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District News



July's Rotary theme is New Leadership Month:

This is a time when we celebrate the successful completion on one Rotary year and look forward to the upcoming possibilities as we continue to provide Service Above Self in our communities and in the world.

A Message from iPDG Debbie Wall:

To D7600 Rotarians,

It has been my honor to serve this 2021-2022 Rotary Year with each

of you as your district governor. I thank each of you for the outstanding year we have had in Rotary D7600 as we have "Served to Change Lives" in our community and around the world.

We have brought in many new members to our wonderful organization and thank each of you as we followed President Shekhar goal of each one bring one. We have done so much in the district and throughout the world with the commitment each of you have given to service above self.

The district service projects this year from the sock drive during district conference to aid the homeless shelters, to the little free library alumni project that touched the community literacy needs, we have empowered girls as President Shekhar asked us to do and took it to the next level of empowering all kids in our communities.

Thank you all for the district grant projects as well as all the other community projects that have made a lasting impact to the communities. On behalf of my foundation team thank you for the continued support of THE Rotary Foundation. We celebrated the \$3.5 million raised for the Rotary Foundation with RI President Jennifer Jones at the Million Dollar Dinner hosted by Rotary D7600 and a record year in giving to The Rotary Foundation. We "ARE THE CLOSE" to ending Polio, and thank you for the continued spirit of supporting the commitment to the children of the world that they will see a POLIO FREE World. Thank you for supporting the 25+ different polio events throughout our district this year to keep the fundraising and the awareness as we push to finish the commitment.

Many of you, throughout the years, met our dog Rapper. Sadly I share with you that he passed away on May 11, 2022, after 16½ wonderful years with us. In his memory, as he

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touched the lives of so many in and out of Rotary, Stan and I have set up a memorial Polio Fundraiser that you can use the link and support the End Polio Now Campaign. You will receive credit in your RI foundation account for the donation should you choose to donate, and we thank you in advance should you choose to make a donation.

<https://raise.rotary.org/Debbie-Wall/memorial>

Keep Serving to Change Lives as we Imagine Rotary
IPDG Debbie Wall

Introducing District Governor Kenneth W. Janes District 7600, Rotary Year 2022-23



A Rotarian since 2006, Kenny is a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond, VA, the oldest club in District 7600. He has served on numerous committees, and organized/participated in fundraising events, and has served in several leadership positions including the board of directors, President, President-Elect and Secretary. He has also served District 7600 in various leadership positions including Area Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Membership Chair and has been a facilitator at multiple district and Zone 33 training events. He is honored to be a Rotary Leadership Institute graduate.

Kenny has received multiple club awards including, Service Above Self Award 2009-10, Rotarian of the Year 2010-11, Distinguished Service Award 2011-12, Claude Woodward Award 2012-13, President's Award 2013-14, 2014-15, 2017-18 and was a recipient of D7600 Outstanding Club President Club Award 2015-16.

Kenny is a Senior Vice President at UBS Financial Services. As partner on the Richmond Institutional Consulting Group, he specializes in wealth management for private individuals, families, non-profits, endowments, and retirement plans. He is also a Certified Exit Planning Advisor working with business owners to enhance the value of their business and ensure a successful business transition.

Kenny earned his bachelor's degree in Organizational Management & Development from Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA. He resides in Ashland, VA with his wife Melissa, daughter Paige and son Patrick. He is very active in the community serving on the boards of the Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Patrick Henry YMCA, Hanover County Superintendent Business Advisory Council, and Housing Families First. His family is very active in the committee as well, joining him at many of the volunteer events. Family first, there is no happier place to be than with his family, wherever they are.

A Message from District Governor Kenny Janes:

First, let me say thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me this opportunity to serve you!! I often pinch myself, what an amazing blessing I feel has been giving me and I promise I will work hard to continue making District 7600 the best district in the world!!!

Rotarians, we are living in historic times as a group. We will have the first Female President to Serve as President of Rotary International. More importantly to me, when selected, they confirmed she was selected because she was the right candidate, not because she was a female. From the time I have spent with her, the message she shares, I totally agree. I have no doubt we will have an amazing year under her leadership.

One comment she made during the International Conference really stood out "being first doesn't mean anything if there is no second, third, or fourth..." Since I am constantly blown away by the positive impact, the energy, the passion, etc. coming from the female leaders of District 7600, I am glad to see Rotary International is finally getting on board and hope she won't be our last!

