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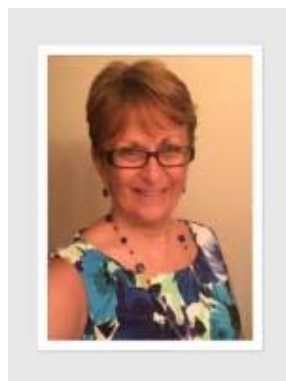
After the flurry of activities clubs had during the month of November in preparation for Thanksgiving projects, many clubs gear up to deliver holiday cheer to those in need.

Across the district, clubs will hold special events, toy and food drives, and reach out to their communities to help in whatever way they can.

It warms the heart and soul to know we Rotarians can make a difference in the lives of people around the world.

Foundation Banquet and Awards:

Congratulations to all. See the Foundation section below for details and thanks to Bill Billings, go [HERE](#) to see the photos taken during the event.



The Governor Chain continues...

Congratulations to DGND Joy Kline who has been certified to serve as D7600 District Governor for the Rotary Year 2024-2025.

Club News

Portsmouth Rotary Club helps city libraries preparing Alzheimer's Memory Scrapbooks

Submitted by Steve Milner
Photo by Maureen Mizelle

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Rotary Club recently donated office supplies to that city's libraries preparing Memory Care Scrapbooks for dementia and Alzheimer's patients. These supplies included scrapbook paper, photo corners, page covers, glue sticks, among other items.

This scrap booking program is scheduled to take place in late January next year at Portsmouth's Main Library.

The Portsmouth Public Library is very interested in creating programs for the senior members of our community, and we are always excited to partner with other organizations to make events happen, said Main Library Manager Rachel Enrich.

Our next effort will be a Memory Book Program where families can make scrapbooks with photos and other mementos that will spark conversations with loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia, she added.

Thanks to a generous donation of materials and supplies from the Portsmouth Rotary Club, families will be able to create books that will be special in the months and years to come, according to Ms. Enrich.

The Portsmouth Library has a long-standing partnership Rotary Club to purchase books for the collection in honor of each member's birthday, as well as for other events, Ms Enrich said.

In the photo, Portsmouth Main Library Manager Rachel Enrich is shown with some of the dementia and Alzheimer's scrapbooking materials donated by the Portsmouth Rotary Club.



Warwick at City Center Club:

Submitted by: Amber Lempke

At the end of October, the Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center held a "Pints for Polio" event at a local bar and restaurant in Newport News. The event included bar-b-que, a DJ and dancing, and a 50/50 raffle. Carol Chamberlain, the club's Rotary Foundation Chair, helped to lead the event and provide information to members and guests about polio eradication efforts. Club President, Rob Self, made a check presentation for a donation to Polio Plus and the raffle raised additional money towards the cause.



AND Recently the Rotary club of Warwick at City Center toured the Four Oaks Day Center, an organization in Newport News that provides resources to the homeless and those transitioning out of homelessness. Earlier this year, the club donated to the fund to building of a beauty salon for female residents. During this visit, the club presented a Little Library for those at the facility to use - the library was built and decorated at this year's District Conference in Richmond.



Churchland Club:

Submitted by Charles Owens

Churchland Rotary Partners with Soles4Souls. Churchland Rotary is all about giving. Every year around this time, organizations such as Soles4Souls experience an increase in need and, this year, Churchland Rotary partnered with them to assist in meeting the need by hosting a Shoe Drive. Soles4Souls focuses on providing shoes and clothing to people in need in the US and around the world. It is through these efforts that they are able to address larger global issues such as fighting poverty by helping people launch and sustain

small businesses selling these donated shoes and clothing, protecting the environment by reusing these goods instead of letting them go to landfills and empowering women through opportunity and entrepreneurship.

Churchland Rotary set a goal of collecting 50 pairs of gently used shoes. At the end of the Shoe Drive, the Club had collected and delivered 157 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls! Mrs. Kristin Macan was the organizer of the shoe drive for Churchland Rotary. Kristin said, "Just like always, my Club goes above and beyond in their generosity." She is excited to know that the shoes will make a tangible difference for many people.



The Churchland Rotary has long supported the community through a range of service projects that make our local communities better places. Rotary members contribute their time and energy to carry out meaningful and sustainable projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, help families, support education and grow local economies. Visit rotary.org to learn more about Rotary. For more information on Soles4Souls, visit www.soles4souls.org

Western Henrico Club:
Submitted by James Heck

Western Henrico Rotary's Becky Briggs Memorial Golf Tournament's Winning Team! Hart Roper led his team to victory! His team members were Bobby King, Lindy Coiner and Bill Mason.

