

# Rotary

## Club of Oyster Point of Newport News



### Speaker 5/23/25 - Traci Snyder

Traci Snyder has dedicated over a decade to the nonprofit sector. As a seasoned development professional, she excels in fundraising, volunteer management, and organizing special events. Recently, Traci became the Development Manager for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in the Southeastern VA chapter.

Passionate about the mission to end Alzheimer's and other dementias, Traci is committed to raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

A native of Hampton, Traci now resides in Smithfield with her husband and their two sons. In her free time, she enjoys spending time at the soccer field or playing on the James River.

### Pour for a Purpose at the Tech Center Concert Series

#### Pour for a Purpose – Volunteer at the Summer Concert Series!

Get ready to raise a glass *and* raise funds! Our Club has been offered a fantastic opportunity to staff the beer sales tent at **eight free summer concerts** — and here's the best part: **we get 50% of all beer sales!** That's right, your volunteer hours could help bring in major dollars for our service projects and maybe even some new members. The concerts are fun, outdoors, and a perfect way to enjoy live music while doing good. Grab a friend, throw on your Rotary pin/hat/shirt, and sign up to serve some suds for a cause! If you have any questions, please contact Michael Daniels.

Sign-up links:

[May 22nd Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[June 5th Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[July 3rd Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[July 31st Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[August 14th Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[September 4th Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[September 18th Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[October 2nd Concert Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Concert series info: <https://www.visitnewportnews.com/articles/post/tech-center-research-park-unveils-summer-2025-concert-series/>

### Companion Club Meetings

Join us on the first Thursday of every month at the Coastal Fermentory Uptown, 5:30pm til whenever!

## Speaker 5/16/25: Adelia Thompson, CEO of the Peninsula Community Foundation



### ADELIA THOMPSON

#### **Chief Executive Officer, Peninsula Community Foundation**

Adelia comes to the foundation from Christopher Newport University, and brings nearly 40 years of experience in leadership, advancement, and community engagement. Thompson joined the Christopher Newport family in 2011 as the Vice President for University Advancement to lead the institution's very first comprehensive campaign, "Defining Significance." Christopher Newport exceeded the campaign's goal by over \$20 million raising \$66 million – a record for the young university. She became Chief of Staff for CNU in the

fall of 2020 and stepped in as the University's Interim President for 2022-23 following Paul Tribble's retirement - demonstrating her ability to navigate complex situations and lead effectively. Most recently she served as a Senior Counsel to CNU's 6th President Bill Kelly before retiring from CNU at the end of 2024. Adelia's proven record in fundraising and fostering collaboration, and her many relationships with individuals and businesses across the Peninsula, position her perfectly to propel.

## In which Nelson faithfully tracks down answers....

Our wonderful speaker last week shared an update on questions posed - thank you, Nelson, for facilitating a follow up!

Hello Nelson!

I have answers to the three questions that your members asked last week so if you would please share them with the folks I would be grateful - and of course I welcome any additional questions too!

First - Your question about the homeless study released last week - I look forward to talking with Alan Archer and learning more but I suspect that the study and report itself was not a resource for them. No one contacted our office or Mike Monteith about it - but in fairness our study was done nearly a decade ago and I know this study was taking a look at the issue post-COVID, and in light of rental costs in specific areas of the Peninsula in particular. They did, however, heavily lean on data from the homeless crisis resource hotline that was established as a result of our study, so that certainly did directly affect their data and work. So - kind of yes and kind of no, but again I look forward to talking with Alan more in the weeks ahead.

Second - the inquiry about our serving as a resource for your club when it comes time to make decisions about your gifts in support of the community and its needs...you bet. Our pleasure. I am happy to come and meet with your leaders anytime, and happy to do some additional homework in advance depending on particular interests of the club at any time too. So - you have my number and my email and I will be honored to help, and to pull in others who can help too.

