



Rotary District 7600



Spirit of 7600



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Behind the scenes, Dianne Gordonn mans the control booth so Zoomers can participate.



Bill Pollard says, "I was extremely honored and surprised to have been presented with The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award last night at the Rotary District 7600 conference. From the Rotary International website, ♦The Distinguished Service Award is an internationally competitive award granted annually to a maximum of 50 Rotarians who have exhibited exceptional active service to The Rotary Foundation. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant to this award. To qualify, the nominee must demonstrate a broad range of service over an extended period of time. ♦

This recognition was made possible by the incredible support of The Rotary Foundation by the Rotarians in District 7600 (Central & Southeastern

VA). As a Past District Governor and Past District Rotary Foundation Chair, I ♦ve had the privilege and honor to thank Rotarians in District 7600 for their generosity helping Rotarians Do Good in the World."



Committee Chair, Sue Carter announced the second annual D7600 People of Action Awards. The Award honors a Rotarian who is making a difference in the world, through Rotary or through their community or global service.

The winners were Kevin Yeargin (RC Club Virginia Peninsula); Shel Douglas (RC Club Prince George); Neva Lynde (RC James City County Satellite); and

Colleen Bonadonna (RC Club of New Kent). Congratulations!

Club News

Exmore Club:



On November 7th, 26 members of the Exmore Rotary Club picked up trash along Bayside Road from Nassawadox to Exmore - approximately two miles. It took them about 90 minutes to pick up 34 bags of trash.

Hopewell Club:

Recently Rotarians from the Hopewell Club came out to assist *Keep Hopewell Beautiful* with the community cleanup. They worked on Reverend Curtis Harris Street, 21st Street, Water Street, and the Cobblestone neighborhood.



New Kent Club:



The Rotary Club of New Kent partnered with the Heritage Library to hold a coloring contest for World Polio Day (October 24th, the birth date of Dr. Jonas Salk). Three winners received a stuffed animal wearing an End Polio Now sweater and a gift card to Dairy Queen.

Hampton Roads Club:

What a great weekend of Service Above Self! Club members completely replaced the floor in a shelter for the Samaritan House in two days. Thank you everyone that helped, especially our partner Greg Falvo with *We Build*.

And thanks to Anthony Sabella from WTKR News 3 for the story and interview [HERE](#).



Warwick at City Center Club:

Recently Warwick at City Center's Rotary Club members packed 120 lunches for the Four Oaks Day Center, providing resources for the homeless during the COVID 19 pandemic. Thanks to all of club members who supported this effort!



James City County Satellite Club:

No pandemic was going to keep veterans from recognizing veterans this year. A group of veterans assembled to place U.S. flags at the graves of about 1,200 military veterans at Williamsburg Memorial Park in James City County. Similar flags were placed on hundreds of veterans' graves at



Williamsburg's Cedar Grove Cemetery by volunteers, including the Rotary Satellite Club of James City County, the

Williamsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as police officers and firefighters from the city.

And...

Members of the **James City County Rotary Club** and its Satellite visited all nine Williamsburg JCC elementary schools today to present nearly 900 dictionaries for all 3rd graders. It's a gift that the students need in order to fulfill their Standards of Learning. The Rotary Club has carried on this annual tradition for years and appreciates the community support for our fun(d)raisers so we can buy the books. We also provide scholarship for graduating high school seniors in the spring and much more.

For the 2nd year in a row, the Rotary Club of JCC and The Rotary Satellite Club of JCC came together to fund and volunteer to pack and deliver 200 turkey baskets to the clients of Grove Christian Outreach Center.



Midlothian Club:

Some of our members helped out at the *Soles4Souls* warehouse today repackaging pallets of shoes. So grateful to be able to make a difference in our community! A big thank you to the members



that were able to attend today.

Prince George County:



Thanks to the wonderful medical professionals at Hopewell-Prince George Community Health Center who braved the chilly wind to accept a donation boxes filled with hats, gloves, socks, and hand sanitizer bottles for their clients.

Goochland Club:

The Rotary Club of Goochland is selling seasoned hardwood firewood for \$110 for a 6-foot pickup load and \$135 for an 8-foot pickup load.



