

Rotary



Club of Warwick at City Center Newport News

Club Meeting

Warwick at City Center
Newport News
Meets at Virginia Living
Museum (VLM)
524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Newport News, VA 23601
Time: Wednesday at 07:30
AM

Four Way Test



THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

1

Is it the truth?

2

Is it fair to all concerned?

3

Will it build goodwill
and better friendships?

4

Will it be beneficial
to all concerned?



Guest Speaker - Steve Kast

Upcoming Meetings and Events



[Access the club calendar
by clicking here.](#)

MEETINGS

Weekly Morning Meeting

Wednesday, September 20
7:30 - 8:30

@ Virginia Living Museum

United Way

Steve Kast, President and
CEO

Club Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 20
8:30 - 9:30

@ Virginia Living Museum

Weekly Morning Meeting

Steven S. Kast
President & CEO
United Way of the Virginia Peninsula

Steven S. Kast is the President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way of the Virginia Peninsula. The United Way of the Virginia Peninsula is a 501-c-3 that has served the Peninsula community for over 75 years. The organization brings people together from all over the community-government, business, faith groups, other non-profits and citizens to identify and tackle our most serious problems. To accomplish this, the United Way builds partnerships with other funders, municipalities, and community organizations. Steve led a comprehensive community needs assessment in 2017 which led to United Way of the Virginia Peninsula's collective impact initiative Pathways Out of Poverty. Through Steve's leadership, the annual United Way campaign was reinstated with the recruitment of high level and engaged campaign chairs and cabinet members. In 2020, Steve led the efforts to reestablish the United Way State Association of which he now serves on the board.

As of April 15, 2016, Steve Kast ended his remarkable 32-year career with Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, Steve helped the organization grow from a single Club serving 250 boys to the premier youth development organization in the community, serving over 9,000 boys and girls ages 6-18 at 25 Club sites. The footprint on the Peninsula is large, spanning the cities of Newport News, Hampton and Williamsburg, and the counties of York, Gloucester and Mathews, and on the Southside in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Franklin and Eastern Shore. Steve was the fourth Executive Director in the 70-year history of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula. Steve was a designated field consultant for Boys & Girls Clubs of America and in that capacity traveled to assist Boys & Girls Club organizations across the country. He was also the founding President and served as President of the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs where he led the effort to raise private and public dollars for Clubs across the state. In 2015, due to a management agreement, he became the President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia.

Steve was honored in 2003 as a distinguished member of the Academy of Boys & Girls Club Professionals. In 2005, Steve received the "Sykes Award for Professional Excellence" at the Southeast Boys & Girls Club Leadership Conference and was awarded National Boys & Girls Clubs Contribution to the Profession Award in 2012. Steve has also been honored as the recipient of the National Cable Association "National Leaders in Learning Award". He was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities and also received the "Local Hero Award" by Bank of America. Steve is a graduate of the Boys & Girls Club Leadership University School of Executive Leadership through the University of Michigan Ross Business School and is a graduate of the Thomas Garth Executive Leadership Program. Steve was also on the Inside Business 2023 Power List which showcases who's who in terms of moving the needle for the economy in Hampton Roads.

Steve is a native of Giles County, Virginia, and has lived on the Peninsula for 35 years. He is married to Alyson with three stepchildren Julia, Mason, and Libby (CNU Class of '23). He graduated with honors in 1987 from Christopher Newport University and serves as a member of the Christopher Newport Education Foundation, Alumni Society Board of Directors and the Virginia Complete Count Commission. He was inducted into the Christopher Newport University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010 and was honored as a Top 50 Distinguished Alumni. In 2015, he was elected to Christopher Newport University's Board of Visitors. Steve is leading Community Captains, which will enable economically disadvantaged Newport News Public School students to attend CNU.

Associations or Boards

Christopher Newport University's Board of Visitors
Christopher Newport University Education Foundation
Virginia Complete Count Commission
Graduate CIVIC Leadership Institute
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Board Member

Wednesday, September 27
7:30 - 8:30
@ Virginia Living Museum
**Service Project
Conversation
Costa Rica Trip
Ray Spencer**

Weekly Morning Meeting
Wednesday, October 4
7:30 - 8:30
@ Virginia Living Museum
**Caring for Ourselves
Erin Rissling LCSW Coastal
Medical**

EVENTS

Rotary Family Fun Day
Sunday, September 24
1:00 to 3:30
@ Virginia Living Museum

**RLI - District 7600 - Parts
I, II, and III**
Saturday, September 30
Virtual - \$35 / Person
[Click Here to Enroll in RLI](#)

**District 7600 District
Conference**
October 12 through October
15
City Center Marriott, Newport
News
Register Before October 2
[Click Here for More
Information](#)

Breakfast Menu

Spinach and feta puff pastry quiche

Sliced quickbread either banana or pumpkin

For the gluten free people I will have frittata and fruit

Orange juice, coffee, and water



Service Project ~ Need People of Action!

