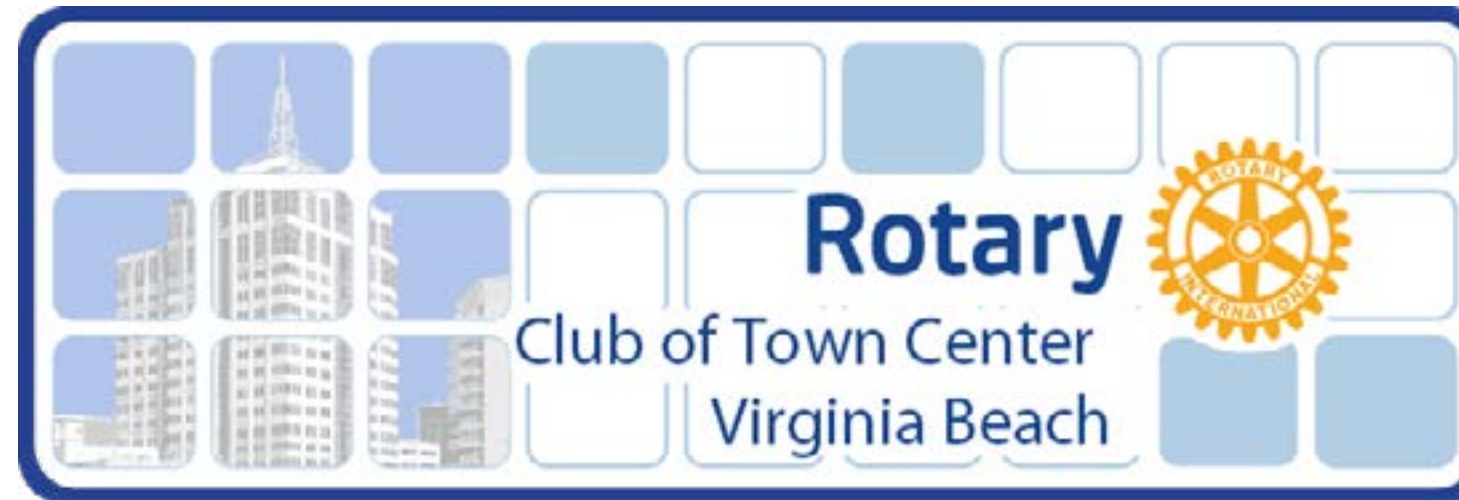


Wednesday February 12, 2020

We meet the at 12:30 pm  
on the first 3 Wednesdays of the month  
at Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant  
4561 Virginia Beach Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462



- Rotary - Developing the Next Generation of Leaders -
- Providing Direction to Make the World a Better Place -
- Making Peace a Priority -

**Today's speaker will be**  
**G. Timothy Oksman - Legal Advisor to**  
**The Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office**

## 2019 -20 Focus: Community Fellowship

**February is Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**

***We Provide Service Above Self, Supporting Mental Health and World Wide Fellowship!***

***We are celebrating Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month by recognizing the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians to increase participation in activities that promote disease education, treatment and prevention as well as personal, family, community and international mental health.***

### ***What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships?***

- Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own Club, District or country
- Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace
- Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members
- Rotary Fellowship, together with the Rotarian Action Groups, serve as an effective tool in promoting membership development and should be actively promoted in our Districts





## **Nancy Joslin's Note**

*This is the second meeting of February. We have been working hard on International Activities with both Ellen and Pat. All of us should keep working on the Rotary Club of Town Center's Annual Goals towards creating the world's future - So Stay Prepared!*

*As we move headlong through the Winter of 2020, let us strengthen our commitment to what Rotary is for the world as we demonstrate our core values, noticing how we apply them in our daily lives and seeing how we are a positive influence on the community around us. While we acknowledge the great accomplishments Rotary has achieved, let us continue to carry this progress through our second century of service. We invite all in the community to join us in celebration of what the world has and what we can do together to make this an even greater place for all. The world is what we make it through our actions. Let us do this responsibly in ways that support each other and all life on earth that we may all prosper together.*

*Let us all live in the Spirit of Rotary theme for this year: "Rotary Connects the World"*

*At our expressed level of purpose, we continue to attend to our work with Community Mental Health Issues by providing awareness and education to be reflected as a change in our interpersonal and social environments. As we explore some of the ways to make a difference raising the level of good mental health in our community, let us demonstrate a path to achieve this goal. Through the application of the knowledge we gain, let us continue building public awareness of these issues and initiate programs that support mental wellness locally, nationally and world wide. In this way we will create a valuable result.*

