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Rotary, People of Action: Telling Our Story By DG Patricia Borowski

Every one of us is an agent of change to benefit the people that our Rotary Clubs serve. We act to change lives for the better in a manner that is sustainable. So, as Rotarians, we are great at action! However, in telling our story *as effectively and broadly* as we need to...not so much.

Over the last five years and at every Rotary Club that I've visited, I'm asked the same question, "What clubs are doing XYZ service projects, because we'd like to talk to them." Great question that everyone at the District level should be able to answer by directing the club to a District Club Project Resource Area. But wait, our District doesn't have one, until now.



This year we created the Director of District Club Service Project Support. One of the purposes of this new position is to work with every club to capture the pertinent details of your signature local community projects. Our goal is to build a searchable database to which every club contributes the details of their most significant service project, in a how-to and end-result manner. This allows clubs to see what projects are underway; how clubs navigated the organization and execution of their projects; and, *just as important*, include the measure of your results. "

We have great stories to tell, but we need to think more creatively about how we tell it and having more people share our story. Let me give you two examples.

1. Three years ago, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia recognized our Rotary District 7610 for the collective good works of our Clubs. This amounted to more than \$70,000 in hard dollar

contributions and much more in the number of volunteer-hours our Rotarians gave LCNV.

2. ShelterBox, a Rotary partner, founded by Rotarians and dedicated to providing **emergency shelter and tools** to displaced families around the world recognizes Rotary Club Heroes when they give:

- Bronze (\$1,000);
- Silver (\$3,000);
- and Gold (\$5,000)

in a single Rotary Year.



ShelterBox's Ambassador, Mark Cooke of the Rotary Club Gainesville, shared the list of our District's RY 2020/2021 heroes:

- Area 1: RC of Charlottesville – bronze;
- Area 4: RC of Stafford – bronze;
- Area 5: RC of Gainesville-Haymarket - bronze;
- Area 6: RCs of Lake Ridge and Woodbridge - Bronze;
- Area 8: RCs of Annandale, West Springfield - bronze; Springfield – silver.
- Area 9: RC of Fairfax – bronze;
- Area 10: RCs of Tysons Corner - bronze; Vienna – silver Interact Club Humanity Matters – bronze!

That is more than \$15000 of collective commitment from our District Clubs to provide protection and create hope for their future.

WOW, just WOW! Did **you** know this about us? Being honest Rotarians, most of us will have to say no. These examples did not come from us. Rather, it was two organizations that received the funds that saw the pattern, calculated our collective impact and made a public statement of thank you.

The outside world needs to hear and understand the quiet, humble power of our Rotarians. This kind of data, impact driven news gains the attention of project partners who want to join. It attracts people who want to serve. It attracts members for the now while ensuring that there will be willing and able members to continue our commitment and work when we no longer can. In telling our story more broadly and effectively, we ensure that our communities and world continue to become better. THAT is the core legacy obligation that every Rotarians carries...perpetuation of doing good in the world.

My dream is to one day be able to post on our District website and present to outside organizations, the Impact Report of Collective Commitment for District 7610 Rotary Clubs along the lines of how The Rotary Foundation is now doing.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-report-2020/increase-our-impact>



When you read that Rotary Foundation Impact Report, it compels one to engage with Rotary (more members and hands to do good). As a Rotarian, it moves you to know that the difference you are making in your community is part of a worldwide story about Rotarians' actions like yours across the globe. That deepens our commitment to our Rotary, People of Action!

I invite you to join with us this year in building our District Impact Report and project sharing database so that we can say and show to the world, "**WE ARE ROTARY**, and here is the difference we

make!"



District Governor
Pat Borowski



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District Governor Nominations

Nominations in accordance with article 14.020.4 of the Bylaws of Rotary International for District 7610 DGND to be DG Candidate in RY 2024/2025 are OPEN!

Clubs are to electronically submit nomination packages not later than 6 pm November 19, 2021 to both DG Pat Borowski (paborowski@cox.net) and IPDG Harry Henderson (henderson@anchor-consult.com). Candidates' interviews are scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021 at a location to be announced.

