

Rotary



Club of Prince George County

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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



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Events/Speakers

No Events found

Families and friends join 6 Rotary Clubs for a Picnic in the Park

By Janice L. Rowley on Wednesday, August 7, 2024



The new Presidents for Rotary Clubs in Areas 6 and 7 began planning early to bring Club members, their families, and friends together for a cook out at Garland Dodds Park at Point of Rocks in Chester. With the potential for rain in the forecast for Saturday, August 3, we were glad to have the shelters available. Fortunately, with only a few sprinkles materializing, the shelters shaded us from the sun with a cool breeze flowing through.



Rick Maddux and some of the Petersburg Breakfast crew were already set up with charcoal in the grills and boxes of hot dogs and hamburgers waiting in coolers to go on the grills. Brian Manning and some of the PG Rotary team were onsite with coolers, ice, and a variety of drinks for all of us. Meanwhile, AG Carolyn Jacobs had already put festive table cloths on some of the tables and was busy sweeping out the shelters.

Soon District Governor Nominee SuAnne Hardee Bryant sailed in from Chesapeake followed by the arrival of District Governor Joy Kline. They were busy chatting with Rotarians and their families as more Club members arrived bearing a vast array of sides for the picnic and desserts.

After the grill masters were finished and before we ate, Joy shared her delight at being invited to the picnic to get to know folks better in a casual environment. Betty Hobbes, Petersburg Rotarian, provided an invocation to thank everyone and to invite us all to commit to "Service Above Self."

As always, it was great to connect with new friends like Krystal Clemons, new President of the Petersburg Lunch Bunch, and enjoy reunions with all the amazing folks like Tavorise Marks, Chris Weigard, and Jeff Butler. I finally got to meet Tiffany Marks and their children. Even though many of us had just been



together in Williamsburg for the District Awards, I love hanging out with LeMar and his family, Louis Malon, Joanne Norman, Beverley Coleman (AG Area 7), Yulando Wallace, Jeff Jacobs, Michael Moore, Mark Creech, Sandy and Donald Hunter, Cynthia Mitchell, and too many more to mention. It was a treat to have Wayne Walton with us as a special guest of Wendy Austin and Richard Taylor.

We have another wonderful opportunity to interact with Rotarians when the District Conference comes up at the end of September. Please register before August 30 for the best rate!



Birthdays

Tracy Patterson III
August 26th
Mable C Farris
August 26th
Deloris Jefferson
August 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Club Member Anniversaries

Patricia C. Hale
08-22-1996
28 Years
Margaret T. Whipple
08-22-1996
28 Years
Carol Dois Woodward
08-22-1996
28 Years
William F. Gandel
08-26-1998
26 Years

Membership Program on August 21st Hybrid Meeting

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Mark Creech, President-Elect of the Prince George Rotary, will be speaking to the club on the importance of membership recruitment and retention. He will be sharing some techniques to enhance membership and share our dynamic Rotary experience. Mark, who also serves as our Membership Chair, has been participating in Zone 33/34 Membership Zoom training and webinars.



Mark has worn many hats in the club, including having been President for almost two years, when our then President was incapacitated by a devastating accident. A bit about Mark's background.

He began his IT life (for Bill Billing's sake ... IT stands for Information Technology) as an avionics airman in the US Air Force. After his honorable discharge, he went on to serve at many levels in a number of senior management and executive level roles at global telecommunications and technology companies. Among those corporations were ITT, IBM, MCI, British Telecom, WorldCom, and Dyamics Research Corporation. He holds of Bachelor of Science in Business with honors from the University of Phoenix.

Kumasi Rotaract Water & Hygiene Grant Update

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James Asamoah has sent the club a short update on the water and hygiene global grant to provide micro-flush toilets to a portion of a school in Kumasi, Thana. James is the Past President of the Kumasi Rotaract Club and the Rotaract Club is the lead on this global grant. In the photos you will note that the construction crew is taking measurements in advance



of the construction of the micro-flush toilet block. The Rotaract Club has solidified the funding for the grant and the bookkeeping and money transfers are in progress. The Rotary Club of Prince George County's Charitable Foundation donated \$1000 to this global grant. Please note that James and other Kumasi Rotaract Club members often Zoom into our hybrid meetings and our Rotary Open Mics.



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Here is James' email covering the photos.

This is a few updates from our Grant GG-24-59654.

We received the last payment at TRF yesterday, so we uploaded the grant bank statement and have requested for the transfer of funds from TRF to the grant account.

Also, I am adding a few pictures to the email with regard to engagement with the school's authorities and community heads.

Some of the pictures show the contractor together with Kumasi Rotaract taking measurements for the construction of the Microflush Toilet.

Carol's Summer Reading Challenge

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

The Summer Reading Program of the Appomattox Regional Library System (ARLS) is an annual delight for youth and adults alike. This year Carol took her second plunge as a committed summer reader, choosing the "reading challenge" to diversify her usual reading routine. Here is her recounting of her experience in her reading challenge. Carol reads mostly nonfiction ... history, political treatises, memoirs, philosophy, but this year she was determined to read at least one work of fiction, and she did. Good fiction, that is, something other than juicy, cozy British murder mysteries.

Here is her self-selected reading challenge. Can you spot now which title is a work of fiction?

One Book Published in 2024: *The Friday Afternoon Club* by Griffin Dunne.

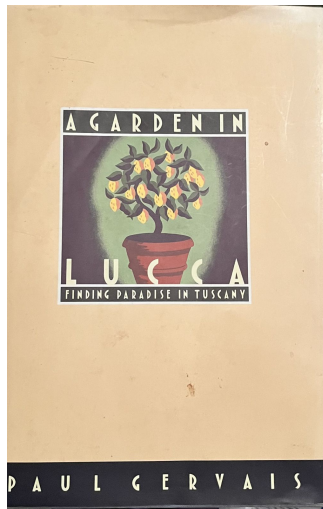
Rereading One Favorite Book: *A Garden in Lucca* by Paul Gervais.