By Jennifer Daknis



Adopt-A-Spot
Saturday,
Oct. 21
8:00 AM

11835 Fishing Point Dr.
NN, Va.
Bus Stop

If you have ideas for bulletin material, please contact Holly Kidd.

If you have suggestions for possible speakers, please contact Sharon Martin

Membership Chair

For information on club membership contact:

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District Leaders



Rudy L. Garcia
District Governor

Club List

[Warwick at City Center](#)
[Newport News](#)
Founded In 1945

Good afternoon Rotarians from The Rotary Clubs of **Newport News, Oyster Point, VA Peninsula, Warwick at City Center and Yorktown -**

As you have already heard from your Club President, our multi-club district grant "**Connections that THRIVE**" was approved this summer and we are now ready to begin the volunteer-component of the grant. Rotarians are known to be **People of Action** so we cordially invite you to put on your Rotary shirt, roll up your sleeves and join in fellowship with other Rotarians to help with several projects to benefit our grant recipient, THRIVE Peninsula.

Founded as DUCO (Denbigh United Christian Outreach), THRIVE Peninsula is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that is committed to assisting Peninsula families through difficult times. THRIVE is in the process of renovating their new building (purchased in spring 2023) and is expected to serve over 30,000 residents per year (currently serving 18,000 in their existing 2,500 sq ft office space). Our grant project focuses on renovating/painting their Community Connection Wing, building Self-Watering Garden Beds and volunteering for The Market at THRIVE (a full-service food pantry). Our project budget of \$27,500 (\$25,000 from the district and \$500 from each club) will be used to purchase laptops, paint and supplies, garden supplies, a smart board and room dividers.

Scheduled project dates:

Wednesday, September 20:

- **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: garden box prep day** (tasks include cutting pipe, wood and pool liners) (10 volunteers)

Saturday, September 23:

- **9:00 am - 11:00 am: conference room, storage room and office painting – first coat** (10 volunteers)
- **9:00 am - 1:00 pm: assemble garden boxes** (10 volunteers)

Saturday, September 30:

- **9:00 am - 11:00 am: fill garden boxes with soil and plants** (10 volunteers)
- **9:00 am - 11:00 am: conference room, storage room and office painting – second coat and final touch up** (10 volunteers)
- **9:00 am - 11:00 am: unpack and assemble the 4 room dividers for the large conference room** (6 volunteers)

Click here for the Sign Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BABA623A57-district>

The Sign Up Genius will soon be updated with a list of tools that will be needed for each project. All activities will be held at the future home of THRIVE at 12749 Nettles Drive in Newport News.

In addition, we will also be volunteering for several Take-Over Nights for The Market (food party) in Nov/Dec/Jan, in which we will assist families as they shop for groceries, pack meal kits, and restock shelves. Dates/times will be announced in late Oct.

I have attached the Future Home of THRIVE pdf, which shows the Community Connection Wing, the area for the raised garden beds and The Market at THRIVE. To learn more about THRIVE Peninsula visit <https://www.thrivepeninsula.org/>.

If you have any questions OR if you want to help me with social media/press releases, etc, please feel free to contact me.

"Create Hope in the World"

Thrive Media Alert

By Jennifer Daknis



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FIVE LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS JOIN TOGETHER TO BUILD A GARDEN AND RENOVATE A COMMUNITY ROOM TO IMPACT THOUSANDS

MEDIA ALERT

WHEN?

- Wednesday, September 20, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: garden box prep day (tasks include cutting pipe, wood and pool liners) (10 volunteers)
- Saturday, September 23: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: painting (10 volunteers), assemble garden boxes (10 volunteers)
- Saturday, September 30: 9:00 am - 11:00 am: fill garden boxes with soil and plants (10 volunteers) and apply second coat of paint to conference room, storage room and office painting

WHERE?

12749 Nettles Drive, Newport News, VA 23602

WHAT?

Thanks to a grant from Rotary District 7600, five local rotary clubs will band together to build self-watering garden boxes and renovate a community room across three volunteer workdays at THRIVE Peninsula's new facility.

