



Rotary District 7600



Spirit of 7600



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District News

PETS:



The countdown is on for the Chesapeake President-Elect Training Seminar (C PETS) set for March 3 - 5 at the Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles!

Our District Governor-Elect, Kenny Janes and the entire Planning Committee are excited to welcome their Presidents-Elect and leadership teams for the best ever Chesapeake PETS training seminar to kick off their *Imagine Rotary* leadership year! They're eager to meet our hundreds of attendees!

Remember PETS is required for all President-Elects. Registration is available on DACdb.



Rotary District 7600 Golf Outing:

The Rotary Club of James City County is organizing the Rotary District 7600 Golf Outing, April 19, at Kingsmill River Course, in Williamsburg. Open to all Rotarians and Friends of Rotary! This outing offers great play and fellowship and is open to Rotarians and Friends of Rotary. We've had a tremendous response...looking for a few more teams. Don't miss it. All the details are at this link.

All registration forms and payment are required by April 1st (see attached flyer).



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If you have a question about the tournament, please address it to GaryChenault@cox.net or Jack.Clark201@cox.net. Send your registration questions to Neva.Lynde@cox.net.

RYLA:



Among those participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) weekend, held virtually this year, were Jake Calhoun, Sophie Crowder and Nicole Stanley and JD Rimon (Blackstone Rotary).

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader

while having fun and making connections.

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

RYLA events are organized locally by Rotary clubs and districts for participants ages 14-30. Depending on community needs, RYLA may take the form of a one-day seminar, a three-day retreat, or a week-long camp. Typically, events last 3-10 days and include presentations, activities, and workshops covering a variety of topics. District 7600 hosts their RYLA event for secondary school students to hone their leadership potential, for university students to develop creative problem-solving strategies or for young professionals to learn ethical business practices. RYLA participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs.

Club News

Powhatan Club:

An exciting day for Powhatan County and The Rotary Club of Powhatan. Rotarians Steve Jenkins and Robbie Urbine participated and presented a program we started right here in Powhatan Rotary to 115 Rotary leaders from Pennsylvania to Guam.

Past Rotary District Governor Clense Platt helped us present the "You've Been Served" program, with a goal to see this in all Rotary clubs across the world!! It's a version of "Pay It Forward" we started in 2016 where we go out into Powhatan and perform random acts of Kindness for folks and in return, we ask the recipient to pass along their own good deed to someone else. The goal of "You've Been Served" is to get folks into the habit of helping others every day.

Ideas include - open a door for someone, carry someone's groceries to their car, pay for someone's groceries, buy someone's breakfast, lunch, or dinner, rake someone's leaves, mow or clean up someone's yard, give a gas gift card to someone at the gas station, give away a store gift card (i.e., Walmart, Target, etc.), help repair someone's home, treat someone to a cup of coffee; offer to help someone engaged in a task to complete it.

Go [HERE](#) for more information about the "You've Been Served" program and resources for your and/or your club to use.

AND...

The Rotary Club of Powhatan made a \$1,000 donation check toward the 2022 Spring Fling — an upcoming 9th annual collaborative fundraiser with Free Clinic of Powhatan on April 24!





Thank you, Patti Mulherin, Paul Sabbatini and the rest of the Rotarians for your tremendous support over many years!

Petersburg Club:

Submitted by C. Wayne Tucker

On February 3, the Rotary Club of Petersburg presented a donation of \$9,000 to the Southside Virginia Rescue Crew to aid in the purchase of a 2022 ambulance. The donation represented the Club's share of the proceeds from the 2021 14th Annual Petersburg Rotary Golf Tournament, which is conducted with the Petersburg Breakfast Rotary Club.

The "Service Above Self" Tournament, in addition to annual peanut and Brunswick stew sales, in the past has benefited the Petersburg Public Library, the Petersburg Family YMCA, and the Jackson-Feild Home. The Club also awards scholarships to local students to attend institutions of higher learning in Virginia.



The Rescue Crew's director of operations, Jennifer Lewis, receives the Rotary Club's donation from the Rotary Club's president, Marco Callender, as the Club's treasurer, JoAnne Norman, and the president of the Crew's Board of Trustees, Nick Walker, look on.