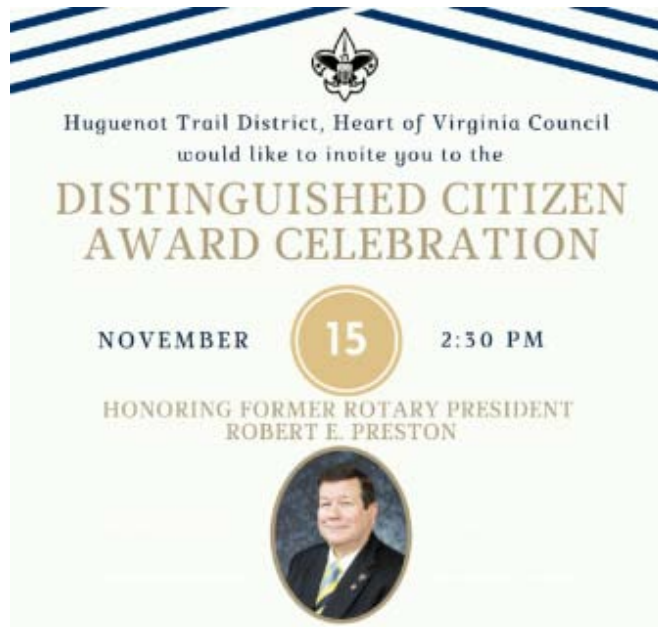
If interested, please

contact Joe Morgan at 804-357-7326 or by email at jpmorgan0308@comcast.net to order and schedule delivery.

All proceeds support the Goochland Rotary community service projects and grants that are provided in the community. Photos of Rotarians and volunteers working this past Saturday in the woodyard to prepare deliveries.



The Rotary Clubs of **Virginia Peninsula Hampton, Newport News, Oyster Point, Warwick at City Center** have joined together to help build a Habitat for Humanity House. Recently club members Danny Carroll and Mike Nelson participated in the recent volunteer build day at the Rotary Habitat House in Newport News.



Congratulations to PDG Bob Preston (RC of Bon Air) for this distinguished Citizen Award!

The Joys Have it!

Each year a new Christmas Mother is selected to lead the community in its mission to help families in need during the holidays



and throughout the year. The Christmas Mother Program is run by a board of directors. Individuals and businesses volunteer their time, efforts, and monies to keep this worthwhile tradition running.

Joy Kline (RC Club of Goochland) is the Goochland Christmas

Mother for 2020.

And Rotarian Joy Isenburg Stump (right from RC Club of Farmville) is the Prince Edward Christmas Mother 2020! Rotarian Jennifer Fraley is pictured with her. Please visit www.peChristmasmother.com to donate or volunteer!



Tip of the Month

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Links to everything you want to know and more....

* Link to World Polio Day (D7600, D6930, D7630) event, October 24, 2020 [HERE](#).

* [Link to DACdb Ptexting](#) - learn how to Ptext club members

* The Summit of Champions is usually designed for those in the District Governor chain, but this year it was opened to anyone interested. The website www.summitofchampions.org will remain available so that everyone can have the opportunity to visit the House of Friendship booths.

The link to ALL the recordings of the keynote speakers and sessions can be found [HERE](#). You can also listen to the beautiful sounds of the One Voice Children's Choir One in the opening and closing sessions. Enjoy!!

The Rotary Foundation



Foundation News



Does Arch Klumph Live in Virginia?

A Message from Stephen Beer, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

Recently, while stopped at a traffic light near my home, I noticed the car in front of me had the license plate ♦AKS♦. Those familiar with The Rotary Foundation may have heard of the Arch Klumph Society with the acronym ♦AKS♦. Those who are members of the society are recognized for giving,

over time, at least \$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

When Rotarians were commemorating the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation in 2017, we remembered the story of Rotary International President Arch Klumph announcing the inauguration of the Foundation at the Rotary International Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia 100 years earlier.

After the light changed and driving on, I wondered if the owner of that vehicle was an AKS member. More likely, it was someone with those initials. Then I wondered if Arch Klumph ever lived in Virginia. He was from Cleveland, Ohio. He played the flute for the Cleveland Orchestra and made his mark on Rotary. In addition to starting The Rotary Foundation, it was his idea to structure Rotary into districts to help make Rotary clubs be stronger.

