

Rotary District 7600



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The deadline is rapidly approaching for applicants to file their paperwork to attend RYLA this coming February. For more information, please review the following documents:

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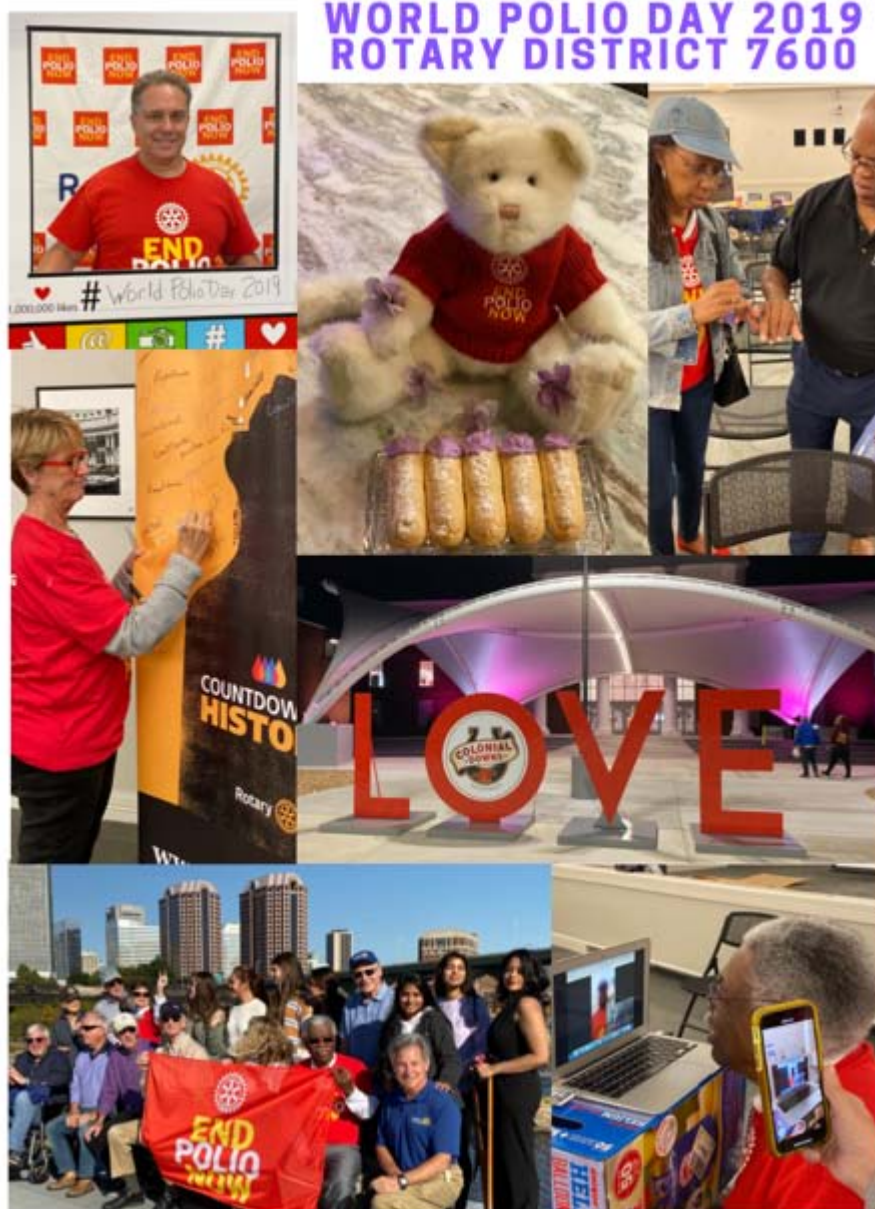
[RYLA Medication Form](#)

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District 7600 Alumni Association at the District Conference

Jim Probsdorfer says, "Congratulations! You hit a "homerun" at the District Conference! The Alumni portion of the conference went smoothly and was certainly a HIT. My thanks to DG Clenise for giving our Association a chance to 'shine in the sun'." For more pictures and information go [HERE](#).

District Clubs' Participation in World Polio Day, October 24th



Across the district there were so many events going on for World Polio Day. It was AMAZING!!!! For more photos and comments go [HERE](#).