Hampton Roads Club:

Submitted by Ray Darcey Director of Vocational Services for the Rotary Club of Hampton Roads

Rotary Club of Hampton Roads presented their annual Outstanding Educator Awards with money from their fundraiser to benefit local educators. Six of our awards - \$500 each - went to teachers in Virginia Beach this year: Alison Melick at Rosemont Elementary. Amanda Grimm at Princess Anne High, Ann Hobbs at King's Grant Elementary, Angelique Phillips at First Colonial High, Kiersten Rodriguez at Kellam High and Kelly Logue-Echols at Green Run High

Henrico North Club

Submitted by Vicky Rappold

Carolyn Clarke accepted three cartons of donated backpacks on behalf of Wilder Middle School.

Henrico North Rotary was able to supply the needed backpacks due to the generous support of VAMAC.

Henrico North Rotary Club is proud to be a dedicated community service partner with Wilder Middle School.



South Hill Club:



Members of The South Hill Rotary Club prepared duffel bag emergency kits recently that was a District Grant project for the 2021- 2022 Rotary year. The Club received a District 7600 Grant check of \$3500 for the used the funds to purchase emergency kit duffels that will include supplies for those who need items in emergency situations.

The club packed the bags to include toiletries and various other items needed to sustain one for a few days until they can get back on their feet or get additional help. The packs will be distributed to local organizations in the area that will be able to offer them to people in emergency situations. These organizations include United Methodist Family Services, local Emergency Services (Police/Fire/Rescue), and some local churches (central). This project will expand the ability of the Rotary organization to provide needed services to the community.

This group of Rotarians packed the first 60 of the 120 bags that will eventually be distributed over time. After two years of COVID-19 and meeting location challenges the club is working on four projects currently that include The Emergency Services dinner for local EMS personnel (Feb. 17) and The Reverse Raffle coming up April 9 to be followed later with THE FLAGS FOR HEROES project in May and scholarship applications are being taken. This group has been working hard to serve others and live up to the "Service Above Self" motto. *Photos by Lisa Clary*



Prince George County:

Hooray for Scott Chapline (Renee Chapline) for getting the Little Free Library installed at Bexley Motor Home Park! Residents had already added books and food!

The Lawrenceville Rotary Club is hosting their

annual Chili Plate Fundraiser to benefit its Rotary scholarship fund. All Plates will be obtained utilizing CURBSIDE PICK UP at Elm Acres in Lawrenceville, VA between 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM on Thursday, March 3rd. Tickets for plates must be purchased in advance at \$10.00 per plate. Tickets can be obtained through the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce (848-3154), Brunswick Insurance (848-2112), or the Brunswick Byways Visitor Center (848-2728). Last day to get tickets before the meal pick up will be Thursday, February 24th. Thank you for supporting the Rotary Club of Lawrenceville.

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Thursday, March 3rd, 2022

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**CURBSIDE
PICK UP**



ELM ACRES
100 Raney Street
Lawrenceville, VA

EACH PLATE INCLUDES:

A DELICIOUS BOWL OF HOMEMADE CHILI, BAKED POTATO,
TOPPINGS: CHEESE, SOUR CREAM, BACON BITS, CHIVES, AND BUTTER,
CORN BREAD, AND DESSERT



**TICKETS: \$10
PER PLATE**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

- Brunswick Chamber of Commerce 848-3154
- Brunswick Byways Visitor Center 848-2728
- Brunswick Insurance 848-2112
- or can be purchased from any Lawrenceville Rotary Club Member

Proceeds benefit the
**Rotary
Scholarship Fund**

JCC Club and Satellite Club
submitted by Neva Lynde

Debbie Scott (center), Acclaimed Appearance Hair and Image Salon, received the Ideal of



Service Award from the Rotary Club of James City County. The award recognizes an individual in the community who exemplifies vocational excellence and the practice of high ethical standards in the workplace. Congratulating Debbie are Rotarians Neva Lynde (left) and Kris Magnusson.

The Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center

Submitted by Amber Lempke



The club recently hosted Diane Umstead, Executive Director for Smart Beginnings of the Virginia Peninsula. Smart Beginnings is a coalition of parents, businesses, civic leaders, nonprofits, school systems, early childhood professionals and private citizens—all working together to ensure that every child on the Peninsula enters kindergarten prepared to achieve success in school and in life. Rotary Club President, Rob Self, presented a check to Diane for SBVP in the amount of \$1,000 to support upcoming initiatives in 2022.

Pictured with Rob and Diane are past and current board members, Jim Probsdorfer, Davetta Rinehart, and Cleon Long.

AND... Warwick at City Center Rotary Club
Inducts 3 New Members

Recently, the Warwick Rotary Club welcomed three new members to join

ranks in service to the community. On January 26th, Carolien Sorenson, employed with Keller Williams, was inducted by past President Sharon Martin and sponsored by Membership Chair, Anne Wozniak. On February 2, Jessica Adams, CEO of Coastal Medical & Psychiatric Services, and Lesley Nelson-Cook, who works at Kindred Hospice & Homecare, were inducted by current President Rob Self, and sponsored by Baljit Gill and Anne Wozniak respectively. The Warwick at City Center Rotary Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:30 am at the Virginia Living Museum, and welcomes visitors to attend any meeting to learn more and be a part of the Rotary family.



Picture right: (Left to Right) Sharon Martin, Carolien Sorenson, Anne Wozniak



Picture left: (Left to Right) Rob Self, Jessica Adams, Baljit Gill, Lesley Nelson-Cook, and Ann Wozniak

Goochland Club:



Goochland Rotarians and Goochland Parks and Recreation folks installed the bases for the 9-hole Disc Golf Course at Hidden Rock Park. The folks augered the holes, set the base poles and cleared the fairways! They also installed the basket poles. They are expecting to have the "Grunt" work completed in the next 60 days to be ready to open to the public late Spring. This course was the 2020 Rotary Grant project,

and it will be GREAT to see it completed this year!

Hampton Roads Club – Kempsville High School Interact Club:

From Diane Darcey the liaison between the Rotary Club of Hampton Roads and the Kempsville High School Interact Club.



The Interact Club has completed three service projects so far this year.

(Left) They made 100 ornaments for St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children.

(Right) They collected 115 books for Horizons Hampton Roads reading program.

And they took charge of the Acts of Kindness Week at Kempsville High School.



Rotaract of Virginia Commonwealth University:

Thank you to those who came to our Project WARM event! We were able to deliver wood to 10 families. Good job everyone! Stay tuned for our next events.



Foundation News

The
Rotary
Foundation



A Message from Stephen Beer:

Rotarians' Connections Lead to Incredible Impact!

The hallmark of Rotary service is what Rotarians and clubs do to serve their own communities. Mostly, we are very local. Rotary clubs can achieve incredible results



when they are well-connected to their own community.

One of Rotary International's partners for global projects is USAID (United States Agency for International Development). USAID is an NGO (non-governmental organization) that expresses its missions as follows:

"USAID is the world's premier international development agency and a catalytic actor driving development results. USAID's work advances U.S. national security and economic prosperity, demonstrates

American generosity, and promotes a path to recipient self-reliance and resilience."

USAID is one of Rotary's partners for Rotary's HANWASH project in Haiti. HANWASH repairs and builds water systems for communities in Haiti. This is a monumental, long-term Rotary project, as our goal is to furnish clean water, sanitation, and hygiene for all of Haiti in a sustainable, long-lasting manner. If you are familiar with humanitarian efforts in Haiti, this is a tall order. HANWASH has been working in Haiti for about four years.

Recently, a senior official at USAID talked to John Smarge, a past Rotary International Director from Florida, who is heavily involved in HANWASH. The USAID official observed the success Rotary is having with HANWASH and commented that so often other USAID projects around the world do not last, but those involving Rotary do last. He asked John what Rotary's secure is. The answer is that Rotary is connected to the communities it serves. We let our communities identify their needs, then Rotary develops partnerships and relationships that address the problems with long-term sustainable solutions.

Contact Pat Edwards at pedwards1117@gmail.com to learn more about HANWASH or to have her speak at your Rotary Club. Pat is our district's HANWASH chair in addition to being the District Membership Chair.

