# Rotary



## Club of **Prince George County**

Tuesday, August 15, 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. 6411 Courthouse Rd Prince George, VA 23875 Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM



#### **Club Leaders**



Cynthia Walker <u>Mitchell</u> **President** 



Brian K. Manning President-Elect Membership Chair Past President



<u>Janice L. Rowley</u> Rotary Foundation Chair Secretary



Karen A. Skipper Treasurer



Lillian K Boyd Administration Chair Club Programs Chair Past President



Chana Ramsey Public Image Chair



Donna D. Street Service Projects

### Adrienne Wallace Speaking about Survivor Day

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, August 14, 2023



The club is pleased to have Adrienne Wallace speaking to the club on August 16th. Adrienne will be encouraging everyone to consider registering for Survivor Day which will be held on September 16 from 9-12 at the Middle Road Elementary School. This is the 7th Annual Survivor Day, though it was interrupted for a couple of years due to the pandemic. Survivor Day is presented by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Please invite friends or neighbors to the meeting who may be interested in learning more about this educational event. The first 50 households to register and complete the presentations will receive a backpack with some starter emergency supplies.

#### SURVIVOR DAY FLYER

Adrienne Wallace has worked as a journalist for more than 30 years and continues to complete free-

projects in the area to help highlight local events and nonprofit organizations. She began her career

U.S. Army and served 10 years deploying to operational territories. Adrienne is a Desert Storm veteran.

She has been involved in the community through volunteering with several organizations and continues her commitment with the Prince

George Local Emergency

Management Committee and Hopewell-Prince George Crime Solvers. She has served on various boards and committees throughout her time in the Prince George area.

Adrienne is married to Bill Wallace. They have one daughter, Lindsey Story, who was raised in Prince George and now lives in Richmond.

#### Katie Harlow - New Active Rotarian

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, August 15, 2023

On July 12th, the Prince George Rotary inducted 4 new Active Members. Bill Johns, Lili Quintana, Katie Harlow, and Del



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Carol Dois **Woodward Bulletin Editor** Club Executive Secretary



Janice L. Rowley Assistant Governor

#### Events/Speakers

No Events found

#### **Birthdays**

Mable C Farris August 26th **Deloris Jefferson** August 27th Dana Lewellyn Rieves Donna D. Street September 8th

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Dana Lewellyn Rieves

#### **Club Member Anniversaries**

Lillian K Boyd 07-06-2016 8 Years Katie Harlow 07-13-2023

Deloris Jefferson 07-13-2023 1 Year

William O Johnson II



Jefferson. Bill and Lili have already been featured, This week we feature Katie, Harlow. Katie is a native Virginia having been born at Southside Regional Hospital. She went to school in Prince George, and is the Outreach/Community Services Coordinator for The James House.

Her role is hectic considering that The James House provides services to those affected by sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking in the greater Tri -Cities area.

Katie is another member of The James House Corporate Membership headed by the CEO Chana Amaro. Among Katie's favorite activities are reading, yoga and playing with her Golden Retriever pup, Kiyah.



### **COVID** in the County

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, August 14, 2023

Donald Hunter was asked at our last Rotary Open Mic if he could check on the official status of COVID in the county and provide any update that would benefit our

members and communities.

As of Friday, August 11, Donald reported that there are still new cases of COVID in the county, but as of now there are no additional vaccines. He advised however that we should keep aware of any developments in vaccinations. For those who have not received all the existing vaccines, that they can bring their vaccinations up to date by calling 877-829-4682 to set an appointment for vaccination. Appointments can be made to have the vaccination in Prince George on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays from 1 pm-3 pm.

Dana chimed in from afar to remind us that we can obtain copies of our vaccinations records at vdh.virginia.gov. Scroll down and click on "GET A COPY OF YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORD". Click on "COVID-19 Vaccination Record". You can also get copies of other vaccinations.



Pictured are Donald Hunter and President Cynthia Mitchell assisting at one of the COVID Vaccination clinics in 2020.

## A Plea for the Hopewell Food Pantry

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mallory Creech, Program Associate at the John Randolph Foundation (JRF) has sent this sincere request for support of the Hopewell Food



Pantry via Dana Rieves, a Trustee of JRF.

