

# Rotary District 7600



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### District News

#### A Message from DG Clenise:

D7600 ROTARIANS: CHANGING THE WORLD WHILE SOCIALLY CONNECTING

Hello, WORLD CHANGER. Yes, I **♦**m talking to you, my fellow Rotarian.

Together we are changing the world as we work from home or practice physical distancing or sit on our couch binge watching TV or work with our kids or our grandkids on a school assignment. We are absolutely being a world changer. We **♦**re serving as world changers in a different manner **♦**not by our normal methods of raising money for Polio, participating in a global grant and/or serving our local community. No, today we are changing the world and our communities in a major way just by sheltering in place as much as possible. The number of individuals who have contracted the coronavirus disease and the number of people who have died from the disease in Virginia and around America and the world continues to rise daily.

As we follow the recommendations of the health officials, we are doing our part to not only change the world, but save the world as well. Emily Landon, the chief infectious disease epidemiologist at the University of Chicago Medicine said, **♦**It's really hard to feel like you **♦**re saving the world when you **♦**re watching Netflix from your couch. But if we do this right, nothing happens, **♦** Landon said. **♦**A successful shelter-in-place means you **♦**re going to feel like it was all for nothing, and you **♦**d be right: Because nothing means that nothing happened to your family. And that **♦**s what we **♦**re going for here. **♦**

I have provided a Rotary Resources manual which includes a number of ways that our Rotarians in D7600 are staying socially connected. The packet also contains a few more ways that you, your club and your family can Virtually Volunteer as well. There are also some ideas for ways you can take care of you and your family and remain engaged even while practicing physical distancing. (For the Rotary Resources PDF go [HERE](#)).

Keep being the **Super Action Hero** that you are **♦**sitting on your couch, working, watching TV, going over a school assignment, practicing physical distancing or socially connecting-- changing and saving the world one day at a time!!

Be well and stay safe, my friend!

DG Clenise  
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## 2019-2020 District Committee Chairs

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Ritchie

Rotaract



Members of the President-Elect Class of 2020 join together to celebrate the completion of PETS training. This training was accomplished at the very beginning of March, before the travel and meeting restrictions came into play. Current Club Presidents are certainly grateful, to be sure!!



At this year's Chesapeake PETS, DGN Debbie Wall and David Rosenthal held a 50/50 raffle to raise money for PolioPlus. They collected a total of \$3,205 and the winner of the raffle donated the money back to the cause. With the match from the Gates Foundation, the money raised will vaccinate over 16,000 children against polio!

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The CoronaVirus has created significant problems for District 7600 and the continuing training that normally takes place each Spring. The District Training Assembly scheduled for April has been cancelled as is the Foundation Grant Management Seminar. Rotary Clubs across the district have also been impacted. This is the time of year when many clubs schedule their annual fundraising events. Unfortunately most of the them have been cancelled. A couple of the clubs managed to hold their fundraisers before the "all stop" word came down from government officials. Several clubs have considered rescheduling these events for the fall. Although there are no Upcoming Events scheduled right now, know that as word comes, the information will show up here and on DACdb.

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## Club News

### Farmville Presents Check:



The Farmville Club was thrilled to present a check to Twin Lakes State Park for its dock renovation project. This will include needed updates as well as the addition of an accessibility ramp. They say a big "thank you" to everyone who attended Taste of Farmville and helped make this a reality.

