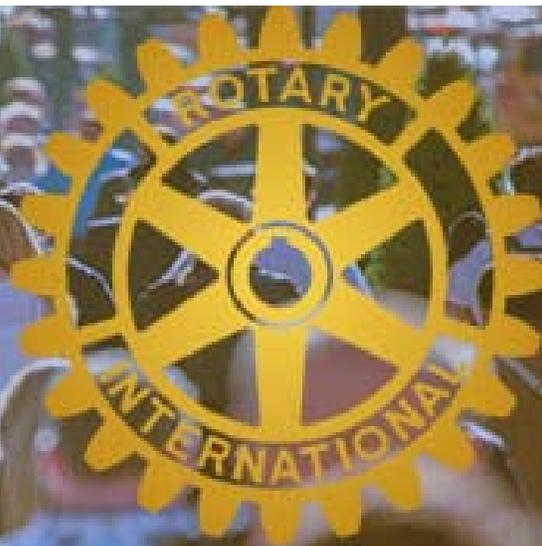




Rotary District 7600



Spirit of 7600



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District News

Note to all Clubs:

Past District Governor Stephen Beer has received a request for disaster relief funds via Rotary from members of the Philippine Group Study Exchange Team (GSE) who visited District 7600 in 2007. This team's district was struck by Super Typhoon (equivalent category 4 hurricane) in mid-December 2021 causing catastrophic regional damage. Stephen has a suggestion for how to help. Read more [HERE](#).

Colleen Bonadonna shares exciting news on the Polio front:



On January 27, 2022, Pakistan reached the goal of no Polio cases for one year! If Pakistan can continue this trend and hit the 3-year mark, then it will be declared free of wild polio leaving only Afghanistan to be a polio endemic country. Reaching this milestone is an important step in reaching the goal of a polio free world. **We are "THIS" close!**

Annual Themes: Source <https://rotary5630.org/rotary-themes-through-the-years/>

Here is a brief history of the annual themes. In 1955, Rotary International President A.Z. Baker announced a theme, *Develop Our Resources*, to serve as Rotary's program of emphasis. Since that time, each RI President has issued a theme for his Rotary year.

The shortest theme was in 1961-62 when Joseph Abey selected *Act*. Other one-word themes were chosen in 1958-1959 by Charles Tennent (*Serve*) and 1968 - 1969 by Kiyoshi Togasaki (*Participate*).

Carl Miller, in 1963 - 1964, had a theme for the times when he proposed *Guidelines for Rotary in the Space Age*. Other "timely" themes were in 1980-81 when Rolf Klörich created *Take Time to Serve*

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William Carter in 1973 - 1974 used *Time for Action*.

Two themes have a similarity to commercial advertising: *A Better World Through Rotary* (Richard Evans, 1966 - 67) and *Reach Out* (Clem Renouf, 1978 - 1979).

Bridges have been a striking metaphor. Harold Thomas, 1959 - 60, urged Rotarians to *Build Bridges of Friendship*; William Walk, 1970 - 71, created *Bridge the Gap*; and Hiroji Mukasa, 1982 - 1983, declared *Mankind is One-Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World*.

A worldwide focus was given by Stan McCaffrey in 1981 - 1982 with the message, "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary," and again in 1984-85 by Carlos Canseco who urged Rotarians to *Discover a New World of Service*. In other years, the individual was emphasized, as *You Are Rotary* (Edd McLaughlin, 1960 - 61), *Goodwill Begins With You* (Ernst Breitholtz, 1971 - 1972) and *You Are the Key* (Ed Cadman, 1985 - 1986).

Frequently the theme urges Rotarians to become more involved in their club, such as *Share Rotary-Serve People* (Bill Skelton, 1983 - 84) or *Make Your Rotary Membership Effective* (Luther Hodges, 1967 - 1968).

But whether you *Review and Renew*, *Take a New Look*, *Let Service Light the Way* or *Dignify the Human Being*, it is clear that the RI president provides Rotarians with an important annual program of emphasis.

In 1986-87, President M.A.T. Caparas selected the inspiring message that "*Rotary Brings Hope*."

Charles Keller in 1987 - 1988 saw "*Rotarians-United in Service, Dedicated to Peace*," while Royce Abbey asked his fellow members in 1988 - 1989 to "*Put Life into Rotary-Your Life*." Hugh Archer (1989 - 1990) urged us to "*Enjoy Rotary!*" and Paulo Costa (1990 - 1991) asked that we "*Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm*."

