



# Rotary District 7600



## Spirit of 7600



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**Stephen R. Beer**  
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District Conference Co-Chair

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District Public Image Chair

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## District News

### District Change of Leadership and Awards Dinner

The District held it's annual Change of Leadership and Awards Dinner in mid-July. The ceremonial change of leadership ceremony includes pinning the incoming District Governor (Debbie Wall, right) and congratulating the immediate past District Governor (Judy Cocherell, left).

Judy announced the club and individual awards. Congratulations to the following clubs who earned awards for their hard work during the 2020-21 Rotary Year.

#### CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Tier II - Goochland

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#### CLUB BULLETIN ♦ WEEKLY

Tier II - Warwick at City Center NN

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Tier I - Short Pump

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#### CLUB WEBSITE

Tier I - Fluvanna Co.

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Tier I - Fluvanna Co TIED

James River



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District Governor Nominee

**Adeeb Alex Hamzey**  
Community Service Chair

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District Youth Services Chair

**Camile L. Peter**  
District Secretary/DCO

**Paul B. Peter**  
Special Assistant to the  
Governor

**Dana Lewellyn Rieves**  
DCO Chair

**Davetta Flinn Rinehart**  
Youth Protection Officer

**Raghavan Sadagopan**  
District Technology  
Committee Chair

**Tom Wilkinson**  
Lieutenant Governor

Tier II - Hampton Roads TIED  
Warwick at City Center NN

Tier III - Innsbrook  
ROTARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Tier I - Fluvanna Co.

Tier II - Hampton Roads TIED  
Warwick at City Center NN

Tier III - Norfolk  
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Tier I - Fluvanna Co

Tier II - Warwick at City Center NN

Tier III - Innsbrook

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Tier I - Fluvanna Co

Tier II - Hampton Roads

YOUTH SERVICE

Tier I - Fluvanna Co.

Tier II - Warwick at City Center NN

Special Awards for **Outstanding President** went to: Andrew Dunn, Oyster Point; David Rosenthal, Hampton Roads; Trina Coleman, Hampton; Carol Teachey, James River; Jame Shivey, Goochland; Sharon Martin, Warwick at City Center; Keith Ellis, South Hill; Jim Kitz, Norfolk; Terry Ryan, Newport News; Maureen Mizelle, Portsmouth; and James B. Kelly, Fluvanna County.

**The Governor's Circle Clubs** included: Norfolk, Oyster Point, Warwick at City Center, Hampton Roads, Fluvanna County, Hampton, South Hill, James River, Newport News, Goochland County, and Portsmouth.



*Judy presents the award to immediate past club president, James Kelly.*

Congratulations to the Fluvanna Club - **Governor's Cup Award**. This award goes to the Rotary Club in the District who achieves excellence multiple areas such as the ones listed above as well as New Member Attraction, Member Retention, and overall Community Impact.

Over the past 18 months, the Fluvanna Rotary Club has been actively serving Fluvanna County. Listed below are just a few of the things the Club accomplished since March 2020:

- Provided \$1500 worth of facemasks for the community
- Purchased \$7,000 of new equipment for

- MACAA including a new refrigerator, handheld radios, and scales and food bags.
- Food and toiletry drive for Meals on Wheels which yielded over 600 pounds of food and \$500 in cash donations
- 4 food drives for MACAA which yielded 34,000 pounds of food and over \$12,500 in cash donations
- The Rose Deborah Altschull Endowment for Youth, as part of our Fluvanna Rotary Foundation supported children in need through Central and Carysbrook Elementary Schools
  - Operation Warm provided 162 winter coats
  - Shoes for Success provided 86 pairs of shoes
  - Provided 200 children's facemasks

The Club did all of this while holding meetings virtually on ZOOM. Additionally, the Club Launched what started as a weekly Fluvanna Community Townhall Meeting where citizens could log in and hear updates for our County Leadership including the County Administrator School Superintendent, Director of Social Services, the County Sheriff, Blue Ridge Health District and many more.

A very special award, Rotary's Service Above Self, was given to Colleen Bonadonna. Congratulations, Colleen.

Rotary's highest honor recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others. The award is internationally competitive, and is granted to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide. Today, no more than one individual from



each district, each year can earn the prestigious honor. Only district governors, immediate past district governors, RI directors, and past RI directors may honor exemplary Rotarians by nominating them to be considered for this award.