*Please continue to support our Rotaract Club on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant, Va. Beach. Jon, Chris and Kayla will continue to attend our meetings as fellow Rotarians.*

*I invite you to join us weekly, bringing friends to participate in these and all of the events of the club, that we may continue to be successful in meeting our mission throughout 2020.*

*- Nancy Joslin, President, Rotary Club of Town Center*



## Meeting for February 12, 2020

*Today is so very much another of our usual busy days  
and we have so much to accomplish - so let's GO DO IT!*

- Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Fisher the Rotarian of the Month
- Introduction of Guests to the Meeting
- Induction of new members
- Announcements-Upcoming events
- Queen of Hearts / Happy Dollars
- Servicing of nutritional needs and social interactions
- *This Week's Speaker is G. Timothy Oksman Legal Advisor to the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office*
- We continue to meet formally on the first three Wednesdays of the month: The First is a regular speaker, the Second is an Open House, the Third is a presentation from a more senior Rotary Official. There will often be a fourth meeting in a community locale, that is social in nature
- Let us all participate with Membership . . . Look for ways to bring friends as guests who might make the cut as a member and contribute through an active future of Service to Humanity. We may even have one such purpose with us here today!
- Our *"Rotary Mental Health Initiative"* is in full swing on it's way to reality. You may assist in locating speakers and resources, please contact Nancy Joslin, Pat Edwards or Dave Moore to incorporate these resources into action
- You may also contact Bob Gerling or Warren Stewart to suggest future activities or programs for us to engage in during the current and future years

## Rotarian of the Month:

*Don Fisher*

## Birthdays for February, 2020

*Marcella Whitson Christina Holloway*

## Ongoing Service Projects

*Details (will be updated as we move forward)*

### Event

#### Bicycle Safety

Dave is currently working on bicycle repairs through the United Methodist Church, Potters House, at 212 19th Street, VB.

#### Silent Auction

*The Silent Auction will be held again on April 26.* We are working to recreate the success of this event at Zeiders American Dream Theater

#### CHI

Community Health Initiative of Haiti Clean Drinking Water Project with updates from Pat Edwards. Her next one is coming up soon!

#### Rotaract

For updates: contact Nancy Joslin

#### Cashola

*Upcoming, February 24, 2020 at Shorebreak Restaurant, Shore Drive, Virginia Beach for Pat Edwards trip to Haiti. Come, enjoy, support Pat!*

#### Special Olympics

Annual Event in May at Princess Anne High School and at Plaza Middle School - Outstanding support for those in the community

#### Polio Plus

Ongoing International Project to Stamp out Polio everywhere in the world. 12 known cases left! Pints for Polio is ongoing and our most recent event was at O'Connors Brewery in Norfolk on January 25th  
31<sup>st</sup> opportunity was June 1, 2019 - this event has collected 6.5 million pounds of debris in the past 30 years

#### Clean the Bay Day

#### District Grant with Local Rotary Clubs

Grant Project with area Rotary Clubs to work with the Soap Chips Project to make portable showers available to the community, the Elizabeth River Project, and Lynnhaven River Now oyster bed restoration



## Event Calendar

**Date Event**

### **February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**

**Wed 12** *G. Timothy Oksman, Legal Advisor to the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office*

**Wed 19** *Monthly Board Meeting at Wegmans at 10:30 am*

**Wed 19** *Ken Husse presenting*

**Mon 24** *Cashola for Pat Edwards Haiti Mission at Shorebreak on Shore Drive at 6:00 PM*

### **March is Water and Sanitation Month**

**Wed 4** *Rotary Meeting*

**Wed 11** *Rotary Meeting*

**Wed 18** *Rotary Meeting*

### **April is Maternal and Child Health Month**

**Sun 26** *Silent Auction at the Z*

### **May is Youth Service Month**

**Wed 3** *Polio Baseball Game at Harbor Park*

### **Rotary Meets the First Three**

**Wednesdays of the Month at 12:30 pm**

**E-Club Makeup Website for Missed Meetings**

<http://RotaryEClubOne.org/makeups/howtodoamakeup/>

## Club Officers

- President ..... Nancy Joslin
- Vice President..... James Hatcher
- Treasurer..... Bill Barrett
- Secretary ..... Johnathan Epler
- Past President..... Bert Poole
- President's Advisory Counsel ..... Bert Poole
- RI Foundation..... Pat Edwards
- Membership Chair ..... Open
- Club Services Chair..... Pat Edwards
- Community Service ..... Warren Stewart & Bob Gerling
- Club Friendship Officer ..... Liz Pinella
- International Service Chair..... Ellen Cummings
- International Member Service ..... Pat Edwards
- Mental Health Initiative Chair..... Dave Moore
- Public Relations Officer..... Ken Brown
- Vocational Service Chair..... Nancy Joslin
- Sergeant at Arms..... Fred Joslin
- Sergeant at Arms..... George Kelly

### ***Silent Auction at the "Z"***

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**Zeider's American Dream Theater**

**4509 Commerce Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462**

**Fun with a cause!**

**Put it on your calendar now!**



## February is Membership and New Club Development Month

What activities do you suggest to engage our club members for the next Rotary year?

