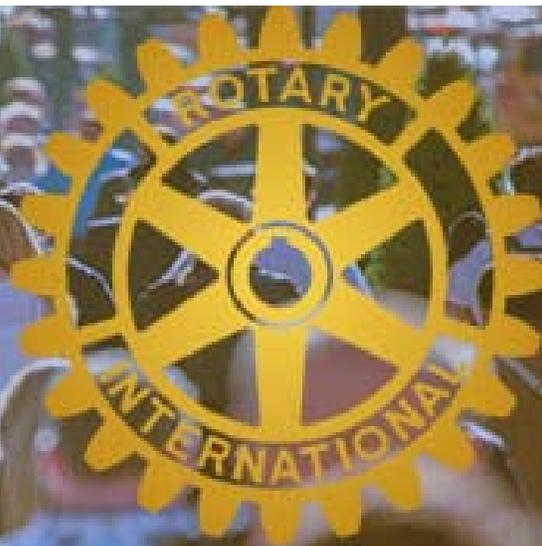




Rotary District 7600



Spirit of 7600



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District News



District Conference 2020

In just a few days over 200 Rotarians will meet at the Marriott in Virginia Beach for the 2020 District Conference. This conference will also be offered via Zoom. For those attending they will gather to learn while enjoying the fellowship, food and fun being offered.

But what goes into the creation of one of these conferences? A LOT of time and effort from Rotarians who have volunteered from across the district and beyond.

Bonnie Field and Shel Douglas are the Conference Co-Chairs and they have gathered quite the team of assistants.

- PDG Bill Pollard is the Financial Advisor, bringing his expertise from prior conferences
- Joan Pollard is the chair for the Silent Auction
- Heather Bowles diligently works with the site hotel to make sure all rooms, meals and equipment are in place
- Carol Woodward is in charge of the House of Friendship, gathering people to share their ideas and merch
- Lori Absher brings her creative talents to designing graphics to use in marketing
- Dianne Gordonn makes sure to spread the news about the conference
- Shel and Dianne are the tech gurus. This is especially important for this year's hybrid conference.
- Sue Carter is coordinating the People of Action Awards
- Joy Kline gathered folks who are willing to do the Pledge, 4-Way Test, and Invocations at meals
- Maureen Patterson, Alex Ritchie and Allie Fisher are working simultaneously to coordinate the Rotaract/Interact Conference in conjunction with the District Conference
- Sigur Whitaker is helping with the decorations
- Kevin Yeargin will coordinate the Sergeant at Arms volunteers
- JoAnn Meaker helped with taking meeting notes, creating the conference booklet, and the Parade of President, Parade of Flags and Memorial Service PowerPoints.

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Friendship Exchange

Even if you are not registered to attend the conference, you can still participate by bidding on one of the items in the Silent Auction held online this year!

The auction is open from **Friday, 06 November 2020 12:00 PM - Saturday, 07 November 2020 7:00 PM**

To access the auction, download and install the Bid Beacon App from the app store using the appropriate button, or use the web version on any device that can view websites with a modern browser (Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge). The URL for web version is <https://app.bidbeacon.com> in case you need to paste it into a browser.

Once you have registered with the app, click join auction and enter the Access code **PL9R9T** to access the auction. Good Luck and Happy Bidding!

Alumni News:



Sock Toss Donation

for Judeo-Christian Outreach Center



Saturday November 7th
at the RI District 7600 Conference

Bring new socks and gloves, hats or scarves for the JCOC (Judeo-Christian Outreach Center), lets keep our neighbors warm this winter.
Toss your items through the hoop at the Alumni Association booth in the House of Friendship

As part of the district conference, we will be supporting the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) in Virginia Beach (<https://jcoc.org>). The JCOC works to empower homeless families, individuals, and veterans to recover from crisis situations and return to being self-supporting, productive, and independent members of our community.

With the weather turning cold, they are looking for donations of socks, gloves, hats, and rain gear. All items must be NEW. Throughout the conference, we will be set-up in the House of Friendship with a box to collect donations in-person.

