



The Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent
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Fridays - 7:30 a.m.
November 22, 2024

“The Magic of Rotary”

Meeting Location at The Periodic Table

(8808 Centre Park Dr., Columbia, MD 21045)

Virtual option

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Thank you to Lance and the Periodic Table for hosting our meeting!

Happy Dollars Link: <https://columbiarotary.com/virtual-happy-dollars>

Club President Karen Mosel - opened the meeting

Greeter, Pledge, 4-Way Test, Grace & Vocational Moment - Linda Johnston Lloyd

In her vocational moment, Linda said she worked for the US Department of Health and Human Services for about 16 years. She worked for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), chaired the Health Literacy work group, represented HRSA on the Institute of Medicine health literacy roundtable and on the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations on improving quality healthcare. Also, she was on Al Gore's working group on the role of the father in the family. Through those experiences, she grew to appreciate the value of teamwork, collaboration and unity.

For grace, Linda said: Dear Lord, as we gather in this Rotary meeting, we are reminded of the strength that lies in unity. We come from different backgrounds, professions and beliefs. We stand together in our commitment to serve. Bless us with wisdom for harmony and empathy to understand one another. In unity, we find the power to make a difference.

Visiting Rotarians - None

Other Visitors – None

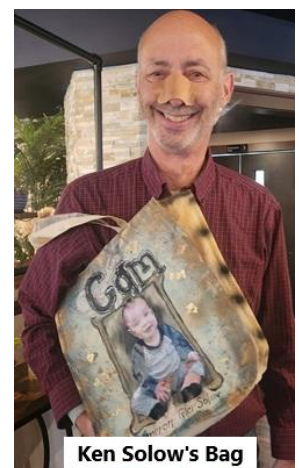
Makeups - Business Roundtable. Interact Club

Club Announcements:

Karen - December 21st is our holiday party evening event at my house. Thirty-six of you have already RSVPed. That's awesome. Beth and I are working on your fun event the day before that, the Friday that's our holiday party here. We're going to have our typical Bloody Marys, an omelet station, and please wear your ugly sweater. We're going to do White Elephant again. Bring a wrapped gift (\$25 or less). You'll get a ticket, take a gift off the table and unwrap it. We'll have a few more little rules at that time.

Ken Solow - Last week, Jaydyn Deoliveira and her dad were here as guests. She announced herself as an artist. I met with her afterwards, and it turns out she has a website, a small business, doing original art on canvas bags. She did one for me as a gift for my grandson. I just picked it up. It's amazing. I'm passing it around this morning. I thought I'd share it this way. Her [contact information](#) is in this newsletter.

John Moseman - the Columbia Town Center club is doing a block pool for the college football playoffs. I was a consultant and I did charge a consultant fee. They're selling blocks, \$100 a block or three for \$250, if anybody's interested.



Kellie Lego - I have two announcements. First and foremost, I really want to thank you guys for all your Food Bank donations to support the Interact Club. We turned in 1,252 pounds of food to beat Marriotts Ridge High School's 1,200 pounds. I believe our extra 52 pounds is due to all of you. So thank you very much. Next, as Bylaws Task Force chair, I'm reminding you that we're still accepting nominations for our upcoming officers/directors slate that will be delivered on Dec. 13. If you're interested in running for a position, or would like to nominate somebody, speak with that person before you nominate them, and let one of us on the board know.

Geoff Carton - the sign up for our helping at Respite Retreats Holiday Celebration on Dec. 15 was in the email that I sent. Hopefully everyone was interested. The other clubs are taking up volunteer slots, so if you want to participate, please sign up early. We're going to make a dinner for Grassroots in January at Karen's house, but don't have a date yet.

Beth Harbinson - this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the Thanksgiving market at Clarksville

Commons. There'll be about 30 vendors and it's a great place to get things for your Thanksgiving meals to support local businesses and farmers.



Charitable Trust Endowment Drive - Karen and Charlie McCabe reported that donations to the 2024 Endowment Drive now amount to \$24,020 and Charlie secured another pledge this morning. An email with a sample donation form was sent last week and will go out again this week. This is a great time of year for charitable giving. Giving to the trust is tax deductible and will add some more red to the thermometer tracking our progress.

