

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!

Rotary International Convention Update

International Convention highlights, shared from Sarah Saville...

- Over 20 Rotarians and guests from D7600 attended. Terri Nathan of the James City County Club led a breakout session.
- Bill Gates renewed the Gates Foundation Commitment of a 2:1 Match for Polio Plus Donations
- Rotary announced its partnership with Symbiosis International University in India to establish The Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University to offer a one-year peace fellowship program
- Speaker highlights included Singer/Author David LaMotte (born in Norfolk VA), Academy Award Winner Geena Davis, Nobel Peace Prize Winner Tawakkol Karman, and NPR's Scott Simon
- Next year's convention will be in June in Taipei. 2027 will be in Dubai due to renovation issues in Honolulu. 2028 will be Minneapolis. 2029- TBD. 2030 - Chicago. I would strongly encourage members to plan to attend at least one.
- WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in the list of speakers. His speech is available on the link.

An official report and select videos can be found here: <u>https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/about/past-and-future-conventions</u>

Speaker 7/11/25 - Jordan Stokes from Newport News Waterworks

Jordan Stokes is the Marketing Coordinator for Newport News Waterworks, where he leads the utility's public education and outreach initiatives. Prior to this role, he served as the Public Information Specialist for Norfolk Utilities, giving him the opportunity to work with both major regional water utilities in Hampton Roads. Jordan is actively involved with the Virginia Section of the American Water Works Association, holding multiple leadership roles,



and he also serves as a spokesperson for askHRgreen.org, the environmental education initiative of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. He holds a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in City/County Management from the University of Southern California.

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!

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

Events

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 18th, 7:00-8:30 AM Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club

July 16th, 6:00-8:00 PM Rotary Club of Oyster Point Board Meeting

July 25th, 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 August 1st, 7:00-8:30 AM **Ovster Point of Newport News Weekly Club** Meeting Speaker: Doug Miller Federal Judge Magistrate

Birthdays



Leslie A. Bryant July 9th



Delp C. Givens August 3rd

Years of Service

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Club Leaders



Lindsey Watson President **Club Director**

Trevor James

Club Director

Michael Daniels

Club Director

Secretary

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Leslie A. Bryant Satellite Club Chair

Ed Maroney

Treasurer

Webmaster

Betsy Fink

Club Director

Club Director



Delp C. Givens **President-Elect Club Director Membership** Chair



Philip L. Hatchett **Club Director**







Richard Brandt Club Director Rotary Foundation Chair





Thomas P Herbert **Club Director**



Kristen Montanaro Club Director Hospitality



Eric R. Wildemann Club Director



Nelson E. Kelley Club Programs Chair



Sarah M. Saville International Service 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

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August 7th, 5:30-6:30 PM

Rotary Club of Oyster Point - Companion