

# Rotary

## Club of Oyster Point of Newport News



### Texas Flood Relief



In July 2025, destructive and deadly [flooding](#) took place in the [Texas Hill Country](#), particularly in [Kerr County](#), in the U.S. state of [Texas](#). During the flooding, water levels along the [Guadalupe River](#) rose rapidly. As a result, at least 132 fatalities have been confirmed, of which at least 106 are in Kerr County, with about 170 reported missing. The flooding was caused by a [mesoscale convective vortex](#)

with enhanced tropical moisture from the remnants of a short lived [Tropical Storm Barry](#).

Flooding began on the morning of July 4, after significant rainfall accumulated across [Central Texas](#). Six [flash flood emergency](#) warnings, which included the cities of [Kerrville](#) and [Mason](#), were issued the same day. The Guadalupe River rose about 26 ft (7.9 m) in 45 minutes.<sup>[3]</sup> It surged an estimated 29 ft (8.8 m) in the [Hunt](#) area, where more than 20 children were declared missing from a summer camp. July 5 saw more flash flood warnings for the [Lake Travis](#) area, which is part of the [Colorado River watershed](#). In the span of a few hours, the equivalent to four months worth of rain fell across the Texas Hill Country region, with the highest rain totals being 20.33 in (516 mm). This flood was the deadliest inland flooding event in the United States since the [1976 Big Thompson River flood](#), surpassing flooding from [Hurricane Helene](#) in 2024.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

Rotary District 5840 - South Central Texas needs our support and is now accepting donations for Flood Relief for Kerrville and surrounding communities. Rotary District 5840 - South Central Texas is calling on all Rotarians and friends to Unite for Good as we support those affected by the devastating floods in Kerrville and surrounding areas; District 5480 is accepting tax-deductible donations through a 501(c)(3) Foundation to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery assistance.

Ways to Give:

Credit Card – <https://rotary5840.org/donate/>

district-5840-disaster-relief/

Check – Payable to Rotary District 5840 Foundation, Memo: Disaster Relief - Mail to: Rotary District 5840 Foundation, P.O. Box 13, Boerne, TX 78006

Zelle – Send to [D5840floodrelief2025@gmail.com](mailto:D5840floodrelief2025@gmail.com) , Memo: Disaster Relief

Let's show what happens when People of Action Unite for Good.

## Speaker 7/18/25: Synethia White, Community Violence Prevention Manager

Synethia White is the Community Violence Prevention Manager for the City of Newport News. She has over 15 years of experience in public service at the local and state level. She has established citizen-led community-based initiatives, organized regional violence prevention efforts in Hampton Roads, facilitated process improvement efforts, extensive



proposal development, and experience managing grants valued at over \$1,000,000. Previously working in local government (Hampton and Newport News, Virginia) and the State of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. Before joining the City of Newport News, she served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives with Cities United. In that role, she was responsible for designing, strengthening, and implementing Cities United's strategic vision related to national programming and partner city engagement. She led the team responsible providing coaching to Mayors and Offices of Violence Prevention across the country as they developed comprehensive public safety plans. Synethia earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Old Dominion University and a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Tidewater Community College.

Synethia is a supporter of the Nutrition Education Advisory Board at the Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula, a member of the Hampton Roads Affiliate of National Black Child Development Institute, the Bethea Family Foundation, a founding board member of the Hampton Roads Police Athletic League and was appointed to the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice Board by Governor Northam in 202. She is a member of the Hampton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

## 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/>

## 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: <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/about/past-and-future-conventions>

## 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

July 16th, 6:00-8:00 PM

[Rotary Club of Oyster Point Board Meeting](#)

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 25th, 7:00-8:30 AM

[Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club](#)

August 1st, 7:00-8:30 AM

[Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club](#)



## Meeting

**Speaker:** Eric Wildeman

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

## Rotary Club of Oyster Point - Companion Meeting

## Meeting

**Speaker:** Doug Miller Federal Judge Magistrate

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

## Oyster Point of Newport News Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Taylor Maroney Assist. Director Resident Life @ CNU

## Birthdays



[Delp C. Givens](#)  
August 3rd

## Years of Service



[Eric R. Wildemann](#)  
10 Years

## Club Leaders



[Lindsey Watson](#)  
President  
Club Director



[Leslie A. Bryant](#)  
Satellite Club  
Chair



[Delp C. Givens](#)  
President-Elect  
Club Director  
Membership  
Chair



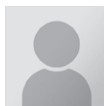
[Jeffery Andrew Trimbur](#)  
Club Director  
iPast President



[Trevor James Vonu](#)  
Club Director  
Secretary



[Ed Maroney](#)  
Club Director  
Treasurer  
Webmaster



[Robert A. Manzie](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Richard Brandt](#)  
Club Director  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



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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