



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Grapevine

Nov 9, 2023

District 7360 | Club 5296



Honoring All Who Served

VETERANS DAY

11.11.23

Let us stand united
in gratitude and appreciation
for their service.



Rotary Club of Martinsburg Calendar & President Notes

- Nov 16 – COMMUNITY FORUM: THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT (flyer below)
- Dec 12 – Holiday Party @ Historic McFarland House, 5:30–7PM

Upcoming Programs:

- Nov 16 – Pam Wagoner, Rotary Youth Programs – Purple Iris***
- Nov 23 – Thanksgiving – NO MEETING



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Rotary Membership Anniversaries		
Newcome, Virginia	11/14/2022	1
Beauchamp, Laura	11/24/2021	2
Shull, Carol	11/12/2020	3
Ouellet, Jim	11/29/2018	5
Carpenter, Jim	11/12/2015	8
Russell, Dean	11/1/1988	35

November Birthdays	
Seibert, James	3-Nov
Ramaji, Pradeep	4-Nov
Vogan, Georgia Ann	13-Nov
Hornby, Mike	28-Nov

Wedding Anniversaries	Years
Fausey, Lisa & Brian	7-Nov 25



COMMUNITY FORUM: THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Perspectives & Constructive Dialogue on Recent Events

WHAT & WHY: We will bring together members of the community in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia to improve understanding of the recent and unprecedented escalation of violence between Hamas and Israelis. The objectives are to learn how Israelis and Palestinians perceive these current events; to participate in a constructive dialogue; and to consider follow-up engagement. Panelists will discuss their perspectives on the context, underlying issues, causes, and possible effects (medium to long term) of the current Israeli-Hamas war; relate how the respective parties on the ground understand the situation; and consider constructive ways participants can engage on this issue.

WHEN: Thursday, November 16, 2023; 7–8:30 pm

(followed by some tasty Middle Eastern finger foods & sharing)

WHERE: Shepherd University's Student Center, Storer Ballroom, 2nd floor, 210 N. King Street, Shepherdstown

WHO: 4 Panelists (see bios below) and community members (with participant support by numerous community organizations)

Seating Limited to 150, please RSVP by November 14

isc.shepherdstownrotary.org/forum



Adina Friedman (Israeli) is a scholar-practitioner of peacebuilding and conflict resolution, with decades of experience working on peacebuilding endeavors in the United States and internationally. She leads immersion travel to the region, particularly to Israel, the Palestinian territories, and Morocco. Friedman teaches at the Carter School of Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University, Virginia, and is also the founding director of ILLI Initiatives. She holds a PhD in conflict analysis and resolution, an MA in history of the Middle East and Africa, and an MS in peace and development.

Joyce Ibrahim (Palestinian) has worked with Students for Middle East Peace at Georgetown University and later with Seeds of Peace as a conflict resolution counselor. She cofounded the former NGO, Love Thy Neighbor, where she conducted nonviolence trainings with Palestinian youth, and has raised awareness about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict across various churches in the DC metro area. She was also a member of the board of trustees of Friends of Sabeel North America. Ibrahim holds a BS in foreign service and an MA in international relations and international economics.



Moien Odeh (Palestinian) is an international human rights lawyer, and a PhD candidate at the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. In Jerusalem, Odeh represented Palestinians in leading public interest cases in Israeli courts. He founded and managed the legal clinic in East Jerusalem neighborhoods behind the Wall. He was a fellow at the State Department's Leaders for Democracy program and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Odeh holds a BA in accounting and bachelor and doctor of laws degrees. He writes for and speaks on Middle Eastern and US media.

Amos Gil (Israeli) has over 30 years' experience in building, managing, and expanding highly visible and influential human rights and peace building organizations. He served as a regional director for J Street; as CEO of the Jerusalem International YMCA; as founding executive director of Ir-Amim ("City of Peoples," "City of Nations"); and as executive director of ACRI—the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (comparable to the American ACLU). Gil has also taught at Tel Aviv University, DePaul University, and the University of Chicago. He lives in Israel and the United States.

This forum is made possible by the participation of our four well-informed panelists and of the following diverse community and academic organizations based in the tristate area of West Virginia (Martinsburg, Charles Town, Shepherdstown), Maryland (Frederick and Hagerstown), and Virginia (Winchester and Northern Virginia): Shepherd University (also the venue host), including its Political Science Department; the Stubblefield Institute; Covenant Church; Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church; Ezekiel's Place (Justice and Peace Academy); Rotary District 7360, with its various Rotary clubs; Rotary Club of Shepherdstown; local high schools in West Virginia (Jefferson, Washington, Martinsburg); and other organizations. Above photos: Courtesy of Hand in Hand Schools (handinhandk12.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS



OUR FACEBOOK
GROUP

NOV 9

SMSRC MEETS AT CNB BANK (5:30)
BRING SOUP/WV ITEMS

DEC 6,7,9

**WESTVIEW BAPTIST GIFT BOXES -
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

DEC 12

HOLIDAY PARTY - MRC
MC FARLAND HOUSE (5:30-7)

DEC 14

SMSRC MEETS AT CNB BANK(5:30)

JAN 11

SMSRC MEETS (LOCATION TBD)

JAN 25

SMSRC MEETS (LOCATION TBD)

FEB 8

SMSRC MEETS (LOCATION TBD)

NOV/DEC DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- SOUP FOR WESTVIEW BAPTIST
- WV ITEMS FOR SM JR.CARDINALS

DIVERSITY HOLIDAYS

November 2023

National Native American Heritage Month, which celebrates the history and contributions of Native Americans.

