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This month, Rotary International celebrates **clean water and sanitation**. Also, **International Women's Day** is celebrated every March 8th, in many countries of the world. We just completed a great **Chesapeake President-Elect Training (C-PETS)** with almost 400 attendees from the Districts: 7600, 7610, and 7620. **DGE Jonathan Thomas Chadwick Lucus** and **Trainer Jim Kirkpatrick** did a fantastic job in getting next year's presidents ready. Looking forward, I will continue to forward the agenda for our **District Conference**. Please sign up and attend. The conference planning committee has been *burning the midnight oil*, and it looks pretty good to me. It is worth coming down to **Virginia Crossings** for the weekend or even for the day. Sign up on the District Website and if there is a problem, please call **Valerie Butler**, our **District Executive Assistant** for help (540) 370-0300. Don't wait until the last minute. Furthermore, if you are a golfer, on Thursday April 4th, there is a tournament. Obie O' Bryon is the organizer of the golf tournament and can be reached at (240) 304-6620. For the House of Friendship, vendors, and non-profit exhibitors—contact **Pat Borowski** at (703) 587-5161.

Membership is **ALWAYS** important! All of the speakers at C-PETS stressed the importance of membership and we need to bring in every potential Rotarian who is as good as yourself. Remember, Rotary is a membership organization that does service!

Thank you for all your terrific support this year! Holler if I can help. You are special in Rotary's book and in my book, too!
Glenn Yarborough, District Governor 7610

Important Dates

March-Rotary Clean Water and Sanitation Month
 March 8th-International Day of Women
 March 22-World Water Day
 April 4-7-District Conference at *Virginia Crossing*
 April 30-Deadline for PE's to submit Club Membership/PI Chairs to AG
 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)--Saturday, April 6 2019 / Norfolk, VA / Part I, Part II, Part III
 Friday April 26 2019 / La Plata, MD / Part 1, Part II, Part III



On March 8th, *International Women's Day*, D7610 celebrates our female Past and Future District Governors who have achieved the status as **TRAIL BLAZER**. "International Women's Day is celebrated every March 8th in many countries of the world. The General Assembly of the United Nations identifies this date as a day to celebrate the achievements made in favor of equality, justice, peace and gender development. This day marks a call for action in search of gender parity". Source: *General Assembly of the United Nations*.



PDG Tin Tin Nu Raschid 1996-1997

- One of twelve women District Governors out of 508 world-wide
- 2006 recipient of Rotary International's prestigious *Service Above Self* Award
- Founder of D7610 e-Club
- Served as District Vocational Chair since 2016



PDG Sandra Sandy Duckworth 2002-2003

- Established as DG:
Paul Harris Society; Operations Committee; Student Speech and Four-Way Test Essay Contests; RYLA Camp; Two-day Team Training; Quarterly Advisory Council meetings; Rotarian-of-the-Year and Citizen-of-the-Year Awards
- Recipient of Rotary International's prestigious *Service Above Self* Award



PDG Donna Phillips, PhD (District 7370) 2003-2004

- Served as District Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Chair 2010-2011
- Served as Lt. Gov. Public Image and Communication 2015-16
- Served on faculty of Rotary Leadership Institute 2011-2013 and as Trainer at President-Elect Training Seminar 2018
- Serving as Current President of Rotary e-Club D7610



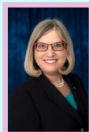
PDG Juanita Cawley 2013-2014

- Served as District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) 2015-2019
- Initiated the District NewGen Peace program and Peace Conference
- Served as District Training Coordinator on the planning committee
- Recipient of the RI Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service



PDG Janet JB Brown, PhD 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

- Published the first District Yearbook 2016-2017
- Initiated Done-in-a-Day, Peace Ambassador, and Peace Dinners
- Took part in a mass Polio Oral Vaccination Inoculation Project, in India
- Recipient of District Rotarian-of-the-Year Award



PDG Ronnie Chantker 2017-2018

- Served as District Assistant Governor for Area 10— Northeast Fairfax County
- Served as Area Membership Coordinator for Area 10-Northeast Fairfax County
- Initiated Flags for Heroes 2017-2018
- Serving as District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) 2019-2020



