

# Rotary



# Club of Prince George County

Wednesday, August 23, 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



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Chair

## New Member Deloris Jefferson Welcomed

By Carol Dois Woodward on Thursday, August 17, 2023

Welcome to new member Deloris Jefferson who was one of the four new Active members inducted by the club on July 12, 2023. As a member of The James House Corporate membership, she and her fellow James House representatives have full rights of membership. Her role at The James House is as the Associate Director for Underserved Populations.

Deloris terms herself an Army brat traveling all over the United States with her family after having been born in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She enjoys crafts of all kinds. Just ask her what a Cricket is and what kinds of things she can do with it. She also enjoys True-Crime Podcasts and spending time with her dogs, bearded dragon, freshwater fish, and well-behaved plants. Deloris resides in Surry County with her husband, Jason, a Sergeant in the Sheriff's Office. Their oldest son in the US Army and their two younger children are in the Surry County High School Marching Band.

We add here that Deloris' crafting interests follow closely her mother's example who is, a talented handcrafts artisan, who has crafted many hats, scarves, gloves, as well as art pieces, which she donates to many organizations in the area.

We mentioned Deloris' many pets earlier. Two of them are her dogs, Meadow, a French Bulldog, and Maliyah, a French Mastiff. Here is one of her favorite pictures of Meadow and Maliyah.



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## Survivor Day Presentation by Adrienne Wallace



**Sasha Reynolds**  
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**Carol Dois Woodward**  
Bulletin Editor  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Webmaster



**Janice L. Rowley**  
Assistant Governor

## Events/Speakers

No Events found

## Birthdays

Mable C Farris  
August 26th

Deloris Jefferson  
August 27th

Dana Lewellyn Rieves  
September 4th

Donna D. Street  
September 8th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Dana Lewellyn Rieves  
September 7th

Shel M. Douglas  
September 16th

## Club Member Anniversaries

William F. Gandel  
08-26-1998  
25 Years

By Carol Dois Woodward on Wednesday, August 23, 2023



Help out the Prince George County Food Bank! Bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

## Presents...

### 7th Annual Survivor Day Event

Saturday, September 16, 2023 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**New Location!**

Middle Road Elementary School  
5400 Middle Road, Prince George, VA 23875



**Be Prepared!** Join public safety partners from Prince George and nearby jurisdictions for the Disaster Preparedness Workshop - an event where you and your family can learn how to live safely through natural disasters and other emergencies. Do you know what you need to survive at home without power for at least 72 hours? Or what to take with you if you had to leave in a hurry? Emergency and Community Response professionals will show you how to prepare for these threatening situations. Plus, the first 50 people to register and attend the entire event will be given a backpack with useful items.

#### You will learn about:

- Food & Water Safety
- Household Safety
- First Aid & Hygiene
- Planning & Documents
- Fraud/Home Security/Identity Protection
- Basic Active Shooter Awareness



#### Survivor Day

#### FREE Survival Kit Bag

loaded with valuable tools.  
One bag per household;  
must complete training.

Program runs 9:00 - 12:00 pm  
Check-in starts at 8:00 am

**REGISTER NOW** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faeae2ca3ffc8-7thannual>

In her presentation to the club, that even included an emergency supply item prize for everyone, Adrienne Wallace of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, informed the club about the upcoming Survivor Day to be held on September 16, from 8 a.m. - Noon, at the Middle Road Elementary School. The morning will include presentations by many speakers addressing various aspects of building a family's resilience in the case of a natural or man-made emergency. Our own Donald Hunter will be making the opening remarks at the event. There will be brief presentations on fire and safety, food safety, what types of items to have in one's bug-out supplies, active shooter advice, fraud prevention from handy men who show up after any storm disaster and so on. There will also be outside displays and demonstration of various tools and equipment.

Adrienne's presentation captivated everyone in the meeting. This US Army veteran has been a reporter in the area for many years and still consults on media image matters.

Please consider [signing up](#) for this free, information packed event and do share the flyer with friends and neighbors.

