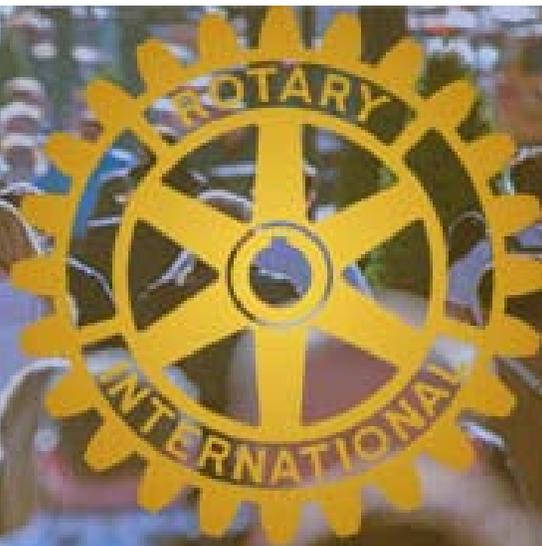




Rotary District 7600



Spirit of 7600



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Club News

Global Grant Finalized - The Rotary Foundation, District 7600, The Richmond Club and other area clubs joined with host club Rotary Club of San Pedro de Curridabat in Costa Rica. During the worldwide Covid-19 epidemic, Rotary made a difference in delivering 10,500 English books to over 4000 children and teachers from 30 elementary-level schools in Costa Rica that lacked this most essential resource. Read more and see photos [HERE](#).

Midlothian Club:

We were so grateful to our members and community for collecting shoes and clothes to donate to [Soles4Souls](#).

This non-profit organization accepts new and used shoes, keeping them out of landfills, and send them to those in need and also providing employment opportunities in developing countries.

AND

Don't forget to get your ticket for our 2021 Sportsman's Raffle! One \$50 ticket gets you the opportunity to win one or more of 20 great prizes- you could even win more than one time! Ticket sales end March 26.

Visit www.midlothianrotary.org/sportsman-raffle for the prize list, rules, and to purchase your ticket(s)!



The proceeds from this raffle are used to fund the club's local charitable initiatives to nonprofits such as Girls on the Run of Greater Richmond, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond. Thank you for your help providing much needed funding- and good luck!



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The Warwick at City Center Rotary Club
Submitted by Jennifer Daknis

In February, The Warwick at City Center Rotary Club celebrated their 76th anniversary as a club! Past President and Club Historian Jim Probsdorfer provided a brief overview of the club's long history of doing good in the world including the very first service project - purchasing band uniforms for Warwick High School in 1945, and the

founding of the Virginia Living Museum (jointly with the Junior League) in 1966. In addition, District Governor Judy Cocherelle inducted two of new members Heather Jones (sponsored by Sarah Browning), a realtor with Liz Moore & Associates and Yvette Chase-Batts (sponsored by Sharon Martin), a consultant with Mary Kay.

Pictured L ♦ R: Membership Chair Anne Wozniak, Sarah Browning, Heather Jones, Yvette Chase-Batts and President Sharon Martin.

Oyster Point Club:



The club celebrated their 37th Annual Charter Night. A thank you goes to the club's fabulous spirits guide, Camille, for teaching the group how to mix cocktails, and to DG Judy and Alumni Association President John for joining them. Congratulations to the club's annual award winners: Roasted Oyster: Angela Spranger; Community Service & Citizenship: Parker Stokes and Rotarian of the Year: Eric Wildemann

James City County Satellite:



Rotary Satellite Club of James City County members Neva Lynde, Brayden Bates, Amy Leadbetter and Elisabeth Reiss planted flowers at James River Elementary School. What a fun way to celebrate students and staff.

