

Rotary District 7600



Spirit of 7600



March 2020

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Training at DTTS where incoming District leaders learn about the upcoming Rotary year. To view the clip by Zach... go [HERE](#).

WELCOME OUR NEW D7600 EXEC ASSISTANT



The District has a new Executive Assistant. Pat Parasma joined the District team in January. When you call the office or see Pat in person, make sure to welcome her and make her feel right at home. Read more about Pat [HERE](#).

THE AWARDS SEASON IS UPON US

Aah, Rotarians and clubs have been working hard all year and it is almost time to celebrate!

The Rotary Citation is the perfect way to honor the hard work and accomplishments made during the year. Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs are all eligible to receive the Rotary International Citation. This year the Citation is all about Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs celebrating how they have united people and taken action. Input your accomplishments online on the RI website. For the details click here. (Insert link to RI Citation page for people to download the citation)

On July 11th, put on your finest and come celebrate the 2019-20 District 7600 Awards during the Change of Leadership Ceremony. This year, we are excited that clubs will be able to submit either paper or online District Awards applications. We're making history and going digital ya'll. Look for more

details from your club Presidents and AGs in the coming weeks!!

Why I am a Rotarian by Lisa Clary



District Governor Clenise Platt asked me to share this.... When I was asked recently why I am a Rotarian, I had to think for only a second. I am a Rotarian because I have heart and passion to give back, make a difference, change a life and, at the same time, make my life better. I turned down the offer to be a member several times years ago due to job hours, etc., but when I finally joined I found that I could be a part of something bigger than what I expected. So many people locally and all over the world have become a part of my life. But most importantly, I have helped change lives through various projects locally, nationally and internationally. I may not always see the changes or results, but I know the time, money and heart that we all invest has made a better world for someone. It is not always about me or an individual. It is about being a part of a group or groups that will work together and have a passion for something that changes the world. My Rotary presidential themed year was ♦Making a Difference♦ and it was perfect for me because that is a life goal for me. If I make a difference in the life of one child through school Lunch Buddies, or one person who needs food, clothing, a kind word, a prayer or more, then I have accomplished that goal. And it only takes one person, one change and one difference to create a chain reaction. I joined South Hill Rotary in 2004 and 16 years later I still attend every meeting. I love the people, the things we do and being a part of something bigger than we are here in South Hill. Rotary changes the world, connects the world and opens doors to opportunities. Not only for those in need, but for Rotarians themselves. I do not have a lot of money to offer, but I do give of my time, my heart and my hands to help with projects. There is a passion in my soul to make things better for others as well as myself. And if it makes your heart happy, then it is worth it in the end. I do this as a Lion also and just as a general volunteer for anything I am involved with in the community. I hope I never lose that passion and heart because that will leave an empty and unfulfilled soul.

Clubs in the News

Warwick at City Center Newport News:

submitted by Carol Davanay

On Saturday, February 21st, The Rotary Club at Warwick at City Center held its 75th Anniversary Gala at the Kiln Creek Resort Ballroom. This event was attended by current and past club members and their friends and family along with current and past district governors. During the presentations, a commendation from the City of Newport News was presented by Newport News ♦ Vice Mayor Tina Vick. The Club conferred an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow upon Davetta Rinehart, the immediate past president of the club, in honor of her exemplary leadership. This is the highest honor a club can confer on one of its members. And the Warwick at City Center Club presented Rebecca Kleinhample, executive director of the Virginia Living Museum and club member with a check for \$5,000 that evening. The Warwick Rotary Club was instrumental in the founding of the Virginia Living Museum.



L-R: Priscilla Bele (Club President) receives the City of Newport News ♦ Commendation from Tina Vick, Vice Mayor of Newport News.



Davetta Rinehart, flanked by Club President, Priscilla Bele, and Past Club President, PDG Jim Probsdorfer, as she receives an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Award.



Executive Director for the Virginia Living Museum, Rebecca Kleinhample, receives the \$5,000 donation from Club President Priscilla Bele.



Club members assembled at the event.