RI, our Zone 33/34 and District 7610 provide professional development and support for the selected DGND through to their DG year. RI provides limited reimbursement for expenses that they approve. Past-experience indicates that Governors will have several thousand dollars in additional expenses that are not covered.

We look forward to discussing with interested clubs and possible candidates the further details about our process and the position of being District Governor through the several listed information sessions. While not mandatory, attending one or more of these sessions is highly desirable.

ACCESS to Resource Documents: District website and proceed to your DACdb account. Go to the top tab for "District" tab. Select the icon for "District Files." Then select the "Secure" tab of files. Go to DG ELECTION CRITERIA 2021 file.

Informational Meetings: October 12, October 15, and November 14, 2021 All sessions are 6:30 pm using the same Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85922201023>

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Healthy Clubs Focus on Sustainable Membership Growth

By PDG Jonathan Lucas



Like many Rotary districts across the U.S., we are facing a membership dilemma. We must address several issues at once, applying triage where needed in order to focus on the most crucial elements organizational health and vitality. Starting with this month's issue, we will be providing insight and solutions to strengthen club membership and retention. This month we will focus on recruitment.

As Membership Chair for District 7610, I have seen the necessary ingredients that lead to baking a strong club growth strategy. A dash of planning, a pinch of targeted, easily-executable actions, and a large amount of creativity. Of course, the best recipes follow appropriate measurements to make the right adjustments that lead to the best results. Below is a series of fundamental steps each club needs to take to "Grow Rotary." Each club, based on local community and business demographics needs to set targets and define strategies that will ensure stated goals are met.



1. Form a Membership Committee



2. Set Goals



3. Address Unconscious Bias in your thinking. Creativity is key to success.



4. Conduct Targeted Outreach



5. Measure Performance



6. Adjust Strategy, Move Forward

Remember, the district membership committee is here to help and provided resources. Below is a link to some great resources provided by Rotary International support your efforts:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>.

Additionally, the district will be hosting a Membership Seminar via Zoom on:
Monday, October 11th at 5:30 PM.

In the meantime, please reach out to me because I would be more than glad to work with your club on the development of goals and strategies to bring in a diverse, committed new members. I can be reached at 1920gov7610@gmail.com or by phone at 443.326.0244.

Let me know what your club needs from your District Membership Committee and AG team to help your club move forward. We are here to help!

McLean Rotary's Membership Event

By Deborah Jackson

The Rotary Club of McLean held a successful membership event on September 9, 2021. It was hosted by the Membership Committee (Chair Deb Jackson, Paul Kohlenberger, Kim Greer, and Lynn Heinrichs) and facilitated by our very own President, Rotarian John McEvilly. We were also very fortunate to have our District 7610 Governor Pat Borowski and PI Chair Dave Borowski in attendance. The presence of our district leadership, who took the time to attend, made the evening extraordinary!

Approximately 20 guests planned to attend the event that was held on the terrace level of the Tysons Corner Whole Foods Market on Boro Place in McLean. The final count was 13 who participated, with another 13 who could not make it but indicated interest in learning more about the Club. The event was structured as a happy hour with an informational component. The Committee plans to host an additional presentation via Zoom at a later date as a follow-up with those who were not able to join us on September 9. We will not leave any potential members behind. Our hope is that this outreach will result in some solid candidates for membership.



***McLean Rotary
Treasurer Richard
Golden with DG Pat
Borowski***

In this age of social media, the benefits of joining any membership organization are being questioned. Folks ask if they are still relevant. The resounding answer is yes! Our Rotarian family members in attendance shared stories with our guests regarding a passion for service, educational growth from diverse speakers weekly, recognition, professional growth, networking, and fun! A

huge *shout out* to the 16 members of McLean Rotary who volunteered to assist as greeters, ticket-takers, speakers, and hosts to our guests: Rotarians Sam Agarwal, Pamela Danner, Gene Durman, Richard Golden, Kim Greer, Lynn Heinrichs, Deborah Jackson, Carol King, Paul Kohlenberger, John McEvelly, Courtney Nuzzo, Frank Peterson, Ray Petniunas, Paul Sawtell, PDG Glenn Yarborough, and Vance Zavela.