**Consider our motto: "Service Above Self"**

Please email your suggestions to  
Bob Gerling ([Rigerling@gmail.com](mailto:Rigerling@gmail.com))

or

Warren Stewart ([Warren.a.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.a.stewart@gmail.com))

We want you to have a major input  
into our future programs

Thank you for your attention

Our vocations allow us to help other people live better, safer, and healthier lives

***It's the work we do in Rotary***

Through our vocations in our clubs, in our communities, and across continents, we are touching the lives of people we don't know and might never meet. In every part of the world, every single day, whether they know it or not, people are living better, safer, and healthier lives because of the work of Rotary.

The people we help might not have met a single Rotarian. They might not even know that Rotary exists. But they are drinking clean water from a bore well that Rotary dug. They're learning to read with books that Rotary gave them. They're living lives that are better, happier, and healthier.

***All This - Because of Rotary Service to Humanity***

-paraphrased from John F. Germ, Rotary International President, 2016 / 2017





## Area Clubs For Make-Up

**Cape Henry** . . . . . <http://www.capehenryrotaryvb.org/>

Wed 7:30 a.m. Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

**Virginia Beach** . . . . . <http://vbroatary.com/>

Thu 6:30 p.m. Crowne Plaza Hotel on Bonney Rd.

**Virginia Beach Courthouse**

Wed 7:30 a.m. Merged with the Cape Henry Club

**Chesapeake** . . . . . <http://chesapeakerotary.org/>

Wed 1:00 p.m. Chesapeake Conference Center

**Churchland** . . . . . <http://www.churchlandrotary.org/>

Tues 7:30 a.m. American Legion Hall

**Great Bridge** . . . . . <http://www.greatbridgerotaryclub.org/>

Mon 7:30 a.m. Traditions Restaurant, Chesapeake Golf Club

**Hampton Roads** . . . . . <http://www.rotaryhamptonroads.org/>

Fri. 7:30 a.m. Holiday Inn, Greenwich Rd, Norfolk

**Norfolk** . . . . . <http://rotaryclubofnorfolk.org/>

Tue 12:15 p.m. Norfolk Scope Arena Meeting Room

**Norfolk Sunrise** . . . . . <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryNorfolkSunrise/>

Tue 7:30 a.m. Town Point Club

**Portsmouth** . . . . . <http://www.portsmouthvarotary.org/>

Thu 12:30 p.m. Holiday Inn - Waterfront

**Online Makeups may also be made at**

*e-club website: <http://rotaryclubone.org/makeups/howtodoamakeup/>*

Click on the link above to use this website

## Website / Photos / Program Design



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**Rotary Club of Town Center Website:**

<http://rotarycluboftowncentervb.org>







# The Four Way Test

To Encourage International Understanding and Peace,  
And of the Things We Think, Say and Do:

1. Is it the **Truth**?
2. Is it **Fair** to All Concerned?
3. Will it **Build Goodwill** and **Better Friendships**?
4. Will it be **Beneficial** to All Concerned?

*- And . . . It Can be FUN! -*



## THIS YEAR'S SILENT AUCTION SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

In order to stimulate a collegial solicitation and avoid duplication,  
Here is a cumulative list of 2020 auction items as of January 24, 2020

- |  |                              |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Virginia Symphony (2)               | 9. Village Restaurant (\$30) | 17. Ocean View Golf (4)                          |
| 2. Virginia Stage Company (2)          | 10. Virginia Zoo (4)         | 18. Bravos Restaurant(\$100);                    |
| 3. Virginia Opera (2)                  | 11. Motor World (2+2)        | 19. Whaling Company Restaurant<br>(Williamsburg) |
| 4. Norfolk Waterside Sheraton (1 nite) | 12. Dave & Busters with Jump | 20. Tides Baseball Basket w/ tickets             |
| 5. Williamsburg Doubletree (1 nite)    | 13. Virginia Beach Golf      | 21. Hilton Garden in at Towne Center             |
| 6. Norfolk Waterside Marriott (1 nite) | 14. Jungle Putt Putt         |  |
| 7. Best Western Hotel (2 nite)         | 15. Va Aquarium (6)          |  |
| 8. Westin Towne Center                 | 16. Heron Ridge Golf (4)     |  |