Well, Arch Klumph is long gone. He doesn't live in Virginia today and probably never did. However, the spirit of Arch Klumph **IS** in Virginia, especially in Rotary District 7600! While most of us probably cannot afford to give at the Arch Klumph Society level, we are very generous Rotarians supporting The Rotary Foundation. Our giving makes a huge difference in improving the lives of those in need here and elsewhere in the world. Our support of The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary clubs implement incredible service projects for our communities.

THANK YOU for your generous support of our Foundation! I hope you have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

William ♦Bill♦ Pollard: Recipient of The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

By Carol Woodward

On November 7, 2020, at the Rotary 7600 District Conference, a surprised Past District Governor Bill Pollard, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award (♦DSA♦). The presentation made by the

District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, Stephen Beer, cited many of Bill's qualifications for the DSA, though the full list would have taken the entire evening at the Governor's Dinner.

Read more about the award [HERE](#).



The Rotary Foundation again receives 4-Star Rating From Charity Navigator



Stephen Beer, Rotary 7600's District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, recently released Charity Navigator's rankings and scores of the top 10 charities.

Charity Navigator is a 501 (c) (3) organization which assesses the effectiveness of charities in the United States in the use of donations made to those organizations. It accepts no advertising or donations from the charities it evaluates so that its evaluations are transparent and unbiased. It's goal is to assist donors in making objective decisions about contributions based on the track record of a given charity in stewarding the donations received.

More information is at their website <https://www.charitynavigator.org/>

Below is the 2020 ranking by Charity Navigator. Note that we have the top score of a 4-Star rating. Also, TRF is in the top ten of thousands of charities, and one of only four charities with a perfect 100 score.

CHARITY NAVIGATOR'S 2020 TOP 10 LIST

Rank	Top 10 Charities	Score
1	Direct Relief	100.00
2	Ronald McDonald House Charities	100.00
3	The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	100.00
4	Matthew 25: Ministries	100.00
5	Vitamin Angels	98.23
6	World Resources Institute	98.23
7	Samaritan's Purse	98.23
8	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	98.21
9	Catholic Medical Mission Board	97.87
10	Patient Advocate Foundation	96.66

We hope our District 7600 Rotarians will consider the efficacy donations to The Rotary Foundation in making their 2020 tax year charitable donations. David Rosenthal provided an update (The Rose Report) to our year to date Annual Fund giving as of October 2020, the latest figures available. In that update he indicated that our donations as a district is up by a bit over 2% as compared with October 2019. Considering the unique circumstances of this COVID 2020 year, that is a remarkable milestone. David went on to say that he was optimistic that this generous giving trend would continue. He cautioned that Rotarians wishing to donate to The Rotary Foundation to benefit from 2020 tax treatment should donate as early as possible. Many, if not most, of the TRF staff are working remotely and while very committed and professional, posting of donations may be slowed a bit by the necessary restricted working conditions.



Preventing & Curing Disease is Rotary's December Theme

The Rotary Foundation has recognized Disease Prevention and Treatment as one of its core areas of Focus and it does not stand alone from the other six areas of focus. The availability of education and literacy, economic and community development, a healthy natural environment, access to clean water and hygiene, protecting the health of mothers and children, as well as peace and conflict resolution all contribute to preventing and treating illness.

In this horrid pandemic year of COVID-19 we have seen that Rotary's leadership in the tracking and immunizing against polio has helped provide a prototype for tracking the COVID-19 virus. The distributive refrigeration resources developed by the World Health Organization, The Rotary Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and others will also assist in developing the needed cooling systems for the COVID-19 vaccines when they become available.

It is also true that during this astonishing year of 2020, Rotary at every level, and Rotarians at every level, have stepped forward to provide food, personal protective equipment, cheer, and hope to fellow citizens in local and global communities. We can be so proud our the leadership provided by Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, our regional zones, districts, our clubs, and our members has proven that Rotarians can improve the health of the world by preventing and treating disease.

To quote Michael J. Fox, "Medical science has proven time and again that the resources are provided, great progress in the treatment, cure, and prevention of disease can occur."
