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Rotary Club of Washington To Host 3rd Annual Duck Race on the Historic Anacostia River – in Yard’s Park May 26, 2018

Washington, D.C. — To support some of Washington, D.C.’s most deserving Non-Profit organizations, Rotary Club of Washington DC hosts its 3rd Annual “D.C. Duck Race” down the historical Anacostia River in Yards Park. In partnership with the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District (BID), Club President Abraham Helal announces the date for 2018: Saturday, May 26th 11am-3pm. The actual race begins at 2pm.

“As one of the major fundraising events hosted by Rotary Club of Washington DC, more than 30 local non-profit organizations (e.g. Free Minds, Anacostia Watershed Society, The Salvation Army NCAC, Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), Arts for the Aging, Dance Institute of Washington, Girls on the Run, Christ House, Libraries Without Borders, and many, many more.) receive annual grants in excess of \$140,000. If you are passionate about helping to improve our schools, encouraging D.C. students, taking care of our homeless, and working to support hundreds of non-profit organizations whose mission is to work towards this end, this is the event for you,” said Club President Abraham Helal.

Funds are raised by community members and organizations that “sponsor” rubber ducks. Thousands of rubber ducks are released onto a quarter-mile race course in the Anacostia River. Sponsors of the ducks have opportunities to win significant prizes that are awarded to 1st through 10th place winners in the Duck Race.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for families to come out and enjoy a day full of activities, entertainment, music and food. In addition to the Duck Race itself, the day will include a festival showcasing community organizations, youth groups, schools and local talent at The Yards Park. For the past two years, the Duck Race has drawn crowds of more than 1,000 people,” said Race Co-Chair Marcia Dyson.

“With less than one week to go, the energy is at an all-time high and the community is excited,” Race Co-Chairperson Glen O’Gilvie said. “We are delighted to welcome returning sponsors, as well as several new sponsors this year.”



Local organizations interested in hosting a duck sponsorship fundraiser are encouraged to contact the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. Companies, non-profits and community organizations interested in various sponsorship opportunities should also contact the Rotary Club.

Ongoing updates and additional information will be posted to the Duck Derby Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DCDuckRace and at www.DCDuckRace.org.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, call Glen O’Gilvie at (202) 345-9275 or email him at gleno@nonprofitadvancement.org.



About the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C.

Through its foundation, the club provides annual grants to more than 30 local non-profits, hosts career fairs for D.C. high school students, hands out dictionaries to all D.C. 3rd-grade students, and helps feed the homeless every month in the nation’s capital.

The Rotary Club consists of community leaders committed to uniting for the common good and the motto “Service Above Self.” At weekly meetings, the Rotary Club hosts great speakers from across the country and worldwide, including Ambassadors, business, government, and non-profit leaders. Visit us at www.dcrotafoundation.org and www.dcrota.org for more information.