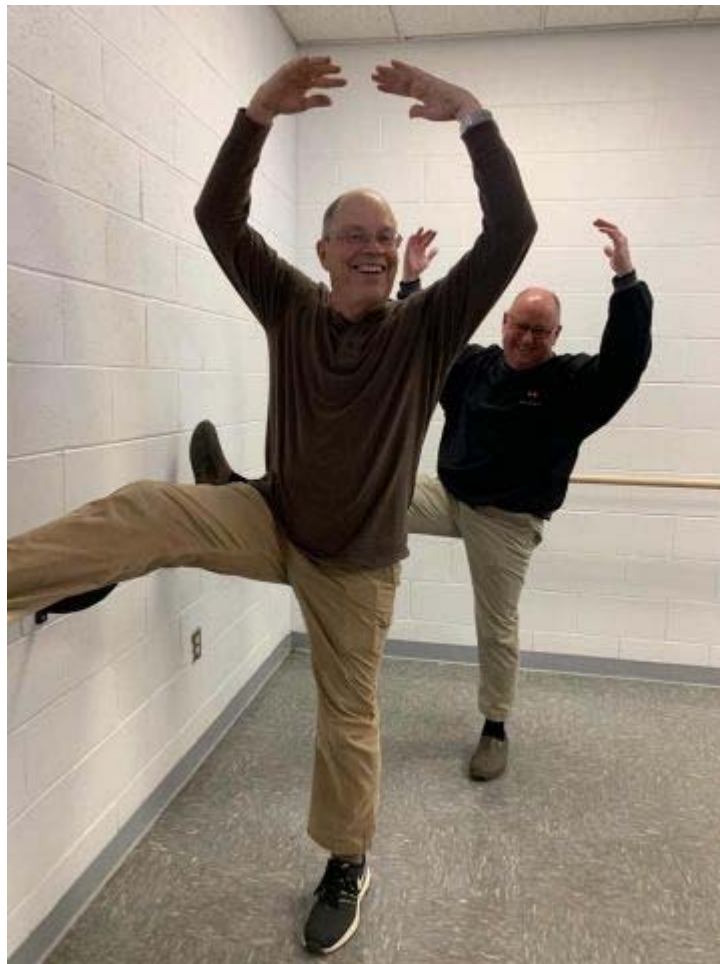
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### Hampton Roads Interact Club:



The Kempsville High School Interact Club joined Rotarians from the Hampton Roads club at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore to help sort, move, pack food. These students are our future and they are showing us how much they truly live Service Above Self.

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John Frantz & Bill Ziglar try out the new dance bar installed by **Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center, Newport News & the Virginia Peninsula Rotary Club** at the Boys & Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula.

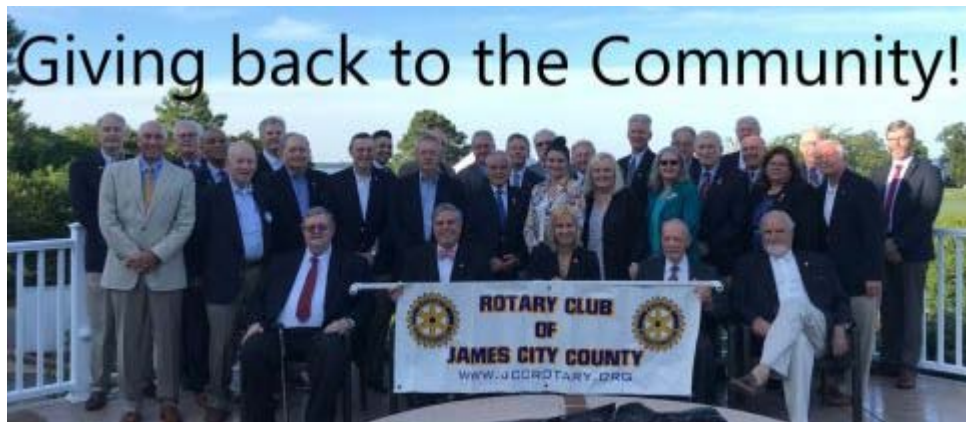
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**Lunenburg Club Steak Dinner:**



On behalf of The Lunenburg Rotary Club, we thank you for supporting our Annual Steak Dinner. This enables us to provide scholarships to CHS graduates & to 4-H Camp, support to CHS Kindness Matters, and the local Food Banks etc. It was a smashing success!!

#### **James City County Gives Check:**



The Rotary Club of James City County presented \$10,000 in emergency grants ♦ \$5,000 each to Williamsburg House of Mercy and Grove Christian Outreach Center, to make an immediate impact in the community for the impoverished and homeless who are so adversely affected economically by the COVID-19 crisis. The money will be used exclusively to help sustain current organization operations and to replenish food stocks as soon as possible.

*Pictured below are Club Treasurer Chet Tellis and Katie Patrick, Executive Director of Grove.*



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#### South Hill Club Grant at Park :



The South Hill Rotary Club received a district grant this year as well as memorial donations and will be placing four benches in Centennial Park near the Kids-Play all inclusive playground as well as another playground. They were on hand recently for the pouring of the concrete to get the benches placed. Thanks to the Town Of South Hill crew for helping us set concrete making sure it was done right. Two of the benches will be dedicated to late members Carol Crough and Jerry Klingenberg.

