



The Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent
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Fridays - 7:30 a.m.
February 16, 2024

“Create Hope in the World”

Meeting Location at The Periodic Table

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

Virtual option

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5273487461?pwd=TIZpMUZQRElzM3BRQnJiL0lNZHJQZz09>

Meeting ID: 527 348 7461

Passcode: op@1234

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

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

Club President Kashonna Marrow - opened the meeting

Greeter, Pledge, 4 Way Test, Vocational Moment & Grace - Wendy Letow

For grace, Wendy said: “Dear God, help us bring kindness and compassion to others, radiate warmth within our club and extend it to all we encounter. Guide our actions by empathy, our words by understanding, and our hearts by love, as we strive to make a positive difference in the world. For her vocational moment, her advice was “it’s really simple. Don’t get cancer. It sucks.”

Membership Minute - Linda Ostovitz

Linda said any organization continues to thrive by growing its membership and keeping people interested. The Membership Minute’s purpose is to give us something to keep in mind

as we talk to people, go through life and look at someone who may be a beneficial member of this group. This week's Membership Minute is: If you sold a Super Bowl pool block to someone, reach out to that person and invite them to join us for a meeting.

Secretary - Lori Jean

Visiting Rotarians - Adam August (Town Center Rotary)

Make-Ups - Business Roundtable, Super Bowl Party, American Legion, HCAR Cares

Club Announcements:

- (1) Geoff Carton - on Feb. 25 we'll be at Karen Mosel's house to assemble a meal for Grassroots. On the 26th we'll be serving at Grassroots. I need about four or five people for that. I'll send an email. On March 1st we have Read Across America with CAC. I think there's only a need for three or four people. On March 15th we'll be at the Food Bank right after our meeting. Slotted in there somewhere will be a game night at the Grassroots shelter. We haven't established a date yet, but I'm hoping for the same week that we serve the meal at the end of February.
- (2) Joan Athen - I just want to remind everyone that the district conference is coming up in Cambridge for April 19-21. It should be a lot of fun. It's a beautiful location, so put it on your calendar and make your reservation.
- (3) John Moseman - thanks to everyone for supporting the Super Bowl fundraiser. It was a big success; we filled up two boards, and congratulations to all the winners. We'll do it again next year. About \$8,400 will go toward Grants Day.
- (4) Karen Mosel - I have PETS training in two weeks. Next week I'm collecting all your travel-size toiletries to be given to families in need.
- (5) Kashonna - if you have a non-club club announcement, we ask that you do not send it through the DACdb email system. Please reserve DACdb for Rotary announcements only. For others, we can use our email addresses outside of that database.
- (6) Kashonna - we received a nice thank you card from Karen in gratitude for "the beautiful plant, cards, calls and hugs you gave me when my mom passed. You are the family I chose. And I cherish each of you."
- (7) Kashonna - our guest Rotarian today, Adam, just lost his father yesterday. If you would, give him a big Rotary hug and let him know that we love him and are praying for him.
- (8) Laurie Reuben - on Monday, the 19th, is Cliff's Celebration of Life at two o'clock at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center. I'll send an email with all of that information again. There'll be food after the service at the church, and then we're thinking that we'd convene here afterwards for a toast to Cliff since he loved coming here. She asked for a show of hands for those planning to attend the toast at the Periodic Table.

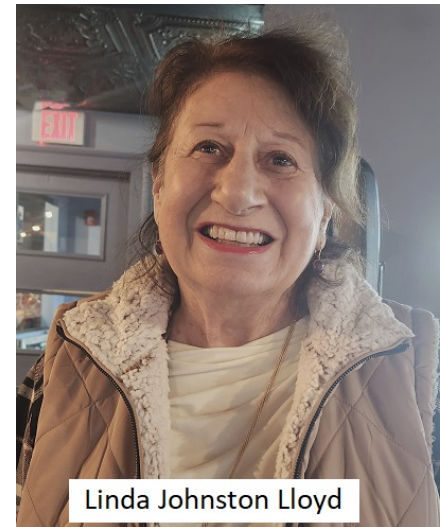
PROGRAM - Classification Talk - Linda Johnston Lloyd

Linda said she came to Rotary through an invitation from her neighbor, Sandy Harriman. They first knew each other from working at Howard County Community College. Linda lived in Columbia from 1980 to 2015, but then moved to Austin, TX to be nearer to grandchildren. She returned to Maryland in 2022. She ran for the county school board that same year and served for six years. She's always been interested in community service. "When I was in

Austin, I volunteered for a community health clinic for seven years,” she said. “So when I met Sandy (again), I said I'm looking at doing some volunteer work. And she said, I know the perfect place for you. That's how I got here.”

Linda attributes her volunteer spirit to her father, who was an English teacher, football coach/athletic director and part time reporter for Erie Times News in Pennsylvania. He also served as city council treasurer, was inducted into the Hershey Hall of Fame and into the Slippery Rock University Hall of Fame (he was quarterback for Slippery Rock's football team). She graduated from Slippery Rock herself and went to graduate school at Penn State.

Linda was a professor of health science at HCC from 1980 to 1992. During that time she served as president of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and also ran Marine Corps marathons. She then joined the county's Department of Health and Human Services and got involved in health policy and health literacy. “I became an expert in health literacy, which is helping people understand health information, encouraging medical facilities and doctors to write pamphlets and information in the way real people can understand,” she explained.