DGN-D Patricia Pat Borowski 2021-2022

- Served as Assistant Foundation Advisor for Area 9
- Served as Awards Chair for Rotary District 7610
- Served as Manager of District Peace Dinners 2015-2017
- Served as Organized 1st program at District 7610-GMU Event on Peace 2017

Women's Day--March 8th

In Memoriam: Women TRAILBLAZERS in District 7610

(From excerpt in District Newsletters March, 2017)



Marie Mehfoud Suyes—Celebrating a Rotary History Maker

Marie Mehfoud Suyes, the first President of the first all-woman Rotary Club, passed away on January 13th, 2017. The U.S. Supreme Court, in 1987, granted women access to the formerly all-male business and professional service organization. Marie, in 1990, became the first President of the first in the nation all women's Henrico East Rotary Club. She and 24 other women formed the club. She made history. She came from a strong Rotarian family. Her grandfather was a charter member of the Richmond Rotary Club, in 1913. Her father helped found the Sandston Rotary Club and at the time of Henrico East's formation had not missed a meeting, since 1955. Seven members of her family were Rotarians—as was her husband, who has been a Rotarian since 1963 and served as District Governor, in District 7600. **Are you counting?** Marie not only made Rotary history, but she and her family have contributed over 100 years of significant involvement in and for Rotary. Her father, her husband and her family supported Marie in creation of the new all women's club. She was an **Inspiration**.

Su Webb—The Role Model for Citizen Volunteers

At the time of her passing, Su Webb was director of the *Heritage Farm Museum*, providing programs for children and preserving the history of Loudoun's agricultural era. Other historical treasure's were identified and preserved with Su's help. She also brought tournaments and visitors to our area, filling up our hotels and restaurants alike. The economic impact of her leadership and dedication to the quality of life in Loudoun County are immeasurable.



When one looks at a timeline of the 50 year history of Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS), Su's imprint is on over 80% of all projects. In addition to being Chair of the Loudoun County PRCS for decades, she also was Chair of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Foundation. The Foundation raised funds for the twenty two parks throughout the system. As an unpaid volunteer in all of these endeavors, Su demonstrated "Service Above Self" through her actions.



Women Who Continue to Make a Difference, by PDG Sylvia V. Whitlock, PhD 2012-2013 Author of *Women Also Serve*, Universe Bookstore.



History is rife with instances of exclusion from groups, because of: age, creed, ethnic or racial origin, sexual preference, and so on. In 1976, when Dr. Richard Key was trying to increase the membership in his small Rotary club, no one really thought that gender would loom to be an eleven year court battle. Of course, the Rotary By-laws said Rotarians should be men of good character. At least in California, it was thought that it had just morphed from the original Bylaws—which specified, “persons of good character”. Well, it didn’t take very long for us to discover that Rotary International was not reading off our page. Rotary International gave us notice that they vehemently disapproved of our action and removed our charter. What followed was an eleven year court battle in which we were assisted by the ACLU and a neighboring attorney, (with an amicus brief filed by the Seattle 10 Rotary Club).

Our case started in a California Superior Court where we lost the first action. We appealed to the California Appellate which reversed the action—based on a California Law, (i.e., the Unruh Act which banned discrimination in public accommodations). The lower court was reversed. Then, Rotary International (RI) appealed to the California Supreme Court, (which refused to hear the case). Essentially, this affirmed the lower court’s ruling. RI then moved to appeal to the United States Supreme Court—claiming that the Appellate Court’s ruling violated their First Amendment, (i.e., right of association). However, on May 4, 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that, “considering the size, purpose, selectivity and exclusivity of Rotary’s membership, the relationship among the clubs’ members was not of the intimate or private variety which warrants First Amendment protection”. Justice Powell argued that many of Rotary’s activities, including their meetings, were conducted in the presence of strangers and because women members would not prevent clubs from carrying out their purposes, there was no violation of associational rights. “Furthermore,” he said, “even if there were a slight encroachment on the rights of Rotarians to associate, that minimal infringement would be justified since it serves the state’s interest in ending sexual discrimination.” The rest is history.