For more pictures from the dinner go [HERE](#). Thanks to Bill Billings

Registration is open in DACdb for the District Workshop, Be A Vibrant Club which will feature workshops on Foundation, Membership and Public Image. It will be a great day of learning and fellowship! Be sure to stay for the ice cream social following the workshop.



#### District 7600 Alumni News:



The District 7600 Alumni Association began with a Alumni Reunion in 2013, was chartered by Rotary International in 2014 and inducted Charter Class. Each year since, they have inducted new members. They were selected by RI as the Rotary Alumni Association of the Year in 2018-19. Each year, at the District Conference, the Association provides a display at the House of Friendship, conducts a break-out session, hosts a reception, inducts a new class of members, and holds a service project. Then, each spring the Association hosts a social event, and conducts a second service project.

*Alumni Advisor, PDG Jim Probsdorfer announces:*

1. Alumni Association is completing their spring service project (somewhat delayed by product distribution problems) by providing **poncho** shelters for some of our homeless population in Norfolk and Richmond.
2. The Alumni Leadership Team held a planning meeting on July 24th, to set in motion plans for the fall, to include the District Conference in Richmond on October 16th.
3. They are putting together plans for an **Alumni Cookbook** to be offered at the upcoming District Conference. Knowing that Alumni members have experienced fantastic cultural feasts during their Rotary experiences, they will be looking members for their signature dishes to be added to the cookbook.
4. Preparations are underway for Alumni Association Inductions to be held during the District Conference. If you know of any alumni not yet a member, contact PDG Jim.

#### Reminders:

Early registration for the District Conference ends August 14th. You can save \$15 by registering before that date. Go to DACdb > Calendar to find the registration.

PolioPlus Baseball games are scheduled for August 1 (Flying Squirrels in Richmond) and August 29th (Tides in Newport).



World Polio Day is October 24 - begin making plans now to spread the word about Rotary's involvement in eradicating Polio. To date there is only 1 case in Pakistan and 1 case in Afghanistan this year.

Rotary Leadership Institutes (RLI) are scheduled for September / October / November. Check the dates on the district calendar of DACdb.

## Club News

### Cape Henry:

**Oyster Crush Is Back - Eat, Drink, Dance + Have Fun!**  
*Submitted by Kelly Noll*

Virginia Beach's best party is back, and local charities are once again the beneficiaries! The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Oyster Crush Fundraiser, hosted by the Cape Henry Rotary Foundation will occur on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 1pm-6pm at Ballyhoos Restaurant in Virginia Beach.

◆ In past years, we have hosted a massive oyster roast and party for a cause, and since 2015 the event has raised over \$225,000 for local charities in Hampton Roads, ◆

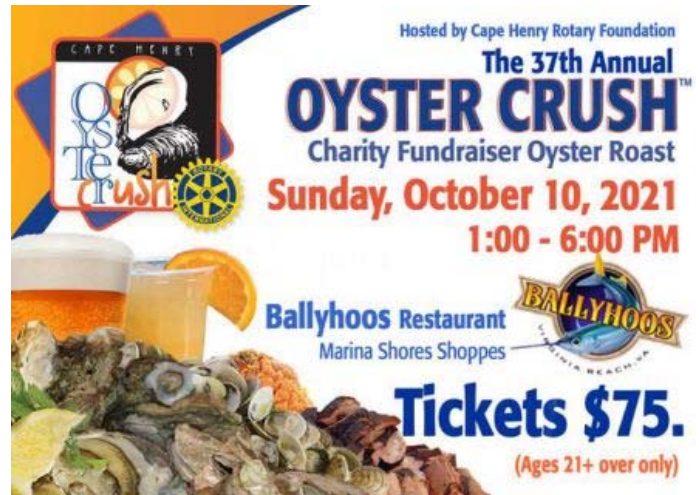
stated Brian McCullough, Chairman of this year's event.

McCullough added, ◆ In 2020 we really tried to continue our Oyster Crush fundraising tradition, but we just couldn't pull it off with the restrictions of the pandemic. But we know the needs of our local charities hadn't stopped, and in many cases, increased as a result of the pandemic and Covid-19 ◆.

All-you-can-eat oysters, raw and roasted over a wood fire, and steamed clams will be served, along with a full meal including BBQ and fried chicken, beer, tea and lemonade. Dance all day with music by *Tidewater Drive and DJ ShyDot*.

