

Rotary District 7600

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District News



Well, here we are at the end of April. Hard to believe that 9 months of the Create Hope in the World Rotary Year have passed by already! What a year of great happenings across our District. Before I get started on the recap of Rudy's Rotary Wanderings, I want to take a moment and call out some achievements I feel have really exemplified our journey together this year.

There were three District Grant Multi-club projects that should be looked at as blueprints for clubs moving forward. In order from West to East here you go!

The six rotary Clubs of Area 6 and 7 (Chester, Hopewell, Prince George, Colonial Heights, Petersburg and Petersburg Breakfast) combined forces with the Chesterfield County Library and the Chesterfield County Juvenile Detention Center to put together a literacy project that will impact every young person who winds up having to spend some time in the system.



Take a couple of minutes to watch this [VIDEO](#).

Next up is the grant that the four clubs of Area 11 (James City County, James City County Satellite, The Historic Triangle Williamsburg and the Rotary Club of Williamsburg) put together. This was another example of doing a great job of partnering with other non-Rotary organizations, in this case The ARC of Greater Williamsburg and Ainsley's Angels. The three groups worked together to define and fill for the local area. Watch the [VIDEO](#) to see more.

Finally, let's jump over to the Peninsula, where five clubs from Areas 12 and 17 (Virginia Peninsula, Yorktown, Newport News, Oyster Point and Warwick at City Center) combined forces with local non-profit Thrive Peninsula to help re-create their Food Pantry and so much more. Together they created a completely new experience and opportunities for Thrive's clients.

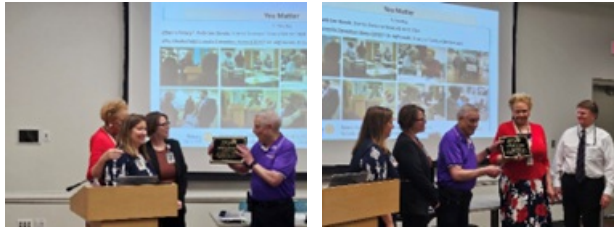
So, while things had slowed down in my wanderings, April was still a great month of visiting and engaging with our District (and out of District!) Rotary Friends.

The month started off on April 4th with a visit to the Rotary Club of Williamsburg to take part in a presentation of the Kettle Bell Ringing Award! Hanover President Jan Henicke and District Alumni President Adeeb Hamzey invited me to tag along on their party! Glad I went, because we also got to participate in a new member induction and a PHF Award Ceremony!





On April 5th it was back to Chesterfield Library for the closing activities of the Multi-club grant project! Not-yet Rotarian Jessica Gonzalez did an excellent job on the program as well as helping facilitate the grant activities. Kudos to her and the rest of the team on a JOB WELL DONE!



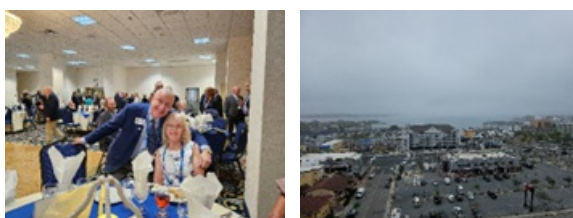
After jetting back home to pick up Catherine, we took off for Chapel Hill where we met up with a number of Rotary Friends from our District as well as District 7610, District 7620 and D7570 for dinner before the Rotary Peace Center Graduation on Saturday. If you have never been to one of these events, I highly recommend it. It is generally the first Saturday in April and, in addition to listening to some amazing Peace Fellows, the lunch spread is an international delight!



April 11th was the start of the Annual Zone Leadership Summit at Virginia Center Commons. Representatives from all 17 Districts in Zone 33 were on hand for an intensive three days of Membership, Foundation and Public Image Training. It was yet another great opportunity to catch up with my District Governor Classmates and spend a great amount of time story telling about our adventures during this wonderful Create Hope in the World Rotary Year!



