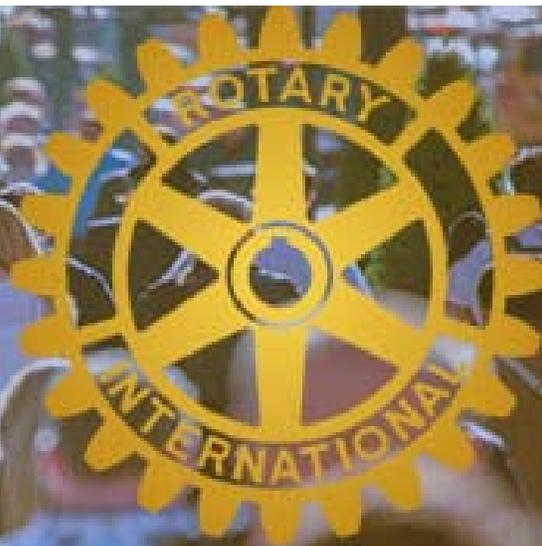




# Rotary District 7600



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### District News



Welcome to the new Rotary year! RI President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

## Chairs

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And introducing our District Governor for Rotary Year 2020-21, Judy Cocherell. Read more about DG Judy >[HERE](#) and her message to district Rotarians >[HERE](#).

### District 7600 Alumni Association News

by PDG Jim Probsdorfer, District Alumni Advisor

It's been a while since I have updated you on our Alumni Association. Needless to say, the Covid 19 pandemic has adjusted our spring plans significantly. Hope all of you are staying healthy and safe during these unusual times. Hopefully, our new Rotary theme in 2020-21, ♦Rotary Opens Opportunities♦ will inspire us to look for new ways to connect and serve.

The Alumni Association Leadership team met in-person in February and virtually in March to develop several spring projects, most of which, unfortunately, have been placed on hold. However, one aspect of our planned Alumni/GSA Spring Service project did get completed.

This past week, two of our Alumni, President Vadim Ostrovsky and Adeeb Hamzey, went to the Goochland Pet Center and made a presentation (see photo below). We gave a check for \$325 to Mr. Tim Clough, Director of the Pet Center, to help defray the costs of medical treatments for adoptable pets. Hopefully, we will follow-up with the center in the new Rotary year on a project to work with the local Girl Scouts to help take care of the pets.



Lt. John Miller, a local hero, will be the next District 7600 2020-21 Alumni Association President. John was inducted into the Alumni Association with the Class of 2018 at the District Conference in Williamsburg. He was an Ambassadorial Scholar. John will be calling a meeting of the Alumni Leadership Team in late July to lay out plans for fall to include supporting the District Conference and World Polio Day. You can learn about his heroic deed, which was featured in the June 25th issue of the *Daily Press*, >[HERE](#).

## Club News

**James City County Satellite Club:**



At its June 10th meeting, the James City County Satellite Club welcomed three new members and their commitment to do good in the world. Shown are new members Sarah Randall, Wally Erck, and Nick Khoury with their sponsors and Chair Grayson Moore.

<https://www.jccrotary.org/about-the-satellite-club>

From the top: Melinda Snow, Sarah Randall, Wally Erck, Nick Khoury, Gary Chenault, Grayson Moore, and Neva Lynde. ♦

#### **First Meetings:**

Clubs are beginning to emerge from isolation and Zoom meetings to meet in person. Some are continuing their Zoom meeting simultaneously to create what has become known as a Hybrid Meeting. This type of meeting offers the opportunity to have speakers, and guests "attend" from around the world, while some members gather in person socially.



**New Kent** held its first simultaneous, in person and virtual meeting, with great success. Including three soon to be new to be members as well (one will be a virtual member living in Italy.)



**River City Club:** After feeling some Zoom exhaustion, they hosted their first in-person meeting in Forest Hill park, social distance style. BYOE - Bring Your Own Everything. Filled with laughs, discussion and awards. Congratulations to Tonda on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow and thank you to outgoing President Cara.



