

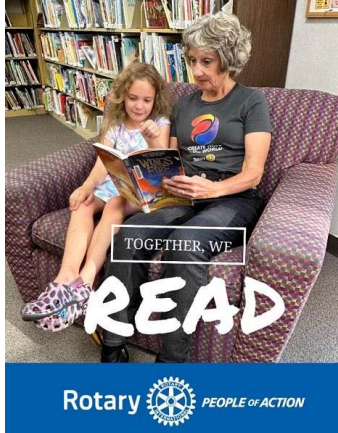
# Rotary

## District 7570



## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Sunday, August 27, 2023



September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. It is one of Rotary's seven [areas of focus](#). We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Here are the startling facts: **58 million** children worldwide are out of school; even after four years of primary schooling, as many as **250 million children cannot read and write**; and **781 million adults** are illiterate worldwide. And this doesn't just happen in third world countries. It's happening here at home, in our communities. How can we help?

We can promote literacy every chance we get. If your community has a literacy council, volunteer to tutor, or help them with their fundraising. Donate used children's books to Head Start, or a

classroom in your elementary school. Volunteer to help a child learn to read or improve their skills. With your own children or grandchildren, read to them or let them read to you and set a good example by getting caught reading—and not your phone! Pick up a book! Good reading habits will serve someone throughout their life and open doors to a world of excitement and adventure. Over the coming months, I will share what some of our clubs are doing to promote literacy in our district.

*District Governor Paula Alston*

## Membership Action Plan

Sunday, August 27, 2023



Use this link for registration:

## District Pooh-bahs



Paula K. Alston  
District Governor



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DG-Elect



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DG-Nominee



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District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC)



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District Membership Chair (DMC)



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District Public Image/PR Chair (DPIC)

These MAP Bite sized Informational Webinars can help Club Membership Chairs create a team, make a plan and grow their clubs! This month we are exploring how to move your club into IRRESISTIBLE!

Join an ever growing group of dedicated Rotarians that use the information in these webinars to grow their clubs.



**MAP WEBINAR**  
MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN

**Your club's key to**  
**IRRESISTIBILITY**

**Unveiling the Path to Membership Excellence**  
*Improving Member Experience by Shaping Club Culture*

Rotary Zones 33-34 | Membership Action Plan | **MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 | 6 PM EDT**  
Register on DACdb

## **RYLA Applications are Now Open**

Sunday, August 27, 2023



I am excited to announce that RYLA has an official new website this year with an online application process. Please visit

<http://www.rylarotary7570.org> for all the information related to RYLA. Feel free to share this website link with your club members, schools, and students!

On the website, under Clubs, visit the application process menu item. Here you will find the link to the online application - [RYLA Student Application \(jotform.com\)](https://www.rotary.org/usa/ryla).

Applications are due October 16<sup>th</sup> so please don't wait!

RYLA 2023 – The Place YOU Want to Be!!

Inez Rodenburg Hasson,  
RYLA Chair

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## New Market Inspirational Speaker

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Ninety- four years young and going strong ! Mr. Art Borden recently spoke to the [Rotary Club of New Market](#) reflecting upon his life of service to his fellow mankind and his philosophy of practicing a life well lived. Art has a number of careers and lives life to the fullest even when many are considering retiring. Having recently lost a spouse, he now ministers and provides a support structure to those in need in the grieving process. Art is a frequent contributor to our local paper and his latest “There are No Accidents with God” can be found at [https://www.dnronline.com/opinion/open\\_forum/there-are-no-accidents-with-god/article\\_9da6211e-67a0-5b89-b8fe-cffa37b34a72.html](https://www.dnronline.com/opinion/open_forum/there-are-no-accidents-with-god/article_9da6211e-67a0-5b89-b8fe-cffa37b34a72.html)



## Kingsport Downtown member recognized into the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame

Sunday, August 27, 2023



The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) has recognized Lt. Col. Herbert W. (Bill) Powley, USAF (Ret.), as the 2023 inductee into the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame. Powley joins an elite group of individuals who have been recognized for their significant contributions to flight instruction.

Powley graduated from the Air Force Academy and served more than 23 years as a fighter pilot, flight instructor, and test pilot, including two tours in Vietnam flying 347 missions in the F-4 and A-7. After his retirement from the Air Force in 1991, Powley continued to share his passion for aviation by volunteering his time to train pilots. He founded FLIGHT Foundation (Flight Lesson Instructional Grants Helping Teens) and has personally raised over \$1.9 million. He has flown almost 12,000 students on more than 4,000 discovery flights, most of which were free. Powley has been an active member

and leader in many aviation organizations, including the Air Force Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association and NAFI. In 2010 he received the A Scott Crossfield Aerospace Science Teacher of the Year Award from the National Aviation Hall of Fame. The Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame (TAHOF) created a special award to recognize him that same year (Tennessee Aviation Person of the Year). In 2011 he received Tennessee's highest aviation recognition -the Career Contributions to Aviation Award and, in 2013, was inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall-of-Fame.

Powley has been a member of the [Rotary Club of Kingsport Downtown](#) since 2001.

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## Tri-Cities Rotary Club Volunteers for Smile Foster Closet

By Mary Ellen Miller on Thursday, August 31, 2023



Members of the Tri-Cities Rotary Club spent their lunch hour on Monday, August 21 sorting through six large duffel bags of clothing for Smile Foster Closet. The Kingsport-based nonprofit is dedicated to serving the needs of foster children in the eight counties of Northeast Tennessee. Members of the Tri-Cities Rotary Club spent their lunch hour on Monday, August 21 sorting through six large duffel bags of clothing for Smile Foster Closet. The Kingsport-based nonprofit is dedicated to serving the needs of foster children in the eight counties of Northeast Tennessee.

Past President Nikki Morrison came up with the idea and coordinated the clothes gathering. "When our club was looking for a way to serve during our regular lunchtime meeting this seemed like a perfect fit," said Nikki. "I am friends with their director, and she was very familiar with this type of volunteer request."

Together, club members were able to sort through donated clothing and bag it up by size, season and gender. The clothes will then be ready for foster children when they arrive with their foster families.

"Smile Foster Closet is most appreciative of the Tri-Cities Rotary Club," said Executive Director Rachel Lawson. "By sorting through donated clothing, Tri-Cities Rotary Club members help us provide essentials that will help children and foster families adapt to living together."

"This project is exactly what our club enjoys doing," said Tri-Cities Rotary Club President Mary Ellen Miller. "We call it the 'Power of One Hour.' When we give that one hour of our lunchtime meeting in service to others in our community, we live out this year's Rotary motto to 'Create Hope in the World.'"

The Tri-Cities Rotary Club meets Mondays at noon at Northeast State. They regularly provide service to charities in the region, including monthly service at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee.

For more information, visit them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=tri->

## Flowers & Fellowship with Giles Club

Monday, August 21, 2023



For the August evening meeting of the [Rotary Club of Giles County](#), club members gathered at the Pearisburg Town Hall to plant flowers and do our part for a new pocket park area in town. The area was recently dedicated to Judy Harrell for her time as a dedicated employee and elected official. Club President Monica brought rose bushes, and Past President Cora worked with Jeannie Dudding to get flowers from Giles High School greenhouses. The quick project was a great time for all club members to get together. If you drive by Tazewell street, take a look!

