

Rotary Club of Annapolis

2026-2027 Lanes and Committees

1. Immediate Past President: (Sue Weber)

1.1 Nominating Committee: This committee reviews candidates and proposes a slate of officers and lane directors for the upcoming Rotary year.

Chair: Sue Weber

Committee Members: Determined by Past President - President, President Elect, and several past presidents.

2. President: (Jim Sherrick)

2.1 Rotary Crab feast: This committee will develop and execute this year's Crab Feast event.

Chair: Sangty Mam, Barbara Alvarez

Committee Members: All members of The Rotary Club of Annapolis

Commitment: First Friday in August

2.2 Black Tie and Diamonds Gala Committee: This committee organizes and stages a formal dinner dance for the benefit of a charity to be designated by the Club's Board of Directors.

Chair: Daryl Cooke, Hope Thurston, Mimi Jones, Bill Davis

Committee Members:

Commitment: March Event – First Saturday

2.3 Sergeants-at-Arms Committee: This committee raises funds for the Rotary Club and/or projects designated by the board through weekly fines of members for real and imaginary offenses.

Chair:

Committee Members: Chair to determine committee

Commitment: One committee member in attendance at each lunch meeting.

2.4 Charity Golf Tournament: This committee will develop and execute this year's charity golfing event.

Chair: David Mattingley, Mike Paciorek

Committee Members: Sue Weber, Jeff Neufeld, Jerry Slocum, Hunter Stokes

2.4 Rock the Dock: This committee organizes and stages a cocktail party for the benefit of one non-profit approved by the Board of Directors:

Chair: Sue Weber; Co-Chair: Carolyn Richards

Committee Members:

3A. President-Elect: (Paul Strickus)

3.1 Long Range Planning Committee: This committee is charged with an annual review of the Long Range Plan which includes a vision, goals, and objectives for the Club to ensure that the Annapolis Rotary Club is always a dynamic and influential force in the Annapolis Community, and an effective, contributing member of the Rotary Family.

Chair: Paul Strickus

Committee Members: Chosen by the Chair - tbd

Commitment: This committee will meet at least four times a rotary year via zoom (July, October, January, April) to review and discuss club goals and objectives.

3b. President Elect Nominee: (Wendy Kumar)

4. Vice-President, Finance (Frank Andracchi)

4.1. Grants Committee: All grants from the Foundation will be processed through this Committee, which serves as an oversight function. Committee responsibilities include a review of the incoming applications and determine the applicants to receive grants. The Committee will forward the grant request with its recommendation to the Board. The Board retains the sole authority for approving grants.

Chair: Frank Andracchi

Committee Members: The GC is composed of the Grant Committee Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary, three past presidents, and any others as deemed appropriate and necessary, as approved by the Board.

Committee Members :

Commitment: Throughout the year, review submitted grants.

4.2 Crab Feast Distribution Committee: This committee decides on the distribution of funds raised by the club from the Crab Feast. Grants are awarded in the early fall and are between \$1000 - \$4000.

Chair: Mike Paciorek; Co-Chair: Sue Weber

Committee Members: This Committee requires fair representation from the board of directors. Members are past and current presidents, past and current board members, and past and current crab feast chairs.

Committee Members: One Chair - current and/or Past President; Two Members with less than 2 years in the club; Two Members with 2-7 years in the Club; Two Members with greater than 7 years in the club. 10 total members

Committee Members :

Commitment: Review and provide feedback on the grant applications. About 4 to 6 total hours; at home, short 30 minutes, electronic review and response sessions.

4.3 Annapolis Rotary Foundation Grants: This committee awards annual grants in late spring to community organizations demonstrating a need the Foundation can address. Grants are between \$4000-\$10,000.

Chair: Kevin Hurley

Committee Members: One Chair - current and/or Past President; Two Members with less than 2 years in the club; Two Members with 2-7 years in the Club; Two Members with greater than 7 years in the club. 10 total members

Committee Members :

Commitment: Spring review of applications for general grants and college scholarships.

