

Happy Independence Day!



As we approach Independence Day, we're reminded that freedom is not just a founding principle of our country—it's a value that inspires service. Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self echoes the spirit of civic responsibility that shaped our nation's earliest days. Whether it's promoting peace, supporting education, or expanding access to clean water, Rotarians around the world live out the kind of active citizenship that Independence Day celebrates. In honor of the holiday, there will be **no regular Club meeting this Friday**. Instead, we invite all members and guests to join us for a casual **breakfast at the Warwick Restaurant**—a chance to enjoy fellowship, reflect on our shared values, and recharge for the impactful year ahead.



Rotary Month: July is Transition Month

As the Rotary year turns over on July 1st, clubs across the world celebrate *Transition Month*, a time of fresh leadership, renewed energy, and bold new goals. This tradition dates back to 1910, when Paul Harris became Rotary's very first president. Since then, more than 100 international presidents have passed the torch, each bringing a unique vision to our shared mission. Rotary International's Board of Directors rotates annually too, ensuring diverse global perspectives lead our charge for service. Here at the Rotary Club of Oyster Point, we step into the new year with the same spirit of purpose. Whether



you're continuing in your role or just beginning your journey, July is a month to recommit, reimagine, and remember that Rotary is a team sport with service above self at the heart of every play. Let's make this year count!

Your 25-26 Board is Ready!

On Friday, March 22nd, the Club voted in the 2025-2026 Board and on July 1st, duties transition. Thank you to those who have and who are taking on these extra roles! We will

2025-2026 Rotary Club of Oyster Point Board:

- Lindsey Watson, President
- Delp Givens, President-Elect
- · Jeff Trimbur, Immediate Past President
- Trevor Vonu, Secretary (first year of term)
- Ed Maroney, Treasurer (last year of term)
- Rick Brandt (2nd year of term)
- Michael Daniels, Club Director (new term)
- Betsy Fink (2nd year of term)
- Bootsie Hatchett (2nd year of term)
- Tom Herbert (2nd year of term)
- Kristen Montanaro, Club Director (new term)
- Eric Wildemann, Club Director (new term)

We give extra Thanks to these Board members who are stepping down - THANK YOU for all you have done and continue to do!

- Leslie Bryant, Past President
- David Loop, Past President
- Sarah Saville, Past President

Thanks to the entire Club for your service and putting goodwill back into our communities!

Companion Club Meetings

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

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/

Events

July 4th, 7:00-8:30 AM

Breakfast at Warwick Restaurant

Speaker: No Meeting on July 4th

July 18th, 7:00-8:30 AM

Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club

Meeting

Speaker: Synethia White

Subject: Community Violence Prevention Manager

City of Newport News

July 11th, 7:00-8:30 AM

Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club

Meeting

Speaker: Jordan J. Stokes, MPA Marketing Coordinator Newport News Waterworks

Subject: Newport News Waterworks Citizens

Academy

July 25th, 7:00-8:30 AM

Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club

Meeting

Birthdays



Vincent S Montanaro June 30th



John H Whitley Jr. July 5th



Nelson E. Kelley July 7th



Leslie A. Bryant July 9th

Years of Service



Mark S. Fendrick 26 Years

Club Leaders

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