

Rotary



Club of Prince George County

Tuesday, November 30, 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



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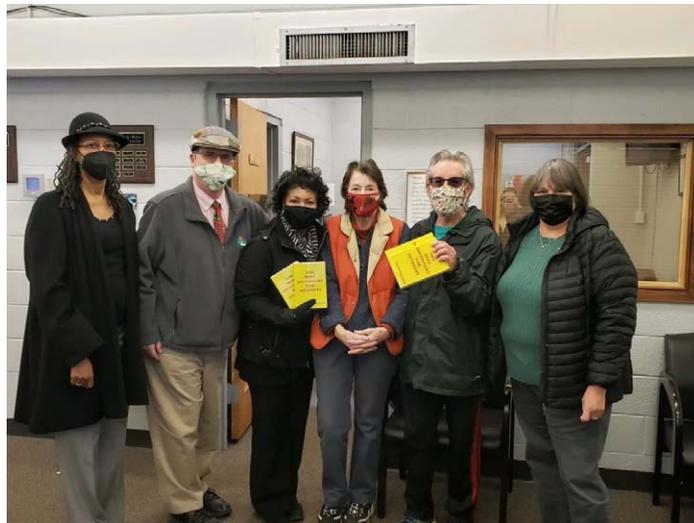
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Annual Autumn Dictionary Project Almost Finished

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Dana Rieves and Peg Whipple arrived at Walton Elementary School Tuesday morning they were close to brining our 2021 Dictionary Project to an end. They were assisted by Cynthia Mitchell, Brian Manning, Crystal Barnwell (Principal at Walton), Steve Woith, Dana Rieves, and Donald Hunter (who is not pictured below). But your are not to late to participate in the final delivery of the dictionaries which will be on Thursday, December 2 at 1 pm at North Elementary. Bill Gandel and Michael Moore are the Captains for that delivery.



On Monday Lillian and Michael Moore delivered the dictionaries to South Elementary. We hope to get a picture soon.

The week before Thanksgiving Donald, Lillian Boyd, and Carol Woodward delivered dictionaries to Bezeley Elementary. It was a blissfully sunny day during which they were greeted warmly by the Bezeley Principal Mrs. Beth Pell.



The Dictionary Project is done by many Rotary Clubs across America. The Dictionary Project is a 501 (c) 3 in its own right and provides a variety of dictionaries to choose from. We have used this dictionary for a number of years and had input from the school officials as to the dictionary to



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Events/Speakers

December 1st

Prince George County Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Program Host- Renee
Chapline

December 6th

Prince George County Rotary Board Meeting

Speaker: Club Board Meeting

December 15th

Prince George County Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Program Host- Lee
Chappell

Birthdays

Mark S Creech

December 3rd

Karen A. Skipper

December 7th

Wedding Anniversaries

Janice L. Rowley

December 22nd

Club Member Anniversaries

Steven M. Woith

11-30-2003

18 Years

Donna D. Street

12-01-2004

17 Years

Reginald Reynolds

12-03-2018

3 Years

Sasha Reynolds

12-03-2018

3 Years

select. We provide personal dictionaries to each 3rd grader in the county and the teacher in each of those classrooms. There are 5 elementary schools in Prince George, and usually we actually go into the classrooms to explain our gift to the students, but COVID has ended that process this year and in 2020. We opted to provide dictionaries to 3rd graders because in Virginia SOLs begin in that year.

Club Holiday Party & Grand Opening of Our Rotary Room

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, November 30, 2021



Prince George County graciously assigned one of the classroom in the Central Wellness Center (the old JEJ Moore School) for its use. We store Rotary supplies and equipment there, we can hold club meetings there when and if we give up Zoom, we can host events, and many other uses we haven't conceived yet.

The club and the room have already served the county in serving as a "green" room for the recent Job and Business Opportunity Fair and for the Open House of the recently renovated facility.

We need some help with planning, but here are our initial thoughts.

- a partially catered event with appetizers prepared by a caterer and with some potluck desserts
- family friendly. Kiddos, not only invited but required (just kidding).
- a couple of folks to help with decorating
- a couple of folks to plan/order the food (and organize a couple of desserts -- or more)
- someone with a happy music playlist
- a couple of folks to assist with clean up (minimal)

What is missing? Any ideas?

Have been checking with some caters to see if they are available and get some pricing. Not much luck. Wanted BBQ Bliss, but they are booked through December 28.

Club Board Meeting on December 6 at 6pm via Zoom

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

The club will "meet" via Zoom on December 1 and on December 15. The Program hosts for those two meetings are Renee Chapline on the 1st & Lee Chappell on December 15.

You might note that in my emails today that I said tomorrow was an open mic. I was wrong, totally wrong. November and December always play tricks on me. So we have a meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, December 1!

Rotary Open Mic on December 8. No Open Mic on the 22nd. HO, HO, HO!

Rotary Board meeting on December 6 via Zoom at 6 pm.

Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11 at 6 pm via Zoom.

Rotary International President Shekhar at COP26

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

RI President Shekhar Mehta urges countries at COP26 to protect mangroves

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta joined the Rotary delegation to the 26th United Nations climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, on 10 November to explore ways Rotary can work on environmental challenges, including by restoring mangroves, a crucial ecosystem that can mitigate the effects of climate change in coastal areas.

The climate summit, also known as COP26 (short for Conference of the Parties), brought together nearly 100 heads of state and governments over a two-week period to set new targets for fossil fuel emissions. This was Rotary's first time at the annual conference.

Mehta co-led a roundtable discussion with Patricia Scotland, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, that focused on the critical role mangroves play in mitigating and adapting to climate change. Mangroves sequester large amounts of carbon and also protect against storm surges and coastal erosion, filter pollutants, and provide habitat for aquatic life, among other benefits.

Of the 54 Commonwealth countries, 33 contain mangrove ecosystems that together represent 22% of the world's mangroves. Over the last half century, 50% of the world's mangrove systems have been lost due to climate change and rapid urbanization.

“The sea is washing away coastlines because mangroves have gone,” said Mehta. “We are losing our ecosystem. Once mangroves die, our marine system and coastal communities will be lost.”

Climate and environmental representatives and experts from more than 20 countries attended the round table and pledged to act alongside Rotary to help save and restore mangroves.

The members of Rotary's delegation to COP26 were Judith Diment, dean of the Rotary Representative Network, which comprises 32 unofficial ambassadors to the UN and other international organizations; Doug Wills, Rotary representative to the Commonwealth; Karen Kendrick-Hands, who attended on behalf of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group; and John MacPherson and Tariq Durrani, who helped organize a competition for schoolchildren in the UK to create posters for display at the conference.

Over the past five years, The Rotary Foundation has committed more than \$18 million toward projects that support sustainable, community-based environmental projects. On 1 July, the Foundation began accepting applications for global grants that support the environment, which was added as an area of focus in 2020. Potential projects include using renewable energy to combat environmental degradation, growing food sustainably, and protecting water sources.



Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta (middle, front row) co-led a roundtable discussion on the importance of restoring and saving mangroves at the 2021 United Nations climate conference on 10 November in Glasgow, Scotland. Representatives from more than 20 countries attended the meeting.

Photo courtesy of COP26

The Four Way Test

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, June 8, 2020