The garden will be built on the same property as The Market at THRIVE, the Peninsula's first free food grocery store set to open in November. Produce grown will feed The Market, connecting local Peninsula residents with healthy foods.

This is the first time that the Peninsula rotary clubs have submitted a multi-club project that spans five clubs to result in one project with a big impact. The clubs were awarded \$25,000 from the district, and added another \$2,500 with each club contributing to fund the project supplies. Club volunteers will roll up their sleeves to build 24 garden boxes, 10 of which will be self-watering, set to grow an array of fruit and vegetables.

"The services THRIVE provides are essential to our local community so I was thrilled when all 5 Peninsula clubs echoed my enthusiasm for this project from day one," said Jennifer Daknis, Grants Chair, The Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center. "This is a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians to put Service Above Self in a meaningful and impactful way for the benefit of families facing economic hardships."

The raised garden will include self-water wicking beds, tower gardens, and berry trellises to grow an array of fruits and vegetables. The design was specifically made to meet the needs and preference of THRIVE's clients and to take advantage of the sun, wind, and rainfall conditions



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of the space. Plus, the garden will be immediately visible from the new building's lobby, which can create a sense of calmness and peace for the building visitors who may be facing financial hardship.

"This project exemplifies Rotary's vision which is to see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves" said Angela York, Executive Director. "I love that once the beds are built, they will be replanted each season so that the harvests help fight local hunger for years to come."

In addition to funding the garden boxes and building them, the grant will help renovate and furnish THRIVE's future conference room which will host a variety of workshops and classes to benefit shoppers of The Market. Classes will be held in collaboration with local community partners and feature topics such as financial management, workforce development, healthy eating and cooking, and other topics to help families grow healthy, financially, and physically.

Members of the five rotary clubs have committed to tackling all the labor involved from building the boxes, to painting the rooms, to assembling furniture. In total, between the projected number of visitors to the conference room, and The Market, the project could impact up to 30,000 people per year. The five participating rotary clubs include The Rotary Clubs of Newport News, Oyster Point, Virginia Peninsula, Warwick at City Center and Yorktown.

WHO?

About Rotary Club District 7600

Rotary District 7600 is a part of Rotary International. It services 64 Rotary clubs with 2,700 members in central and southeastern Virginia. The Rotary motto Service Above Self conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million. Learn more at: <https://rotary7600.org>

About THRIVE Peninsula

THRIVE Peninsula is a faith-based 501c-3 non-profit organization that serves families facing economic hardship in Newport News, Hampton, and York County. THRIVE provides emergency financial assistance to stabilize housing and employment for Peninsula residents and offers a robust on-site food pantry that's open 5 days per week and offers fresh produce, frozen meats, dairy items, and shelf-stable goods. In 2022, THRIVE served over 18,000 people, delivering more than \$1M in aid. Learn more: www.thrivepeninsula.org

Media Contacts

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Rotary: Jennifer Daknis, jennifer.daknis@ipfinancial.com; 757-206-4981

Don't forget to Sign up for the District Conference



[Click here for More Information](#)

Bacon Bash Update

By Sarah S. Browning



Bacon Bash is 8 months away, but planning is starting now. We are excited to take this event to the next level and that involves you & your help! Areas we are looking to update:

- Website: making it more comprehensive for all facets of the event
- Sponsorships: updating our offerings to make sure it's meeting needs; tangible (tickets and gifts) and intangible (advertising and recognition)
- Social Media: gathering a team to tackle successful promotion of the event, the sponsors, the restaurants and beneficiaries who are receiving funds earned.

How can you help?

If you are interested in one of the areas listed above, please contact Sarah (sbrowning3@me.com; 757-751-5564)

If you know a business that you think would be interested in sponsoring, provide us the contact information. Larger companies are willing to donate if they receive information on time. If you have a contact with a major employer in the area, please reach out, or let us know, so we can reach out.

Rotary Family Fun Day - Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 1:00

By Erlinda Gleason

We are having a Rotary Family Fun Day on **Sunday Sept 24th from 1:00 – 3:30**. This will be held at the Virginia Living Museum and we'll gather at the picnic tables that are across the parking lot in front of the Main entrance. Please park in the 1st parking lot to your right when you drive into the museum. We'd like to leave the parking lot in front of the museum open for the VLM guests.

What to bring: Your family, your friend, your kid's bestie and any potential Rotarians that may be interested in our Club so feel free to extend the invite.

