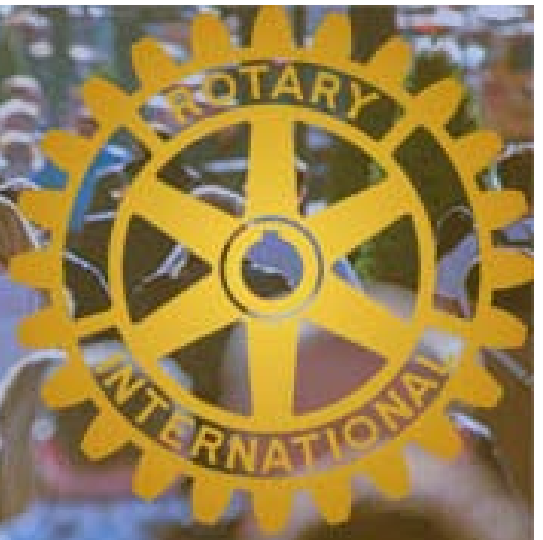


# Rotary District 7600



## Spirit of 7600



January 2020

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## District News



For those President-Elects across the district....

Save the date and make plans to attend Chesapeake President-Elect Training, March 5 - 7 at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. This training is mandatory unless you are

Stanley Theodore Wall  
District Secretary

## 2019-2020 District Committee Chairs

**Stephen R. Beer**

District Rotary Foundation

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extending your current year as president.

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**Past District Governor Earl Haywood Hale, Jr.**

August 10, 1926 - December 20, 2019



*Kate Pope*  
www.katepope.com

The Rotary Club of Prince George Rotary County and Rotary District 7600 sadly announce the passing of Past District Governor Earl H. Hale, Jr., on Friday December 20, 2019 survived by his wife Patricia C. Hale.

Earl was a man of heroism, dignity, talents, volunteer spirit and humor. He began his life in Florida ultimately graduating from college with a degree in forestry. World circumstances interrupted his love of horticulture. He served in two uniforms, first in the U.S. Navy and then in the U.S. Army. While on active duty, he saw action in three wars, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. After retiring from the Army, LTC (Ret) Earl H. Hale, Jr took up his first love and established his own landscaping business which he operated for many years

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 42 years, Elizabeth ♦Betzie♦ Everett Hale; brothers, Walter Hale and Charles Hale; children, Gary Earl Hale and Cheryl Hale Kanak; and sons-in-law, LTC (Ret) Roy Turgeon and Ben Kanak. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Cole Hale; children, Marilyn Turgeon Poole and husband, Charles, Bradford Bryan Hale and wife, Anne, Melissa-Beth Gates and husband, Andy, and Kevin Alexander Foster; grandchildren, Kate Turgeon-Watson and her husband, Brandon, Emily Cambra and her husband, Josh, Natalie Turgeon, Elizabeth Gates, Russell Gates, Samuel Gates, and Hannah Hale; great-grandchildren, Sara-Hale Watson, Caroline Watson, Roy Cambra, and Tillman Cambra.

Rotary was at the very center of Earl's life. He became a Rotarian in October 1973 and was ultimately President of the Rotary Club of Hopewell. He served as District Governor of District 7600 (then 760) in 1988-1989. In 1996 he founded the Rotary Club of Prince George County with Pat serving as the Charter President of the club. He also served as president of the Prince George Rotary in 2001-2002. He remained in the club, serving in many capacities until the end. On the Monday before his passing on Friday, he and Pat had hosted an all-expense paid Christmas dinner and social for the club. In fact, he continued to serve the District as well, serving in a number of roles, including leading a Group Study Exchange team to India in 2001, making him a Rotary Alumnus, a designation for Rotarians who have served on Rotary Programs. He loved to tell stories and show souvenirs from that trip.

The Rotary Foundation was similarly very important to Earl. He was a Major Donor,

Sustaining Member, and donor to Polio Plus and a Benefactor. His generosity went beyond donating. He took delight in educating new Rotarians about The Rotary Foundation and the good works of Rotary throughout the world. In 2004 he was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Citation, a Rotary District Award endorsed by Rotary International, which a recipient may receive only once.