If you are able, we ask that you send to the following address for presentation to the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) on 7 November:

Rotary Alumni Association
C/O John Miller
388 Boush Street, Unit 105
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

For ease of shopping, you can order from the Rotary Alumni Association wishlist and send to the above address.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IEHPRJ0F6HF9?ref=wl_share

For monetary donations, make checks payable to the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center.

Our lead for the event is Ms. Colleen Bonadonna. If you have questions, please email her at colleen@bonadonna.net.

I look forward to seeing you all in Virginia Beach or virtually on November 7th!

Best,
John Miller
D7600 Rotary Alumni President

Club News



Ashland Club:

On October 9th, Mark Baird (Ashland Rotary), Uteley Harrison (Mechanicsville Rotary) and Brenda Rosalez (Hanover Rotary) met with YMCA Executive Directors Holly Austin (Atlee Station) and Jaime McClure (Patrick Henry) to present each Y with a check for \$3000 to support Bright Beginnings. Each club received \$500 from district grants and the clubs supplemented the remaining amount. The YMCA Bright Beginnings program ensures children in our community are prepared and confident for the school year by providing them with a backpack, school supplies, a hygiene bag, and brand new winter warm-up clothing items.



Article submitted by AG Rich Salon:

Area 18 Governor Rich Salon hosted the kick-off meeting for the prospective Rotary Means Business Fellowship on October 8th for the greater Richmond-area clubs. This fellowship is designed to help local Rotarians grow professionally, with an added benefit of helping to grow membership within clubs. The level of interest has been extremely positive and will move to become chartered in short order.

This is just another display of Rotarians-Helping-Rotarians which is vital to the success of Rotary's mission of service locally plus helping to make the world a better place.

Pictured with Rich is Mark Jones of the Midlothian Rotary Club, who is the Managing Partner of Atlas 42. We were thrilled to hold the event at Atlas 42, considered by most to be the Richmond area's premier event center.



Multi-Club Service Project:

With Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore and Farmers to Families boxes stacked high, volunteers started the line moving on a beautiful Friday morning. Rotarians from **Cape Henry Rotary**, **Churchland Rotary**, and **Town Center Rotary Club** helped distribute food purchased with the District 7600, COVID-19 Foodbank Distribution Grant.



Yorktown Club:

Ben Tyree talked about field music during the revolutionary war. Not only did Ben talk though the various aspects of how music was used, he played several songs on the fife. What a great presentation, bring history to life.



Church Hill Club:

We had a great time supporting Peter Paul RVA's Food Pantry recently. This great community resource was the recipient of a COVID grant from our club. There are still so many people in need. All it takes is a little caring and compassion. Come join us next time we give back to this amazing neighborhood!



The Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center:

Submitted by Jennifer Daknis

The Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center is doing its part to help promote a cleaner environment by participating in the Plastic Bag Recycling Program at The Virginia Living Museum. The Club drops off plastic bags at their weekly breakfast meeting held at the VLM and through a partnership with TREX, the collection of plastic bags and film allows the Museum to be awarded composite benches for their efforts. The recycled plastic is transformed into a wood-alternative composite made up of 95% recycled materials (approximately 500 pounds of plastic is used for each bench). The Museum's first TREX bench was dedicated to the Club and placed in the Conservation Gardens. Since that time, the Club has enabled two more bench donations and to date the Museum has removed 4,000 pounds of single use plastic from the waste stream. Originally named the Peninsula Nature and Science Center, the Virginia Living Museum was founded by the Warwick Rotary Club and Junior League in 1966 under the leadership of Rotary President Harry Wason.

AND...



On behalf of The Warwick Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center, President Sharon Martin presented a \$500 donation check to the Colonial Virginia Council of the Boy Scouts of America and in recognition of the 2020 World Polio Day, the club made a \$500 contribution Polio Plus as part of our commitment to eradicate polio for good.

