



# Rotary District 7600



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## District News



Hello Rotary Family,

I hope you are doing well, staying healthy, safe, and cool during the hot days of summer. Can I share that I am having a blast visiting clubs!!?? What a privilege and honor to travel this beautiful district of ours, meeting so many amazing Rotarians, learning about the impact each of you have made and are continuing to make. As I have been meeting with the clubs' leadership and members, it's been thrilling hearing the passion and enthusiasm as we have discussed club goals, service projects, fundraising efforts, membership growth plans, etc. I have no doubt *Imagine Rotary* will be a great year for District 7600!

If you were like me, I was shocked to learn of the polio case in New York. A huge thank-you goes out to our Polio Plus Chair Colleen Bonadonna for jumping into action as she tried to provide us with the most up-to-date information possible. She promises to keep us informed, however also reminds us all of how important it is to eradicate polio once and for all, that we can't drop our guard, and how important our fundraising efforts are in this fight. A number of clubs reached out to her requesting she do a presentation during a club meeting, please let her know if you are interested in visiting your club.

In order for you to get to know your district leadership team more, I will be including bios or interesting facts from them. As a district, we are so blessed to have strong leaders who are devoted to the Rotary mission. This month you have the pleasure of meeting two amazing Rotarians, Lieutenant Governor Tonda Arthur and Lieutenant Governor Colleen Bonadonna.

Tonda Arthur works closely with Kenny and the Assistant Governors. Tonda is a Richmond native and received her BFA from VCU. She works at First Bank as a Commercial Banking Officer where she gets to utilize her 29 years of sales, lending and leadership experiences to help small businesses, non-profits and individuals find viable solutions to their financial needs.

In addition to being a Charter member of River City Rotary, she serves as the Government Liaison for the Westhampton Merchants Association and Customer Experience Advisory Committee Member for the University of Richmond School of Professional & Continuing Studies.

Her passion for helping others stems from watching her parents run a business that has been in the family for 99 years and their commitment to serving the community. In her spare time Tonda enjoys photography, puzzles, volunteering, travel and spending time with friends, family, and her fur baby Addi. Ultimately, being able to help others is what she thrives on, and it brings continuous joy to her life, which she tries to pass on to others.

Colleen Bonadonna is well known in the district for her work promoting the Polio Plus program and taking part in more than a dozen Polio National immunization trips to India and African nations. You may not be aware that she has a love for service projects, getting her hands dirty is what she excels in. Whether it's building toilet blocks in a developing nation, making jewelry that her club sells, volunteering at a local thrift store, giving polio vaccinations or making jams and cakes that she donates to non-profits for their fundraising efforts, she is all hands on. It's no wonder that she was awarded Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award.

As a child Colleen learned the gift of giving as a recipient from Rotarians in her community in Northern New York. She joined the Rotary Club of West Point (D7610) in 2006 and is now a proud member of the RC of New Kent. When not volunteering, she can be found traveling to Italy, or cheering on her husband Dan at mountain bike races. She has one son, Chad (Tori) and two stepchildren, Melissa (Rob) and Shane, that she fondly refers to as the added bonuses.

As many past district governors have shared, you can't do this job without the support of the leadership team, district members, the college of governors and more importantly your home club. I want to end by sending my home club, *THE* Rotary Club of Richmond a huge THANK YOU for your support, love and encouragement. You guys are amazing, I promise to not embarrass you...much... I love you all!!!!

Forever grateful serving you,  
Kenny

PS: For those who have asked, the bird was dead ok, I couldn't do anything to save it!!



### August Rotary Theme - Membership & Extension: The *ERR* Factor

Submitted by PDG Jim Bynum



Perhaps some would say my thriftiness is over the top while others would call it just plain cheap to drive the same car for twenty-four years. My Past District Governor friends agree with the latter assessment and suggest that my penchant for retaining ancient "stuff" could be used as a Rotary antidote for membership retention. By the way, my Honda isn't ancient.

Numerous membership discussions focus only on recruitment. The retention piece is often overlooked. To fill that void, let's take a fun look at retention and factors to consider in creating a plan to address retention rate.