Clubs in the News

James City County:

\$50K BoA Grant for The Arc's Wheels4Work program



Facilitated by The Rotary Club of James City County, President Susan Harmon, the Bank of America (BoA) awarded a \$50,000 grant to The Arc of Great Williamsburg. Pictured are Andy Dayton, President of the Board, The Arc of Greater Williamsburg; Pam McGregor, Executive Director, The Arc; Susan Harmon; and Charlie Henderson, Market Executive, BoA. Back in April, BoA asked teammates to define the project they would pursue if they had the power to make a difference in their community. 2900 applications were submitted. Harmon's application on behalf of The Arc, one of our club's four major local charities, was 1 of 13 winners worldwide (\$50K each). The grant will launch The Arc's Wheels4Work program that will allow their clients (developmentally challenged adults) to be trained for positions in local assisted living communities and provide reliable transportation to and from their work each day! The program will be very empowering and life-changing for clients and their care providers.

Huguenot Trail Club:



A group of Huguenot Trail Rotarians worked one night packing weekend food bags through Backpacks of Love. Great service opportunity!



Huguenot Trail Forges New Relationship

Members of Huguenot Trail Rotary in Midlothian have forged a new relationship, working with future leaders who are cadets in the Naval JROTC program at James River High School.

Commander Peter Greenwald, who is director of the NJROTC program, and two of his officers were guest speakers at a regular meeting during the 2018-2019 Rotary year. Club members were so impressed with the program's goals and the potential of the high school students, they laid groundwork for a partnership now entering its second year. The club supports the cadet corps financially and both cadets and Rotarians participate in each other's programs and fundraisers.

Additionally, two cadets attend the first Rotary meeting each month to give updates on activities and plans for the corps. An elective course for high school students which is supported by the Chesterfield County school system and the US Department of the Navy, NJROTC has a component of approximately 100 students. Student leaders have gone on to attend the Naval Academy and received scholarships to other universities.

HT Rotary recently underwrote expenses for the corps' annual Military Appreciation Night, when active and retired military were honored with a picnic and parade during a football game. Honorees included two members of HT Rotary. Both cadets and Rotarians participated in the 9-11 Run for Heroes sponsored by the Travis Manion Foundation. Rotarians have been treated to a tour of the NJROTC facilities at the school and a large group attended the Military Appreciation observance. A highlight of the partnership was at the club officers' changeover celebration in June, when the NJROTC color guard presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance.

In lieu of a Rotaract Club, HT Rotarians are working with youth enrolled in the leadership program of the NJROTC at James River High School.

by Julie Franklin (julief7610@gmail.com)

James River Club Road Cleanup



Norfolk Club:



Run Wild at the Zoo - a new sign posted. Note the "Sponsored by Rotary International" sign.

Smithfield Club:



On October 5th another great Smithfield, VA Bacon, Bourbon & Beach Fest took place at Windsor Castle Park! Results to be announced!



T-Shane Johnson arrives in Richmond. In early October, members of the Chesapeake Club met at the Lifestyle Center at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center where they welcomed T Shane Johnson as he neared the half-way point on his *Hike Across America* to benefit the Gary Sinise RISE Foundation and disabled veterans. Rotarians also joined the walking tour of the Cypress Landing facility immediately following the meeting.

Short Pump Packs Food Bags





Short Pump Rotary club members spent a fun afternoon packing weekend backpacks of food for FeedMore's school backpack program - 1,000 kids across the metro area now have a supply of food for this weekend. One of the many great FeedMore programs!



In early October, West Richmond Club members held a service project to help the Secretariat Heritage Center and got to meet Virginia royalty ... Secretariat's great granddaughter.

South Hill Club:



The *Gleaning for the World Teddy Bear Project* is underway and South Hill Rotary is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for the 2019 holiday season. They can be dropped off at South Hill United Methodist Church, Town and Country Cleaners, Southside Insurers, Airtec or call Lisa Clary at 434-447-4823 or 434- 447- 9458 for more information. Girl Scout Troops 997 and 3263 will also be helping again this year. This has been a long term project for the club to help orphaned children in third world countries have a gift on Christmas morning. Your continued support is appreciated. Randy Cash and Dwayne Gwaltney recently delivered 820 stuffed animals to Appomattox to make room for this years continued collection.

South Hill Rotary Club will also be selling 2 lb. rolls of Dockery Branch Sausage (local Martin Smith) for the holidays. Place your first order for Thanksgiving and it will be available the week before. Second order will go in to be available by the Friday before Christmas. See any Rotarian or call 434 447 9458 or email Lisa Clary at undermyhat@embarqmail.com. Cost is \$10.00 per roll. All orders must be pre-sold and pre-paid. Delivery times and location pick up to be determined at a later date.

The Historic Triangle Club:



We were very proud to present the "Big Check" to 3e Restoration, Inc in the amount of \$7,000 from proceeds from the 2nd Annual Williamsburg PRO AM BBQ Cookoff. Pictured left to right: Bob Spencer, Steve Rice, Sharni Rakhra, Shylan Scott, Jamie Shannon, Bob Tassone, and Brad Anderson.