Third - our rating in the various charity rating organizations - and your member asked specifically about one that had the word charity in the name, but I do not recall the specific one he referenced. So - Guidestar has been the overall most respected "best practices" measure for a long time, and they recently became Candid (name change - not sure what all the corporate shift that happened that led to it). We have long been rated through Guidestanf/Candid and their highest rating is Platinum - and that is our rating. Another measure in which we are included ( we learned this in response to your member's questions because we went out searching online!) is Charity Navigator. They rated us at 97 which is great (anything about 90 is in their top tier) but we need to complete a formal profile with them which I suspect will raise that a little bit too. The other rating organization I found referenced frequently is CharityWatch and it is more of a watchdog group. I will learn more about them and their particular focus and see if we, as an organization, should reach out to them too.

So - hope thatis helpful and I am grateful for the questions and for the chance to further acquaint the

club with who we are and what we do and why we are here.  
Thanks Nelson!  
Adelia

## Rotary Month: May is Youth Services Month

May is Youth Services Month! Youth services is one of Rotary International's 5 areas of service and supports the development of young people up to age 30. The Oyster Point Rotary Club supports Youth Services through sponsoring a community Rotaract club and sponsoring 4 Rotary Youth Leader Awards each year.

## Calgary International Convention: Registration Open!

The Rotary International Convention is open to all Rotarians. Register [here](#) for an exciting opportunity to have fun with fellow members from our district and around the world.



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Register today at [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org)

**#Rotary25**

## In Person Breakfast Meeting + Zoom

The Rotary Club of Oyster Point is meets at the James River Country Club at 7:30 am for breakfast as well as in a [Zoom Meeting](#).

The Zoom meeting will start at 7:45 a.m. You can log in as early as 7:00 am to enjoy coffee and social time before the meeting starts. There is plenty of capacity to host visiting Rotarians, potential members, and guests. Bring a guest and introduce them to the Rotary Club of Oyster Point!

[Read More](#)

## Events

May 23rd, 7:00-8:30 AM

May 30th, 7:00-8:30 AM

## Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Traci Snyder Alzheimer's Association

June 6th, 7:00-8:30 AM

## Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Club Annual Business Meeting

June 20th, 7:00-8:30 AM

## Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Jeff Tanner

**Subject:** Virginia Gaming Commission

## Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Offsite Meeting @ 1700 Brewing Cannon Blvd Oyster Point

June 13th, 7:00-8:30 AM

## Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting

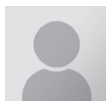
**Speaker:** Lindsey Watson

**Subject:** Travels in Poland

## Birthdays



[James R. McElheney](#)  
June 5th



[JoAnne P. Trimbur](#)  
June 11th

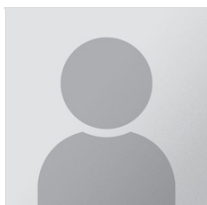
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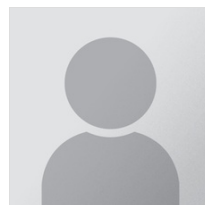
[Keith Roots](#)  
12 Years



[Jimmy Fay](#)  
5 Years



[Randolph Bryant](#)  
4 Years



[Robert A. Manzie](#)  
0 Years

## Club Leaders



[Jeffery Andrew Trimbur](#)  
President  
Club Director



[Leslie A. Bryant](#)  
Club Director  
Satellite Club Chair  
Community Service Chair  
Youth Services Chair



[Lindsey Watson](#)  
President-Elect  
Club Director  
International Service Chair  
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President-Nominee  
Club Director



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Club Director  
iPast President



[Feryl Marlin Stover](#)  
iPast President



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Club Director  
Secretary  
International Service Chair



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Club Director

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Club Director

[Betsy Fink](#)  
Club Director



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[Nelson E. Kelley](#)  
Club Programs  
Chair

## Club Meeting

Oyster Point of Newport News

Meets at We are meeting in person at the James River Country Club and via Zoom. Please email the President for the link to join us.

1500 Country Club Road

Newport News, VA

Time: Friday at 07:30 AM