



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

Feb 23, 2023

District 7360 | Club 5296

Celebrating Black History Month



"The Martinsburg Rotary Club celebrated National Black History Month with a special program put together by Manuel Washington. During their regular meetings at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, Rotary members gather to learn more about black history. "Last year was the first time the Rotary Club recognized National Black History month like this," Washington said. "We focused on the advancement of civil rights throughout history within America. We talked about figures like Martin Luther King, Jr. and their impact. This year we wanted to focus on local black history."

In order to do this, Washington invited Norman Marriott to speak to the group about his family's history. Marriott's family rose from slavery in the 1800s and 1900s. His great grandfather was a slave in North Carolina and became one of the richest black men in Wake County in 1932.

Marriott was invited onstage with Max Oates who interviewed Marriott about his family. When Marriott's great-grandfather, Charles Marriott, became a free man, his previous master took him in and treated him like a son. He gave Charles his own piece of land which Charles cultivated and made into a saw mill. He also opened a general store and raised bees for local farmers. Charles got married and had 11 kids, three of whom died. "My grandfather believed in education," Marriott said during the interview. "He sent all eight of his kids to college and gave them each 100 acres of land. His saw mill is still prospering today because as he would cut down trees he would plant more."

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Charles Marriott would help build schools, a church and also donate land to create a black cemetery. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren who still live of his house today. Norman Marriott grew up in Philadelphia with his grandmother and mother and would travel down to North Carolina in the summer. Marriott explained how he was only four generations away from being a slave himself. Despite that, his family has grown and mixed many others. "We're all humans so we all mix together," Marriott said.

After Marriott's interview, Ugima Tyson and Heather Lekas performed a Lyrical Dance of Reconciliation. The piece focused on forgiveness and friendship regardless of race. Tyson and Lekas both live in Bunker Hill and wanted to show that people can be friends despite their differences."

By Ainsley Hall ahall@journal-news.net



Future Programs:

- March 02 – Carol Rhan, Women in the Military
- March 09 – Police Chief Swartwood, City Police Dep
- March 14 – Board Meeting
- March 16 – Monty Cater – College Football Hall of Fame Coach
- March 23 – Mark Baldwin
- March 30 – Sandra Marra, CEO Appalachian Trail Conservancy



Student Guests



Upcoming Rotary Club Calendar & President notes:

- Our club is looking to find and sponsor local young adults who are interested in having exciting, life changing experiences as exchange students living abroad! The club's exchange student committee would be happy to talk with those interested in applying for this year's Rotary outbound exchange student program. The committee members are Elaine Bartoldson, Maria Lorensen, Richard McCune, Buzz Poland and Doug Frye.
- ShelterBox – there is still a continuing need for support of the mission in Ukraine and 10 other countries with horrendous refugee needs. Pete Mulford is our representative if interested in donating.
- Feb 26 – Hagerstown Rotary David Henneberger Memorial Bull & Oyster Roast, HGC Noon–5PM
- March 11–12 – 2nd Annual Rotary Pickleball Tournament, Randy Smith Center, Inwood
- Mar 12–19 – Rotary Leadership Academy, Part 3
- Mar 18–26 – Global Grant – Trip planned to see the water well project in El Salvador.
- May 27–31 – Rotary International Conference, Melbourne, Australia
- June 22 – Installation Dinner

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March Birthdays	
Branner, Dustin	2-Mar
Hollida, Fred	2-Mar
Crabill, Leslie	4-Mar
Beckwith, Andrew	5-Mar
Lorensen, Maria	9-Mar
Smith, Diane	9-Mar
Truax, Steven	9-Mar
Blair, Robby	11-Mar
Jenkins, Vicki	13-Mar
Miller, Vonda	21-Mar
Davis, Laura	24-Mar
Pill, Richard	24-Mar
Arnett, Tiffany	29-Mar

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Total
Arndt, Doug	3/1/1989	34
Arndt, Jeffrey	3/1/1989	34
Collis, Craig	3/1/1992	31
Hollida, Fred	3/1/1987	36
Marriot, Norman	3/3/2022	1
Slick, Scott	3/1/2018	5

Wedding Anniversaries	Years	
Brookreson, Joseph & Susan	25-Mar	53
Weidman, Ernie & Carolyn	31-Mar	61



Hal Van Meter presented his new member biography for the group.





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ROTARY'S 2ND TOURNAMENT IS A FUNDRAISER EVENT!

March 11 - 12, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)

Registration: Opens 01/07/2023 & Closes 03/05/2023
Cancellation Deadline: 03/05/2023

Location: W. Randy Smith Recreation Center, Inwood, WV 25428

Format of Events: Categories include Gender, Age, & Level of Play/Performance/Classification:

Note: Only doubles allowed in each event; No Events with Single/Matches; Only 18 years of age and above for eligibility.