Then she shared her theme?? *Imagine Rotary!!!* Wow, imagine the potential, the opportunities we have working together this year!! Imagine what we can do with membership, the foundation, imagine increasing awareness of Rotary, to share our story. Imagine being willing to try new things, new club structures or meetings. One, I want us to focus on, imaging your clubs truly reflecting the communities you are serving, open to all!! The sheet is blank, be bold, be willing to change, Imaging the endless opportunities you and your clubs have.

When I heard her theme, I was really excited. You see I have a theme I want to share with you for our year as well. A theme I feel most Rotarians live by each day. *Live Your Dash*.

For me, The Dash is a reminder to live our lives to the fullest each day, appreciate the blessings we have been giving, and do everything possible to make our lives on earth meaningful. I agree with Rotary International President Shekar Mehta, "Service is the rent we pay for living on this earth". We need to live with purpose as we strive to have a positive impact in our clubs, our communities and yes, the world! Is that not being a Rotarian is

about??? As I visit the clubs this year I will share that vision further, until then these are the highlights of those goals:

The Dash Goals -

Develop increased support for the "Seven Areas of Focus" & the Foundation

Accelerate growth and diversity

Strengthen & Support Clubs

Heighten our Public Image

In closing, thank you, thank you, thank you, once again for giving me this opportunity. The team and I stand by to serve you as we Imagine Rotary 2022-23.

Forever grateful,
District Governor Kenny

International Conference: Some memories...



Joy Kline:

I have other memories to share - this one is extra special. *Pearls with a Purpose* is a Foundation helping women become empowered through the work they do with making jewelry. I own a couple pieces. Wendy auctioned off some of her jewelry along with the now infamous koala representing next year's convention in Melbourne. I won the auction items! So excited. Such a wonderful cause and delighted to go home with the coveted koala tomorrow.



JoAnn says, "I was not able to attend this year's Rotary International Conference in Houston, but I followed the events in the frequent postings that came through Facebook.

A couple of them tickled me because they featured Rotarians from my former district (7600) and current district (6930) in the same photo!!!"

Included in the picture on the right are District Governor Elect classmates, Rudy Garcia - thumbs up in center, D7600 - and Doug Heiser - kneeling front row right, D6930 for Rotary year 2023-24.

**Jennifer Jones - Imagine
Rotary**



The next Rotary International President will be a history maker. On July 1st Jennifer Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will become the first female President of Rotary.

Each year the President chooses a theme: Inspired by the Beatles' anthem of 50 years ago, and the power of Rotarians imagining a

new world. RI President-elect Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality, and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.

The concept of the Suffragette colors was devised by Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence, the co-editor of Votes for Women magazine. Purple stood for loyalty and dignity, white for purity and green for hope.

The circle represents Rotary, and the dots represent the seven areas of focus in the logo and the theme imagine rotary represents how we imagine the world to be a better place to be in!



Club News

Suffolk Club Centennial:
Submitted by Jeanne Walls

Suffolk Rotarians who gathered recently to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary. They were featured in the *Suffolk News Herald* newspaper on June 14, 2022. To read the wonderful news about this club go [HERE](#).

Portsmouth Club:
Submitted by Steve Milner
Photos by Maureen Mizelle

The Portsmouth Rotary Club gave a \$2,000 scholarship to Jada Clifton, who recently graduated from I.C. Norcom High School.

The club awards its Ben Foster, Sr., Memorial Scholarship annually to a student chosen for his or her scholastic achievement and community service. Jada, who graduated first in her high school class, plans to attend Norfolk State University, majoring in biology with a career goal of becoming a pediatrician.

Gail Pittman, the Portsmouth Club's scholarship chairperson, presented the check to Jada.





Williamsburg Club:

Submitted by: Terry Lovvorn

The Williamsburg Club recently hosted Ms. Amanda Batten at its bi-monthly meeting. Ms. Batten represents the 96th District in Virginia's House of Delegates. She delivered a superb extemporaneous presentation on the Virginia General Assembly's Legislative process with particular emphasis on the Assembly's biennial budget that was passed on June 1, 2022. The Club members asked thoughtful questions about Ms. Batten's personal and professional background and her specific areas of interest. To the delight of Club members, Ms. Batten spent a significant amount of time highlighting the importance



she places on addressing constituent concerns and working to achieve bi-partisan agreement on critical issues that benefit members of her district as well as the State.