James City County and Satellite Club:

submitted by Neva Lynde

◆ The Rotary Club of James City County and its Satellite Club grew by TEN Rotarians over the past three months (December 2019 through February 2020). The breakfast club and the Satellite Club recruited FIVE new members each, expanding our community reach and capability to do good in the world. We ◆ve achieved a new high-water mark of 70 total for the RC of James City County. Go [HERE](#) to see pictures of most of our new members, all of whom we welcome with open arms. ◆

Goochland Club:



Rich Salon (President of the Rotary Club of Goochland), Bonnie Field (Director of the Rotary Foundation) and Daniel Linnabary (Secretary of the Rotary Club of Goochland) presented a check from the Rotary Club Foundation to Fletcher Johnson who is with the Liberation Veteran Services, a 501c3 organization. Their website says, "At LVS, we are dedicated to providing a safe haven exclusively for veterans in crisis. Beyond offering transitional and rapid rehousing, we take time to counsel each and everone one of our vets, treating them with dignity and respect they deserve. We believe this personalized approach to rehabilitation is the reason why our veterans are able to successfully go on to lead productive, fulfilling lives in the community."

Chester Club:



Defense Logistics Agency Aviation Commander, Air Force Brig. Gen. David Sanford, was the guest speaker for the Rotary Club of Chester's bi-weekly meeting. Sanford has made building strong partnerships with local communities a priority since he arrived in July 2019. This falls in line with DLA's Strategic Plan to raise awareness of DLA operations and highlight our contributions to the nation through public engagements. During his roughly 30-minute presentation Sanford gave those attending a history lesson about the various aspects of Defense Supply Center Richmond, Virginia, including the critical missions its tenant activities undertake in support of our nation's warfighters. DLA Aviation is the largest tenant activity on center. He also talked about ways people working on DSCR can get involved, volunteering with the Rotarians and helping those in need in local communities. "These are invaluable opportunities for DLA Aviation to reach out to the community to establish partnerships and long-term friendships to help us both give back to the community and maybe allow the community help us," he said.

Jeff Jacobs, president of the Rotary Club of Chester, said he couldn't agree more with Sanford's assessment. "It meant a great deal to us to have the general here today. It shows DLA Aviation is concerned about the community and how we can work in

collaborative ways," he said.

Henrico North Club:

submitted by Vicky Rappold

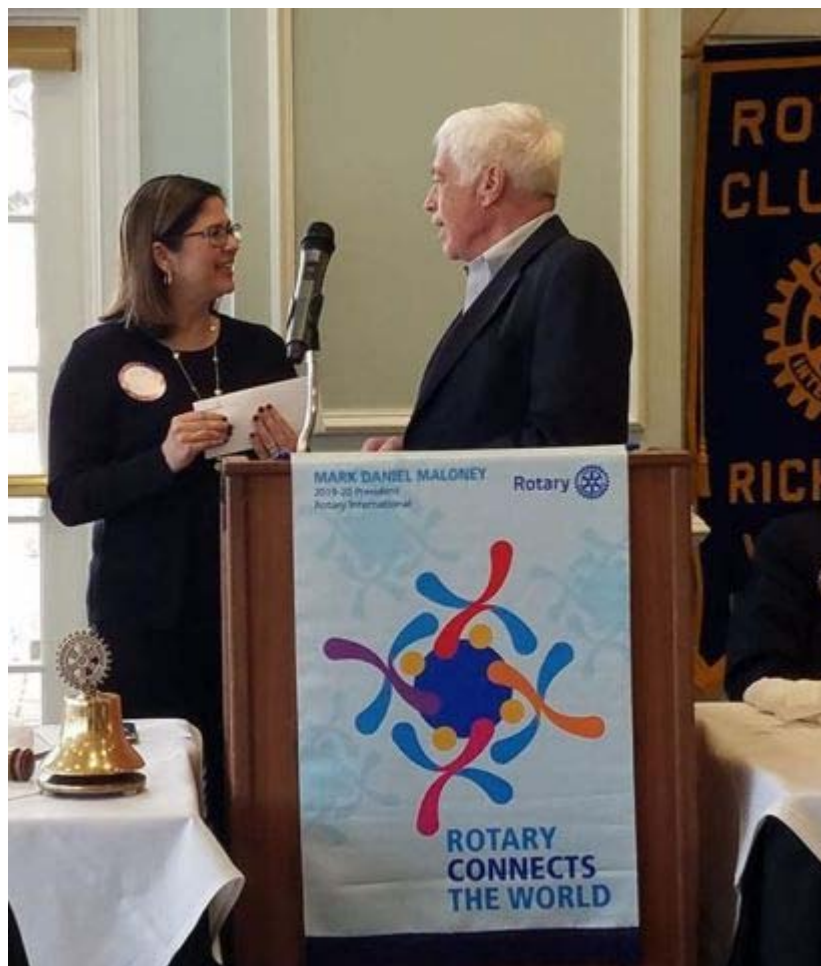


Henrico North Rotary was blessed with a special program and speaker recently - Annie Walker, the Deputy Commissioner for the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. Our Vietnam War veterans received recognition, lapel pins and a Proclamation delivered by Ms. Walker. Gov. Mark Warner and the General Assembly in 2012 began this process to provide this special recognition.

The picture (above) shows club member Harvey Hinson receiving his recognition. Bob Marshall (below) also received recognition.



Richmond Club:



Beth, from Housing Families First, received a check for \$30,000 from the Rotary Club of Richmond. The mission of Housing Families First is to provide families experiencing homelessness with the tools to achieve housing stability. But they do so much more... the following is from their website: "Our emergency shelter, commonly known as Hilliard House, gets families off the street and offers housing-focused services to help them access the best permanent housing options available. Providing a temporary home for over 200 children and adults each year, our shelter is the largest family shelter in Greater Richmond and is the only fully handicapped-accessible shelter for families. Our rapid re-housing program moves literally homeless families and single women ♦ staying in our own shelter, other local shelters, and the streets ♦ into safe, affordable homes. Then, our case management team works with families to connect them with community resources that help them keep their housing, increase income, cope with stress, and achieve long-term housing stability. Our newest program is the regional Homeless Crisis Line, which is operated in collaboration with three other nonprofits. The goal of the Homeless Crisis Line is to help families draw on their own support system to re-stabilize their housing, when possible, and to gather information for referral to homeless services, if needed."



At the Rotary Club of Richmond's Past Presidents Day 2020, past club President's pose for a group photo.

Ashland Club



Thanks to our local Ashland community, we were able to raise over \$8,000 to help our local police foundation and the local children of Ashland!! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported a local great cause!

Portsmouth Club



Portsmouth Rotarians and many others helped First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth pack almost 12,000 meals recently.



The Portsmouth, Virginia, Rotary Club recently honored First Responders for their service to the local community, marking the 19th year it has been doing this important event. Honorees received a number of gifts from local businesses that wanted to show their appreciation for their helping to keep Portsmouth safe 24/7.

Club president, Tony Goodwin, left, is shown with these honorees: I-r, Sheriff's Deputy, Lt. Joseph Lilley; Police Officer, Adrien Henderson; Sgt. William Epperson of the Hampton Roads Regional Jail; Firefighter Dexter Mitchell; and Paramedic Stephanie Adams.
Submitted by Steve Mil

Virginia Peninsula Club



PDG Diane Hagemann says, "Had a wonderful time last night at my Rotary Club's (The Virginia Peninsula Club) annual Charter Night Dinner at the Hampton Virginia Yacht Club. Great fellowship and delicious food. Pictured here are the members who were able to attend. Joining us also were the Presidents of the Hampton Club and the Oyster Point (Newport News) Club. *Photo courtesy of Ray Spencer.*

River City Club

WE RAISE...

\$355

...FOR VTCC!!