"I have played together in the Becky Briggs Memorial Tournament almost since its inception in 1991. Bobby was the Insurance/Risk Manager for Universal Leaf for many years. I was CFO then. Lindy and Bill are insurance brokers that worked with us on the company's insurance program. We won the 2021 tournament with a score of 13 under par 58. This is not the first time our team has won the tournament. We won it the first year it was played at Stonehenge Country Club, the site of this year's tournament. We generally play well there probably because Bobby and Lindy are members at Stonehenge and play there frequently."



The Becky Briggs Memorial Golf Tournament, held each October, is proudly sponsored by the Western Henrico Rotary Club.

The Becky Briggs Memorial Scholarship Fund, which receives proceeds from the tournament, was started 30 years ago through the efforts of the Western Henrico Rotary Club and Cordell Briggs in loving memory of his daughter, Rebecca. Becky was a 17-year-old rising senior at Marymount when her life was tragically cut short in a 1990 auto accident.

In 1991, Western Henrico Rotary Club and Cordell, a member of the Western Henrico Rotary, joined hands with the Community Foundation to form the scholarship fund in Becky's memory.

The Foundation grants scholarships for college and continued learning to high school students of the Richmond area, making the educational opportunities for our area children a reality.

The Becky Briggs Memorial Fund has granted over \$255,000 in scholarships to local area high school seniors attending college. The golf tournament proceeds also provide for at least two scholarships annually at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, located in Richmond, Virginia

And



Western Henrico Rotary Club instituted *First Responders Awards* in 2016 to recognize and honor outstanding first responders of Henrico County, Virginia, from the police and fire departments. This is based on their performance while on and off duty, with particular emphasis to off-duty community service. The WHRC recognizes the individual selected with a \$1000.00 gift payable to their charity of

choice. This year we recognized and honored police and fire officers selected for the years 2019 and 2020 which were delayed or canceled due to pandemic.

Five officers were awarded November 16, 2021 included:

Fire Fighter Tyrice Safewright ♦ Central Virginia Burns Camp. Their mission is to assist young burn survivors from the Mid-Atlantic region and their families in their adjustment to injury by providing an annual therapeutic residential summer camp and other year-round activities that support their physical, psychological, and social needs.

Police Officer Lt. Michele Greep ♦ Piedmont CASA (Court-appointed special advocate). They supports and promotes court-appointed advocates for abused or neglected children.

Fire Fighter Mark Germeroth ♦ Henrico CASA (Court-appointed special advocate).

Police Officer Detective Adam Leonard ♦ Cancer LINC. (LINC, the Legal Information Network for Cancer) They connect cancer patients and their families with legal assistance, financial and community resources

Norfolk Club:



Rotary Club of Norfolk, family and friends from East Beach Community spent Sunday morning at the William A. Hunton YMCA replenishing the mulch (3 truck loads of mulch) in the playground. The Rotary Club of Norfolk heard that the play area was closed and needed some TLC to reopen. What better thanksgiving project than helping the Hunton and the people in this Tidewater Gardens, Young Terrace and Calvert Square. Everyone was excited when Chef Paul arrived and spread his special kind of sunshine.

James City County Club:

Members of the Rotary Club of James City County and its Satellite removed their display of U.S. flags from Veterans' Park after the flags were flown to honor all veterans. The Club thanks the community for supporting its fundraisers throughout the year to buy dictionaries for area 3rd graders, scholarships for graduating high school seniors and local charitable organizations.

Here's a link to the Williamsburg Salvation Army Red Kettle Kickoff.



<https://www.facebook.com/julio.dasilva/videos/4679080685448289>

We were rockin' the 'Burg; dancing in the street at Merchants' Square near Colonial Williamsburg. Organized by Salvation Army Co-commanders Major Luci Da Silva and Captain Julio Da Silva. She's a member of the JCC Rotary Satellite Club and he's in The Historic Triangle Club. Joining in the fun were also Satellite Rotarians Melinda Snow, Debbie Snow and Neva Lynde. Local radio station WMBG The 'Burg played favorite tunes to inspire everyone to stuff the red kettles. Local Rotary Clubs will be all over town at multiple locations December 3-4 to ring the bell on the D7600 Rotary Bell Ringing weekend.

Innsbrook Club:



We love our neighborhood, and we enjoy keeping it clean! By partnering with Henrico county, we have been keeping Cox Road clean for the past many years. Picture is from a recent cleanup exercise. Thank you Scott, Chris, Beth, Mike, Sindhu, Bob and Tom LaBelle

South Hill Club:

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my. The South Hill Rotary Club's teddy bears/stuffed animals are loaded and rolling to Concord, VA for Gleaning for the World. We had to rent a U-Haul trailer for the load. Thank you all for the support of this project. We look forward to doing it again in 2022 but that is a wrap for 2021. Thank you to all the drop off locations including Town and Country Cleaners and Southside Insurers. Also thanks to Upper Room Ministries for their donations.