**Results From Sponsorship Opportunity**  
**Pint's For Polio, January 25, 2020**  
**O'Connor Brewery, Norfolk, VA**

**PINTS 4 POLIO**  
Round 2

**XX Mr. Mint \$100.00**

Includes 2 admission tickets  
Recognition on Social Media  
Logo/Name on posters at event

**XX Lord Licorice \$250.00**

Includes 4 admission tickets  
Recognition on Social Media  
Logo/Name on posters at event  
Logo/Name on presentation to run throughout event

**XX Princess Lolly \$500.00**

Includes 8 admission tickets  
Recognition on Social Media  
Logo/Name on posters at event  
Logo/Name on presentation to run throughout event  
Logo/Name on table tents at event

**XX Queen Frostine \$750.00**

Includes 8 admission tickets  
Recognition on Social Media  
Logo/Name on posters at event  
Logo/Name on presentation to run throughout event  
Logo/Name on table tents at event  
DJ shout out once per hour throughout event

**XX King Kandy - Presenting Sponsor \$1,500.00**

Includes 8 admission tickets  
Recognition on Social Media  
Logo/Name on posters at event  
Logo/Name on presentation to run throughout event  
Logo/Name on table tents at event  
DJ shout out once per hour throughout event  
Logo/Name on banner at DJ stage  
Speaking opportunity at event  
Invitation to be featured during coverage from local news media



**Total Funding, From This Event to be Matched 2:1**  
**by the Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation: XX**





# ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT



## *As a Rotarian, I will:*

- 1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life*
- 2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect*
- 3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world*
- 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians*





# ATTENTION!

## Pat Edwards

Is Revving Up for Her Semi-Annual Mission To HAITI

And We're Preparing to Assist

Join us February 24<sup>th</sup> at Shorebreak on Shore Drive  
An evening of local musician entertainment!  
From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
**YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL!!**

*Performing Musicians*

- » Fred and Nancy Joslin
- » C. L. Griffin
- » Tim Oksman
- » Fred Karam, Sound Manager

A Special Thank You to everyone for Supporting Pat



We're Having a

# Haiti-thon *Cashola* for Pat's return to Haiti!

It's That

# Cashola

Time Again!

*Cashola for Pat Edwards Upcoming Haiti Mission*

*Monday, February 24 at 5:00 PM*

*Shorebreak on Shore Drive*





## ***New Rotarian - November 20, 2019***

**Last Week We Inducted Mike Fitch as a New Member**

*Mike Fitch*

*Address: 4836 Beach Cove Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23455*

*Phone: mobile: (757 )362-7371*

*Mike is retired from the Navy and has lived in Virginia Beach for the past several years.*

*He was born and grew up around the Jersey shore.*

*He graduated from University of Pittsburgh and has two masters degrees.*

*He lost his wife a year ago and has two daughters, a son, and 3 grandchildren.*



## About Today's Rotarian of the Month

This Month We Honor Don Fisher to Acknowledge What He Has Accomplished



### Don Fisher

Don was born in Philipsburg, in central Pennsylvania. He spent his first two years on a farm before moving to his grandparents near Williamsport for the next six years and then on to Harrisburg, where he graduated from Central Dauphin High School in 1961.

Don was in band, chorus, Boy Scouts (Eagle with Bronze Palm), Luther League, DeMolay (a Masonic Youth Organization), Church Choir, Bowling League and more . . .

Don attended Wesley College in Dover, Delaware for two years and went on to graduate with a BS in Accounting from American University in Washington, DC.

He married Magel Dulaney from Woodville, Virginia in June 1964 and went on to have three boys and eight grandchildren including twins ranging from ages 5 1/2 to 24.

He went to work at Arthur Young & Company and became a CPA. He moved into banking as the CFO of a small bank in northern Virginia. This bank merged with Virginia National Bank in Norfolk and he became an executive VP and CAO with Sovran Financial Corporation. After Sovran was merged with NCNB to form NationsBank, currently Bank of America.

After Sovran Don went on to become President and COO of Essex Savings Bank in Emporia, Virginia. Thereafter, he became a financial planner, President and COO of Sound Related Technologies; back to financial planning with Virginia Asset Management whereupon he received his Series 7 and Series 64 licenses. After several years he went back to public accounting as a CPA with LaRossa & Company. He retired from LaRossa in 2017, but continues to maintain his CPA license.