According to Lori Absher, President of the Cape Henry Rotary Club, ◆ At our last Oyster Crush event in 2019, over 1100 guests, along with our great sponsors, helped raise over \$42,000 which supported 21 local charities, scholarships, Rotary Youth Leadership Conference fees and international projects. Our community has been great supporters of our Oyster Crush efforts and we are hopeful they will continue that support in 2021. ◆

For more information about Oyster Crush, see [www.oystercrush.com](http://www.oystercrush.com)



### Fluvanna Club:

*Submitted by Rudy Garcia:*

*Cliff Altschull is a Rotarian in our club with 44 years of perfect attendance! He was formerly a member of the South Richmond Club. When his wife passed away he set up an endowment and the Rotary Foundation of Fluvanna County was born. We use the local foundation to fund our charitable local work. The Endowment is specifically the mechanism we use to fund projects for at-risk elementary school kids in Fluvanna County. So the Rotary Foundation of Fluvanna County and the Rose Deborah Altschull Endowment are the charitable funding arms of our Fluvanna Rotary Club.*

Read the message from Cliff and view the photos about the Summer Reading Program [HERE](#).

### Rotary Club of James City County:



The club will host a golf outing Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Kingsmill Resort River Course. Everyone had such a fun time and a tremendous turnout (our first-ever ◆sell out◆) at the Rotary District Golf Outing in April that we want to offer



another opportunity for great play and fellowship. It is open to Rotarians and Friends of Rotary. Please do sign up early. All registration and payment is in advance. The registration and payment information is [HERE](#).

If you have a question about the tournament, please address it to [GaryChenault@cox.net](mailto:GaryChenault@cox.net) or [Jack.Clark201@cox.net](mailto:Jack.Clark201@cox.net) . Send your registration questions to [Neva.Lynde@cox.net](mailto:Neva.Lynde@cox.net) .

**The Petersburg Club 14th Annual "Service Above Self" Golf Tournament Fundraiser:**



For details and registration go [HERE](#).

**James City County Satellite**

**Club:**  
*Submitted by Neva Lynde*



While at the Williamsburg Salvation Army to volunteer at its Mobile Food Pantry, Rotarians presented a check to Captain Julio Da Silva, Co-commander, for Back-to-School supplies.

Both Capt. Da Silva and his wife Major Luci Da Silva, also Co-commander of the Salvation Army, are active Rotarians. He is a member of The Historic Triangle Club, and she is a member of the James City County Satellite Club. *Pictured are Darlene Byrd, Amy Leadbetter, Capt. Da Silva, Neva Lynde and Roger Saunders,*

*representing both the James City County Club and its Satellite Club.*

**Rotary Club of Richmond:**  
*Submitted by Michael Little*

The Rotary Club of Richmond has over 108 years of history. The club was established in 1913, the 69th club in the world. It has also sponsored the development of many clubs in our district. For a brief history of the club go [HERE](#).



Also, Tonda Arthur shared that the club is hosting an event on September 30th - the Downtown Throwdown - check it out [HERE](#).

**Hanover County Club:**

DG Debbie Wall has begun her official club visits. The Hanover Club We welcomed her at a recent club meeting.

*(L-R): current President, Brenda Rosalez, District Governor Debbie Wall and Immediate Past President/Vice President Penny Guiles.*



**Great Bridge Club:**

*Submitted by Metta Alsobrook*



Tracy is the Club's Rotarian of the Year for Rotary Year 2020-2021

*Tracy Keller is shown here with Chuck*

**Powhatan Club:  
Yard Sale**

The club is hosting a Rotary Yard Sale, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm at the Powhatan County Fair Grounds. Don't miss out!!!! Come and check out the furniture, appliances, bicycles, clothes, toys, and more! Also enter for a chance to win their 50/50 raffle!

**Hampton Club:**



What a mammoth team effort by all the volunteers who planted 400 trees and shrubs along the Hampton Beach foreshore as part of the Hampton Rotary Club annual Tree Planting Challenge.

The club thanked the Rotarians from Hampton, Sandringham and Beaumaris Rotary as well as their family and friends, and the local community members who helped with the planting. They also thank the team from Citywide (the Bayside City Council horticultural contractors) who provided the trees and shrubs and tips on planting techniques and to Geoff Tickner from our Club who organized this fantastic

environmental project.

**Brandermill Club:**

Don Vaught, past president of the Brandermill Rotary Club, was recently presented the prestigious Cliff Dochterman Award. Vaught, an Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Advisor, received the highest award presented by the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Troop 2806.