4.4 Foundation of Annapolis Rotary Investment Committee: This committee oversees the long-term investment accounts of the Rotary of Annapolis Foundation, Inc. The Committee Chair and membership of the committee are specified in the Foundation Bylaws.

Chair: Bill Davis

Committee Members: The Financial Review Committee will be comprised of the President, President-Elect, Treasurer, VP of Finance, two past elected Officers, and at least two members at-large as designated and approved by the BOD.

Members:

Commitment: Two one-hour meetings each year.

5. Vice President, Community Outreach (Curt Hayden)

5.1 Rowe Blvd. Cleanup Committee: This committee is responsible for the maintenance of the “adopted” Rowe Blvd. stretch of highway.

Chair: Curt Hayden

Committee Members:

Commitment: twice a year (May – Commissioning Week and August – prior to the first Navy Football game)

5.2 Care and Compassion Committee: This committee designs and implements meaningful service projects that are defined events to be performed during four collections a year.

Chair: Anne Myers, Carolyn Richards, Sue Weber

Committee Members:

Commitment: Active all year as required - We concentrate on 4 collections a year. Mother's Day for the Single Teen Mothers in Annapolis (May), Blood Drive (October) and a School Supplies Collection in the fall (November/December).

5.3 Helping Hands Committee: This committee determines and coordinates a local project for someone or a non-profit organization in need, ie: repairs, upgrades, disaster response, restores, etc.

Chair: Anne Wolfe

Committee Members:

Commitment: Up to two times a year, April and September – ½ day each

5.4 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Committee: This committee provides bell ringers for the Salvation Army during the Holiday Season.

Chairs (only): Jim Dolezal, Laurie Deppa, Jim Wallace, Barbara Alvarez

Committee Members: None – signup online for the activity.

Commitment: Thanksgiving thru Christmas – minimum one hour, and welcome to sign up for more. Include family and friends to join you and or team with other club members for bell ringing.

5.5 Naval Academy Liaison Committee: This committee serves as a liaison to the United States Naval Academy (USNA) and coordinates Navy Night.

Chair: Rob Dews

Committee Members: to be determined by Chair

Commitment: The dinner is typically on the second Thursday in February; open to family and friends.

5.6 Center for Ethics Committee: This committee provides Rotarian judges in various Ethics Bowls at the University of Baltimore Campus Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics; functions as a liaison between the club and the United States Naval Academy, which involves arranging for a USNA speaker at one of our club meetings, and aspires to develop and implement a public relations outreach program focused on the matter of ethics in the professions represented in Rotary, as well as entities in our community who would benefit from such engagement.

Chair: Lori Traweek

Committee Members:

Commitment: A couple of hours once a year.

5.7 Little Free Library Committee: This committee coordinates with the City of Annapolis and the Rotary Club of Parole to acquire, assemble, determine locations, install and maintain little free library boxes with books in our community.

Chair: Lorie Stout

Committee Members:

Commitment: Throughout the year, filling the boxes and keeping them stocked.

5.8 Concessions: The Committee works with membership to plan and execute the operation of concession stands for fundraising purposes. Concession activities include operating 1-2 concession stands at Navy Graduation in late May, (b) all Navy home football games August-December and (c) the Military Bowl in December (collectively aka “Navy”). The Committee will recommend the benefactor of the concession proceeds, subject to approval by the BOD.

Chair: Anne Wolfe

Committee Members: none – [signup online for activity](#)

6. Vice President, Club Activities (Wendy Kumar)

6.1 Program Committee: This committee arranges and manages the speaker for the coming year at the direction of the President.

Chairs: Wendy Kumar

Committee Members: None – all Club members encouraged to provide ideas to the Chair(s).

Commitment: Each week develop the agenda and confirm all assignments, scribe, invocation, presentation.

6.2 Welcome Table: This committee greets all attendees to our meetings and operates the front desk at the club’s regular weekly meetings, and handling ticket sales for the weekly 50/50 drawing.