We are now an inclusive group—as far as gender is concerned. Women have been present at all levels of Rotary, except one—and I believe we are not far from achieving that level, too. It would be interesting to hear what the discussions were, in the board rooms, when for eleven long years International’s stance was against the admission of women. I called my book *Women Also, Serve*, because it seemed to me that finding people to serve, to do the work of Rotary, was much more important than worrying about what gender they were. We have illustrated, in many ways, that service in Rotary has been enhanced by the presence of women.

Rotary Women—A Source of Energy, Vision, and Leadership, by Father Tom Hughes, Rappahannock-Fredericksburg Rotary Club



The presence of women in Rotary is today a source of energy, vision and leadership. It has not always been that way, but as early as 1911, when Dr. Gertrude Stanton was elected president of the **Minneapolis Women’s Rotary Club**. The Idea spread to Duluth and to Chicago, but nationally women’s participation was mostly social.

In 1914, the wife of the San Francisco club president, whose name was Ann, was Introduced at the Houston convention as, “our Rotary Ann”. The idea stuck and for eighty-five years that was the role of the Rotary wife. But, then the small Rotary Club of Duarte, California, admitted three women as members. Prior to this 1978 action, many clubs across the country had sent proposals to the national Rotary Council urging a constitutional change—so that women could join. That decision was to be taken out of Rotary’s hands. In 1987, the United States Supreme Court found for the Duarte Club in a seven-zero decision—that removed all barriers to Membership. In 1989, the word, “male”, was removed from the constitution and all Documents of Rotary International.

On the home front, this change began to infuse the new **Rappahannock-Fredericksburg** club with a vitality and creativity that today we depend upon. Much of our membership growth is accounted for by the presence of women. Our club had the first female member in District 7610, Donna Tyson, as well as the first female president, Di Thompson.

We give thanks for a happy resolution to what just several years ago seemed to be such an intractable a problem. Just applying the Four Way Test makes life’s issues seem so very manageable.

For March, *Inspiration* had the privilege of *interviewing the First Female Rotary International Vice President, (PRIVP), Anne L. Matthews, PhD

Inspiration: What skills are needed by women who are interested in capturing a top leadership position in an organization?

PRIVP Matthews: “Honestly, the skills needed for women are the same as those for men, as far as I am concerned. I have always believed one should, first of all, have a passion for something. Once this is established, skills fall in line. Above all, willing to work hard and be a quality producer is the first factor. Learn to work with all types regardless of differences! Being male or female has made no difference to me in my roles in education or in Rotary. Be able to communicate well in all environments. Keep growing. One is never too old to learn new ways of doing things. Be honest, fair, and willing to go beyond expectations are the keys to success in any situation. Don’t stay in what I call the “mediocre lane.” To move up, one has to excel in an area and establish this behavior or model with integrity and love! I love my life, the opportunities afforded me, and I have tried to show appreciation along the way”!

Inspiration: What is the path which you took in your journey to your leadership positions?

PRIVP Matthews: “I took so many paths along the way and to list one would not be accurate. First of all, my Dad was my mentor and the skills I learned from him, at an early age, cannot be measured. Growing up, in those formative years, with five brothers taught me team building skills and has benefited me in all roles. Securing a quality formal education has probably been one of the greatest paths to my success. Earning a liberal arts undergraduate degree from an all-female institution was one of the pillars for success. Then on to a master’s in business and a doctorate certainly helped to propel me into meaningful career opportunities. Along the path, I served in numerous education leadership roles with the highlight being elected president of the National Business Education Association. In summary, growing up in a family with role model parents who epitomized Service Above Self and securing quality educational experiences gave me the foundation for leadership roles”.

Inspiration: What bumps and bruises did you experience in following your path to leadership positions and were they the same as a male might experience or were they different and how?