In addition, the Park View High School



BETA Club donated over 100 stuffed animals the Gleaning For The World Teddy Bear Brigade that has been a long standing project for the Club. Project Co-Chairs Lisa Clary and Randy Cash picked up the donations and delivered them to drop off point Town and Country Cleaners. Also pictured are BETA members: Meredith Graham, Abby Crowder, Cadence Kille, and Trinity Davis.

Rotary Club of Richmond Launches Workforce Development Initiative

Submitted by Mike Little

After several months of discussion, analysis, and input our Workforce Development Community Service Project will begin January 2022. Thanks to the efforts of club members **John Purnell** and **Charles Layman** we have partnered with ReWork Richmond. See <https://reworkrichmond.org>.

The Club has committed \$65,000 for a one-year partnership. The grant is designed to train and retain employment for 10 East End Richmond residents, primarily in the fields of

- Healthcare
- Manufacturing and Logistics
- Construction & Trade
- Information Technology

Club members will also take an active role in:

- Financial Coaching
- Resume Writing
- Workshop Presentation
- Employment Opportunities

Reach out to John purnelljc@comcast.net or Charles laymanc@comcast.net for further information.

Prince George County Rotary Polio Plus donation:

From left Michael Moore, Mark Creech, Luis Pedraza of Luca Italian Restaurant, Jan Rowley, a masked Brian Manning, and Lillian Boyd upon receiving \$400 donation towards End Polio Now. Thank you, Luis and Luca!



Short Pump Club:

In early November, the club held their Holly & Hops holiday event and silent auction at Capital Ale House! Thanks to generous sponsors and auction



participants, they collected a trunk load of canned goods for the Gayton Care Ministries Food Pantry and raised close to \$4,000 to benefit FeedMore.

Powhatan Club:

Cleaning up Powhatan!! Stavemill Road Trash Pick-up Crew!!

A special thank-you goes out to Rotarians and family members who braved the cold to pick up trash along Stavemill Road.

Thank you also to Steve Crane, for organizing this give-back-to-our-community event!!!



Tip of the Month

Do you want to see your club featured in an upcoming issue of the district newsletter? It's easy... just send an article / or photo caption in Word (not PDF) and a JPEG image to me - JoAnn Meaker, newsletter editor - at jomeaker51@gmail.com. Please send all submissions by the 25th of the month for publication on the first.

I usually get the items for the newsletter from clubs' postings on Facebook, as I have "liked" everyone's pages. When I see a posting I will save it and collate it into the newsletter at the end of the month. You may notice, though, that some articles in the newsletter say "submitted by"... these are articles that a club member sends to me directly.

Note: When your club posts an item to Facebook, information should be readily available as to the who, what, where, when and why. It's also helpful to have your club's meeting time/place listed in each posting. This is a way to attract new members!!!

Questions? Suggestions? Let me know.

JoAnn Meaker, newsletter editor

Foundation News

The Rotary Foundation



Which Charities Deserve Our Support?

As we approach the end of 2021, many of us are doing year-end income tax planning and allocating funds to our favorite charities.

Throughout the year many of us are bombarded with requests to donate to various causes. So which charities truly deserve to receive our financial support?

If you are philanthropically inclined, it might be best to do some research to determine which charities most deserve your support. This is especially true if you are considering giving a significant sum to a not for profit. Two excellent information sources come to mind.

Charity Navigator ranks almost 200,000 charities in the United States. Charities are awarded a rating from one (the lowest) to four (the highest) stars, based on various criteria. Check out their website at

charitynavigator.com. Many smaller charities do not receive a rating, as not enough information is available to offer an informed assessment.

The other source is Guide Star, which collects and publishes charities' Form 990 reports to the Internal Revenue Service. Each year all 501c(3) charities are required to submit a Form 990. These reports provide some 'sunshine' to the public about charities' missions and finances. You can find out how much an organization spends on administration and marketing and how much goes directly to fulfill their mission. A charity should willingly provide you with a copy of its most recent Form 990 if you ask for it. Guide Star provides rankings for many large charities from Platinum (highest), Gold, Silver and Bronze (lowest). Again, most smaller organizations do not receive a ranking because of lack of sufficient information.

The Rotary Foundation has received Charity Navigator's highest rating of four stars for thirteen consecutive years. Our Foundation also has Guide Star's Platinum rating. If you would like to contribute to The Rotary Foundation online, to go www.my.rotary.org. After you log in, click on the 'donate' button in the upper right corner of the home page.

