

# Rotary



# Club of Prince George County

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

## Club Meeting

Prince George County Meets at Luca Italian Restaurant  
6411 Courthouse Road  
Prince George, VA 23875  
Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Club Leaders



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## Bianca Neff, founder of Petra Peacebuilders, speaks on humanitarian efforts.

By Donna D. Street on Sunday, February 7, 2021



Bianca Neff, Rotary Peace Fellow and Founder of Petra Builders, speaks to the club on Feb. 10 from her home in Spain. Prince George Rotary is honored to host a Rotary Peace Fellow with over 25 years of international experience as our guest speaker at the February 10 club meeting. Bianca Neff is Founder and Executive Director of Petra Peacebuilders, a non-governmental, non-profit organization that provides trauma healing and resilience support for peacebuilders and humanitarian professionals. She will inform us of the challenges and rewards of her work and will talk about the influence of the Rotary Peace Fellowship on the trajectory of that

work. Bianca will be joining us from her home in Malaga, Spain.

## How to Budget During a Crisis

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Alisa Skipper's presentation on How to Budget During a Crisis using an online tool and workbook created by Truist (formerly BB&T and Suntrust Banks), was as excellent as we all knew it would be. The basics were all there. Know your income. Know your expenses. Know your discretionary spending. If running a deficit start deciding what to cut. Alisa shared a number of her own budgeting 'AHA' moments to illustrate the suggestions with persona examples. Alisa's presentation was recorded and is on the Rotary Club of Prince George County FaceBook Page. She volunteered to speak to other groups about the topic as will her colleagues across the Truist communities. Alisa is a VP and Market Leader V at Truist.

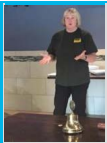
We had known that she had not been feeling well the day before her presentation. As it turns out she was diagnosed with pneumonia, but this professional carried on with her presentation is working from home while recuperating from the pneumonia.

Thank you, Alisa.



## Rotary Volunteerism Continues

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, February 9, 2021



Club Admin  
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Donna D. Street  
Community  
Service  
Chair



Sasha Reynolds  
Youth  
Services  
Chair



Shel M. Douglas  
International  
Service  
Chair



Mary S. Elmore  
Assistant  
Governor



Disease Prevention

Wash your hands  
often with soap and  
water for at least  
20 seconds

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

### Events/Speakers

February 10th  
Prince George  
County Weekly Club  
Meeting

**Speaker:** Bianca Neff,  
CEO Founder of  
petrapeacebuilders.org  
**Subject:** The need to  
foster peace,  
especially during a  
pandemic. Donna  
Street, Club Service  
Chair, is the host of  
the meeting.

February 17th  
Prince George  
County Weekly Club  
Meeting

**Speaker:** Raul Shaul  
Hillel  
**Subject:** Thoughts on  
the role of Peace  
Fellows.

### Birthdays

Steven M. Woith  
February 13th

Chana Ramsey  
February 18th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding  
Anniversaries Found

### Club Member Anniversaries

Donald R. Hunter  
02-26-2016  
5 Years

Rotarians are known for their generosity of both their time and their financial contributions., especially during this COVID-19 Pandemic. On February 6th, Jan Rowley and Carol Woodward volunteered at two of the six COVID vaccination clinics hosted throughout the Crater Health District areas. Jan was at Cavalier Square where the Pfizer vaccine was administered and Carol at the Prince George High School which was dispensing the Moderna vaccine. Donald Hunter was the supervisor at the High School and his son, Donnie, was in charge at the Hopewell site.

Vaccination clinics will continue and will significantly boost the level of fully vaccinated folks in the District. Remember that both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two shots, three weeks or four weeks apart respectively. Currently, those who are being vaccinated are in the 1a and 1b categories. More information can be found on the [Crater Health District Website](http://www.craterhd.net).