Food: We have Sate Kitchen coming, a popular food truck which also participated in our Bacon Bash this year. To show them our appreciation, the adults can order from them (your cost) and the club will cover the cost for pizzas for the kids and a special treat for those 18 and under .. Sate's Drunken Banana Pudding for dessert. Our club will also provide all drinks, chips, dips..for everyone.

After we eat, Jessica Ausura has volunteered to tell us about the VLM and all it has to offer... then you are off to see the exhibits, take a nice walk through the trails and just enjoy the Museum. The VLM is also having a Native Plant Sale that day too from 9:00 – 4:30 so another reason to come on out. Check it out plant lovers. [Click Here](#)

What do you need to do: COME and **RSVP** to me either by email or text 757-846-0232 by **Thursday Sept 21st** and let me know how many total in your party and the number of kids you are bringing please.

I want to extend a big **THANKS** to Jessica and Rebecca for their help in making this happen and at no cost to anyone to enjoy the museum. Thank you!

I hope to see each one of you there.



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MAIN MENU

<p>Nana's Chicken Sandwich \$15 A Classic Inspired By Chefs Nana</p> <p>Hot Honey Chicken Sandwich ★ \$15 Nana's Dipped in Our Hot Honey</p> <p>Asian BBQ Chicken Sandwich \$15 Nana's Dipped in Our Asian BBQ</p> <p>Crab Cake Sandwich \$18 1/4 LB Jumbo Lump Blue Crab</p> <p>Asian Pear & Mandarin Salad \$13 Greens, Cashews, Carrot, Wonton Strips, Cucumber, Sesame Ginger Vinaigrette</p>	<p>Lobstah' Roll \$20 A New England Classic</p> <p>Saté du Jour ★ \$16 Chef Kyle's Daily Special:</p> <p>Smoked Beef Brisket Wontons \$8 House Smoked Brisket, Pickled Onion, Grilled Pineapple Slaw, Alabama BBQ Sauce</p> <p>Mac N Cheese Egg Rolls ★ \$9 COVA Magazine Best Dish Chimichurri, Bacon Marmalade</p> <p>Drunken Banana Pudding \$8 Banana Pudding, Topped with Bananas Foster, Waffle Cone</p>
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★ Folks' Favorites



Club Leaders



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President-Elect
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Past President



[Davetta Flinn Rinehart](#)
Assistant Governor



Club Member Anniversaries

James A. Probsdorfer
35 Years

J. David Grose
31 Years

Charles Yost Jr.
27 Years

Jennifer Daknis
15 Years

John R. Sprouse
15 Years

Sharon Martin
7 Years

Rebecca A. Kleinhample
6 Years

Leo O'Connell
6 Years

Brian E. Deibler
6 Years

Allen Valentine Kemp
5 Years

Christopher D Malpass
4 Years

Michael C. Tillotson
2 Years

Holly Kidd
1 Year

Lauren Devitt

Carol M. Chamberlain
34 Years

Ella M. Abney
28 Years

Baljit Singh Gill
21 Years

Brenda T. Harkness
15 Years

Priscilla Bele
14 Years

Michael M. Gleason
7 Years

Leslie Ann Borwick
6 Years

Sarah S. Browning
6 Years

Gee Lynn Horton
6 Years

Anne C.S. Wozniak
4 Years

Amber Lempke
3 Years

Christopher Walton
1 Year

Carolien Sorensen
1 Year

Robbie Person

Faye P. Gargiulo Ms.
31 Years

Angela Kimberly Abney-Burnett
28 Years

H. Hamilton Riley Jr.
15 Years

Judith L Hines
15 Years

Davetta Flinn Rinehart
10 Years

Kari Ann Heffner
7 Years

Kevin B. Lyles
6 Years

Erlinda Gleason
6 Years

Cleon Long
5 Years

Kellie Mason
4 Years

Roberta Thayer-Smith
3 Years

Josh Jones-St. Clair
1 Year

Jessica Adams
1 Year

Hal Smith

1 Year
Calvin J Young
0 Years
Theresa McLoughlin Rasbach
0 Years

1 Year
Jessica Ausura
0 Years
Heather Whitchurch
0 Years

1 Year
Diane Fulton
0 Years
Robin Moger Nelhuebel
0 Years

Birthdays



Sharon Martin
September 18th



Heather Whitchurch
September 25th



Christopher D Malpass
September 27th



Erlinda Gleason
October 3rd



Theresa McLoughlin Rasbach
October 5th



Kellie Mason
October 13th