This literacy interest led her to take several writing courses at the local library, resulting in her self-publishing a book of historical fiction - *The Syrian Peddler* – based on the life of her grandfather, who came to America about 1905 from Damascus. The book tells how this teenage immigrant began work as a peddler in the coal mining settlements of southwestern Pennsylvania. He eventually becomes proprietor of a department store embodying the Syrian values of hard work, honesty, and trust.

The Syrian Peddler spans the years between 1905 and 1958. Linda spent three years in its writing and research and hopes to publish a sequel. “I've been trying to write the sequel for a long time, since 2018, and it's halfway done,” she said. “I said I would do it this winter, but there hasn't been that much snow yet.” Linda closed her presentation by handing out chocolates that come from a company founded by a Syrian family that immigrated to Canada and found success in their new homeland.

Thank you, Linda!

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

Michael Werling led Happy Dollars (for Dave Muncy):

From 24 club members in appreciation for today's program and to welcome Linda to membership in our club

Numerous members welcomed Adam Austin to today's meeting and gave condolences for the recent loss of his father.

Geoff - Linda, we have a Rotary Book Club, please join us. Today is my last day on the job; I

start a new job in a week.

Karen - glad to be back to this awesome club.

Laurie - my Valentine's gift this year was to go to the Strathmore and see Mandy Patinkin and Kathryn Grody speak about their love story. It was wonderful. Tomorrow night we're going to see Stevie Nicks, and I'm excited about that. And for Sandy, who also makes you go to Australia and New Zealand.

Jim Ehle - Linda taught my wife as she went through nursing school, so thank you very much.

Rob - I was saddened this morning to hear that Alexei Navalny died in prison. But I have to say that I'm happy such people exist.

Lori - happy for Linda's saying that she took writing classes at the library. So way to go, libraries. Also, one for Adam and in honor of your father. Thank you for being here, our hearts are with you.

Lon - a happy dollar for Linda's school, Slippery Rock College. Not many of you know about Slippery Rock, but I do. Back in my days at Oklahoma University, when our football team was winning all the games on Saturday, the announcer would keep the audience listening by telling us who Slippery Rock was playing. When the game was over, he'd say whether they won or lost, so I've appreciated Slippery Rock for all these years.

Linda Ostovitz - Linda (Lloyd) is a wonderful addition to the club and we're happy that you made the decision to join us. I know it was a very thoughtful decision for a lot of things going on, but we're happy you're with us. We're going to take care of you.

Caroline - happy for Doc Walt who's been responsible for my smile over the last year or two. Happy for my Valentine card that I got here last week, it was very sweet. It's just great to be a member of this club.

Linda Lloyd - I'm thankful to be a member of the club. I've made so many good friends so far and it's a pleasure to be here Friday morning at 7:30 although I'm not a morning person. Happy dollars to support everybody who's having illness in their family and prayers for everybody.

Sandy - Linda, thank you for your kind words and for joining our club. Adam, we're sorry for your loss. We all wish you had joined our club, but you're still doing Rotary so that's a good thing.

San - . Linda, thank you very much for being entertaining and interesting. It's always interesting to hear where we came from and what happened and how we got here. My other happy dollars are for my \$1,000 win in the Super Bowl pool.

Joan - a happy dollar for Linda's being very inspiring. We'd love to hear the history of everyone. Also, I'm really glad to be back, with all things that have been happening in our family.

Fred - Linda, thank you for the chocolates and just so great to have you in the club.

Michael - chided John Moseman about spelling mistakes in the Super Bowl pool boards, but he did manage to spell CAC.

John - related how he and Tom Allen were working late on Saturday night and on Sunday morning trying to double-check and make sure all names were included on the boards.

Tom - John, maybe you shouldn't be drinking wine while you're figuring it out.

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Ticket Chosen - Kellie Lego

JNimn Ehle selected this card

Big 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

2/19/2024 - Celebration of Cliff Feldwick's Life - Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia - 2 p.m. and Rotary Happy Hour honoring Cliff - Periodic Table - 4:30 p.m.

2/23/2024 - Good Endeavour - A Maryland Family's Turbulent History - Ned Tillman - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

3/1/2024 - NAMI - Denise Giuliano - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

3/8/2024 - Law Enforcement Torch Run & Special Olympics - John Nesky - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

3/15/2024 - Four-Way Speech Contest - Kellie Lego - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

3/22/2024 - Elder Care Abuse - Andre Lingham - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

3/29/2024 - Paul Magnus Foundation - Nick & Stephanie Anderson - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

4/5/2024 - Dave's Genealogical Big Adventure! - Dave Bittner - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

4/19/2024 - Lanna Thai Children's Fund - William White - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

4/26/2024 - Mini-Classification Talks - Larry Newman & Fred Landy - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

5/10/24 - Rotary adventures in New Zealand and Australia - Sandy Harriman and Laurie Reuben - Periodic Table - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

5/16/2024 - Tour de Vines - Wilde Lake Interfaith Center - 6 p.m.

Community Service Events:

2/25/2024 - Prepare Grassroots meal for 50 - Karen Mosel's house

5/26/2024 - Serve meal at Grassroots

Game Night at Grassroots - Date TBA

March 1 - Read Across America - Details TBA

3/15/2024 - Food Bank - 9 a.m.

4/19/2024 - Food Bank - 9 a.m.

4/2024 - 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

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