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District Governor-Elect



* District News *

Chesapeake PETS trains upcoming Presidents



At the close the events on Friday evening, the four districts attending PETS gathered to take group photos. Above are our the group of President Elects, DGs (past, present and future) trainers, and staff from D7600.

Giving Tuesday - April 2nd...



Judy Cocherell
District Governor-Nominee

John Padgett
IPDG

Deborah Wall
District Secretary

Matthew McDonald
Finance Chair

Carter Dages
District Treasurer

Maryann Tetreault
District Executive Secretary

Chuck Arnason
Rotary Foundation Chair

JoAnn Meaker
Newsletter Editor

Send article submissions to
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Deadline: 25th of each month

Double your donation... learn more [HERE](#).

District 7600 Grant Management Webinar - April 20th



Yes, you can attend this webinar in your PJs like PDG Stephen Beer shows. To read more go [HERE](#).

Rotary District 7600 PolioPlus Ballgames in May



Read the informational letter from Stan Wall [HERE](#).

* Clubs in the News *

Hanover donates to Mechanicsville...



Clint Norris (right) of the Hanover Rotary Club presented Kevin Smyth (left) of the Mechanicsville Club with a check for \$250 for the benefit of Hanover Safe Place. The Hanover Club sponsored the development of the Mechanicsville Club and the two have supported each other since. The largest project, known as the Dana P. Nelson Operation Hope Playgrounds) involved the installation of three playgrounds at local parks built to be accessible for children of all abilities. The project raised over \$325,000 and included volunteers from many community service organizations.

Ashland works on their Adopt a Spot...



Members of the Ashland club recently gathered together to clean up their "spot" along main street in Ashland.

Exmore donates for local organizations...



With the money they raised from their annual October oyster roast, the Exmore Club made donations to 26 other organizations on the Eastern Shore. Pictured above are representative of some of those organizations.

Norfolk Reads...



Norfolk Rotarians recently read to students at P. B. Young Elementary School in Norfolk. The program, sponsored by Horizons Hampton Roads, focuses on helping low income students improve their reading and math skills. Did you know that a child growing up in a low income home hears only 62,000 words a week, while those growing up in a middle-class family hear more than three times the number of words?

Portsmouth Dictionaries...



For the 17th year, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth has given dictionaries to every third grader in the area public (and some private) schools. In all they have donated over 1,300 dictionaries this year for a total of \$21,000 over the years.

Huguenot Trail Packs Food...



Club members packaged food in partnership with Crestwood Presbyterian Church for "Feed My Starving Children" project. They packaged 256,392 meals, enough to feed 702 children for a full year! In addition they donated \$2,000 to the total cost of \$56,000. Club members, NJROTC cadets and families worked in two-hour shifts.

Short Pump makes donation...



The club made an impactful donation to the Henrico Education Foundation and it's Let's Feed Kids fund. This fund helps families pay for school meals when they can't afford to.

Prince George helps install a new dock...



To read the details of the installation of the dock, click >[HERE](#)

Henrico North prepares dinner at Ronald McDonald House



Over the past two years, members of the club have prepared dinner for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a 'home away from home' for families with children receiving care at local medical facilities.

South Hill Makes a Donation...



The South Hill Club made a donation of wish list items to the Hazelwood House in South Hill. The items are used for entertaining daily visitors as well as BINGO prizes. This is the second year the club helped out with the wish list. Showing off the table of items are Rotarian Lisa Clary and Marvalene Johnson from Hazelwood House.

Bon Air Guitar for Vets...



VIP members L-R: Dave Kohmann, Butch Martin (on drums), Mike Beal and Doug Peyronnet. To read about this event go >[HERE](#).

River City hosts D7600 women ...

For photos of this fun fellowship for women in Rotary go >[HERE](#)

* Club Events Upcoming *

Hampton Roads Big 80s Hangar Party



Huguenot Trail Monte Carlo Night



Monte Carlo Night

Friday, April 12, 2019 / 6:30 pm / Salisbury Country Club

Tickets \$40 each or two for \$75

Huguenot Trail Rotary Club

Sponsorships Available Please call Nick Fessick 804-840-5836

Enjoy Gaming Tables, Silent and Live Auctions
Good Food and Fellowship

<https://www.eventscribe.com/oh/huguenottrailrotaryfoundation/15630463899>

Proceeds will benefit

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Fluvanna Game Night

The Fluvanna Club will present its First Annual Board Games and BBQ Fundraiser on April 13th from 6 - 9 pm at the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire and Rescue (10 Slide Rd., Palmyra, VA). For \$25 you get a meal of either Pulled Pork, Sausage or Chicken (vegetarian options available), potato chips, cole slaw, beans and bread, and a bottle of water or a soft drink. After enjoy playing a variety of games. Proceeds support the Fluvanna Rotary Foundation which funds numerous community service projects in the community.

