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District News

YOU'VE BEEN SERVED: 60 DAYS OF SERVICE, ACTS OF KINDNESS & FUN!

Submitted by PDG Clenise Platt

The "You've Been Served" program began during PDG Clenise Platt's term in 2020 and has expanded throughout Zones 33/34. Please read the details [HERE](#) on how you and your club can become involved.



SEEKING EMPOWERING GIRLS PROJECTS FOR ZONES 33-34 PRESENTATION

Submitted by PDG Clenise Platt

Read and learn about this program [HERE](#).

End Polio Now Baseball Games:

Submitted by Stan Wall, District 7600 Polio Baseball Game Chair

Spring has arrived and so has baseball season. Our 2022 End Polio Now Baseball Games will be the 10th anniversary of games in our district. In the last 10 years as a district, we have raised \$64,963 at the ballgames through ticket purchase donations from the Tides and the Squirrels and the Gates Foundation Match. Plus, we have raised an additional \$3,693 from the t-shirt sold with the Gates Foundation Match for a total of \$68,656 coming from our district to make a difference for the kids of the world to End Polio Now. Let's keep this momentum going and set a new record this year for the Squirrels and Tides games for ticket sales and shirts. "We are This Close" and we are making a difference to the kids of the world while having a fun filled Rotary day at the Ballparks.

This year the Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game will be on Sunday May 1 @ 1:35pm, tickets are \$12 and the Norfolk Tides Baseball Game will be on Sunday May 15 @ 1:05pm, tickets are \$15.

Bring out your club members, families, guests, coworkers and potential members for a fun-filled afternoon of Rotary Fellowship and Baseball as we raise money for our End Polio Now Campaign "Drop to Zero".

Below are links to the Flyers to help promote the games in your club, which includes information to order the tickets for the games.

[Richmond Flying Squirrels Flyer](#)
[Norfolk Tides Flyer](#)

The Squirrels and Tides will give a minimum of \$2 for each ticket we sell for the game, so

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let's pack the ballparks!!! Each club will get the polio credit to the Rotary Foundation EPN fund for their club based on number of tickets purchased.

To continue the vision of a filled baseball park with everyone wearing red, please consider wearing an "END POLIO NOW" t-shirt which are available for sale. For each t-shirt purchased, \$1 will be donated to the End Polio Now Fund. Sizes S-2XL are \$11 (cash or check please). Please contact Stan or Debbie Wall at 804-835-1945 to order your t-shirts. One suggestion would be to make a group order and we will get them to you. We will also be at the district team training and district training assembly in April with shirts for sale.

Any other questions about the games, please contact Baseball Co-Chair Pat Edwards at 603-361-4316 or myself at 804-835-1962.

Let's pack the parks wearing our "END POLIO NOW" T-shirts and set new records for money raised at our district 10th anniversary of End Polio Now Baseball Games with the Squirrels and the Tides.

Thank you for your continued support as we "Drop to Zero"

International Service:

Submitted by Colleen Bonadonna

Have you heard about Twin /Sister clubs? Would your club like to find a Twin/Sister club?

Twin clubs, or sister clubs, are two clubs from different countries that form a long-term relationship to promote international understanding and goodwill and carry out service projects in their communities.

When looking for a partner, consider clubs that: share similar interests, challenges, or history. You've worked with in the past, are located in a place that matches your club's service interests, and preferably speak a common language. As the International service chair, I can assist you in locating a club that fits your club. Contact me at Colleen@Bonadonna.net.

Polio Plus:

submitted by Colleen Bonadonna

Recap from Chuck Davidson End Polio Now Zone Coordinator

It's a time of war and unrest in the world. One of those wars—the war against polio—is understandably not a headline maker compared to some others but exists just the same. Here are some recent disturbing events in that war:

- A case of the wild poliovirus was confirmed early this calendar year in the African country of Malawi. The case, which actually occurred in calendar year 2021 and is charged to that year, is genetically linked to the wild polio virus circulating in Pakistan and was imported from that country. As an imported case, this detection in Malawi does not affect the African region's wild polio-free certification status.
- Eight polio workers in Afghanistan were killed in late February and one in Pakistan. These senseless killings have been condemned by the Afghan Ministry of Public Health, which has promised to bring these killers to justice, reiterated its commitment to ending polio, and will provide security assurances to frontline polio workers throughout the country.
- This past week for the first time since 1989, an unvaccinated Israeli child tested positive for polio from what has been determined to be a "circulating vaccine-derived" virus that had mutated after passing through several vaccinated children. This was not a case of the wild poliovirus, but its occurrence in a country not usually affected even with vaccine-derived cases is disturbing.
- The war in Ukraine has exacerbated a circulating vaccine-derived outbreak of polio in that country, a predictable result of large-scale population movements combined with insecurity and hampered access. A polio immunization campaign targeting un-immunized Ukrainian children that began in early February is currently paused as health authorities have of necessity shifted focus toward emergency services.