McLean Rotary President John McEvelly and Membership Chair Deborah Jackson telling guests about Rotary International and the Rotary Club of McLean



McLean Rotary President John McEvelly with guest Nate Krill

Herndon Welcomes New Members in September!



The Rotary Club of Herndon is pleased to announce the induction of Ryan Pulice and Robert 'Bob' Thomas during its virtual club meetings on September 15 and September 22.

As a Certified Public Accountant and business owner of The Pulice Group, Ryan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in accounting and tax services. He and his wife are expecting their first child in October.

Robert 'Bob' Thomas, also a business owner of Bob Thomas Productions, has had many years of experience in media communications.

We warmly welcome you both!

Help For Afghan Refugees ***By Pauline Rosenstein***



Rotarians from the [Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads, VA](#) filled a truck with donations of clothes and household items made by Rotarians and others to help the Afghan refugees resettled to the U.S. The group took the donated items to the Catholic Charities warehouse in Manassas.

RC of Fairfax, InterService Club Council Awards

By Christie Majors

The Rotary Club of Fairfax is a proud member organization of the Interservice Club Council (ISCC) of Fairfax. ISCC is devoted to the exchange of information, issues and ideas for the mutual benefits and betterment of the larger community. Working together with our community we can accomplish great things!

Several Rotary Club of Fairfax members attended the ISCC meeting of the City of Fairfax annual Volunteer Recognition and Celebration held this month. This ISCC signature event acknowledges member organizations' extraordinary volunteers. Two of our very own Rotarian members received awards at the festivities, held at the Sherwood Center in the City of Fairfax on August 4. Mayor David Meyer delivered heartfelt words to the many member organizations who served our city during the pandemic. We are over the moon excited to announce that Jennifer Rose was awarded Volunteer of the Year and Joe Catalano was awarded Rotary Volunteer of the Year. Way to go Rotarians!



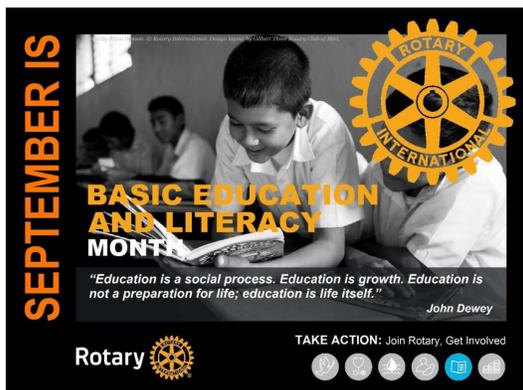
***L to R, Mayor David Meyer,
Joe Catalano, Paula Kelley,
ISSC President Al Leightley***



***Rotarians L to R, Doug Church,
Jennifer Rose, Paula Kelley,
Joe Catalano, Bakh Safarov***

District Advances Education and Literacy

Dave Borowski, District 7610 PI Chair



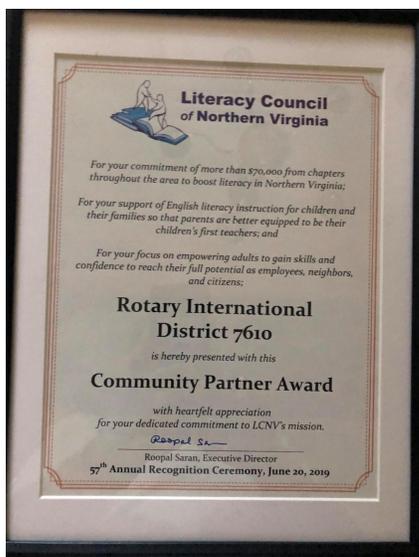
September is Rotary International’s Basic Education and Literacy Month. Basic Education and Literacy is also one of Rotary’s Seven Areas of Focus. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That’s 17 percent of the world’s adult population.

The goal of Rotary is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. RI supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

To that end, Rotary District 7610 has actively supported these efforts for more than 20 years through the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. LCNV’s mission is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English so they can access employment, educational opportunities and more fully and equitably participate in the community.