The weekend of April 20th was a great adventure to Ocean City, Maryland to visit my Classmate D7630 District Governor John Mage at his District conference. Imagine my surprise when I ran into our Public Image Chair, Hamilton Holloway from the Rotary Club of West Richmond, who was assisting in his capacity as a Zone Public Image Coordinator. It was a wonderful time of friends, learning and fellowship. Plus, it was great that I wasn't in charge of anything except making sure that John's wife Beth had a dance partner!



One other item of note - I got to see a fantastic Sax Player who had just celebrated his 85th birthday recently! Anyone recognize the guy in the bowtie?





Catherine and I got to finish up the month (up to the date of this newsletter article!) on the 26th with a visit to the Rotary Club of Farmville's Annual Taste of Farmville event. It was a wonderful opportunity to hang out with the Farmville Rotarians and help meet some of their community members. The food was to die for! We will be going back there next year!



2024 Zone Leadership Training:
From Facebook



District leaders enjoyed a great weekend of fun, fellowship and learning how to help our clubs increase impact, adapt and reach out to new members at the 2024 Zone Leadership Training.

End Polio Now Games:
By Stan Wall

Take me out to the ballgame and financially support End Polio Now (EPN) at the same time! It's a no-brainer. Three games are upcoming:

- Norfolk Tides game (vs Leigh Valley Ironpigs) is on Wednesday, MAY 15 at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$17 each, and they will donate \$5 back to EPN for all tickets purchased. The link is HERE. <https://fevo-enterprise.com/RotaryDay2024>
- The Richmond Flying Squirrels game (vs Altoona Curve) is on Thursday, **June 6** at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$12 and they will donate \$2 back to EPN for all tickets purchased. To order tickets, contact Garrett Erwin at 804-359-3866 x327
- The Tri City Chili Peppers game (vs Wilson Tobs) is on Wednesday, **June 12** at 7:00pm. They offer two ticket options: \$14 just for ticket or \$20 for ticket and food (2 entrees, chips and soft drink or water). They will donate \$4 back to EPN for all tickets purchased. To order Tickets use the QR code on the flyer.

Come on out to the ball field and enjoy the games. We look forward to another great year of baseball to raise money for EPN while having a great evening of baseball and Rotary fellowship.

Mental Health Minute, May newsletter
By Susanna Calvert

The D7600 Mental Health Task Force has been encouraging Rotarians to build their resilience skillset and awareness about mental health and wellbeing all year. In May, we encourage all to focus on growth and healing in response to the challenge. Please use your Mental Health Minute to reflect on how much you have learned, improved, and healed in response to challenges in your life. What new perspectives and opportunities resulted? How can you embrace the next phase of your growth now? Explore some of the resources available on the District's [suggested activities](#) for activities and inspiration!



The MHTF is so grateful to DG Rudy Garcia's leadership in forming the Task Force and supporting Rotarian mental health across D7600. Building on this foundation and based on incoming DG Joy Kline's suggestion, we are focusing on resilience skill building for youth in 2024-25. We need your help and support recruiting high school students (and their caregivers where possible) who wish to build their resilience skills and/or learn to co-facilitate youth resilience education. We are inviting INTERACTORS and other youth across the District

THE DISTRICT.

Please contact Susanna Calvert at Susanna@HealingEdu.org if you have a nomination, wish to volunteer, or if you and/or your club wishes to sponsor or support this important program. Together we can create a healthier, more vibrant community!

Empowering Girls Committee:

By Tracy Keller

We are excited to share our upcoming community service project in support of one of the international Empowering Girls Initiatives - encouraging Rotarians to develop projects that improve water, sanitation, and hygiene services at schools so that girls can safely manage their menstrual hygiene without sacrificing their education.

We invite clubs to become educated on the facts about Period Poverty and to consider joining us in a District 7600 wide service project by collecting and donating feminine hygiene supplies during Period Poverty Awareness Week May 20th to 28th. Did you know that right here in our district?

