

What Can Rotary Do For You?

Rotary International (www.rotary.org) is an organization that connects people through a global network of clubs and provides funding for social and environmental projects. At the 116th Annual Meeting, Dr. Chris Puttock hosted two sessions that discussed Rotary International and how to write effective grants for Rotary funding. There are many funding opportunities for shellfish-related projects.

- There are Rotary clubs in every US State and in countries around the world. Reach out and become a member.
- 18.4 million dollars (US) in global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related causes.
- Connect with Rotary members and friends of Rotary who are experts in a particular field by joining a Rotary Action Group. Group members share their expertise by collaborating with clubs and districts on service projects.
- Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.



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Past Presidents Were Well-Represented in Charlotte



From left to right: Aswani Voley (current President), Lewis Deaton, Vic Kennedy, Louis D'Abramo, Dave Bushek, Sandy Shumway, John Kraeuter, Karolyn Hansen, Bill Fisher, Evan Ward, and Jay Parsons.

2024 NSA Student Research Awards

The Association has a number of competitive grants for students that provide \$1250 in support student research projects as well as for the Outstanding Student Paper published in the *JSR*.



The **George R. Abbe Award** for student research devoted to the areas of crustacean biology and fisheries management was awarded to Nihal Guennouni, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, for her proposal “Quantifying the response of blue crabs: How natural and fishing mortality affect the transmission and incidence of *Hepatodinium perezii*”.

The **Melbourne R. Carriker Award** for student research in shellfisheries was awarded to Madeline Eppley, Northeastern University, for her proposal “Revealing 25 years of genomic evolution in the eastern oyster using preserved histology samples”.



The **Michael Castagna Award** for student research devoted to applied shellfish studies shellfisheries was awarded to Hollis Jones, University of California - Davis, for her proposal “Air priming as a management tool for transitioning hatchery produced oysters to the intertidal zone”.



The **R. LeRoy Creswell Award for Outreach and Education** for students who have shown exceptional merit in outreach activities was awarded to Hannah Collins, University of Connecticut, for her outreach efforts regarding her dissertation research, “Exploring methods to control plastic pollution: suspension-feeding bivalves as co-concentrators of microplastics and bacteria”.



The **Sandra E. Shumway Award for Outstanding Student Paper** published in the *Journal of Shellfish Research* has specific selection and evaluation criteria: (1) The lead author must have been a student when the work was completed, (2) the paper must present the student’s work, not that of a co-author, (3) it will be evaluated on the quality of science and writing, and the importance of the work to the field of shellfish research. A panel of judges evaluated 14 papers, and the award was presented to Maritza Garcia-Flores, Instituto Polytecnico Nacional in La Paz, Mexico, for her manuscript:



[Garcia-Flores, M., Ceballos-Vazquez, B.P., and Rosales-Velazquez, M.O. Embryonic development and fecundity of the Pacific pygmy octopus, *Paroctopus digueti*. *Journal of Shellfish Research*, 41\(1\): 125-134.](#)

Thank you, again, to all the students for submitting their proposals and for the reviewers for evaluating each of these proposals and student papers so thoughtfully.

Application deadline is November 1, 2024. Start planning now! Details are available at www.shellfish.org.

Lewis Deaton
Past-President