Chair: Carolyn Richards; Sue Weber

Committee Members:

Commitment: At least two members attending each lunch meeting

6.3 Invocation Committee: This committee arranges for various members to give the invocation at the club’s regular weekly meetings.

Chairs: Debra McGhee

Committee Members:

Commitment: Volunteer for at least one reading per year.

6.4 Music Committee: This committee is responsible for the musical portion of each weekly meeting of the club.

Chair: Patsy Mattingley

Committee Members:

Commitment: At least one member attends each lunch meeting to select and lead in the song of the week.

6.5 Fellowship Events: This committee is responsible for organizing the monthly gatherings outside the weekly meetings. Organizing the yearly Tête-à-Têtes.

Chair: Frank Andrachi for monthly fellowships

Kathy McLean for member Tete-a-Tete.

Committee Members: None required as Chairs coordinate the event(s).

Commitment: Attend any number of the monthly Fellowships as your schedule permits. Family and friends are welcome to join us. For the Tete-a-Tete, arrange to meet with another club member.

6.6 Holiday Party Committee: This committee is responsible for the organizing and preparing the holiday celebration in December. This celebration takes the place of the regular lunch meeting.

Chair: Leigh Rand

Committee Members:

Commitment: a couple of meetings a year

6.7 Pre Crab Feast Event Committee: This committee holds a fellowship event before or after the Crab Feast that will provide the opportunity for members to eat crabs, meet and relax since their full time and attention is devoted to working during the Crab Feast

Chair: Lisa Ausherman and Pam Cole Finlay

Committee Members:

6.8 Scribe Committee: This committee works the entire club and encourages people to sign up to be the scribe at weekly lunch meetings.

Chairs (only): Ginanne Italiano

Committee Members:

6.9 Storage Committee: This committee maintains and manages the offsite storage facility for the Club and manages the transfer of needed items to/from the storage facility for Club and Foundation events, specifically the Crab Feast. Other event Chairs may just request the key and access to manage their storage items, when needed.

Chairs: Patrick Downey

Committee Members: Jeff Neufeld

Commitment: Less than 10 hours/year to maintain storage contract w/ the Treasurer and manage keys for access for members. Act as the CF Storage Chair for the event (~15 hrs week of CF event).

7. Secretary: (Carolyn Richards)

8. Treasurer: (Kevin Hurley), Asst. Treasurer: (Jeff Neufeld)

9. Membership Service Lane: (Director, Robert Clark)

9.1 Application Review Committee: This committee provides applications to recommended new members, checks references, distributes copies of the application and solicits feedback from the Board. They send out notices about the acceptance of the new members when the process is completed.

Chair: Robert Clark

[Committee Members:](#)

Commitment: Virtual meetings as needed per year plus reference checks as required.

9.2 Member Orientation & Rotary Navigation: This committee conducts new member orientation programs during the year and administers the red badge program to ensure that new members become invested in the meaning of Rotary during the initial year of membership. Committee members reach out to new members to explore interest in a “pairing” between a new member and an existing member, facilitate the pairing, check in, and consider and test other ways to support new member engagement based on observations and insights gleaned from periodic ‘check-ins’ with new members and their mentors..

Chair: Patsy Mattingley

[Committee Members:](#)

Commitment: Coordinate and conduct 3-4 new member orientation meetings as required.

Assisting the Club Secretary in updating the new member orientation book and production of the book.

10. International Lane (Director, Debra McGhee)

10.1 RI Foundation and Polio Plus: This Committee is our club’s liaison with the Rotary International (RI) Foundation and oversees the donations to the Polio Plus and annual Fund. It is responsible for communicating with the club about the work of Rotary International, the maintenance of donor lists, facilitating awards, and setting yearly club contribution goals within RI/District guidelines.

Chairs: Frank Andracchi

[All members encouraged to support PP, EREY, Sustaining and International Projects.](#)

10.2 Wine Tasting Foundation Fundraiser: This committee is responsible for organizing and executing a wine tasting fundraiser, the funds raised for which are to be designated for Polio Plus or another designated international project.