Mechanicsville

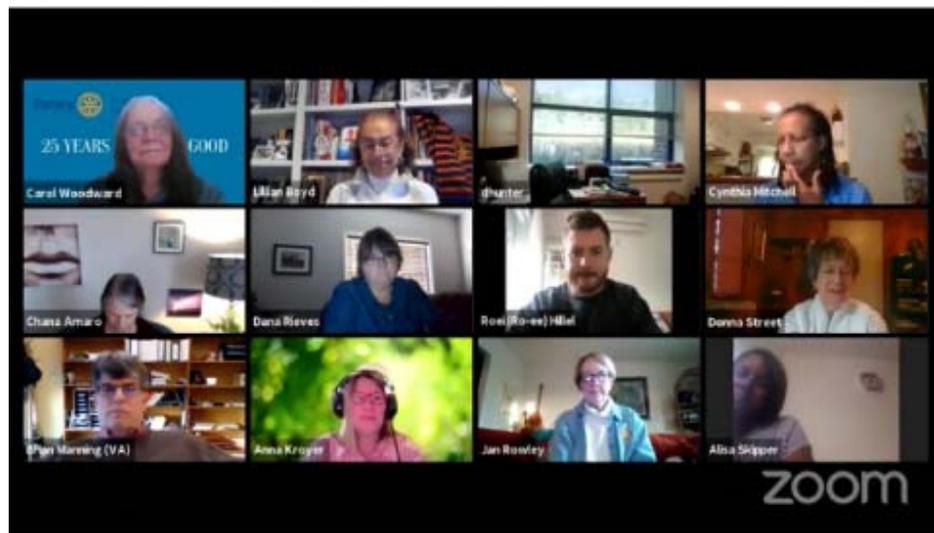
At a recent meeting club members heard from one of their own, Kenny McDowell who is a member of BACA - Bikes Against Child Abuse.

BACA was founded by a licensed clinical social worker and part-time faculty member at Brigham Young University. Many children who are abused do not qualify for therapy funding, even though research proves that therapy has successfully helped children cope with the after-effects of abuse. Children who feel safe and protected are more capable and likely to tell the truth regarding their abuse. Threats made by an abuser are offset by the presence of dedicated and protective bikers that have now become family. Two BACA members are assigned as the child's primary contacts. They remain in close contact with the child. BACA supports each child based upon their individual needs. Some of these services may include: physical presence at the home, visiting the child at school, therapy needs, escort for court and parole hearings.



For more information:
Local contct: 804-220-1948
Website: bacaworld.org

Prince George County Club:
from Carol Woodward



In this time of Zoom / Hybrid meetings, we can go outside the local area to find speakers.

At a recent meeting members of the Prince George Club heard from speaker Roei Shaul Hillel, a MSW student enrolled at UNC School of Social Work and the Rotary Peace Center. Roei is a Peace Fellow from Israel and is studying remotely from there. A current Peace Fellow at the Duke/UNC Rotary Peace Center he spoke to the club from his field assignment in Bosnia. Roei Shaul Hillel, an Israeli, has volunteered in many parts of the world in relief and emergency response modes ... Cambodia, Nepal, and other climates. Roei is pictured in the second row, second from the right.

South Richmond:

The date for the club's annual Corvette raffle was changed from March 13 to May 8th. This year they are offering a \$65,000 credit to build a brand new 2021 Mid-Engine Corvette or the winner has the option to chose any vehicle from any Colonial dealership. Tickets are \$100 a piece and only 1,600 tickets are being sold! This year's beneficiaries are Conexus Vision, Communities in Schools Chesterfield, Veterans and Athletes United and more! Buy your ticket today [HERE](#).

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*Vehicle shown in the photo is not actual prize



District News

MARCH



In Rotary we support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away; we provide the knowledge for sustainability after we leave the areas. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are the basic necessities for healthy communities worldwide. It is difficult at best to have a productive life without these basic necessities. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decline, children stay healthier and stronger allowing them to attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more

time helping their families in other ways.

On such program is Hanwash (Haiti National Water Sanitation and Hygiene). To learn more and get involved check out their website [HERE](#).

The Rotary Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Action Group supports Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their clubs in sustainable water & sanitation projects around the world by providing reliable planning and alternative sources of matching funds.

Club Presidents and President-Elects can find links to the Presidential Retreat and PrePets Zoom sessions on the District Website under the Resources tab. They will be available until June 1st.

The Innovative Club Advocates are here to help you grow your clubs!

submitted by Alex Ritchie

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we, as Rotarians, have come to the call of our communities during one of the most challenging times in Rotary's history. It has forced us to move outside of our ♦Rotary Box♦ by making us truly flex our ability to adapt. I will be the first to admit, that if you had asked me what we would need to do to get Rotarians to engage virtually, I would have said ♦an act of God.♦ Well, I wasn't far off. COVID-19 forced us to re-examine why we are Rotarians and to dive deep to continue to find ways to connect and get our service ♦fix.♦ But, as usual, Rotarians responded with resilience and outside-of -the-box-thinking.