At the Rotary Zone 33 Level Earl served on a number of important committees for multiple years including the Nomination Committee for Rotary International Director and on the Zone Institute Committee which is the committee which designs training for district leaders in the zone.

While devoted to Rotary, Earl was also actively involved in the community serving in many capacities, particularly on the Prince George County Electoral Board and the Prince George County Grand Jury. He never lost his love of horticulture and gardening and as a result was the leader in the landscaping projects with Rotary for County facilities such as the Comfort Station at the Appomattox River Regional Park, the Prince George County Library, and the Prince George County Animal Services.

None of these words capture Earl's spirit and talent. He loved bow-ties, and tam-o-shanters. He never complained, never whined, and was always ready to listen to the needs of others. He was an accomplished pianist and spoke French fluently. He did love adding little French side comments to some conversations. He was a kind, loving gentleman.

Going forward, the Rotary Club of Prince George County Rotary and District 7600 will be guided by Earl's true Rotary spirit and vision. We will all remember Earl's oft repeated saying, "It's a great day!"

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## Clubs in the News

### Chesapeake Club:



Chesapeake Rotary Club's annual *Coats for Kids* was a huge success with over 400 coats donated. This is all the good that comes from the Chesapeake Virginia Wine Festival! "We turn wine into Coats for Kids".

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### Churchland Club:



Ben Wiggins was a charter member of the Churchland Rotary Club. Every Christmas since the club was formed in 1985 Ben would chair the Christmas Fund with support from his fellow Rotarians, his dental staff, and friends. The happy dollars and fun fines that were collected at weekly meetings, along with individual donations, were used to support the Christmas Fund. These funds were used to buy presents and food for families in need during the Christmas season. During the last several years Ben and the club partnered with Edmarc Hospice for Children to provide presents and food for families in need. Established in 1978, Edmarc, located in downtown Portsmouth, Virginia, was the first hospice in the nation designed specifically for children. For several years toys were donated by Toys for Tots thanks to former Rotarian John Woleben. Around a week or two before Christmas Ben would gather his staff and Churchland Rotarians to meet at the Food Lion in Bennetts Creek to purchase groceries for families. Ben passed away earlier this year. A few weeks after his passing the Churchland Rotary Club changed the name of the Christmas Fund to the Ben Wiggins Christmas Fund making the commitment to continue Ben's support of families in need during the Christmas season. Recently Churchland Rotarians met at the Bennetts Creek Food Lion to purchase groceries for seven families and delivered the food to Edmarc where the staff would deliver the food to families. Presents were delivered to Edmarc last week.

Thank you Ben for your legacy as we continue to make a difference for families during the Christmas season.

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**Newport News Club:**



On Giving Tuesday, Newport News Rotarians generously donated money and pet food to the Peninsula SPCA. Jodi Dean and doggie friend stopped by to pick up the contributions. They are shown with club member Sharyn Fox and President-Elect Terri Ryan.

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**New Kent Club:**



Club members and some young men from the New Kent Beta club donated their time helping to sell and load Christmas trees. The efforts were coordinated by the New Kent Rotary Club with the proceeds going to the Sheriff's Auxiliary in New Kent.

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**Hampton Club:**



Children had a special treat at the Bayside Farmers Market when Santa made a stopover to hand out reindeer food & sweets. Hampton Rotary Club held a raffle for a Christmas hamper - thanks to all the donated goods by the stallholders.

**Midlothian Club:**



Members of the Midlothian Club were at Green Top wrapping gifts with the proceeds benefitting the club's efforts to do good in the community.

**Gochland Club:**



Above: Members of the Gochland Club received a very nice "thank you" from Pack 710, a local Cub Scouts group, for the donation that the Rotary Club of Gochland provided. Club members are proud to support these young Cub Scouts!!

Below: Rotarian's from the club volunteered with the Goochland Christmas Mother to distribute gifts to Goochland families in the community at the Central High Cultural and Educational Complex (Old Middle School).