South Hill "Reverse Raffle"

Open Bar
Side Board
50-50



TICKETS
\$100

\$5000 TOP PRIZE

The South Hill Rotary Club

"Reverse Raffle"

April 27, 2019

6:30PM 'til 10:00PM

Woodfield Club

509 Daniel Street (off Windsor St)

Ticket price includes:

2 Steak Dinners

Additional Door Prizes!!!

Proceeds benefit all the South Hill Rotary programs.





On a sunny Saturday morning, members of the Hanover County Club (with helpers from the Mechanicsville Club) met together for breakfast before setting up along the roadways of Hanover County to install the signs for their upcoming signature fundraiser - the 37th Annual Shrimp & Suds Feast to be held on May 9th from 4:30 - 8pm at the Kings Dominion Pavilion, Doswell.



James City County - Charity Concert Series

The Rotary Club of James City County is "rockin' the 'Burg with their 10th annual Charity Concert Series. The first concert is May 17th with Brasswind. The season runs through August. All shows are held at the historic Kimball Theatre, Merchants Square, Colonial Williamsburg, at 7:30pm. Season tickets are \$80; individual tickets are \$25. Contact Neva Lynde (neva.lynde@cox.net) for more information or to advertise your club or business in the program.

* Youth Services in the News *

Rotaractors help with Habitat for Humanity



One of Rotaract's six areas of focus is economic and community development. The Rotaract Club of Southside Hampton Roads has focused on this area with its support of Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads, Inc., with building projects in Suffolk, VA.

How to create a community-based Rotaract club

Watch the video >[HERE](#)

* Tech Tip of the Month *

Do you shop online at Amazon? Are you aware of the AmazonSmile Program? When you shop using Amazon Prime (<https://smile.amazon.com>) the AmazonPrime Foundation will donate .5% of the purchase price to the eligible charitable contribution of your choice. You can choose the Rotary Foundation! There is not cost to the charitable organization (Rotary) or to the AmazonSmile customer. It's a win-win!! Amazon just sent out an update saying they just donated \$4,055.41 to The Rotary Foundation (with a grand total of \$34,682.97) because of shoppers just like you who selected to shop through AmazonSmile!

* Save the Dates*

- April 2: Giving Tuesday
 - April 6: RLI at Norfolk, VA
 - April 6: Duke/UNC Peace Conference
 - April 9: D7600 Golf Outing, Kingsmill
 - April 20: Grants Management Webinar
 - April 23: Deadline for District Awards Submissions
 - April 27: District Training Assembly
 - May 2: Norfolk Tides PolioPlus baseball game
 - May 15: Deadline for Grants Applications
 - May 16: Flying Squirrels PolioPlus baseball game
 - May 23: Marshalling volunteer hole 15 LPGA, Kingsmill
 - July 13: Awards/Change Leadership
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A message from DRFC Chuck Arnason



DRFC Chuck Arnason says, "I get a lot of questions about Rotary Direct. There is some good information about this program [HERE](#)."

Multi-club District Grant benefits Faison School



Working together, eleven area Rotary Clubs raised \$22,500 to purchase a "new" twelve-passenger van to transport students of the Faison Center School to off-campus school outings and educational opportunities. The Faison School provides education, therapy and training for children and adults with autism. It is critical for these students to develop social skills so that they can live independently as adults, and the off-campus outings given them the opportunity to practice these skills.

The Rotary Clubs working together are Innsbrook, Goochland, Short Pump, Fluvanna County, River City, Henrico East, Huguenot Trail, Richmond, South Richmond, Brandermill and Powhatan.

In addition, Rotarians also purchased 175 books that were given to the school.

New Major Donor Recognition - Tom Dana



Past Rotary International Vice President, Anne Matthews, always says there are two kinds of Rotarians - resume Rotarians and real Rotarians. Tom Dana (left) of the Rotary Club of Chesapeake is the epitome of the real Rotarian. At a recent club meeting, Tom was presented with the Major Donor pin and crystal by TRFC Chuck Arnason (right). Tom is also a member of the Bequest Society. Tom has spearheaded two global grant initiatives that have resulted in successful global grants being carried out in Central America. He is currently traveling to San Salvador for the dedication of the Youth Bakery Training Center. More about this grant next month. Stay tuned...

Ron Burton's message



Read Ron Burton's message about The Rotary Foundation goals >[HERE](#).

Grant Management Seminar report



Many folks helped present at the Grants Management Seminar recently held in Williamsburg. To read more go >[HERE](#).



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