Raja Saboo (1991 - 1992) exhorted every Rotarian to *Look Beyond Yourself*. In 1992 - 1993, I reminded Rotarians, *Real Happiness Is Helping Others*, and in 1993 - 1994, Bob Barth counseled Rotarians, *Believe In What You Do and Do What You Believe In*. In 1994 - 1995, Bill Huntley encouraged Rotarians to *Be A Friend* to their communities.

And now... drum roll please! Recently our Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones announced the theme for the upcoming Rotary year - *Imagine Rotary*.

Inspired by the Beatles anthem of 50 years ago, and the power of Rotarians imagining a new world. 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.



IMAGINE ROTARY

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!

EMPOWERING GIRLS INITIATIVE

By PDG Glenise Platt | Deputy Ambassador Empowering Girls Task Force, Rotary Zones 33-34

As one of his key initiatives, Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has asked Rotarians to engage in one or more projects that focus on improving the health, education, wellbeing, and economic security of girls across the globe. An Empowering Girls Task Force has been formed to encourage districts and clubs in Zones 33 and 34 to develop projects or participate in programs that empower girls in their communities and around the world. Read more [HERE](#).

As Rotarians, our motto is Service Above Self, and this year's Rotary Theme is

◆ Serve to Change Lives ◆

Submitted by Adeeb Hamzey

District 7600 Community Service Chair, 2021-2022

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We, in District 7600, brought these terms to life, as Captain Jason Burns, Area Commander, The Salvation Army (TSA) of Central Virginia, so eloquently put it, when he said, ◆ Rotary and The Salvation Army have been dedicated to uplifting people in need and creating a stronger community. ◆

It is a great honor for me to witness this District-wide wave of volunteer-energy sweeping across the land in the spirit of giving of your time and financial contributions. At least 500 hours were dedicated to this project by volunteers. That is \$5,500 in savings to The Salvation Army, funds they can use more directly to serve those in need, in addition to the actual sum of \$16,555 you helped collect through bell-ringing, an honored and cherished tradition of TSA.

I know from my own experience that several Rotary Clubs in D7600 have been ringing the Christmas TSA bells at establishment doors, enticing patrons to act on their compassion for the less fortunate in our communities by filling the red kettles with their dollars large and small. However, this year, you proved that this effort can be leveraged making good use of the economies of scale. Thanks to the vision of District Governor Debbie Wall and the foresight of District Governor-elect Kenny Janes, both of whom enthusiastically supported the campaign. As a first District Community Service project, we had tremendous success in expanding participation of Rotary Clubs, member involvement, and contributions.

Incoming governor 2022-2023, Governor-elect Kenny Janes and the District Community Service Committee are equally committed, with your help, to ensure that all our clubs participate in the Red Kettle Bell-Ringing 2022. The contributions raised in any community are carefully and efficiently used to help those who are less fortunate within that community.

On behalf of District Governor Debbie Wall and District Community Service, thank you all who participated this year to make TSA Bell-ringing 2021 such a success, and we look forward to having all District 7600 Rotary Clubs sharing in the joy of Service Above Self through this event. Planning has already begun for a second year of Bell Ringing, having more fun doing it, and achieving more success at it. Please let me know of your ideas to improve on the process in the future, or if you have other service projects you like to suggest that we can join hands in launching.

Pictured: Rotary Club of Ashland, Rotary Club of Richmond, Rotary Club of Goochland, and Rotary Club of Church Hill



Club News

James City County Club:
Submitted by Neva Lynde

Larry Pulley, Dean of The College of William & Mary, Raymond Mason School of Business, shared his insights at Rotary Club of James City County. The School's program expansion, evidenced by physical plant capacity and the increased scope of academic offerings (in-person and online), has been transformational. Also pictured is Nancy Carter, JCC Rotary Club President.



The club helped at the Salvation Army

Mobile Food Pantry - it was cold and wet, but we felt the love from the clients who were very grateful that we "Serve to Change Lives!"

The Rotary Club of Powhatan
Wow, what a great morning of Happy Dollars \$696!! We have a lot of things to be Happy about!!



