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Polio Ball games:

Rotary members and guests enjoyed a day at a Richmond Flying Squirrels game. It is a day sponsored to help raise money for Rotary



Internationals End Polio Now campaign by offering

\$2 of each ticket sold to go the Rotary cause which is matched two for one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Attendees enjoyed the game and even though the Squirrels lost.

Rotary Club of Richmond President Chuck Duvall threw the first pitch for Richmond Flying Squirrels.



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And then at the Norfolk Tides...







Be a Vibrant Club Workshops were held at Colonial Heritage Williamsburg on Aug 7, 2021. Attendees learned about Membership, the

Foundation and Public Image - the three pillars of Rotary. To view photos by Bill Billings go <u>HERE</u>.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Oct 15-17: District Conference in Richmond
- Oct 16: District 7600 observance of World Polio Day
- Oct 30: RLI, Virtual, Levels 1, 2, and 3. \$35. Register on DACdb
- Nov 12: District 7600 Foundation Banquet
- Jan 8: Pre-PETS and Presidents Retreat
- Feb 12: DTTS District Team Training Seminar
- Feb 19-20: RYLA
- Mar 4-5: PETS
- Apr 30: District Training Assembly

New Club:

The district has a new club... the Rotary Virtual Satellite Club of Oyster Point. They can be found <u>HERE</u>.

Alumni Association News:

Submitted by Adeeb Hamzey and Megan Smith

The Rotary District 7600 Alumni Association is launching an exciting new project: a D7600 Alumni Association Cookbook. The Cookbook builds off the theme and success of its February 2021 virtual meeting where members shared their experiences with food during Rotary projects and programs around the world. The Alumni Association is looking to collect about 20 to 25 recipes, highlighting both how to make these dishes and their cultural or personal meaning. This collection will be



compiled in an e-book and soft cover formats and marketed online. Revenue from the book sale will be used to further the charitable work of Rotary in District 7600.

Each recipe should be in cookbook format. For more details on the project and requested format, visit <u>bit.ly/AlumsCookbook</u>. To see the complete details on format go <u>HERE</u>.

Please submit your entry, along with your name and the Rotary program in which you participated, please email Adeeb Hamzey (<u>adeeb.hamzey@gmail.com</u> or Megan Smith (<u>mcsmi2@gmail.com</u>) by **September 10, 2021**.

Please also keep an eye out for the Association \clubsuit s activities at this year's District Conference in Richmond, including a display at the House of Friendship, a breakout session, new member induction and reception and a service project, which will focus on free little libraries. If you know of any alumni not yet a member, please contact PDG Jim Probsdorfer.



Club News

Powhatan Club:

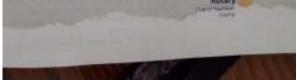
POWHATAN ROTARY MAKES WORLD NEWS!!

The Rotary Club of Powhatan appeared in Rotary Magazine, September issue! • We are excited to final have an article in the Rotary publication, on the projects we have sponsored and helped bring together, said President Roger Braswell. This started a few years ago when Past President Robbie Urbine set out to get our club and member Paul Sabbatini recognized for his work on this project! We have provided wells for potable water, ecofriendly pit latrines, treadle pumps for irrigation, and fuel-efficient burning cook stoves for many villages, which serve 1000 s of locals!!" Said Paul, Ites an honor for us to be

recognized in the magazine and to be able to continue to grow this program!!



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Hampton Club:



One of the goals of the Hampton club was to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. As her last duty as president, Trina Coleman pinned the recipients, including the new president Jay Dunbar and then turned over the gavel to him. The Clubes Foundation Chair, Bob Harper, was instrumental in making this milestone happen.



The Richmond Club:

The Rotary Club of Richmond presents Downtown Throwdown, September 30, 6:30 - 9:30 pm at Kanawha Plaza (801 East Canal Street, Richmond) where you can rock the night and support Workforce Development. Tickets available at RVArotary.com.