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The **Oyster Point Club** has begun weekly meetings using the online tool Zoom. They announced through social media that on March 20th there was a raffle to support a Habitat for Humanity House for the James family. This fundraiser is a 50/50 raffle and the drawing took place online during the Zoom meeting. Tickets were \$10 for one ticket; \$20 for 3 tickets and a \$50 donation gets 7 tickets (two sales of 3/\$20 and one sale of 1/\$10).

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#### ZOOM Meetings:



Is your club interesting in meeting online? Here's some Zoom information:

1. There is a 20% discount offer through the Rotary Member Rewards program toward the paid versions of Zoom. (From David Stovall Zone 33/34)
2. There are several YouTube videos on how to set up and use Zoom. This is just one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTSJOYDoF7o>

Here's what Alex Ritchie had to say about staying together in these trying times:

*In Rotary, and life in general since the onset of COVID-19, my life has been pretty chaotic and even uncertain at times. This group is a rock for me despite this time period. Their willingness to try new ideas, incorporate my perspective, and embrace different projects is SO encouraging. They have shown me the power and possibility of inter-generational collaboration and understanding.*

*~ EXCITING UPDATE: for the first time, we conducted our regular meeting over google hangouts this week. It was AMAZING to see everyone come together at 7:30 in the morning with their coffee to do Rotary a bit differently than we are used to. For those of you wondering how to keep your clubs going despite this period of distancing and uncertainty, it IS possible to do! Please reach out to me if you're interested in google hangouts or Zoom- I'm more than happy to walk you through it!! You might be surprised by the attendance and the excitement that will come with it. :)*

*Staying connected is so important this time is an opportunity for all of our clubs to experience true growth as we explore new ways to serve, connect, and engage one another. It's a chance to reach a new audience and show that Rotary IS able to adapt, IS relevant, and will be at the forefront driving positive change throughout every trial that our world is presented with. Service Above Self and friendship will always remain.*

*Thank you Rotary and my James River team for being a huge bright spot this week you all inspire me with your willingness to jump into new and different territory.*

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*Correction from March Issue:*

My apologies to Vicky Rappold and the Henrico North Club. In last month's issue, this article was posted, "Henrico North Rotary was blessed with a special program and speaker recently - Annie Walker, the Deputy Commissioner for the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. Our Vietnam War veterans received recognition, lapel pins and a Proclamation delivered by Ms. Walker. Gov. Mark Warner and the General Assembly in 2012 began this process to provide this special recognition." The person in the second photograph was misidentified. Below is Tim Reading receiving the recognition.



[Read More](#)

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## Tech Tip of the Month

By JoAnn Meaker



**Tech Tip of the Month** *(inspired by Terry Weaver of DACdb)*

Club secretaries should perform the following tasks to properly identify club officers in DACdb and generally keep DACdb up to date.

1. Add and identify the person newly named to the President train (Nominee-Designate (**PND**), Nominee (**PN**), or Elect (**PE**)), Secretary-Elect (**SE**) and, Treasurer-Elect (**TE**) to your 2019-20 (current year) Club Officers.
2. Add other club officers as appropriate.
3. Change your committee OrgYear to 2020-21 and make sure Club committees are properly defined and populated.
4. Review [Club Information](#) and make certain location and contact information are correct and please make certain the [Club Website](#) link works correctly.
5. Review files stored in [Club FILES](#) and remove any that are no longer needed.
6. Archive ezBulletins that are out of date.
7. In My Club, Club Members, RI Integration use Member Compare, Club Officer Compare and Club Info Compare to make certain information kept by Rotary International is the same as that in DACdb. This is a good way to make sure Club Officers information is correct at RI so that your club officers get appropriate email from RI.

Also: From Russell Hampton - for your club needs.

### **We Are Here For You**

We are currently operating with minimal staff as a result of a regional stay-at-home order which runs through April 22. We will be doing everything in our power to meet your need-by date and we will keep you updated during this period. We ask for your patience as we navigate these extraordinary times together. We continue to be available by email, fax and phone, and will respond as quickly as possible. Placing your order online continues to be the best option. Even as this pandemic displaces "normal" and causes so much suffering in our world, we are here for you and we will stay in touch. **EARLY-BIRD SPECIAL! Order your outgoing officer and Rotarian of the Year awards, gifts and pins by April 20 and Receive a \$10 Russell-Hampton Gift Card FREE (one per Club - \$50 on a single order to qualify)**

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# The Rotary Foundation



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## Foundation News



Read DRFC Stephen Beer's April message [HERE](#).