A Book That Teaches the Reader Something: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

A Book Recommended by a Friend: *My Life as a Villainess*



The Friday Afternoon Club was written by the son of Dominic Dunne, who I have read extensively. After years in the movie business, "Dom" wrote many books detailing the in and outs of celebrity (usually murder) trials. He railed against the "injustice" system after the murderer of his daughter was essentially set free as a result of his trial. Griffin Dunne details the impact on his life through the tragedy of his sister's murder, the failing health of his mother, his father's incapacitating alcoholism, and Griffin's own creative involvement with the movie business. I learned that Joan Didion is Griffin's aunt. Published in the first half of 2024, this is a romping memoir of life in the entertainment community and obviously much more. The Audible book is within the rules of the Library's Summer Reading Program.

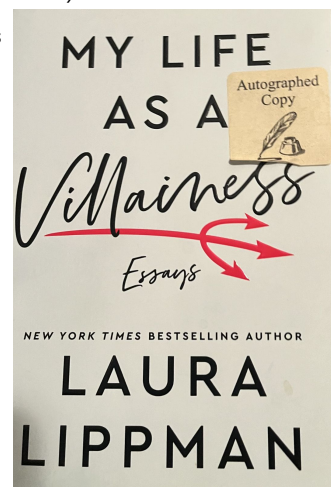


I bought *A Garden in Lucca* many years ago at a thrift store in Petersburg. The title hooked me because I was infatuated with the idea of Italy at the time. I was doubly enticed by the book's blurb on the dust jacket describing it as a gardening memoir. I am a daft sucker for memoirs. I have reread it almost every year to get that sense of fantasy about creating an Italian garden. The author, Paul Gervais, is a noted novelist, which explains the beauty of his gardening language. The language is beautiful, but the poor book is getting quite banged up.

I chose *All the Light We Cannot See* to satisfy my desire to read a serious work of fiction and because I had avoided reading it for years. The novel's main characters are a young blind French girl and a young German anti-aircraft soldier, both in St. Lo just prior to DDay. The insight into their lives, their meeting, as well as the tension as DDay approaches is as suspenseful as anything I have read. I also learned about the lives of the occupied French citizens as well as the Nazi occupiers' commitment to their cause. Though not a warm and cuddly read I am glad I read it. A confession is in order here. I technically did not "read" it. I listened to it in my Audible library.

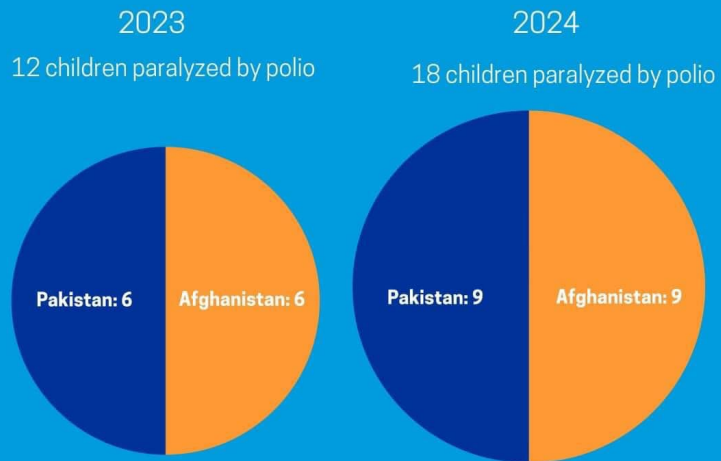
Jan recommended and loaned *My Life as a Villainess* to me. The collection of essays (mini memoirs) by Laura Lippman are as witty and entertaining as any essays I have ever read. She is as talented as Joan Didion, Nora Ephron, and Susan Sontag. I especially enjoyed the essay, "My Father's Bar", the first sentence of which is, "I stole my father's bar". No spoiler alert here. I want you to read it and enjoy the entire book for yourselves. I have since downloaded some of Laura's murder mysteries on Audible. Jan, thank you for the recommendation.

Treat yourselves to joining the Library's Summer Reading Program next year.



Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

24 July 2024



www.polioeradication.org
#EndPolio



Club Schedule Through August

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As we enter the Dog Days of Summer, it is time for us to get these dates on our calendars. District activities require registration on dacdb.com. Don't be afraid. Jan and Carol can walk you through the registration process in real time. Buckle your seat belts.



AUGUST:

August 7: Hybrid Meeting: Program is a Club Assembly
August 8: MOW Cynthia Mitchell & Jan Rowley
August 13: Interact Booth at Prince George High School 3-6 pm. Contact Sasha for more information
(**New**)
August 14: Rotary Open Mic
August 15: MOW Carol Woodward & Deloris Jefferson
August 21: Hybrid Meeting: Program is Mark Creech, Membership Chair
August 22: MOW Donald Hunter and Katie Harlow
August 26: Happy Birthday to Tracy Patterson & Mable Farris
August 27: Happy Birthday to Deloris Jefferson
August 28: Rotary Open Mic
August 29: MOW Donna Street and Mable Farris

FeedMore Meals on Wheels Schedule for July

By Donna D. Street on Tuesday, August 6, 2024



As always, let me know if changes are needed. No bribes are required.

This is the first draft of a schedule for August. There are 5 Thursdays and only 8 regulars now. Want to see what it is like? Ride along as a third wheel on one of the delivery dates.

Aug

8 - Cynthia and Jan

15 - Carol and Deloris

22 - Donald and Katie

29 - Donna and ?

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



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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?