AND...

An Artistic Outreach Project by The Rotary Club of Richmond

submitted by Marshall Orr and Mary Ann Wilson In 2020, the Rotary Club of Richmond commissioned two artists, Hamilton Glass and Matt Lively, to create a large mural depicting bees leaving their hive to help a number of organizations in the Richmond area that we had donated resrouces and time to over the years. The beehive represents our club (#69) one of the oldest in the world. The bees are our members - hard working, organized, purposeful, and fun-loving. Twelve non-profit organizations are pictured artistically and protected by covid masks from the current virus attacking the world. Click *HERE* to see the mural and the find the twelve items.

South Hill Club

The Upper Room Ministries in South Hill recently donated bags of stuffed animals for the South Hill Rotary Club s Gleaning for the World Teddy Bear Project. The

Upper Room Ministries is now a 501C3 organization and funds raised at the community service sales will go to help with Missions and other church projects. The Gleaning for the World Teddy Bear Brigade is a South Hill Rotary Club project in the area that collects new or gently used stuffed animals of all kinds for the 2021 holiday season. The animals are donated to orphanages in third world countries so children who have nothing will have a gift under the tree on Christmas morning. Collection times and locations will be



announced in September so if you need to clean out your stuffed animal collection, The South Hill Rotary will be collecting late in the year.

Pictured are Upper Room volunteers: Carolyn Wagoner, Amelia Poythress, Rick Carroll and Denise Cox. Lisa Clary Photo

AND �



The South Hill Rotary Club recognized Paul Nichols, Superintendent with Mecklenburg County Public Schools with an honorary Paul Harris Fellow recently.

The South Hill Rotary Club is honored to present an honorary Paul Harris Certificate and Pin to Mr. Paul Nichols. We welcome you to the union of thousands of Rotarians invested in making the World a much better place. On behalf of the Rotary Foundation, Rotary International, our District and our Club, it is our honor to recognize you as a Paul Harris Fellow for all you have done in our community with our youth s education during these trying times and the COVID pandemic, stated club President Lynn Ellis. Nichols said, **I** am very honored and humbled tonight to be selected by the South Hill Rotary Club as a Paul Harris

Fellow. This award was given for educational service to the students of Mecklenburg County during the very difficult COVID pandemic. It is therefore an award I accept as a representative of the entire staff of our school division for the service is certainly a group effort. Many thanks to all the members of Rotary for your ongoing commitment to the needs of our community. I must add that this was a total surprise. My wife told me we were traveling to South Hill to purchase some stadium chairs from a lady that she saw for sale on a social media post. I thought we were interrupting their meeting when we walked in to the building to find her.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who make a commitment to, or have a commitment made in their name to the Rotary Foundation. A Paul Harris Fellow makes you a part of the eradication of Polio, finding cures for other diseases, a partner in creating PEACE, a person who supports clean water and sanitation where the worth of water is measured in LIVES. It also makes you someone who believes that all babies, children, and moms should have good medical resources. Recipients are placed in good company such as Mother Teresa, Astronaut James Lovell, President Jimmy Carter, and a name important to Rotary, Dr. Jonas Salk.

His wife Kay had the honor of pinning him. *Pictured: Kay and Paul Nichols and Club President Lynn Ellis. Lisa Clary Photo*

Warwick at City Center Club:

The club appeared in two publications recently for projects they worked on. See the Habitat for Humanity house \diamond thank you video <u>HERE</u>: See the TV spot on the new women's salon <u>HERE</u>.

Western Henrico Club:

The Rotarians of the Western Henrico Rotary Club announce our **30th Annual Spring Fling Golf Tournament** on **Monday, October 11,2021** at **The Stonehenge Golf & Country Club**. This fund-raiser will benefit the Becky Briggs Memorial Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to deserving



leaders from local high schools. It is our honor to support this tremendous community project. A luncheon and raffle prizes will be available to all. We will also be running a **Silent Auction** with golf trips, golf gear, and other paraphernalia.

