



# THE ECHO

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF HUNT VALLEY WEEKLY UPDATE

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Meeting at the Greene Turtle Hunt Valley first Wednesdays 12 noon. See [www.huntvalleyrotary.com](http://www.huntvalleyrotary.com) for monthly calendar!!

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FEBRUARY 17, 2021

### COMING EVENTS:

March 3 – meeting – noon --Lt .Col. Paul Kanning, MD Air National Guard



March 11 – Happy Hour – 5:30

\*\*\*March 12 – student 4WT submissions due

March 17 – meeting – noon – Robin Stocksedale, Gilchrist

\*\*\*March 26 – 4WT judging completed

\*\*\*March 27 – oratorical winners of 4 HSs at club--all 4 entered in district semifinals on April 10 (12 to be narrowed to 4 for virtual district conference, April 23-24)

April 14 – 4WT Awards Ceremony – details to follow



April 24 – Adopt-A-Road Spring Spruce-up

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

President Keith opened the meeting with the bell and the pledge and introduced **Mona Mohamed** and **Jim Brasic**

**Announcements: Repeating from previous newsletters in case you missed them—Important!**

>>**Dues:** Our website manager, Wild Apricot, is requiring that the club “upgrade” our PayPal account so that online payments will go through their portal. If that’s OK with you, you will need to give them your password. **Lynne** feels it would be much simpler—and at no cost to the club--if members pay their dues by check, easily done on your bank’s online bill-pay, payable to “**Rotary Club of Hunt Valley.**” Rather than address payments to the PO Box it would be more convenient for **Lynne** if checks were to be sent to her home address, c/o **1208 Dulaney Woods Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030.** If you plan to pay by check, please go to the website and discontinue your auto-renewal if you are currently set up that way.

>>**4-Way Test:** Mark your calendars now for **Friday, March 12th.** This is the due-date for all students participating in this year’s virtual Four-Way Test competition... and a **call for judges! We need 12 judges for the HS oratorical judging. Please let Matt or Keith know that YOU will be one!** As all judging will be done online, you can make it fit with your schedule wherever you are.

>>**Storage!** We need space to store our stuff! Who has some???? Garage? Basement? Attic?

>>**Speakers!** Whom do you know??? Speakers can “zoom in” from anywhere. ☺

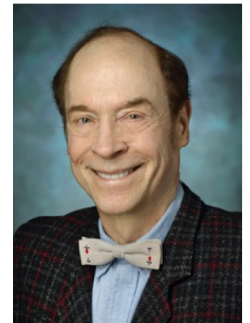
**Mona’s Talk:** **Mona** came to Hopkins from Egypt in 2002 to do research. **Jim** invited her often to **Hopkins Toastmasters**, which he had joined in 2004. **Mona** finally relented and visited. She immediately felt at home, as if she had found a family. At a conference in Italy where she was to have been the third speaker with a 15-minute time slot, **Mona** was advised that speakers 1 and 2 had not shown up and that she would be the whole program! Thanks to her experience with **Toastmasters**, **Mona** felt completely at ease and gave “the best talk of her life.” ☺ The mission of **Toastmasters**, founded in 1924, is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. There are 16,200+ clubs in 145 countries with 364,000 members. **TM Pathways** online educational program provides the opportunity to build up to 300 unique competencies via 11 specialized learning paths: Dynamic Leadership, Effective Coaching, Engaging Humor, Innovative Planning, Leadership Development, Motivational Strategies, **Persuasive Influence\***, Presentation Mastery, Strategic Relationships, Team Collaboration, and Visionary Communication. (\*Isn’t **Persuasive Influence** what our HS orators are doing with their speeches?) Members of **Toastmasters** and **Rotary** will enhance their skills, broaden their networks and increase their positive impact in communities through a new alliance. “Collaborating with **Toastmasters** will provide our members with even more opportunities to develop and improve their leadership and communication skills,” said **John Hewko**, general secretary and CEO of **Rotary International.** “In turn, members of **Toastmasters** can connect with more people, take advantage of new speaking and learning opportunities, and make a difference in their communities through **Rotary.**” Read more at <https://www.toastmasters.org/Rotary> A bonus! We are looking forward to working with **Toastmasters** in our **4-Way Test** competition this year. Thanks for coming and speaking, **Mona** and **Jim!**

### THIS WEEK'S VISITORS:

**Mona Mohamed** and **Jim Brasic** of **Hopkins Toastmasters Club** joined members **Keith, Bill, Steve, Nancy, Lynne,** and **Jane** on Zoom for an informative and productive meeting.



Mona Mohamed



Jim Brasic



and



---Rotary and Toastmasters partner!



### OF SPECIAL NOTE! IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:



Happy Hours now on 2nd Thursdays.... By ZOOM for now –5:30  
Board meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month – next one Mar. 8 - by ZOOM - 5:30

Rotary’s main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The **1.2 million Rotarians** who make up more than **34,000 Rotary clubs** in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of **Service Above Self.**

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Ginger 2/25/03, Bill and Linda 2/11/09, Jesse (rejoined) 2/6/16, Nick 2/6/19

### BIRTHDAYS:

Jesse 2/16, Nick 2/23

Do you have a suggestion for a speaker, off-site meeting, or service project? Contact Jane for referral to the correct committee chair.

The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say and Do:  
Is It The Truth?

Is It Fair To All Concerned?  
Will It Build Good Will and Better Friendships?  
Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?