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### District Leadership

Susan Zachensky-Walthall  
District Governor

Clenise Platt  
District Governor-Elect

Judy Cocherell  
District Governor-Nominee

John Padgett  
IPDG

Deborah Wall  
District Secretary

Matthew McDonald  
District Treasurer

Maryann Tetreault  
District Executive Secretary

Chuck Arnason  
Rotary Foundation Chair

Albert Roosendaal II  
Finance Chair



\* District News \*

### District hosts Zone Leadership Institute

DG Susan welcomed Rotarians from Zone 33-34 to Norfolk. Over four days, these Rotarians were involved with learning, fellowship and service projects...



Rotarians were busy at the summit. In two hours, 371 Rotarians packaged 100,000 meals for the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Program.



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They also collected \$14,850 to purchase 900 toys for the Toys for Tots program. Debbie Wall, one of the attendees said, "My Zone Leadership Summit experience was an outstanding opportunity to network, share ideas, and meet leaders from around our Zones. The opportunity granted to me by the district is one that is a benchmark in my Rotary journey."

To read more about the event go >[HERE](#).

To view videos of keynote speakers and see more photos go >[HERE](#).

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President-Elects... save the date!

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**Rotary**



**CHESAPEAKE PETS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**C-PETS 2019**  
Feb. 28 -  
March 2, 2019

Westfields Marriott  
Washington Dulles  
Chantilly VA

**Training & Inspiring Rotary Leaders of Action!**  
Districts 7600, 7610, 7620, 7630  
*Club Presidents-Elect are required to attend.*

Online conference registration via DACdb opens mid-October 2018.  
Register for your hotel room in C-PETS block via link at:

**[www.ChesapeakePETS.org](http://www.ChesapeakePETS.org)**

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\* Clubs in the News \*  
Prince George County Tree Planting:

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Recently members of the Prince George Girl Scout Troup 5149, the Prince George Parks and Recreation Department and the Rotary Club of Prince George planted 20 crepe myrtle trees by the soccer fields in Prince George County.

### River City Habitat for Humanity Lego Contest:



On November 17th, the River City Rotary volunteered at the 5th Annual Greater Richmond Habitat for Humanity Lego Blitz Build. To learn more about this child-centered event go >[HERE](#).

### James City County Turkey Baskets:



Satellite Club members Carmelina Trifiletti and Amy Leadbetter joined with Neva Lynde and other club members to prepare turkey baskets for Grove Christian Outreach Center clients. To read more click > [HERE](#).

### Historic Triangle Purple Pinky:



Members of the Historic Triangle club show off their purple pinkies after they made an extra donation to Polio Plus on World Polio Day. Members were challenged to keep the purple pinky for the week as a conversation starter with friends, colleagues and clients about PolioPlus and Rotary. The District Conference purple pinky opportunity inspired the club, reminding them of their common purpose and generating even greater fellowship. (Tom Bozek, President)

### Franklin New Paul Harris Fellow:



At a recent Franklin club meeting, the speaker was 95 year old Joe Dickerson who told about landing in the first wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He told the club what it was really like to be under such intense fire and lose so many of his buddies. Joe was wounded four times and was awarded the Silver and Bronze stars. Bill Billings (left) has known Joe for over 20 years and presented him with a Paul Harris Fellow. Read Bill's speech >[HERE](#).

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### Richmond / South Richmond Tree Dedication:



Members of the Richmond Club pose at the dedication ceremony for two trees planted at Willow Oaks Country Club. At the ceremony the following poem written by Richmond Club Rotarian, Durwood Usry, was read.

The Seed

Did the seed come first before the Tree?  
 And did the sprout pop out just to see  
 A forest so thick with twigs and leaves  
 And then a trunk with arms of color blowing in the breeze,



Rising above the floor with ease.  
Growing rings of life to tell the tale  
Of all living creatures strong and frail  
Who have come and gone down that eternal trail  
To once again rise up from that seed  
To live again as a mighty tree.

For details and photos read [HERE](#).

