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District News

District Assembly:
Submitted by Bill Billings

[HERE](#) is the link for the pictures taken by Bill Billings at the District Assembly.

According to Bill, "You are free to share them with the clubs and individual Rotarians. They can be used for any Rotary purpose."

He also has four programs available to share with clubs.

Four Programs for Rotary Club Meetings

By Bill Billings

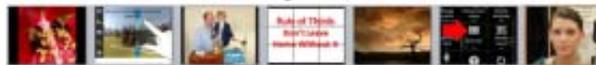
1. **Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund**



2. **Building Suspension Bridge in Ethiopia***



3. **Better Pictures With Smartphone***



4. **Backpacking Four Days Across the Grand Canyon***



(*The Ethiopia, Smartphone, and Grand Canyon presentations have a two minute Foundation Endowment Fund commercial in the middle.)

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Had a great time this Sunday afternoon at The Diamond baseball stadium in Richmond, VA, attending a Rotary District 7600 Fundraiser for our Polio Fund. Cheered on the

Richmond Flying Squirrels as they defeated the Bowie Baysox along with a large contingent of my fellow Rotarians from all over the District.

Pictured here with me are: On the left, Colleen Bonadonna, District 7600 PolioPlus Chair (New Kent, VA Rotary Club) and Debbie Wall, District

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Courtney Martinez, representing The Rotary Satellite Club of James City County threw the first pitch for the Flying Squirrels Polio Day game. It was also to honor her Mom who is a polio survivor.

Rotary International has been a leader in the fight against polio, along with WHO, CDC, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF and others since 1988 when there were 350,000+ cases of polio world-wide. We are down to SINGLE digits this year, a remarkable achievement. It is our commitment to the children of the World to eradicate polio...and we're so close!

Thanks for actively participating in this fight and thanks to those who attended both games in District 7600.

Club News

VA Peninsula Club:

Submitted by Adam Duncan



The 30th Annual President's Donor and Recipient Scholarship Luncheon was held on April 7, 2022, at the David Student Union at Christopher Newport University. Adam Duncan (Club President) and John Frantz (MD, Scholarship Liaison Officer) attended representing the Peninsula Rotary Club Endowed Scholarship Fund. They met this year's scholarship recipient, Ariana Gatewood, who is a sophomore student majoring in cellular, molecular, and physiological biology, and minoring in Spanish and Leadership Studies.

The Rotary Scholarship award of \$14,000 is helping Ariana to continue her education in pursuit of her goal of entering medical school and a career as a physician. One of the older endowed scholarships at Christopher Newport University, the Peninsula Rotary Club Endowed Scholarship was established in 1983. Since then, 38 grants have been awarded totaling \$146,435 in scholarship monies.

After the Luncheon program concluded, Dr. Frantz presented Paul Tribble with a check for this year's continuing contribution from the Rotary Club of the

Virginia Peninsula and used that opportunity to thank President Tribble for his years of excellent leadership at the University.

Portsmouth Club:

Submitted by Steve Milner



Michael



Broadhurst (left photo) Portsmouth Rotary Club Foundation Chairman presents a Paul Harris+4 pin to Dr. Wayne Devantier who is the club's president-elect. Not shown are Judy Shuck, who was recognized for PHF+2, and Douglas McDowell, a new PHF member.



It was all smiles recently when Madeline Calicchio (right photo) received her permanent Portsmouth Rotary Club badge, after completing her orientation when she learned about Rotary International and local club history. Club president William "Billy" Hargroves presented this badge to its newest member. *Photos by Maureen Mizelle.*

Virginia Beach Club:



What an exciting time to be a member of the Virginia Beach Rotary Club! During last night's club meeting, we had the honor of not only welcoming the Kellam High School Interact Club, but also presenting our Special Achievement Award to a very deserving young man and our Doors to Opportunity Award to J & M Commercial Cleaning Services.

We congratulate the newest Rotary members and our award winners!

Farmville Club:

Members of our Rotary club accompanied members of the Fuqua School PK3-12 Interact club yesterday in a

partnership with Piedmont Habitat for Humanity to work on a home in Prince Edward County.

We love to see these community and multi-generational partnerships!

AND...



It is exciting to see our hard work turn into funding to support great organizations such as Boy Scout Troop 6516! Former Rotarian, Jeffrey Sargent recently took the troop to the Virginia Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. The scouts took a flashlight tour of the hangers, spent the night in the museum, and learned the parts of an airplane and how to chart flight courses as part of earning the Aviation Merit Badge. We helped to fund that trip!

South Hill Club:



The South Hill Rotary Club brought donuts for teachers and staff member to enjoy at the South Hill Elementary School, the La Crosse Elementary School, the PV Middle School and First Christian School during Teacher Appreciation Week. PVHS would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the Rotary Club! What a fabulous treat!

AND...

The South Hill Rotary Club recognized Rotarian Tom Watters as the newest Paul Harris Fellow recently. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who make a commitment to, or have a commitment made in their name to the Rotary Foundation. *Pictured: Inducting Officer Bruce Settle, Watters and Club President Lynn Ellis. Lisa Clary Photo*

AND... the South Hill Club members did another road cleanup.





