. Sean Gagen	Major Crimes in Montgomery County
July 21 Marriott/Zoom	Kevin Flynn	3-Minute Speaker
	David Searby	Rotaract Club Proposal
July 28 Marriott	Happy Hour	

*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

### JULY MILESTONES

	Event	Date
Vigdis & Lasse Syversen	Anniversary	July 11
Ron Sigelman	Birthday	July 17
Wanda & Bob Fangmeyer	Anniversary	July 18
Carmen & Joe DiPietro	Anniversary	July 19
Linda & Gary Berg	Anniversary	July 31

## SPEAKER – JULY 7, 2023 (Marriott/Zoom)

### Induction of Officers

Rich Carson



**Rich Carson** is a Past District Governor of Rotary District 7620 and has been active in a variety of District, national, and international projects for Rotary. He has served as Rotary representative to the Organization of American States, worked with the White House and Congress on Rotary Issues, and served as an advisor for Disaster Aid USA. Rich is an old friend of North Bethesda Rotary and had visited our club many times.

Rich will be handling the induction of North Bethesda Officers for the coming year: **John Waterston** as President, **Kevin Flynn** as President-Elect; **Joe DiPietro** as Treasurer, and **Linda Berg-Cross** as Secretary. **Steve Vaccarezza** will be transitioning to the Past President's slot. Steve has volunteered to also be Chair of a reconstituted Membership Committee with **Ron Sigelman** as committee

member. **Paul Arveson** will continue as Club Administration Director for his long-serving role in managing our club's hybrid meeting arrangements and equipment.

If time permits, incoming President **John Waterston** will give a presentation on the results of a survey of members on the future they want to see for our club and propose next steps.

## SPEAKER – JULY 14, 2023 (Marriott/Zoom)

### Major Crimes in Montgomery County

Capt. Sean Gagen, Montgomery County Police Department



**Captain Sean Gagen** joined the Montgomery County Police Department in 1996 and has had a variety of duties in his 26-year career, rising from Sargent to Lieutenant and Commander.

In September 2022, the Montgomery County Department of Police named Capt. Gagen as the new director of its Major Crimes Division after he served as the commander of the police district that includes Bethesda for three years.

The Second District includes North Bethesda, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Potomac and Kensington. The Major Crimes Division includes the following sections:

- Fugitive Section
- Homicide Section
- Missing Persons/Cold Case Section
- Robbery Section
- Victim/Witness Assistance Unit

The Division investigates everything from homicide to bank robberies, carjacking and kidnapping.

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

### A New Kind of Rotaract Club

David Searby, Metro Bethesda Rotary Club



**David Searby**, newly-installed President of Metro Bethesda Rotary Club, will present his proposal that his club, ours, and other local clubs jointly sponsor the creation of a new kind of Rotaract Club.

Traditionally sponsored by single clubs, Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. David will explain his proposal for a joint sponsorship to our members and other invited guests. David has invited **Pallavi Gowda** and **Bree Kunzel** from Potomac Rotary Club, **Varda Fink**, new President of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club and **Raquel Micit**, a potential Rotaract Club member, to join our meeting on July 21st to hear and consider his proposal.

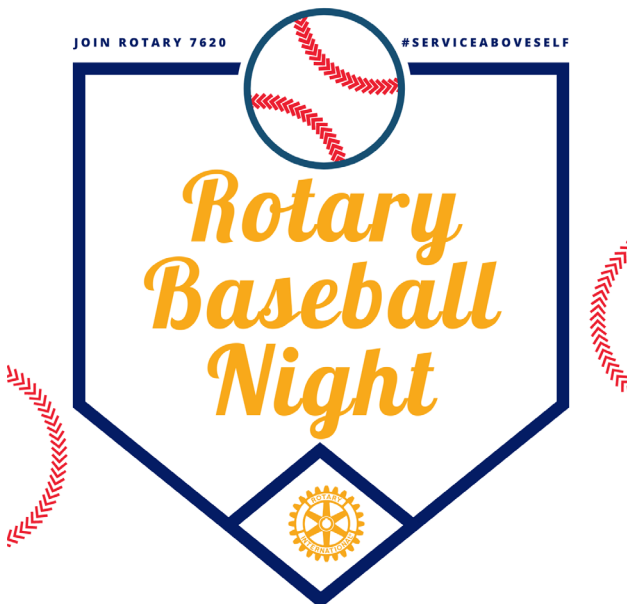
## PRESIDENT'S PARTY



*Thanks to everyone for participating in our  
Charter Night/Past Presidents Party on June 10.*

*Nick Martinez and Jessica Todd were gracious hosts, and the food was fabulous!*

## DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORING CLUB EVENTS



On August 5, 2023, Rotary 7620 will host four baseball games throughout the District to bring together Rotarians, raise money for End Polio Now, and share more about Rotary's mission. Games will be in Frederick, Bowie, Aberdeen, and Waldorf MD. Details at <https://rotary7620.org/baseball/>

### **Sort Donated Food at NOURISH NOW with Potomac Rotary**

*397 E. Gude Drive, Rockville, MD  
Wednesday, July 12, 2023  
from 7:30 – 8:30 am*

*Further Information from  
James Harris,  
Potomac Rotary Club  
[james.harris63@gmail.com](mailto:james.harris63@gmail.com)*

## CLUB SPEAKER COORDINATORS

***The Club needs your help!***

***Please confirm your commitment to provide 30-Minute speakers for the months ahead.  
Many thanks to those who've already volunteered.***

MONTH / (No. of Speakers)	SPEAKER COORDINATORS
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

## THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

***Is it the TRUTH?***

***Is it FAIR to all concerned?***

***Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?***

***Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?***

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BETHESDA 2023-2024 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

<b>President</b>	John Waterston	
<b>Past President</b>	Steve Vaccarezza	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Joe DiPietro	
<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Berg-Cross	
<b>President-Elect</b>	Kevin Flynn	
<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>Membership Director</b>	Steve Vaccarezza and 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	