Since 1998 clubs in our district - including the Rotary Clubs of Alexandria, Annandale, Bailey’s Crossroads, Falls Church, McLean, Crystal City-Pentagon, Rosslyn-Ft. Myers and Vienna - have donated more than \$80,000 to LCNV. According to Michael Mahrer, NVLC’s Senior Director of Advancement, LCNV charges learners \$85 per course. The actual cost to teach a learner is \$800 and they teach about 1,500 each year. Partners like District 7610 make up the difference. I appreciate everything (your clubs) do,” said Michael. “Every donation counts.” In 2019 LCNV awarded District 7610 its “Community Partner Award” as a thank you for all we do. Michael said that they couldn’t pick just one Rotary club, so they decided to honor the entire district.



PDG Glenn Yarborough was district governor at the time and attended the ceremony with other Rotarians. “The Northern Virginia Literacy Council does so much for so many. They enable those that do not know our language to work and to be productive in an English-speaking society,” PDG Glenn said.

In addition to funds, our Rotarian members have donated their time volunteering to teach classes. One volunteer from the Rotary Club of Bailey’s Crossroads, Dennis Shannon, has been an instructor for LCNV for many years and finds the experience rewarding.

”I love working with the NVLC because you see magic happen. I have had students who found out the world is round, that the sun comes up in the East, learned how to follow a recipe and how to decipher the directions on a prescription bottle along with

following doctor’s instructions all because they learned how to read. Their sense of pride they show when they actually can read is priceless,” said Dennis.

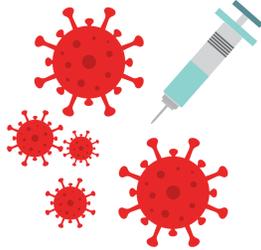
With the American withdrawal from Afghanistan and the resettlement of many Afghan refugees in the Northern Virginia area, LCNV said that they would work with various

governmental and non-governmental organizations if called upon to provide needed services.

For more information on LCNV and to donate or volunteer, go to LCNV.org.

Falls Church Hosts Covid 19 Town Hall

By Deborah ackson



Under the leadership of President Rene Calandria, the Rotary Club of Falls Church held a successful virtual COVID 19 Town Hall meeting on September 16, 2021. It was open to Area 10 clubs and the community. The keynote speakers for the evening were Dr. Chapy Venkatesan, MD, Internal Medicine Specialist, and Michael Forehand, V.P. Government and Community Affairs, both from INOVA Fairfax Hospital. The open mic portion of the evening was facilitated by Rotarian Deborah Jackson, AG – Area 10.



This virtual town hall meeting included awareness topics relative to the latest CDC guidelines on COVID transmission, mitigation, prevention, and some safety precautions that we still have to observe even when we are fully vaccinated. The hot topics discussed during the 90-minute event Included:

- Trends
- Vaccine safety
- Vaccine for kids
- Flu
- Delta variant
- Breakthrough infections
- Boosters
- Indoor masking
- Mis-information/Dis-information
- How Rotarians can partner with INOVA Health System to fight COVID.

Lott's Happening In Arlington

By Bob Carolla

Back to School

Arlington Rotary Club (ARC) got an early start last month in observing September as “Basic Education and Literacy Month.” Members started by assembling back-packs with school supplies for students in Arlington



Housing Corporation, Inc. in time for the start of the school year on Aug. 30th.

Meeting speakers then included on Sept. 16th: Ashely Hammond of the [Educational Theatre Company](#) which offers programs for underserved communities, “ages 3 to 03.” in Northern Virginia; and on Sept. 23rd, former Arlington School Board chair Tannia Talento and Shirley Bloomquist of [EduTutorVa](#), which is working to bridge the learning gap for underserved K-12 students.

Joe Lott's 9/11 Story

The most poignant speaker of the month was former ARC president Joe Lott, who recounted his survival, due to a last minute decision, of the collapse of North Tower of the World Trade Center on 9/11. Joe's story also was featured in TIME Magazine's commemorative edition (“The Lucky One” p. 70). District 7610 members can view the [Zoom recording](#) of Joe's story on [YouTube](#).