Rotary District 7600 Foundation Awards:



Shel Douglas (Prince George) and Bonnie Snapp Field (Goochland) were recipients of two prestigious awards at the Rotary District 7600 Foundation Awards Banquet held on November 12, 2021 in Williamsburg, Virginia. More about these award recipients in a bit.

Other individuals received District Service Awards and many clubs received honors for their service to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) during the 2020-2021 Rotary year, which had been a particularly challenging period for everyone and every Rotary club.

The District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) under the leadership of its Chair Stephen Beer awarded six District Services Awards.

Those recipients were:

Trina A. Coleman (Hampton) For Foundation Success as a Club President
Sarah A. Saville (Oyster Point) For Outstanding Success for a Global Grant Project
Carol B. Teachey (James River) For Foundation Success as a Club President
Gordon H. Shaw (Huguenot Trail) For Outstanding Service as a Club Foundation Chair
JoAnne W. Norman (Petersburg) For Outstanding Service as a Club Foundation Chair
David S. Rosenthal (Hampton Roads) For Foundation Success as a Club President

The Top Three Per Capita giving award club recipients were Prince George County, #3 in the district with \$455.48 in per capita giving, Mechanicsville, #2 with \$660.71 per capita giving, and #1 was the James River Club with \$1,388.44 per capita giving. Many other clubs were recognized as well in different categories and can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

The Rotary Club of James City County was recognized as the first 100% Paul Harris Society Club in District 7600. A Paul Harris Society (PHS) member promises to give \$1000 each Rotary year as a member of the PHS. The district has about 140+ PHS members. The figure is imprecise because the number is growing almost daily.

Coming back to Bonnie Snapp Field and Shel Douglas.



Bonnie was the recipient of the ♦ Jim Pierce ♦ Foundation Leadership Award which is awarded to an outstanding Rotarian who exemplifies sustained exceptional service and commitment in his or her role as a Club Foundation Chair. The criteria are exacting and the Pierce Award Committee works diligently to give the award to a deserving recipient as there are usually a field of outstanding nominations nominated by their clubs.. *Photo courtesy of Bill Billings.*

Shel Douglas was awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service CMS which is one of the highest awards that The Rotary Foundation makes upon nomination by a district. A district may award only one CMS each Rotary year and a recipient may receive the CMS only once from his or her district. Shel has served in a number of capacities in the DRFC including being District Grants Chair, Global Grants Chair, Grants Chair, being a recognized Global Grant Author, and has served on site in Ghana on Hygiene, Sanitation, and Education on two extended in-country governance visits. Globe trotting Shel was in California so she had to Zoom in to receive her CMS.



Individual awards are based, not for giving, but for service to The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations and thank you to the above recipients, both individuals and clubs. Your service and generosity are both appreciated and admired.

Julia Phelps, Keynote Speaker at the 2020-2021 District Rotary Foundation Awards Banquet:

Julia was indeed our keynote speaker at our Foundation Awards Banquet on November 12, 2021. The bio below was on the program at the event and we thought her Rotary journey would be of interest to you.

Julia D. Phelps, Ed.D.
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 2017 ♦
2020
Director, Rotary International, 2014 ♦
2016



Julia joined the Rotary Club of Amesbury, Massachusetts in 1997. She has served at every level of Rotary in a variety of capacities and in many Rotary programs, beginning with that of being President of her club, serving as the District Governor of 7930, the district's Rotary Foundation

Chair, and ultimately being selected as a Director of Rotary International and then a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. Currently, she's the Chair for the Basic Education and Literacy Major Gift Initiative Committee and Moderator for the training of regional leaders in 2022.

In her role as District 7930 Rotary Foundation Chair, she led her district through the Future Vision Pilot and shared Future Vision insights at the New Orleans and Lisbon International Conventions.

Julia is the recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. She and her husband, Steve McKenzie, who's also a Rotarian, are Majors Donors and charter members of the Bequest Society. She is a Paul Harris Society member. Julia is currently leading the Million Dollar Journey for the Rotary Foundation in District 7930.

She retired from the Massachusetts Department of Education where she served as the Associate Commissioner for Curriculum and Instruction. Julia and Steve live in Greenland, New Hampshire. Steve is the proud father of two children, Melissa and Stephen. Steve and Julia are also the grandparents to Peyton, Zeth, River, Finn and Nate. All their family members are Paul Harris Fellows.

Congratulations to Bill Clendenin who is now a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation:

Through his donations, he is helping to alleviate poverty, support education, improve health and improve the environment.

He is pictured with club Foundation Chair, Sigur, and club president, Michael.

