

# Rotary



# Club of Prince George County

Wednesday, September 1, 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](mailto:pgrotary23875@gmail.com). 6411 Courthouse Road Prince George, VA 23875 Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Club Leaders



[Brian K. Manning](#)  
President



[Cynthia Walker Mitchell](#)  
President-Elect



[Lillian K. Boyd](#)  
iPast President



[Dana Lewellyn Rieves](#)  
Secretary



[Karen A. Skipper](#)  
Treasurer



[Renee Chapline](#)  
Projects Chair



[Janice L. Rowley](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Steven M. Woith](#)  
Membership

## Rotary Club of Prince George County Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

By Brian K. Manning on Tuesday, August 31, 2021



Club's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Pictured Mark Strassel, Pat Hale & Jan Rowley The Rotary Club of Prince George County celebrated its 25th anniversary on August 26, 2021. Club Sponsor Strosnider Chevrolet provided financial support for the celebration and Colonial Harley Davidson on Temple Parkway graciously provided its showroom as the venue location. Mark Strassel, General Manager of Colonial Harley Davidson and his staff provided invaluable assistance in preparing the showroom for the event. Class Act, LLC provided the catering for the evening. Approximately 50 club members and guests were able to attend the dinner. Among the attendees were three of the four club charter members, Pat Hale, Donald Hunter, and Carol Dois Woodward. Charter member, Dr. Peg Whipple, could not attend.

Mr. Strassel was able to join the club and its guests for the evening and Mr. Chris Strosnider and his wife, Janie, attended on behalf of Strosnider Chevrolet. After opening remarks by Brian Manning, the current club president, The club's founding president Patricia C. Hale spoke briefly on club founder Earl H. Hale, Jr who passed away in December 2019. Guest speakers were Rotary District Governor Debbie Wall and District Foundation Chair Stephen Beer.

Building on this year's Rotary theme, "Serving to Change Lives", Brian spoke about how the club has continually worked for its community during its history. While the official club founding date was August 22, 1996, the Hopewell News featured the club in its August 6 edition on the club's planned immunization event of September 1996. The Rotary Club of Prince George County began its service to the community before its official charter.

Chair



**Patricia C. Hale**  
Youth Services  
Chair



**Sasha Reynolds**  
Youth Services  
Chair



**Carol Dois  
Woodward**  
Club Executive  
Secretary

Brian spoke on the club's continued service through the years with projects at the Appomattox River Regional Park, joint projects with other Rotary Clubs in the area, its contributions and assistance with the Prince George County's Toddler's and Back to School Fairs, its Dictionary Project with area third graders, and its work with the Community Health Center. For 25 years the club has served to change the lives in its community and plans to continue to do so into the future.

To show her appreciation for Brian's leadership, Pat Hale, Charter President, presented Brian with two of Earl's bow ties, for which he was so famous. Many of the Hale/Gates family were in attendance including Earl's daughter and son-in-law, Missy and Andy Gates and daughter-in-law, Anne Hale, who was also an original charter member, though she is no longer in the club.

Debbie Wall addressed the group on her recollections of the contribution the club has made through the years and its contributions in past and today to the district. Stephen Beer highlighted the continual contributions the club made to the district's foundation and the club's regular use of club grants to fund projects within the community. The discussion also focused on the club's commitment for sustainability in developing its future projects and attracting new memberships.

The club thanks all of the members and guests for sharing the evening together and all of the sponsors who made the evening possible.

## Events/Speakers

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

September 28th

**Club Social**

**Speaker:** Taco Tuesday  
Social at Morelia Mexican  
Restaurant



## Birthdays

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

Mable C Farris

September 30th

## Club Member Anniversaries

Janice L. Rowley

09-06-2006

15 Years

Cynthia Walker Mitchell

09-10-2013

8 Years

Chana Ramsey

09-03-2015

6 Years

District Governnor Debbie Wall and husband Stan Wall, also a District Officer on either side of the club's Immediate Past President Lillian Boyd..



Charter Member Donald Hunter with Janie Strosnider. Patricia C. Hale, Charter President, checking out the three-wheeler.

The evening's planner was Anna Kroyer, formerly with The James House, and now the marketing manager for Strosnider Chevrolet. Anna has been a corporate member of the club under The James House banner. Hopefully, she will remain a Rotarian.

Acknowledgment must also go to Class Act, the catering company. The food was delicious and had enough variety to meet many dietary regimens including gluten free and vegetarian. Class Act, in addition to catering, is also a wedding and other events planning company. They have a Facebook page and will work on events of all sizes.

## Caring for our animals in high heat

By Carol Dois Woodward on Wednesday, September 1, 2021



Veterinarian Peg Whipple (Margaret T. Whipple, DVM) spoke to the club on September 1, about how to care for pets and livestock during the hot weather. In this photo Peg is listening to Pat Hale describe some of the behavioral issues Pat is having with her dog, Rusty. Rusty is one of Peg's patients and she knows about many of Rusty's behaviors first hand. Peg offered to assist Pat privately, but reminded those in attendance that socialization of our pets early on is important in building a trusting relationship. She also advised that our pets depend on us for food, water, shelter, and affection. Our consistent training of desired behaviors will go a long way in achieving the demeanor in our pets that we would prefer.

As she began her presentation, Charter Member Peg, thanked the many Rotarians in the club who have used her services for their pets. She noted that she had begun her practice on Mount Sinai Road not long before the formation of the club and that the support of her fellow Rotarians had been invaluable. Peg is the founder and owner of Prince George Animal Hospital, a practice devoted to the care of pets such as dogs and cats, though she has had the occasional rabbit, ferret, and other animals.

Peg had many recommendations chief among which were:

- do NOT leave pet in a hot car (any daytime temp above 50 degrees fahrenheit)
- do not leave them in AC in a car with the engine running. Too many things could happen
- do not leave dogs unattended in the bed of a truck in whatever weather
- do not force your pets to jog with you or run beside you while you are on a bike
- limit the amount of time to the absolute minimum in which you tether a dog outside

All of the above are potentially catastrophic for the animals who are vulnerable to the heat, stress, and harm from strangers.

DO:

- provide monitoring and supervision of pets, especially when they are placed outside

- provide cool, adequate water that is not subject to being spilled or tipped over by the pet(s)
- provide shade, ventilation, comfortable bedding, platforms, or cool earth
- provide space away from potential hazards if you stake a dog outside
- if you put a dog outside, set a timer so you remember to check on the dog frequently

While cats are not likely to be jogging with the owner, they also must be provided shelter, access to cool water, and protection from hazards.

Peg also provided some insight into the need for water which livestock can stand in so they can cool off and also have access to shade.

She noted that she is known for being opinionated, but she doesn't care if she offends someone if a pet's (any animal) is being put at risk of harm, either deliberately or negligently by a human. Ironically, this writer went to the Fort Lee Commissary after the meeting. While inside an announcement came over the sound system that the owner of a certain brown Chevrolet was to report to the manager immediately as there was a dog left in the car.

People are as dumb and callous as they want to be.

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## 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 7 - Club Board Meeting at 6 pm via Zoom. Link will be sent to Board Members September 5 or 6.

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.***

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## Volunteer Opportunities

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





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](#), 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!

## 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.

## 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?**