The Innovative Club Advocate (ICA) Team is asking you to continue this trend, and here is why. Across our communities, we are seeing a lack interest and engagement in Rotary from Generation X, Millennials, and others. But we now have an opportunity, with our newly found flexibility, to offer options to those who are desperately looking for ways to join leaders, to exchange Ideas and most importantly, to TAKE ACTION. This is where you come in! The ICA team is asking clubs to consider how they can get involved with fostering new and innovative clubs this year, using the various new club models (caused-base, e-clubs, satellite, and passport). All organizations must, from time to time, adapt their messaging and their product (the club experience) offerings; and *now* is Rotary's time.

We have an organization with the infrastructure and resources to make real, meaningful, and lasting change in the communities that we serve. But, as time marches on, our numbers dwindle. Yet, the demographics that we fawn over are asking for our help to become engaged in service. So, let's give them that opportunity. The ICA team is asking current clubs to help mentor new clubs, to serve as guides to new leaders as new clubs form, and to even fiscally assist with membership and organizational costs as new clubs develop in their infancy year(s). The list of ways you can assist is only limited by your imagination.

We all have a responsibility to pass the gift of Rotary on, so let's build a bigger and brighter Rotary in District 7600 together.

For more information contact our ICA team:

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The District 2021 Rotary District 7600 Golf Tournament will be held April 20, 2021. To learn more and sign up go [HERE](#).

beginning April 1st:
11847 Canon Blvd. Suite 10, Newport News, VA 23606.

NOTE: The district will have a new address

Foundation News

The
Rotary
Foundation



Steven Beer announces Giving Tuesday. Read his message [HERE](#).



GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

March 18, 2021 | 7-9 pm

Virtual/Free/Register on dacdb.com calendar
Register by March 17 to receive Zoom Link
Training Materials on d7600foundation.org



Second and last Grant Management Seminar on March 18

The 2021-2022 Rotary grant year will be more competitive than last year. Clubs must be eligible to apply for or even partner in a Rotary District or Global Grant. One of the key eligibility requirements is for a club to have at least one member attend a Grant Management Seminar (GMS). The first GMS was held in February. Thirty-one clubs were certified as have attended. That is only half of the clubs in District 7600.

The GMS is virtual and it is free. It will take two hours of attendees' time and will provide critical information about grant eligibility and practical tips to make the process easier. There are materials

available to download and review before the GMS on March 18 if you are the studious sort. Just go to d7600foundation.org to see the documents.

Registration is easy on the dacdb.com calendar. Scroll down to March 18, register and the day before the seminar the Zoom link will be emailed to you.

Some friendly suggestions:

- Have more than one club member attend.
- It is best if those involved in the club grant project be among the attendees.
- Be sure any grant from last year is closed out or the final report submitted.
- Be sure that the club's foundation goals have been entered at Rotary Club Central
- Bring your own beverage on March 18. The GMS is from 7 - 9 pm.

See you on the 18th.

A Spotlight on the Rotary Club of Portsmouth's 2020-2021 District Grant.

The Portsmouth Rotary was one of the first clubs in District 7600 to submit their final report for their District Grant. Its Final Report is approved. The club is also certified as having attended the virtual GMS in February 2021.

Portsmouth Rotary is well on its way for eligibility to apply for a 2021-2022 District Grant. Below is the description of the project in the club's application for the grant.

Oasis Social Ministry located in Portsmouth, VA, has been supporting the local community in need for over 50 years. During this pandemic its mission is unchanged, but the demand continues to grow as more individuals become unemployed and find themselves in need. The dining room, for the safety of volunteers, staff, and clients has been closed since mid-March in compliance with the governor's shutdown order. Meals continue to be offered by handing them out at the door. The project that we are proposing is to assist in getting the dining room and restroom facilities ready to open when the governor's shut down order concludes on June 10th. In order to abide by social distancing and public health requirements, it is necessary to purchase new furnishings that would eliminate hard to sanitize surfaces. The District Grant funds would provide for the purchase of new dining room



chairs and tables that are more institutional grade. This will allow the staff to comply with the stricter sterilization standards. The grant would also cover the purchase of four (4) new touchless hand dryers for the bathrooms in the facility. In addition, with the help of outside donations and installers, they can replace nearly 350 sq feet of carpet in common, high traffic areas that typically become stained. Furthermore, since many of the volunteers at Oasis are typically older retirees who are more susceptible to the virus, the need for Rotarians to serve is high. ♦

Though the need at Oasis Social Ministry was accentuated by the COVID pandemic, the long-term impact will be a lasting-legacy of the Portsmouth club.