Vaccination appointments must be made in advance by getting on the Crater Health District Wait List, or by contacting your health care provider. Soon some CVS pharmacies will be scheduling vaccinations particularly for older people with comorbidities. Currently, only people in the 1a and 1b categories established by the CDC will be eligible for vaccinations until more vaccine is available. Again, for more information on the eligible categories visit <http://www.craterhd.net>

The landscape will be changing rapidly as more vaccines become available. To help provide up to date information, Prince George County is creating a hotline, staffed by trained volunteers. A number of Prince George Rotarians will be pulling recurring shifts as hotline volunteers. Among those Rotary Volunteers will be Jan Rowley, Mary Ford, Donna Street, and Carol Woodward. Contact Donna Street if you would like more information about becoming one of those trained volunteers.

Even as we increase the number of fully vaccinated persons, we will still need to wear masks, socially distance, and wash, wash, wash those hands.

This photo of volunteers and Crater Health District Staff being briefed prior to opening of



the Hopewell COVID Vaccination Clinic was taken by Jan Rowley on February 6th.

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## Traveling Rotarians

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Our club started a little tradition a few years ago when the focus was on attendance at a meeting rather than engagement in meetings, service projects, Rotary socials, and so on. When a member traveled, if he or she took a picture with a local club's Rotary Wheel, that member would be given a makeup for the missed meeting at the Prince George Rotary.


Yesterday, Denya posted a pic of herself at a Rotary Wheel. We are awaiting a response from her as to where this picture was taken.



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## Teen Dating Violence

By Anna Kroyer on Tuesday, February 9, 2021

 Dating violence is more common than people think, especially among teens & young adults. It affects all of our local students and that is why James House offers prevention programs in local schools and provides free outreach information to parents and families in the community. Our advocates can speak virtually to college groups, community organizations, classes, clubs, after-school programs, groups of teachers, youth mentors, and more.

We offer prevention programs such as 'Safe Dates' for middle grade to high school students and 'Map the Way' for elementary school students. Our highly interactive, motivational programs for groups encourage youth to explore topics such as self-expression, self-esteem and feelings, healthy relationships, bullying and peer pressure, self-care and safety, and social/coping skills.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and we post on social media in support of the cause to remind the community that we are here to help with advocacy and education to stop dating abuse before it starts. If you see anyone wearing orange on James House social media this week, they are supporting teen dating violence awareness! Please, help us share these important posts. We want teens to know that we are

here to help them and to be comfortable asking for help.

Last week, we hosted our first Teen Volunteer Open House on Zoom. We have 4 active teen volunteers working on projects in the community from the safety of their homes. We are still looking for teens to help with some volunteer opportunities for the month of February in an effort to spread awareness about Teen Dating Violence! Volunteers can register to participate at, <http://youthvolunteers.thejameshouse.volunteerhub.com/>. Or for more info, email our Volunteer Coordinator, Latifah Holman at [latifah@thejameshouse.org](mailto:latifah@thejameshouse.org) or call her at 804-458-2704.

## Covid Impact on Regional Economy

By Renee Chapline on Monday, February 8, 2021



Many of the impacts of COVID will be long lasting, as related by Prince George Rotarian, Renee Chapline, from data provided by the Richmond Federal Reserve. Over the past 11 months- since the coronavirus pandemic started to impact the U.S. economy and our local business and industries, the Richmond Fed has published numerous reports on the results of our [Fifth District business surveys](#). At the end of 2020 many local businesses are still struggling with revenues, supply chain, and an available workforce to meet their daily operational needs. The Richmond Federal Reserve reported in December that less than 50% of businesses have returned to pre-COVID-19 in terms of employment, revenue and investment. Most businesses are reporting their activity at 80%, as they continue to struggle with keys issues related to the pandemic. Anecdotal information collected by the Richmond Fed indicates that for many firms, the vaccine has provided a light at the end of the tunnel, although they are not sure when the tunnel will end and how their business will look at the end of it. Survey results indicates 15% of firms surveyed in December 2020 indicated they will not return to the pre-COVID-19 employment levels. These companies are enjoying comparable profits with reductions in labor costs. These same invested in new technologies to operate during the pandemic and the new technology and automation has eliminated the need for some jobs within their companies. The coronavirus overturned the longest post-WWII expansion and growth boom, and created considerable hardship for Fifth District households and businesses. Companies in the region remain unsure as to when they will return to their pre-COVID activity and, in fact, many are anticipating permanent changes to their business models. Hopefully, broad vaccine distribution will encourage companies to invest and spur new employments opportunities in this new normal.