James City County Satellite:



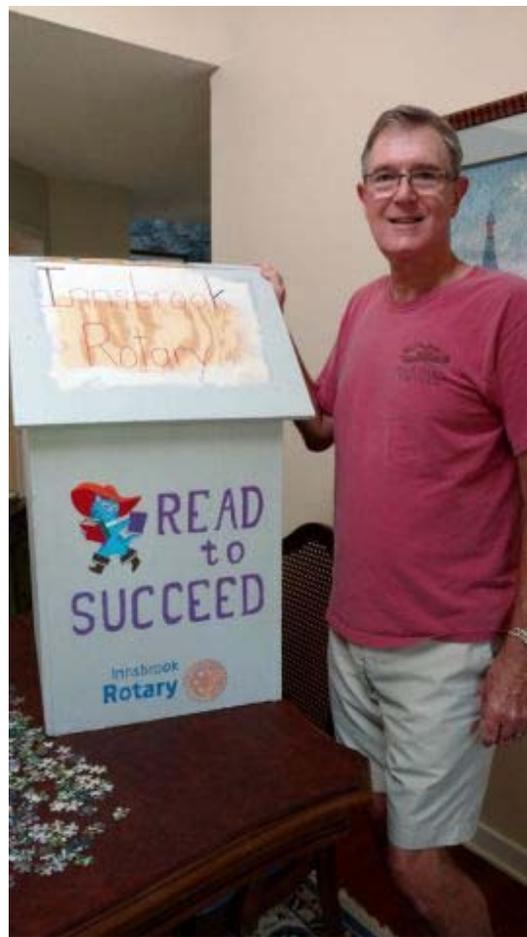
submitted by Neva Lynde

"The Rotary Satellite Club of James City County recently partnered with James River Elementary that serves predominantly impoverished families in Williamsburg. Our latest project was to decorate the school entrance and the school sign with hay bales, pumpkins, mums, gourds, and fall leaves, in anticipation of K-2 students returning soon to classroom learning."



"The Rotary Club of James City County and the Satellite Club gathered in Veterans' Park, Williamsburg, to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of Rotary and its partners to nearly eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Members listen to opening comments of Club President Nancy Nunn, then joined into the District 7600 telethon to hear RI President Holger Knaack's remarks."





Innsbrook:

Basic Education and Literacy is one of six areas of focus for Rotary. Rotary Club of Innsbrook received a grant from Rotary District 7600 to build free community libraries. Our club remains committed to promoting literacy. To date, the club has partnered with Henrico Parks and Recreation as well as United Way to identify target communities to have free Libraries installed. Members of the community are able to stop by and take a book home or drop off a book to share. Literacy is a life long journey that can be shared by all. Innsbrook Rotary is very excited about the newest addition to community libraries.

The club also organized food drives on Oct 10th and Oct 17th. The goal is to raise 120 pounds (100 meals) of canned food which will benefit Feed More and St. Francis Home. Feed More is one of Richmond's leading hunger relief organizations and St. Francis Home is a low income assisted living facility in Richmond.

Hampton Club:



The delivery pick-up truck is now fully loaded with so many wonderful donated baby and kids items and now on its way to St Kilda Mums. Thanks so much to Club member Rhonda Pincott for organizing all the donations and sorting and packing them ready for collection (with help from Jane, Tess and Matt as well) on behalf of our Club. Again, a huge thank you to everyone in the Hampton and Highett communities who donated goods and contributed to this incredible Club project to support needy families what amazing community spirit there is out there!

AND...



Hampton Rotary club member Geoff Tickner (joined by wife Prue) dropped off 62 men's packs to BayCISS to distribute to needy men in our local community. Each pack included a range of basic toiletry items as well as some special treats. This project has been part of our Club's commitment to help support members of our local community, especially at this very difficult time. Using funds raised from the generosity of patrons to our regular events, such as the monthly Bayside Farmers Market, we've been able to purchase these toiletry items. We would also like to thank Hampton Discount Chemist, Simon Kenny Pharmacy, and The

Holland Foundation for their support of this project too. Such great community spirit in action!



Prince George County:

Thanks to Glenn Horst, Prince George Electric Cooperative, and Ms. Chrystal Barnwell, Principal William A Walton Elementary School, the first delivery of dictionaries for Third Graders is in the "books" for 2020. Many thanks go to School Resource Officer Kuykendall for assisting.