**West Richmond Club:** Met casually with proper social distancing.



**Brandermill Club:** They held their installation dinner under a tent!

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**Powhatan Club:**



Powhatan Rotarians at work cleaning up Stavemill Road and beautifying Powhatan.

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**South Hill Club:**



The South Hill Rotary Club presented eleven \$1000 scholarships this year to deserving seniors at several schools in the community. The winners at Park View High School were recognized. Pictured are: Madelyn G. Clary ♦ Carol Crough Scholarship, Cambra D. Graham ♦ Tom Leggett Scholarship, Hunter S. Manning ♦ Ogilvie Scholarship, Jarrett K. Hamby, Ethan H. Stanley ♦ Rebecca Crowder Scholarship. Not pictured: Marlee A. Surry ♦ Lee Nicholson Scholarship, James C. White, Jr. Also not pictured: Brunswick Academy winners Parker C. Burke ♦ Fitzgerald Scholarship, Sutton B. Montgomery, Emily C. Robertson, Kyle D. Tanner

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**Midlothian Club:**



*Above* - Recently the club put together award packages for this year's Chesterfield County Students of the Year. Two students from every elementary, middle, and high school are chosen for this honor, and Midlothian Rotary Club feels honored to be able to celebrate these students. They thank Steam Bell Beer Works for allowing them to utilize their space to package the 120+ awards!

*Below* - Ronald McDonald House thanks the Midlothian Club who has generously funded many of their COVID-19 safety upgrades. They are having new Air Knight filters installed all over the House to ensure safe cleaning of the air. They are so grateful for support that will bring the House up to the highest standards for the families, staff, and volunteers!



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**The Rotary Club of Richmond**



Volunteers from The Rotary Club of Richmond helped install this wheelchair ramp over the weekend for a young man with cerebral palsy. The ramp will make a big difference in his life - providing freedom, independence and easy access to the yard.

The three Area One clubs (**The Hanover Rotary Club, the Ashland Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Mechanicsville**) partnered with Chick-fil-A Willow Lawn to help support local business, essential workers, and fire fighters during this tough time. The clubs worked together and received a district grant to provide meals to service heroes from restaurants where they normally meet. Clubs presented checks to the restaurant owners and they will start providing meals soon.



Ashland Club presented to The Iron Horse Restaurant



Hanover Club presented to Roma Ristorante Italiano - Mechanicsville



Mechanicsville Club presented to Cold Harbor Restaurant



Recently members of the Hampton Roads Club spent a Saturday morning picking up trash for

their second Adopt-A-Highway of the Season.

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# The Rotary Foundation



## Foundation News



### **Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New**

*by Stephen Beer, District Rotary Foundation Chair*

*Ring Out the Old.* As we are closing out the Rotary year, I feel very proud of our clubs' achievements with their district grants. The Rotary Foundation approved our block grant, so clubs with non-Covid19 grants will be able to start their projects in July or August. Over \$208,000 in grant funds will be distributed soon.

The last minute campaign to raise funds for Polio Plus was very successful. Thanks to the many Rotarians and clubs that contributed \$15,400 in total. Your gifts will be matched to yield \$138,600 for Polio!

*What's New?* As we start the new Rotary year, District 7600's very own Past District Governor Chuck Arnason commences his new role as Rotary Zone 33 Major Gifts Advisor. Please enjoy Carol Woodward's interview with PDG Chuck elsewhere in this newsletter. Carol's interviews will be a new feature each month.

Global Grants will have a minor change in their funding process. The Foundation will no longer match club and cash contributions for a grant. These funds will be required to be contributed to the Annual Fund, instead. The district will make up the direct support to your Global Grant. This will be explained in more detail in our summer training program.

Oh yes! We are reinstating our Rotary Foundation Seminar this year. Because of Covid-19 and the earlier success of our online grants seminar, we plan to continue training via Zoom. More details are forthcoming. We promise an invigorating training schedule that was not possible before.

As Rotarians start to gradually get together, again, please stay safe!

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Chuck Arnason Takes on a New Zone 33 Role. What is it, you ask? Learn more from an interview by Carol Woodward. > [HERE](#).

