

The Informer

Rotary District 7570



Read more about the trip to Ukraine to deliver ambulances at the end of this newsletter!

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

By: Billie Black

Vocational Service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities. This concept is rooted in the Second Object of "The Object of Rotary", which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

High ethical standards in all that we do

Recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations

Dignifying each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve

As Rotarians, we can put these ideals into action by:

Encourage our members to talk about their vocation and learn about fellow members' vocations

Practice your vocation with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions

Help young people to achieve their career aspirations

Guide and encourage others in their vocational development

District Conference

March 3-5, 2023

2023 Rotary District 7570 Conference
at The Salem Civic Center!

1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, VA 24153

Located in: Taliaferro Complex

Co-Host Clubs: Strasburg Rotary and
Winchester Rotary

Home Club: Salem Rotary Club

Registration on [DACdb](#)

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Riverview Rotary Club recognized Paul Harris Fellows during the December 15th family breakfast gathering. Katherine Harvell, Shakeva Frazier, Jim Minter, Jennifer Williams, and Louise Martling were recognized as first time recipients. Melissa Wohlstein was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow +1, Gary Clark as a Paul Harris Fellow +2, Nancy Clark as a Paul Harris Fellow +3, and Ronnie Mand as a Paul Harris Fellow +5. Pictured Left to Right: Peter Howard, Jim Minter, Gary Clark, Shakeva Frazier, Nancy Clark, Katherine Harvell, Ronnie Mand, Ben Rippe (Not pictured: Jennifer Williams, Louise Martling, Melissa Wohlstein)



On Saturday, 10 December, The Rotary Club of Warren County sponsored it's annual "Morning With Santa", offering free photos for close to one hundred attendees, throughout the morning. Early Act

Membership

Chair [Anna Lester](#)

December 27, 2022 | 2,920

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Feed10Million Efforts

By: [Nick Morris](#) | Rotarians! You are doing great things to feed our communities both locally and internationally. **District 7570 has contributed 289,360 meals!** How to log your meals:

<https://www.rizones33-34.org/feed10million-initiative/>

Use the linked form to log the estimated meals provided during each feeding service project. The data provided below will help Zones 33 & 34 track our progress. Be sure to share photos from your event using the hashtag #Feed10Million on Facebook. **NOTE:** If you need to correct a previous entry, DO NOT submit a new entry. Please send an email to feed10million@rotaryshares.org so we can manually update the record.

CART

[Susan Phillips](#), Chair

CART meetings and presentations are now available on the multi-district calendar! Come join us! CART is a non-profit organization 501c3, so your contribution is tax deductible. You can use the portal or contact Susan Phillips if you have questions.



Learning Center

There are so many opportunities to learn more about Rotary, how you can be involved, and more! Have you visited the Learning Center? Click [HERE](#) (you will need a Rotary.org login).

Students from E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School helped as Elves, taking photos for family's and handing out hot cocoa, coffee and cookies. Special thanks to White Picket Pence Co. and Penny Lane Hair and Beauty Salon, for donating coffee, hot cocoa and cookies, and C@C Frozen Treats (Nina and William Huck) for donating home made ice cream treats to the children. Kudos to Robbie Sealock for making sure that "Santa" was well cared for.



The **Rotary Club of New Market VA** recently inducted Mr. Trey Selfe and Mr. Steven Stein into the Rotary Club of New Market. Pictured is Mr. Jefferson Burgess our Membership Chair congratulating Steven who is a Paul Harris Fellow and a recent transfer to our club. Trey is not only our newest club member but our youngest as we seek educate younger and more diverse prospective members about the inherent goodness and transformational power of Rotary International.

Gold Club

Mandatory Items due by December

31 to qualify for Gold Club:

Conduct a program (maybe multi-club) on The Rotary Foundation presented by DRF Chair, Chairs: Annual Fund, PHS, Planned Giving, PolioPlus, Global/District Grants, or Area Foundation Advocate. Conduct a program (maybe multi-club) on Membership presented by Area Membership Advocate, a District Membership Committee Member, or Club Membership Chair

District Governor 2025-2026



Bret Hrbek will be the District 7570 Governor for the Rotary Year 2025-2026.

Bret is a member of the Rotary Club of Front Royal, VA. He served as Club President in 2019-2020 and currently serves as the district's Youth Services Coordinator and Interact Chairman. Beginning in 2021, he has chaired the district's Youth & Peace in Action (YPA) Implementation Committee, which has been highlighted by YPA several times for its success. Bret is a Paul Harris Fellow +8, a Paul Harris Society Member, and a member of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society. He is also a graduate of the RLI program.



The Early Act students at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School proudly display some of the "Change Jars" used in their second annual "Change Wars." This Early Act club is sponsored by **The Rotary Club of Warren County**. Early Act students challenged all of the classes at the

school to raise as much money as possible, in order to help the families of local veterans, who have fallen on tough times.

These families are identified through the non-profit organization “Able Forces Foundation.” The founder and CEO of this organization is US Army Veteran “Skip Rogers.” Skip also founded the “Adopt a Warrior for Christmas” program, through Able Forces, in order to offer an extra hand up to vets during the holidays.

Last year, the students raised just over \$500.00. This year, they more than doubled that, with a grand total of \$1,101.11. All of the proceeds will go Able Forces.

The winning class this year was EWM Kindergarten teacher Julia Johnson (pictured below)’s class, which raised \$262.45. The Kindergarten class, as a whole, raised \$356.23!!