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**1** CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE MADE ONLINE TO THE ANNUAL FUND

**2** CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE MADE ONLINE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, AT "MY ROTARY" AT ROTARY.ORG

**3** CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO \$500 WILL BE MATCHED WITH RECOGNITION POINTS

**4** INCREASED CONTRIBUTION UP TO \$100 OVER LAST YEAR WILL BE MATCHED 2:1

**5** DONOR MUST HAVE "MY ROTARY" ACCOUNT SET UP IN ADVANCE OF APRIL 6

**6** PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS + B ARE INELIGIBLE FOR MATCHING POINTS

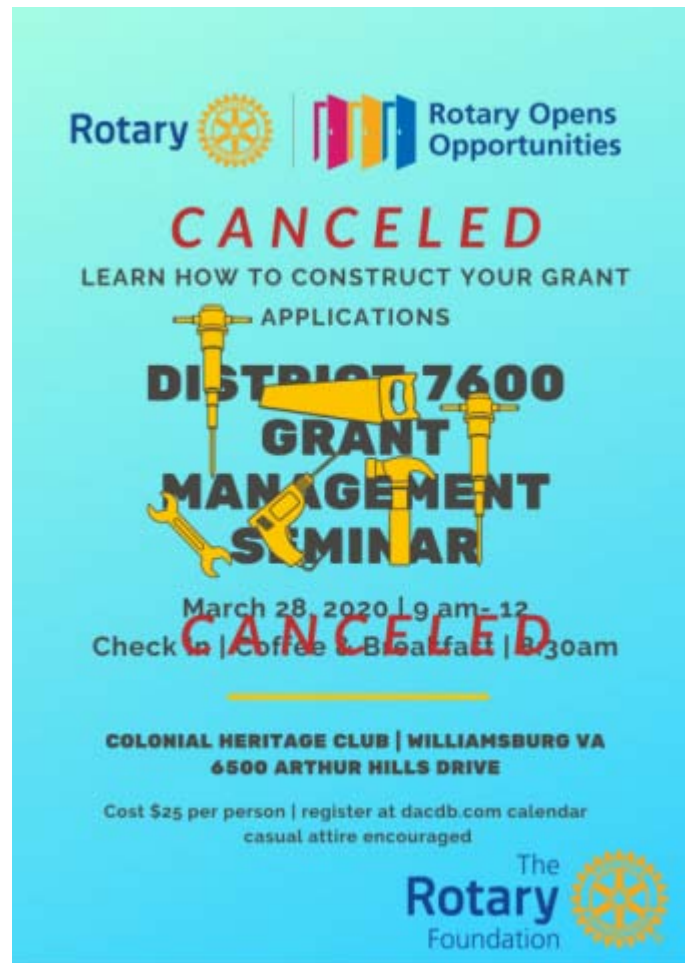
Giving Tuesday is April 7th. Read the details on how you can make a difference [HERE](#).

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A Five-Club District Grant supports the Hunton YMCA - Read the details [HERE](#).

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Although the in-person Grant Management Seminar has been cancelled there are two other opportunities for clubs to participate.

One way is to take the District 7600 specific Grant Management Seminar on [myrotary.org](http://myrotary.org). This information was distributed at the Chesapeake PETS to the Presidents-Elect to share with the members of their clubs who will have responsibility for shepherding the clubs' grant applications and projects. The course is open to any Rotarian and the instructions can be found [HERE](#).

The other option is to take one of the two ZOOM Grant Management Seminars which are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 15 from 6-8:15 pm and on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 5:15 pm. A p-mail regarding the login information will go out to the PEs.

Other grant matters affected by the coronavirus situation are in the discussion phase, so Presidents-Elect please watch your email accounts.



Colleen Bonadonna's EREY Story is in the Rotary Global History Fellowship Newsletter March Issue

Please take a look at the Our Foundation Newsletter of The Rotary Global History Foundation (RGHF) of which our own Past District Governor, Bill Pollard, is an associate editor. Colleen Bonadonna shares her EREY story in this March 2020 Issue. You may view it here <https://www.rghfhome.org/ofn/march-2020.html>.