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The Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent
www.columbiarotary.com

Fridays - 7:30 a.m.
June 27, 2025

“The Magic of Rotary”

Meeting Weekly at JAM Eateries (6010 University Blvd, Ellicott City, MD 21043)

Virtual option

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5273487461?pwd=TIZpMUZQREIzL3BRQnJiL0INZHJQZz09>

Meeting ID: 527 348 7461

Passcode: op@1234

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

Club President Linda Ostovitz - opened the meeting

Greeter, Pledge, 4-Way Test, Inspirational Moment - Mark Stoner

Mark passed around thank you notes from Grants Day recipients including the Maryland State Dental Association, Neighbor Ride, Grassroots and Winter Growth. For his inspirational moment, he said: “A thought for the day. We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone today.”

Visiting Rotarians - None

Other Visitors - Seth Owusu, Amanda Moore

Make-Ups - Honor Flight, Rotary International Convention (Calgary)

Club Announcements:

Linda - Kashonna is having her 50th birthday month celebration. Adam Joss is leaving the club due to family obligations, but with well-wishes and hopes for his return. Meghan Belcher has been promoted to Senior Vice President at M&T Bank. Thanks to Francois for running the June Grassroots lunch project, with Beth and Shaun taking over for July. Our club has been recognized in a hospital newsletter for planting the Rotary Peace Pole at the Hero's Garden. Congratulations to Caroline and Chuck for moving to their new home, which is a new start, new beginnings for them.

Beth Harbinson - is chair of the Service Committee, which plans all of the events that we do for the club throughout the year. The committee needs more members, so if you'd like some information about joining and what it involves, send her an email or give her a call. The next committee meeting is June 30 at 4 p.m. on Zoom for about 45 minutes.

Kashonna Marrow - Just Living Advocacy is doing their backpack distribution on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You will be hearing from either Wanda, Bitia or me about what supplies are needed. Look for our email about it in July, as well as a date to assemble backpacks. We're looking at doing approximately 125. Linda reported that Staples is a good place to purchase school supplies.

Pete Pillow - John Moseman had me pick up our Honor Flight welcome banner and lead our team of greeters on Saturday morning. I was there with my wife and Audra and Wanda. It was very important because no other group was present, but as the vets got off the plane, people in the airport stood and spontaneously clapped for each one. Several of the veterans stopped and said, "Oh, Rotary," and read the banner, so we got noticed. But John, remember you owe me one, buddy.

Linda - welcome back to Sandy Harriman, who attended the Rotary International Convention in Calgary and represented the Washington, DC area. We're glad you were there and happy you're back safe and sound. Also, remember that the Fourth of July is next Friday. **WE WILL NOT BE MEETING ON THE FOURTH OF JULY.**



PROGRAM - - Classification Talk - Palli Patel

Linda Ostovitz introduced Palli and said we're anxious to hear all the wonderful things about her that we don't yet know. "She's an amazing person with a really amazing history," Linda said. Palli also is the spouse of Dushyant, the club's sole remaining charter member. She was born in British India and grew up in Calcutta. Her family included five brothers and one elder sister. She had to help with household chores and for many years they did not have ready made food, a phone, refrigerator or a car.

"My mother and my younger brother were involved in charity work, and my younger brother worked very closely with Mother Teresa for a long time," Palli said. "My mom fed beggars, orphans and women, and men suffering with leprosy disease which caused them to lose fingers and hands." The local women's club raised funds for a new hospital that would be free for the poor and needy women. Palli took part in dance and dramas as fundraisers. The six-story hospital opened in 1962 and is still running today.

From 1964-67 Palli was in college studying commercial geography, political science, psychology, economics, English and Hindi (language). She earned her BA degree and was twice elected Social Secretary of her student college. She introduced new competitive activities, won a dance competition and started charitable activities to benefit blind and orphaned students. "In 1966-1967, I earned recognition for the most creative and active student union," she said.



Palli joined the army's National Cadet Corps, where school and college students are trained in rifle shooting, learn defense communication and Morse code transmission. She was named best cadet in 1967 at the New Dehli camp and participated in the Republic Day Parade, meeting the highest ranking generals in all three armed forces branches. Her goal was to do mountaineering, but her 1968 marriage to Dushyant meant relocation to London instead. There her work career began with duties in the royalties department of the Phillips Record Co.

Palli and Dushyant came to the US and she began working for insurance companies in 1970. Her duties involved coding, agency accounting, running computer systems and standards development for a number of companies. Her volunteer work has included funds collected for the Bethesda hospital, front desk staffing at a Cedar Lane health clinic run by local doctors, and participation in a variety of Rotary club fundraising activities since 1986.

Over the years, she relaxed through artistic pursuits like painting. "At night, when everybody's asleep, I used to do painting at night by myself to be quiet," Palli explained. Sometimes, she went on, "I used to do it early in the morning, go to work early in the morning, and open the office. And then I do it for the first few hours."

Thank you, Palli!

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David Muncy led Happy Dollars:

From 24 club members in appreciation for today's program. From six members in recognition of today's guests.

Wanda - Palli's great presentation goes to show that we're around people and we don't know the amazing things that they've done.

Dave Lerer - I've known Palli a long time. I've always enjoyed seeing you, but boy, you couldn't hold on to a job to save yourself.

Paul Hanges - I have three happy dollars. Thank you, Palli. A very impressive (career) from military to computers.