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**District 7600's District Grant Spending Plan has been approved!**

*In a recent congratulatory email to the grants team, Shel Douglas, District Grants Chair updated the team on The Rotary Foundation's approval of the 20-21 spending plan for its district grants.*

◆ Congratulations District Grants Team! Our hard work has been approved. Last week Rudy submitted the final report for the 2019-20 grants and I submitted our plan for the 2020-21 grants. We ended up with 36 projects funded at a total of \$208,640. We included \$806 for administrative costs for the district. IMPRESSIVE. We did not have everyone participating this year but it looks like we had 46 or about 2/3 of our clubs which is a pretty good response.

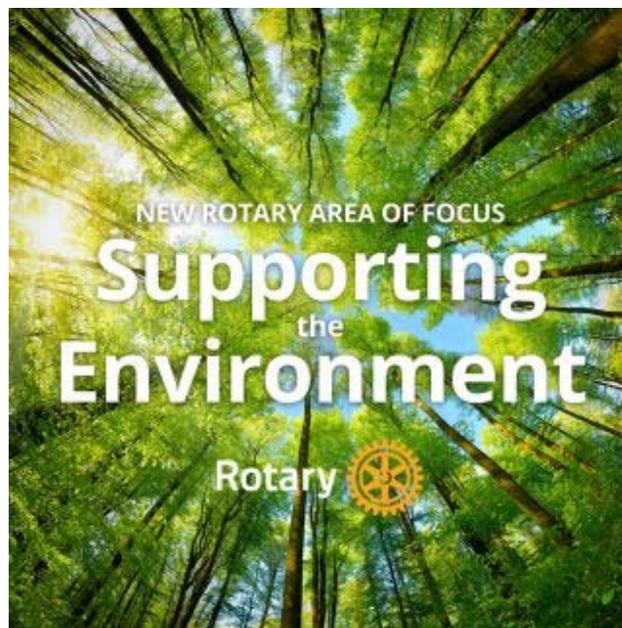
Thank you to each of you who dedicated untold hours reviewing the project documents and participating in the weekly grant meetings. This year COVID 19 made this process a bit more time consuming than in past years. However the impact our clubs will make in the communities will be significant.

I wanted to send out a special thank you to Debbie Wall. She has been my back up whenever DACdb challenged me. And with 46 different clubs - there were frequent challenges. We couldn't have done this without your help Debbie. Thank you.

Great job everyone. You are an awesome Grants Team. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. ◆

*The grants team, in addition to Stephen Beer and Shel Douglas, included Rudy Lee Garcia, Kevin Yeargin, Sigur Whitaker, Lee Harris, and Raghavan Sadagopan.*

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### **Supporting the Environment: The new Rotary Area of Focus**

*Reprinted from myrotary.org*

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus. More information about this new cause will be announced soon.



**The Rotary Clubs of James City County and The Historic Triangle** received a \$10,000 District grant to help Grove Christian Outreach Center, Williamsburg, with its Feed the Children Summer Lunch Program. Funds will be used to feed breakfast and lunch to children of over 200 Grove families this summer. Pictured: Katie Patrick, Executive Director of Grove; Sue Harmon, President of The Rotary Club of JCC; and Felicia Stovall, President-Elect of The Historic Triangle Rotary Club. Thank you, District Foundation Committee for approving our grant request! *from Neva Lynde*



**Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center, Newport News, Rotary Club of Oyster Point, Rotary Club of Newport News, Rotary Club of Hampton and Virginia Peninsula Rotary Club** joined together to raise funds to help support the building of a new Habitat for Humanity Rotary Build home in partnership with the James family. They look forward to the next step to include painting walls and swinging hammers in the coming months! Members felt it was heartwarming to be with the James family as they took the next step in their journey toward home ownership. Kameera James and her two boys had lots of pictures taken today as the five Rotary Clubs participated in the ceremony. Many thanks to Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg Board and staff for their work in coordinating this endeavor!