PRIVP Matthews: “The only bump I experienced was from two males in different situations and one was based on jealousy, and the other based on jealousy and lies, to be very blunt! A woman was behind the one with lies and involved a male with her lies. Ironically, I had helped the woman to get where she was in the organization. I was in an important role in an organization, with an effective president, and she was jealous. Long story, but suffice this to say I have found over the years, in different organizations, jealousy and fear (loss of something) exist. These situations exist for males and females. The secret to success is to ignore trash, as best one can. It is not easy sometimes, but when one feels secure in one’s self, has done nothing to cause the jealousy or fear, then through one’s faith and confidence, survival exist and better things can happen. I believe jealousy is a sin and when one is jealous, one will do about anything to TRY to damage others. Sometimes, also, situations result as a matter of one wanting control. People who practice the control tactic, to advance themselves at the cost of another, are weak and should not be a part of a leadership team in an organization. In life, that old adage of what goes around comes around. I happen to believe this. When one does good in the world, it comes back many times over and when one does evil, that individual will reap negative results along the way. Each day I look in the mirror and ask myself did I do the things my parents would be proud of, and did I meet God’s plan for me. If I can smile, I know I am okay”!

Anne L. Matthews, is a Rotarian from South Carolina, USA. “Women have contributed significantly to Rotary initiatives, and will continue to do so,” says Matthews, who is also the first woman to serve as both a Rotary Foundation trustee and an RI director.

* Questions provided via Email





March—Water and Sanitation Month



March is *Water and Sanitation Month* on the Rotary Calendar. “According to the United Nations, there are still 663 million people around the world who don’t have access to clean drinking water. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives”. Many of our District clubs support this cause by participating or funding projects. This month, *The Inspiration* chose to highlight *The Strategic Water Alliance, Annual Walk for Water, and the Rotary Club of Rosslyn-Fort Myers’ Uganda Water Project.*

Annual Walk for Water

Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene is one of Rotary’s six Areas of Focus. Rotarian Andrew Wade of the *Dulles International Airport Club* is the District Global Grants Chair. He has been organizing the *Annual Walk for Water* initiative for years. This is a fun way to promote this important cause. Andrew reaches out to other local Clubs to collaborate on the Rotary Matching Grant Process. *The Dulles International Airport Club* started with only one project, and after a short time added additional District 7610 Rotary Clubs.

“Water and sanitation facilities keep students and teachers at schools. This has been an essential part of the program. Challenges exist when there is perhaps a maintenance issue way out in the bush, and the locals don’t necessarily take the steps to remedy the situation even if it is a phone call”. For more information, contact Andrew Wade at: andrewdwade@gmail.com

The Rotary Club of Rosslyn-Fort Myer’s Uganda Water Project is equally successful. The goal of their water project is to install concrete underground storage tanks to harvest and store rain-water from the roots of the schools to serve students and families. This enables girls, in particular, to attend class. The Rotary Club of Mityana, Uganda is their local partner. On Saturday March 2nd, in support of its water project, *The Rotary Club of Rosslyn-Fort Myer* sponsored its annual gala benefit: *Mini Musicals on the Move®*. This year, the sing-along musical was *The Music Man*. It played to a *full house*—filled with Rotarians from several Clubs and Community leaders. Clearly, this annual event is one of the most entertaining fundraisers in all of District 7610!

* Photos supplied by M. David Feld and Cathy and John McCoskey, Mini Musicals on the Move ®



Rotary District 7610 Strategic Water Alliance (SWA), by Bob Jansen



It all started back in 2006 when the Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport knew a Peace Corps Volunteer working in Zambia, Africa. Word got back to the Club that clean water was needed to support one of the villages where the volunteer worked. The Dulles Club raised the money needed and oversaw the small project of installing a clean water well with a manual hand pump. The project was so successful and well received the Dulles Club decided to expand upon that project and look for additional ways to provide clean water to this area of Zambia. Ultimately the Dulles Club reached out to other Rotary Clubs in our District to join in the effort and the Strategic Water Alliance (SWA) was born.

Since that time and ten years later, SWA has performed 32 projects bringing clean water and sanitation to rural and semi-urban schools in the Copperbelt Province of northern Zambia. These projects were done through Club fund raising efforts and Global Grants. The Global Grant process has enabled us to get to know our Rotary partners in Zambia from both **The Rotary Club of Luanshya** and **The Rotary Club of Ndola-Makuba**.