- 1 in 5 teens in the US have struggled to afford period products.
- 4 in 5 students in the US have either missed class time or know someone who missed class time because they did not have access to period products.
- Girls and women missing class time/education and work has a negative impact on society, which makes this a community issue.

To learn more about the facts and how to lead a club drive, please review the information and resources [HERE](#).

We challenge all clubs to talk about this project and join us in collecting feminine hygiene supplies to donate to schools, shelters, after-school programs, and local pantries.

If your club is interested in learning more or having one of our committee members speak at your club and to lead you through an activity, please reach out to Tracy Keller at 757-818-5663 or tracyk@gsccc.org.

Thank you for supporting girls in your service area,
The Empowering Girls Committee

District Disaster Recovery Program

By Jerry Fields

We began developing a Disaster Recovery Program at the end of last Rotary year and now have a basic structure. You can find an introduction to the program on the District Website under COMMITTEES. This will give you a basic understanding of how we will address Disaster Recovery Events within the District. You will also find on DACdb, under District 7600 Committees, the telephone numbers for The Disaster Recovery Coordinators (DRC).

The program established a Crisis Management Team (CMT) made up of members of the District Leadership Team, whose role is to support District 7600 Rotary Clubs during an emergency event (local or otherwise). The team also includes two Disaster Recovery Coordinators (DRC) who will interact with clubs and the Crisis Management Team to develop ways to support the need(s) of the disaster. The program is NOT designed to provide response or recovery efforts but is intended to provide guidance and support to our District clubs. There are other organizations, such as FEMA, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, local governments, American Red Cross, etc. who are more responsible, qualified, and capable of addressing the response and recovery needs. The club President is the point of contact for each club. They will be the ones to reach out to the CMT if they have an emergency. The local Rotarian has proven to be the best source of the needs of their community.

Everyone can be better prepared for disasters by accessing www.ready.gov. This internet site gives you many ways to prepare yourself, your club, and your communities for the next disaster.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is another great program that will prepare you and your club to be effective in the support of your communities. To learn more about CERT or to locate the nearest CERT organization, visit - [About CERT | Disaster Response & Community Training \(fema.gov\)](#).

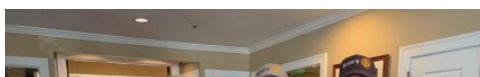
The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins June 1st through November 30th. Tornadoes, flooding, and other disasters are with us all the time. Be prepared.

Club News

James City County Club:

Neva Lynde & Paul Miyamasu

James City County Rotary Club (Breakfast and Satellite) members were at Veterans Park on Saturday April 6 performing clean-up of the park facilities and grounds. This semi-annual service project is part of the Club's role in adopting the park. Additionally, the club places 100 American Flags on the park grounds for display on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Flag Day to recognize our American veterans. Shown are the volunteer members, led by club service project chair Gary Chenault, third from the right.



On 16 April, James City County Rotary and Satellite Clubs hosted the annual District 7600 Golf Tournament at Kingsmill River Course to assist the District in their



Course to assist the District in their efforts to raise money for Rotary International's signature health initiative to eradicate polio. Shown are Rotarians Neva Lynde, District President Rudy Garcia, club golf chair Gary Chenault, and golf lead planner Jack Clark.

Some of the Rotarian volunteers are pictured (standing l-r) Nancy Geddes, Yvonne Bjorklund, Susan Rees, Club President Ron Howard, District Governor Rudy Garcia; Satellite Chair Pat Van Zandt, Brandyn Baty, and Neva Lynde; and seated Carol Mitchell and Melinda Snow.



Goochland Club:
From Club newsletter

We are poised to launch our first Discover Rotary event on Friday, April 26th at 12:30pm. The objective is to attract members to create a companion or satellite club. There may be some folks who choose to join our Friday morning meetings, however some of our active members may elect to join the companion club.

The net impact will be more members to support our many benevolent projects, e.g., Woodchucking, Brunswick Stew (make and sell), GoochlandCares Food Drive, and projects yet to be identified. Who benefits? Our great community. Can you imagine a community where every human basic need, e.g., food, adequate housing, education for children, etc. is met because of Rotary?

