

## Coming Events

### April

- 3 **Lynn Crump**  
State Parks Planning
- 10 **No Regular Meeting**
- 12 **Monte Carlo**  
Salisbury Country Club  
6:30 pm
- 17 **Melissa Stanley**  
Richmond Wildlife Center
- 24 **Michelle Westbay**  
Leukemia &  
Lymphoma Society

### May

- 8 **Jeanne Walls**  
Costa Rica Project
- 15 **Kaitlyn Sundheim**  
VA Special Olympics
- 22 **Bobby Fulcher**  
Backpacks of Love

### June

- 12 **Bill Lohmann**  
Dr. Copter
- 26 **Installation & Awards**  
Salisbury Country Club  
6 pm

## New Treasurer

Paul Kessler was elected last week to serve as treasurer of HT Rotary during the 2019-2020 year. Paul has made his mark as the multi-talented Sgt. at Arms for the past several year.

Congratulations, Paul.

## HT Rotary in the News

*From the Henrico Citizen*

The Rotary Club of Innsbrook headed a multi-club effort to raise \$22,500 to purchase a “new” 12-passenger van to transport students to off-campus school outings and educational opportunities.

The Faison School provides education, therapy and training for children and adults with autism. The new van will be used to transport students to off-campus activities.

It is critical for these students to develop social skills so that they can live independently as adults, according to school officials, and the off-campus outings gives them the opportunity to practice these skills.

Eleven area Rotary clubs worked together to raise the needed funds to purchase the van. In addition to Innsbrook, they are the Goochland County, Short Pump, Fluvanna County, River City (Richmond), Henrico East, Huguenot Trail, Richmond, South Richmond, Brandermill and Powhatan clubs.

Rotarians also purchased 175 books which were given to the school.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the eleven clubs and a grant from The Rotary Foundation, the school was able to purchase a late-model used van.



**Jim Carter** stands front and center at presentation of van to The Faison Center.



**Julie exchanged flags** with PDG Julius Tomka of Slovakia. Yulo, as he is called, is in Richmond with his wife, Lenka, visiting their daughter, who lives and works here. He visited HT Rotary and became an impromptu speaker, telling us about his district, his club and the history of Rotary in his country.

## Part II of Interview with RIPE Mark Maloney

**Q:** When will there be a female president of Rotary?

**A:** I think it will be in the next five years. The structure of Rotary is such that to be district governor, you must have served as club president. To be an international director, you must have been a district governor. And to be RI president you must have been an international director. Women have worked their way up through those ranks, and we have now several past directors who are women. They are gaining experience in other positions as well, and that makes it ever more likely every year that a woman will be nominated.

I am certainly conscious of promoting gender diversity in Rotary. I've chosen a woman to chair my convention committee and nominated another to serve as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. And next year we will have two women on the Board of Directors, and the following year we'll have five.

**Q:** Explain how you came up with your presidential theme — and was it more difficult than choosing your presidential tie?

**A:** Oh, no, it was far easier than choosing the tie.

**Q:** So tell us about your theme: *Rotary Connects the World*.

**A:** Rotary is all about connection. When you join a club, you connect with the business leaders in your community. Rotary connects you and clubs and districts for service around the world. The whole basis of The Rotary Foundation is to connect Rotary clubs in one part of the world with Rotary clubs in another part of the world, typically Rotary clubs from a developed country with Rotary clubs in a developing country, to undertake a humanitarian service project.

Rotary connects the world on a less formal basis internationally. Rotary International conventions and other international meetings are wonderful events. You see people there year after year that you don't see at any other time of the year, and you connect with them through friendship. You've seen the promo: "Rotary, the original social network." That's true.

**Q:** Rotary's efforts toward peace: reasonable aspiration or exercise in head-banging futility?

**A:** It's a reasonable aspiration. My father-in-law, Gilmer Blackburn, told Gay and me 15 or 20 years ago that if peace is going to come to the world, he's convinced that it's going to be through Rotary. We have the opportunity to have an impact toward a more peaceful world. Do we have the opportunity to create the Pax Romana that existed at the time of the birth of Christ? No, but we do have the ability to contribute to peace, to put leaders out there through our peace fellows program who may help lead to some version of the Pax Romana.

**Q:** Why did you join Rotary at age 25?

**A:** I joined Rotary because it was the thing to do. I was a new attorney coming into Decatur, and it seemed as if that's what all young professionals did: join a civic club.

**Q:** But why Rotary?

**A:** I joined Rotary because my father-in-law was in Kiwanis. In terms of networking and making connections, the law firm already had a representative there; we ought to have a representative in the Rotary club. It turned out to have been a terrific decision.

**Q:** Why is that? What kept you in Rotary all these years?

**A:** One, because of the connections — because of the friendships in the local club, and then the friendships in the district, the friendships internationally.

Two, because I was engaged in Rotary from the beginning. Gay and I have always been organizers. I belonged to 4-H, and I was the president of the county 4-H federation in my early teenage years. I was a state officer for the National Beta Club. I was the president of the Catholic Youth Organization for the Roman Catholic diocese of Belleville, Illinois, and at Harvard I was a football manager. I didn't just join things. I organized things, and I moved up in those organizations.

So I was engaged in my Rotary club immediately. I joined in December 1980. About a year later, they put me on the program committee, and a year later I was the committee chair. It may have been three years after that, that I got on the board. The precise timing is lost in the mists of time. Either way, I can't imagine a life without Rotary.



### Human Trafficking Symposium

Hosted by the James River Rotary Club

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 | 1p-4p | Doors open at 12:30p  
John Tyler Community College-Midlothian Campus  
800 Charter Colony Pkwy | Midlothian, VA 23114-4383  
Lynn Theatre | Building T

Free and open to the public, but preregistration is recommended.

#### -Facing the Reality of Modern-Day Slavery in America-

- What is human trafficking? Debunking the myths.
- What are we seeing in the greater Richmond region today?
- What are we currently doing?
- What are the gaps in service?

#### Invited panelists:

Federal Bureau of Investigation | Attorney General's Office, Commonwealth of Virginia | Chesterfield Commonwealth's Attorney Office & Police | Henrico Commonwealth Attorney's Office & Police | John Tyler Community College | Bon Secours Forensic Nursing | Richmond Justice Initiative | Safe Harbor | Hanover County Sheriff's Office | Homeland Security

...people are being bought, sold, and smuggled like modern-day slaves, often beaten, starved, and forced to work as prostitutes or to take jobs as migrant, domestic, restaurant, or factory workers with little or no pay....

(Source:

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/civilrights/humantrafficking>)

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