As we begin our 11th year SWA now consists of 15 Clubs (**Alexandria, Bailey's Crossroads, Dulles International Airport, Dunn Loring-Merrifield, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Great Falls, Herndon, Leesburg, Leesburg Daybreak, Manassas Bull Run, McLean, Tysons Corner, Vienna and West Springfield**). We are also on the verge of submitting our 9th Global Grant.

This year's Global Grant will benefit four schools and consists of work to rehabilitate existing toilets, build new toilets and install a tower for water tanks. We estimate these facilities will benefit approximately 3,900 Zambians who otherwise would not have adequate access to proper sanitation facilities. The Grant's work will run for two years (2017 to 2019) and SWA will conduct site visits in the summer of 2018 to review first-hand the works progress. Like previous Grants this one will also focus heavily on sustainability. We along with our **Host Rotarians in Zambia** will be conducting Focus Groups and Interviews to accurately assess the number of people benefiting from the facilities. We will also issue surveys and questionnaires to the schools to ensure the school and community have the proper governance committee in place to ensure long term ownership and maintenance. And, finally SWA along with **The Rotary Club of Luanshya** will perform direct observation to ensure individuals are trained to educate the school children on the importance of clean water and proper sanitation to prevent illness.

SWA is also going through a transition and reorganization. **Bob Jansen of the McLean Club** is in the process of taking over the Chair duties from Patricia Velkoff. Patricia has done a remarkable job advancing and growing the goals and vision of SWA over the past several years. SWA is also reorganizing into five Major Areas of Focus and creating five corresponding committees as a result. These committees include Domestic Communications, International Communications, Outreach, Social Media/Website and Project Development and Administration. The work of SWA has grown steadily over the years and we feel we can be more efficient if we break up the task areas and allowed a group of experts to focus on advancing those task areas. If any of these areas resonate with you and you'd like to join the effort please feel free to contact Bob Jansen of the McLean Club or Andrew Wade of the Dulles Club.

Rotary International President Sir Clem Renouf (1978-1979) once said, "Rotary takes ordinary men and women and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible." Having been involved with SWA these past 7 years this Alliance has enabled me to understand exactly what Sir Clem Renouf was talking about. For more information on SWA please contact Bob Jansen with the McLean Rotary Club. (Reprinted from District Newsletter 2017)

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.





Introducing **CART** to District 7610 by Jonathan Thomas Chadwick Lucas, DGE, District CART Chair

In 2018, District 7610 became the second of three districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the 24th in zones 33/34 to become a **CART** (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) member. Furthermore, there is no more important time to do so. Leading researchers, worldwide, are advancing their understanding of this pervasive disease and potentially how to cure it. However, there is more work to be done as Alzheimer's disease becomes more and more prevalent. According to the Alzheimer's Association—every 65 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease. Moreover, it affects touches us all!

How are Rotary Zones 33/34 utilizing **CART** to make an impact on the research? From its beginning in 1999, **CART** has been a novel fundraising program. Rotarians are encouraged to voluntarily empty their pockets and purses of change, or whatever amount they choose, whenever they attend a Rotary meeting. While the focus is to collect Rotarians' change, contributions of currency, checks or credit cards are always welcomed. As of May 2018, forty five grants to thirty four institutions have been awarded totaling \$7,200,000.

Specifically, what does the change collected go to? The goal of the Fund is to encourage and substantially advance exploratory and developmental biomedical research projects within the United States. 100% of the funds go to these research projects. To learn more about the grant recipients, visit: <http://www.cartfund.org/cart/cart-grants/>.

How does my club get involved? Assistant Governors (AGs) and club presidents will be e-mailed more information about this program to share with members. It is encouraged that Clubs that are interested in support this effort—select a **CART** Chair and consider implementing future fundraisers. In early 2019, blue **CART** buckets were distributed to Clubs, to collect change, along with instructions on where to send donations.

All contributions are tax deductible. CART is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

The CART FUND provides for cutting edge research to cure Alzheimer's disease. CART started with Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets and purses of change at weekly meetings.