Together we can make a contribution to our local businesses by supporting our regional economy. Every time we make a purchase locally, we are creating more opportunities for local employment for our friends and neighbors. By putting money back into the community, you will see the fabric of the community prosper with innovation and resilience.

Cited December 2020

[https://www.richmondfed.org/research/regional\\_economy/surveys\\_of\\_business\\_conditions](https://www.richmondfed.org/research/regional_economy/surveys_of_business_conditions)

## Animal Wrangler Extraordinaire

By Janice L. Rowley on Tuesday, February 9, 2021



Steve Woith's member badge identifies him as "Animal Wrangler" for good reason. He and his wife, Jill, have a fenced in yard for some very special critters. From a one time high of 5 goats, they are down to a Boer goat named JB and an Alpine goat named Afton. Both are about 12 years old.

Much of their time is spent on their beloved Borzoi. Their very active dogs are named Tiene Zarkov Lucky Luciano, Scheremetjew's Scarlett O'Hara, Scheremetjew's, Holden Caulfield, and Nikola Tesla. You have to love the names.

Jill spends a great deal of time training them and entering them in the breed ring of lure coursing events and Fast Cat events which are AKC timed 100 yard dashes where a dog chases a lure. Many weekends are taken up with travel to the events and enjoying the company of other Borzoi enthusiasts.

With a love for all dogs, you won't be surprised to know they also have a beagle rescued from

the Prince George Animal Shelter. The beagle is Mini-Me and enjoys a more sedentary life style. We are still waiting to have one of these lucky dogs on Zoom for a meeting.

## Colonial Harley-Davidson Gives Back and Hopes to Partner with Rotary

By Anna Kroyer on Tuesday, February 9, 2021





Colonial Harley-Davidson has partnered with James House for almost a decade with fundraising and outreach projects. Hogs for the House benefit cook-off competition was hosted for 2 years, (pre-COVID) by this generous team, and many Rotarians volunteered for the event! We are in discussions to host the Rotary Club of Prince George County 25th Anniversary at Colonial H. Stay tuned for details. This year, the annual February Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, February 27, will benefit James House. Last year, Rotarian Anna Kroyer's, daughter Lily, won 2nd place in the chili cook-off, at age 10, competing against some seasoned chili cooking bikers. More details on this year's event can be found here, <https://fb.me/e/2bXprzpk6>, or by calling the store, 804-861-4700. Come out to support James House from 10 AM to 3 PM at 1701 Temple



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## February - Rotary Promoting Peace Month

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, February 1, 2021



## Upcoming Program/Speaker Assignments - March

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Program responsibility is shared among club members on a rotating, alphabetical basis. The upcoming assignments are

March - Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene Month:

3rd - Peg Whipple  
10th Steve Woith

17th- Carol Woodward You can get some tips on getting and communicating about your speaker by looking at

the Tips page on the club [website](#). Click on the documents tab and scroll down to Speaker Assignments.

In general speakers should know that we are nonpartisan and nonreligious. They should be asked to provide their topic, a short bio, and a photo. Please share that information with Carol for inclusion on FaceBook and in our newsletter. You should also advise your speaker that we plan to share their presentation on FaceBook live.

Good luck on your speakers.

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## Grant Management Seminar -Virtual-Free February 13

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, February 2, 2021