**Huguenot Trail Club:**



Huguenot Trail Rotarians packed over 260 bags of food for *Backpacks of Love*.



They signed more than 300 holiday cards which were delivered to veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital (thanks to Jeanne Walls of The Richmond Rotary Club for coming to help and remembering to bring lots of pens).



And on December 14th, members drove a group of NJROTC cadets to the national cemetery in Culpeper to participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

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**Mechanicsville Club:**





In partnership with the Ruritan Club of Mechanicsville, a check was presented to the Hanover Christmas Mother for \$1,601. These funds were raised through the 2019 Mechanicsville Christmas Parade .

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**Hanover Club:**



According to the Global Citizen.org website, Dolly Parton founded the Imagination Library in 1995 in order to mail ♦ free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family♦s income, ♦ the charity♦s website says. Dolly Parton has been on a mission to get kids to love reading ♦ and she just passed a major milestone in her years-long campaign to send books to kids around the world. Recently the country music singer♦s charity, Imagination Library, donated its 100 millionth book. Early childhood education ♦ including ensuring young kids have access to reading materials at home ♦ has been shown to have positive lifelong effects for children, Child Trends reports. But children living in poverty are 24% less likely than rich ones to have a parent read to them daily.

The Hanover Club has been supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for three years now.

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**Norfolk Club:**



Norfolk club members say, "Many hands make light work when you are assembling more than 1,200 food packets at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore so area children are not hungry on weekends."

**Parades Abound across the District with participating Rotarians:**

PDG Karlis Graubics & Past AG Lisa H. Sharpe participated in Rotary Club of Mechanicsville's Christmas Parade 2019. *Thanks Jack Houston for the photo.*



South Hill Parade's Float



Williamsburg Area Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of James City County, JCC Satellite, The Historic Triangle, and Williamsburg joined together to walk in the 54th annual Williamsburg Christmas parade.



### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

This is another activity that spans the district. The partnership between the Salvation Army and Rotary is long-lived and ongoing. Here's a sampling of participating clubs - there were many more.

*Bon Air*



*Cape Charles*



*Prince George*



*Short Pump*



Virginia Peninsula



*Rotarians across the James City County Club and its satellite rang the bell day and night in December. Hands down, these two Future Rotarians had more energy, attracted more attention, and brought in more loot than all the others. "Thanks, Future Rotarians, for a great effort." (submitted by Neva Lynde)*



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## Tech Tip of the Month

Last month the use of AmazonSmile for shopping was mentioned. According to the Amazon website - to date AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$41,636.02 to The Rotary Foundation!

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## Upcoming Events

**Franklin Bowl-a-thon:**

## LET'S GO BOWLING FOR CHARITY!

All proceeds benefit our area charities!



**ALL STARS EVENT**  
February 1, 2020  
Saturday, 1:30pm at the  
Franklin Bowling Center

Support your community with a sponsorship or enter a team to play.

**\$500/team**

Have some fun and wear your favorite team jersey.

You can help make a difference!

**Thank you!**




Registration is Saturday at 1pm

For more information contact Meghan Council at [mcouncil@investdavenport.com](mailto:mcouncil@investdavenport.com)

SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, February 1, 2020 for the annual Rotary Bowl-a-Thon. This event is our sole fundraiser, and in the last two years we have raised >\$35,000 which has gone directly back into our local community supporting the following organizations with grants or scholarships:

Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater, FSEDI-Startup Franklin Southampton, Boykins Neighborhood Outreach, Grazon Acres Therapeutic Riding Center, Franklin Cooperative Ministries, Genieve Shelter, Blackwater Robotics, Western Tidewater Free Clinic, and five college bound area high school seniors.

Please mark you calendars, and stay tuned for more details to come. Join us in helping fulfill the Rotary motto of  Service Above Self! 

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**Powhatan Casino Night**

The Rotary Club of Powhatan

PAIR-A-DICE IN POWHATAN

  
**CASINO NIGHT**

01.17.20 AT 6:30PM

War Memorial Cultural Arts & Community Center  
Powhatan, VA

We invite you to join in the fun and attend our Casino Night fundraiser!