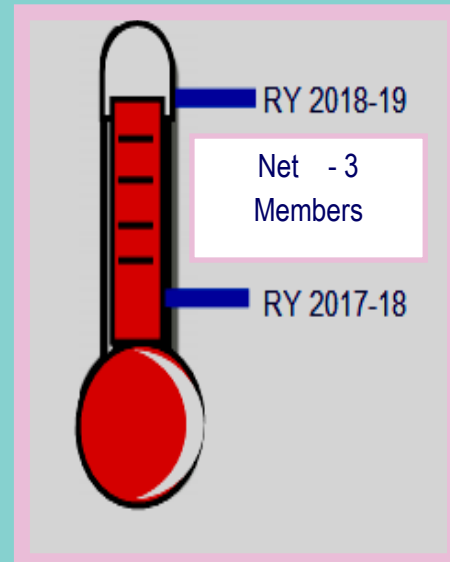
For more information, contact D7610 CART Chair, DGE Jonathan Thomas Chadwick Lucas at: 1920gov7610@gmail.com or at (443) 326 0244 or visit www.cartfund.org



YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

How is D7610 Doing? 34 New Members between Feb. 1st and March 1st

Abdul-Karim, Zayd	King, Florence M.
Alam, Junaid	Kozij, Yuri
Anderson, Terry A	Lopez, Iris
Butler, Ronal	Mason, James Derek
Carswell, Paul	McBarnette, Bruce
Clark, James S.	Nelson, Catherine M
Collins, Michael C	Nieboer, Lisa
Cummins, Jeff	Owens, Martha Jeanette
deGinder, Linda Rae	Samson, William
DuPuy, Dudley A Jr	Spielman, David
Evans, Eleanor	Vickers, Laura
Fant, Joshua	Waugh-Robinson, Donna
Fishman, David	Weethee, Jordan M.
Friedel, Thomas P	Wells, Dana
Fristad, Janice	Harris, Paul
Gilbert, Stanley K. Jr	Kalema-Musoke, Fred
Gustavson, Nicole	Kerivan, Kyle



New Member



**RI President Ron Burton
RY 2013-2014**

"The job doesn't end when a new member joins. It is not done until that new member is **engaged** in Rotary, **inspired** by Rotary and **uses the power of Rotary service** to change lives"

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From Where I Sit: A New Member Perspective on Rotary, **by Darren Pope**



When I first joined Rotary, I was a bit intimidated by the sheer size of the Rappahannock-Fredericksburg club, but it wasn't until I began to introduce myself last March that I realized just how young and how different I likely appeared. I fielded my fair share of congratulations and warm welcomes, but I was also met with questions that weren't often asked of others and sensed that my age was going to be a bit of an obstacle when it came to first impressions. After watching the club interact and engage in its own way though, it became clear that this organization's roots stretched far beyond the walls of the Fredericksburg Baptist Church. Years of hard work, dedication, and bread breaking had helped to form the bonds of the people around me. So, I realized that if I wanted to succeed within Rotary, I had to commit myself to sitting at a different table every meeting, to making connections the right way over scrambled eggs and a cup of coffee, and to never get too comfortable.

I joined Rotary because I wanted to be a force for good in my hometown and build both business and personal relationships with the leaders of my community. As a child, I was taught to help those who couldn't help themselves, to hold the door for the person behind me, and to leave each room in better shape than I found it. The problems of today are not entirely unique to my generation, but the interconnectivity of this digital age means we are fundamentally different. 'Service above self' is a bigger ask now that society and social media have repeatedly told today's youth that they are better off reacting to conflict than acting on a resolution.

From my seat at the table, Rotary's greatest strength when it comes to attracting younger quality members is the club's cumulative knowledge, grace, and experience. What makes Rotary unique and compelling compared to other service organizations is its diverse nature of service work which most importantly is accomplished by our local business and community leaders. Developing business and personal relationships with the men and women who blazed the Fredericksburg trail before me, while making a noticeable difference in the community that I call home, is the fundamental reason why I chose to be a part of the Rotary organization.

There are young business professionals and up and coming community leaders all over this nation that are craving the guidance and support that only Rotarians can provide. If they are anything like me, their youths were complicated by convenience and digital communication so the art of conversation over scrambled eggs and coffee is entirely lost on them. A room full of successful personas can be intimidating but Rotarians have the knowledge and wisdom that young professionals desperately crave, for you embody the kind of person we are striving to become. As a young person looking to find my own way in this complicated world, I appreciate every handshake, breakfast conversation, and invitation extended to me by my fellow Rotarians.

