

# Rotary District 7600



## Spirit of 7600



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### District News



#### LET'S MAKE OUR DISTRICT MERRY & BRIGHT!

It's one of the most wonderful times of the year filled with family, friends, good cheer, love, peace and blessings! However, not everyone's holidays are filled with goodness, peace, love and good cheer and that's where Rotary comes in! During this holiday season, when your Rotary members are bringing the love, good cheer and goodness to someone, please take a picture or video and have your Public Image chair post it to our Facebook or Instagram page or send it to the District Public Image chair, Dianne Gordonn at [dgorsonn@roseandwomble.com](mailto:dgorsonn@roseandwomble.com). Use the following hashtags: #D7600goodcheer, #rotaryconnectsD7600, and #Rotaryconnectstheworld. If you need help posting to a social media page, Dianne can also assist with that. As we highlight how we are bringing the merriment and brightness to those in our community, let's hope others will be inspired to do good too by our example.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!  
DG Clenise

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#### MEET OUR NEWEST ADDITION TO D7600

Stanley Theodore Wall  
District Secretary

## 2019-2020 District Committee Chairs

**Stephen R. Beer**  
District Rotary Foundation  
**Floyd Melvin Brown, Jr.**  
Community Service

**Bonnie S. Field**  
District Awards

**Dianne S. Gordonn**  
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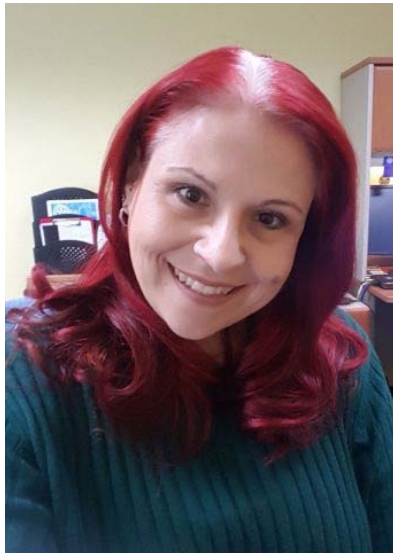
**Mary Lou Mortimer**  
District Conf

**Maureen S. Patterson**  
Interact

**Robert Edward Preston**  
Rotary Fellowship District

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Youth Protection Officer

**Alexandria Mayher  
Ritchie**  
Rotaract



October 4th was Rosario Fox's last day with us. She was the Executive Assistant who did a PHENOMENAL job getting us through our amazing 2019 D7600 District Conference. However, Kelly Taylor began serving in that role on October 1st. Please give Kelly a warm welcome when you speak with her or see her in person. Read more about Kelly [HERE](#).

### **GIVE ME A R-Y-L-A C-O-C-H-A-I-R!**

D7600 is looking for you if you are phenomenal with youth and want to find a unique way to give back. The job description is below. Please send your interest (and if you have a resume highlighting your qualifications, you can send that too!) to [crotary06@gmail.com](mailto:crotary06@gmail.com) with the subject line: RYLA CO-CHAIR

#### **RYLA CO-CHAIR JOB DESCRIPTION**

*Are you interested in helping to inspire ideas of service, develop leadership skills and cultivate future Rotarians? In the role of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Chair, you will assist in the development of an intensive leadership experience to help young people develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections. In addition, you will communicate and promote RYLA to the clubs and oversee the district committee organizing the district-level RYLA. RYLA gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor promising young leaders serving their own communities and beyond. Rotarians serve as resources for participants on the path to becoming professional and community leaders. RYLA participants are nominated by Rotary clubs. Chair must pass a background check and agree to follow Rotary's guidelines on working with youth.*

### **IT'S OFFICIAL!!!**



Kenneth W. Janes of the Rotary Club of Richmond has been selected as the 2022-2023 District Governor for Rotary District 7600. Congratulations and best wishes, Kenny!!

## Clubs in the News



**The Area One Rotary Clubs of Ashland, Mechanicsville and Hanover** held a joint Open House on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Center of the Universe Brewery in Ashland, Virginia. Some 40 invited guests were members of the Hanover County community who have expressed an interest in learning more about Rotary and its mission.

The purpose of the Open House was primarily to increase membership but also to:

- 1) share information with potential members about some of the great service projects and organizations that we support both locally and internationally;
- 2) give guests the opportunity to interact with each club's members and to assess their availability and relative fit with each club.

In addition to an audio visual presentation, each club displayed printed materials and brochures. Food and beverages were also provided. These types of joint events can magnify Rotary's profile in the community by highlighting the depth and breadth of our reach. It was a great event of education, fellowship and celebration.