Please visit our website <u>HERE</u> for further information and to sign up for sponsorships or golf registration. Bring

a foursome, twosome, or just yourself. We hope you will join us at The Stonehenge Club! Goochland Club:



At a recent meeting, students who are participating in the scholarship competition shared their thoughts on how COVID has affected their school experience - what changes they liked and did not like.

Petersburg Club:



Club members heard from the club's Scholarship recipients: Sara Rudd, Lyndsie Maile, Aniya Duke, Jaylynn Reid and Jumana Meri.

Mechanicsville Club:



Randi Rue Power, Rotarian and Hanover Safe Place (HSP) board member had the happy task of writing out the BIG check. Brian Johnson, Rotarian and Casino Night committee chairman,

worked tirelessly this past year to raise funds for HSP on the face of the Covid lockdown. He had the honor of signing the BIG check.

Then the club presented Hanover Safe Place with a \$40,000 donation. The club has supported HSP for over two decades through its annual Casino Night fundraiser. The Covid-19 lockdown prevented the club from hosting its Casino Night last year. However, key sponsors from previous years stepped forward and made donations anyway. HSP and the Rotary Club extend a heartfelt thank you to the community for its continuing support.

In the picture are Brian Johnson (left), Casino Night committee chairman, and Sheree Hedrick, Executive Director of Hanover Safe Place.

Hanover Club:

Stephen Beer spoke to the club recently about The Rotary Foundation and then presented David Creasy with a Major Donor Level 1 pin as well as a crystal award for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Thank you David for your contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

James River Satellite:

Rotary Satellite members and Friends of Rotary responded to a last-minute call from our local



participated.



Salvation Army to assist in their back pack distribution. Over 600 kids in 240+ families benefitted from this huge effort to get the kids off to school on the right foot. The families also received a large bag of groceries. And we had FUN!!!

AND submitted by Neva Lynde:

Rotarians of the James City County Club and the Satellite Club and our family members have been hard at work on our district grant. The first big step was to power wash, edge and paint a large blacktop area with black

paint, behind James River Elementary School in Williamsburg. Next step is to apply colorful stencils that will provide years of educational challenge and fun (multiplication chart, tens frames, alphabet arc, U.S. map, Virginia map, peace path, etc.). It's a great community project involving the school PTA and several local companies which provided paint supplies, led by Rotarians who Serve to Change Lives. Thanks to District 7600 for approving our grant and a special thanks to Brandyn Baty for her leadership on the project and to everyone who has





Tip of the Month

Membership and Public Image go hand in hand. If there's a prospective member out there, searching for information about your club, when and where your club meets, is the information readily available? Does the information agree across platforms your club uses (Club and District Websites, Facebook pages, Instagram etc)?

Are you aware that on the district website (under the About the District Tab > Our Club > Where Clubs Meet there's a list of all clubs and links to their online presence? Is the information correct? You can make changes if needed on DACdb > My Club > Admin Functions > Edit Club > Meeting Information. Make the needed corrections and be sure to save!!!

Foundation

The Rotary Foundation



Donor Advised Funds Can Help You Reduce Income Taxes *by Stephen Beer, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair*

Contributing to a donor advised fund (DAF) is a way to establish an immediate charitable deduction on your income tax return and then designate your contributions to specific charities in future years. This may be an ideal alternative for someone, like most of us, who do not have the resources to set up their own foundation.

When is A Donor Advised Fund an I deal Strategy? This may be a suitable alternative for someone who is having



WHAT IS A DONOR ADVISED FUND?

substantially above their normal income during a given tax year. Some of the windfall can be placed into a donor advised fund, particularly the amount that places you into a higher marginal income tax bracket.