We look forward to inviting Delegate Batten to a future meeting. Traditionally, each speaker at our meeting's is presented with a Certificate for a children's book, donated in their honor to the Williamsburg Regional Library.

Western Henrico Club:

Submitted by James Heck

Western Henrico Rotary Club presented the 2022 Becky Briggs Scholarship Recipients.

Beginning in 1991, the Becky Briggs Memorial Golf Tournament is held each Columbus Day in early October and is proudly sponsored by the Western Henrico Rotary.

The Becky Briggs Memorial Scholarship Fund, which receives proceeds from the tournament, was started in 1991 through the efforts of the Western Henrico Rotary & Cordell Briggs in loving memory of his daughter, Rebecca. Becky was a 17-year-old rising senior at Marymont when her life was tragically cut short in a 1990 auto accident.



Western Henrico Rotary and Cordell, a longtime member of Rotary, joined hands with The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia to form the scholarship fund in Becky's memory.

The Foundation grants scholarships for college and continued learning to high school students of the Richmond area, helping to make the educational opportunities for select area high school seniors a reality.

For 2022, the Recipients are as follows:

- Emory Bender - Hermitage High School; Attending University of Florida in the Fall.

- Cynthia Xie – Douglas Freeman High School; Attending Washington & Lee in the Fall.
- Noah Hartsoe – J.R. Tucker High School; Attending University of Virginia in the Fall.
- Ellie Smyers – Glen Allen High School; Attending Virginia Tech in the Fall.
- Ella Glaze - Douglas Freeman High School; Attending Wake Forest University in the Fall.

(Not pictured) - Troi Davis- - J.R Tucker High School; Attending George Washington University in the Fall.

These exceptional students attended and were recognized at our Clubs weekly breakfast meeting Tuesday, June 14 at the Westwood Club.

The Western Henrico Rotary Club proudly recognizes and congratulates each of this year's recipients based on their academic and extracurricular activities and achievements. We look forward to tracking their success and growth as they embrace their collegiate experiences.

Powhatan Club:



The Rotary Club of Powhatan is pleased to announce the winners of the Powhatan Field of Honor Photo Contest.

Winner of the \$150 first place prize is Ms. Nicole Teichman with her photo of the young man crossing his heart during the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rotary Club of Powhatan is pleased to announce the winners of the Field of Honor Photo Contest.



Winner of the \$100 second place prize is

Ms. Holly Smith with the photo of the American Flags flying in the Field of Honor at sunset.

Winner of the \$50 third place prize is Mr. Jeff Worsham with his photo of the Powhatan Fire Department truck holding an American Flag at the event.



South Hill Club:

South Hill Rotary Club Park View Scholarship Winners



Colin Soles, Amber Betts, Triniti Davis, Miranda Ellis, Emily Ezell, Asia Green Nicole Stanley with Club President Lynn Ellis.

South Hill Rotary Club President Lynn Ellis presented Brunswick

Academy senior Lydia Smith with one of the scholarships that the club presents to graduating seniors each year. She is the daughter of Robert and Cassandra Smith of South Hill. Congratulations!

Henrico North Club:

Members Tim McDonnell and Vicky Rappold



presented certificates and prizes to this year's Essay Contest sponsored by Henrico North Rotary. Principal Erica Broudy and staff member Ms Maddox were on hand to congratulate the winners. First place to Aja McCartney, 2nd to Makendra Johnson, and 3rd to Armani VanWycke. Each winner receives gift card to Barnes and Noble, along with certificate acknowledging their achievement. Congratulations to these scholars!

Goochland Club:

Please join us in congratulating Joe Morgan! Joe is this year's recipient

of the Rotarian of the Year Award!! Joe has been a Rotarian since 2015. He has served in several roles: Woodchucking Director, Sgt at Arms, 50/50 coordinator, Habitat for Humanity home club coordinator, and anything else that is asked of him. He has logged a total of 1,300+ volunteer hours.



Mechanicsville Club:

We had a wonderful night on Thursday at the Richmond Flying Squirrels game, celebrating all of our Casino Night sponsors and presenting Hanover Safe Place with



the BIG CHECK for \$45,000!

Thank you to Nutzy, Nutasha, Parney and the entire Squirrels organization for partnering with us to make this night a huge success!