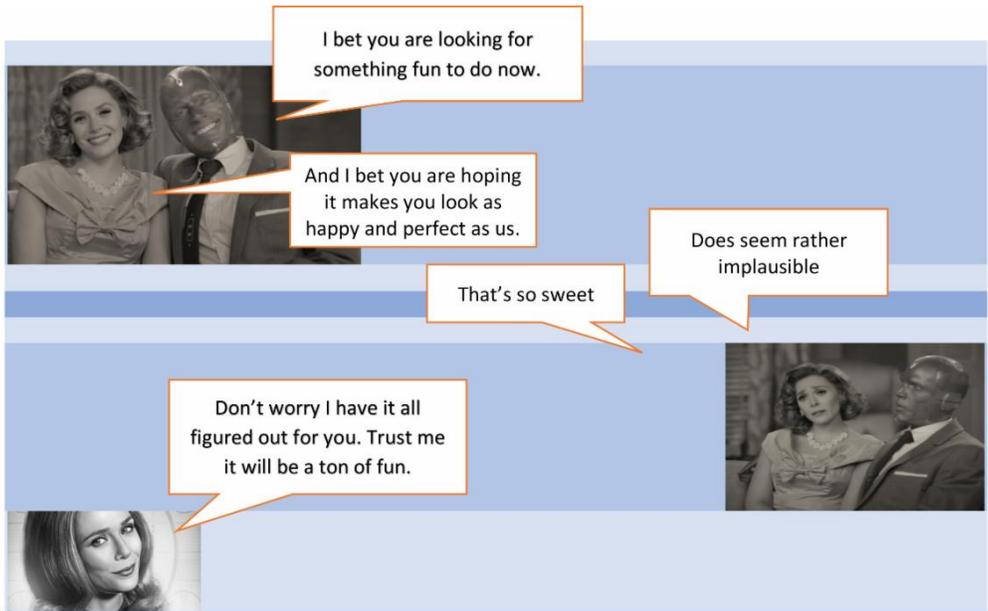


Global Grant Scholar

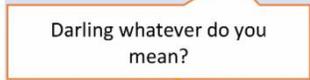
September also marked the departure of Anna Cerf, an ARC-sponsored Rotary Global Grant Scholar, who is leaving this month for a two-year master's program at the University of Stuttgart. Anna graduated from the University of Virginia in 2020 with a degree in civil engineering and intends to pursue a Ph.D. and a career in environmental and public health policy.

Mark the Date! Trivia Night: October 22

ARC's 3rd Annual Trivia Night will be Friday, October 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. [Registration](#) is now open at \$10 per individual player. ARC's special trivia happy hours during the pandemic were popular with many District 7610 players, including the Crystal City-Pentagon Rotary Club champions. Who will be the team to beat at the annual major event?



THE 3RD ANNUAL ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT!!!!



Here's the details. See you there:

- It's virtual so no need to go anywhere.
- Friday, October 22nd from 7-8:30pm
- Register by noon on October 22nd at <https://www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org/page/donate>
- Registration is \$10 per player and each player must register to participate. Players can register solo or as partial teams and be grouped with other players or register as a full team (8-10 players per team).
- Please contact Chelsi (dildinec@gmail.com) with any questions.

News from North Stafford Rotary By Tracy McPeck



Through the Quilts for Coats Rotary Raffle, the North Stafford and Stafford Rotary Clubs met their goal of raising \$1235 to support *Operation Warm*, which provides underserved students in Stafford County with winter coats. Local quilters Pat Burroughs and Donna Edwards made and donated two beautiful lap quilts which were raffled off. We are proud to join Stafford County Fire and Rescue and Stafford County Public Schools in supporting this important cause.

North Stafford Rotary is also pleased to support *e3kids International's* Just Us Girls project. This ongoing project recently delivered over 50 boxes of feminine and personal care products to Stafford County Public Schools social workers to reduce the barrier for teen girls to staying in school.



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We had a great time this summer promoting Via Colori Stafford at Long Family Markets, getting the word out about this fantastic event to support the Rotary clubs of Stafford and North Stafford as well as the *Stafford Museum and Cultural Center*. If you miss the big event September 25-26, mark your calendar for September 2022!