So, what do these disturbing events mean for us? Simply stated, they reinforce our need to continue the fight. We fight by raising money to fund polio surveillance, detection, and vaccination activities wherever this ugly menace emerges. Our funds also go toward compensating families who've lost loved ones who were frontline workers in these efforts. We fight to win the war.

Humanitarian Relief for Ukraine Situation - Meet the Challenge from the Richmond Rotary!

The Rotary Foundation announced that, until the end of April, all contributions to the Disaster Response Fund will be dedicated to the Rotary Districts directly impacted by the situation in Ukraine.





Already, Rotary District 7600 has allocated \$10,000 of its Rotary Foundation District Dedicated Funds (DDF) to the Disaster Response Fund.

The Rotary Club of Richmond has created a "Giving Challenge" to support Ukraine

The Rotary Club of Richmond is challenging all Rotarians and clubs in District 7600 to contribute to the Disaster Response Fund by April 15. The club will match all your contributions dollar-for-dollar up to a total of \$60,000. Individuals (Rotarians and non-Rotarians, alike) and clubs can contribute to the Disaster Response Fund by going to the home page of my.rotary.org and clicking on the 'donate' icon in the top right corner of the home page. Choose 'Disaster Response Fund' when completing the contribution form. Rotarians, don't forget to first log into the website.

1. You can donate online at www.rotary.org by designating Disaster Relief Fund
2. You can also donate to shelterboxusa.org and email a copy of your receipt to Chuck Duvall, cduvall@lindlcorp.com

Let's raise \$120,000 for Ukraine Disaster Response!

Rotarians Prepare for the next Rotary Year...



Our next District Governor, Kenny Janes (left) and our collection of incoming Presidents (right) have completed their training in preparation for the next Rotary year beginning July 1.

Chesapeake PETS was held the first weekend in March!

Next up is the District Team Training Seminar (DTTS) to be held on April 16, at The Place (4036-C Cox Road) Glen Allen.

And then on April 30th is the Rotary 7600 District Training Assembly at Colonial Heritage (6500 Arthur Hills Dr. Williamsburg).

Club News

Churchland and Great Bridge Clubs:

Submitted by Charles Owens

Photo courtesy of David Stephenson

On St. Patrick's Day, The Rotary Clubs of Great Bridge and Churchland hosted the Third Annual Rotary Memorial Golf Classic at Top Golf in Virginia Beach, VA. This event was the culmination of over two months of hard work and collaboration between the two clubs and resulted in a very successful fund-raising event.

This event was, no doubt, a great time for



all the participants. But, in the true spirit of Rotary, this event served as a conduit to raise funds for local charities that the two clubs have been supporting throughout the year. Local charities such as Mercy Chefs, HER Shelter, Soap Chips, Edmarc, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the YMCA will benefit from the proceeds generated from the Top Golf event.

Each Club reached out to local businesses to encourage participation in the event as either a Presenting Sponsor, a Food Sponsor, or a Beverage Sponsor. This outreach served the dual purpose of offsetting some cost of the event and continuing to underscore the *reason* for organizations such as Rotary exist within our communities.

Participants were able to participate in a 50/50 raffle and take home one of 28 door prizes that were donated from Club members and local businesses. The spirit of cooperation was on full display as were the smiles and goodwill of the nearly 100 golf participants.

The Rotary Clubs of Great Bridge and Churchland have long supported the community through a range of service projects that make our local communities better places. Rotary members contribute their time and energy to carry out meaningful and sustainable projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, help families, support education and grow local economies.