We have the annual GoochlandCares Food Drive on Saturday, April 27th.

Yorktown Club:
From Facebook



Charter member (55 years ago) Bill Reiser celebrated his birthday with the club today. Members shared stories over the many years of knowing and working alongside Billy. Thanks, Billy for all you've done for the club and the community!

Franklin Club 100 years
By Bill Billings

This link will take you to the pictures taken by Bill Billings during the Franklin Club's 100th anniversary celebration.
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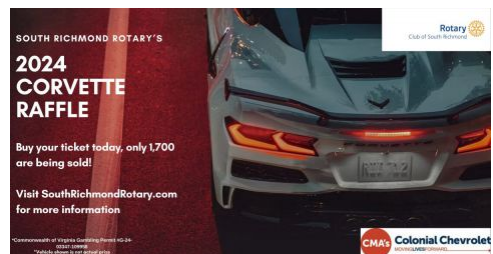
South Richmond Club:
By Mason Lemmon

2024 Casino Night with Corvette Raffle

Please join South Richmond Rotary as we eat, drink, dance and gamble the night away at SRR's 12th annual Casino Night & Corvette Raffle on Saturday, May 18, 2024! In support of our deserving charities, we have put together a gala held at the ACCA Shrine Center from 6:30-10:30pm. This is a black-tie optional event. You will be treated to a buffet-style dinner by Mosaic Catering.

We will have an open bar offering top shelf wine, beer and mixed drinks. Casino games include blackjack, poker, roulette, baccarat, and the horse races, door prizes, and a spectacular silent auction.

To finish the evening, we will be announcing the grand prize winner of the 2024 Corvette Raffle. Enter a chance to win a \$70,000 credit to purchase a new 2024 Chevrolet Corvette, or another Car, Truck/SUV offered by CMA's Colonial Chevrolet (Carter Meyers Automotive Group). Only 1,700 tickets will be sold so make sure you buy your ticket today. The Raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:30pm during our



11th Annual Casino Night & Corvette Raffle.

You do not have to be present to win. Each year South Richmond Rotary holds an annual Corvette Raffle to benefit local charities. This year's benefiting charities are: ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation, Veterans and Athletes United, as well as several other deserving organizations and educational programs! Raffle tickets cost \$100 apiece and only 1,700 tickets are being sold!

Raffle Tickets can be bought online at: southrichmondrotary.com/corvette-raffle.

Casino Night tickets can be purchased online at: SRR2024.givesmart.com

2024 Dog Bowl Golf Tournament

This year's Dog Bowl golf tournament will be held at Lake Chesdin Golf Club on June 3, 2024, with a shotgun start at 10am. The Dog Bowl is a yearly golf tournament held by South Richmond Rotary generally before the start of summer. You can play as an individual or on a team. The price of admission includes lunch, dinner, drinks, and of course, a round of golf. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

The money raised from this event goes to support local charities in our community. Whether you're a Rotarian or not, everyone is welcome to join in the fun and play! Please come on out and join us. It is always a great time!

To learn more or to register, please visit: southrichmondrotary.com/dog-bowl

Brandermill Club:

From Facebook



Recently, during a club meeting, we came together to make a real difference in the community! With teamwork and dedication, they crafted a whopping 120 sandwiches for [Richmond Friends of the Homeless](#). Knowing that each sandwich represents a meal for someone in need filled hearts with gratitude.

Thank you to all club members who contributed their time and efforts to this wonderful cause! Together, they made a positive impact one sandwich at a time.

The Historic Triangle Club:

From Facebook

Our guest speaker yesterday was Nancy Williams, Esq., Executive Director of *Dream Catchers of Williamsburg*, a non-profit using various forms of equine therapy to enrich the lives of children, adults, and families. Saying that "so much of the therapy is communication between rider and horse," Nancy informed that their staff, volunteers and 19 horses work to help a variety of people, including Special-Ed students from York County and veterans, with riding and therapeutic driving of carriages. They are looking at a program to work with seniors and memory care patients. She said they rely on thousands of volunteer hours each year and always need new volunteers to help run the large horse farm.

