

Rotary



Club of Prince George County

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Club Meeting

Prince George County Meets at Luca Italian Restaurant - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. In person and hybrid meeting. Zoom link can be requested by email at pgrotary23875@gmail.com. 6411 Courthouse Road Prince George, VA 23875 Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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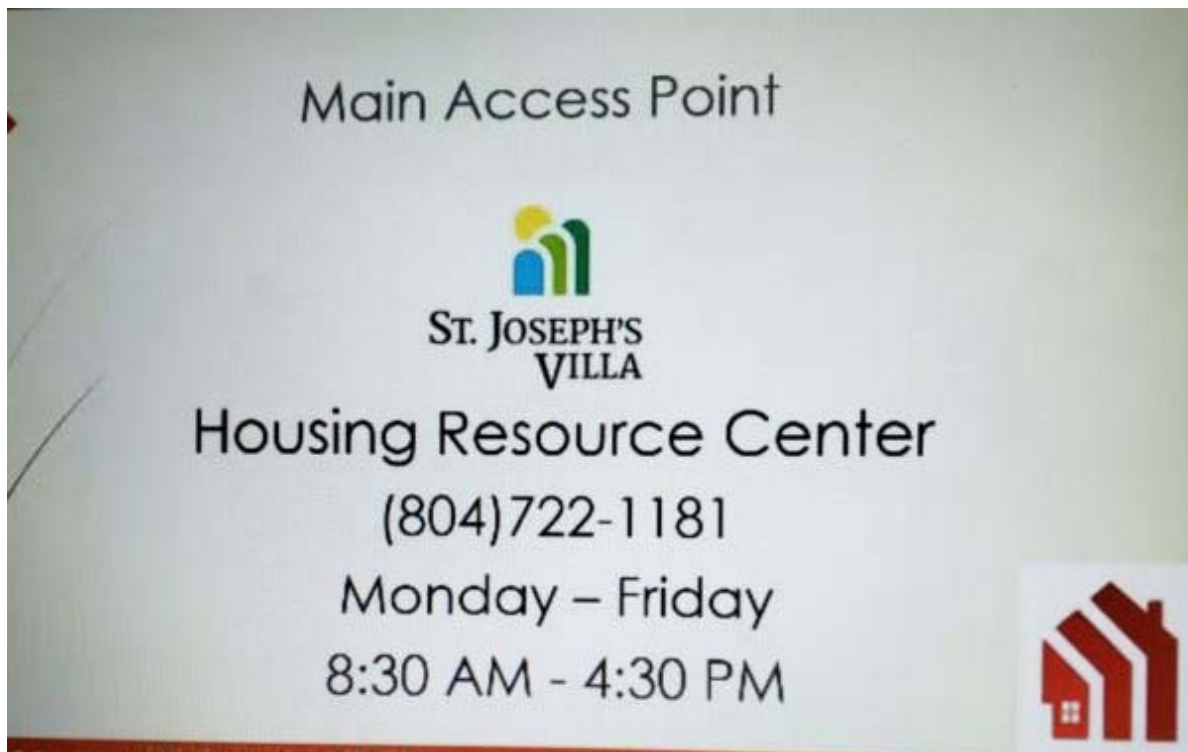
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Membership

Crater Area Coalition on Homelessness Offers Key Services to Area Homeless

By Cynthia Walker Mitchell on Wednesday, August 18, 2021



Recent Prince George Rotary guest, Kailey Sweeney, serves as the Crater Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) **Continuum of Care Coordinator** for Homeless services. She is an employee of St Joseph's Villa.

At our last hybrid Rotary meeting, Ms. Sweeney talked about homelessness in the tri-cities area and the role CACH plays in assisting people experiencing homelessness. Unfortunately, as of this presentation, there were over 150 homeless who range from age 0-55+ locally. This includes families and singles.

also spoke about CACH's mission to prevent, reduce, and alleviate homelessness. It is a continuum of care system. It is a community-wide planning body responsible for the coordination and delivery of housing and supportive services to all homeless people. All Federal and State funding flows through the continuum of care system. The system is made up of service providers who could potentially interact with the homeless system in any way.