Orange Paints Gordonsville Green

By Barry Barr



Orange Rotary Club kicked off the month of September with Liz Samra and Peter Hujik reporting on the latest Gordonsville's advancing **Town to Trail** initiatives. **Town to trail** is a group of friends, neighbors and local businesses working with the Piedmont Environmental Council to renew local parks and develop trails connecting parks within the community and surrounding Orange County. They are passionate about enhancing lives through accessible green spaces.

Liz is a member of the Gordonsville Town Council and the **Town to Trail** working group. Peter is the Piedmont Environmental Council's Field Representative for the Upper Rappahannock Basin. Liz explained: "We have made great strides since **Town To Trail** formed as a working group of the Piedmont Environmental Council. Our trail studies have been underway to connect the wonderful trails at Montpelier and Grelen with Gordonsville. Our park initiative in Gordonsville, while working with the town, has helped in redefining the footprint of the park from less than an acre to more than four in the heart of town. We are now beginning the design and building phase."



Meet Tyson's Next President

By Dennis Foutz

I am pleased to announce that Brian Mansir has graciously accepted the position of President Elect for the remainder of this Rotary year. He will



become Club President on July 1, 2022 following the end of my term. Brian served as Club President in 2008-09 and has held many other Club positions before and after, including Treasurer and Program Chair. Under his leadership in 2008-09, Tysons Rotary earned the distinction of being an "All Paul Harris Fellow Club," meaning all members at the time were Paul Harris Fellows. I thank Brian for agreeing to serve as President Elect at this time, and move his election by acclamation.

WELCOME TO RLI 2021 FALL SESSIONS

In Person and Virtual Zoom Sessions
By *Sandy Duckworth*

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Mid-Atlantic RLI is geared up and ready to go with our informative programs in the Fall. Because COVID-19 is still a threat because of the new Delta virus, you will have your choice of IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL sessions. These sessions whether in-person or virtual will continue the traditional, fast-paced interaction and emphasize both leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary.

All sessions are open to all Rotarians, but space is more limited in virtual sessions. As in the past, registration will be for the entire session whether day-long or two half day sessions with scheduled breaks. Registration fee is \$35.00 for a virtual session and \$95 for an in-person session. Obviously, it is less expensive to hold virtual sessions. A schedule is available on the website: www.rli33.org. We look forward to having you with us. Let me know if you have questions. PDG Sandy Duckworth, District RLI Chair – pdg7610@gmail.com – Ph 540-361-1680.



Buy Me Some Peanuts and Cracker Jack
By *Brad Ellis*



The Fredericksburg Rotary enjoying some fun and fellowship at a FredNats game at the new Fredericksburg Nationals Stadium.

A Sterling Effort

By Linda Walker

The Rotary Club of Sterling had a successful food drive project on Saturday 9/18 with Food for Neighbors.

It was a great success as we helped collect and sort over 2,000 lbs of food from the Sterling area. Overall, we helped collect over 17,000 lbs of food across Northern Virginia.

Also, many thanks to the volunteers at the satellite club which meets at Tribute of One Loudoun. They inspired the senior citizens to help with the food drive donations and we are so grateful to have their support.

This was a perfect example of community-based organizing! Thanks to their generosity this allowed them to support The Rotary Club of Sterling, Food For Neighbors and eventually eliminate hunger with school-aged children.



Furry Friends For Kids In Middlesex County

By Gary Cook



The Rotary Club of Middlesex County, VA donated 75 stuffed animals to the Department of Social Services to facilitate goodwill and help provide comfort to the children of social services clients in Middlesex County. Pictured above is Rebecca Morgan (center), Director of Middlesex County Dept. of Social Services, with members of the Rotary Club and their spouses and guests at a reception held at the home of Rotarian Jerry Suyes and his wife Clara in Hartfield, VA.

The Gainesville Haymarket Rotary Club 14th Annual PACE West School Supply Drive

By Danial (Kaz) Kasmierski

PACE West is a special education school in Gainesville, Virginia. Although it is part of Prince William County's system and receives supplies like other schools, the 110 students that attend this school have additional needs and challenges to overcome.



PACE West School and PACE Village is a signature project and long-term commitment for GH Rotary Club. GH Rotary club begins every year with a School Supply drive. These supplies will be disbursed to the students in need and we're still collecting.