Western Henrico Club *Submitted by James Heck*

Katy Lampman, Jim Heck, Kevin Clark, and Bob Glasser from the Western Henrico Rotary Club, and a masked friend, supported both Feed More and the Peter Paul Development Center by delivering food gathered by Feed More to needy families at the Peter Paul Development Center in Richmond, as part of the Club's ongoing service projects



Portsmouth Rotary Club honors five city First Responders *Submitted by Steve Milner—Portsmouth Rotary Club*

The Rotary Club of Portsmouth recently

honored five First Responders in its annual project that has spanned 20 years. They were honored for their 2021 service, awards that were delayed due to Covid.

Chosen by their respective city departments were Police Officer Melissa Moore, Sheriff's Office Deputy Brandon Collins, medic Thomas Sasso and Firefighter Thomas Sessoms. Each honoree received an attractive Rotary plaque recognizing his/her achievement, and several gifts from the club and its



Portsmouth.

members. This event was held at Roger Brown's restaurant in downtown

The Portsmouth Rotary Club honored First Responders, left-to-right, Paramedic Thomas Sasso, Police Officer Melissa Moore and Sheriff's Office Deputy Brandon Collins. Not shown is Firefighter Thomas Sessoms. Photo by Tony Goodwin.

Warwick at City Center Newport News:
Submitted by Amber Lempke

The Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center Foundation recently awarded past-President, and currently acting President, Sharon Martin, the Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Award during its 77th Charter Night Celebration. The celebration was held virtually again this year with several members in attendance. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation. Sharon Martin was honored for her tremendous leadership during the COVID 19 pandemic, keeping the Warwick club moving forward to meet its goals and fundraising to support local and international community service organizations.
(Pictured: Sharon Martin)



The club was also visited on March 2 by the District Paul Harris Society Co-Chair, Kevin Yeargin, from the Rotary Club of the Virginia Peninsula who presented awards earned in 2020-2021 for meeting goals for contributions to Polio Plus, achieving 100% of the club's participation in average giving of \$100, and 100% of membership participation in giving \$100 per capita to the Rotary Foundation.
(Pictured L to R: Kevin Yeargin, Sharon Martin, Carol Chamberlain)

On Sunday, March 20th the **Warwick at City Center Rotary Club** partnered with the



Yorktown Rotary Club and the **Peninsula Rotary Club** to support a Rise Against Hunger event where volunteers packaged over 23,000 meals for distribution across the globe. The Warwick Club had 20 members and 9 guests work alongside other Rotarians to complete this effort in less than 4 hours. Rise Against Hunger is a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. Volunteers packaged bags of rice, vegetables, soy and vitamins, which will be shipped and distributed to partners in countries around the world.

(Multiple Rotarians compiling meals in bags to be distributed around the world)

(Pictured entire group of volunteers, Rotarians and guests, at the end of the

event)

Submitted by Neva Lynde:

The Historic Triangle and Satellite Club of James City County joined forces to feed the underserved community, at the Williamsburg Salvation Army's mobile food pantry, on St. Patrick's Day. Rain didn't dampen their spirits for partnering with Salvation Army to continue doing good in the community.



Midlothian Club Social Event

We had a wonderful time getting together as a club for our annual Fireside Chat! The club enjoyed a delicious dinner, an overview of Rotary International as well as our club's history, a few laughs, and most importantly each other's company.



Newport News Club:



The Rotary Club of Newport News was fortunate to have lunch with Mr. Patrick Cavanagh, Owner and CEO of the Norfolk Admirals.

Mr. Cavanagh started his hockey career with the Admirals at the age of 18 and although he went on to play for the NY Rangers, St Louis and Tampa Bay organizations, his heart was here in Hampton Roads. We enjoyed the talk and appreciated all that Patrick has done for the Admirals and the passion he has for our community!

Exmore Club:

The Exmore Rotary Club will raffle off these two shotguns for its spring fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 apiece. Drawing will be held on Friday, May 20 at 3 p.m. at Exmore Town Park.
First Drawing: Strum Ruger 12 gauge over/under special edition Ducks Unlimited with custom case. (See first two photos).
Second Drawing: Stevens Model 320 12-gauge bead sight black synthetic 28" barrel, and 15" defense barrel.



New Kent Club:

Club members Colleen Bonadonna & Lori De Sanctis attended the Rotary Presidential Conference on Economy & Environment in Venice, Italy. Peter Kyle also representing!



While she was there, Colleen toured and took photos. One of them was selected as a "Photo of the Week".