Don has been a Rotarian for more than 15 years and has been active in our club continuously, serving in different capacities, including as our financial officer during this time.

Don currently lives in Suffolk with his wife Margel with whom he is very close and pays special attention to her needs.

Don's words of advice to live by are familiar and very special: *"Always service above self"*



## About Today's Speaker

### G. Timothy Oksman: Presenting a Musical Interlude



#### *G. Timothy Oksman*

*Tim is originally from Long Island, New York. He graduated UVA Law School after serving in the US Army Corps of Engineers in Vietnam as a combat reporter. He's been here ever since. Professionally, he is a public sector lawyer. He's clerked at the Supreme Court of Virginia and served as Assistant County Attorney for Henrico County, Richmond City Attorney, Portsmouth City Attorney, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Portsmouth, and Opinions Counsel for the Attorney General of Virginia.*

*Tim received a Commendation from the Virginia House of Delegates, April 17, 2019.*

*He loves his work too much to retire completely & now works part-time as legal advisor to the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office. With his extra time, he is devoting it to his music - both performing and song writing.*

*He and his wife have been married for forty years and have two grown children. They live in Virginia Beach Hilltop area.*



## Community Health Initiative, Haiti

Pat Edwards, Paramedic, recently returned from leading a medical team in Haiti. As a team of 10 they were the smallest medical team ever deployed by CHI. They were joined by two Haitian doctors.

A typical team size is 25. The five days of clinic were held in the two villages they have been working in for the last 6 years - Do Digue (4 clinic days) and Fondol (1 day - which is up in the mountains and takes two hours by foot or donkey to get there with all of our supplies. They saw 1148 patients, a few very ill which were taken to a hospital in Port au Prince and they delivered one baby boy who was named Jonathan by his mother.

A typical sized team will see 1500 so the numbers seen were good. The March and June clinics were both cancelled due to political unrest, making this the first clinic held since January. The next clinic will be held in October. CHI holds 5 medical clinics and 2 surgical clinics each year.

Haiti is on the Western third of the island of Hispaniola. With an estimated 10.5 million citizens, 75% are estimated to live below the poverty line. The majority of live on less than \$2 per day. Frequent natural disasters only worsen the situation. Please assist us in supporting them.



Pat works with the Community Health Initiative, Haiti. This organization has worked with hundreds of volunteers from across the United States and Canada to reach the primary and public healthcare needs of Haitian patients. CHI collaborates with local talent in their service areas to combat malnutrition, provide clean water, promote safe environments and deliver healthcare for the members of partner communities in the Arcahaie area of Haiti.

To honor this initiative and promote awareness of the service provided, we have been donating \$10 in the name of our weekly speaker to the Community Health Initiative for the last three years. This is a symbol of our ongoing awareness of the issue and a call to action while providing clean water for a family each week on an ongoing basis.



### Clean Water Project



**How to Use the Gadyen Dlo System:**

1. Put 2 capsules of chlorine into the 5 gallon bucket, wait 30 minutes.
2. Use the spigot to get the water you need from the bucket. Keep the lid on the bucket, and keep the bucket out of the sun.
3. Water is now clean and you can drink it without a problem.

#### MAKE A "WELL" OF A DIFFERENCE!

Our work happens in Haiti as a result of a collaboration between awesome volunteers and generous donors - like you, our US & Haitian friends, staff and partners. Together we are making real tangible quantifiable changes!

#### BRINGING CLEAN WATER TO HAITI MAKES A 'SPLASH!'

Our clean water project is an exciting opportunity that positively impacts the livelihood of the Haitian communities where we work. In fact, recent data from our Gadyen Dlo water treatment bucket program indicated reduced rates of diarrhea among users, decreasing from 40% to 1.8%.

In the mountains and foothills near the region of Arcahaie, CHI's Quality Control Workers (QCW) have distributed more than 1,000 Gadyen Dlo (Water Guardian) water treatment buckets, which are complete with a lid and water spigot. In collaboration with our Extended Term Volunteers (ETVs), each bucket has been numbered and identified with GPS coordinates. Our Haitian staff and ETVs spent time with the families in their homes, asking them about their health and drinking water. From a 2012 survey, we know that 98% of the water from many of these sources is contaminated with fecal matter. Thus a water treatment system for our families is imperative for their health and safety!

Each month, the QCWs return to visit the families, ensure the buckets are operational, sell replacement chlorine, and answer any questions the families may have. By staffing this project, CHI encourages health equity by continuing to lower incidents of diarrhea, cholera, typhoid fever, rotavirus, and other water borne illnesses.