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**Bon Air Club:**





**Harvest Festival District Grant.** Thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club of Bon Air, the Harvest Festival for the young patients at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTTC) took place on October 31, 2019. The event started with a pizza luncheon in the cafeteria. After lunch, costumed kids, staff and volunteers moved to the Gym for fun & games. Game participants received candy. Face painting and cookie decorating tables were also available. Juice, cake and ice cream were served in the Gym. Near the end, a few minutes were allotted for line dancing. Each child was allowed to pick out a door prize as the ticket numbers were called. The \$500 donation from the Rotary Club provided delivery pizza, candy, door prizes and some art supplies. Shown here are two of the VTTC staff members, who manned the game tables.

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**Yorktown Club:**



Virginia is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the slogan Virginia is For Lovers, and the Yorktown Rotary Club is also celebrating its 50th anniversary, having been chartered in 1969. The club will be having their celebration in February.

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**Huguenot Trail Club:**



Members of the Huguenot Trail Club volunteered at the Chesterfield Food Bank.

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**Blackstone Club:**



The Blackstone Club had a booth during Holiday Open House on November 29th for the public to sign and/or write messages of encouragement and gratitude in holiday cards that will be sent to service members who can't make it home to their families during the holidays.

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**Midlothian Club:**





At a recent meeting, members of the Midlothian Club recognized two very special Rotarians as Honorary Members for their years of dedicated service to the club and the community. The club thanks Pete Stith and Tom Yeager and are forever grateful for all they have done and continue to do.

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**Farmville Club:**



Above: Several Rotarians from the Farmville Club were representing the rest of their club at the Habitat for Humanity Golden Hammer Awards!

Below: Rotarian Jen and Rotarian Pam were ready for their first ever Rotary Runs event, benefitting *Our Access to College* project. It was a great day for a 5k!



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**Prince George County Club:**



Members of the Prince George Electric Cooperative and the Rotary Club of Prince George County passed out over 85 dictionaries to the 3rd grade class at W. A. Walton Elementary School. Third graders at the David A. Harrison Elementary School received dictionaries too! Do you know the longest word in the dictionary?

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**Virginia Beach Club:**





On November 2nd members of the Virginia Beach Rotary Club had the honor and pleasure to collect donations for their local Food Bank at the Food Lion grocery on General Booth and Dam Neck Road. It was very successful and the club thanks all the folks that participated.  
*L-R: Patti Phillips, Renee Flinchum, Eva Poole, Jim Flinchum and Ernest Gaie. Not pictured is Barbara Bradley.*

**Norfolk Club:**



Norfolk Rotarian's out in the community doing good work with Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia

**Lawrenceville Club:**





Flags for Heroes is a fundraising project adopted by the Lawrenceville Rotary Club to honor a military, first responder, or other hero (past or present), by sponsoring an American flag in their honor. The American flags are proudly displayed on the lawn at the Brunswick County Conference Center in Lawrenceville, VA and will be on display Nov. 8th through Nov. 29th. Each flag flown has a specific hero's name and their sponsor. Proceeds from this project will benefit the Lawrenceville Rotary Club Scholarship Fund. This will be an annual project adopted by the Lawrenceville Rotary Club, if you are interested please be on the look out for this project next year just before Veteran's Day 2020. Thank you to all Veteran's and their sponsors for Flags for Heroes.

AND please join in helping with their



The poster features a colorful illustration of two children in winter coats and hats. The text is bold and eye-catching, with 'Coats for Kids' in large, multi-colored letters and 'COAT DRIVE' in red. The background is a light blue and white gradient.

**Coats for Kids**  
**COAT DRIVE**

**HELP US GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH.**

The Lawrenceville Rotary Club is collecting new and gently used coats benefiting local families for their "Coats for Kids" Coat Drive.  
**Children, Youth and Adult sizes are accepted.**  
All donations are appreciated.  
Help keep our local youth warm this Winter by donating.

**COAT DRIVE DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**

-  **Brunswick Byways Visitor Center**  
13516 Christanna Highway Lawrenceville, VA 23868
-  **Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority**  
116 W. Hicks Street Lawrenceville, VA 23868
- Brunswick Insurance Agency**  
233 North Main Street Lawrenceville, VA 23868
- Brunswick Chamber of Commerce**  
400 North Main Street Lawrenceville, VA 23868
-  **Brunswick County Department of Social Services**  
201 Sharp Street, Suite 100 Lawrenceville, VA 23868
- Long and Foster Real Estate Agency**  
3840 Highway 903 Bracey, VA 23819

**Colonial Heights Club:**

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## COLONIAL HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB

Group # 990083299

We're partnering with Yankee Candle® Fundraising to help achieve our goal this year. They are the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and décor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that a percentage of every sale goes to us!

