

# Rotary



# Club of Prince George County

Thursday, July 20, 2023

## Club Meeting

Prince George County Meets at The club has regular hybrid meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at Luca Italian Restaurant. Zoom link can be requested at [pgrotary23875@gmail.com](mailto:pgrotary23875@gmail.com). 6411 Courthouse Rd Prince George, VA 23875 Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM



## Club Leaders



[Cynthia Walker Mitchell](#)  
President



[Brian K. Manning](#)  
President-Elect  
Membership Chair  
Past President



[Dana Lewellyn Rieves](#)  
Secretary



[Karen A. Skipper](#)  
Treasurer



[Lillian K Boyd](#)  
Administration Chair  
Club Programs Chair  
Past President



[Chana Ramsey](#)  
Public Image Chair

[Donna D.](#)

## Club Awards and Reinstallation of Leadership

By Cynthia Walker Mitchell on Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Returning Club President Cynthia Mitchell invited the club members and Rotary District 7600 leaders to enjoy an evening of appetizers and beverages as we celebrated the amazing 2022-2023 Rotary year, to recognize club leadership, and to reinstall the leaders of the club. Attending from District 7600 were District Governor (DG) Rudy Garcia and his wife Catherine, both of the Fluvanna Club, Past District Governor (PDG) Chuck Arnason and wife Rebecca of the Blackstone Club, and Joy Kline, District Governor Elect (DGE) from the Goochland Rotary Club.

Past Presidents Steve Woith, and Bill Gandel achieved recognition for the 2022-23 years as Major Donors to TRF and Michael Moore is a Paul Harris Fellow +4. Jan made the presentations and had a lot of fun doing it. Past President Lillian Boyd also achieved Major Donor Status in December 2022, but was out of town on the evening of our event. Michael and Susan Moore are visiting from Australia. Michael is a Past President of the Club and is still a member in good standing. Steve Woith and Bill Gandel are both members of the Paul Harris Society.



Steve Woith, Bill Gandel, Jan Rowley (left photo) and Jan with Michael on the right.

The Rotarian of the Year was announced. Sasha Reynolds has been the remarkable Youth Services Chair for our Club and also serves on the District 7600 Youth Services committee. She has been instrumental in re-energizing our Prince George High School Interact Club. She was also recognized by Rotary Zone 33 as an emerging leader during the 2022-2023 year. Sasha, who was vacationing with family in St. Augustine, phoned in, literally, with the help of Mable Combo Farris, to receive her Rotarian of the Year Award and to make remarks about the exciting year behind and ahead. In addition to the plaque and Rotarian of the Year lapel pin, the Rotarian of the Year receives next year's Rotary dues gratis.

Adding to the sparkling evening, we inducted four active members into the club. Bill Johnson had been visiting with the club for a number of months, participating in our Morelia socials, and even showing up one work day to help with our District Grant project. Bill was a neighbor of Dana Rieves in the Tinsely Charter community, so he got gentle reminders from time to time about club activities along with receiving the club newsletter and email notes. More about Bill in an upcoming newsletter. Jan Rowley is Bill's sponsor and will be his Rotary mentor. Bill's induction by DG Rudy is captured in the lead photograph.

The three other new "Active" members are Deloris Jefferson, Katie Harlow, and Lili Quintana, who had been "Honorary" members as corporate designees of The James House, the club's current Corporate member. A revamping of the club's bylaws





[Street Service Projects Chair](#)



[Janice L. Rowley](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Sasha Reynolds](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[Carol Dois Woodward](#)  
Bulletin Editor  
Club Executive Secretary  
Webmaster



[Janice L. Rowley](#)  
Assistant Governor

paved the way for them to become full-fledged, Active members, who will have access to all Rotary tools, communications, and opportunities afforded to other Active members of the club. Club members are already impressed by the impact they have made on the club during the last year. We want to thank the CEO of The James House, Chana Amaro, who is a long-term member of the club, a Past President of the Club, and the club Public Image Chair, for her commitment and leadership in the club.



The highlight of the evening was Cynthia's reinstatement as President of the Club by District Governor Rudy Garcia. Along with the reinstatement of the president was the reinstatement of last year's officers. They have agreed to continue as officers for 2023-2024 when the Rotary Presidential Theme is "Create Hope in the World. In case you are wondering, Presidential Themes are intended to communicate the Rotary International President's (RIP) focus for his or her year. This year the RIP is a Scotsman, R. Gordon R. McNally.

Update, on a sadder note, past secretary Dana Rieves attended the event just days before her return to Indiana. Dana wrote her Rotary journey story for the newsletter last week. Happily, she is going to continue as a Passport member of the club and will assist the new secretary to assume the role. Charlie and Dana have since arrived at their new home in Lyons, Indiana (their new address is in dacdb) on the 19th and are awaiting their delivery van's arrival.