"All of us have experienced the rising cost of food. These rising costs have been particularly invasive to our neighbors at the Hopewell Food Pantry. The rising food costs mean their dollars

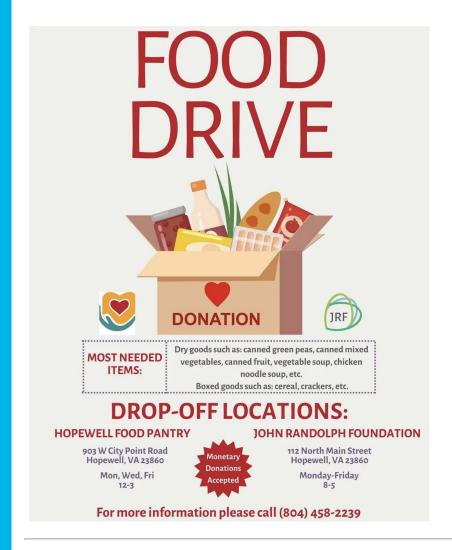
are unable to extend as far as they have in the past. As partners of this life-saving establishment, we come to you to ask for help in filling the food availability gaps. The Hopewell Food Pantry is in dire need of the following items:

- Canned goods such as green peas, mixed veggies, fruit, veggie soup and chicken noodle soup
- Boxed goods such and cereal and crackers

Food and/or monetary donations will be accepted at the Hopewell Food Pantry at 903 W City Point Rd, Hopewell VA 23860 on Monday Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12-3 pm. These are food distribution times, so please park across the street and walk over as to not disturb the pickup line.

To assist in gathering as many of these items as possible, we are happy to open The John Randolph Foundation as a donation location of as well at 112 N Main Street, Hopewell, VA 23860, Monday - Friday fin 8 to 5 pm.

Your help in providing our Hopewell neighbors with healthy nutritious foods emulates the Hopewell Food Pantry's motto, "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors." Thank you for your help!





Gotham City Casino Night!! Get your tickets during our pre-sale! You will get an extra drink ticket and the ticket fees are on us! Tickets will be available August 15-21, 2023 on our website:

https://www.thejameshouse.org/casinonight #Casinonight #GothamNight

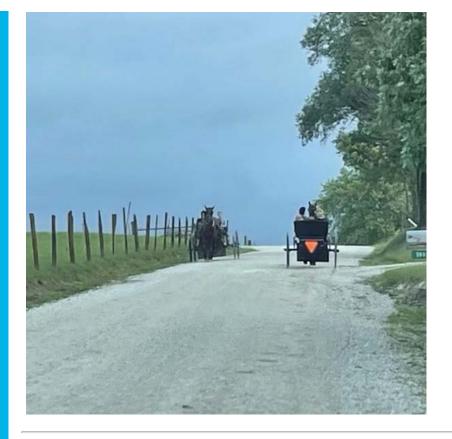
The James House, serving the greater Tri-Cities Area, assists those who have been affected by sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

Support this fundraiser to increase the ability of The James House to assist those in need of their services.

## **Heavy Traffic**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, August 14, 2023

Dana sends updates to various Prince George Rotarians to update them on her new life back in Indiana. Last week she sent this photo to demonstrate just how hectic life is in her local area. Especially nerve racking is the heavy traffic.



#### **August Dates for the Club**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Wednesday, August 9, 2023



9th --Rotary Open Mic

10th-Back to School Fair No MOW Deliveries

16th -Club Hybrid Meeting- Luca

17th - MOW - Steve & Carol

23rd - Rotary Open Mic

24th - MOW -Donald & Bill Johnson

30th - Rotary Morelia Patio Social No Open Mic

31st - MOW - Lillian & Donna



### **Community Emergency Response Team Basic Course**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, August 1, 2023



# Prince George County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic CERT class announcement!

CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT volunteers can assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT volunteers are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects. Go to <a href="https://www.ready.gov/cert">https://www.ready.gov/cert</a> for more information on CERT programs.

CERT allows you to meet new people, learn new skills and become a valuable asset to your community.

Prince George CERT will be holding basic CERT training starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Classes will be nine consecutive Thursdays from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Classes will be held at the Prince George Central Wellness Center (CWC), 11023 Prince George Drive, Disputanta. There is no cost for taking the course and you need not be a resident of Prince George to attend.