Gochland Club:

The winners of the 5th annual essay contest for fourth and fifth graders read their essays for the Rotary Club.

AND...



Eddie Ferguson and Robin Hillman

presented the Emergency Management Award to Delbert Horn for his participation in Gochland's COVID Hotline, getting seniors registered for vaccines and answering their questions!



South Richmond Club:

Thanks go to Adam and everyone involved for helping to organize South Richmond Rotary in this month's service project. Food distribution volunteers are always needed on the 2nd and 4th Monday at Journey Christian Church helping the Chesterfield Food Bank.



Cape Henry Club:

Cape Henry Rotary honored 18 organizations from our area with grants and monetary awards at our 35th Annual Cape Henry Awards Breakfast. We were honored to host these champions of our community.



New Kent Club:

Who were those people picking up trash on Pine Fork Road yesterday? Members of The Rotary Club of New Kent – helping to make New Kent shine.



The Richmond Club:



District Governor Debbie Wall presented a banner indicating the Rotary Club of Richmond is 100 percent member of the Paul Harris Fellow Club. The Paul Harris Fellow Club honors founder Paul Harris and acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. In 2006, scholars marked over 1 million.

AND...

Jeanne Walls

27 yrs perfect attendance

"Wow.....27 years...Perfect Attendance in THE Rotary Club of Richmond. I remember the first Tuesday I walked into the meeting...knees knocking...scared to death....still get goosebumps every Tuesday...Surround yourself with good...like-minded people!"



**James City County & Satellite Clubs:
Submitted by Neva Lynde**

In preparation for Memorial Day, members of the Rotary Clubs of James City County (JCC), JCC Satellite Club and The Historic Triangle Club placed flags on the graves of veterans at Cedar Grove Cemetery,



Williamsburg, in preparation for Memorial Day. Many of the Rotarians are veterans.

Pictured (left) are Jane Chambers, Debbie Snow, and Victor Holman.

Pictured (right) Neva Lynde places flag.



Suffolk Club:

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Suffolk on their 100 years of service. They are the seventh club in District 7600 chartered over 100 years ago - joining the Rotary Clubs of Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, Petersburg, Portsmouth, and Hampton. Next up are Hopewell and Franklin in 2024.

Franklin Club:



On April 29, the club received recognition from Rotary International for being an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Club and also a 100% Foundation Giving Club for the 2020-21 Rotary year.

Second, we were very pleased to induct Trey Adams and Debi Darden as our newest club members.

Congratulations to all, and welcome Trey and Debi!

AND FINALLY -

Now this is positive public image!!!



Foundation News

The
Rotary
Foundation



Help Your Club Earn a Rotary Foundation Banner - Help Rotarians Make a Difference

There is only one month left in the Rotary year. Have you already made this year's contribution to **our** Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund? Your support will help finance Rotarians' and Rotary clubs' district grant and global grant projects that make our communities a better place. It's easy to donate online at my.rotary.org/en. Log into the website, then hit the 'donate' icon and follow the prompts.

Contributions made now will be available for District Grants in 2025.

Rotary clubs receive a recognition banner for having 100%-member support for the Annual Fund. The EREY (Every Rotarian, Every Year) campaign asks every Rotarian to contribute. For more details, please contact your club's Rotary Foundation Chair.

This year's Annual Fund Drive is off to a great start. So far, year-to-date through May, giving has reached over \$485,000. This is the highest comparable total since 2017, the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. But so far, only a handful of clubs have earned their banners. Support your club leaders and help improve lives in your community!

The Rotary Club of Richmond Ukraine Relief Challenge a Bonafide Success!

Since late February we have seen many gut-wrenching stories about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The destruction, the displacement of people, and loss of life has been immense and hard to understand.

Past Rotary International President and The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees Chair John Germ announced in March that all contributions through



the end of April to The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Response Fund would be dedicated toward Ukraine relief. Contributions will be allocated to Rotary efforts in Eastern Europe to aid communities in Ukraine and to supporting the refugees in neighboring countries.

In March The Rotary Club of Richmond announced a challenge to all the Rotary clubs in District 7600. The club said it would match dollar-for-dollar all contributions to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund and to Shelter Box (a Rotary affiliated disaster response organization) made by Rotarians and clubs by April 25th.

An incredible response was made by Rotarians in the district. Contributions to the Disaster Response fund totaled \$32,942. Shelter Box contributions totaled \$15,000. Richmond Rotary contributed \$77,000 toward the relief effort.

Pam Embrey, the incoming Secretary of THE Rotary Club of Richmond, stated "it's been very rewarding to see the response from our Club members, other clubs across the District, and the general public to this effort to help the people of Ukraine in these trying times."

There is no end in sight for the war in Ukraine. The needs are great. Rotary is helping to meet those needs. You can read about our efforts at my.rotary.org and the Rotary magazine. THANK YOU for supporting this great cause!