In the true Rotary style, we will call these *ERR* (*Explanation, Reclamation, Recommendation*) Factors:

#### Explanation Factor

Unexplained rules could be misinterpreted and lead to unexpected results. For example, The Rule of 85 basically states that with Board approval, a Rotarian at least 65 years of age and with an aggregate of their years of service with their age being equal to or greater than 85, they will be excused from attendance. When asked why he resigned his membership, a Rotarian responded, "I was forced out by The Rule of 85. They told me I no longer had to attend meetings. I guess they didn't want me around and found a way to get rid of me."

#### Reclamation Factor

Because of job constraints, a former member resigned a couple of years ago. The Club Secretary saw him in a mall last week and asked if he were ready to return. His response was "yes." During that short conversation, she reclaimed a member. Periodically reviewing lists of former members for the purpose of reclamation could yield positive results.

#### Recommendation Factor

Like most Rotarians, I'll happily confess that my club is the finest in Rotary. Some who don't share that assessment, resign. We must ensure that members who leave clubs don't leave

Rotary. One size does not fit all. There is a Rotary club match for every person committed to service. Clubs should recommend other clubs.

Rotary thrives on committed members. Our ability to help communities increases as membership grows. As we grow, we must nurture our members; provide ongoing education; establish simplistic ways to reclaim members; be innovative and fair; recommend a best match club to a member even if it's not our club, focusing as much on growing Rotary as we focus on growing the club. *ERR* on the side of retention!

### **Kingsmill Golf Tournament:**

Rotarians, here's the big golf tournament you've been waiting for!!! September 20th at the awesome Kingsmill River Course once again. Guaranteed to be great fellowship and fundraiser for local charities, sponsored by the RC of James City County. Registration is open, and sponsorships, too. Don't delay; our last several events have sold out early!

Go [HERE](#) for flyer with registration and sponsorship information.

Thanks for your tremendous support in the past. We're looking forward to seeing you all in September.

*Gary Chenault, Jack Clark, Neva Lynde, Victor Holman, Nancy Geddes, Chris Kostyrka  
Rotary Club of James City County, Rotary Satellite Club of James City County*

**Rotary Awards and Installation Dinner:** The Video is [HERE](#).

During the recently held Rotary Awards and Installation Dinner, the following clubs were recognized for achieving awards in the following categories:

In Administration – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Historic Triangle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Warwick at City Center Newport News; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Goochland; Honorable Mention: South Hill and Hampton Roads.

For Club Bulletin – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Historic Triangle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hampton Roads; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Innsbrook; Honorable Mention: South Hill, Short Pump, Churchland and Warwick at City Center Newport News.

For Club Website – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Historic Triangle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hampton Roads and Churchland; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Goochland; Honorable Mention: Fluvanna, South Hill, Williamsburg, Warwick at City Center Newport News and Newport News.

For Foundation – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fluvanna, South Hill and James River; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Virginia Peninsula; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Goochland and Oyster Point; Honorable Mention: Hampton Roads, Warwick at City Center Newport News and Churchland.

For International: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Hampton Roads.

For Public Image: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fluvanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hampton Roads; Honorable mention: South Hill, Warwick at City Center Newport News, Churchland and Newport News.

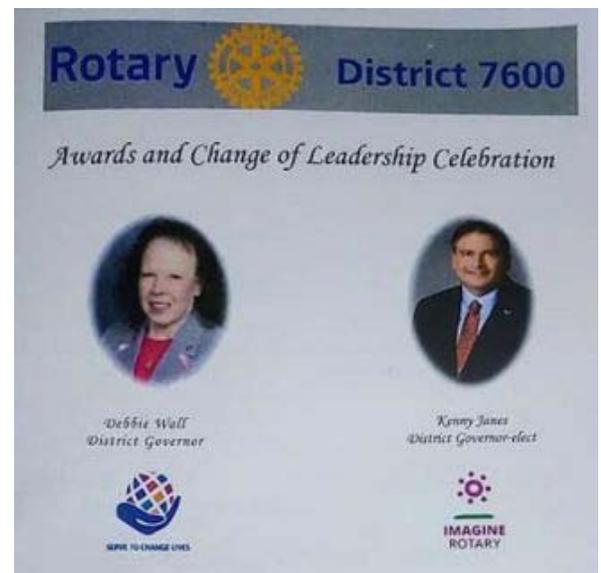
For Education: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fluvanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Hampton Roads; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Goochland; Honorable Mention South Hill and Warwick at City Center Newport News.