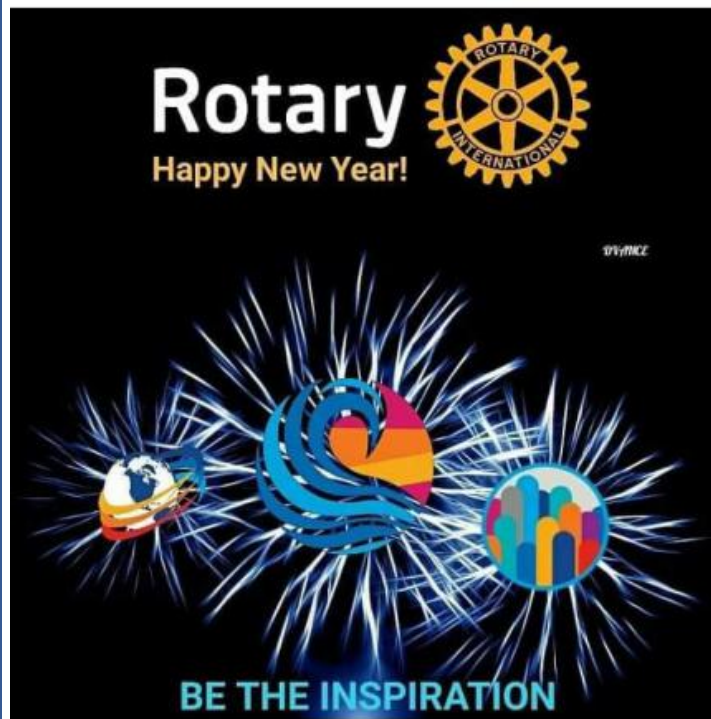
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### Chesapeake Makes Donation:



Recently the club distributed another \$100,000 plus to local charities with a total over nine years of over \$1.5 million! This would not have been possible without the combined efforts of sponsors, wineries, volunteers, vendors and patrons that together enabled the community to have a great event. 100% volunteers with 100% going to charities.

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#### \* Youth Services in the News\*

Rotaract:



The Sock Drive by the Rotaract Club of Southside Hampton Roads was a huge success with over 400 pairs collected. Soap Chips is a local organization that provides clean, refreshing and portable showers to those in need. For more information Soap Chips go [HERE](#)

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#### How to create a community-based Rotaract club

Watch the video >[HERE](#)

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#### \* Tech Tip of the Month \*

A newly redesigned DACdb was rolled out in November. The website is easier to navigate and has more content and resources available. There are templates for your club to use to create a club newsletter...

To see what it can mean for your club go [HERE](#).

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### \* Save the Dates\*

January 5: Presidential Retreat and PrePets at College of William & Mary, Williamsburg

January 25: District Team Training Seminar (DTTS) at College of William & Mary, Williamsburg

February 28: PETS (mandatory for all incoming Club Presidents)

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### A message from DRFC Chuck Arnason



*What a surprise at the Foundation Banquet when, on behalf of the 2017-18 club Presidents, Past President Michael Moore (Rotary Club of Prince George County) presented me with a check for \$2,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation in my honor. It was with a profound sense of humility that I accepted this check on behalf of the greatest philanthropic organization in the world - The Rotary Foundation. I know that this donation will make a difference to those who need our help most. I also take pride in knowing that more than 90% of this donation goes directly to supporting our service projects around the world.*

*Thank you, Past Presidents, for recognizing me in such a wonderful way. Your generosity will continue "Making a Difference" in the world.*

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### Soap Chips Project

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Read about the Soap Chips project and the District Grant involving several D7600 Clubs >[HERE](#)

## D7600 Rotary Foundation Awards Banquet winners



On November 8th PDG John Padgett and District Rotary Foundation Chair, Chuck Arnason celebrated a monumental achievement. Read about the club and individual recognitions that were awarded that evening [HERE](#).

## Global Grant in Ghana



The Global Grant 16-42172 helped provide medical supplies to the University for Developmental Studies Hospital in the Upper West Region of Ghana. The project drilled five new boreholes, mechanized two existing wells, and built thirteen new household, Microflush toilets with hand washing stations. It also helped bring electricity and flowing water inside the rural health clinic for the first time impacting the lives of 8,592 residents living in Ghana. For more details go > [HERE](#).

## Major Donor Recognition



Chuck Arnson presented PDG Jim Probsdorfer (along with his wife Lynn) with a pin and beautiful crystal in recognition s achieving Major Donor level of Rotary Foundation donations. Major Donor recognitions are given to those individuals or couples who have achieved over \$10,00 in Foundation donations.

## New Paul Harris Society member



Robbie Urbine (center) is presented with a recognition certificate for his financial commitment to the Rotary Foundation as a Paul Harris Society member by Appaiah Ballachandra, Paul Harris Society District Coordinator (right). Also pictured is Jeffrey Douglas Worsham