FLAGS FOR HEROES 2020

Rotary  **Lawrenceville Rotary Club**

SPONSOR A FLAG FOR \$50, HONOR A HERO



Honor a military, first responder, or other hero (past or present), by sponsoring an American flag in their honor. The 10' American flags will be proudly displayed on the lawn at the Brunswick County Conference Center in Lawrenceville, VA in conjunction to our county's Veteran's Day Program for all heroes to be proudly honored. Heroes name will be present on their specific American flag. Proceeds will benefit the Lawrenceville Rotary Club and their charitable efforts.

Flags will be flown Nov. 6th – Nov. 30th The deadline to order is October. 30th, 2020.

TO HELP ENSURE ACCURACY, PLEASE LIST ONLY ONE HERO PER FORM (PLEASE PRINT).

Name of Hero: _____
 Sponsor Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 ZIP: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

SOLD BY: _____ CASH: CHECK: Please make checks payable to:
(Rotarian's Name) **Lawrenceville Rotary Club**

You may choose to keep your flag and pick up from the Brunswick Byways Visitor Center on Dec 2nd or you can choose for the Lawrenceville Rotary to store your flag and fly again the following year honoring the same hero. If you choose to keep your flag, you will need to purchase a new flag for another year if you wish for your hero to be honored. Only one hero per flag.

RECEIPT **Flags for Heroes 2020**

Lawrenceville Rotary Club would like to thank: _____
(Sponsor's Name)

Cash: _____ Check #: _____ TOTAL: _____

SOLD BY: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

Lawrenceville Club:

The Lawrenceville Rotary Club will be participating in the 2020 "Flags for Heroes" project. Take this opportunity to sponsor a Hero with their very own American Flag in honor of their service to our country and our community. The flags will be displayed in the month of November beginning on Friday, November 6th through November 30th at the Brunswick County Conference Center. Flag orders are due by October 30th, 2020. Orders forms can be picked up or be turned in to any Lawrenceville Rotarian or dropped off at the Brunswick Byways Visitor Center. Thank you in advance for your support of this local service club's

community project. Proceeds will be designated for the Lawrenceville Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Oyster Point



ROTARY CLUB OF OYSTER POINT

Virtual Oyster Bash

Friday November 13th 2020 7:00pm - 8:00pm
5 Raffle Tickets Drawn, Every 5 Minutes!
\$50 Restaurant Gift Cards
Grand Prize \$5,000
Raffle Tickets -- \$50

Sponsorship Opportunity

All proceeds benefit a variety of local charities.
Primary Beneficiary: Smart Beginnings

Gold Sponsor - \$2400
Prominent Exposure - 5 Minute Feature Display
Invitation for 2 to attend Live Broadcast with
Complementary Dinner, Beer, Dessert
Two Raffle Tickets

Silver Sponsor - \$1200
Prominent Exposure - 2.5 Minute Feature Display
Invitation for 2 to attend Live Broadcast with
Complementary Dinner, Beer, Dessert
One Raffle Ticket

!Sponsorship or Ticket Purchases!
Contact Gerry Evans 757-232-7512

2020 has proven very challenging for many businesses and non-profits. A large gathering isn't fitting this year, but we did not want to give up on raising funds for our non-profit organizations who need our support now more than ever! We have created a WIN-WIN virtual event, join us! Sponsors receive Dinner, Raffle Tickets, and Screen time on a Virtual Event while everyone stares at the screen!!! Just \$50 for a chance to win \$5000 & a \$50 Gift Card!!! Message or Call Gerry Evans at 757-232-7512 for details or assistance with Sponsorship or Ticket Purchases!



Goochland Club:

On October 17th these hard working Rotarians helped clean up Goochland with a roadside cleanup.



South Hill Club:

The South Hill Rotary Club treated the staff at La Crosse Elementary to pizza on Wednesday. Members posed with teachers who were eagerly waiting to eat lunch. The Rotary tries to support local education as one of areas of service in the community and thought the pizza would be a little pick me up for the day.