For Youth Leadership: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: South Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Hampton Roads; Honorable Mention: Fluvanna and Warwick at City Center Newport News.

For Vocational: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fluvanna and South Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Warwick at City Center Newport News; Honorable Mention: Hampton Roads.

For Youth Service: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fluvanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hampton Roads; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Richmond; Honorable Mention: South Hill and Warwick at City Center Newport News.

Will It Be Fun?: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: South Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Hampton Roads and Warwick at City Center Newport News; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Richmond; Honorable Mention: The Historic Triangle and Newport



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DEI: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hampton Roads

**Outstanding Club Presidents:** Debra Aleck (Churchland), Tommy Arnold (Exmore), Lisa Ayers (Church Hill), Michael Desplaines (Norfolk), Adam Duncan (Virginia Peninsula), Chuck Duvall (Richmond), Lynn Ellis (South Hill), Dianne Gordonn (Hampton Roads), Palmer Gross (James River), Mitchell Harry (The Historic Triangle), Elizabeth Hopkins (Norfolk Sunrise), Delores Hubert-Christmas (Fluvanna), Jennifer Kinne (Farmville), Dan Linnabary (Goochland), Sharon Martin (Warwick at City Center Newport News), Janet McCaskey (Chesapeake), Don Pratt (Williamsburg), David Whiteside (Mechanicsville)

**Governor's Circle:** Fluvanna, Goochland, Hampton Roads, Richmond, South Hill, The Historic Triangle, Warwick at City Center Newport News

**Governor's Cup:** Goochland

### **Alumni Association Spring Service Project**

*Submitted by Adeeb Hamzey and PDG Judy Cocherell*



As we have done in the past, and in true service to the community, the D7600 Alumni Association launched its annual spring service project to benefit two deserving organizations, the Liberation Veterans Services, in Richmond, and the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, in Virginia Beach.

The project entailed collecting contributions from Alumni Association members that PDG Judy Cocherell and Adeeb Hamzey used to purchase needed items and deliver them to these two locations. The items were chosen from lists the two organizations posted on their websites. The Liberation Veterans Services organization focuses on helping veterans who have been experiencing difficulty in their personal lives.

*Liberation Veterans Services: From left, Program Manager Fletcher Johnson, Michael Little, Adeeb Hamzey, and a Veteran resident*

The Judeo-Christian Outreach Center serves the needs in Virginia Beach. The Center partners with over 100 volunteer groups, churches, synagogues, civic groups and individuals to serve over 86,000 free meals each year to their residents as well as to any of their neighbors 365 days a year. It has a food pantry and a family food box program. JCOC houses 55 residents each night at their emergency shelter as well as a transitional housing program for 16 homeless veterans and a permanent housing program for 8 chronic homeless individuals with disabilities. JCOC also has a Rapid Rehousing Program that places homeless men and women into permanent housing and provides ongoing services for up to two years. There is also a day support program where people can take a shower, do laundry, and apply for shelter and housing programs.

*Alumni Association Co-Advisor Judy Cocherell, JCOC Executive Director Todd Walker, and Alumni Leadership Member Barbara Moore Jacuith are pictured below at a presentation to JCOC on June 22nd at their Virginia Beach Blvd. location.*

While it is certain that the communities' needs surpass the \$1185.00 worth of goods, divided equally between the two, that they received from this Alumni Association spring service project, the leaders of both organizations were very happy and appreciative of this Rotarian service, and they are constantly looking for similar contributions, without which people's needs cannot be met.



Rotarians are no strangers to serving communities locally and abroad, in many ways. This is our motto, we live by it daily, and we are proud that we are able to continue doing our part.

### **Rotary Works**

Later this month, the Rotary Works team will be launching a new program in the initiative called "Club 27." Club 27 is a monthly Zoom meeting for any Zone Rotarian or Rotaractor who is in an active career or job search and would like an opportunity to ask specific questions about his or her situation. Most times, answers and suggestions will come from any or all participants on the call, as well as from the host. The Zoom meetings will always occur on the 27th of the month at 7pm, and last for up to 60 minutes.