Other resources available to help people experiencing homelessness are :

- PUSH Faith House
- CCC Commonwealth Catholic Charities
- James House
- The Improvement Assosiation
- SERENITY
- SSVF Supportive Services for Veteran Families

We can all get involved by :

1. spreading the word about CACH
2. sharing resources
3. establishing partnerships
4. becoming a member and attend bi-monthly meetings
5. joining committees to implement change

Chair



Patricia C. Hale
Youth Services
Chair



Sasha Reynolds
Youth Services
Chair



Carol Doi
Woodward
Club Executive
Secretary

Events/Speakers

August 25th

No Club Meeting- Rotary Open Mic

Speaker: No Regular Meeting- Rotary Open Mic

August 26th

Club 25th Anniversary Celebration

Speaker: Club 25th Anniversary Celebration (Colonial Harley Davidson)

September 1st

No Club Meeting- Rotary Open Mic

Speaker: No Club Meeting- Rotary Open Mic

September 6th

Club Board Meeting

Speaker: Club Board Meeting at Prince George Library

September 22nd

Prince George County Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Program Host- Peg Whipple

Birthdays

Mable C Farris
August 26th

Dana Lewellyn Rieves
September 4th

Don Hanke
September 6th

Donna D. Street
September 8th

Anna Kroyer
September 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

Dana Lewellyn Rieves
September 7th

Shel M. Douglas
September 16th

Club Member Anniversaries

Patricia C. Hale
08-22-1996

6. donating

A Prince George Rotary coin goes out to Kailey Sweeney!

Important Dates for the November 2 General and Special

By Cynthia Walker Mitchell on Sunday, August 22, 2021

Info From the County of Prince George Office of the Director of Elections and General Registrar

- Absentee Voting Begins**Friday, September 17** November General Election ballots ready for absentee mail-in voting. Registrar's Office will be open 8:30am-4:30 pm, M-F for early in-person absentee voting.
- Last Day to Register to vote or update existing registration for the November Election.....**Tuesday, October 12**
- Last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you...**Friday, October 22**
- In Person Absentee Voting ...**Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, October 30**. Registrar's office will be open 9am-5p
- Election Day, **Tuesday, November 2**, Polling locations open 6am-7pm

Please make sure to share this information.

The James House Needs Your Vote

By Brian K. Manning on Monday, August 23, 2021

The James House can receive a \$25,000 grant from State Farm with community supportQ

The James House, a club corporate member, is a finalist in the State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant program and needs community support. The James House is one of two hundred organizations across the country eligible for the grant but only forty organizations will receive the grant. Qualifying for the grant of \$25,000 takes community votes to show community support. The QR Code is how to vote or by going to [State Farm Neighborhood Assist 2021](#) to log in and vote. Voting closes on August 27.

James House provided safety planning, counseling, emergency shelter, and hotline crisis intervention for 1,774 women, men and children who experienced sexual violence, domestic violence, childhood sexual abuse, child abuse or neglect, or stalking in the Greater Tri-Cities, Fort Lee & Chesterfield County in 2020. In the nexus of the COVID-19 community crisis, the organization offered free counseling resources to general community members. Its emergency shelter has been full since June of 2020, but it found creative ways to provide shelter for survivors & many others while dealing with \$100,000 in increased expenses and a significant cut in federal grant funding.

Unless counted with alternative funding, James House will have to decrease the number of women, men, and children who will receive services at such a critical time in their lives. Community support and votes to receive the State Farm grant of \$25,000 could provide 125 community members a safe place to lay their heads, 200 women or men and their affected children advocacy services, free counseling, group therapy, art therapy, basic needs, one on one support through their healing journey, and 3,000 community members will learn about healthy relationships, how to protect themselves, and learn about free services available for all people. The James House fills community members with hope, offering them the resources to become healthy, safe, and self-sufficient. With your support, we will utilize volunteers to assist with our mission and can work with an additional 50 volunteers to further our potential reach in the community.

Every vote through the State Farm website or using the QR Code brings the James House one step close to being able to continue its services to the area. Each person can vote up to ten times a day to support the James House.

Help James House win a \$25k grant from

State Farm Neighborhood AssistSM



vote 10X
per day to
increase
our
chances

8/8-8/27



JAMES HOUSE

Volunteer Opportunities

By Janice L. Rowley on Wednesday, August 25, 2021

25 Years

Margaret T. Whipple

08-22-1996

25 Years

Carol Dois Woodward

08-22-1996

25 Years

William F. Gandel

08-26-1998

23 Years



The Prince George Community Emergency Response Team is "the Help until Help arrives." A new class begins on September 9 and will run for 8 consecutive Thursdays from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and the first 7 classes will be in the meeting room at the Colonial Heights Library, 1000 Yacht Basin Drive. This will be a joint class for Colonial Heights and Prince George County participants.