Congratulations to Colleen from the New Kent Club!

She writes. "After seeing a movie that showed Burano, I wanted to see it for myself. The colors are so brilliant!"

Innsbrook Club:

One of the best moments for our club is when we distribute checks to deserving charities! The funds collected from the Spooky Spokes Bike event were given to the charity partners Henrico Police Athletic League, Richmond PAL (Police Athletic League), Henrico Firefighter Foundation, @Richmond Firefighter Foundation, Sports Backers and Feed More.

The club thanks all those who participated in the event, volunteered at the event, and helped organize the event and sponsors Keiter, LeafSpring Schools, Mattox & Co, Valderas Financial Solutions, LLC, Elia & Associates, Northwest Pipe, Chesapeake Bank and Baronian Law



Lawrenceville Club:



The Lawrenceville Rotary Club would like to send a special "thank you" to everyone who supported their Chili Fundraiser held on March 3rd. They sold 180 tickets and hope everyone enjoyed a delicious meal while contributing to the club's scholarship fund.

A very special "thank you" to the hands that prepared the delicious chili meals, Rotarian Wendy and Mike, and second "thank you" those Rotarians who helped package the meals and fund raise by selling tickets. Another very special "thank you" goes out to Edmonds Printing for the tickets!

Mechanicsville Club:

The Rotary Club of



Mechanicsville, Virginia is hosting its annual Casino Night on May 21st. They are looking for sponsors to help support the event which supports Hanover Safe Place, a local domestic violence shelter.

If your business wants to help organizations locally, and you want TWO fun-filled nights (one at the Casino Event and one at the Richmond Squirrels on June 9th) please reach any club member. They are also looking for Silent and Live Auction items to be sold during the event.

Chesapeake Club:

The club had a busy "Club Day" recently. Sean Murphy received his first Paul Harris pin; new members Judy Hicks and Dawn Provost were inducted; and the club's football pool winners were recognized.

The football pool is highly spirited with half of the proceeds going to Rotary International's program to eradicate polio across the world.



Farmville Club: Fundraiser – Taste of Farmville



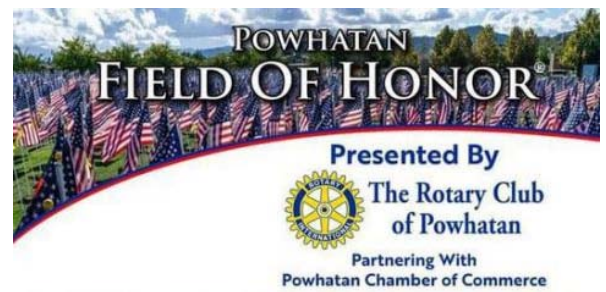
The Club will host the Taste of Farmville on April 28th at the Fireman's Sports Arena (1328 Zion Hill Road) just beyond Prince Edward County High School. Due to Covid, there will be two sessions, one from 5 - 6 pm and the other from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. All proceeds from this event will benefit local non-profit organizations such as FACES, Meals on Wheels etc. Tickets are \$15 in advance.

Anyone interested in sponsoring can contact Bruce Davis at bruce.davis@pecps.k12.va.us or Rhonda Arnold at (434) 392-7633.

Powhatan Club's Field of Honor:

Purchase your flag to be flown at the Powhatan Field of Honor from June 10th through June 14th (Flag Day). The opening ceremony will take place on June 10th at 6pm at the Village Meadow, 3920 Harland Ln. Powhatan. Individuals can purchase a flag to honor anyone who has made a difference in their lives.

Franklin Club:



Submitted by Bill Billings

Meghan Council, President of the Rotary Club of Franklin was awarded a Paul Harris

Purchase your flag to be flown at the Powhatan Field of Honor

Fellow Award in a most unusual way.



Bill Billings, District Foundation Endowment Fund Chair had been asked by a club member to present the award to Meghan anonymously. At Friday's club meeting, Billings presented the award to her with a simple statement:

"President Meghan, I have been asked to make this presentation. An anonymous Rotarian wanted to thank you for being an amazing Rotary Club President!"

President Council was totally surprised and emotionally accepted the award!

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Updated Brand Guidelines and Custom templates

RI has made it easy to learn about Rotary's brand and to customize materials that will help your club promote Rotary in your community.

