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

Fridays - 7:30 a.m.
August 20, 2021

The Periodic Table
8808 Centre Park Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

“Rotary Connects the World”

Meeting Location at Periodic Table
(8808 Centre Park Dr, Columbia, MD 21045)

Virtual option available

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5273487461?pwd=TIZpMUZQREIzL3BRQnJiL0lNZHJQZz09>

Meeting ID: 527 348 7461

Passcode: op@1234

Thanks to Lance & the Periodic Table for hosting our meeting!

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

Jim Ehle - opened meeting

Greeter/Grace: Dwight Crone

Pledge & 4 Way Test : Dwight

Foundation Moment - None

Vocation Moment - None

Secretary - Lori Conforti

Guest: None

Visiting Rotarians: Temrah Okonski

Make Ups:

Fred Landy – made-up meeting at Ft. Lauderdale, FL that has about 150 members and is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Membership Committee meeting

Club (and some Non-Club) Announcements:

Lori – update on badges being ordered for those that need refreshing,” new business cards have been ordered, working on a redesign for new club banners in the future.

Linda – (1) reminder about Club Happy Hour, 5 p.m. at Ranazul on Tuesday, Aug. 24; (2) Breakfast Bar series virtual meeting Thursday, Sept. 2, at 7:30 a.m. on topic of “evaluation of businesses.”

Wendy – Respite Retreats 3rd Annual Golf Classic is Sept. 14 at The Woodlands, volunteers welcome.

Jim – Community Action Council raising funds by running a food booth at the BMW Championship Golf Tournament, Aug. 23-29 at the Caves Valley Golf Course. If you are available and would like to help, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48aba929a0f49-bmwgolf>.

Laurie – the Crab Feast is Sept. 11 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Eddy’s house. Evite is coming soon. This is a sign-up event; anticipate a charge around \$35 for crab eaters.

Jim – our server Adrian is taking a new job and will be leaving

the Periodic Table in two weeks. She's accepted a teaching position at home in Vermont. If you would like to contribute to a going away and a new teacher gift for her, see Laurie Reuben.

PROGRAM - Assistant Governor's Visit - Temrah Okonski

It is so nice to be here. Hard to believe this is my second year as your Assistant Governor. Rotary Clubs in Howard County had a remarkable year last year, supporting 68 local organizations. Although we all felt the impact of COVID last year, there was a silver lining. We now appreciate each other even more, and we know that the world needs us more than ever.

This club does an amazing job bringing in new members. I would ask any member – why or why not would you consider talking to someone about Rotary? It's an opportunity to make the world a better place. I want to thank you for doing your part; it's one of the things that makes this club so dynamic.

What is the vision that you see for Rotary and for your club? Let's just make that happen. This club is about camaraderie. If you have an idea, bring it forward and Jim and I will help to make that a reality

Rotary is a membership organization. Everybody in this room has a responsibility to find your passion and take action. What is that piece that you want to contribute to make this club as vibrant as it is? Think about that. One thing about keeping a club vibrant is diversity. We have a way to go on this, but we should continue to be invested in this journey.

Temrah shared a video on Rotary International's action plan for this year that addresses the gap between what the organization is today, and what it needs to be. Rotary can grow and become even stronger and more effective. The RI action plan priorities are INCREASE OUR IMPACT, BE MORE DATA-DRIVEN, WELCOME MORE PEOPLE and INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT. New ways to think, plan and take action will raise Rotary to new heights. Let's show the world what it means to be people of action.

District 7620 Governor Dr. Geetha Jayaram has four goals for this year:

(1) Support Maternal and Child Health – Howard County's clubs already are active in this. Geetha is encouraging clubs to award scholarships to women that will help to empower them.

(2) Membership – bring in new members and look at the ratio between male and female members to even out that demographic. RCCP membership is currently 43% female, with 22 females and 29 males.

(3) Marketing – to expand our reach we should “brag-market-brag.” RCCP has a strong presence on social media. The Howard County clubs' joint monthly newsletter – now with 300 recipients – aims to make Rotary “the service club of choice” in the county. Monthly

community service days are planned to help push districtwide marketing. Next month's service theme will be "environment."

Mark your calendars for FallFest, Oct. 24, from 2 to 5 p.m., in Wodbine. All members – including Rotaractors – and members' families, grandchildren, Interact and prospective members are invited. We will have music, food, drinks, door prizes and time to socialize – while contributing to support polio eradication. Hope this becomes an annual event. More information and the sign-up link is [here](#).