Three local Rotary Clubs come together to feed their Community!  
**Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center, Newport News, Virginia Peninsula Rotary Club, and Rotaract 757 Peninsula Clubs** joined forces to create a combined Rotary District 7600 Grant in the amount of \$13,750. The grant will feed community members and support the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. Club members spent two days packaging food at the Foodbank facility and then helped distribute the boxes to community members in need at the Foodbank Drive up Pantry at Todd Stadium in Newport News on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. The grant funds boxes of food such as, pasta, vegetables, peanut butter, canned meats. It also funds sustaining equipment for the Foodbank including an electric pallet jack for moving pallets of cans in the warehouse and a portable, expandable conveyor belt to support packing boxes.

◆ This collaborative grant supports our neighbors with over 800 boxes of food as well as two critical pieces of capital equipment for many years of good use at the Foodbank ◆ says Sharon Martin, Warwick at City Center Club President-Elect.

◆ We are impressed with the Foodbank's ability to serve the community and put social distancing measures in place so our Rotarians could safely pack and distribute this care to our friends and neighbors ◆ said Virginia Peninsula Rotary Club President-Elect, Mike Nelson.

◆ One thing I've learned really quickly is that Rotarians are truly people of action! ◆ added Jeremy Morrill, Rotaract 757 Club President. Rotaract brings together young adults ages 18-

30 to take action in their communities, develop their leadership and professional skills, and have fun.



**Prince George County:**

The Prince George Board of Supervisors declared June 1st every year as Rotary Day in Prince George County. Since the 2017 proclamation, each year the Prince George Rotary hosts some kind of event for the benefit of the community on or near June 1 to benefit the County. For Rotary Day 2020 the club partnered with the Prince George Food Bank, Luca Italian Restaurant, Morelia Mexican Restaurant, Jose Luis Pedraza (the owner of both restaurants) the Prince George Police Department, and the Prince George Electric Cooperative to provide food and meals for Prince George residents!

Prince George Rotary visited the Food Bank first to present a symbolic check representing the \$1000 the Club, with help from a Rotary District 7600 District Grant, had already deposited with FeedMore. The Food Bank can "buy" food from FeedMore for 17, cents a pound, so the \$1000 represents 170 pounds of food for Prince George residents. The club's Grants Chair, Cynthia Mitchell, also presented paper distribution bags complete with a Rotary sticker that stated "You've Been Served."

From there the Rotary volunteers moved on to Morelia Mexican Restaurant to assist in handing out free meals to county residents as they drove through for pick up. The club had donated \$1000 of club funds to support the effort in honor of Rotary Day. On hand were the Prince George County Police Department who assisted in delivering free meals to a number of communities throughout the county. Lieutenant Paul Burroughs and Officers Shreves and Rodriguez assisted in the food pick up and delivery effort. Renee Chapline, Vice-President of the Prince George Electric Cooperative, presented a symbolic check for \$400 to assist Rotary in its efforts to support the community. As always Jose Luis Pedraza and his wife Carmen, the owners of both Luca and Morelia, are to be recognized for their continued support of the county in providing free meals throughout this COVID19 period. In total over 500 meals were either picked up or delivered on this Rotary Day.

A special thank you goes to the Rotarians who showed up to assist in these projects ... Renee Chapline, Janice L. Rowley, Shel Douglas, Glenn Horst, Mark Creech (Club President), Steve Woith, Lillian Boyd, Michael Moore, Donna Street, Cynthia Walker Mitchell, Brooke Hochstetler, Carol Woodward, and Bill Gandel.

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**The Brandermill Club** finalized their Global Grant. Read details > [HERE](#).

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**Rotary Club of Goochland** Rotarians work on the new Exercise Trail and Dog Park located at Hidden Rock Park in Goochland County, VA. This project is a partnership with the Goochland County Parks & Recreation who will maintain the trail and dog park. Major funding comes from the Rotary District 7600 grant and other donors to make this a reality.

## Tip of the Month

By JoAnn Meaker

Rotary International had to cancel its Convention which was to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii this June. Instead they created the first Virtual Convention with online sessions using YouTube and Zoom. All the sessions were recorded and are available on My Rotary. In addition they are continuing to offer online sessions throughout the month of July. Go see what is going to be offered [HERE](#).