(Photo ID - Left to right) Ryan Clark, former Scoutmaster of Troop 2806 of Woodlake United Methodist Church, Don Vaught, Jon Fitzpatrick, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 2806.

ALSO: Patrick Tshibusu, Brandermill Rotary's newest member is waiting to receive his name tag from his sponsor Nancy Wright Beasley, during the Changing of the Guard event.



#### **Bon Air Club:**



Rotarians are Rotarians no matter where they travel. Recently, Bon Air Rotarian Ben Blevins was out west helping with the White Mountain Rotary Pancake breakfast fundraiser.

**Warwick at City Center Club:**  
*Submitted by Amber*

#### *Lempke*

It's always great when a club's efforts are recognized in local media. Amber Lempke, the club's Public Image Chair for the Warwick at City Center Rotary Club, shared that the club was mentioned in the *Daily Press* on July 11 for the club's donation to the Four Oaks Day Service Center to build a beauty salon from women experiencing homelessness. Read the article [HERE](#).

#### **South Hill Club:**

Clubs generally have speakers at their meetings on a variety of topics. This one was especially intriguing...

The South Hill Rotary Club welcomed Rotarian John Evans as guest speaker recently. Evans updated the club about his experience 50 years as a bank robbery hostage at Citizens Bank in South Hill. He talked about how the stars aligned on that day for events to happen that led to having immediate police response, a high speed chase that ended in a car accident to the capture of three robbers.

He captivated his audience with his story of the early morning robbery, the pistol at his head, officers and robbers bullets flying, the car ride that saw high speeds, squealing tires, a locked gun flashing lights quick turns and bumps and hitting a pole and ditch. His heroic efforts and adrenaline rush allowed him to drop and flip the robbers on each side of him backwards in a quick thinking action that saw the



robbers get captured.

As he said many times before, in the end the money bag they picked up to carry out of the bank, risking the lives of those involved, held only \$50 dollars in rolled up pennies.

Because things lined up the way they did - with law enforcement on the scene in street clothes, and minor glitches that aligned to slow down what seemed like a long heist - is why he is able to talk about it today. *Lisa Clary Photo*

## Tip of the Month

### Rotary Zone 33/34:

What is a Rotary Zone, you ask? Well, you know about clubs... and that clubs make up districts. Your club is in district 7600. Many districts comprise a Zone. District 7600 is in Zone 33.

Zones 33/34 include districts from western Pennsylvania all along the east coast to Florida and also includes Puerto Rico and districts in Northern and Southern Caribbean.

How is that beneficial to you and your club leadership? Not only can you find a plethora of information for your club to use at the District's website ([www.rotary7600.org](http://www.rotary7600.org)) and at Rotary International's website: ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) but there is also information at the Zone33/34 Website: (<https://www.rizones33-34.org/>).

Here you can find the contact information for Zone leadership and districts' leadership. It also includes a Resource library. If you are in need of a "speaker" for your club - you can choose to make use of these zone leaders, especially in this time of Zoom / Hybrid clubs.

Each Zone has a Public Image Team, so if you are interested in finding resource materials for your club to use, check it out!!! <https://www.rizones33-34.org/z33pi/>





# The Rotary Foundation



## Foundation News

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### **The Rotary Foundation: Excitement is Contagious**

*By Stephen Beer, District  
Rotary Foundation Committee  
Chair*

Carl Davis, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Chief Giving Officer of Zones 33-34, shared his sanguine assessment of and pride in being affiliated with TRF. In this spontaneous phone conversation, Carl was asked his view about what was on the horizon for The Rotary Foundation. His excitement could hardly be contained.

First, he cited the international recognition of TRF as an extremely well-run nonprofit organization, certainly one of the top five such nonprofits in

the United States, if not the world. As a nonprofit professional he stated he has never seen an organization that better addresses obstacles that arise. Its flexibility allows it to tailor responses that are true to preserving the mission of The Rotary Foundation and continue to provide the long-term impact for which this nonprofit is known. He reports being immensely proud to be part of this well managed organization.

He went on to extol the continued growth of the Endowment Fund. He surmises there will be a time when earnings from the endowment fund will be the primary funder of Rotary's charitable projects, making dependence on short-term donations, though still important, less critical. Thus, the security of the Endowment Fund will have a generational impact as the next wave of Rotarians take the helm and embark on good works.