For information about volunteer opportunities, visit <https://dreamcatchers.org/>

The non-profit's biggest fundraiser, "Bridles and Boots," will be held on Saturday, May 18, at the farm at 10120 Fire Tower Road, Toano, VA 23168. It includes dinner, auction, raffle and live entertainment by Good Shot Judy, a popular mid-Atlantic band. For information and tickets, visit <https://dreamcatchers.org/events/bridles-boots/>

After her talk, Nancy was presented with a check in the amount of \$3,000 from proceeds of our recent 2024 Charity Golf Tournament. Pictured, from left, are Club President Liz Daley, Nancy, and Mark Anderson, Board Member of the Rotary Club of the Historic Triangle Foundation Inc.

Yesterday, early morning rains cleared, and the bright sun warmed up the Colonial Heritage Club course for our Charity Golf Tournament. Golf teams posted impressive scores despite strong gusty winds making a championship level course even more challenging.

Thanks to those who played, generous sponsors and Rotarians who worked the event, it was an unqualified success, raising over \$16,000 for our foundation to support local charities including: *Dream Catchers* (to help those with special needs, the *Salvation Army* (to ease food insecurity), and *Elf's Corner* (to give underprivileged children a brighter holiday season).

A special shout-out is due to Patti Boxeth, tournament Chair, who organized the event. And many thanks to Corey Vanover, Assistant Golf Pro, and his group for setting up the tournament, and the Clubhouse Food and Beverage staff for the great box lunches and the taco bar at our awards ceremony.



Henrico North Club:
From Facebook

Club members participated in a fun service project recently, putting together little popcorn treat bags for the students at Wilder Middle School.

This will be a little show of encouragement as they do their SOL testing soon.



Hanover County Club:
From Facebook



Congratulations to the Hanover Rotary Club's essay contest winners for 2024! Hanover County 5th graders were encouraged to write an essay on the Rotary 4-way test and how it can be applied to daily life! The 4-way test consists of 24 words which can help us create an attitude and atmosphere in which to better relate, share and implement ideas! Outstanding entries and delightful students!

Congratulations to these bright students and thank you to the 5th grade teachers!

Churchland Club:
From Facebook

Last week the golf team from the Rotary Club of Churchland defended our title as the Rotary club team with the lowest score in the annual Rotary District 7600 golf outing on the Kingsmill River Course. The Churchland club also won the trophy in 2019. Fellow Rotarians on the team were Karl Quinn, Raleigh Martin, and Jim Rhodes.



Hampton Roads Club:
From Facebook



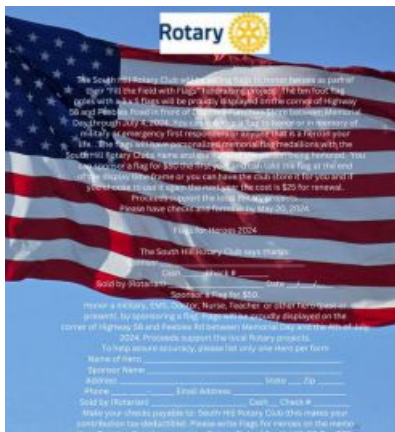
Together, Interact and Rotary made a difference in the lives of many, distributing food at the Scott Memorial Methodist Church Food Pantry!

AND...

A small but mighty contingent met for the first Adopt-a-highway cleanup of 2024. Over 100 lbs of trash was collected along Princess Anne Road in Virginia Beach.



South Hill Club:
From Facebook



Flags for Heroes 2024

The South Hill Rotary Club will be selling flags to honor heroes as part of their "Fill the Field with Flags" fundraising project. The ten-foot flag poles with a 3 x 5 flags will be proudly displayed on the corner of Highway 58 and Peebles Road in front of Discount Furniture Store between Memorial Day through July 4, 2024.