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**

Blackjack  
Craps  
Roulette  
Casino Money  
Chance to Win Prizes  
Raffle for "Wagon of Fun"  
Food & Drinks

Dress code is business casual.

*Your ticket and attendance raises money that goes back to citizens/non-profits in Powhatan County through Rotary.*

**"Golf Putt Shot"**

**\$5,000  
Grand Prize**



Ticket Price of \$50 includes two drinks, appetizers, "Fun Money", and a chance to win \$5,000!

(Two tickets for \$95.00)

**CONTACT THE ROTARY CLUB TO PURCHASE TICKETS**



[ROTARYCLUBOFPOWHATAN@MAIL.COM](mailto:ROTARYCLUBOFPOWHATAN@MAIL.COM)



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**2020 Taste of Farmville**



Join the Rotary Club of Farmville for its annual Taste of Farmville. Come and experience the best Farmville has to offer.

The  
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# Foundation News



## Message from Stephen Beer: Exciting Improvements with the New Year!

### Key Takeaways:

- We have already raised over One Million Dollars toward our Million Dollar Dinner Campaign!
- District 7600 will have significant greater District Grant money available in 2020!
- We listened to Rotarians' requests and are making changes to our grant training process.

During the Rotary Foundation banquet in November, Governor Clenise Platt announced the launch of our Million Dollar Dinner campaign. After less than six weeks, we already have pledges exceeding of over one million dollars! We will have more details on the campaign in next month's newsletter.

The next District Grant cycle will be starting in January with the grant training process. District 7600 will have about \$208,000 in grant monies available for local projects. Typically, we had \$150-160,000 available in past years. So, start thinking/planning to fulfill the needs in your community. Partner with other clubs to have a greater impact and create more visibility of Rotary in your community.

Over the past five or six years some Rotarians have asked if there is a way to do more online training. It is challenging for some members to travel long distances and dedicate their Saturdays to meet the training requirements. The Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar is held each year in March. We added an online grants webinar a few years ago to help those who need more flexibility with travel, time and cost. District 7600 has been working with Rotary International to develop an online one-on-one grant seminar module. We should be launching this training module in early 2020.

Foundation Grants Sub-Committee Chair Rudy Garcia has been expended a lot of effort to put this program together. Rotarians will be able to complete the online training on their own time schedule and at their own pace. We surveyed club leaders, and, based on feedback from the survey, the online grants module will replace the webinar. We will still have the seminar on March 28 in Williamsburg. There are advantages for Rotarians to meet face-to-face over online training. Having both alternatives is important. Please thank Rudy when you see him! Details on how to use the new online training tools will become available in

January.

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### **It is a Wonderful Life**

by Bill Pollard (Rotary Club of Churchland, Past District 7600 Governor (2008-09))

One of my favorite things about the holiday season is watching *It's A Wonderful Life*. The movie shares with us two important messages: the importance of friends and the positive impact each of us makes on the lives of others. At the end of the movie George Bailey finds a copy of the book *Tom Sawyer* that is a gift from his guardian angel Clarence who wrote in the book, ♦Remember, no man is a failure who has friends.♦ Our membership in Rotary provides us with the opportunity to make special and lasting friendships with Rotarians in our clubs, districts, and throughout the world. It is because of these friendships we are able to work together Doing Good in the World.

The movie also provides a powerful message in that we all can make a difference in the lives of others. Even though George Bailey felt he was a failure and did not live the life he had dreamed of, he was provided the gift to see how his actions, no matter how simple or insignificant, made a difference in the lives of so many. What it had been Paul Harris standing on the bridge, and his guardian angel showed him what the world would be like if he had never been born. Paul would have seen that polio would still be prevalent in the world and that there would be more hunger, poverty, and unhealthy living conditions.

We are blessed that Paul Harris gave us the gift of Rotary, resulting in a global family of friends serving humanity throughout the world.