One final comment – focus groups are being formed to help answer some basic questions. This is a goal that she initiated last year but did not get to. Will you volunteer to be in a focus group? This is only a 45–60-minute Zoom commitment. Let her know if you are willing to volunteer.

Rotary signage is needed in Columbia. A new park being built in Symphony Woods – Columbia. If the Howard County Rotary clubs commit \$5,000 we can have the first big Rotary sign in our area. She would like all-clubs participation. Stay tuned for that.

A survey for members of all clubs has been put together and e-mailed. Please participate so it can serve as food for thought.

Question: what are other clubs in the county doing now about meetings in response to COVID's continuance? She said Sunrise is meeting in person at member homes, Elkridge and Ellicott City are meeting (hybrid) at The Periodic Table, Columbia Town Center is meeting at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center and Columbia is Zoom only. There are 167 Rotarians in the county's clubs.



Thank you, Temrah, for your service to Howard County Rotary clubs and to District 7620!

Temrah & Jim Ehle

Non-Club Announcements:

Tom Allen – (1) reminder that the Carroll County Hot Air Balloon Festival is scheduled for next weekend. (2) Howard County International Overdose Awareness Day is Aug. 31 at St. John's Church to focus on drug addiction issues local and state.

Additional Club Announcement:

Kellie Lego and Frederick invited members to join their wedding ceremony virtually at noon today.

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

Dave Muncey - Led Happy Dollars (and singing Happy Birthday to Sandy Harriman)

Blaine – thanks for finding his lost 50/50 tickets

Ken Solow – happy for safe return from family's vacation in Hawaii

Fred – for getting COVID test

Cliff – for the unending unpacking and upcoming visit to Minnesota

Sandy – thanks for birthday wishes and for visit to New Hampshire

Will – moving daughter back to University of Maryland

Walt – taking middle daughter to Seton Hall next weekend

Laurie – for a member's representation of service above self

Happy Dollars from a dozen members for Sandy's birthday, for today's program, for Temrah's leadership and the great people in this club

50/50:

Ticket chosen - Temrah

Walt picked a card

No winner this week

[Dates to Remember:](#)

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

Upcoming Meeting Programs and other Events:

08/20: Area Governor's Visit - Temrah Okonski

08/24: Club Happy Hour, 5 pm @ Ranazul

08/27: Youth, Peace, and Action- Ken Solow

09/03: Ethiopian HIV/ AIDS Project - Lon Chesnutt and Leon Williams

09/10: The Carol Replane Cold Case - Kevin Leonard

09/11: Annual Crab Feast

09/17: The Good Old Days in Politics Before Social Media - Joan Athen & Sandy Harriman

09/24: Humanim - Kim Brock from Humanim shares the story of Humanim's pandemic response

10/01: The State of Farming in Howard County - John Dove

10/08: Meet the new CEO of Howard County General Hospital - Dr. Mohammed Shafeeq Ahmed

10/11: Discover Rotary Event @ Vertical Connection 5-7 p.m.

10/15: No Meeting Today

10/22: Harry Thompson's Classification Talk

10/24: Fallfest - "Pints Pummel Polio, Cider for the Cause", 2- 5 p.m. - RSVP to Temrah okonskitg@verizon.net by Oct 10th

10/29: Climate Change...Really? – Jim Himel

Community Service Events:

09/18: Harvest and Garden Help, 9-11 a.m., Little Portion Farm

10/02: Conservation Day, 10 a.m. to Noon, Robinson Nature Center, 6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044

November: Thanksgiving bags @ Howard County Food Bank, times & dates TBD

December: Care packages, Respite Retreats, time & date TBD

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Rotary Club of Columbia

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Tues. 6:30pm, Eggspectation

Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center

www.ctcrotary.org

Wed. 12:15pm, Sheraton Inn

Rotary Club of Elkridge

Wed. 6:30pm, Elkridge Furnace Inn

Rotary Club of Ellicott City

www.ellicottcityrotary.org

Thurs. 12:00pm, Tersiguel's

Rotary Club of Ellicott City

Sunrise

www.sunriserotaryec.org

1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:15am, Tersiguel's

Rotary Club of Howard West

www.HowardWestRotary.org Mon.

6pm, Alexandra's in Turf Valley