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| (2). Men/49 < /Advance: (3.5 - 5.5) | (8). Women/50 > /Advance: (3.5 - 5.5) |
| (3). Men/50 > /Intermediate: (1.0 - 3.0) | (9). Mixed/49 < /Intermediate: (1.0 - 3.0) |
| (4). Men/50 > /Advance: (3.5 - 5.5) | (10). Mixed/49 < /Advance: (3.5 - 5.5) |
| (5). Women/49 < /Intermediate: (1.0 - 3.0) | (11). Mixed/50 > /Intermediate: (1.0 - 3.0) |
| (6). Women/49 < /Advance: (3.5 - 5.5) | (12). Mixed/50 > /Advance: (3.5 - 5.5) |

Note: Fluidity of the number of registrants for each day will determine the actual number of categories involved, in that undetermined number of players may register in fewer categories than others.

To Register Visit www.PickleballTournaments.com

Type in "Rotary" & "WV" for Search "Future" Tournaments

(*) Registration (Event) Fee(s) @ \$50 payment per player: Registration covers initial (first) Event. Each additional event @ \$50 payment per player. Player may register for either or both days and one or more events.

Point of Contact: Robert "Rob" L. Lowe, II, Rotary Tournament Director
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DIVERSITY HOLIDAYS March 2023

Women's History Month, established in 1987, recognizes all women for their valuable contributions to history and society.

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, established to increase awareness and understanding of issues affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month, established to raise public awareness of the autoimmune disease that affects the brain and spinal cord.

National Irish American Heritage Month celebrates the Irish American heritage and culture and pays tribute to the contributions of Irish immigrants and their descendants living in the United States.

1 St. David's Day, the feast day of St. David, the patron saint of Wales.

2-20 (sunset to sunset) Nineteen-Day Fast, a time in the Bahá'í faith to invigorate the soul and bring one closer to God. This fast takes place immediately before the beginning of the Bahá'í New Year.

5 Orthodox Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It is the celebration of the victory of the iconoclasts by the decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. Therefore, the service commemorates the restoration of icons for use in services as well as a Christian's private devotional life.

6 Magha Puja Day (also known as Maka Bucha), a Buddhist holiday that marks an event early in the Buddha's teaching life when a group of 1,250 enlightened saints ordained by the Buddha gathered to pay their respect to him. It is celebrated on various dates in different countries.

7-8 Holi, the annual Hindu and Sikh spring religious festival observed in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, along with other countries with large Hindu and Sikh populations. People celebrate Holi by throwing colored powder and water at each other. Bonfires are lit the day before in memory of the miraculous escape that young Prahlada accomplished when demoness Holika carried him into the fire. It is often celebrated on the full moon (the Phalguna Purnima) before the beginning of the vernal equinox as based on the Hindu calendar.

7-8 Purim, a Jewish celebration that marks the time when the Jewish community living in Persia was saved from genocide. On Purim, Jewish people dress up in costumes, offer charity, and share food with friends.

7-8 Lailat al Bara'a, also known as Lailat Al Baraa, Barat, or popularly as Shab-e-Bara or Night of Forgiveness, it is an Islamic holiday during which practitioners of the faith seek forgiveness for sins. Muslims spend the night in special prayers. It is regarded as one of the most sacred nights on the Islamic calendar.

8 International Women's Day, first observed in 1911 in Germany, is a major global celebration honoring women's economic, political, and social achievements.

8-10 Hola Mohalla, a Sikh festival that takes place on the second day of the lunar month of Chet, a day after the Hindu spring festival Holi.

13-April 15 Deaf History Month. This observance celebrates key events in deaf history, including the founding of Gallaudet University and the American School for the Deaf.

17 St. Patrick's Day, a holiday started in Ireland to recognize St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland who brought Christianity to the country in the early days of the faith.

19 St. Joseph's Day, in Western Christianity the principal feast of St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

20 Ostara, a celebration of the spring equinox commemorated by Pagans and Wiccans. It is observed as a time to mark the coming of spring and the fertility of the land.

20-21 Nowruz/Norooz, Persian New Year, a day of joy, celebration, and renewal. It is held annually on the spring equinox.

20-21 Naw-Rúz, the Bahá'í New Year, is a holiday celebrated on the vernal equinox. It is one of the nine Bahá'í holy days on which work is suspended.

21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, observed annually in the wake of the 1960 killing of 69 people at a demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in South Africa. The United Nations proclaimed the day in 1966 and called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

22-April 21 (sundown to sundown) Ramadan, an Islamic holiday marked by fasting, prayer, and devotion to Islam.

22-31 Chaitra Navaratri, a nine-day festival which starts on the first day of Hindu Luni-Solar calendar.

25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is a United Nations international observance that offers the opportunity to honor and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal system of slavery. First observed in 2008, the international celebration also aims to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice.

25 Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, a Christian celebration of the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus.

26 Khordad Sal (Birth of prophet Zoroaster), birth anniversary (or birth date) of Zoroaster, a spiritual leader and ethical philosopher who taught a spiritual philosophy of self-realization and realization of the divine. Zoroastrians celebrate this day with prayer and feasting.

30 Ram Navami, a Hindu day of worship and celebration of the seventh avatar of Vishnu (Lord Rama). Devotees typically wear red and plate extravagant flowers on the shrine of the god.

31 International Transgender Day of Visibility, celebrated to bring awareness to transgender people and their identities as well as recognize those who helped fight for rights for transgender people.

SERAMOUNT EVENTS:

- 8 International Women's Day DBP Member Webinar •
- 31 Transgender Day of Visibility DBP Member Webinar •

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