To help support us, click on the link below and order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home and our group receives profit on each and every sale. This promotion is good through Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

### READY TO START SHOPPING NOW?

Click on the link below and you are on your way to helping our organization reach its fundraising goals:

[COLONIAL HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB Yankee Candle Shopping Site](#)

If this link fails to take you to the shopping site, don't worry. Simply type in [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and enter your Group Number 990083299 in the "Start Shopping" box there. Then you can shop for the same Yankee Candle Fundraising items and your purchases will still benefit our organization.

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West Richmond Club:



Great day supporting the Coats for Kids charity and raising money for community youth. Fun Run here we come.



Representing Rotary at the Chili Cookoff. Go team West Richmond.

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**James City County:**





Rotarians from the James City County Club and its Satellite Club installed 100 U.S. flags at Veterans Park in Williamsburg, to honor Military (Active, Reserve & Guard, and Veterans) and First Responders. The display was a gift this year to the community for supporting Club charity concert series and poinsettia sales, the proceeds of which all went directly to local charities. The flags flew for the week surrounding Veterans Day.

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## Upcoming Events

January 4, 8 - 12: PrePets / Presidential Retreat, Hampton, VA. This training is for current club Presidents and President-Elects.

February 7 & 8: District Team Training Seminar (DTTS), Chanco on the James. This training is for District Officers, Area Governors, and District Leadership attend both days, while Committee Chairs attend Saturday only.

March 5 - 7: President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), Westfield Marriott in Chantilly. This training is for President-Elects, President Nominees and Assistant Governors.

March 21: Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Virginia Wesleyan University, Norfolk. This three-part training is for anyone looking to enhance their leadership skills.

April 18: District Training Assembly, Virginia Wesleyan University, Norfolk.

August 2: Summer Seminars on Foundation, Public Image and Membership

November 5 - 8: District Conference, Oceanfront Marriott in Virginia Beach

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## Youth Services

Read the Rotaract Monthly [HERE](#).

In October, Rotary International convened it's Council on Legislation and voted on policy updates that impact Rotaract. To read about these policies you can go to the RI website or click on the link [HERE](#).

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## Tech Tip of the Month

In this holiday season, when shopping, consider two things:

(1) **AmazonSmile** is a **program** that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations. Rotary International is one of these organizations. In addition, several clubs also are included.

(2) The **Rotary Global Rewards** program offers Rotary and Rotaract club members discounts on products and services for travel, entertainment, and merchandise. You can access the Rotary Global Rewards program from the Member Center.

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## Foundation News



### **A Word from Your Foundation Chair: Rotary Foundation Month is Over**

Foundation Month is almost gone. This is the traditional time when we really kick-off our Annual Fund Drive. All year long we hear about the great things The Rotary Foundation does to support our clubs and our communities. Our clubs are doing great things for our communities, particularly for neighborhoods that really need our help. Our district grants this year will make a big difference, whether we are building a community kitchen, a new medical clinic, or a new playground. Most of our District Grant projects are completed by the time the weather starts to turn. Check out the list of District Grants. It just takes a minute. It will make you proud to be a Rotarian. We will hear/see more about these successful projects in the coming months.

November is also a month when we express thanks. I want to say THANK YOU to our district Rotary Foundation team members for all of their efforts, particularly for putting on a most successful Rotary Foundation Banquet. And THANKS to immediate past District Rotary Foundation Chair Chuck Arnason for over three years as chair and helping point me in the right direction. But most of all, THANKS to all the clubs for their generosity and efforts toward giving to our Foundation. Please see the separate article that shows all of the recognitions awarded at the dinner. It takes a lot of effort to make the evening happen. If you were there, I am sure you had a good time. If you didn't make it, there is always next year.

We launched our Million Dollar Dinner fundraiser at the end of the Foundation dinner. Participation isn't for everyone. If Rotary is your passion and The Rotary Foundation is your charity of choice, please see the information about this unique opportunity and event after the first of the New Year!

Hope you have a wonderful and blessed holiday season!

Stephen Beer, Past District Governor  
District Rotary Foundation Chair, 2019-2022

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## What it Looks Like for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year

1. During the 2016-17 Rotary Year, District 7600 contributed \$613,749.10 to TRF.
2. Consequently, District 7600 will have access to DDF in the amount of \$306,874.55
3. Therefore, District 7600 will be able to fund District Grants in the approximate amount of \$153,437.27 (an increase of \$9,397.97 from 2018-19).