The current federal income tax law raised the standard deduction and makes itemizing less desirable for most households. There are also limits for deducting state and local taxes (SALT). If you regularly make contributions to your favorite charities, but your total deductions fall a little bit short of the standard deduction, a donor advised fund might be ideal for you. By contributing two or three years-worth of charitable donations into the fund, you may raise your deductions to a level worth itemizing. Of course, you should run the numbers before you contribute to a DAF to see if this is worthwhile for you.

What are Some of the Other Benefits of a Donor Advised Fund?

Donors receive an immediate deduction on their income taxes.

Funds in the DAF can be invested to grow your future charitable giving.

You can make additional contributions to the DAF in future years.

You can donate appreciated securities to a DAF and receive even more tax benefits (more on that in next month \diamond s newsletter).

When you designate your DAF monies to charities, the DAF makes sure you do not make a maneuver that runs foul with the IRS. For example, the DAF will not let you contribute to a university to pay your child s tuition.

What are the Restrictions?

Charitable deductions are generally limited to 60% (100% in 2021) of adjusted gross income (AGI) if made in cash and 30% of AGI if made in securities.

Some DAF s do not accept non-publicly traded assets.

Once the contributions are made the decision is irrevocable. This requirement makes the donation to the DAF tax-deductible.

DAF s charge administrative fees. Check with the DAF.

Charitable designations from your DAF must be to qualified charities (generally, 501c(3) organizations).

DAF \diamond s set a minimum amount for each charitable designation from the fund, generally between \$50 and \$500. Check with the DAF.

Many large charitable organizations operate their own donor advised funds for their followers. Large investment firms such as Charles Schwab, Fidelity, and Vanguard also operate donor advised funds for their clients.

The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund is available for Rotarians. More information contact Stephen Beer.

What s My Line? - Carl W. Davis By Carol Dois Woodward

What s My Line was a celebrity panel game/entertainment show which aired between 1950 and 1967. Panelists questioned the guests to discover the guests coccupations. Sounds very tame now to modern tastes, but the guessing game was very popular and watched by about every household with a TV in America. Had Carl W. Davis been a guest on the program, he might very well have stumped the panelists.

Carl is a multifaceted, multitalented individual. He is a calligrapher, a published author, a ham radio operator, and an avid North Carolina home gardener. He probably has more hobbies judging from his Facebook page.



Many Rotarians in our district know Carl as the Senior Major Gifts Officer for The Rotary Foundation in the Carolinas and in our District 7600. He has attended many of our district events over the years, even when it meant he had to fly in from Chicago to join us. Though he has been introduced frequently at events, has taught several philanthropic giving seminars to our leaders, and has guided generous donors in meeting their giving goals, many of us simply know him from his title, smile, and round glasses. We Il learn more about his official role with the district shortly, but first a bit about some of Carl s lines .

Born in Detroit when Detroit built cars, he left for Indiana shortly after high school to study philanthropic fundraising at Indiana University. After graduation he joined The Salvation Army. It was at the Salvation Army that he feels he really learned about fundraising. He rose to the rank of Captain before later shifting his career to The Rotary Foundation. He worked out of an office at Rotary headquarters for many years before moving to the Raleigh area in 2015.



Give: A Donor Centric Approach to Individual Fundraising and Making Good Men Better: A 52 Week Personal Growth Plan Based on the Teachings of Freemasonry. Both books are available from Amazon.



He has published two books, Because Donors Want to

During

the pandemic period, Carl returned to an interest he had up through middle school but had not kept up during his adult years calligraphy. With fewer outside activities and very limited travel, he found it was a delightful way to pass time. He has gifted many of his creations to others including liturgical works to churches.

When not writing books or practicing

calligraphy, he is a licensed amateur shortwave radio operator, call sign W8WZ. His ham radio group helps each other keep up their skills and equipment. Here he is seen with his friend and fellow ham operator, John Brier. They participate in practical exercises and during emergencies are often called up to assist in communications. Major emergency events may take out phone communications, but not short-wave radio.