If you are interested in joining this unique Zoom opportunity, please register for Club 27 on the Rotary Works website, <https://rotaryshares.org/Club27>

The application will ask you to complete your name, Rotary Club or Rotaract Club name, contact information for your club [President or other Club Officer phone or email] and your email. You must be in good standing with your club, and your club must be located in Zones 33 or 34. Once our team has verified your member status, we'll notify you and you'll receive the Zoom invite and log-in instructions. We look forward to your active participation in this exciting new program. Rotary Works!

### **Report of polio detected in United States**

*Mike McGovern, Chair, International PolioPlus Committee*

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has been informed of a case of paralytic polio in an unvaccinated individual in Rockland County, New York. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are coordinating with New York State health authorities on their investigation. Initial sequencing confirmed by the CDC indicates that the case is type-2 VDPV (Vaccine derived polio virus).

Any form of poliovirus anywhere is a threat to children everywhere. It is critical that the GPEI Polio Eradication Strategy 2022-2026 is fully resourced and fully implemented everywhere, to ensure a world free of all forms of poliovirus can be achieved. We are calling on every single Rotary member to take action and be a part of the fight to end polio, helping to raise \$50 million per year for polio eradication.

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District  
7600  
Conference  
2022

October 14 - 16, 2022  
Hilton Hotel Short Pump  
12042 West Broad Street



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## Club News

**Portsmouth Club:**  
*Submitted by Steve Milner*

Billy Hargroves, left, presents the Portsmouth Rotary Club's Rotarian of the Year Award to Richard Wentz, a former club president who has been a club member since 1993.



The newly installed Portsmouth Rotary Club president, Dr. Wayne Devantier holds gavel that outgoing club president Billy Hargroves presented to him. Assistant Regional Governor Janet McCaskey, and a member of the Chesapeake Rotary Club, assisted in the installation.

**James City County Club:**

*Submitted by Neva Lynde*



The Rotary Club of James City County (JCC) welcomed Nancy Geddes as its newest member. Nancy is the daughter of the late Allan Geddes who was a charter member and the first President of the JCC Club in 1987 and D7600 Past District Governor (1993-94). She follows her father, grandfather, and great-grandfather as a fourth generation Rotarian! Allan also served as Club President of the Rockford Club in Illinois (IL) in 1968. No doubt, Nancy has big shoes to fill...and she's already off to a great start!

This was a message from Allan Geddes, who was our longest serving Rotarian since May 1957:

Glad to hear from you, Jim. Yes, I qualify as an "Old" Rotarian. I joined Rockford Rotary in May of 1957 as an Additional Active, sponsored by my father, Leslie. In a weak moment, the club elected me president in 1968. The club survived.

Business transfer took me to Bloomfield Hills, MI where I was a "casual" member of that club until I retired. In retirement, wife Shirley and I moved to Williamsburg, VA where the local Rotary viewed me with suspicion. (justified). As a result, I led the founding of a new Rotary Club serving as the first president of James City County Rotary. I am proud that this club has done well over the years.



Me? I served as DG of this district (7600) in 1993 and then retired to "the shelf". It has been a good run which I have appreciated.  
- Allan

**AND... James City County and the Satellite Club:**

It was a HOT time on a recent Saturday morning at Veterans'

Park and Kidsburg in Williamsburg. We adopted this county park two years ago. Members of the RC of James City County and the Satellite



Club and our family members got down to business quickly to beat the heat. We canvassed the area for trash and spread dirt and mulch. Thanks to Gary Chenault for leading the way!

#### **Innsbrook Club:**

*Submitted by Susan Bishop*



We honored our annual Innsbrook Business Leader of the Year, Dr. Matthew Beckman

Since 1995, the Innsbrook Rotary Club has recognized individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Innsbrook community through their business leadership and community involvement. Recipients exemplify the values of Rotary by actively and consistently demonstrating the true meaning of "Service Above Self".

The Rotary Club of Innsbrook Business Leader selection committee consisted of Joe Elia, Scott Fresco, Vickie Price, Raghavan Sadagopan, William Sutton, and

chair Susan Bishop.