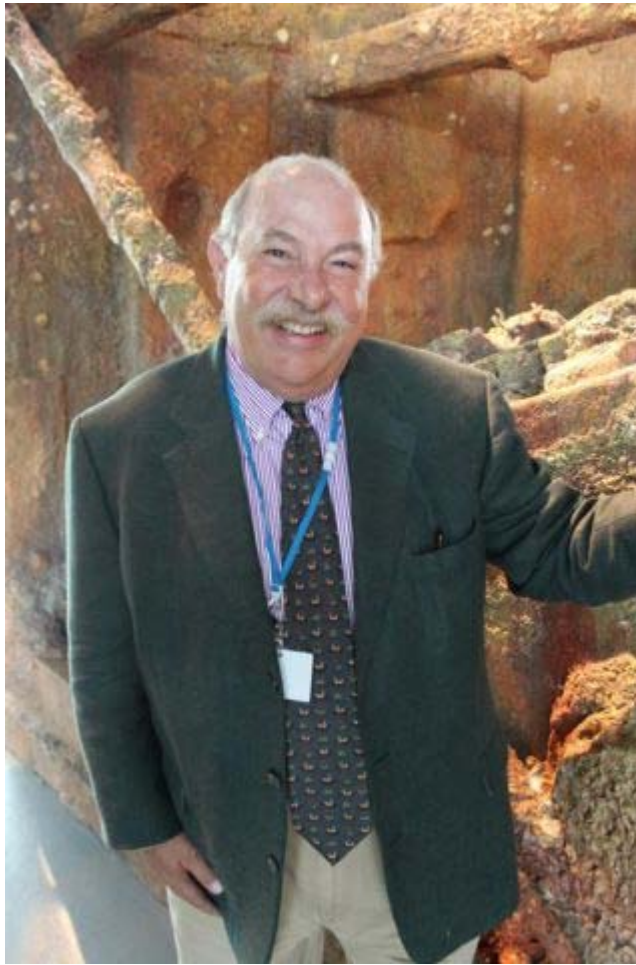
So proud of the efforts! The club had a great turn out for their monthly pub Trivia night with nearly 50 attendees! They successfully raised \$355 for the local Virginia Treatment Center for Children! And, as usual, they had a great time doing it! They thank all who came out!! Bravo!

Huguenot Trail Club



James River Rotary Club and Richmond Alarm Company hosted the Rise Against Hunger event recently! With the help of their members, friends and guests they prepared 10,152 meals that will be distributed to families in need all over the world!

Chesapeake Club



Recently, members of the Chesapeake Rotary Club heard from guest speaker, John Quarstein. John is an award-winning historian, preservationist, and author. He is director of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia, and has served as an adjunct professor at the College of William & Mary. John is author of fifteen books, including *Fort Monroe: The Key to the South* and *The Monitor Boys*, winner of the Henry Adams Prize for Excellence in Historical Literature.

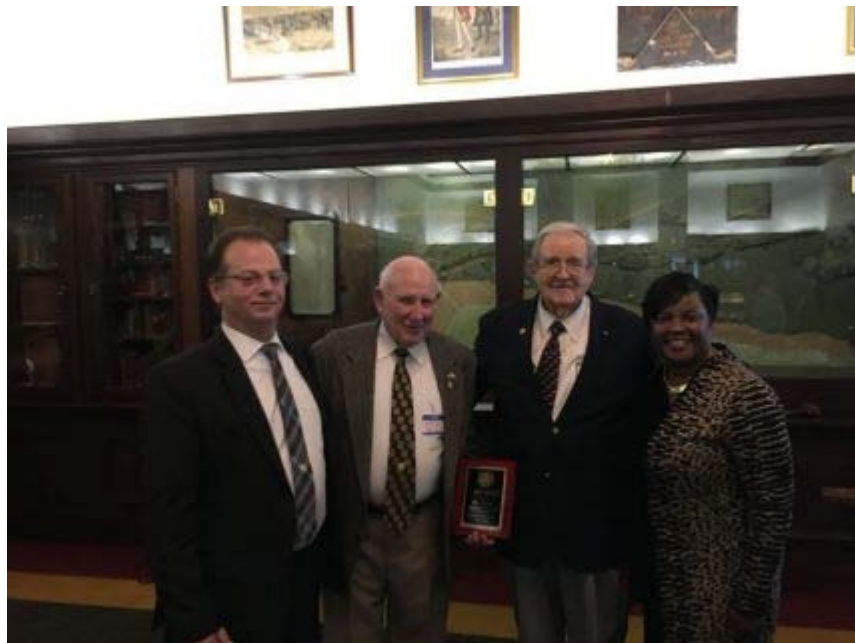
Newport News Club



Rotary Club of Newport News club members volunteered twice at the Food Bank in Hampton. During the first time they were able to package produce, help the community members to shop and load their cars. The second time they were tasked with packing 200 food boxes for seniors but were actually able to pack over 300, all while having a ton of fun. They were even able to leave a half hour early!