You can sponsor a flag to honor or in memory of military or emergency first responders or anyone that is a hero in your life. The flags will have personalized memorial flag medallions with the South Hill Rotary Clubs name and the name of the



South Hill Rotary Club's name and the name of the person being honored.

You can sponsor a flag for \$50 the first year and can take the flag at the end of the display time

frame or you can have the club store it for you and if you choose to use it again the next year the cost is \$25 for renewal. Proceeds support the local Rotary projects.

Please have checks and forms in by May 20, 2024.

To help assure accuracy, please list only one Hero per form.

Name of Hero _____
 Sponsor Name _____
 Address _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ - _____ Email Address _____
 Sold by (Rotarian) _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Make your checks payable to: South Hill Rotary Club (this makes your contribution tax-deductible). Please write Flags for Heroes on the memo line. Give to a Rotarian or mail to: Rotary Club of South Hill, PO Box 982, South Hill, VA 23970.

**One check may be written for multiple flag sponsorship forms at \$50 each new purchase or \$25 each renewal.

Powhatan Club:
From Facebook

Twelve Rotarians came out on a Saturday morning to clean old grave markers at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Powhatan. It wasn't the easiest project, but it was extremely rewarding as the grave markers became suddenly readable after years (decades) of neglect.



Western Henrico Club:

Go [HERE](#) to read an update on the club's work to support Ukraine.

Foundation News

The Rotary Foundation



Rocking the Future: Setting Foundation Goals to Amplify Impact
By John Padgett, District Rotary Foundation Chair

As we stand on the brink of a new year, it's time to tune into the rhythm of renewal and change. What better way to keep your club vibrant and impactful than by setting solid Foundation goals? This isn't just about keeping the beat; it's about leading the band. As Mick Jagger famously belted out, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try, sometime you find you get what you need." Let's make sure your club is not just trying, but succeeding in getting what our communities need by setting and achieving strategic goals.



The Power of a Plan

Why set goals? As management guru Peter Drucker said, "The best way to predict your future is to create it." Goals give us a destination. They serve as our road map, ensuring that every project and every dollar spent brings us closer to our vision. Consider the legendary "moon walk" not Michael Jackson's, but Neil Armstrong's. Landing a man on the moon wasn't a happy accident; it was the result of clear, ambitious goals set by NASA during the space race.

Setting Foundation goals as a club ensures that every member is not only a contributor but also a navigator, steering community service towards true north. John Lennon once mused, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." In Rotary, we flip the script: our plans are our lifeblood, shaping the lives we touch.

A Membership Benefit

The Rotary Foundation is proud to have...

The Rotary Foundation is a membership benefit. It is a tool to grow membership and to tell the Rotary story. Club leaders will share success stories that started with ambitious yet achievable goals. Goals enable a club to set its course on an impactful and productive year. It amplifies the spirit of Rotarians who want and consistently make a difference in their communities.

Let's Get It Started

As we look forward, remember what Fleetwood Mac taught us: "Don't stop thinking about tomorrow. Don't stop, it'll soon be here." It's time to envision a brighter future for our communities and take concrete steps towards making it a reality.

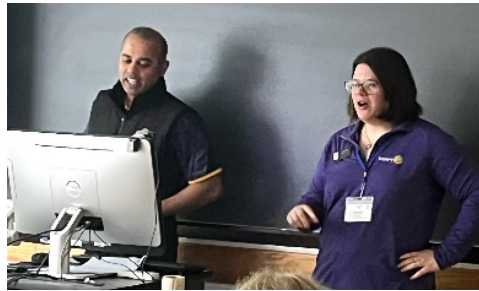
We urge every club to:

1. Identify your community's greatest needs - Engage with local leaders and citizens to pinpoint areas where you can make the most difference.
2. Set measurable goals - Whether it's increasing membership, boosting Foundation contributions, or launching new service projects, ensure your goals are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART).
3. Commit to transparency and accountability - Keep your club members in the loop with regular updates and involve them in the progress. Enter the goals into DACDB.
4. Celebrate milestones - Just as we revel in a good chorus, celebrate the small wins along your journey.