Currently, 1,000 buckets have been distributed into the homes in our service area. CHI works with a company called Deep Springs International to distribute their Gadyen Dlo buckets. Their mission is to "...improve life in developing countries by identifying and encouraging the use of affordable water purification systems, teaching the importance of proper household water treatment, and creating new business opportunities for local people." Using this business model has been instrumental in enhancing quality of life, reducing rates of diarrhea and providing economic opportunities for our Haitian staff.

Our vision of unanimous access to clean water is large. With CHI and Gadyen Dlo, each small step we take brings us closer to achieving that goal.



October 19, 2019 Terekeka - Day #23

Loki, Tomba, and I left Terekeka in the Land Cruiser at 7:00 am and returned at 4:00 pm - travel-worn from hours on rain-swollen roads, but having had a profitable time at two Bush schools - Gwele and Burrungga. We assessed the abilities of the "Learners," and have developed a plan to provide training/direction to these largely untrained teachers to help them be more effective. These visits are always "eye-opening" as well as fruitful, and lest I neglect to mention - enjoyable!



Lodi Gai - 6 years old



Mogga - 14 years old



Amani - 16 years old



Loki Beto - 17 years old



First time putting puzzles together



Alphabet trays in use at Burrungga

October 20, 2019 Terekeka - Day #24

This has been letter-writing day. The letters from so many of you were distributed a few days ago. The process started at about 1:45 this afternoon, and the last one completed at 5:00. It is always a marathon with younger children needing help from beginning to end and older ones writing and rewriting with lots of artwork. Letters from the hearts of the children at the Terekeka orphanage on their way to you!

October 21, 2019 Terekeka - Day #25

It was an energetic worship service with music from children, teachers, house mothers, cooks, and cleaners - and an inspired word from Steve Wiley, urging us all to give thanks in all things. After lunch, the kids, a few teachers, and I gathered in the dining hall to make Bible bookmarks - a bit frenetic, but in the end everyone had a useful craft item. Jumping rope followed, with plenty of free time for those who didn't desire structure. Steve, Joy, 8 younger kids and I took a late afternoon walk to Kageena Bonee. The river is too high for swimming but it was a great walk, with crocodile sighting, a couple of snakes, several monkeys, and a kajillion frogs in evidence. A perfect end to a very good day!



Soccer team with balls donated by Carol Hawkins



Mama Kiden and her crew - Reja standing, smiling Yikele in center, Sunday Rose, Aler, Danya, Monday, and Baby Ema.



Handmade jump ropes given by Dumpy Lloyd.



Craft for the day - Bible bookmarks - idea and materials from Amy Rose



Clock wise - Philip in red, Lodule, Lodule James and Gore



Lovely Harriet, our wonderful cook!



Stella helping Yikele.



Date: October 21, 2019 Terekeka - Day #26

This was the final assessment day for BCLP - Tomba's 4 Bush schools. These schools are educating students in distant communities too far from existing Primary schools, many of which are already over-crowded. The drill was the same - alphabet trays, numbers bingo, floor puzzles, groups reading from "Big Books." The Buko students acquitted themselves well, and Tombs has new materials to add to his arsenal. I also gave out the last of the ties to a few teachers and the oldest males at the orphanage; and scarves and earrings to the cooks at the school. Notice the deep scarring on the faces of these women - the tribal mark of the Mundari. We all enjoyed Harriet's terrific chicken soup and chapati for lunch. This little slip of a girl knows her way around a Bush kitchen! I have almost completely divested myself of all the supplies so many of you generously donated. A few earrings still remain, some crayons and markers, materials for Uganda. Two more full days here, which I will spend at the school - then back to Juba on Thursday, on to Uganda Friday morning.





## November 11, 2019 Terekeka - Day #47

My last day in South Sudan and a memorable one it has been! I went to the school with Angelo and company to address the students one last time - also shot some video footage, which they really got into and had quite an audience. Unfortunately, the flight was delayed for two hours, and at the Rumbek airport with no creature comforts, that is a very long time! Only 45 minutes to Juba, thank goodness!

Here's where it gets interesting. Upon landing, I was met by two nice young men in the employ of the Ambassador at whose home I was invited just last Thursday. I was whisked to AFEX for quick change and then off to - VOILA! - the residence of the President and First Lady of South Sudan - President Salva Kir and Mary Ayen Mayardit! I knew this was in the works but didn't say anything about it, because it could have very easily not happened. The security at the residence is tight, as you would imagine. There are no plain clothes police as we have in the U.S. - just soldiers in camouflage with big guns - AK 47s, I presume, but don't know that much about military weapons. They had not been told we were coming and swarmed the vehicle we were in. It got my attention.