The South Hill Rotary Club continued their community support by treating the staff at South Hill Elementary School to pizza on Friday. The club tries to support education in the area and due to Covid things have a changed for all so the members thought it would brighten the day of the educators to be treated to lunch on virtual Friday for them. Some of the teachers were waiting during their lunch hour to enjoy the pizza and others were waiting in the wings for their lunch time.

Exmore Club:

Exmore Rotary would like to thank everyone who purchased our pulled pork barbeque. This was a first-time endeavor for the club and a learning experience. They sold out sooner than expected but the club worked together to get it cooked, pulled & packed then sold. They are sad that they could not have their annual oyster roast this year but this was a way they could generate funds so that they can help out other organizations in their community that are hurting so badly. They gave out \$20,000.00 this spring to organizations that have focused on Covid-19 assistance so this fund raiser yesterday will also allow the club to help more people in the Eastern Shore of Virginia.



Huguenot Trail:

Submitted by Merle Hirschman

Recently club members stayed after the meeting to help prepare items for Operation Christmas Child which is part of Samaritan's Purse. Many of the members packed their own shoeboxes and others donated items to be used during packing week beginning November 8.

Members rolled and secured 150 backpacks and counted out 6400 sheets of notepaper to be used to pack the shoeboxes during packing week. They enjoyed doing a hands on service project that would help children around the world!

The Rotary Foundation



Foundation News



A Message from Stephen Beer, **Foundation Month is Upon Us!**

Yes, it's that time of year again when we celebrate The Rotary Foundation and kick-off our fundraising campaign for The Annual Fund. Typically, clubs will have a speaker talk about a Foundation topic during at least one meeting in November. Members are asked to make their contribution or make a pledge during Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation is very efficient with our money and makes a huge impact with grant projects in our communities and in programs that improve lives overseas.

The circumstances we are experiencing this year may make this the best year ever to give to The Rotary Foundation. Right now, you may be asking what planet did Beer come from? Think about it. Yes, many of us are struggling to pay the bills, or are faced with a lot of uncertainty because of the coronavirus and the state of the economy. But, if your income is still intact and you are confident your situation won't change, now may be the ideal time to think about your Rotary Foundation giving goal. You couldn't go away on vacation this year. No nights out to fancy restaurants. No new car. The checking account has more cash than ever before. If this is you, perhaps this is the right time to give more to The Rotary Foundation.

The world needs Rotary. The world needs us to do more grant projects. Since the new grants model was initiated in 2013, the growth in district and global grants has far outpaced the increase in giving to the Annual Fund. If your circumstances are right, please consider giving more to the Foundation this year.



Stephen Beer says, "One of my favorite parts of Rotary International is the *international* part. I have taken several trips abroad for Rotary. Many of the trips involved some aspect of The Rotary Foundation." Read more [HERE](#).

PolioPlus Telethon a Success

World Polio Day Telethon
Hosted by Rotary Districts 7600, 7630 & 7730
October 24th 10:45-2:00 EDT

Featured Speakers: RI President Holger Knaack, Ravi Ravindran, Anne Mathews, Carol Pandak, Kamal Sanghi, Mike McGovern, Aiza Memon, Dr. Nischal Pandey, Brenda Cressy, Julia Phelps, Ann Lee Husley, Dr. Peter Salk, and Dr. Tunji Funsho.

Hear from this amazing group share their polio connection and bid on the End Polio Now package.
<https://www.rotary.org/en/20161024/EndPolioNow>



The PolioPlus Telethon, hosted by District 7600, D7630 and D7730 was a huge success. Read the details and a summary of some of the keynote speakers [HERE](#).



◆ VTTs are an outstanding way for Rotary Clubs to work with people in other countries. ◆
Bringier McConnell, Rotary Club of Williamsburg. Learn more about **Vocational Training Teams** as they relate to Global Grants [HERE](#).



Congratulations to Sue Carter and the Rotary Club of Farmville (along with other clubs and individuals) who were successful in gaining a Global Grant for Field Incubators. Read about the grant and how your club can become involved [HERE](#). And if you are attending the District Conference this week, stop in at the House of Friendship to see an incubator on display.



Read the interview with **Reem Ghunaim** about Peace Fellows and Olive Trees [HERE](#)