Membership Moment - Joan Athen reported on an article she'd seen in the latest issue of the Rotary magazine. It says that Rotary really starts with the development of your own personal skills and learning to work with the community and in the community. It enhances professionalism both in your work and in your extracurricular activities. It builds character when we get so involved in our community and learn how Rotary affects the entire world. These are things you can talk about with anybody that you see.

PROGRAM - Prepare For Success School Supplies Connection - Susan and Roy Appletree

Linda Ostovitz introduced our speakers. Susan and Roy are long time Columbia residents who've been involved in a wide range of civic, charitable and volunteer activities. Eighteen years ago they assumed leadership of Prepare for Success, an all-volunteer effort that provides backpacks and school supplies to thousands of students in the Howard County Public School System each year. "We did not start this," Roy explained. "When Sun reporter Mike Clark retired, he began to run a hotline for Christ Episcopal Church. One year they started receiving requests from families for school supplies and he started a pilot program. That's where Prepare for Success started."

The program began a formal partnership with the Community Action Council and Howard County Public Schools in 2010. Students' need for more school supplies is reflected in the percentage of youngsters qualified for free and reduced meals under poverty guidelines. It's gone from 8% in the past to 30% last year, or about 17,000 students. "We certainly don't provide for all 17,000, but we do make a big dent in it," Susan said. "We provided 4,500 backpacks this year, the largest number ever ... Our community keeps changing and the need is clearly growing."

Prepare for Success receives supplies from a variety of sources including collections from six libraries, nine Columbia facilities, 10 village associations, a lot of businesses, "stuff the bus" drives and a host of other groups that gather and donate backpacks (including our Rotary club). Roy said: "It's really a community effort. We enjoy doing it. We know you all do backpacks. There's two or three other groups who do a major amount of backpacks. We're not in competition with anyone. We try to compliment."

Prepare for Success also receives monetary donations that are used to purchase supplies in bulk. "One hundred percent of all donations are used for the bulk purchases," Roy explained.

With a monetary donation, it's possible to make dollars "stretch" and get more by using low wholesale prices from a national education supplier. That way, the cost of a backpack filled with required supplies averages out to about \$25 per student.

"We provide backpacks at 51 schools, 29 elementaries, 14 middle schools and eight high schools," Susan said. "The professionals there determine who needs them. We do not distribute to students or to families (except maybe) to a handful of families that come back every year. They call us. We take care of them." Susan and Roy said Prepare for Success focuses its efforts at the start of each school year, but there is a continuing need for assistance later during the academic term. They encourage schools to let them know if there are supply gaps later on, but the need is still there.



Thank you, Roy and Susan!

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Dave Muncy led Happy Dollars:

From 24 club members in appreciation for today's program.

Tom - happy dollars because tomorrow is my wedding anniversary.

Ken - I remember when this club did a Thanksgiving dinner for years and years. It was one of the best things we did. Another dollar for Jaydyn. Anybody interested in this bag that I sell? Not this bag, your own bag. I won't see you guys for a little bit. I have some reconstructive surgery scheduled for skin cancer on my nose, and then I'll be down in Florida. So Merry Christmas, everybody, and I'll catch you later.

Joan - thanks to Susan and Roy for the work that you do. It's very inspiring, and we enjoy doing our backpacks. A happy dollar to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Linda - Charlie and I spearheaded our backpack program here, and it was really nice to see the contributions that we got. We also did a lot of buying at Staples. I have to say that was the place to buy. You could only do it in certain increments, so there were many purchases at different times, but they delivered and it was right on the front porch. It's a great project. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I am thankful for everybody in this room and how you have energized my life.

Charlie - I really love to buy school supplies for kids in need and was happy to be part of our program. I love the way this endowment pledge system is going along, and I love getting a new pledge this morning. We'll keep plugging by the end of the year, so we should make it.

Mark - my wife teaches four-year-olds in Howard County Schools, special needs kids. Every week she's buying supplies for the kids, for her and for her classroom. She also says these kids can't learn if they're hungry, so she goes food shopping for them every week. A lot of our teachers are spending hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of dollars every year out of their personal money to support these kids. They're doing a fabulous job.

Shaun - Roy, it's hard to believe that we did leadership 20 years ago. How's that possible? But it's great to have known you all that time.

Bitu - I still remember that many years ago, I think we were distributing about 1,000 backpacks, and now you're doing 4,500. It's incredible how you have mobilized this community to support the kids. Thank you so much.

Shari - Happy Friday, everyone. Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Great to see everyone.