Empowering Girls

Submitted by [Paula Alston](#)

Empowering Girls is a Rotary initiative spearheaded by immediate past president Shekhar Mehta. Through this initiative, Rotary members worldwide can enhance girls’ safety, health, education, and wellbeing. Why is this so important? First, 49.7% of the world’s population is female. An empowered girl makes a strong woman and a strong woman makes a healthier family. Girls who are educated have better educated children, they earn higher wages and can help a family get out of poverty. Every girl should be in charge of her own body and her own future.

Here are some statistics to think about:

- 1 in 5 girls marry before the age of 18
- Globally, 500 million women and girls lack adequate facilities to manage their menstrual hygiene

Rotary Legacy Campaign



To learn more: PDG [Tim Carter](#), District Rotary Foundation Chair

Wheelchair Project

The District 7570 Wheelchair project has set a goal for delivering a container of wheelchairs (264) each year to a developing country in our hemisphere. The 2022-2023 year is well underway, but we need your support to complete the job. You may join our efforts by purchasing a chair for \$150 or just donate to our wheelchair project.

You can go to the Wheelchair Foundation website –

www.wheelchairfoundation.org

Click on “DONATE NOW”

Go down the page to “I would like to apply my donation to”

Scroll down to “Rotary District 7570 Wheelchair Project”



- Each year, more than 4 million girls are at risk of genital mutilation, mostly before the age of 15
- 12 million girls between the ages of 15-19 give birth every year
- 60 million girls worldwide have no access to basic education; and that same number of girls are sexually assaulted on their way to school or at school

Don't forget to send your stories, photos, or other submissions to Cora to be included in future Informer's and on the District Facebook page.
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What can we do in District 7570? Have a discussion in your club and community about the challenges girls face in your area. Find other organizations to partner with on projects to empower girls. There are many projects worldwide that Rotary clubs can get involved with (check Rotary Showcase) but find something local. Here are a few ideas: establish a comfort closet at the local middle or high school to provide menstrual supplies; mentor a young student, help with her math education or reading skills; coach a girls sports team and provide confidence to a young life. Together, we empower girls! Please let Paula Alston (paulakalston@gmail.com) know what your club is doing to honor this initiative.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

View the Calendar of Events [HERE](#).

- January 14th, 2023: Grants Webinar via Zoom. The primary grant applicant or the principal financial contact for those clubs submitting an application must attend or view the recording. Zoom link in weekly District email.
- February 9-11, 2023: District Training Team Seminar (DTTS) | Location: Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, VA
- February 11, 2023: Membership Retreat | | Location: Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, VA. Register for the event [HERE](#)
- March 3-5, 2023: District Convention | Location: Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA
- March 30 – April 1, 2023: Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) | Location: Inn @ VT, Blacksburg, VA.
- April 29, 2023: District Legislative Assembly (DLA): via Zoom



Report on trip to Ukraine

Submitted by: Michael Quillen

Rotary Districts 7570 and 7600 have joined together to obtain \$50,000 in disaster response grant funding to provide three ambulances and winter clothing for Ukraine. The ambulances, clothing, and medical supplies were delivered to Mykolaiv in war torn southeastern Ukraine on November 23. Rotary's partner in the purchase and delivery of the ambulances and supplies was Ukraine Friends, a non-profit headed by Brock Bierman, a member of the **Staunton Rotary Club**. Mike Quillen, a past president of **Staunton Rotary Club**, was one of the volunteer ambulance drivers who drove 1000 miles from the Ukraine-Slovakia border to Mykolaiv to deliver the ambulances.



Rotarians were involved in all stages of the ambulance acquisition and delivery. Rotarian Andriy Baganich identified and facilitated the purchase of the ambulances. He is a past district governor of Rotary District 2232 in Ukraine and is currently a member of the **Rotary Club of Kosice, Slovak Republic**. Rotarian Mykola Stebljanko, a past district governor of District 2232 and member of the **Rotary eClub of Ukraine**, and Artem Vashchienko, past president of the **Rotary Club of Mykoaiiv**, coordinated the delivery of the ambulances to the custody of the Mykolaiv Oblast (State) in Ukraine. Vitalii Lesko, current district governor of District 2232, was also involved in the transfer of the ambulances to the Mykolaiv Oblast and was present at the turnover ceremony in Mykolaiv.

The ambulances will be put to immediate use in Mykjoilaiv and nearby Kherson which was recently liberated from Russian occupation. Evacuations of the elderly and injured in the previously occupied territory are ongoing. The eight days of travel in Ukraine before and after the delivery of the ambulances included several stops. In Mukachevo, youth were observed constructing periscopes for use by the Territorial Defense Forces (TDF) at a youth center. An orphanage was visited in Chernivtsi. In Martynkivtski, the group met with the organizers of a shelter for IDPs (internally displaced persons) that has been opened in a Soviet era summer camp for children abandoned for 30 years. In Kiev, the group visited a drone school for members of the TDF. In Bucha, the group met with the mayor and vice-mayor during a candlelight dinner necessitated by the lack of power throughout the formerly Russian occupied suburb of Kyiv where hundreds of civilians were killed during the occupation. Clothing supplies were delivered there to a municipal bomb shelter. In Odessa, the group had dinner with Rotarians from the Rotary eClub of Ukraine, Odessa International Rotary Club, and the Odessa Rotary Club and District Governor Vitalii Lesko. The Rotary Foundation has provided approximately \$15 million in support to the people of Ukraine with funds from contributions earmarked for disaster response made to the Foundation in the weeks shortly after the Russian invasion.