To register and for information on the Prince George program, visit

http://pgcountyvirginiacert.org https://www.facebook.com/PGVACERT

or email us: pgcountyvirginiacert@gmail.com

For an overview on what CERT can do for the community, go to: https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/cert-trainings?language=en\_US

### **August Meals on Wheels schedule**

By Donna D. Street on Tuesday, August 1, 2023



Updated August Schedule This is the latest schedule for Meals on Wheels volunteers for the month of August. There had been a couple of changes due to FeedMore's training day on 8/10 and members' required days off. If there are any additional changes needed, please let me know as soon as you can. I'll be working on the September schedule now, so check your Thursdays in case you have days you can't be on the rotation next month.

August Meals on Wheels Deliveries

- 17 Carol and Steve
- 24 Donald and Bill Johnson
- 31 Lillian and Jan

## Travel Leaves Us Speechless - then makes us Storytellers (Ibn Battuta)

By Janice L. Rowley on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

I have enjoyed reading the accounts of the many Rotarians who attended the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. What great learning opportunities and adventures they had!

The quote in the title of this piece reflects my experience in all the travels that I have enjoyed. When friends of mine offered an expense-paid trip to visit them in west Texas, I leaped at the opportunity. It had been 35 years since we truly had time to visit, and I knew that I had so much to learn from them.



My friend, Cid, spends much of her time in Odessa, TX figuring out ways to get away to greener pastures, so they spend more than half the year on trips to Europe and/or NYC or Maine to visit their children. But my visit to Odessa gave her husband, Tim, an opportunity to share the history of his family in the Midland-Odessa area as homesteaders, cattle people, community leaders, and holders of mineral rights (read oil and gas leases) that provide for a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins and their offspring as well as my friends' family.



Each morning in Odessa, Cid and I walked a trail at University of Texas, Permean Basin. (UTPB) Our walks took us past desert fauna like mesquite and desert willow and led us past signs with descriptions of local wildlife like prairie dogs and burrowing owls. Our sightings were only of cottontails and lizards, but we did go past a replica of Stonehenge on our walks. And, it's Texas, so we saw the football stadium that looms over life throughout Texas. For me, it was great to see the footprint of Rotary in the Centennial Project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Odessa along our path.

Tim was busy each morning managing assets of the LLC, but he would come by after lunch to provide the family history. His grandfathers lost their assets in East Texas following the Civil War when "carpetbaggers" moved in. One of the Parker family moved on to the San Angelo area and then north to Odessa and began purchasing parcels of lands and began a cattle business.

Throughout the late nineteenth century and into the twentieth, J L Parker acquired lands and cattle on the frontier. Like all

ranchers, he thrived when rains and markets favored the area, but had to sell off cattle and land sometimes. He persevered and kept careful records of everything. Eventually, he built a Stone House in Odessa for his wife from East Texas that included the first indoor plumbing on both floors of the house. After its renovation, the Parker corporation donated it to the Historic Society of Odessa. A short distance north is a Baptist Church on land donated to the family (and there is a great story with that.)

Meanwhile, on ranch land north of Odessa, he built an Adobe Home which has also been restored and entered into the Historic Register of the community. Along the way, Tim's grandfather was major shareholder in a bank.



In the 1920s, oil was discovered in the Permean Basin and all those small sections amounted to a lot of interest to oil companies. Tim's grandfather and father retained the land and carefully evaluated leasing agreements proposed by oil speculators.

Tim's father was fascinated by flying and was able to acquire land and build a hangar near the property of the Odessa Airfield. During WWII, he and his brothers were called to action, and after the conflict, he spent days flying throughout the west buying up spare parts for small planes to become the best supplier for the airplanes that he loved.

Long story short, Tim manages Ector Aircraft and the mineral leases on the ranch lands his grandfather and father acquired in the early to mid twentieth century. He has spent amazing efforts to save and renovate the history of cattle ranching and the origins of the oil industry on the lands that he holds in trust.

The best part of travel is meeting "the Storytellers," sharing a glass of wine, and looking forward to your next meeting.

## **August - Rotary Membership & New Club Development Month**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Tuesday, August 1, 2023



## **Rotary Monthly Themes**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, August 7, 2023

## **Rotary Monthly Themes**

July transition Month

August Membership & Extension
September Basic Education & Literacy

October Economic & Community Development

November the Rotary Foundation

December Disease Prevention & treatment

January Vocational Service

February Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March Water & Sanitation

April Maternal & Child Health

May Youth Services
June Rotary Fellowships





## **The Four Way Test**

By Carol Dois Woodward on Monday, June 8, 2020



Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?