Tom - I have \$1 for Palli. I've known her since the 1970s, probably, when we used to carpool together. I know lots more about Palli than she just told us.

Katie - for Palli's artistic ability. You're amazing.

John - a couple dollars for Jim. We're glad you're back and healthy. You're drooling a little bit though, Jim, but it's okay.

Joan - four quarters for Palli. When you and I were working in Washington, we would meet downtown and have lunch.

San - I have five happy dollars. I've known Palli for probably close to 40 years. I knew you were smart, I knew you were active. I had no idea that you drew. You could do it all. That's just phenomenal. Also, I drove down to see my brother, who's nine years younger than I. I drove I-70 over to 81. The interstates are all 70 miles an hour, and they have trucks who drive like 75. Some of them work up to 80. That's what I was doing. I was determined they were not going to pass me. So I'm a race car driver now.

Michael - Palli is a woman of many talents. She was first in the dance competition.

Kathy - the artistry, the paintings, obviously, the tech, the insurance, all of these things that Palli has done in this amazing life of hers. Thank you for sharing.

Charlie - five happy dollars. One because it's good to see Jim with his normal face this week. It was pretty bad last week, but we're glad he's making a great recovery. The rest is for Palli. I've known her for 39 years, and she is very talented. I've had the privilege of being in Dushyant and Palli's beautiful home., It's decorated with many artistic endeavors that Palli has done, so I'm glad she brought those up. I wanted to bring up how she left home every morning with Tom Allen for years. I'm glad he confessed that we don't know what they did or where they were. Very interesting family secrets this morning.

Sandy - I have a happy dollar from Calgary where I had the pleasure of spending last week with 15,000 other Rotarians from around the world. It's a great honor. If anybody has plans to go to a Rotary International convention, please put it on your calendar. Next year it will be in Taipei, Taiwan, and the year after that in Dubai. I have \$1 for Palli, who's a wonderful friend, very talented. I also want to acknowledge that she is the best country line dancer. I know we always do that together. She also has a beautiful collection of saris that she allowed me to wear one time.

Seth - a dollar for being in such a vibrant community this morning.

Meghan - five happy dollars for Palli, and I'm so glad I'm not presenting next week.

Beth - a couple of happy dollars. I want to acknowledge Palli as a renaissance woman. That was really, really interesting to hear.

Paul - I've got three for Palli, one for Jim. I was gonna say one for Seth, but I'm really interested in these Bucha Free Socks.

Dave Muncy - Pete is being fined for his phone ringing twice during the meeting.

Terra - to Palli, thank you for sharing your amazing story.

Shaun - Palli, thank you so much, that was great. Happy Friday, everyone. Have a great weekend.

Caroline - wonderful Palli, you're just way above the curve.

Tracy - one dollar for Palli, one for Jim. We almost had to shut down the food bank because you weren't there.

Amanda Moore - Palli, it was lovely hearing about your long tenured career and all the wonderful things you've done. I also want to acknowledge all the joy in this room. As an observer coming into this space having not been a part of this before, it's very clear how much you care for each other and how much you care for the causes you're working on. Thank you for letting me sit and observe that.

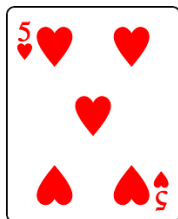
Amanda Morton - Palli, thank you for an amazing presentation. I was particularly fascinated by your drawings. You're so talented. They were beautiful.

Linda - I also have a happy dollar for Palli, you are more amazing than we ever know. Thank you for sharing with us. Much appreciated. As we leave here today and, hopefully, enjoy a wonderful weekend, let's think about the people we encounter along the way. Remember that we may be standing next to somebody who is holding on for dear life and just a kind word, a smile, a thank you, a hello, can go a long way.

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Ticket Chosen - Palli Patel

Jim Ehle selected this card



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

7/2/2025 - Book Club - 11017 Bittersweet Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21042 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

7/4/2025 - No Meeting

7/11/2025 - Beth Harbinson - County Mental Health Options - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

7/18/2025 - Kirsten Baier - Classification Talk - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

7/25/2025 - Lynda Eisenberg - Planning and Zoning Director - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

8/1/2025 - Amanda Morton - Classification Talk - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

8/15/2025 - Rita Hamlet, Mickey Gomez - Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library System Board of Directors - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

8/22/2025 - Audra Whitelock - Classification Talk - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

8/29/2025 - Melissa Rosenberg - Autism Society of Maryland - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

9/5/2025 - Amanda Toohey - Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center Population Health - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

9/12/2025 - Amanda Moore - Jhpiego - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

9/19/2025 - Eric Colton - Untrafficked - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

9/26/2025 - Meghan Belcher - Classification Talk - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

10/3/2025 - Dr. Alberta Pratt-Sensie - HOGA-USA - JAM Eateries - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Community Service Events

6/2025 - 8/2025 - Assemble Grassroots lunches - JAM Eateries - before each club meeting

7/2025 - 8/2025 - Just Living Advocacy backpacks collection & distribution - Details TBA

9/2025 - Sustainable Health Fair - 8801 Washington Blvd, Jessup MD - 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

10/2025 - Autism Walk - Details TBA

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www.rotary7620.org

ROTARY CLUBS OF HOWARD COUNTY, MD

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Fri. 7:30am, JAM, 6010 University Blvd, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Rotary Club of Columbia

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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 Noon, Meets virtually and in person the first three Wednesdays of each month,
Union Jacks, 10400 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044**

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