South Hill Club:

The South Hill Rotary Club received a \$3500 District 7600 Grant check for the 2021-2022 year recently and the grant will be used to purchase emergency kit duffels that will include supplies for those who are in need of items in emergency situations. They will 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 club received the bags in January and the duffel was embroidered with the Rotary logo by Express Yourself in La Crosse. The club will be packing them with the various items in the near future, and they will distribute the bags to local organizations in the area that will be able to offer them to people in emergency situations. These organizations will include United Methodist Family Services, The Upper Room, The Sheppard's Inn, The Bread Box, 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. Rotarian Randy Cash picked up the embroidered duffel bags from Tom Tanner last week. *Lisa Clary Photos*

We highlight these Rotarians in the News - Congratulations:

Tracy Lego:

He says, "Not bad for my first full year in real estate. Couldn't have done it without the whole Countryside Real Estate Group team! Give our team a call for all your real estate needs!!"



SuAnne Bryant: Davis Law Group says,

◆ We are excited to announce that several of our team members were recognized in this year's CoVa Biz "Top Lawyers" list! This includes Stephen Haynes for Civil Transactional, SuAnne Bryant for Family Law and Doug Davis for Wills, Trust & Estates. You can see the entire list [HERE](#)



The whole DLG Team strives for excellence every day in a variety of practices in order to give our clients peace of mind. Learn more about the team on our [WEBSITE](#)



And ... District 7730 invited **DG Debbie Wall, Ally Fischer and Colleen Bonadonna** to their Foundation Celebration. Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and wife Rashi appreciated the Empowering Girls photo from Colleen Bonadonna, it now hangs in his office at Rotary One, Evanston. Also pictured Past District Governor Nancy Barbee, who invited the team.

Church Hill Club: Hill Topper 5K



Sign up [HERE](#):

This week club Church Hill Club members delivered school supplies to Franklin Military Academy and Henry Marsh Elementary School, located in Church Hill.



Goochland Essay Contest graphic

Contest presented by:
GOOCHLAND EDUCATION
FOUNDATION
Building Lives. Leaving Legacies.
Center for Rural Culture
Cultivating Local Roots

Contest sponsored by:
Rotary
Club of Goochland

1ST PLACE \$250
2ND PLACE \$150
3RD PLACE \$100

500 WORDS OR FEWER

SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 1ST, 2022

ESSAY TEMPLATE & SUBMISSION FORM:
GOOCHLANDSCHOOL.SORG/GEE-ESSAY

5th Annual Essay Contest

Open to all GCPS
4th & 5th grade students

WHEN COVID CAUSED EVERYONE TO STAY HOME, MANY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLANT GARDENS TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD. ALSO, GOOCHLAND COUNTY IS HOME TO 300 FARMERS, PROVIDING LOCALLY GROWN FOOD.

Why do you think it matters where your food comes from?



5th Annual Essay Contest details [HERE](#).

New Kent Club:

Our From the

Heart Group is partnering with the Homeschoolers of New Kent in their effort to make wildlife nests!

These tightly stitched ♦bird♦ nests are used to hold very young hatchling birds that need to stay warm until their feathers come in and other young animals, too.

The nests are from the size of a half-soda can, up to a size of a preemie hat. This is a great way to use up scrap yarn. It is best if

the yarn used is not too fuzzy as their toes tend to get snagged on the fuzz. Copies of the patterns are available at each library location. Or, get the pattern online [HERE](#).



Thank you to the Rotary Club of New Kent and the Rotary District 7600 for the recent grant for the From the Heart Group at the Heritage Public Library! The materials provided in this grant helped make this project for wildlife possible and others as well. Once again, thank you to all the volunteers for your help with another handcrafted project!

Innsbrook Club: Submitted by Susan Bishop

The Rotary Club of Innsbrook had these ♦hands on♦ service projects in January, so we wanted to share:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace ♦ This initiative♦s mission is to build beds for children who do not have one! Here are some photos from the Sleep In Heavenly



Peace bed building volunteer event on January 8, 2022! Thanks to Scott Fresco for organizing this volunteer event.

Ramp Building for Project Homes ♦

This program builds ramps and railings for those in need due to accessibility issues. Components (ramp and railing sections) are built at Project Homes, then assembled

on location. Here are some photos of our service project for this worthy program on January 15, 2022! Thanks to Lonnie Paster for organizing this for the Rotary Club of Innsbrook.



Our club is actively engaged in community service projects, with an emphasis on safety precautions. Life for those in need goes on during a pandemic, and so must we continue to serve!