In the words of Henry Ford, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Set ambitious Foundation goals, knowing that every little effort is part of a bigger picture - a concert where every note counts, every volunteer is a star performer, and every project is a hit song. Let's make 2024-25 a magical year. Together, we can turn up the volume on our impact and ensure our clubs not only survive but thrive.

District Grant Applications Due May 15

Assuming your club has submitted its giving goals to myrotary.org and attended a grant management seminar, you have approximately two weeks to complete and submit your club's district grant application. Raghavan Sadogopan and Sarah Saville urged Rotarians to submit their grant applications as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute.



We are expecting approximately \$140,000 to be available in Designated Funds (DDF) for the 2024-25 district grant year, but the competition will be strong. All but six clubs completed Grant Management Seminar (GMS) certification and all clubs with 2023-24 district grants have had their final reports approved. So far there are two submitted district grant applications and a number of others are in draft form with a total of \$56,000 in requested DDF. We expect those figures to increase daily as we near the May 15 deadline.

Remember, remember, remember - each club in your proposed grant must upload a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) signed by the Club President and the Club President-Elect.

You can find the form [HERE](#).

Global Grants and the Object of Rotary

Adeeb Hamzey, Chair - District 7600 Foundation, Global Grants Committee.

Global Grants are medium-to-large Rotary initiatives, with a minimum of \$30,000. They focus on improving lives in communities around the world, including in our backyards. Through these grants, Rotary clubs develop cultural acquaintances among Rotarians and communities that lead to opportunities of service. Global grants are envisioned, planned, and executed with high integrity, ethical standards, and using professional attitudes as an equal opportunity for serving communities based on their definition of need.

Requirements embedded in conducting a global grant include improving lives, building local individual skills through training, ensuring that mechanisms are available for sustenance, and that conflict-of-interest situations do not exist. This is how we build trust among people, advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship. The Object of Rotary, in its four elements, guides Rotarians in the defined seven areas of focus serving communities.

Today, over 70 million people are displaced because of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Over half of them are women and children. Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center is one of seven Rotary Peace Centers in the World. Each year, the Center selects and trains Rotary Peace Fellows based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their future careers. Early in April this year, the Center graduated over 20 Peace Fellows, who will go on promoting opportunities for peace in the world. Several District 7600 Rotarians attended the conference and will be happy to share their experience.



In the area of disease prevention and treatment,



global grants are an effective tool to alleviate pain and suffering through treatment and surgical procedures. The Rotary Club of Western Henrico spearheaded multiple global grants in India, where cataract surgeries are performed, and skin bank techniques and equipment are used to treat skin cancer and other ailments.

ROTARY MANIPAL TOWN AND MAHE SKIN BANK EQUIPMENTS PHOTO (GG1985841) Skin Bank-Shaking Incubator

You will find D7600 Rotarians and clubs spearheading global grant projects that fund water wells in Ghana, Kenya, and elsewhere, to help communities have clean water, better sanitation, and hygiene. Members of these communities, especially young girls, are also gaining education about issues relating to their puberty.



District 7600 has a long history providing basic educational material and training in Central America. The Rotary Club of Virginia Peninsula has had the opportunity to help communities in Costa Rica, in addition to other projects, to improve a community's irrigation system that improved efficiency, crop yield, and their economy.

On the environmental front, Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do. They come up with projects, using their connections to change policy, and plan. Global grants have been used to plant trees in Haiti to prevent soil erosion is one example.



I hope you are inspired by the information presented here. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in pursuing a global grant, your Global Grants Committee will be happy to help you get your ideas to facts on the ground in a manner that will make you happy and proud.