Bon Air Rotarians host international students



Bon Air Rotarians have established a relationship with the Global Education Office at Virginia Commonwealth University. Lee and Jane Harris and Jim and Cora Huitt hosted three International students for dinner recently.

Shown here are (front row): Wajra Jeewantha Bandara from Sri Lanka, Ruth Gonzalez from Paraguay, and Jane Harris.

Back row: Lee Harris, Jim Huitt, Gracie Frances from New Zealand and Cora Huitt.

Ms. Gonzalez will study educational development at University of Pittsburgh, Ms. Frances will study accompanying and developing opera singers at Juilliard, and Mr. Bandara will do research regarding fish migration at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The students gateway orientation was at VCU. Other opportunities presented by Nichole Dorton, M.Ed, Student Engagement Coordinator, include Weekend Homestay, Friendship Families, and special holiday meal offerings for international students.

Youth Services in the News

Rotaract at VCU:



In early October, members went to the Ronald McDonald House and made cookies for the families receiving medical treatment. They will be going back on November 3rd.

Want to see what else Rotaract Clubs around the district are doing? Go to their Facebook page [HERE](#) and "Like" the page.

Tech Tip of the Month

A Word from your Newsletter Editor:

I've been the District Newsletter Editor for almost two years now and I will be continuing through DGE Judy Cocherell's term as governor. I wanted to let you know that, even though Norm and I moved to Florida in May and have joined the Suntree Rotary Club here in district 6930, I still welcome this connection to our Rotary family in District 7600.

So, how do I get the information and photos for the newsletter each month, you ask? When I was Public Image Chair for D7600, I made it a point to become connected to each club's Facebook page. I'm also connected to many D7600 Rotarians individual Facebook pages. As such, I still get notifications whenever a club does a Facebook posting and then I "save" the post for future reference, grabbing the photo and the caption. Sometimes I need to edit the caption, sometimes I edit the photo, but most of the time I just "grab and go" and what you see is what had been posted on the club's Facebook page. While I try to make the newsletter as diverse as possible, featuring different clubs as often as I can, I am limited to the clubs that update their Facebook page regularly. Does your club post to Facebook?

Yes, some clubs do send me an article or a Press Release and photos directly and I welcome these. If you would rather do this than post on Facebook, please email me at jomeaker51@gmail.com. I look forward hearing about the People in Action clubs in District 7600.

Just remember, if there's a child in the photo, permission for online publication is needed. And it would also be nice if folks in the photo are identified.

I do continue to update the District website as well, so if you are on the site and see something you feel should be there and is missing or is perhaps outdated, please let me know.

Oh, and if you are ever in the Melbourne, Florida area, do look us up!!

Yours in Rotary Service
JoAnn Meaker

Foundation News

A Message from DRFC Stephen Beer:



World Polio Day, Foundation Month, and Foundation Banquet, Oh, My!
We just celebrated World Polio Day on October 24 with our first District 7600 event in Richmond. Rotarians from twenty-three different clubs descended to our all-day event. Our District Polio Programs Chair, Colleen Bonadonna, organized the day with polio speakers, live online interviews, and exhibits of polio artifacts. Thanks to Colleen for creating a memorable day. And, thanks to clubs that lighted their towns in purple or held events during the week. We created more awareness of our world-wide polio mission.

November is Rotary Foundation Month: It's that time of year where we kickoff our Rotary Foundation fundraising drive. Rotary clubs traditionally have speakers talk about the incredible things the Foundation does to help Rotary make the world a better place. If you still need a speaker, whether for a program or a five-minute brief, please contact a member of our Foundation team. We are available now and throughout the Rotary year.

Stephen Beer RC of Innsbrook (sbeer645@gmail.com)
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Past District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairs:

Bill Pollard RC of Churchland (bebowdp@gmail.com)
Jim Probsdorfer RC of Warwick at City Center NN (probs@verizon.net)
Chuck Arnason RC of Blackstone (chuck@indieplacefarm.com)

Our annual Rotary Foundation banquet will take place at Colonial Heritage Country Club on Thursday, November 14. I look forward to seeing you there to help recognize our clubs for their achievements this past Rotary year. Nancy Barbee, our Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, will be the keynote speaker. Registration is now open on the DACdb system.

The District 7600 Foundation Banquet ♦ There's still time to register



Nancy Barbee, the Zone 33 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, will be our keynote speaker at the November 14, Rotary Foundation Banquet. Nancy is probably best known for her National Immunization Day travels in India and Africa. She is a dynamic, down to earth, and endearing speaker. If you didn't get a chance to catch her presentation at our District World Polio Day or interact with her there, you definitely want to hear her at the banquet. You will be swept away.