Williamsburg Clubs:
Submitted by Neva Lynde

The Williamsburg Salvation Army achieved amazing fundraising results during the 2021 Holiday season. They raised nearly \$214K, exceeding their \$150K goal by almost \$64K. Obviously, it takes a village to earn that much money, and the Williamsburg area Rotary Clubs were a major part of that village.

On Rotary District 7600 Bell ringing weekend December 3-4, Rotarians were on-deck all over the Williamsburg area manning the red kettles (James City County (JCC) Club, the Satellite Club of JCC, The Historic Triangle Club and Williamsburg Club). Rotarians were also major participants in the Angel Tree program, registering clients; contributing Angel Tree gifts, sorting them, and distributing the gifts to area underserved children and seniors. Please see the attached report with more details on the amazing and enviable accomplishments this year.

We are particularly proud that the Williamsburg Corps is under the leadership of Co-commanders Major Luci Da Silva and Captain Julio Da Silva, who both are Rotarians. Luci is a member of the JCC Satellite Club, and Julio is a member of The Historic Triangle Club. We are blessed to have their huge hearts and selfless spirits in our clubs and in our community. For details from the Salvation Army go [HERE](#).

South Richmond Club's Corvette raffle:
Submitted by Brent Samuel

This is our ninth year and just like past years the tickets are \$100 - we are only selling 1,600. Also, like last year our partners at CMA's Colonial Chevrolet are allowing the winner to use their \$65,000 credit to buy a vehicle (Car, Truck, SUV, or Corvette) from any of the 18 different brands of vehicles CMA sells.



Our featured charities this year are Conexus Children's Vision, serving the unmet vision needs of Virginia's children. And Veterans and Athletes United, providing recreational outlets for disabled veterans as well as job counseling and other needed programs to help combat wounded and disabled heroes re-enter society.

Like last year, Covid has hampered ticket sales, so please consider purchasing a ticket(s) to help these deserving charities. Tickets are on sale now and a direct link to ticket sales is [HERE](#). For Rules and Regulations go [HERE](#).

DRAWING DATE MARCH 19, 2022 WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

Casino Night Party @ ACCA Shrine Center 1712 Bellevue Ave, Richmond

The 2022 Annual Casino Night will be held on March 19, 2022 at the ACCA Shrine Center from 6:30-10:30 P.M. Tickets are \$75 per person and include: an open bar, buffet, silent auction, gambling, and door prize giveaways. We will also have a live drawing and announce the winner of this year's Corvette Raffle (Raffle tickets are sold separately and are \$100 each). A link to Casino Night Party tickets [HERE](#).

The Churchland Club heard from DG Debbie Wall at a recent meeting. Read more [HERE](#).

Foundation News

January Message from the DRFC Stephen Beer:

The first half of the 2021-2022 Rotary year is now behind us, and the numbers are in 

32 Rotary clubs are working on 21 district grant projects valued at \$170,287 for local communities. This includes two international projects, one in El Salvador and another in Costa Rica. The most popular areas of focus are basic education and literacy, and economic development.

Our Annual Fund drive is off to a great start! Through December Annual Fund per capita increased to \$88.14 compared to \$83.48 last YTD. THANK YOU for your gifts to The Rotary Foundation!

It's time to start work on this year's district grant projects. Remember, someone in your club, preferably, the planner for your grant project, should attend one of the two Grants

Management Seminars (GMS) that will be held virtually, again, this year. Please plan to attend. Registration will open soon. Dates: Saturday, February 19, 9:00AM  11:00AM and Thursday, March 24, 6:00PM  8:00PM.



Is your club looking for a Global Grant in which to partner? with GG

By Sue V. Carter



Hello, Rotarian friends!

The Rotary Club of Farmville has just concluded a successful Global Grant with Ghana, which included \$75,000 worth of labor and delivery medical equipment and baby incubators! Our Ghanaian colleagues are happy to report that all of it is in use and already saving lives.

When our new(er) Rotarian Patti Wagner heard of this success, she hit the ground running and wrote a similar but expanded Global Grant. We have secured our partnership with a host club of Merendon, Honduras, and re-established the connections with Friends of Barnabas and Warmilu Inc, in efforts to bring **NOT JUST EQUIPMENT** but **LIFE-SAVING**

TRAINING to three hospitals in the San Pedro Sula area of Honduras.

