

Coming Events

March

27 **Club Forum**

April

3 **Lynn Crump**

State Parks Planning

10 **No Regular Meeting**

12 **Monte Carlo**

Salisbury Country Club

6:30 pm

17 **Melissa Stanley**

Virginia Wildlife Center

24 **Michelle Westbay**

Leukemia &
Lymphoma Society

May

8 **Jeanne Walls**

Report on Costa Rica Project

15 **Kaitlyn Sundheim**

Special Olympics Virginia

22 **Bobby Fulcher**

Backpacks of Love

Global Grant Team Has Arrived in Costa Rica

HT Rotary is one of a group of District 7600 clubs partnering with The Richmond Rotary Club to provide books and other supplies to several schools in Costa Rica. The total



Wally Debarger, grandson of Jeanne Walls and Dave Debarger, with book-filled luggage.



Dinner the first night in Costa Rica gave team members their only chance to relax.

grant, with Rotary International and club funds, is for \$65,000. Many books were shipped before the team left this week to work with an in-country Rotary Club.

An author donated over 900 books (some of which will be distributed locally because of the logistics issues getting them to Costa Rica). The project purchased books, Merle and some friends made sun dresses, and club members collected toiletries. The team left with huge suitcases loaded with books and other gifts.

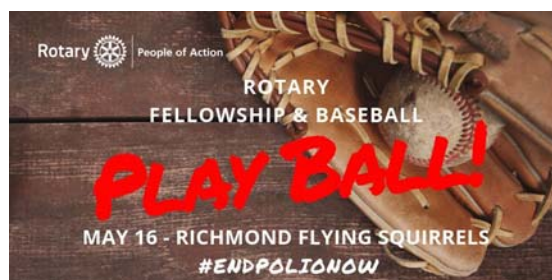
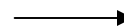
The nine people in the group will spend this week visiting schools and Rotary clubs. A report on the completed grant project will be given to HT Rotary on May 9.

Last Minute Plans

Monte Carlo Night is fast approaching. Time to reach out to all those folks who would have a good time at the gaming tables and want to buy big at the auctions to support ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation and the other charitable projects of HT Rotary.

This week's meeting will be dedicated to planning and signing up the working crews. BE THERE and sign up!

Better late than never: Merle finally got her prize for having the most fun Traveling Rotarian picture back in the fall!



RI President-Elect Mark Maloney Outlines His Plan for Rotary 2019-2020

Q: What do you want your presidential legacy to be?

A: Let's not start at the end. Let me give you a preliminary response, and then I'll answer your question.

Rotary is like a United Nations of individuals. The United Nations is an international organization of countries; Rotary is an international organization of individuals. We are having a tremendous impact in the world. Just within the past month I've had some experiences that brought that home to me. Two weeks ago, Gay and I joined with Rotarians from our two Rotary clubs — my Rotary Club of Decatur and her Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak — in a water filter distribution project on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our partner club, the Rotary Club of St. Thomas East, hosted a dinner meeting during which a panel of local experts addressed water issues on the island following the hurricanes that happened in 2017. Toward the end of the meeting, a Rotarian got up and said: "When I listen to the news or read the newspapers, I can become despondent. But when I come to a meeting like this, Rotary makes me realize that the world has a great future." Rotary's work completely changed this individual's attitude about where the world is going.

And this weekend here in Evanston, we inducted 32 individuals and couples into the Arch Klumph Society. These were Rotarians who had contributed substantial sums of money to support polio eradication, peace and conflict resolution and prevention, maternal and child health, and other causes. And there were so many stirring stories about what these Rotarians see Rotary accomplishing in the world today, so much so that they want, to use a colloquialism, to put their money where their mouths are. So that's the Rotary that I want to facilitate, that I want to make happen.

So now that I've laid that predicate, I'll answer your question. At the end of my term, I want to have inspired changes in our Rotary culture that make it possible for Rotary to continue doing the things that heartened the soul of that Rotarian in St. Thomas and that inspired those Rotarians at the Arch Klumph ceremony to make those significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation to keep that work going.

Q: How do you ensure that happens?

A: We need to grow Rotary. We need more hands doing service, more brains coming up with ideas. We need more partnerships, more connections. To accomplish that, I have four priorities for my presidency, and No. 1 is growing Rotary.

Q: How do you do that?

A: First, we redouble our efforts to support our clubs to attract new members and engage current members so that they stay with Rotary to perform greater and more innovative service. That means clubs being more flexible than they have been.

But the other aspect is to form new Rotary clubs. Our tradition was to form new clubs in areas where clubs didn't exist. We need now to focus on forming new clubs where Rotary not only exists, but thrives. In many of those areas we are serving only a certain segment of the population. We need new clubs with alternative experiences that meet in nontraditional ways. That would help us attract a different demographic — be it age, gender, ethnic background — so that we are serving all aspects of the community.

Q: What are your other priorities?

A: My second and third priorities support the first. At every level of this organization we need to design our club meetings, service projects, and social events so they are family-friendly. We need to provide opportunities that complement younger individuals' family lives rather than compete with those family lives.

And my third priority is that we must change our culture, our attitudes, and the way we do business so that it is possible and apparent that you can be actively engaged in Rotary and even assume positions of Rotary leadership while you are still actively engaged in your business or profession. If we want Rotary to be attractive to a younger demographic, we have to make Rotary leadership accessible to the younger demographic.



Q: What's No. 4?

A: In June 2020, the United Nations will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN charter. Rotary has been involved with the UN since before the [UN began](#). Because of that, I want to focus on Rotary's relationship with the United Nations. The annual [Rotary-UN Day](#) will be returning to the UN headquarters in New York after having been in Geneva and Nairobi. We also hope to have three presidential conferences focusing on Rotary's relationship with specific UN agencies at different locations around the world and a final celebration of Rotary's UN relationship before the convention opens in Honolulu, Hawaii.

So in terms of legacy — just to wrap that up — for those of us who are working together in 2019-20, our success will not be measured on 30 June of 2020, but on 30 June of 2025 or 2030, when others can determine whether the things we started had an impact as the years went by.

Editor's Note: Second half of interview with RIPE Mark Maloney will appear in the April 3 edition of *The Trail*.