Club members support the school year-round to fulfill the school's mission: PACE West will provide a safe, nurturing, and therapeutic learning environment which addresses the individual need of the students. Club members, school staff, families, and community partners support the implementation of a behavior management system called Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS).

We kick the year off with the supply drive and throughout the year offer support in the following areas: Donations of gift cards, headsets, sports related items and items on the wish list for the PROWL Pantry where students spend their good behavior points. When in session, man the prowl pantry each Friday to assist students in spending their hard-earned good behavior points, participate in Fall Harvest by providing Thanksgiving Food boxes to families in need (Food supplied by the Wakefield Interact Club), provide Angel Tree themed family boxes for 20-25 families with the help of the Battlefield Interact Club, provide breakfast for all staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, Tutoring, Winter Coats donated as needed and additional special projects when they arise.

To quote many of the volunteers, "It takes a village to make a difference in the future of these students and to support the teachers and families that are in the trenches daily" The Gainesville Haymarket Rotary Club is proud to be a part of the village that is making a difference in our community.



Wakefield School Interact Club Inaugural Year Assembly



Wakefield School is an independent day school located in The Plains, Virginia, with classes ranging from junior kindergarten to 12th grade. It was founded in Huntly, Virginia in 1972 as Wakefield Country Day School, and changed its name to Wakefield School in the early 1980s. Between 1996 and today, Wakefield grew from a school of 240 students to the current enrollment of about 332 as the campus was developed. Wakefield School was first accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VISH) in 2001.



In the first assembly of the school year, on 30 August 2021, The Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club Officers; President – Cynthia Cooke; Youth Services Chair – Sima Button; and Interact Mentor – Dan “Kaz” Kasmierski, recognized and thanked the Wakefield Administration, Interact Faculty Moderator, John Pennisi and the Interact Club leadership:

Boston Chute - President,
Ben Pieja – Vice President,
Callie Rector - Secretary,
Lucky Giyanani - Finance Committee Chair,
Cameron Carnegie - Club Committee Chair,
Kate Neff, Vik Giyanani, David Blackburn,
Members-at-large,

and all the Interact members; Uzrah Abrar, Audrey Blackburn, Jane Brazy, Gray Brosnan, North Cooper, Allister Costello, Joelle Domfeh, Alejandro Ford, Sydney Gerard, Landon Harvey, Tessa Holladay, Hugh Jacobsen, Bates Johnston, Caroline Kaffka, Sanya Kapil, Celina Kim, Tyler Kim, Hyunsoo Lim, Maddie Locke, Dominic Lostracco, David Lowry, Darcy Arcoux, Andie Mason, Aya Mason, Arleigh Maxwell, W. Liz Michael, Jackson Musgrove, Madelyn Musgrove, Katherine Myer, Ava Price, Madina Rahimi, Jess Seaborn, Keira Smith, Shaw Stewart, Toussaint Summers, Anna Tolonen, Ceci Turner for their service above self-projects throughout the school year.



Old School Kitchen, Fauquier VISH, co-sponsored the Wakefield Family Food Drive with National Junior Honor Society in the Middle School that fed 13 families at Thanksgiving



Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoebox (26 shoeboxes full of toys and toiletries)



Interact partnership with Ovoka Farm and Wakefield community member Karen Way for the beef and pork donations to the Rappahannock Food Pantry.



Annual Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

The Wakefield School Interact Club had a truly remarkable inaugural year in whereby they overcame the challenges of the COVID environment to give back and support their local community in many ways. Their combined efforts exemplifies the power of service of self and builds the skills for our young people to be our future leaders.

***Tappahannock Club President Addresses The American Legion
By PDG Glenn Yarborough***



Lieutenant General Carl Strock, U.S. Army (Ret), current President of the Tappahannock Rotary Club, after speaking at the American Legion in Mclean Virginia.



35th Annual Classic Mustang Raffle

By Curtis Anderson, Bailey's Crossroads

Plenty of time left to get your raffle tickets!