At the Brand Center you can find information about the importance of strengthening our global brand and guidance on using Rotary logos, colors, and fonts. Templates are available for clubs to use to create official club logos, custom ads, social media graphics and brochures. There are other materials such as images, videos, virtual backgrounds and presentations to help you effectively tell the Rotary story as People of Action.

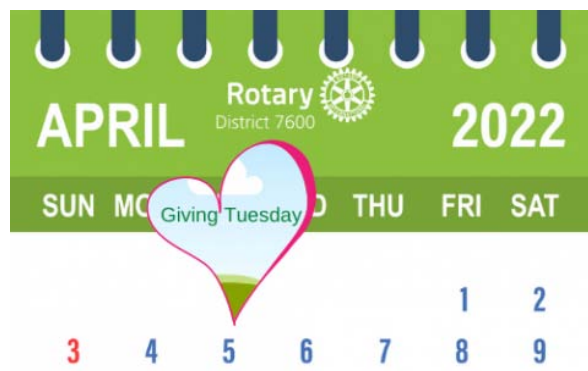
To get to the Brand Center go to www.rotary.org > log into my rotary > manage > Brand Center



Foundation News

Giving Tuesday:

Don't forget to give online on Tuesday, April 5th and get your dollars matched with Paul Harris Fellow Points. Read Stephen's message [HERE](#).



Million Dollar Dinner featuring keynote speaker Jennifer Jones, Rotary International President-Elect

Jennifer Jones, Rotary International President-Elect and her husband, Nick Krayacich were the special guests at the Million Dollar Dinner on March 31st at the Two Rivers Country Club in Williamsburg, Virginia. Almost 100 District 7600 Rotary Foundation Donors and their guests were graced with over two hours of meeting and sharing their stories with Jennifer guided by Past District Governor Chuck Arnason. He and his wife Rebecca were Jennifer's aides on their visit.



District 7600 Rotarians had the opportunity of chatting with and having their pictures taken with Jennifer. She was captivated with many of their Rotary stories and touched by their Rotary histories. Impromptu, she invited Raghavan Sadagopan (*pictured with her*) to the stage to tell his story of growing up in a Rotary family in India, where his father founded a Rotary Club so that it could become the India partner to a Canadian Rotary Global Grant to provide potable water to the community. Jennifer then shared some of her stories of observing in a children's heart operating room or meeting with health workers in the Philippines dispensing the polio vaccine.

The dinner was the culmination of Stephen Beer's tenure as the Chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC). He and his team had been working on the project to significantly raise giving to the Endowment Fund of the Rotary Foundation since he began his term as DRFC Chair in 2019. Planning had begun far in advance of the coming of the pandemic, and before it was known that Jennifer would become the first female president of Rotary International. Her term begins on July 1, 2022.

Past District Governor, Susan Zachensky-Walthall, was the planner for the event with the hearty support of her husband, John "Zach" Zachensky. Susan and Zach were hands-on for every aspect of the dinner from creating the video graphics to constructing the centerpieces for the tables. Many others provided support by tracking the reservations, serving as Sergeants at Arms, and taking professional photographs.

This three-year effort was successful. The donors each pledged to donate \$10,000 over a three-year period. This \$10,000 was to be above and beyond the donors current giving levels. The donors of the Million Dollar Dinner either gave outright or pledged over \$3.6 million dollars. Many of the donors were already Major Donors to the Annual Fund or Bequest Society Members of the Endowment Fund.

The evening was memorable on so many counts ... the major downpour heralding the evening, the delicious dinner of surf & turf, greeting friends after two years of limited in-person activities, and, of course, the inspiring stories. Everyone left the evening knowing that their generosity is changing and enriching lives.

A Look Ahead at the District Rotary Foundation Committee

By John Padgett, Incoming Chair

The District Rotary Foundation Committee is preparing for an impactful year. We have concluded our second Grants Management Seminar (GMS). The GMS was well attended, the interaction was informative, and we anticipate receiving many applications for District Grants. All Clubs should be aware that to qualify for a grant, it must upload its Foundation goals by May 1, 2022 and submit a complete application to the District Grants Committee on or before May 15, 2022. The District Grants Committee will also schedule workshops in the coming weeks to provide additional assistance in getting the applications submitted to the District



Grants Committee on or before the deadline.

