

The Informer

Rotary District 7570



September is basic Education & Literacy Month

By Billie Black

Worldwide, more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. One of Rotary's goals is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

In September, as well as all year long, we need to promote all that we do in our local communities and internationally to provide basic education. This is not only to inform the members of our community of the good that we do, but it can also have the potential of encouraging others that have a passion for education to join us.

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If you would like a story or submission to be included in *The Informer*, please email those to Cora, District 7570 Public Image Chair at cgnevy@vt.edu.

Membership

Chair [Anna Lester](#)

August 23, 2022 = 2,911 | Net Gain 13

Learning Center

There are so many opportunities to learn more about Rotary, how you can be involved, and more! Have you visited the Learning Center? Click [HERE](#) (you will need a Rotary.org login).

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Club Happenings & Stories

The Rotary Club of Roanoke Valley participated with the Kids Soar after school program as volunteers for their “Reading Buddy” program, preparing a meal once a quarter, & sorting books at their new location. We do a quarterly road cleanup and help the sponsored Interact Chapter with their annual environmental cleanup. Plans for the coming year include a Food Packaging Event for 16,000 meals in the Fall and a Shred It event in the Spring.



The Rotary Club of Giles County collected items that were delivered to the Pineville, KY Youth Interact Club during the month of August. This activity has now spurred a new Interact Club formation in the New River Valley between Giles and Narrows High School



During the first Early Act Club meeting of the school year at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School, the amazing young people created a banner to thank the hard working gentlemen replacing the outdated and unsafe fence that surrounds their playground. “Imagine” a World with young people enjoying Service Above Self.



Gold Club

Mandatory Items due by December 31 to qualify for Gold Club:

- Conduct a program (maybe multi-club) on The Rotary Foundation presented by DRF Chair, Chairs: Annual Fund, PHS, Planned Giving, PolioPlus, Global/District Grants, or Area Foundation Advocate.
- Conduct a program (maybe multi-club) on Membership presented by Area Membership Advocate, a District Membership Committee Member, or Club Membership Chair.

RYLA | Dec 2-4

Mark your calendars for our 2022 "In Person" RYLA event to be held at the Skelton Conference Center at Virginia Tech, December 2-4, 2022. Please visit the RYLA web page on the district website - <https://www.rotary7570.org/ryla>. The application can be found on the site using this link, <https://www.rotary7570.org/userfiles/files/Ryla/2022-RYLA%20Student%20Registration.pdf>. Applications should be filled out and scanned. **The application submission site will be ready soon!**

All clubs are encouraged to send at least one student. Please remember, the student does not need to be a member of interact but should exhibit an interest and willingness to practice leadership skills and engage with others by sharing ideas and experiences!

Applications are due Friday, October 28, 2022.

Four Way Speech Contest

Submissions for the Four Way Speech Contest are now open. Information can be found on the RYLA site, <https://www.rotary7570.org/ryla>. Video submissions shall be submitted using this link, <https://www.rotary7570.org/4waytest>. The top 5 applications will be presented in person at RYLA on December 2, 2022. RYLA participants will select the top three winners.

Feed10Million Efforts

By: [Nick Morris](#) | Rotarians! You are doing great things to feed our communities both locally and internationally!! **Seven clubs have combined to provide 12,848 meals so far.** We are just over one and a half months into the new Rotary year and greatness is happening. Your club doesn't have to wait for the holidays to pack backpacks for school programs, support a local food closet/program, or send help to an area suffering from natural disasters. God's Pit Crew, Gleaning for the World, the Samaritans Purse, The Red Cross are just a few.

Chatham Rotary collected extra backpacks through the generosity of the District 7570 team at the last district conference.

Donna Yeatts and Columbia Forrest Product, Chatham, loaded 16 of the 18 backpacks full of school supplies. Two backpacks were left empty to hand out to kids who have a need. Nicholas Morris and Donna Yeatts delivered 18 backpacks to Gibson Elementary School (Amy Morris - Kindergarten Teacher, Dr Norton - Principle)



Satellite Rotary Club of Blacksburg 16 Squares met in August and packed 12 treasure bags for the Women's Resource Center. The bags are available for children and teens to use while they wait. They may be waiting on a medical exam or counseling session for themselves or for a parent to receive services. Hopefully the bags provide a much needed distraction and show the children the larger community cares about them. Many thanks to Laura Beth Weaver, director of the Women's Resource Center, for her terrific talk and for allowing us this opportunity to serve.



Global Grants

There is good news for clubs that are interested becoming a partner in a Global Grant project. Significant district funding is available to help finance Global Grant projects that clubs in the district want to initiate with clubs in other countries.

If a club can raise \$10,000 for a Global Grant project and commit to sending that amount to the Rotary Foundation as an Annual Fund-SHARE contribution, the district will make a contribution to the Grant of \$20,000 in District Designated Funds (DDF). Because all of the DDF contribution will receive an 80% match from the Rotary Foundation, this will completely fund a Global Grant project with a budget of \$36,000.

This is not a hard-and-fast rule. It is a guideline that a club can use in considering participation in a Global Grant project. Decisions on district funding of Global Grant projects are made on a case-by-case basis by the DG in consultation with the District Rotary Foundation Chair and the district's global grants subcommittee.

Funding for this initiative should be available for the next five or six Global Grant projects undertaken by clubs in the district. More details can be found in the August Informer that can be accessed [here](#). The global grants subcommittee is available to discuss this and other aspects of possible global grant projects. The chair of that subcommittee is Mike Quillen whose email address is mquillen@gmail.com.



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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

September 12, 2022: Area 5 Official DG Visit | Location: TBD

September 19, 2022: Area 15 Official DG Visit | Location: Spencer-Penn Center, Spencer, VA

September 20, 2022: Area 7 Official DG Visit | Location: Stratford Courtyard Conference Center, Danville, VA

October 5, 2022: Area 1 Official DG Visit | Location: Shenandoah Valley Country Club, Front Royal, VA

October 8, 2022: Areas 12, 13, 14 Official DG Visit | Location: Second Harvest Food Bank, Kingsport, TN

October 24, 2022: [World Polio Day](#)

December 2-4, 2022: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) | Location: Skelton Conference Center, Inn @ VT, Blacksburg, VA

February 9-11, 2023: District Training Team Seminar (DTTS) | Location: Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, VA

March 3-5, 2023: District Convention | Location: Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA

March 30 – April 1, 2023: Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) | Location: Inn @ VT, Blacksburg, VA.