# Rotary



# **Club of Prince George County**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

#### **Club Meeting**

Prince George County Meets at Luca Italian Restaurant 6411 Courthouse Road Prince George, VA 23875 Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM



**Club Leaders** 



<u>Lillian K Boyd</u> President



Brian K. Manning President-Elect



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<u>Dana Lewellyn Rieves</u> Secretary



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Janice L. Rowley Rotary Foundation Chair



Mary K. Ford Club Admin Chair



<u>Donna D. Street</u> Community Service Chair

# **Commander of New American Legion Post 1703 Visits with Prince George Rotarians**

By Cynthia Walker Mitchell on Wednesday, January 13, 2021



New American Legion Post P.G. 1703's name has historical significance. Commander Mable Combo-Farris of PG. Post 1703 joined the Prince George Rotarians in our virtual meeting January 13th. She was an abundance of information; from the reason for the name of the new American Legion number, to the services provided to veterans!

I learned that this American Legion was given the Number 1703 because that was the year Prince George County was founded! A fitting tribute for the founding of a new American Legion Post whose mission is to provide services to the veterans in the community. This makes lots of sense as there

are many military servicemen who retire to Prince George County and many military families live in and around Prince George County.

As a U.S.. Army retired veteran Mable feels that the voluntary service she performs for the American Legion meets her needs of being productive while also helping other veterans. Knowing what the American Legion stands for and all the services it provides to veterans and the community(helping a veteran with a claim) is what keeps her grounded in the Legion

Her wish for the new Post is to always concentrate on and incorporate the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

Those Four Pillars are:

- Veteran s Affairs and Rehabilitation
- National Security,
- · Promoting Patriotism,
- · and Children and Youth.

All of the Pillars are important, but for Commander Farris, her passion is children and youth and making sure veterans know their benefits. Commander Farris can also be seen "around town" supporting community events like Wreaths Across America and advocating in issues impacting the veteran community.

To find out more visit the Facebook page for American Legion Post 1703. If you have questions or need help with veteran related issues, you can call Mable at 808-220-9459 or email her

at mfarris21@gmail.com.

Thank you Sasha Reynolds for arranging this visit from the Comander.

The American Legion was "chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation is largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans". The American Legion reports its activities to Congress in May.

# **Prince George Rotary Delivers Warmth**

By Donna D. Street on Sunday, January 17, 2021

Prince George Rotary continues supplying the Rotary Tree Last Wednesday club members made a delivery to the Hopewell-Prince George Community Health Center in our ongoing service project. Pictured from left are Donna Street, Angel Brown (Patient Service Representative), Lillian Boyd, and Pat Hale. Jan Rowley took the photo. Throughout the winter months the club collects hats, gloves,



Sasha Reynolds Youth Services Chair



<u>Shel M. Douglas</u> International Service Chair



Mary S. Elmore Assistant Governor

#### Events/Speakers

No Events found

#### **Birthdays**

Steven M. Woith February 13th Chana Ramsey February 18th

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

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#### Club Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service Found

scarves, lip balm, moisturizer, socks, and even coats to be offered free of charge to patients (both adults and children) visiting the Health Center. We hope to collect another batch by club assembly on Wednesday, Jan 27th. Please notify Donna Street for pickup of items by that date. In the summer we switch to warm weather items like sunglasses, lip balm, sun block, sun hats, etc., so look for those sales and stock up. Thanks for all you do.



### Brett Vassey, President & CEO VMA to speak to the club

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, January 19, 2021



The January Rotary theme is vocation. With that in mind, the speaker for the January 20th Rotary Virtual meeting will be Brett Vassey, President and CEO of Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA). Brett will talk about the need for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and the good jobs in manufacturing. The speaker was secured by Dana Rieves, Club Secretary and the District 7600 Communications Officer.

RESCHEDULED due to a legislative conflict.

# Rotary District Grant Cycle Beginning

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, January 19, 2021

The 2021-2022 District Cycle is beginning. Will we be ready? The Prince George Rotary received \$6000 in grants in the 2020-2021 cycle. Two were the special Emergency COVID grants which we used to provide purchasing power from FeedMore to the Prince George Food Bank and another to provide ADA approved entrance pathway to the playground at the JEJ Moore Sports Center.



There are a number of steps our club must take to make grant(s) applications for this cycle. The first is to close out our grants from the 2020-21 cycle, have members attend one of the two virtual Grant Management Seminars (GMS), and submit our Foundation Giving Goals to MyRotary.org. All of these and a few more must be accomplished by May 1.

Click 2021-22 Grants Time Line for a copy of the complete Time Line for 2021-2022 District Grants.

Cynthia Mtchell is our current Grants Chair. She could use your help. Please let Cynthia and Brian (President-Elect) know if you would like to help with the Grants Committee.

#### **District Awards -**

By Janice L. Rowley on Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Calling all Club Committee Chairs and members! At the Presidents' Retreat and Pre-Pets Training Event on Saturday, Bonnie Fields alerted the participants that information about the District Awards for 2020-21 is available at the Rotary 7600 District website. Information about the criteria, submission, and deadlines are available at Member Resources. The deadline is May 28 at noon but as a Club, let's consider that April 21! This always sneaks up on us!



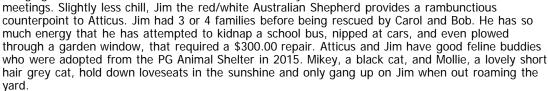
## Our Family of Rotary - and yes, our pets are our

By Janice L. Rowley on Tuesday, January 19, 2021

One of the great parts of meeting by Zoom is that we have been introduced to some of the most important members of each other's family - yes, our pets!

Even if the pet does not actually appear in the Zoomcast, it is fun to hear about a cool, calm beagle named Rex that Sasha Reynolds told us about as we prepared to bring a meeting to order. Even more shy than Rex, the hermit crab did not appear at all.

We have gotten to enjoy seeing Atticus, an 8 year old yellow lab, lounging on the bed while Carol Woodward hosts many of our



How much do rescues mean to us? Well, Chana Amaro had been looking for a new cat for many months after her sweet aging cat passed away. Resorting to pet finder's sites, she found the perfect cat to bring home. The only trick was that Niles, a lovely Balinese cat, was being fostered in Tennessee. Chana had to pass a background check and phone interview to be eligible to adopt the cat but finally last fall, she was able to meet/greet and pick up Niles by a rendezvous at a Burger King parking lot in Staunton, Virginia. Now, that is love in the time of COVID.

However our pet assistants (or are we the staff?) come to us, they bring us great joy. Stay tuned for more tales/tails as we continue to meet these special members of our Rotary Family!

## **RYLA 2021 Coming**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, January 5, 2021



Our friend and Hopewell Rotarian, Katina Moss, is the District RYLA chair this year. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. The Awards part is a tad misleading as RYLA is an experiential conference, this year virtual, that brings young people into seminars and role playing in a number of leardership areas. We will have more details shortly. Our club traditionally has sponsored three young people to attend RYLA.

# **The Four Way Test**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, June 8, 2020