Yorktown Club

submitted by Dave Tyree



On January 28th, the Yorktown Rotary Club held its 50th Anniversary Charter Dinner at James River Country Club, where the club's first charter dinner was held on January 30, 1969. Awards were presented to charter members Bill Reiser and Warner Robins, pictured along with District Governor Clenise Platt and Club President Dave Tyree.

Upcoming Events

It's Baseball Time!

Spring is upon us and it is baseball time. This year the baseball games are scheduled for **Sunday Afternoon**. The teams' schedules were not optimal for our normal Thursday night games, however with the move to Sunday afternoon games the **goal** is to have a **record** turnout and promote the Family of Rotary by bringing all your family and friends out for a great afternoon of fun and fellowship while creating awareness for **Rotary End Polio Now**. Clubs will once again get credit to **End Polio Now Fund** in their club's name based on the number of tickets purchased.

At each game, be sure to arrive in time for the first pitch by DG Clenise. She is in spring training with her coach Pat Edwards.

Norfolk Tides ♦ **Sunday May 3rd**, gates open at 12:00pm, game time 1:05pm. Tickets are \$14 for box seats and the Tides will donate a minimum of \$4 for each ticket we purchase to the game. Clubs can purchase tickets as a group and sit together by contacting **John Muszkewycz** at **757-622-2222 ext 107**, email him at jmuszkewycz@norfolktides.com or you can use the instructions below to order from their website.

To purchase tickets online:

1. Visit <https://www.milb.com/norfolk/tickets/group-events>
2. Click 'Rotary Day' on the list of game dates
3. Click the green 'Find Tickets' button
4. Enter the code 'Rotary' when prompted

Richmond Flying Squirrels ♦ **Sunday May 17th**, gates open at 12:00pm, game time 1:05pm. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seats and the Squirrels will donate \$2 for each ticket we purchase to the game. Kids attending the Squirrels game can play catch on the field from 12:15 to 12:35 and can run the bases after the game. To order tickets contact **Garrett Erwin 804-359-3866 x327** or email at garrett.erwin@squirrelsbaseball.com

Please consider having someone in your club's to promote the games and be the contact for ordering tickets with the teams. See the flyers which contains instructions on how to order tickets. **Norfolk Tides Flyer** [HERE](#). **Flying Squirrels Flyer** [HERE](#).

Questions? Email me at stan.debbie.rotary@comcast.net or call 804-835-1962.

Let's Pack the Parks, Play Ball and have a great afternoon of fun and fellowship with our fellow Rotarians, family, coworkers and friends.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Stan Wall
District Polio Baseball Chair

Portsmouth Club Paint Your Heart Out



It's that time of year again. The Portsmouth Rotary Paint Your Heart Out event. This year we will be painting two homes for our elderly or well deserving in our community of Portsmouth. At this time we are looking someone that owns and lives in a single story home that is wood or metal sided and that the income does not exceed \$30,000. We do an evaluation and the homes will be painted on April 4th. So if you or you know someone in need of this great community service please call Tony Goodwin at 320-3496. Deadline for submissions is March 3rd. We are proud to do Service above self! Please share with your groups and friends.

James River Sporting Clays Tournament

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11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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Toppings: cheese, sour cream, bacon bits, chives, and butter,
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PER PLATE**

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- Brunswick Chamber of Commerce 848-3154
- Brunswick Byways Visitor Center 848-2728
 - Brunswick Insurance 848-2112
- or can be purchased from any Lawrenceville Rotary Club Member

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Open Bar
Side Board
50-50



TICKETS
\$100

\$5000 TOP PRIZE

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"Reverse Raffle"

April 25, 2020

6:30PM 'til 10:00PM

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2 Steak Dinners

Additional Door Prizes!!!