Though we were delayed by the Honduran national emergency and the elections that followed, we are now ready to start fundraising for this amazing cause. Some clubs have already pledged their support, but with such a large grant, we could use all the help out there. We project that we will need at least \$30,000 raised - and the rest will hopefully be matched! For details go [HERE](#).

Thank you so much for considering, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at all. My cell is 434-390-7299 and I love hearing from you all.

An eighteen-year journey to the Paul Harris Society

by Brenda Mitchell

I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Petersburg for 18 years. I heard about the Rotary Foundation soon after joining but, I must admit, it was just another foundation that was always asking for money! I was familiar with several others - some I gave a donation and others I didn't, depending on how familiar I was with the cause. Given I had been recently widowed, my financial situation did not make it possible to make any commitment for money that I was not sure that I would have as I adjusted to my new situation.



Over the years I became more involved in Rotary and learned more about the Foundation through workshops, reading, and talking with other Rotarians. I contributed every year through my club and became a Paul Harris Fellow and a benefactor a few years ago. I guess I still thought giving \$1,000.00 a year was still a risk for me. As I got to see how the Foundation truly does allow funds to come back to our community and our club really did benefit, I began to convince myself the Paul Harris Society was a no-brainer!!

As we all do, I procrastinated. When Carol Woodward recently came to speak at our club, I saw that I needed to join now and I told Carol, "I am going to do this!" Carol is very enthusiastic about the Rotary Foundation and the Paul Harris Society, and it was very evident in her presentation. I knew it was time to join and who can say no to Carol! I am glad I am now making a monthly donation and I look forward to continuing seeing that donation in action in our community. Don't procrastinate-do it today!

Editor's note: Brenda is familiar with service and volunteer organization, having served a number of years of the Crater Area Hospice prior to retiring and becoming a member of Board of Trustees. She is a past president of her club and served with Camile Peter as the organizers of the Silent Auction at the 2021 District Conference.

Meet Rajdip Karmakar, a 1-year-old open-heart surgery veteran:

Via email in mid-January, Nilay Modak of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar, shared photos of Rajdip, who was the first recipient of free open-heart surgery at the RN Tagore Hospital Kolhata on January 11, 2022 courtesy of a Rotary Global Grant.

The Rotary Club of Chesapeake is the International partner in Global Grant 2125868 and Calcutta Mahanagar is the host club. This particular grant was the third global grant Nilay had authored. The grant of \$56,000 will fund up to 20 free heart surgeries for children up to age 18 from low income families.

Congratulations and thank you to The Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Clubs of Calcutta Mananagar and Chesapeake.



D7600 Grant Management Seminars 2022

February 19 | 9-11 am
March 24 | 6-8 pm

Register on [dacdb.com](https://d7600.dacdb.com) calendar
as late as the day before your preferred date(s), but hey,
why wait? Register early for a good seat. You will
receive Zoom link by email.

attendance by at least 1 club member is required for the club to
apply for or partner in a Rotary Grant

Two Grant

Management Seminars on Tap

Is your club planning on applying for or partnering with other clubs in a 2022-2023 District or Global Rotary grant?

To be eligible to do so, a club must have at least one club member participate in a Grant Management Seminar (GMS) for the upcoming grant cycle.

Perhaps it sounds intimidating but be not unduly stressed. This year there will be two free, ZOOM GMS sessions. One on February 19 from 9-11 am and the other on March 24 from 6-8 pm. We hear every year from Rotarians who note that they attended a GMS in the previous year. While we are sympathetic, the annual GMS

certification is a requirement of The Rotary Foundation.

Each year there are different deadlines, often tweaking of certain grant application requirements, and possibly unique charitable initiatives such as the special COVID grants in



2019.

So be not afraid. Wear your favorite shirt, bring along your favorite beverage appropriate (or not) for the time of your Zoom session (and yes, you over achievers, you can attend both sessions). There is also opportunity to ask questions of our grants team which is one of the most experienced teams we have ever fielded.

Registration is easy on the dacdb.com calendar. Scroll down to February 19 or March 24 to register. The Zoom link will be emailed to you prior to the session you selected.

Some friendly general suggestions:

- Have more than one club member attend.
- It is best if those involved in the club grant project be among the attendees.
- Be sure any grant from last year is closed out or the final report by closing report deadline.
- Be sure that the club's foundation goals have been entered at Rotary Club Central.

It will also be an opportunity to welcome the incoming District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, Past District Governor John Padgett. Who could pass up that opportunity?