This year each nominee's business leadership and community involvement was required to fall categorically into at least one of the seven focus areas for Rotary, and our club was pleased to know that this year's honoree has impacted more than one of the Rotary focus areas!

*The picture with three individuals, L to R, includes President Retha Valderas, President Elect Susan Bishop, and Dr. Matthew Beckman, honoree.*

To read more about Dr. Beckman and his connection with Covid-19 go [HERE](#).

#### **Short Pump Club:**

We had a great time volunteering this past weekend at Shalom Farms. Rotary members helped to pick over 500lbs of tomatoes and green beans.

#### **Chesterfield Club:**



Chesterfield Rotary

volunteers helped provide marshals for this year's Race for Life fundraising event for Cancer Research, held in the Queen's Park on Sunday 10 July 2022.

*Pictured, president-elect and Rotary satellite secretary Paul Davies, Rotarian Alison Hankey, and Rotary satellite group chairman Ivona Bradley.*



**Cape Henry Club:**

**Oyster Crush 2022-Eat, Drink, Dance + Have Fun!**

Virginia Beach's best party is back, and local charities are once again the beneficiaries! The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Oyster Crush Fundraiser, hosted by the Cape Henry Rotary Foundation, will occur on Sunday, October 9, 2022, from 1pm-6pm at Ballyhoos Restaurant in Virginia Beach.



"We are continuing our tradition of hosting a massive oyster roast and party for a cause, and since 2015 the event has raised over \$263,000 for local charities, scholarships and youth leadership programs in Hampton Roads" stated Brian McCullough, Chairman of this year's event. McCullough continued, "As we have looked to make this event even better, we have paid close attention to feedback from our guests. This year you can expect to see improved food service, oyster quality and even improved restroom facilities-all designed to ensure a first class experience."

All-you-can-eat oysters, raw and roasted over a wood fire, and steamed clams will be served, along with a full meal including BBQ and fried chicken, and drinks. Back by popular demand again this year, you can dance all day with music by Tidewater Drive and DJ ShyDot.

According to David Oakley, President of the Cape Henry Rotary Club, "Last year, coming off the pandemic, our guests and great sponsors helped raise over \$38,000 which supported 18 local charities, scholarships, Rotary Youth Leadership Conference fees and international projects. Our community has been great supporters of our Oyster Crush efforts, and we are hopeful they will continue that support in 2022."

## Foundation News

# The Rotary Foundation



### **A Spark Becoming a Fire: Imagine**

*by John Padgett, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair*



When I was in high school, singer Kurt Kaiser wrote a song with lyrics that still resonate with me – “It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.” I was thinking about those lyrics as a new Rotary year began. A new year provides every one of us the opportunity to serve through Rotary. We all have the spark of service within us. Yet, when we join a Club and start working with other like-minded individuals, the spark becomes something that can change the world. We are led to Rotary to Imagine the difference that we can make if we work together toward a common end. What starts as a small opportunity grows into a great one - the great opportunity that led all of us to the great enterprise that is Rotary.

And what I want all of us to take from that - today, tomorrow, and in the year ahead - is that the only difference between a spark and a warming bonfire is what you do with it. Each one of us has been given the opportunity to serve in Rotary. What we do with that opportunity, that is up to each of us. But the decisions we make - they will not end with us. The effects of our work and our decisions will be the glowing fire that will spread to people we will never meet but whose lives Rotary will change. We are accepting the sparks provided by prior Rotary Foundation volunteers and will keep the fire glowing in the coming year.

Who will be warmed by the fire's glowing? The women who, right now, at this moment, are walking down dirt paths with water jars on their heads, on their way to get water from a polluted stream that is an hour away from their homes. In the coming years, they will not have to carry that water any more because of the wells that the Rotary Club of Norfolk hopes to provide in a small Ethiopian village using a Global Grant. The individuals with special needs, the elderly, and low-income citizens who will soon have Internet access and computer resources thanks to the efforts of the James City County, The Historic Triangle-Williamsburg and the Williamsburg Club who will use District Designated Funds to establish a Computer Center in their community.