Dave Lerer - Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. My son who lives in Omaha came on Tuesday night. He's here for the week, so we're enjoying getting to see him. Another dollar for Mark and Linda. We had a really great Business Roundtable meeting yesterday. It was well attended and eye opening, I think, for almost everybody there. If you get an opportunity in the future to attend one of these, you should do it, because it's been really very rewarding for all of us.

Sandy - I've been having a wonderful time since my kids are back from Japan. It's been especially nice seeing the little ones and the big grandchildren as well, getting to know each other again. My three (grown) kids are really enjoying being together again, and I love seeing it.

Dave Bittner - thanks to Roy and Susan for being here. I have a very vague recollection of probably 20 years ago, dropping off a car full of backpacks at your house. I don't remember the source of them, but I do remember doing it. I'm sure that's a regular occurrence for you, so it's delightful to be part of that. I'm happy that next week is Thanksgiving and I'm taking the whole darn week off.

Susanne - happy dollars for Ken's nose and for our esteemed leader in her glitzy sweater, which is inspiring our mood.

Caroline - happy to see Roy again and for the good work he and his wife do. I've known Roy for many years, and I'm also very grateful for friends here at this Thanksgiving time and every time.

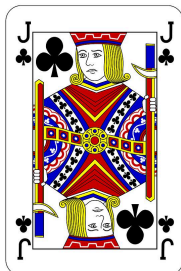
Karen - happy dollars for Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for all of you. Thank you so much, Roy and Susan. It's phenomenal what you do for the community. And lastly, we still have \$12,480 of matching funds to fill up that thermometer, and I know we can do it.

50/50:

Ticket Chosen - Susan Appletree

Shaun Eddy selected this card

No winner Today!



The Club's Calendar is up to date! Check it often for upcoming events, including each Friday's speaker, at <https://columbiarotary.com/events>

[Upcoming Meeting Programs and Other Events](#)

11/29/2024 - No Meeting

12/6/2024 - Gilchrist Hospice - Diane Aten Daniels - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

12/13/2024 - Neighbor Ride - Bruce Fulton - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

12/20/2024 - Merry Christmas Meeting - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

12/21/2024 - Club Christmas Party - Karen and Dave Mosel's House - 5 p.m. until

12/27/2024 - No Meeting

1/10/2025 - Greater Maryland Better Business Bureau - Mike DiGiacomo - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

1/17/2025 - District Governor Nomie Hamid - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

1/24/2025 - Wings of Hope Global Cooperative - David Weeks - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

1/31/2025 - Classification - Robin Thoms - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

2/7/2025 - Voices for Children - Erica Byrne - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

2/21/2024 - Grants Preparation - HarryThompson - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

2/28/2025 - Club Bylaws Discussion - Kellie Lego - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

3/14/2025 - Interactors Four-Way Speech Contest - Kellie Lego - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m

5/8/2025 - Tour de Vines fundraiser - Wilde Lake Interfaith Center - 6-9 p.m.

Community Service Events:

12/15/2024 - Respite Retreats Holiday Celebration - 1- 4 p.m.

12/20/2024 - Food Bank - 9 a.m.

1/2025 - Prepare dinner for Grassroots - time TBA

2/2025 - Winter Growth dance - time TBA

3/2025 - Garden at Tuerk House - Details TBA

4/20254 - Rebuilding Together - Details TBA

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Tues. 6:30pm, Eggspectation

CURRENTLY, MEETING VIRTUALLY EACH TUES NIGHT - CALL 410-442-5167 for details

Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center

www.ctcrotary.org

Wed. 12:15pm, Meets virtually and in person the first three Wednesdays of each month, The Periodic Table, 8888 Center Park Dr

Rotary Club of Elkridge

<https://www.elkridgerotaryclub.org/>

Wed. 6:30pm, Elkridge Furnace Inn, 5745 Furnace Ave, Elkridge, MD 21075

Rotary Club of Ellicott City

<https://ellicottcityrotary.com/>

Thurs. 12:00pm, Tersiguel's and Georgia Grace, Downtown Ellicott City: TBD

Rotary Club of Ellicott City Sunrise

www.sunriserotaryec.org

1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:15am, Tersiguel's Restaurant, 8293 Main St, Ellicott City, MD, 21043

Rotary Club of Howard West

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1st & 4th Monday, 6:30pm, Mission BBQ, 3410 Plum Tree Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042