In addition to his hobbies and professional duties, he is also the Senior Warden at his church,

runs his own prison ministry providing correspondence courses in bible study, and is a 32nd Degree Freemason. He has easily adapted to living in North Carolina and feels he is perfectly based. He has family in both Louisiana and in Michigan. His home is 700 miles from each. Living in North Carolina has also contributed to his ability to be more available to Rotarians in the Carolinas and in District 7600.

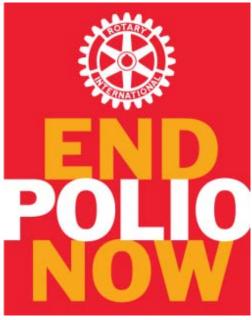
And now to his primary line. Carl sees his role as being a resource, a guide for Rotarians who are wanting to match their resources in support of causes for which they have a passion. He can help Rotarians identify assets which the Rotarians could use to support their charitable passions, how to time any such effort, and how to identify which giving vehicle would best suit the needs of the donors, now and in the future. He is not a tax, legal, or financial advisor. Rotarians take his suggestions and their own ideas to their own professional advisors for further guidance. Carl can continue to work with the Rotarians and their advisors to accomplish the Rotarians **a** giving wishes.

Recently a Rotarian contacted Carl to explore what further giving vehicles she might use to assist in supporting her humanitarian goals. She felt she was doing what she was able to do at the time but wanted to start thinking ahead. Over breakfast, she and Carl discussed her goals and assets. Out of that discussion, Carl helped her see how her retirement savings might be a resource to support her charitable cause. Those savings would be available for her and her husband \diamond s use during their lifetimes but could then be left as a legacy for The Rotary Foundation.

Helping Rotarians match their resources, and their giving interests is very meaningful to Carl. Also meaningful to Carl is his commitment to Rotary and to The Rotary Foundation. He is proud that he was a Rotarian before he was a staff member of The Rotary Foundation. He joined Rotary in 2000 and is now a member of the Rotary Club of Raleigh.

Carles role is to advice, to assist, not to persuade or sell. He is a resource for all Rotarians in District 7600 and is available to provide assistance, information, and education upon request. He can be reached by phone or text at 773-949-5243 or by email at <u>carl.davis@rotary.org</u>. He also has an online scheduling tool <u>HERE</u>.

Get in touch with Carl. Let s make him very busy this Rotary year.



Colleen Bonadonna, District PolioPlus Chair, passes on this reassuring information about the future of Rotary's polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan.

Eradicating Polio in Afghanistan

By Michael K. McGovern, Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair

As the sun rose on 1 January 2021, we all worried about what this new year would bring. For those of us who closely follow polio eradication progress, it was an especially worrisome time. 2020 and 2019 had seen an uptick in wild polio virus cases and in circulating vaccine derived cases. Polio vaccinations had had to be suspended for a while in 2020 due to the coronavirus and vaccines for Covid-19 were just starting to receive early use approvals.

The polio news was especially bad in Afghanistan. On the very first day of 2021, a wild polio virus case was reported. In the next week, the national health minister was fired due to hints of corruption on non-polio matters. Before month s end, the government of Afghanistan ordered the UNICEF

polio lead to leave the country relating to a verbal spat that had occurred in the President s office. Then in March and June there were coordinated attacks on polio workers and their security teams leaving eight families having lost loved ones. The Taliban denied responsibility for the attacks, and it appeared the attacks were tied to elements who supported ISIS or ISIL as they are also known. We also noted that some areas of the country had been subject to over 30 months of a ban on house-to-house polio vaccinations.

While all this was going on other activities were occurring which have been mostly

unreported. On January 17th, the Regional Directors of WHO and UNICEF met at the Taliban office in Doha, Qatar to discuss polio vaccinations and covid response in the areas controlled by the Taliban. While house to house polio vaccinations were not agreed to, the seven senior members of Taliban leadership indicated support for other measures to provide vaccination activities. In all areas of the country, health screenings continued unabated which showed no new wild polio cases and no positive identification of polio viruses in the environment. In a zoom call of polio partnership leaders the week of 17 August, Aidan O&Leary, the global WHO polio director, noted that Afghanistan has one of the best programs for polio surveillance in the world and it was not finding polio anywhere.