The Foundation Committee will also be providing additional help at the District Training Assembly (DTA) to be held on April 30, 2022. The DTA will take place at the Colonial Heritage Country Club in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Foundation team will be providing additional workshops on how to prepare and submit a successful grant. We will also share input on what a successful grant should include, how to successfully execute the grant and various methods of measuring the impact. The DTA is a great opportunity to learn about how to successfully execute the responsibilities of your Club Foundation Committee. You will hear about successful giving campaigns, learn about creative events and about interesting District and global grants.

Abraham Lincoln was quoted as saying "give me 6 hours to cut down a tree and I will spend the first 4 hours sharpening the saw". The same advice applies to a successful Foundation campaign. It is important to prepare, to train and to set clear objectives before you begin your year as a Rotary leader. The DTA and the upcoming workshops will be opportunities to help you sharpen your saw and develop a creative plan for the upcoming Rotary year. I look forward to seeing you there.



An Attempted Act of Kindness Fails *by DRFC Stephen Beer*

A few years ago, on a cold spring morning I was travelling on the U-bahn (subway) in Berlin, Germany. The subway car was typical. In my area of the car the seats faced each other across the aisle. I was not too far from the exit door. I was sitting next to a woman who soon stood up to climb off at the next stop. As she exited the train, I noticed a glove on her seat. I picked up the glove and threw it out the door as the door was closing. As I tossed the glove, I shouted *Hier ist dein Handschuh!* (Here is your glove)! Another woman was seated on the other side of the empty seat next to me. Disgruntled, she shouted, *Das war mein Handschuh!* (That was my glove)! It is humorous to look back now, but it was embarrassing at the time.

Reflecting on the moment, I had no way of knowing the woman who left the train was sitting on her neighbor's glove. I was just a visitor to Berlin. I tried to do the right thing. We feel better when we do a good deed. This time it didn't turn out that way.

On further reflection, I tried to relate this to when we do our service projects. We do better when we plan ahead. We do better when we are well-connected to our community and collaborate with community leaders to meet an important community need. Obviously, I could not plan ahead while on that subway. Our service projects normally achieve much more than a small act of kindness.

Chesapeake Rotary's most recent global grant - Rotarians a world apart joining together to save lives

How does a Virginia Rotary club (The Rotary Club of Chesapeake, in this case) help save the lives of children with urgent cardiac illness a world away in India with all the uncertainty of changing travel restrictions?

Chesapeake has a long history of "feet on the ground" grants - having completed two global grant projects in El Salvador - but the pandemic made continuing hands-on active involvement difficult to overcome. The club's International Service Committee comprised of Tom Dana, David Hanson, Marcello Isaak, and Anthony Draper helped the club build funds as they planned for the next opportunity for a global grant.

While the Chesapeake club was planning for the future, Shekhar Mehta, the Rotary International President, contacted Nancy Barbee, of Rotary International Zone 33, about an excellent opportunity to support a grant application by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar. The Calcutta Mahanagar club was seeking a partner to help fund its continuing work in providing pediatric heart surgeries to needy children. This club supports approximately 200,000 such



surgeries every year. Of the 200,000 about a fifth of the children require a heart surgery within the first year of life. Children receiving heart surgeries at the right time can look forward to a normal and healthy life.

Nancy contacted Stephen Beer, our District 7600 Rotary Foundation Chair, for assistance in locating a club in District 7600 to assist in this excellent project. Stephen, knowing of the Chesapeake's experience in global grant projects and its strong International Service Committee, reached out to the club for help. Chesapeake jumped on board to support this solid life-saving project.

It took strenuous effort to put together the grant application and terms to meet the exacting Rotary Foundation requirements, but these two experienced clubs succeeded. The grant was approved by the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Clubs of Chesapeake and the Calcutta Mahanagar became partners in saving the lives of these special children though the clubs are thousands of miles apart.

Tom regrets he and other club members are not traveling to India on this project. He so enjoys meeting others, especially the children that many global grants help. He cherishes a continuing relationship he has developed over the years with a man named Jonathan. Tom and Jonathan met when Jonathan was 14 or 15 years old when Tom was in El Salvador working on a project with Orphan Helpers. Jonathan is now grown, successfully employed, and a family man. Doing good in the world changes and enriches lives, both for the Rotary volunteers and for the project beneficiaries.