Yorktown Club:

Karley Haskiell was the Yorktown High School recipient of this year's Yorktown Rotary Club scholarship. Congratulations on your future at Univ or Virginia



Midlothian Club:



The Midlothian Rotary Club was ecstatic to hand out \$35,000 in grants to local nonprofits this morning! All of our hard work planning events and raffles paid off when we got to hear the impact these funds would have in the community.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our

raffles and events - you helped make this happen!

Foundation News

The
Rotary
Foundation



A Message from PDG John Padgett, District Rotary Foundation Chair

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible" – St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis understood the need to start every journey with small steps. At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe. District 7600 understands the impact of The Rotary Foundation. Yet, to inspire contributions, to manage District and Global Grants and to create good in the world requires dedicated volunteers.



The District 7600 Rotary Foundation Committee is rebuilding. For the past three years, Joy Kline has led the Annual Fund effort. DGN Joy has been inspirational. DGND Joy worked with RDFC Stephen Beer to execute a wildly successful Million Dollar Dinner. Her tireless efforts resulted in innovations and a reinventing of how funds are raised for the District Foundation. DGD Joy will serve as the District Governor in 2024-25. Ron Lynde, a member of the James City County Rotary Club has accepted the position of Annual Fund Chair. Ron and his wife Neva are passionate Rotarians. Ron has recruited a dynamic team for the District's Annual Fund efforts. The pandemic, the inability to meet and the disruption of normal processes has created challenges. Ron and his team are exploring ways to relaunch and grow contributions throughout District 7600. The Annual Fund effort is in capable hands.

The Grants Committee has been led for three years by Shel Douglas. Shel is a member of the Prince George County Rotary Club. Shel reinvigorated the District's Global Grant efforts. Shel and her team built new frameworks and systems for Global and District Grants. Shel inspired the District and the Grants team to fully utilize the Grants to do good in the world and in our communities.

In the upcoming year, the Grants Committee will be led by Raghavan Sadagopan and Adeeb Hamzey. Raghavan will focus on District Grants and has been the laboring oar behind the 2022-23 District Grants process. Raghavan helped develop the Grants Management Seminars, hosted webinars, assisted clubs with the qualification process, reviewed every Grant application and worked with the District Grants Committee to develop the District Spending Plan for 2022-23. Adeeb Hamzey will lead the Global Grants Committee. Adeeb has years of experience working with global grants. Adeeb will be collaborating with the Global Grants Committee to develop District policies for global grants and to nurture and mentor clubs interested in pursuing global grants. The District is currently shepherding several applications through the process and is exploring the possibility of an incoming global grant.

Of course, behind every, Ron, Raghavan and Adeeb are dedicated volunteers that are doing what is necessary to help others do the impossible. The District Foundation Committee looks forward to sharing their stories in the coming months. 2022-23 will be filled with opportunities and challenges. The Foundation team is prepared and excited. Imagine the difference the Foundation makes in our community, our District and our world and join us as we do what is necessary, then what is possible to suddenly do the impossible.



Baseball Game for Polio Plus:

District 7600 enjoyed another night of baseball for Polio Plus at the Colonial Heights Chili Pepper's Rotary night game. The Chic-Fil-A Cow & Chili Pepper (pictured with iPDG Debbie and District Polio Plus coordinator Stan Wall) agree we are "THIS" close to eradicating polio

The Historic Triangle is once again a 100% Paul Harris Fellows Club: *Submitted by Mike Jallo*

At a ceremony on June 1, 2022, the remaining three members were presented their Paul Harris Fellows pin, bringing the club to 100%. Club Foundation Chair Clay McEldowney presented Fellowships to Mitchell Harris, Liz Daley and Julio DaSilva.

Paul Harris Recognitions . . .

In the Portsmouth Club: *Submitted by Steve Milner*



The Rotary Club of



Three Portsmouth Rotary Club family members were recently recognized for increasing their Paul Harris Fellowships: Dr. J.P. Barreca, a 37-year club member, is now a PH+7; his wife, Shirley, a relatively new member is PH+2; and daughter, Lynn Perkinson, is PH+4.



Another club member for the past 38 years, Bill Nagle, left, was honored for reaching PH+3 in the same ceremony hosted by Michael Broadhurst, Portsmouth Club Paul Harris Fellow chairperson.

In the North Suffolk Club:

Congratulations to our great friend and fellow Rotarian Jerry Kent who was presented with his Paul Harris Fellow recognition!



In the Goochland Club:

Please join us in congratulating our newest Paul Harris Fellow, Steven Creasey!