National Family Caregivers Month, proclaimed in 2012 by former President Barack Obama. It honors the more than forty million caregivers across the country who support aging parents, ill spouses, or other loved ones with disabilities who remain at home.



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

1 All Saints' Day, a Christian holiday commemorating all known and unknown Christian saints. In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, the day is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

2 All Souls' Day, a Christian holiday commemorating all faithful Christians who are now dead. In the Mexican tradition, the holiday is celebrated as Día de los Muertos (October 31–November 2), which is a time of remembrance for dead ancestors and a celebration of the continuity of life.

11 Veterans Day, a US federal holiday honoring military veterans. The date is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world and commemorates the ending of World War I in 1918.

12 Diwali, the Hindu, Jain, and Sikh five-day festival of lights that celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

13-19 Transgender Awareness Week, the week before Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, in which people and organizations participate to help raise the visibility of transgender people and address issues members of the community face.

19 International Men's Day, emphasizes the important issues affecting males, including male health issue, improving the relations between genders, highlighting the importance of male role models, and promoting gender equality. This holiday is celebrated in more than seventy countries.

20 Transgender Day of Remembrance, established in 1998 to memorialize those who have been killed as a result of transphobia and raise awareness of the continued violence endured by the transgender community.

23 Thanksgiving Day in the United States. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year.

24 Native American Heritage Day, held annually on the Friday after Thanksgiving, encourages Americans of all backgrounds to observe and honor Native Americans through appropriate ceremonies and activities. The law establishing the day was signed by President George W. Bush in 2008.

26 Feast of Christ the King, a Catholic holiday established to thank God for the gift of time and a rededication to the Christian faith.

28–January 6 Nativity Fast, a period of abstinence and penance practiced by the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Eastern Catholic Churches in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus.

30 St. Andrew's Day, the feast day for St. Andrew within various Christian denominations.

TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK AND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year between November 13 – 19, the week before Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR), is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence that year.

A study published by a newly expanded Federal Health Survey estimates that nearly 1.64 million people over the age of 13 in the United States identify themselves as transgender.

Additionally, nearly 1 in 5 hate crimes are now motivated by anti-LGBTQ+ bias, and 2022 alone saw at least 38 transgender people killed because of fatal violence - the majority of whom were Black transgender women.



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Join

Rotary Club of Martinsburg



Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Holiday Party



Hors D'oeuvres - Drinks - Games

5:30PM - 7PM

Member
+ 1 Guest

The Historic McFarland House
409 S. Queen St. Martinsburg

Come & Enjoy



Charity Sock Drive

Bring new socks for a local non-profit
and earn extra chances at the door prizes!





Helping Our Local Community.

GRANTS PROCESS

- Applicant must be a non-profit charitable organization, government agency, Rotary Foundation, or other Rotary Club.
- Must demonstrate need for a specific project, pilot program, or program (not to include operating and/or administrative expenses such as salaries and operating expenses or ongoing operations—i.e., we will not provide a grant to a Food Pantry to buy food).
- Must be able to demonstrate impact of the grant.
- Funding must provide services to Berkeley County residents (exceptions can be made for other Rotary Clubs)
- Funding must be for future projects or programs. (Grants may not be used to reimburse organizations for activities or expenses already completed or in progress.)



WHO? AND WHAT?

Grants for a maximum of \$20,000.00 per organization will support projects that demonstrate need for small capital items or "seed money" for pilot programs and special services that provide direct and tangible benefits within Martinsburg/ Berkeley County or larger projects or pilot programs that demonstrate long-term sustainability and impact.



SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

All grant applications must relate to the seven areas of focus for Rotary International: Promoting peace; Fighting disease; Providing clean water; Sanitation, and hygiene; Saving mothers and children and supporting education; Growing local economies; Protecting the environment.



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Non-profits in the community are encouraged to apply for the grants Dec. 1, 2023 through Jan. 31, 2024.



EXPLORE

The World

rotary youth exchange

Students

Youth Exchange is an opportunity for you to experience something new - a new way of living. There are long-term, lasting a full academic year, and short-term, from several days to three months when school is not in session.

Parents

Give your student (15-19 years old) an opportunity of a lifetime. They will become a global citizen. They will learn a new language, discover another culture and develop lifelong leadership skills and friendships.

Host Families

Enrich the lives of your family by hosting an exchange student from another Country. This is a great opportunity to gain new perspectives and make lifelong friends.

INTERESTED?

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Application Due by Mid November - apply at www.exchangestudent.org