## People Don't Take Trips, Trips Take People

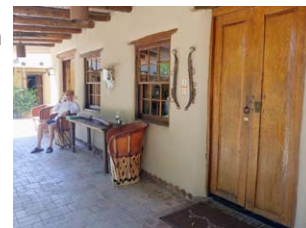
By Janice L. Rowley on Tuesday, August 22, 2023

When I ended my tale in the last issue of the bulletin, I was sharing a glass of wine with friends in "the Storm Shelter" on their property in Odessa. My husband and I became friends with Cid and Tim Parker when Ron was assigned to the 1/509th Battalion Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy. The BCT deployed frequently for operations and exercises but in the brief interludes that found Ron, Tim, and Cid in the Vicenza area, we made the most of visiting trattoria, historic sites, and the beautiful mountains surrounding the small villages where we lived.

My trip to visit West Texas brought up all those great memories and was an opportunity to actually get to know Cid and Tim and their stories far better than when we were young. And this bonus of friendship renewed was painted on a backdrop of dramatic new scenery and sites. Thursday, after our walk at UTPB (University of Texas Permian Basin), Cid and I packed up small bags for the next adventure.

Rooms were engaged at The Gage Hotel in Marathon, Texas so Tim took the wheel to drive us south out of Odessa on Route 385 towards our destination. During the Time of COVID when overseas and even stateside travel was sharply curtailed, Cid had learned about this oasis away from their lives in Odessa. The drive began as many of our drives had through small dusty towns distinguished primarily by the mascots of the local high school sports teams. Mesquite and oil derricks dotted the landscape.

Then with a shift in the landscape to more rolling hills, extensive ranches stretched along the highway with brands displayed proudly on their gates. And then we drove into the picturesque town of Marathon, most noted historically as a Railroad Town on this frontier. In the 1970s, an entrepreneur saw the possibilities in the historic Gage property, purchased it, and gradually transformed the property and surrounding properties into a lovely full service haven of hospitality. With covered walkways in front of the rooms and private verandas in back, the space is designed to invite a sip of a libation and a chat with others. Of course, we also enjoyed visiting around a beautiful pool complete with a fountain with lion heads.



A delicious dinner in the onsite restaurant was followed by a stroll around the quaint town. In the morning, we wandered the Gage Gardens that featured many welcome water features where we saw the tracks of deer, rabbits, and other creatures. Located just across the railroad tracks from the hotel, it gave us the chance to stretch our legs before we buckled up in Tim's truck to explore further west.

Our first stop in Alpine, TX was the Big Bend Saddlery, redolent with the aromas of leather, it is a huge venue with everything one could need to be a "cowperson" and to outfit and care for horses. Textiles, local honeys and other foodstuff, books for adults and children, appropriate western toys, and so much more created an intriguing shopping mecca.

We drove on to Marfa and then to Fort Davis to take in more of the ambiance of this curious combination of mountain and western culture. Sadly, the old-fashioned soda shop that we had planned to visit for lunch was closed down with a couple of windows shot out, so we returned to Marfa to check out the Sul Ross (named for a former Governor of TX) University of Texas campus that has a beautiful new museum. It details the history of the area to include geological exhibits and has a wonderful collection of the art of the area in a beautiful setting.



The pool at the Gage Hotel was calling to us, so we headed back to Marathon for a celebration of Cid's 70th birthday. Our trip had simply whetted my appetite to return to the area of Big Bend National and State Park but that return trip to the area will wait for a season of cooler temperatures.

My trip took me back to great memories of our times in Italy, New Orleans, and other times. This trip has inspired me to plan for another, longer visit to west Texas to hike the beautiful mesas and canyons of Big Bend.

John Steinbeck's quotation: "People don't take trips, trips take people," truly matches my experience with friends.

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## August Dates for the Club

By Carol Dois Woodward on Wednesday, August 9, 2023





# AUGUST

*dates*

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



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## 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 <https://www.ready.gov/cert> 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](mailto: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](https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/cert-trainings?language=en_US)

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## 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

24 - Donald and Bill Johnson

31 - Lillian and Jan

Also, I will still be recording community service hours on a monthly basis. If you have any volunteer hours for July you can let me know by phone, text or email. Thanks!

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## Rotary Monthly Themes

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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?