I was accompanied by a career diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs just back from a posting in Turkey, who made a couple of phone calls, and a few minutes later we were allowed to drive in the compound. I wasn't allowed to take any photos - no surprise there - and it would be hard to describe the interior of the grounds, actually pretty non-descript. The door opened and we were led into a room that could only be described as opulent. You can tell from the background in the photos the type of furniture -and a lot of it - red velvet with gold trim. I was seated in a chair where my feet could barely touch the floor.

This diplomat and I were left alone for about 10 minutes, during which time I tried to get information. "What do I call the First Lady?" "Her Excellency." "How many children do the President and First Lady have?" "In our culture, we don't talk about the number of children so don't ask that question." I was getting the impression I shouldn't ask any questions at all.

Finally "Her Excellency" appeared and it was time for the photo op. I was asked for my camera and there was another camera in use, I suppose to record the visit for the First Lady. I would say she is reserved. She doesn't speak fluent English, which surprised me, and one reason for the presence of the diplomat was to interpret. Most of the visit the First Lady was talking directly to the interpreter, but when I spoke she looked directly at me. We discussed the need for education in South Sudan and she thanked me for my efforts in bringing education to her country. She had visited the U.S. during the Obama Administration, and had met Michelle Obama and had a tour of the White House. She asked me to greet Michelle for her, and I had to explain that most likely that would not happen.

The President and First Lady are eager to establish a relationship with the U.S. that will result in greater involvement of American interests in South Sudan. Everyone appreciates the role the U.S. played in helping the South gain independence from the North. She was pleased to learn that I like local food, and said she would be happy to cook for me sometime. I asked if there was anything specific she would like from the U.S. and she said any gift would be appreciated. For about 15 minutes there was similar banter and when the interview was over, it was obvious she was finished.

I appreciate this opportunity and those who made it possible. Maybe in time some good can come of the visit.

Tomorrow I fly to Entebbe, Uganda, and the Africa portion of this trip will close. It has been full and profitable, although not everything was accomplished that I had hoped and even expected. Wednesday I will rendezvous in Tel Aviv, Israel, with my daughter, Rebecca, and we will spend the next 11 days touring the sites of the Holy Land compliments of a mutual friend.

***Thank you for your company this far!***

***- Blessings, Ellen***





November 17, 2019 Terekeka - Day #53

We checked out of our Tiberias hotel at 9:00 this morning and headed south toward Jerusalem. Our first stop was Kaser El Yahud, the actual location where Jesus was baptized by John - located in the occupied territory of the West Bank. During the hour or so drive to this spot, Elad gave a history of the Arab/Israeli conflict beginning in 1948. To say this is a complicated issue would be a gross understatement. I have a better grasp of the situation and the events that led to the current impasse, but can't say I totally understand it despite Elad's efforts and my questions.

We got to Jerusalem just in time for lunch at the Mahane Yahuda Market - this time at a Jewish-Iraqi restaurant that served dishes with some of the most unique flavors I have ever experienced - hard to describe. Each dish was brought to the table in a big bowl, from which we served our plates. When that one was finished another one was brought, so only one dish was served at a time. The first was Kubeh - semolina stuffed with beef served in a broth. Then Sufrito - basically beef pot roast, but maybe the best I ever tasted. Moussaka was next - also excellent - followed by Azura - the house specialty - eggplant with minced beef and pine nuts in a cinnamon safron sauce. Elad insisted we sample Rogalach, an Eastern European pastry from a Kurdistan bakery. I am still full!

After lunch, we drove into the Old city and to the Mount of Olives area where we could see the Dome of the Rock on Temple Mount; an ancient Jewish cemetery; and walk through the Garden of Gethsemane. Outside the church adjacent to Gethsemane is a carving in stone of Jesus kneeling - praying and obviously in great agony - one of the most moving depictions of the hours before the crucifixion I have seen. We will spend more time in the Old City, but Elad wasn't feeling well and needed to get home. We hope he is much improved tomorrow. Blessings! Ellen







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**SOUTH SUDAN**

*is a key element in fighting the force of tyranny ... And ...*

**ELLEN CUMMINGS**

*is our Missionary!*

*Ellen celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by going back to South Sudan!*



**WE HELD A FUN(D) RAISER ON AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUDAN-A-THON *Cashola*  
for Ellen's return to Sudan!**