Is your club ready to apply for a 2021-2022 District grant? There is another virtual and free Grant Management Seminar (GMS) scheduled for March 18, 2021 from 7 ♦ 9 pm. Just register on the dacdb.com calendar. Having at least one person from the club attend a GMS for the grant year is one of the requirements of eligibility. Thirty-one clubs were represented at the first GMS. Was your club one of them?



What is the ♦ Rose Report ♦?

Most District 7600 Rotarians are not even aware there is a ♦ Rose Report ♦ or let alone know what it reports. However, your club presidents and club rotary foundation chairs receive it monthly and just recently it was sent to the club presidents elect in preparation for the Chesapeake Presidents Elect Training Seminar (CPETS) which will take place the first weekend in March.

The Rose Report tracks the monthly status of Annual Fund giving to The Rotary Foundation by District 7600 clubs. It is compiled by the District Annual Fund Chair, David Rosenthal (Hampton Roads), and the name of the report is just a shorthand nickname based on his last name. David sends the updates to assist the clubs in tracking their giving status relative to their Annual Fund giving goals established in Rotary Club Central.

Remember please that it is Annual Fund giving that supports district and global grants. As the saying goes, ♦ No bucks, no Buck Rogers. ♦

The Rotary Foundation books close around the 20th of each month through the prior month. David just sent the Rose Report which captures Annual Fund giving through January 31, 2021. As the club leaders review the spreadsheet, they get a quick visual snapshot of their club's Annual Fund Giving status for this Rotary year as compared to the last Rotary year. His cover on the report for January suggests how the clubs can quickly analyze their status. For example, a club is basically on track in this report if its Annual Fund Giving is at 58% of its goals through the end of January.

David is a dedicated Rotarian and maybe our District's only limnologist. Look it up.

Brenda Cressey, the first woman Chair of The Rotary Foundation

Interview by Carol Dois Woodward

Brenda Cressey, a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation and its first woman Chair (2018-2019), is back home again in Maine after a 25-year hiatus in California. However, she loves Virginia and will be visiting in District 7600 via Zoom later in March as part of a Rotary Foundation event.

The Rotary Club of Saco Bay, Maine was her first club. She joined in 1989 - the first-year women were officially accepted into Rotary as members. The Saco Bay Club was chartered in November 1989 because the legacy club in Saco, Maine, was not quite ready to accept women at that time. Brenda was happy in the Saco Bay Club and was its President-Elect when she and her husband Richard (Dick) transferred to California for business reasons.

While in California, she was an active Rotarian ultimately serving as District 5240 Governor in 2001-2002. She and Dick returned to Maine in April 2020 and live in Wells, Maine where she is a member of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, in Rotary District 7780. She is the retired CEO of Office Support Systems, a telecommunications business in Maine, and Dick is a retired manufacturing Vice-President.

Brenda has served in many leadership roles in Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Her roles in TRF have focused in the Fund Development area and she is currently the Fund Development Chair on the Board of Trustees. Her term as a trustee will end in June of 2021. She supports all programs of TRF but is especially drawn to the causes



of Peace and Polio Eradication. She and Dick have created the Brenda and Richard Cressey Endowment for Peace named fund to support Peace Certificate Fellowships. Her commitment to Polio Eradication is inspired by having lost a dear friend to that dreadful disease. That commitment of Brenda's will not end until polio has been eradicated.

One of the personal experiences of which she is most proud is to have served as the first woman Chair of The Rotary Foundation. Her Rotary journey has been entwined with the diversification of Rotary as it embraced gender equality, a wider range of vocations and occupations, and reaching out to service minded people of all ages.

She began her Rotary career in a new club desiring to embrace the membership of women and upon her move to California she learned that not all Rotarians were quite ready for the admission of women. Her first visit to a club in California was off to a rocky start when the first person she encountered, whom she describes as a crusty cowboy, challenged her interest in the club. She offered her hand to him and opined that he and she would become best friends and they did, with him becoming one of her most ardent supporters.

Another supporter and someone who inspired her was Past Rotary International President, Cliff Dochterman (1992-1993), who was in her California Rotary Zone. Cliff inspired many with his love of Rotary, his practical advice, and his wry sense of humor. You can find his videos on YouTube today. A favorite of Brenda's is [If I Could Be President Again](#).