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Sign Up Information (deadline is March 15th, 2020):
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844ADAA23A3FD0-7600>



Did you know that World Rotaract Week is March 9-15? Think about partnering with a local Rotaract club to host a service project or offer a professional development opportunity for Rotaractors in your community. Remember that Rotaractors can join a Rotary club while they are still active members of Rotaract clubs. For more ideas go [HERE](#).

Tech Tip of the Month

Are you aware that you can see a report of your past donations to The Rotary Foundation as an individual - as a club? Do you know what your club's goals are for this year? Do you know about the latest values available to you at Rotary Global Rewards? Is your photo and contact information up-to-date on DACdb. Here's a cheat-sheet of information so you can navigate through the Rotary International Website and DACdb. Click [HERE](#).

Foundation News

A Message from Stephen:



Read one reason why he is a Rotarian and why he supports The Rotary Foundation [HERE](#).



Recently Board Members and the Executive Director of Alamo Addiction Recovery Center, welcomed a donation from a Rotary District 7600 grant approved for Chester Rotary and the Rotary Club of Prince George County. Volunteers had contributed sweat equity to improve the 1840s home and now this grant will assist with electrical repairs to make the home more safe for all.

Attending were Board President Jeff along with Board members Pat, Renee, and Brenda and CiCi Claiborne, Executive Director. Chester Rotary President Jeff Jacobs, Carolyn, and Robin Daniels were joined by AG Shel Douglas, Donna, and Jan from the PG Rotary.

Grant Management Seminar 2020 on the Horizon

The District 7600 Grants Management Seminar (GMS) will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 9 am - 12 (check in and breakfast beginning at 8:30) at the Colonial Heritage Club, 6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia. The cost is only \$25 per person and includes a world-famous full Southern Buffet Breakfast. Remember, attendance is a requirement for qualification to apply for a grant.

During the Seminar, Club Presidents-Elect will be learning more about the district and global grants requirements for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. And yes, there are always a few updated changes to work into the clubs' plans for grant funded service projects, whether local or global.

The super-interesting thing is that the district will have about \$50,000 more to award in district grants this year than last year. The District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) is looking for grants with significant impact. The maximum amount any club may receive for a district grant remains at the \$5,000 level, but clubs with other clubs nearby should really consider how they might join in on a district grant to maximize the funding for a local service project of regional impact.

Anyway, don't wait to find out what your President-Elect learns at the Chesapeake PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar) about the GMS 2020. Go ahead, get it on your calendar, and as soon as it is available for registration on DACdb calendar, do it, just do it. It may take a week or two for your President-Elect to recover from the awe inspiring training at PETS.

See the Flyer [HERE](#).



Where does the District stand, giving-wise, per the Rose Report?

You may remember that David Rosenthal (Hampton Roads Club), the District Annual

Giving Chair, produces a monthly report by club and by category of Foundation giving to track our year to date giving. Dubbed the ♦Rose Report♦, he sends it to the club Presidents and club Rotary Foundation Chairs.

In the *Rose Report* for January, he noted that a couple of clubs had lowered their giving goals which lowered the total district goal to \$441,500. While disappointing, it is important that club giving goals be a careful balance of being achievable and being optimistic. Have you checked your own club's giving goals in *MyRotary.org*? Consider visiting that report and determining if you can be an asset in achieving the club goal.

As of the close of the January books (around mid-February), District 7600 had donated \$209,160 which is 47.4% of the district goal. Many clubs hold an end-of-year type fundraiser to help fund the giving goal for the year. Consequently, the district is often on tenterhooks to see if we meet our district's goal for the year.

Slowly, things are starting to change. Did we say ♦slowly♦? Many District 7600 Rotarians are setting up their personal giving online at *MyRotary.org*. It can be set up to be monthly, quarterly, or all-in-one fell swoop. The folks who had done that note that they don't miss the monthly or quarterly amount being charged to their credit cards and don't have to ♦remember♦ to make a donation. This method also makes it so much easier on the poor club Treasurers, those under-appreciated and underpaid (LOL) club stewards.

If you haven't done so already, create your *MyRotary.org* account. A few days after creating your account, you can set up the amount you want to go monthly or quarterly to The Rotary Foundation. Oh, you already have an account? Then nothing is stopping you from setting up your convenient contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Think about it.