A message from PDG John Padgett,

Transition time is near, but the Wheel of Rotary Leadership provides both continuity and change.

The wheel of Rotary continues to turn. District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) Stephen Beer concludes his three-year term on June 30, 2022. I have the daunting task of following DRFC Stephen. He has inspired District 7600 to pursue impactful work around the District and the world. The upcoming Million Dollar Dinner was one of his many visions for the District. The Dinner has focused the District on achieving goals that were once thought unimaginable. I look forward to sharing more about DRFC Stephen and his many accomplishments in the coming months.



One of the signs of a new Rotary year is the schedule of training events that appear on the district calendar. The Foundation team organizes many of the events. On February 19, 2022, the District Grants Committee held the first of two Grants Management Seminars (GMS). Raghavan Sadagopan, the 2022-23 District Grants Chair, was the chief architect and a key presenter during the GMS. It also featured presentations by Shel Douglas, the 2022-23 overall District Chair and its Global Grants Chair and Mike Little, the 2022-23 Global Scholarship Chair. The virtual GMS attracted over 40 participants and provided information to clubs about how to pursue projects funded by District Designated Funds (DDF).

District 7600 has \$122,380 available for District Grants. The amount of DDF is less than has been available in prior years. Consequently, the process for receiving DDF funds will be competitive. The GMS presenters shared tips on how to apply for the District Grants, what a successful application would include and how to collaborate with other clubs, including

Interact and Rotaract clubs to develop a successful project.

In order to apply for a District and Global Grant, a club will need, among other things, to have a representative attend a GMS presentation. The next and final GMS is scheduled for March 24, 2022. The March GMS will be on a Thursday evening and clubs can register for the event on DACdb.

District 7600 has a strong culture of supporting the Rotary Foundation. I look forward to working with District Rotarians in continuing the tradition of success in District 7600.

From Rotary International:



The Rotary Foundation raised more than \$1,198,000 in support of Giving Tuesday 2021. Thank you to everyone who gave in support of this global day of giving so that together we can keep Doing Good in the World.

The Foundation would like to recognize the following clubs for their engagement:

Top fundraising clubs

- Rotary Club of Taiyuan West Gate, Taiwan
- Rotary Club of Chunan Bai Ling, Taiwan
- Rotary Club of Sentosa, Singapore

Top donor participation clubs

- Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Norte, New Mexico, USA
- Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, USA
- Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas

Top online giving clubs

- Rotary Club of Fluvanna County (Palmyra)
- Rotary Club Norfolk, Virginia, USA
- Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment, India

We experienced some reporting errors due to the volume of contributions on Giving Tuesday which have resulted in the possibility of an incorrect donation date on your donor history report. The problem is currently being resolved and your contributions are counted in the results reflected above.

Rotary International

A message from David Rosenthal, District 7600 Annual Fund Chair

Hello Rotarians! It has been a productive month in Rotary, and we should all be working towards a great finish to the Rotary Year. The Annual Fund Reporting has been completed for January, and we are generally on track in comparison to 2020-2021.

Overall, D7600 Giving is at 54% of the goal and just under \$100 per capita giving. There are still five clubs that have not sent in contributions. Please don't wait until June because the Rotary Foundation Office is a bit slow in getting the contributions recorded. And the first week or two of June everyone will be busy with the Rotary International Convention in Houston.


A few statistics, just for fun:

- Number of Club Presidents that have contributed to the Annual Fund: 26 (43%)
- Number of Club Foundation Chairs that have contributed to the Annual Fund: 33 (54%)
- Number of members that have contributed at least \$1: 826 (36.4%)
- Number of members that have contributed at least \$25 (EREY): 805 (35.5%)
- Number of members that have contributed at least \$100 (Sustaining members): 400 (17.6%)
- Number of members that have contributed at least \$1000 (Paul Harris Society eligible): 65 (3%)

The Annual Fund
is the primary source of funds
that support The Rotary Foundation's
programs and areas of focus.

Give like no one is looking!





Members that contribute through Rotary Direct: 114

Yours in Rotary Service,
David Rosenthal

Please check out this information from the Farmville Club regarding their Global Grant #2231770 Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse Training [HERE](#)