I signed up for the class because I wanted to make sure that in the event of a disaster in my neighborhood, I would not be creating more problems if I tried to assist my neighbors. I was amazed by all the great safety tips that I learned from expert presenters on fire safety, search and rescue, preparing for weather or other events, basic first aid, and so much more. And, I met so many great people from our community with whom I now work on projects and services to our County that extend the reach of our First Responders.

Please consider taking this training. You can sign up by emailing your name, email address, and phone number to Tim Blumenschine at [Tim Blumenschine](mailto:Tim.Blumenschine) or by calling 804-524-8773. If you have questions, you can talk to Donald Hunter, Dana Rieves, Mary Ford, Carol Woodward, Mark Creech, or me. But maybe you are more interested in being outside to help clean up our rivers with our friends from the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River - FOLAR and the James River Advisory Council! The next river clean up is scheduled for September 11 and begins at 9 a.m. There are multiple sites for volunteers to choose from. I will probably head over to Pocahontas Park in Petersburg to check on the trees that our Club helped plant when we worked on the grant for the park with Clubs in Petersburg and Hopewell. Volunteers are needed at the Hopewell Marina as well. So go to the James River Advisory Council link [James River Advisory Coun](http://JamesRiverAdvisoryCouncil.com), check the events and register to "do good for not reason."

If you aren't available for the clean up event on September 11, you can still help promote river health by not using chemical fertilizers and pesticides in your yards. Those poisons wash out of your yard and into the watershed so please don't spend money on that this year. Also, consider adding a native plant to your landscape this year. And, finally, "leave the leaves." Yes, naturalists encourage us to not rake and bag those leaves. Many pollinators are nestled down in the twigs and leaves that you can move gently to back corners of your yard. The critters can emerge next spring if you haven't sent them in plastic coffins to the landfill. Benign neglect in your yard is a great way to promote the health of our parks and waterways!

September dates for the club

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Will we have a change in the weather in September? One of our hybrid meetings will be out of sync due to the official visit of our District Governor, Debbie Wall. Please note these dates.

September 1 - Hybrid meeting at Luca. Peg Whipple is the Program Chair.

September 8 - Official Visit by our District Governor, Debbie Wall. Debbie is from the Colonial Heights Club. Please plan to attend the meeting, either in person or via Zoom.



September 15 (when we would normally have a hybrid meeting) Feel free to Zoom in for "Rotary Open Mic."

September 22 - "Rotary Open Mic" via Zoom.

September 28 - Wait for for it. TACO Tuesday, 6 pm. Morelia patio.

Service Projects: Contact Renee Chapline to report your volunteer hours for Rotary and other organizations. She is tracking those volunteers hours for our club.

Three Brothers Distillery is the program on October 20

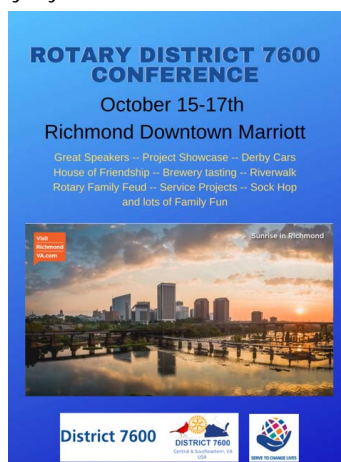
By Carol Dois Woodward on Friday, August 13, 2021



David Reavis, Founder, owner, and president of Three Brothers Distillery is our club speaker on October 20, 2021. David will be in-person at the meeting. Three Brothers Distillery (3BD) is located just across the county line from Prince George in Sussex County. We are exploring the prospect of a bit of whiskey tasting of 3BD's products even though it will be 7:30 in the morning. Please consider inviting a guest to attend in-person with you.

District Conference October 15-17

By Cynthia Walker Mitchell on Monday, July 12, 2021



Have you registered yet? It is a great opportunity to be able to experience a District 7600 Conference without the cost of a hotel room. Cynthia, Dana, Jan, Carol, and Brian are for sure going. How about you? Register on the dacdb district calendar.

The Four Way Test

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, June 8, 2020

Rotary  Four Way Test


of the things we think, say, or do

IS IT THE TRUTH?

IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four Way Test is a responsibility and commitment offered freely by Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**