*at the Shorebreak on Shore Drive*

*With an evening of local musician entertainment!*

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL!!**





## IN MEMORIAM



### **Bill Detterman**

*Pharmacist-Owned Bayside Pharmacy*

*Charter Member of the Princess Anne Rotary Club*

*Princess Anne Rotary Club Foundation Chair for many years*

*He cared for his wife Anna at home - the love of his life and center of his attention*

*He taught himself guitar and banjo and loved to sing,  
leading the club in singing at many events*

*Bill was an accomplished magician and a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians*

*He served on the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Tidewater Council as an Executive Board Member for many years  
and as the Council President in 2001.*

### **Viewing**

*Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home & Crematory - Great Neck Chapel 757-496-9727*

### **Memorial service**

*Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home & Crematory - Great Neck Chapel 757-496-9727*

*11:00 AM Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020*

*Please send donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org)  
in honor of his wife, Anna.*



## In Memoriam

# Forrest P. "Bill" Anderson

June 12, 1930 - August 9, 2019

Born in Memphis, TN • Resided in Virginia Beach, Virginia and Salisbury, Maryland



Forrest P. "Bill" Anderson died at age 89 on Friday August 9, 2019 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. He was surrounded by family in his last hours. He had been a resident of Salisbury, MD since June 2017. He lived in Virginia Beach for most of the prior 40 years. He was born on June 12, 1930 in Memphis, TN. He was the son of Jerry M. Anderson and the former Dorothy Burnett.

He is survived by his wife, Hathaway G. "Happy" Anderson, residing in Virginia Beach. They were married on September 17, 1954, in Montgomery, AL. He is also survived by his children, Robert G. "Bob" Anderson (Donna) of Salisbury, Elizabeth P. "Libby" Anderson (Joe Mahon) of Garrison, NY and William K. "Bill" Anderson of Asheville, NC.

He had two grandchildren Robert G. "Rob" Anderson, Jr (Tori) of Salisbury and Christine E. "Christy" Hallman (Steve) of Salisbury. He had seven great-grandchildren: Brooke, Ellie, Will and Seth Anderson as well as Brinley, Charlotte and Sawyer Hallman. He received months of compassionate care and friendship from his family in Salisbury as well as from Visiting Angels and at Atria Assisted Living.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather (known as Granddaddy). He was courageous, tough, ambitious, a Patriot, a leader and a problem solver. He often had a servant heart. He traveled to many parts of the world while in the Navy. He continued to travel, mostly to England, in retirement.

Forrest P. Anderson entered the Naval Academy in 1949 and graduated in 1953. He retired from the Navy in 1981 with the rank of Captain. During his time in the Navy, he served at 12 different duty stations in Florida, Virginia, California, Hawaii and Italy. He flew over 200 combat missions, in Vietnam, as a Fighter Pilot



primarily flying the F4-Phantom. He was Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron VF 213, USS Spiegel Grove LSD 32 and the USS Oriskany CVA 34 Aircraft Carrier. The Spiegel Grove and Oriskany now serve as artificial reefs off the coast of Florida.

During his Navy service he was awarded numerous medals and service ribbons. These include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal (for Valor), the Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

He joined Kidder Peabody in Norfolk, VA in 1983 as an Investment Advisor. Kidder Peabody became Paine Webber and eventually UBS. He retired from being an Investment Advisor in 1999.

He helped his wife open and operate Arcana Fine Linens in Virginia Beach. They also designed a custom vacation home that was built in 1986, near Kilmarnock, VA. The home was the site of many fun gatherings with friends and family. These gatherings included boating, fishing, eating crabs, enjoying the outdoor decks and the boat dock.

In Virginia Beach, he was very active in the Princess Anne Rotary Club and served as a volunteer at the Virginia Marine Science Museum for over 15 years.

He and his family attended Galilee Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach, starting in the late 1960's.

A Memorial Service will be held at Galilee Episcopal Church located at 3928 Pacific Avenue on Friday August 23, 2019, at 11am. Reverend Nigel Mumford will be officiating. Any memorial gifts may be made to the Building Funds at Galilee in Virginia Beach or Providence Presbyterian in Salisbury, MD. Arrangements are being handled by H. D. Oliver Funeral Apts., Virginia Beach and Holloway FH in Salisbury.





**This is how we  
can keep rowdy  
Rotarians quiet  
during critical  
moments.**



# *Birthdays for February, 2020*



*Marcella Whitson*

*Christina Holloway*



## *Hunton YMCA upgrade to feed Students*



Chef Paul with his new stove and deep fryer. Can you see the smile on his face? He is using it today to feed the kids.

Walk-in refrigerator/freezer and ice machine were installed the last week in October.