End Polio Now Baseball Season begins May 15' 2024
By Stan Wall - D7600 EPN Baseball Chair

As summer approaches, so does baseball. For District 7600 Rotarians, it is the beginning of the short but impactful "End Polio Now" (ENP) baseball season. As the District 7600 ENP Baseball Chair, I ask that you support one or more of our three games this season. The first game in Norfolk is only a couple of weeks away, so time is of the essence to purchase those Rotary Night tickets in order to support our first game of the season.

First up at Bat: The Norfolk Tides (AAA affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles) will battle the Lehigh Valley IronPigs on May 15 at 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$17 each and the Tides management will donate \$5 back to EPN for all tickets purchased. The Lehigh IronPigs of Allentown, Pennsylvania, are in the International League and are the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies. The IronPigs are named in honor of local pig iron which is used in the manufacturing of steel. Order your tickets today for this game.

The link to order tickets is <https://fevo-enterprise.com/RotaryDay2024>.

ROTARY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH
VS LEIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS (PHL)
GATES OPEN - 5:30 PM | FIRST PITCH - 6:35 PM

\$17.00 PER TICKET
 (A PORTION OF ROTARY TICKET SALES WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ROTARY)
USE THE TICKET LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE!
[HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/ROTARYDAY2024](https://fevo-enterprise.com/rotaryday2024)

PLEASE CONTACT 757-822-2222 WITH ANY QUESTIONS / CONCERNS

The Richmond Flying Squirrels Game is

Rotary **ROTARY NIGHT**
 AT THE DIAMOND

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
 GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM | GAME TIME 6:35 PM

Thursday June 6 at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$12 and the Squirrels management will donate \$2 back to EPN for all tickets purchased.

To order tickets, contact Garrett Erwin at 804-359-3866 x327. The masterful Squirrels (AA affiliate of the San Francisco Giants) will be taking on the Altoona Curve of Altoona, Pennsylvania. The Altoona Curve is in the Eastern League and is the AA affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates. It is debatable whether the team is named after the nearby Horseshoe Curve or after the curveball which is a

Terrace Level Tickets\$12*

*\$2 off each ticket goes to the Rotary International End Polio Now Foundation



type of pitch for those of you new to the game of baseball.

based in Wilson, North Carolina and are in the Coastal Plain League of the NCAA - sanctioned collegiate summer baseball league. The team mascot is a tobacco worm named "Slugger". The Chili Peppers joined the league in 2020 but didn't play that year due to Covid. Their first home game was against the Tobs in 2021. The Chili Peppers offer two ticket options: \$14 just for a ticket or \$20 for ticket and food (2 entrees, chips and soft drink or water). They will donate \$4 back to EPN for all tickets purchased. To order tickets use the QR code on the flyer.

Thanks in advance for your support. We look forward to another great year of baseball to raise money for EPN while having great evenings of baseball and Rotary fellowship.

James City County
by Paul Miyamasu



On 16 April, District 7600 Governor Rudy Garcia presented Paul Harris pins to James City County Rotarians who have donated annually to Rotary International Foundation to support their world-wide efforts to eradicate polio.

Presently there are only two countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) that have reported outbreaks of polio - two in each country. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues to support Rotary's donations to polio eradication with a 2-to-1 match for every dollar donated.

Shown are Rotarians Doug Strup, District Governor Ruby Garcia, Ron Lynne, Paul Miyamasu, former District Governor and club Foundation Chair Jerry Fields. Not shown is Rotarian Neva Lynde, busy in support of another Rotary project.

James City County Club Rotarian Nancy Geddes recently earned recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow +1. Nancy joined Rotary two years ago, following in the footsteps of her late father, Allan Geddes, who founded the James City County Rotary Club in 1987. Shown are Rotarian Nancy Geddes receiving her pin from Past Rotary District Governor and Club Foundation Chair Jerry Fields. NEVA LYNDE

Hampton Roads Club:

The Club had a good turnout for a last-minute fun event while raising money for PolioPlus. Pints 4 Polio. It's not too early to begin thinking club planning for World Polio Day - October 24! What does your club have in mind?