The evening will feature the club banner awards, as well as the individual awards for the Outstanding Alumni and for the James Pierce Foundation Leadership Award, bestowed on a Club Foundation Chair of Excellence.

Enjoy music, a delicious buffet, and plenty of conversation and humor. But to get to enjoy all of that you need to register... register now... right now! **Registration deadline is November 4th!** Go to DACdb.com calendar.

The Beer Contest Continues...



So far, two District 7600 Rotarians will receive lots of money at the District Rotary Foundation Banquet on November 14th.

Sue Harmon, President of the James City County Club, will be presented with \$5 for answering the August Beer Contest question which was what was the date of the World Polio Day Celebration?

Neva Lynde, also of the James City County Club, will receive \$10 for two correctly answered questions ♦ what musical instrument did Paul Harris play and what is the recognition award call for someone who donates cumulatively \$1000? Paul Harris played the flute and the Paul Harris Fellow award is bestowed on those who give \$1000 in total to The Rotary Foundation.

Congratulations to Sue and to Neva, but the Beer Contest Continues for one more month. Be the first to email Stephen at beerstephenva@yahoo.com, the correct answer to the question below and you will also have the opportunity to win \$5.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is one of Rotary's partners in the fight to eradicate polio. When a Rotarian contributes \$10 toward the polio campaign, with how many dollars will the Gates Foundation match that contribution?

Colleen Bonadonna travels to Ghana and Kenya



A global grant project trip to Ghana was featured in the October Spirit. A number of District 7600 Rotarians were on that trip including, Lisa Mathews-Ailsworth (Henrico East), Sue Carter (Farmville), Shel Douglas (Prince George), and Colleen Bonadonna (New Kent), the District PolioPlus Chair.

Colleen's role on that trip was twofold. She, along with North Carolina Rotarians, spent four days in Ghana during which a new school in the Sunyani District was dedicated complete with borehole wells and micro flush toilets. Colleen then traveled to Kenya for 6 days with Nancy Barbee, Anne Matthews, and April Clark who visited and worked with the children in the Cheery Education Center in the Kibera section of Nairobi. This is a very poor area of Nairobi with few resources. The Rotarians worked each day with children in the school teaching language games, crafts, and even yoga classes. The interaction was informative and enjoyed by both the Rotarians and the children. The school was in deplorable condition, but the Rotarians were there to also witness the groundbreaking for a new school to replace the existing Cheery school.

Anne Matthews is a past trustee of The Rotary Foundation and a Director of Rotary International. Nancy Barbee is the Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator for Zone 33 and will be the keynote speaker at our District 7600 Foundation Banquet on November 14th in Williamsburg.

While the team was in Kenya a school collapsed in a different Kenyan village. Eight children died and over 50 were injured. The new school cannot be built soon enough.

Colleen will be traveling again in January to participate in another National Immunization Day (NID) in India.

Global Grant in Kenya



The Hampton Roads Club invites other clubs to join in this global grant project. "Get some skin in the game", says David Rosenthal of the Hampton Roads Club. To read details of the grant and how you can participate go [HERE](#).

Shel Douglas, Rotary D7600 District Grant Chair 19-20

As part of the District Grants Committee, our responsibility is to support clubs in the implementation of a Rotary District Grant. A *Rotary District Grant* is a Rotary Foundation grant which supports projects that benefit local communities or an international project. Projects are funded with a minimum 10% match from the local club. A club could have more than one grant request, but total project award must not exceed \$5,000 per club. Clubs can join together for a greater impact with an award of up to \$25,000 maximum. The goal of each project is to achieve a long-term benefit for the community.

Important: In order for a Rotary club to participate in Rotary District Grants, it is required to have *at least one representative attend the Grants Management Seminar* and sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The club must also have entered their Foundation Goals in DACDb by May 1st.

What kind of projects are funded? A club should complete a community assessment to determine the project that will have the greatest impact. The community project must fall within one of the six areas of focus outlined by the Rotary Foundation. But District Grants can create an opportunity for service in your local community or an international community. The required publicity plan should promote the Rotary club and the project through pictures, articles, and press releases.

Creating success: Rudy Garcia (Grants Chair), Lee Harris, and Sigur Whitaker are all part of the District Grants committee and are here to help clubs maximize their success. Reach out to us to brainstorm a project idea or help work through complications that come to light during the implementation of a projects. We are here to help.

Shel Douglas, District Grants Chair (sheldouglas1@gmail.com)