Stephen receives an Appreciation Note from The Rotary Foundation

Dear Stephen,

Because of generous donors like you, we raised more than \$15 million and together have funded more than 90 disaster response grants so far to help the people of Ukraine. Your contributions to our Disaster Response Fund between 3 March and 30 April will continue to make possible the member-led projects that help Ukrainian refugees and support relief efforts within the country.

Your gift at work

Every day, we approve grants that meet immediate needs for food, clean water, and clothes. Every day, we approve grants that keep electricity flowing to hospitals, help wounded civilians seek care, and organize shelter for displaced families.

Find out more about what you helped accomplish:

- [European Rotaract clubs organize to help Ukrainian refugees](#)
- [Rotary clubs unite across continents to collect and deliver medical aid to Ukraine](#)
- [Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees](#)

WATCH THE VIDEO [HERE](#).

Thank you for donating to our Foundation's Disaster Response Fund. Your generosity is making a difference for people in and around Ukraine who urgently need our help.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Foundation

A Tribute to Stephen Beer, DRFC 2019-2022

By John Padgett, DRFC 2022-2025

During the turbulent period of the Reformation, Robert South, a fiery Anglican minister, suggested that if there was a truer measure of a man other than by what he does, it must be by what he gives. The quote resonated with me as I thought of Rotary District Foundation Chair ("DRFC") Stephen Beer's commitment to Rotary and the Rotary Foundation.

DRFC Stephen has been a quiet force of change. He recruited a



dynamic team of leaders to help navigate the District through uncharted waters. The normal become impossible as the world confronted a virus that was creating havoc in our communities. Rotary was not given a pass from the consequences of the virus.

Clubs began operating remotely, Rotarians could not interact with each other, and the world needed the Rotary commitment to service more than ever. In the midst of that chaos, DRFC Stephen kept the Foundation achieving at high levels. Stephen made the impossible normal in the world of the District Rotary Foundation. Stephen recruited some of the best and brightest talent to lead the District Rotary Foundation Committee. The District continued to accept and fund impactful District Grants. Under DRFC Stephens' watchful eye, the number of Global Grants grew - both in number and in impact. Finally, DRFC Stephen recruited, inspired and executed a Million Dollar Dinner that raised over \$3.6 million dollars for The Rotary Foundation. The Million Dollar Dinner was initiated prior to the Covid pandemic. Stephen had retained a dynamic speaker to headline the event. During the pandemic, the speaker, Rotary International President-Elect ("RIPE") Jennifer Jones, was selected as the first woman Rotary International president. DRFC Stephen worked diligently to keep RIPE Jennifer Jones as the keynote speaker even as her calendar grew due to her new role.

No one can out work DRFC Stephen. Stephen Beer believes in personal meetings with volunteers and the creation of effective teams. Stephen has worked tirelessly to prepare me for this leadership assignment. In fact, Stephen started the leadership transition over a year ago. He has been generous with his time in providing me insight and guidance. As evidence of



his ability to identify talent, several members of his talented Foundation team have continued their leadership journeys within Rotary. District 7600 has benefited from Stephen's efforts on behalf of the Foundation.

I have benefited from his leadership and friendship. It is clear that DRFC Stephen has not only performed, but he has given at the highest levels. The District and I owe DRFC Stephen a debt of gratitude.

(Photo by Bill Billings – Nick Kravacich & Jennifer Jones, Stephen & Beverly Beer)

Another Paul Harris Society Member in District 7600

Brenda Mitchell, a past president of the Rotary Club of Petersburg, decided to become a Paul Harris Society (PHS) member in November 2021. On May 26th she received her PHS certificate, pin, and chevron recognition from District Governor Elect Nominee Designate, Joy Kline.

Joy, who retired from Village Bank on April 1, is eager and more able to visit District 7600 clubs for such occasions. She, District Governor Elect Kenny

Janes, and District Governor Elect Nominee Rudy Garcia are coordinating their leadership planning to provide continuity over the next three years. Coming to the Petersburg Club on the 26th was a pleasure for Joy.



Brenda was taken by surprise as the reason for Joy's visit had not been shared with the new PHS member. Betty Hobbs, standing in for club president Marco Callender, and JoAnn Norman, the club's Rotary Foundation Chair, had successfully managed to keep the reason for Joy's visit a secret.



The day was special for entire club. The Rotary Club of Petersburg was founded in May 1917 and the meeting was dedicated to the club's 105th birthday.

Congratulations and thank you to Brenda for her generosity and continuing support of the Rotary Foundation.

District Grant Applications 2022

Just in case you are interested. There were 17 district grants submitted by the May 15th deadline. Of those submissions eight were multi-club grants. Most of the grants were in Education & Basic Literacy. The second-largest number were in Economic & Community Development. There were two applications submitted in Environment, though one grant labeled as Education & Literacy could as easily have been designated as an environmental project. There was only one grant application in the Maternal and Child Health area.

After a bit of internal discussion, PDG John Padgett (the 2022-2025 District Rotary Foundation Chair) and Raghavan (the District Grants Chair) will be submitting the spending plan to The Rotary Foundation for approval. The hope is that the grants package will be approved between July 1 and August 1.

Fingers crossed.