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### **Cape Henry Club adds to project:**





Submitted by Lori Absher:

Lynnhaven River Now is an organization dedicated to restoring and protecting waterways in Virginia Beach. In the summer of 2018, the organization teamed with members from the Cape Henry Rotary Club to build a shelter at the 64th Street end of First Landing State Park. Recently Lynnhaven River Now asked for an addition to the District Project.

The shelter provides a place for hikers, bikers, or visitors waiting to load or unload boats a place to relax and enjoy the wonderful views of Broad Bay. It's purpose is also to inspire others with "green" building by minimizing land disturbance and improving stormwater quality. This final goal was achieved by the *green roof* that was installed when this collaboration re-convened in November. They added a grass roof with the help of one of the club members, Charles Hall, who is also an environmentalist. Next up, a rainwater harvesting system will be added to collect rainwater for distribution back onto the green roof during dry spells.

3<sup>rd</sup> photo caption: *Far left, Dave Zobel, President CHR, right, Charles Hall, CHR member*

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**Another District 7600 Global Grant Seeking Partners**



In September Sue Carter of the Rotary Club of Farmville and an Assistant Governor traveled to Ghana on one of the Water and Sanitation Global Grants the *Spirit of 7600* has featured in the past few months. An aspect of that trip was the provision of a field/emergency infant incubator to the local hospital at the request of one of the participating local Rotarians. Now Sue, who admits her life was changed by that experience, and her club members have spearheaded a global grant to provide additional much needed ♦incubators♦ for the hospitals in Ghana facing financial and electrical challenges. Read more details about this project > [HERE](#).

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**Soap Chips: A 2018-2019 Grant That Keeps on Serving**

*Taken from Bill Pollard♦s Facebook Page:*



◆ Tonight was the final night this week that Marshall Bolton provided showers to the homeless at Churchland Baptist Church where they were provided dinner and shelter. Marshall was there every night since Saturday setting up the Soap Chips mobile shower facility. I was able to help him five nights. Each night we had four to six folks use the showers. Marshall is a member of Churchland Baptist Church, a Rotarian with the Churchland Rotary Club, and a retired state trooper. ◆

Editor: Soap Chips was one of the more unique district grant applications in the 2018-2019 year. This project which provides hot showers, toiletries, socks, and some basic under garments, hearkens back to the first Rotary Project ◆ public toilets in downtown Chicago in the early days of Rotary.

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#### A Look at the 2019-2020 District Grant Year



Each year since the 2013-2014 new grant process began, the grant funds available have

grown as have the size and variety of district grants. District grant policies have fostered multi-club grants, regularized the grant application process, and auditing procedures have improved the stewardship of district grant funds.

In the 2019-2020 Grant year, District 7600 had almost \$153,500 in designated funds to dispense and hosted two rounds of district grant applications. The second round of grant applications allowed the District Grants Team to award almost all of the district designated funds (DDF) available. With clubs joining each other on grant projects and partnering with other nonprofits and governmental agencies, the total financial impact of this year's district grants totals \$263,364. This represents a significant and lasting impact for the communities in central and southeast Virginia.

In total there were 20 district grants awarded. But three clubs double-dipped in interesting ways. South Hill came back in Round Two to purchase more benches for its project and the clubs of Warwick at City Center Newport News and Virginia Peninsula joined together in two separate district grants. Double-dipping is possible, though any given club may not be awarded more than a total of \$5000 DDF.

There were 13 multi-club grants in five of the Areas of Focus. There were ten grant applications which listed Economic & Community Development as the area focus. One club listed both Economic & Community Development as well as Maternal & Child Health as its areas of focus. There were seven grants in the Maternal & Child Health Area of focus, and one each in Basic Education & Literacy, Peace & Conflict Resolution, and Disease Prevention/Treatment. There weren't any grant projects in the Water & Sanitation Area of Focus. In the early days of Future Vision the marketing description of our current grant module, most of the district grants clustered in the Maternal & Child Health and Basic Education & Literacy Area of Focus.

If you would like to delve more into the District 7600 grants you can visit [dacdb.com](http://dacdb.com). After logging in, click on the District Tab and then click on the Grants icon. Your club may come up with some super ideas for your grant projects next year.

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