Finally, his confidence in The Rotary Foundation has even grown due to its response to the global pandemic. If anything, TRF has become more intentional in its adaptation to the crisis not only from a management perspective, but also in its commitment to projects within the seven areas of focus. Priorities change in crisis and The Rotary Foundation as an organization met those challenges while maintaining its core commitments.

Carl's optimism and pride was evident in the conversation. Thinking over the conversation later in the day, it reminded me of similar expressions I have heard from District 7600 Rotarians, if not in words, in their actions as they donate to TRF and do great projects in their own communities and internationally. We can all be proud of The Rotary Foundation and our part in it.



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**It's not too late! Register for the  
District Be A Vibrant Club Seminars**

You have until August 4<sup>th</sup> (that is Wednesday for the calendar challenged) to register for the redesigned summer seminars having to do with membership, public image, and The Rotary Foundation. You can pick and choose among nine topics in the three different areas and then



## BE A VIBRANT CLUB -AUG 7

have a bit of ice cream after the seminars. ♦Be A Vibrant Club♦ seminars are on August 7 between 9 am and 2 pm at the Colonial Heritage Club in Williamsburg. It is a beautiful drive and a lovely venue. Sign

up and encourage other club members to do so as well. Just go to the [dacdb.com](http://dacdb.com) Calendar and scroll down to August 7 and register there.

### Global Grant - Hiamankyene School submitted by Shel Douglas

Hello Rotary D7600 and friends. The Signage for the six-classroom school in Hiamankyene has been drafted. It has been reviewed and now includes all of the clubs that have contributed. This global grant project is supported by \$20,000 District Designated Funds from D7600. The Prince George Rotarians provided approximately \$10,000 in support. Blackstone, Chester, South Hill, New Kent, Short Pump- Henrico, and Petersburg clubs also provided significant support. This was one of the last schools to be built under the Foundation♦s simple school project. This school is our partnership with the community of Hiamankyene and Rotarians & Rotarctors of Kumasi. The project allowed the Rotarctors to be involved so they can be prepared to lead their own global grant project in the near future.



The project will be dedicated in honor of several great Rotarians: Bob Sapp of the Myrtle Beach Club (Bob and the District were major donors to the project), and in memory of Rotary Director Ron Ferrill and PDG Mary Keely of D7570.

Thank you for helping to create a legacy of education.

*Shel Douglas, PAG*  
*DISTRICT 7600 Foundation Grants Chair*

### The arrival of the first peace fellows at the new peace center in Kampala, Uganda, heralds the beginning of a new era for Rotary and the continent



*Excerpted from myrotary.org*  
by **Jeff Ruby** Photography by **Tobin Jones**

In the last week of February, in Kampala, Uganda, 15 Rotary Peace Fellows gathered at Makerere University for the inaugural session of Rotary International♦s new peace center. Among them, the peace center♦s first cohort represented 11 countries and spoke, in addition to English, a dozen African languages, including Luganda, Swahili, and Zulu.

♦Coming from diverse backgrounds, and yet with a shared desire for peace in Africa, they are the epitome of unity in diversity,♦ said Anne Nkutu, a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya and the host area coordinator for the

Makerere University peace center.

With an average age of 40 when they were admitted to the program, the fellows are not novice peacemakers. These are established professionals with a minimum of five years of experience in peace and development. They arrived at Makerere University home to an established program in peace and conflict studies already working on an initiative, or with an idea for one, that promotes peace or social change within their workplace or community. The fellows are more interested in the practical side of peacebuilding, said Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, the director of the peace center. They want to see how things are done, as opposed to our regular students, who are more interested in the theoretical aspects. So the fellows come off as, and indeed are, change agents.

Prior to arriving at Makerere, the peace fellows began their studies with a two-week online session, the first stage in Rotary's new yearlong certificate program in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and development. (The peace center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, which previously offered a three-month version of the certificate program, has also adopted this new model.) Following the 10-week session in Kampala, they will return home to begin implementing their social change initiatives, checking in periodically with their instructors and fellow students. They will return to Makerere in early 2022 to complete the program.

Earlier this year, as they prepared to depart for Kampala, Rotary magazine spoke with six of the peace fellows via Zoom and WhatsApp. The conversations were a crash course in African history and politics. They were also an inspiration, offering a glimpse of the possibilities that lie ahead for Africa once these peace fellows and those to follow in the years ahead complete their studies at Makerere and disperse across the continent to share what they have learned.

The complete article can be found [here](#).