And the children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, who live every day with the risk of being paralyzed by polio: Next year, they will not need to worry about that, because we will have vaccinated those children, in part with money raised from District 7600 Rotarians. And soon, their countries and the whole world will be polio free. All of that is what can happen - not what will happen, but what can happen - when we recognize that the opportunity to join Rotary was the opportunity of a lifetime. A great opportunity to change the world for the better, forever, through Rotary Serving Humanity.

District 7600 is filled with many sparks that have grown into warming fires. As a new Rotary year begins, we know it is our moment, it is our opportunity to leverage our prior success into more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the year ahead and as Kurt Kaiser sang, “Once you've experienced it ... you want to pass it on.”

### **Meet the District Paul Harris Society Team**

*By Ron Lynde, District Rotary Foundation Development Chair*

Introducing the 2022-2023 District 7600 Paul Harris Society (PHS) Development Team: The District PHS team is charged with assisting our District's 61 Clubs achieve DG Kenny's goal to induct 25 new PHS members this year. A PHS member is a Rotarian who has agreed to



donate \$1000 a year to the RI Annual Fund. To accomplish DG Kenny's goal, the District has enlisted the help of seven PHS Team Co-Chairs led by Kevin Yeargin from the Virginia Peninsula Rotary Club to help our Clubs find and recruit these new PHS members. Kevin is a twenty-year Rotarian and a past president of the Virginia Peninsula Club with a stellar record of accomplishments both in his Club and in the District. As a member of the PHS Development team, he is working directly with the three Area Governors on the peninsula in District Areas 11, 12, and 17 to assist the eleven Club presidents and Club Foundation Chairs achieve their giving goals to the Annual Fund and help these Clubs achieve the goal of inducting new Rotarians into the PHS.

In addition, Kevin works with five other Paul Harris Society (PHS) Development Team Co-Chairs to assist all the other Clubs in the District achieve this year's PHS goal. Together these seven dedicated Rotarians divide up the District Areas and work directly with our Clubs, their Presidents, and Club Foundation Chairs to help the Clubs achieve their Annual Fund Giving Goals.

There are three PHS team members supporting twenty-two Clubs in the Richmond area. Leading in Areas 1 and 18, is Tracy Pendleton, a retired Banker and a 27-year Rotarian from the Sandston Rotary Club, a past president, and a PHS member. He works with seven Rotary Clubs in the Northeast Richmond area.

In West Richmond, Bonnie Field a member of the Goochland County Rotary Club and a fourteen-year Rotarian supports seven Rotary Clubs and the Club Foundation Chairs to achieve their PHS goals.

Across town in South Richmond, in the Western Henrico County Rotary Club, Michael Binns, a seventeen-year Rotary veteran works closely with eight Rotary Clubs and their leadership to recruit PHS members and achieve the Rotary annual fund giving goals.

Moving south of Richmond, Carol Woodward (Prince George County Rotary), a retired lawyer with wide-ranging experience and expertise in Rotary affairs ably assists six Clubs Rotary Clubs achieve their annual Rotary Foundation Annual Fund goals. She works closely with her Area Governors Bill Benson and Jan Rowley.

Jumping over to the Hampton Roads area there are two more District PHS Development Committee team members assisting eighteen local Rotary Clubs. In the Virginia Beach and Norfolk area, Camile Peter (Rotary Club of Hampton Roads), a nine-year Rotary veteran works diligently to assist the leadership in nine Rotary Clubs to identify and recruit PHS members. Across the Elizabeth River and to the West, Tracy Lego (Smithfield Happy Hour Rotary Satellite Club), a 10-year veteran Rotarian works with eight Rotary Clubs to support DG Kenny's giving goal of recruiting new 20 PHS members.

Moving further west to the tri-cities area we have eight Rotary Clubs from Blackstone to South Hill that recently lost their representative on the PHS team and are searching for a new representative from this area. While we search for a Rotarian PHS Co-Chair, Appaiah Ballachanda (Richmond Rotary Club), the Annual Fund Chair, and Ron Lynde (James City County Rotary Club) the Development Team Chair, are supporting the Club Presidents and Club Foundation Chairs with their plans to recruit more Paul Harris Society members. In supporting our District's sixty-one Rotary Clubs the PHS team works with the local Club leadership to support the Clubs giving goals not just to the PHS but to all the Rotary Foundation Funds. The help provided from the District Foundation Committee to individual Rotarians and the Club-level programs includes a wide range of assistance from individual recognition ceremonies to Rotary Club speakers. We urge all our Rotary Clubs to call on us to help achieve your Club's Annual Fund goals.