Recently the latest round of District Grants were announced. The list is [HERE](#).



L: Nancy Barbee; R: Stephen Beer with Amanda Akemi



## District 7600 Foundation Awards Banquet

By Carol Woodward

The District 7600 Foundation Awards Banquet hosted over 150 Rotarians from across the district on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Annual event was to recognize clubs and individuals for their generosity and personal support of The Rotary Foundation. Generous Rotarians gave \$571,622 to the Annual Fund, clubs and individuals gave \$107,894 to Polio Plus which the district matched with \$57,616 for a total of \$165,510 to eradicate polio. Giving Tuesday had a record-breaking year having raised \$61,521 from generous Rotarians. Total district giving was \$712,713. The district per capita Foundation giving was \$212.58

Nancy Barbee, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 33, was our star keynote speaker. She shared her Rotary journey with the assembled Rotarians, beginning with her induction as a member in a small North Carolina club, through her rise in that district becoming District Governor, and her expanding engagement on behalf of polio eradication by organizing and participating in a number of National Immunization Day initiatives in other countries. The heart-felt recap of her Rotary career inspired the Rotarians and their guests. Tears were seen in the eyes of many.

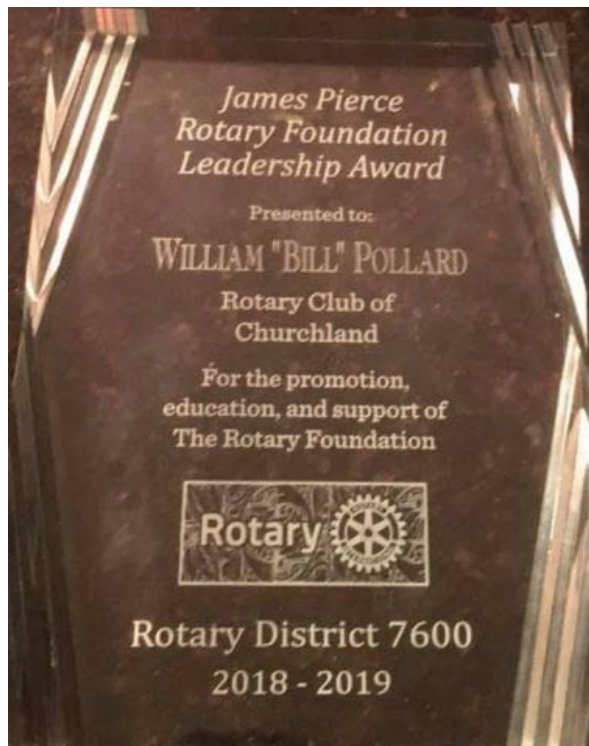
In addition to Nancy's presentation, Amanda Akemi of Brazil, delightfully shared some of her experiences during her year as a New Generations Service Exchange participant. If you see the amazing NGSE acronym, you will now know what it stands for.

The evening event was planned by Elizabeth McCoury with guidance from the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, Stephen Beer. Joy Kline, Rudy Garcia, and David Rosenthal took charge of the actual awarding of the club awards for Chuck Arnason's last year as the District Rotary Foundation Chair. Susan Zachensky-Walthall (Past District Governor, 2018-19) assisted Chuck and Nancy Barbee and the awards team in presenting the recognitions.

A number of individual Rotarians were awarded District Service Awards for their exemplary service and support of The Rotary Foundation, including the editor of the Spirit of 7600, JoAnn Meaker. The complete listing of awards is [HERE](#).

Two special individual awards are conferred each year. Michael Desplaines was recognized as the Outstanding Alumni of the year. William Bill Pollard was the recipient of the James Pierce Foundation Leadership Award conferred upon him by Jim Pierce's widow, Suki Pierce, herself a Rotarian. Bill's reflections on being the Pierce Award recipient are in a separate article in this issue of the Spirit.

Photos taken by Bill Billings can be found [HERE](#).





*L: Bill Pollard's award; R: past photo of Jim Pierce with Bill Pollard*

Bill Pollard was awarded the James Pierce Rotary Foundation Leadership Award. Read his comments [HERE](#).

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David Rosenthal answers the question, "Why I give?" Read his response [HERE](#).

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# The Rotary Foundation



Read more about retirement and estate planning and how Rotary can be a part [HERE](#).

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Are you looking for a unique gift for that special someone? Consider this coin. Read about it [HERE](#).

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Read the latest updates about the Global Grants in Ghana [HERE](#).

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Nancy Wright Beasley provided the latest update on the Global Grant her club (Brandermill) has been doing in Lithuania. Read the detailed report [HERE](#).

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