## Events/Speakers

No Events found

## Birthdays

Brian K. Manning  
July 31st

## Wedding Anniversaries

Donald R. Hunter  
August 6th

## Club Member Anniversaries

Lillian K Boyd  
07-06-2016  
7 Years

Katie Harlow  
07-13-2023  
0 Years

Deloris Jefferson  
07-13-2023  
0 Years

Lili Quintana  
07-13-2023  
0 Years

William O Johnson II  
07-13-2023  
0 Years

## The DASH Awards and Change of Leadership Celebration

By Janice L. Rowley on Wednesday, July 19, 2023



What an exuberant event to thank Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Kenny Janes' Leadership Team and to welcome District Governor Rudy Lee Garcia as he was installed with his Team to lead District 7600 as we

"Create Hope in the World." Close to 200 Rotarians attended the event and our Rotary Club of Prince George County was represented by President Cynthia Mitchell and President-Elect Brian, as well as Steve Woith, and Michael and Susan Moore and Jan Rowley!

The DASH Awards to Clubs refers to a poem by Linda Ellis, who was a speaker at the 2022 District Conference. Her poem discusses how people choose to live their lives in that space between birth and death. Kenny Janes used that theme throughout his successful year to enhance the theme chosen by President Jennifer Jones, the first female President for Rotary, "IMAGINE - Rotary."

Bonnie Field and Davetta Rinehart efficiently presented Club awards to the four tiers of club membership with a photo opportunity with Kenny thanks to the tireless Bill Billings. Cynthia accepted an award for Community Service for the Prince George County Rotary club, on behalf of our club Service Projects Chair, Donna Street, as we applauded the accomplishments of all the awardees. This year Golden Rotarian Awards were presented to many long-serving Rotarians, including Past District Governor (PDG) Jim Probsdorfer, a long-time friend of our Club.

Cynthia got her steps in as she was recognized with an Outstanding Club Presidents Award for 2022-23 and the even more exclusive Governor's Circle Award. Winning the Governor's Cup this year was the Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center.

As the festivities continued, all Past District Governors were called up to the front and recognized whether they served District 7600 or another District. They gave the theme of their year and IPDG Kenny presented the pin to the new District Governor, Rudy Lee Garcia. Pins were passed from Rudy to Joy Kline and from Joy Kline to Pat Edwards to celebrate the succession of our District Leadership. This substituted for the usual Passing of Banners from Clubs.

During the "As the Dust Settles" part of the celebration, Rudy presented gifts to Kenny that were acquired at the International Conference in Sydney. The gifts included an authentic digging stick and a didgeridoo, a traditional wind instrument of the aboriginal people of Australia.

Rotarians held signs showing the 7 Areas of Focus with assistance from Brian Manning and Cynthia Mitchell and then a ribbon of good wishes for Kenny was danced around the room to demonstrate the circle of the family of Rotary.

District Governor Rudy delivered his remarks emphasizing the points that new President of Rotary, Gordon R. McNally, plans to concentrate on in the year of 2023-24 to Create Hope in the World.



## CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

This will be a great year with a great District Conference planned for October 12-15 at the City Center Marriott, Newport News! Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

### Congratulations to President Cynthia

By Carol Dois Woodward on Wednesday, July 19, 2023

President Cynthia Mitchell, not only led the club to be recognized as one of the clubs cited for excellence by being named to the Governor's Circle and recognition for our club's leadership in Service Projects. She was also recognized as the President of the Year of Tier I clubs (fewer than 30 members.)





Thank you to Jan Rowley for her excellent article describing the festivities at the District Change of Leadership and Club Awards (DASH Awards in honor of Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Kenny Janes).

Cynthia will not mention the recognition of herself at the Williamsburg event, but her leadership guided our club. She will be the first to tell you that she didn't deserve it. She'll recognize all those who are so instrumental in the organization of the service projects, the Rotary colleagues who subbed for her at a meeting when it was necessary, and who continue to do the Rotary work, day after day, month after month, and year after year.

Our club is simply fantastic, and we are honored to have Cynthia graciously serving a second year as our president.

Pictured are President Cynthia and IPDG Kenny Janes. Thank you to Jan Rowley for the photo.

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## Just Another Thank You

By Cynthia Walker Mitchell on Monday, July 17, 2023



Congratulations, members of The Rotary Club of Prince George County on receiving the Governor's Circle Award and Community Service Award for Exemplary Dedication and Commitment to the Rotary District 7600 during 2022-2023!



I am excited to be a part of The Rotary Club of Prince George County. I am also proud to welcome 4 new members to our club as we enter the years 2023-2024. I look forward to working with this group of Rotarians.

I am seeking input from members by conducting a Member Interest Survey to plan our year. I'm hoping to get 100% participation as we plan ways to increase our impact, expand our outreach, enhance member engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. We aim to *Create Hope in the World!*

A survey will be sent to members by email. Look for it around the 26<sup>th</sup> of July and respond immediately please. Don't wait. It won't take much time, and you will forget about it later. Believe me, I know. You will have 2 weeks to complete and return the survey, please. I want us to use the results in planning for the upcoming

year.

Here's to another successful year!  
Cynthia Mitchell

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## Coming up!

By Carol Dois Woodward on Thursday, July 20, 2023

Plan for the new Rotary year are in the incubator, but here are few quickies:

July 20 - Carol & Donna do the Meals on Wheels (MOW) deliveries

July 26 - Rotary Open Mic-Link will be emailed to all

July 27 - Donald & Cynthia are on MOW duty

Aug 7 - Club Board Meeting

Aug 9 - First Regular Hybrid meeting of the Rotary Year



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## The Four Way Test

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, June 8, 2020

**Rotary**  **4 Way Test**  
of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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