Chair: Luisa Gil and Elaine Shanley

[Committee Members:](#)

Commitment: A couple meetings before the event and the event itself is in November.

10.3 International Grants and Projects: This committee develops and leads grant opportunities involving global grants, district grants, and club-funded grants.

Chair: Lydia Hohman

Committee Members:

Commitment: A couple meetings a year

10.4 International Scholarships and Youth Exchange. This committee encourages applications for Global Grant Scholarships, interview candidates, and make recommendations to district leadership regarding those candidates. It also seeks and develops scholarship grant partnerships with other Rotary clubs. This committee encourages applications for International Youth Exchange (ingoing and outbound) students, interviews candidates, acts as counselors and sponsors as needed for youth exchange students and makes recommendations to district leadership regarding those candidates. The committee also supports district youth exchange events.

Chair: Teresa Pico; Diana Love

Chair: Laura Amin – Student Counselor/Club Youth Exchange

Committee Members:

Commitment: A couple meetings a year

10.5 International Service Travel: This committee arranges both incoming and outgoing friendship exchanges and international service travel opportunities in support of our club's grant activities. It also promotes the RI convention and Rotary UN Day.

Chair; Yasmeen Sorathia

Committee Members:

11. Marketing and Public Relations: (Director, Julie Snyder)

11.1 Club Publicity: This committee is responsible for the public service announcements of the Annapolis Rotary Club and the promotion of the club's community service activities and the international humanitarian efforts through the media, such as weekly programs, community service activities and grant distribution.

Chairs: Julie Snyder

Commitment: All year long

11.2 Photography Committee: This committee is responsible for photographing the Club's meeting and all Rotary events for use by the Marketing/Public Relation Committee, the Crablines committee.

Chair: Don Roland

Committee Members: tbd

Commitment: At least one member attends every club event for photographing Rotarians in action.

11.3 Crablines Committee: This committee writes and publishes the Club's weekly newsletter and semi-annual directory.

Co-Chair: Kevin Hurley & Michael Paciorek

Committee Members:

Commitment: Weekly committee to editing and sending out notes

11.4 Website Committee: This committee is responsible for facilitating the maintenance of the membership data in the Club data entry system as well as maintenance and updating of the Club website.

Chairs (only): Marshall Lerner, Co-Chair Jeff Neufeld (also maintain access credentials)

Commitment: All year long

11.5 Social Media Committee: This committee promotes club activities and fund-raising efforts on various social media outlets.

Chair: Sue Weber– Lunch; Chera Howey – Breakfast; Hunter Stokes – Happy Hour

Committee Members:

Commitment: Weekly engagement - All three groups have representation and access to FB & Twitter accounts.

12. New Generations: (Director, Diana Love)

12.1 Dictionary Project: This Committee disburses Rotary dictionaries to individual 3rd graders in Anne Arundel County in coordination with the other local Rotary Clubs. October.

Chair: Randy Goff

Committee Members:

Commitment: One full Committee Meeting then one or two mornings distributing the dictionaries. (September / October)

12.2 Four Way Test Speech Committee: This committee conducts a speech competition in conjunction with area high schools to select a competitor to advance to the Four Way Test competition at the 2021 District Conference.

Chairs: Diana Love

Committee Members:

Commitment: Attend about four speech competitions, day, location and times vary.

12.3 **Rotary Youth Committee:** This committee is responsible for supporting and sustaining the Annapolis Rotaract Club and any/all Interact Clubs in the Annapolis area that are under the auspices of the RCoA.

Chair: Kevin Hurley

Committee Members:

12.4 Scholarship Committee: This committee selects recipients of all community academic or other scholarships awarded by the Club and ensure the public recognition of these awardees before the Club and in the media.

Chair: Dave Mattingley

Committee Members:

Commitment: Spring review of applications

13. Breakfast Group (Chair, Chera Howey)

14. Happy Hour Group (Chair, Ashley Molinaro)