Darren Pope is an insurance professional with the *Lewis Insurance Associates* in Stafford VA. He majored in Political Science at James Madison University.



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Marking the 114th Birthday of Rotary With the Rotary Club of West Springfield

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West Springfield Rotary Connection

Rotary marked its 114th birthday on February 23, 2019. Rotarians are the inspiration for fellow Rotarians and others to see those serving in their local community and in many areas worldwide, where the needs are the greatest. VP Clyde Findlay and John Pellegrin attended the Cub Scout Pack 698's annual Blue & Gold Awards dinner on Saturday, February 23. The photo, here below, is their flag display which shows RCWS is the main sponsor. Thanks everyone. Ed Schoenberg President Rotary Club of West Springfield

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN UP TO
\$5,000?**

Join us for the Rotary Club of West Springfield's annual

Reverse Raffle

"We Spin – You Win" Fundraiser

Grand Prize: \$5,000

(or 40% of total ticket sales, whichever is less)



TICKET PRICE: \$50

(No more than 400 tickets will be sold)

Ticket price also includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and lots of fun, including our famous Silent Auction and drawings for door prizes. Cash bar available.

**Attendance is not required.
You do not have to be present to win.**

**Sunday, March 31, 2019
Springfield Golf & Country Club
8301 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152**

**Check-in starts at 3:00 PM
Drawing starts promptly at 3:30 PM**

Checking In With the Rotary Club of Vienna



Cedar Lane School

Michele Wright presented an RCV Foundation check to Jennifer Min of the Cedar Lane School (a Fairfax County Interagency Alternative School). Also recognized was Teresa Ahmad, a muralist who volunteers her time for a therapeutic art program there.



Recognition for Volunteers

President Sheila Brennan honored three more RCV volunteers who have gone above and beyond: · Sonia Patterson · Linda Colbert · Deniz Senyurt
Marshall Road Elementary School

Matt Chapman (Vice Principal) and Bruce Wyman (resource teacher) received an RCV Foundation check from Ann Storck for Marshall Road's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) program. Students there take apart obsolete computers and other electronic



Assistance League of Northern Virginia
Kathy Jackson of the Assistance League of Northern Virginia received an RCV Foundation check from Shellie Abel.



One of the Tappahannock Club's major events is its Rappahannock River "Big Croaker" Tournament which they are holding for the 16th year, on May 18th. This is a very popular and fun event and draws anglers from throughout our District, as well as elsewhere in Virginia. Needless to say, many Rotarians are fishermen so we certainly want them to know about it, and hopefully participate! Thanks very much. Wright Andrews, Tappahannock Rotary Past President and Current Public Information Officer for the 2019 Croaker Tournament

Tappahannock Rotary "Big Croaker" Tournament ***Saturday, May 18th***



Fishing will be between the bridges at Tappahannock and White Stone from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Boat entry fee is only \$125 before May 1st/\$150 thereafter.

The Rotary Club of Great Falls, Virginia Sponsors Newest Rotaract Club

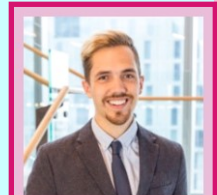


This month, District 7610 welcomed a new Rotaract Club into the fold!!! ***The Rotaract Club of Great Falls Virginia*** is sponsored by the ***Rotary Club of Great Falls***. This new club adds a 6th Rotaract Club to our District.

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. If you or your club have questions about Rotaract, I would be happy to speak with you....