Along the way she has received support, encouragement, and mentorship from Rotarians of all ages, both men and women. At every juncture of her Rotary journey, her goal was simply to do the best work she could whatever task or role was hers. She believes that by being such strong advocates for The Rotary Foundation that both she and Dick are giving back for the kindness and opportunities they encountered.

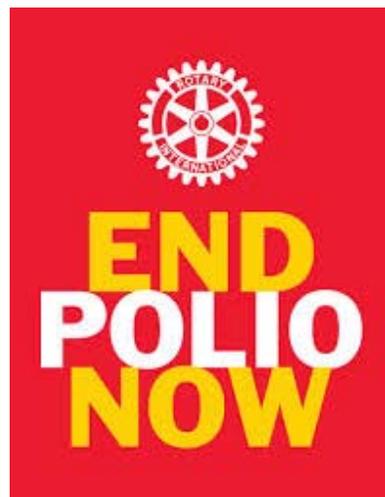
As to the Foundation, she encourages all Rotarians to give each year to Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY).

This is especially important for the Annual Fund which is the giving category which helps to fund Rotary grants and programs. The grant model rolled out officially in 2013 has resulted in more sophisticated, impactful, and sustainable grants. The success of TRF's grants is also a challenge as there are so many worthy grant applications. The generosity of Rotarians is what fuels the good works of The Rotary Foundation through Rotary districts and clubs.

The Endowment creates lasting legacies. Around the time this article is published, The Rotary Foundation will be announcing a new Peace Center in the MENA region. This will be fully funded by a private foundation in perpetuity.

Brenda's leadership and reach has been inspirational. She has received many awards including The Distinguished Service Award, The Rotary Foundation's highest honor. In mid-February, she received a cherished recognition when she visited her original club of Saco Bay by Zoom. On that visit, the Charter President of the club had remembered that it was a technical paperwork snafu that had prevented Brenda from being recognized as a Charter Member of the club. The club fixed that snafu on by making Brenda an Honorary Charter Member.

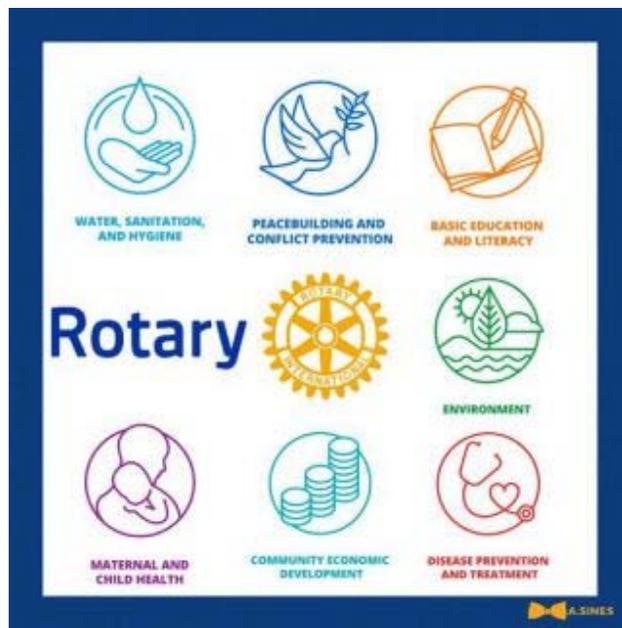
What will she do when her tenure on TRF's Board of Trustees ends in June? She will have more time for her hobbies of quilting, walking, and horseback riding. When the pandemic is conquered, she and Dick will resume their joy of river cruising in Europe. She and her high school sweetheart and strongest supporter may consider acquiring a second home in Virginia, a state she loves. Let us all send the [Virginia Vibe](#) to Brenda and Dick. Rotary District 7600 will welcome you.



Some good news... as of February 24th there were no new cases of wild Polio in Afghanistan. The country has only one case year-to-date. Although there had been no new cases in Pakistan since November 23rd, the country now has one.

Your donations to PolioPlus will help in the continuing efforts to eradicate polio worldwide.

Tip of the Month



Want to use the new graphics for the Rotary areas of focus? Go to Rotary Brand Center to find out the proper use of these with colors and logos you can download. You can also find the 2021-22 Theme materials there too.

And just for fun!!! (from Stephen Beer)