After the fall of the Afghanistan government in mid-August, the new leadership has agreed to keep on the acting health minister who has been effective in righting the program since February. Taliban leaders have visited the national and regional polio offices and pledged their support for the polio eradication program. On 23 August, a Rotary sponsored roadside

vaccination hut provided vaccinations to children under five with local Taliban providing the needed security. For security reasons, I will not share the photos I received but it was good to see the Rotary logo doing good in the world.

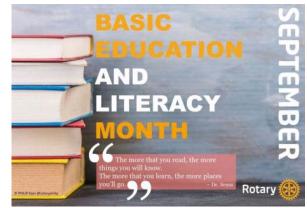
Rotary has just 35 members in Afghanistan. They inspire me daily with their courage and perseverance. The polio program has always been politically neutral in every country. Rotary and our partners work with the leaders who are in charge. We now work with new leaders in Afghanistan. Rotary funds WHO and UNICEF. We do not send any funds to the governments nor to groups other than WHO and UNICEF. We monitor the spending they do on our behalf very closely. We have never been closer to eradicating polio in Afghanistan. We will continue to work with the Afghani people and our partners to finish what we began over 35 years ago.

District Grant Projects

There is a saying that The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary clubs make a greater impact serving their communities here and abroad. The most visible way most Rotarians experience this is through the District Grant process. This year clubs in our district are currently implementing twenty-one grant projects. Nineteen of the projects are benefiting our local communities and two are being implemented in Latin America. Thirty-one clubs are involved in the grants. Three of these clubs are active in more than one grant. Over the next several weeks



district leaders will be visiting clubs in our annual grant check distribution ritual. This is a wonderful time to share the news with your local community and celebrate Rotary. September and October are excellent months to start to consider and plan next year s district grant and other projects. Visiting and networking with community leaders outside Rotary can help determine and prioritize what your community may need. People tend to associate with a limited segment of their community. So, it might be very easy to overlook the needs of others you do not know even exist. Starting early (now) can lead to an incredibly impactful project that fulfills needs of the underserved.



District Grants --International Beneficiaries

Stephen Beer, the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, provided some highlights from this year **()** s bevy of District Grants. Eleven of the grants are focused on Basic Education and Literacy. Two of those eleven grant projects involve technological support for students (and adults) in El Salvador and Costa Rica. The Rotary Clubs of Chesapeake and Churchland are joining in a project to supply laptops to a library in provide computers for the library to expand youth and adult literacy as well as computer

education to serve more underserved youth, increase literacy and technical training for adults, in Ilopango, El Salvador.

In all of El Salvador, there is only one truly public library with adequate books for research or for general use by children, schools and families. This single library is located far away from the majority of the poor population.

Nehemiah International University, in order to become recognized and accredited, is required to have a library on its campus that meets the needs of its students. The University has built a library facility to meet the needs of its own students and the needs of children and adults students in the greater community of Ilopango. University staff will continue to provide education, training and support for the students. The University will maintain and update computers as necessary.

The Rotary Clubs of Virginia Peninsula and Warwick at City Center are providing internet and data transmission capability to students in Costa Rica. Children are chosen based on discussions with school administrations and interviews with individual families. Internet access is provided by internet "hot spot" devices. These inexpensive and abuse-resistant devices are being paid for and donated without using funds from this grant. Internet data transfer is being provided by data packages individually assigned to each hot spot device. The data packages are negotiated with a local provider for two-year terms. Some members of the District 7600 clubs involved in these two projects will actually visit and verify that the terms of the grants are met. These are not just pass through grants. There will

be feet on the ground.

To view how to create a My Rotary account on the Rotary.org website go <u>HERE</u>.