

Rotary

Club of Kent Island



Lamonte Cooke QAC Detention Center



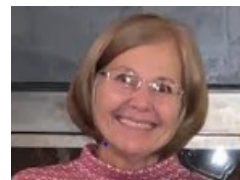
Today the club was privileged to have as our speaker Lamonte Cooke, Warden for the Queen Anne's County Detention Center. Lamonte spoke of his 45 years in the criminal justice field, serving in both Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. Although our county has less of a population than the larger counties on the western shore, we are seeing some of the same types of criminal activity: drugs, gangs, trafficking. Mental health related issues among incarcerated individuals have risen along with more medical problems and the detention center staff are tasked with dealing with those along with rehabilitating those detained at the detention center.

The detention center opened in 1988 with 16 officers and staff and about 60-70 incarcerated people. That number has now swelled to 160 or more for a facility that holds only 149 people. In 2009, a separate unit was added to house females, as there must be separation between male and female inmates. To accommodate the growing number of people detained in the facility, a new, regional facility, the Mid-Shore Regional Correctional Facility, is being built that will be used by Kent, Queen Anne's, and Caroline counties to house their incarcerated individuals. The site is located in Church Hill, where the old pre-release center once operated. The cost of the project is estimated to be between \$60-\$80 million dollars, and will be shared among the three counties. The larger building will have space to hold programs to help rehabilitate those detained in the facility to get them ready for life outside.

Member Spotlight - Gail Lundberg

What is your occupation/former occupation?

Currently, I have very recently retired, but my spouse doesn't think that will last long. I enjoyed my career as a Registered Nurse. I have many favorites but Home Hospice nursing is my most rewarding.



What are you most proud of?

Our children & 11 Grands! Also, a cabin we spent many a weekend helping to build in WV many years ago. Little did we know the memories it would make for our family & friends.

What do you do for fun?

Golf but not good at the game. I have been a member of a gym for over 20 years - not really enjoyable, but it keeps me moving. We have enjoyed multiple group & solo travel vacations. We have hiked through the jungle to a boiling lake at the top of a mountain & will be hiking, walking on glaciers & kayaking in Alaska for 12 days this August. Ask about our yearly Camporee, always a great time!

What brought you to Rotary?

Brad was a member & I sometimes volunteered a helping hand, liked what I saw & enjoyed making new friends. Also attended an international convention where others heard their wins & met like-minded people from all over the world.

What do you like best about Rotary?

Local service projects, the friends we make and the global impacts.

Kent Island Meets at Kent Island Yacht Club
117 Yacht Club Drive
Chester, MD 21619-2433
Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM

Club Leaders



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Committee List



Tides of Grace Paint Night



Looking for something fun to do and a way to support a local charity? Come out to Tides of Grace's Paint Night! All funds raised will go towards securing a new building space for Tides of Grace, as they have outgrown their current location and need more room to serve the community effectively. You can find out more and purchase tickets at the link below:

<https://tidesofgraceinc.org/events/paint-night-and-dinner-fundraiser/>

KENT ISLAND ROTARY JOINS FORCES WITH LOCAL UNITED WAY

The Kent Island Rotary has joined forces with their local United Way for the first Annual Eastern Shore Charity Golf Tournament! They are looking for players, sponsors and prizes! Anyone wanting to support this fundraiser that will give back to those in need in Queen Anne's County is encouraged to [download this registration flyer!](#)



Events

July 9th, 7:30-8:30 AM

[Kent Island Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Lamonte Cooke, Warden, QAC Detention Center

July 23rd, 7:30-8:30 AM

[Kent Island Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Ryan Helfenbein, Fellows, Helfenbein, Newnam Funeral Home

August 6th, 7:30-8:30 AM

[Kent Island Club Business Meeting](#)

July 16th, 7:30-8:30 AM

[Kent Island Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Jim Moran - County Commissioner

July 30th, 7:30-8:30 AM

[Kent Island Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Social Meeting

Birthdays



[Jim McComb](#)

July 21st



[Sandra Early](#)

July 21st



[Pamela B Magers](#)

August 8th

Wedding Anniversaries



Janet Salazar
July 24th



Jim McComb
August 1st