First Prize: 1966 Mustang Convertible GT-Tribute, 289V8 Engine, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Power Top (or \$20,000 Cash)

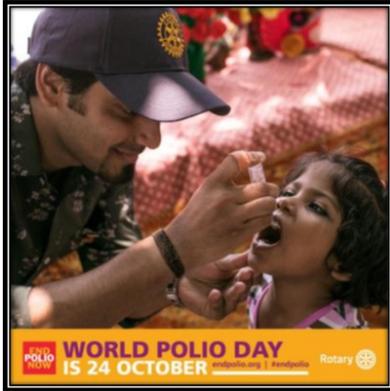
From now until November 11, 2021 club members will spend more than 1000 hours selling raffle tickets at car shows and community events. The benefits of selling Mustang Raffle tickets in person include meeting the people in our community whom we serve – and meeting people who want to help others. Talking with those who want to give back to their community through active, hands-on service, we have met many “future Rotarians” whom we have welcomed to our club. Three decades of growth have proven the program’s success and sustainability that has raised more than \$1.8 million for charity.

If you are interested in learning more about our raffle, click ***HERE***.

more photos of the car that you can download are here
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/187638741@N03/albums/72157718571441485>

News From The Rotary Foundation

Get Ready for World Polio Day



Take action for World Polio Day on 24 October by promoting awareness of Rotary’s polio eradication efforts, raising funds, and planning club events. Let’s engage our communities in the fight against polio, because as long as polio exists anywhere, it re-mains a threat everywhere. Download the **World Polio Day Toolkit** for re-sources and tips for participating in promoting a polio-free world. Be sure to register your club partici-pation for World Polio Day on endpolio.org to show how Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs around the world are striving to eradicate polio. Club presidents who register their events, fundraisers, and promotions by 14 October will receive access one week early to download Rotary’s World Polio Day Global Update program, which is scheduled to broadcast on 24 October on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and at endpolio.org.



END POLIO NOW **WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER** endpolio.org | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio) Rotary

END POLIO NOW **Zone 33-34 Report** **EVERY LAST CHILD**

Thank you to clubs
Delivering on a promise of
A polio free world

Thank you so much for the efforts you have put in to making 2020-21 a successful polio fundraising year despite the obstacles we have faced over these last many months. Our Zone has been able to reach its fundraising goal every year of the current campaign.



Our goal this past year was to contribute from our clubs and Rotarians, and transfer

DDF from our districts, a total of at least \$2M from the 17 districts in Zone 33. We exceeded the \$2M amount. THANK YOU!!!

As you know, your monies are needed now more than ever. Years ago, when we participated in the very first campaign, the cost to vaccinate a child was around 60 cents. Now the cost to vaccinate a child is approximately \$2.60. Last year, we inoculated 450 million children in 50 countries where the virus is still active, either in the wild or from vaccine-derived mutations. Are we close to finishing our job...yes we are. But we are not there yet. We are hopeful we will finish the job by 2026. And, that date includes the three-year certification period of the World Health Organization.

Club presidents have been asked to budget at least \$45 per member for PolioPlus into their club budgets for this year? A community fundraising event to raise these monies and make communities aware of Rotary's #1 humanitarian program would be a great fundraising strategy. Clubs are also asked to have and register an event for World Polio Day.

Again, many thanks for all of your efforts this year. Our Zone met its \$2M goal and all of Rotary will almost certainly meet its \$50M goal, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Rotary's name. This will mean that Rotary's \$150M commitment to its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's approximately \$1B will be met.

Rocky and Chuck

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New Members

These are the new members who were added in August 2021

Aaron Campbell	Alexandria South
Laura Coates	Bull Run
John Mason	Crystal City-Pentagon (Arlington)
Darla Sligh	Dunn Loring-Merrifield
Marilyn Stickle	Dunn Loring-Merrifield
Ken Ayers	Fairfax
Elizabeth Bouchard	Great Falls
Mark Hite	Herndon
Kori, Sachin	Herndon
Landra Vallejos	Lake Ridge
April Burch	Rappahannock-Fredericksburg
Jonathan Milton	Rappahannock-Fredericksburg
Steve Wagenseil	Rotary e-Club of Global Peacebuilders
Douglas Jensen	The Rotary Satellite Club of West Springfield-NXT