Brett Voeltz, District 7610 Rotaract Chair

Brett.voeltz@gmail.com Rotary Club of Herndon





Here Ye... Here Ye, Said the Town Crier at Alexandria Central's Sips For Saints Gala

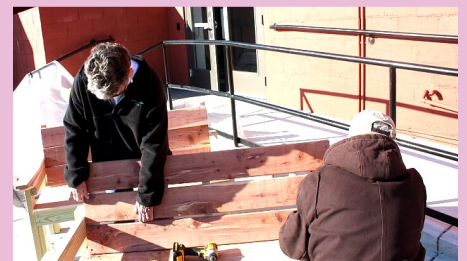
It was a veritable *Who's Who*^R of Alexandria, including: Former Mayor William D. Euille 2003-2016, the Editor of *The Alexandria Gazette*, Benjamin F. Walker, the Alexandria Town Crier, and Rotarians from near-by Clubs.



Interact Speech Contest Run-Off between the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads and Fairfax. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Fairfax winner, Kofi Klutse and runner-up, Jen Giron. Thanks to the judges and Rotarians who attended.



The Gloucester Rotary Club completed its winter service project on Saturday, January 26 at the *Puller Center*, on Main Street. The Club built and installed two benches and two garden boxes to accommodate visitors and attendees of *Versatility Resources*. A special thanks to members: Henry Moncure, Nancy Dykeman, Newton DeSazo, and Jay McGohn - for all of their hard work and to Peggy Faber, Assistant Operations Manager, Puller Center".



Travels With the
Mule Team—DG

Logan

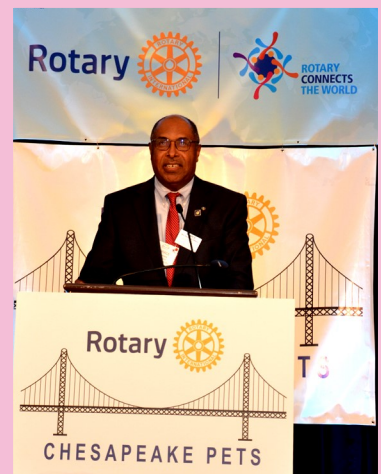


C-PETS (Chesapeake Bay President-Elect Training)



C-PETS Planning Committee & Security Team:

Thanks to our Planning Committee PDGs and Chair Horace McCormack. Special Thanks to *Stand-in-Chair* Rich Storey, Trainer Jim Kirkpatrick, and PP Diane Hill!



Meet RIPE Mark D. Maloney, Davis Stovell, Michael K. McGovern, and Distinguished guest Peter Kyle

Mark Maloney is a member of the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC in Decatur, Alabama, practicing in the areas of taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law.

A Rotarian since 1980, Mark is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Decatur and served as Governor of District 6860 in 1989-90. Mark also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International in 1999-2001 and as the Aide to Jonathan Majiyagbe of Nigeria, the President of Rotary International for 2003-04. Mark was Vice Chairman of the 2004 Council on Legislation, Chairman of the 2010 Council on Legislation, and Parliamentarian and Trainer for the 2016 Council on Legislation. He served as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in 2004-08 and was the Vice Chairman of the Trustees in 2006-07 and 2007-08. Mark served four terms as Chairman of Rotary International's Operations Review Committee and was the Chairman of the 2014 Sydney Convention Committee and Vice Chairman of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Committee. He is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

Mark's wife, Gay, is an attorney at the same firm and a charter member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak, Alabama. Both Mark and Gay are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, and Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation and members of its Bequest Society. They have two daughters, one goddaughter, and two grandsons.



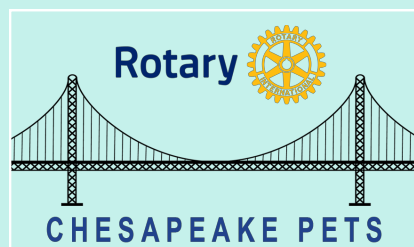
C-PETS 2019 Rotary International Speakers & Guests

Mark D. Maloney—RIPE

David Stovall—RI Director

Michael K. McGovern—Polio Plus Committee

Peter Kyle—RI Director Nominee



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**Hope to See You at the District
7610's Annual Conference April 4-7**

**"Celebrating Service, Changing the World"
Hosted by DG Glenn Yarborough,
Rotary Club of McLean**

**Holler if I can help!
Warm Regards,
DG Glenn**

**Look for a separate information
packet soon!**



"Women are like teabags, we don't know our true strength until we are in hot water!".
Eleanor Roosevelt, 1884-1962

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