The impact of the Paul Harris Society in District 7600 is impressive. Currently, there are 194 PHS members in the district. If each meets the promised annual giving goal of \$1000, the result is a reliable floor of \$194,000. The district can rely on this level of giving to the Annual Fund, Polo Plus, or to a designated global grant.

The promise to donate \$1000 a year upon joining the Paul Harris Society may sound daunting to some, but if you think about it, that is \$85 a month or less than \$3.00 a day. The \$1000 donation can be made in one check or is especially easy to handle by setting up a regular draw on a credit card on Rotary Direct at myrotary.org.

If you have questions, reach out to me, Ron Lynde, District Rotary Foundation Development Chair, or one of the Paul Harris Society Coordinators I have mentioned in this article. Imagine how much good we can accomplish by increasing the number of members in our District 7600 Paul Harris Society. Will you be one of the 25 new PHS members this year?

## An Assistant Governor and a Paul Harris Society Coordinator in Action in Chester Rotary



Following on Ron Lynde's article about the Paul Harris Society (PHS) Coordinators: Assistant Governor Jan Rowley (Area 6) and Carol Woodward, a PHS Coordinator for the Area 5 & 6 clubs, double-teamed the Rotary Club of Chester on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

It was a momentous occasion for the Chester Club because they were holding their first, ever, hybrid club meetings. All the technology worked beautifully thanks to Carolyn Jacobs (President) and Jeff Jacobs (Club Foundation Chair).

It was Jan Rowley's inaugural presentation to a club as their Assistant Governor. She spoke of the future the clubs in her area can have by sharing resources, coordinating events, and supporting each other's service projects. Jan encouraged members to register for the Be A Vibrant Club Seminar on August 6 in Williamsburg. She offered assistance in registering for the event at DACdb.com.

Not pictured in the photo but taken by her, Carol Woodward addressed the club on behalf of the Paul Harris Society and offered to assist any Rotarian become a Paul Harris Society member to navigate the process who wished to donate at the \$1000 annual level or at any level. She urged the members to consider giving regularly and doing so by signing up on Rotary Direct at myrotary.org. This allows the donor to set up a regular tap by The Rotary Foundation on a credit or debit card whether monthly, quarterly, or annually. Jeff noted that \$1000 a year is less than \$3.00 a day and urged members to consider the Paul Harris Society by a monthly card transaction of \$85.

Bailey, the Sheltie, was very attentive during the meeting, but his mind was on his Good Citizen test which was going to be later in the day. After the meeting, Carolyn treated breakfast at First Watch, a gourmet breakfast and lunch bistro, near the government complex.

### **Polio. Did you know....**

*by Colleen Bonadonna*

Imagine a world without polio. Dr. Jonas Salk imagined they could find a vaccine to prevent polio; he and his team did just that. Dr. Albert Sabin imagined an oral vaccine that was easier and less costly than the injectable version that the Salk team developed. Sabin provided that solution. Today, the oral vaccine is used in mass vaccination campaigns in developing nations around the globe. Just two drops protect children from contracting polio.

On a recent trip to New York, I went to Strawberry Fields, the John Lennon Memorial landscaped area within Central Park. Most are familiar with the tile mosaic "Imagine"; John Lennon imagined a vision and hope of the world without strife, war and conflict.

I learned that this landscape section, Strawberry Fields, is actually in the shape of a drop and within that area is a path in the shape of a drop; two drops. Two drops has become a motto for many in the campaign to "End Polio Now." Two Drops Jewelry is a line of necklaces that the New Kent Club has designed and sells as a fundraiser for Polio Plus. Images of two drops are used on media campaigns to promote the End Polio Now program. Imagine, just two drops....

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones said we don't imagine the past, we Imagine the future and I Imagine a future without Polio.