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## Travels With the Mule Team—DG



**DG Glenn Yarborough: "September is Literacy Month. *The Inspiration* newsletter celebrates our Assistant Governors (AG's) and Membership-Public Image (PI) Advisors. Indeed, both are **Special**!"**

**Supporting education is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. D7610 is a much recognized supporter of schools and students:**

- Rotary D7610 Clubs have Back-to-School partnerships—providing needy and vulnerable students with a better start in school.
- Rotary D7610 Clubs give away dictionaries to elementary students.
- Rotary D7610 Clubs and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) support education through scholarships, donations, and service projects, around the world.
- Rotary D7610 motivates and rewards student achievement through essay and speech contests.
- Rotary supports multi-club international projects such as MicheLo

## Important Dates

### September is Education and Literacy Month

Sept. 21 International Day of Peace Rappahannock-Fredericksburg  
 Sept. 22 Foundation Seminar, University of Mary Washington, Stafford Campus  
 Sept. 22; Sept. 29; Oct. 20 Rotary Leadership Institute (see website for info)  
 Sept. 25 District Newsletter article deadline for October issue  
 Sept. 28-30 RYLA – Prince William Forest Park  
 Sept. 30 End Polio Now Fundraiser—Orioles vs. Astros  
 Oct. 24 World Polio Day (See World Polio Day competition)  
 Oct. 27 Peace Building Conference, University of Mary Washington

(See District Website for additional dates and venues)

## Editor's Page-PDG Janet "JB" Brown:

**Fun History:** In the founding of this nation, the survival of the pioneer was dependent on their animals. The mule is a symbol of hard work, determination, and above-all—team work. Our DG Glenn Yarborough knows these traits, first hand. His uncle was an All-American Football player. His uncle's nickname was "Big Mule". DG Glenn's father was a football and track star. His nickname was Lil' Mule. Building on that foundation of hard work, determination, and teamwork, DG Glenn has brought the "Mule Team's" strength and spirit to District 7610!



**And, Thoughts About Teamwork:** "Individual commitment to a group effort—That is what makes a team work, a company work, a society and a civilization **D7610** work!—(Quote from Vince Lombardi).



### **And, About Literacy Month:**

"The color yellow stands as the light of literacy. The power of education has changed history for people. Worldwide, people should be able to read. It's a critical skill that all of us need. - (Excerpt from a poem, *Be a Gift to the World*, by Joanne Robblee, The Rotary Club of Vinings, Georgia



Reading Is  
Everything



Literacy Opens  
Doors to Life

## REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED

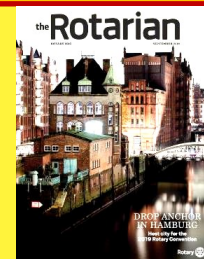
In Loving Memory of  
Alexandria West Rotarian - The Late Egonekwu Beatrice Obioha



## What is Literacy and What is Rotary International's Literacy Goal?

**What is literacy?** According to Rotary International, "Literacy is the ability to read and write; engage in critical thought; understand spoken and non-verbal communication; and use dominant symbols appropriately".

**Basic education and literacy is one of Rotary's six areas of focus** We know that basic education and literacy are essential for: reducing poverty; improving health; encouraging community and economic development; and promoting peace. "More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. **Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of Communities to support basic education and literacy; reduce gender disparity in education; and to increase adult literacy**". (*The Rotarian*).



## We are People of Action!



Basic Education  
&  
Literacy



From Right: Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club's (BXRC) Rotarians Glad Hatchl and Mona Wasfy hand out Rotary Dictionaries to Elementary students.



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY  
PROJECT  
STRATEGIES



MENTORING STUDENTS



TEACHER TRAINING



ADULT LITERACY



## Education and Literacy Month:

Multiple District 7610 Rotary Clubs Partnered at, "Rally For Our Kids", and The Justice High School Pyramid 'Back-to-School' Fair.

### Rally For Our Kids, by Susan Mullen

With limited resources, multiple Rotary Clubs in District 7610, partnered together with *Giant Food*, *Costco*, *My Guys Moving*, *Brite Paths*, *Loudoun County Firefighters*, *Fire Fighters and Friends*, *Collect for Kids* and two school systems (i.e., Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) and *Fairfax County Public Schools* (FCPS) - to help the most vulnerable students in our communities.

"At the Loudoun County School Board meeting room - 20 backpacks were stuffed and delivered to LCPS for those with the highest need. *My Guys Movers* (Terry Williams of Sterling Rotary) will be moving the supplies from the *Giant Food Store* to the Administration building. *FCPS* volunteers will be moving the supplies allocated for *Fairfax County* at the finale and *LCPS* will be sending out the backpacks with supplies to the schools via their own distribution system".

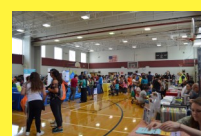


Final Tally—President Susan Mullen: "Three pallets of school supplies to *Fairfax County* and 65 backpacks. In *LCPS*, 645 backpacks and an equal amount of school supplies. Estimated value of the school supplies was \$ 23,000. If you multiply the backpacks (710 x \$ 15), you can add another \$10,650. The Rotary Clubs that provided the most support were: **Purcellville, Leesburg Day-break, Ashburn, and Sterling**. This was a real group effort. *FCPS* is really excited about the introduction to corporate sponsors and we are looking at doing it region-wide. Plans are already under way for next year to continue this program as a region-wide project and to increase the number of participating *Giant Food* Districts - as well as add other corporate partners".



Sterling President  
Susan Mullen

### Justice High School Pyramid Fair, by Dave Borowski



In cooperation with the *Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club (BXRC)* and other Community partners, The *Justice (formerly Stuart) High School Pyramid Resource Fair* was held on Aug. 9th, at *Justice High School*, in Falls Church. In addition to *Justice High School*, the pyramid included: *Glasgow M.S.*; *Bailey's E.S.*; *Bailey's Upper School*, *Beech Tree E.S.*; *Belvedere E.S.*; *Glen Forest E.S.*; *Parklawn E.S.*; and *Sleepy Hollow E.S.* More than 2,300 *Justice High School* students, along with parents, received 2,300 school supply kits—along with: free haircuts; dental exams; and more than 90 hearing tests. This is the fourth year of *BXRC* support for the fair. The fair was organized by Bailey's Rotarians **Kate Walter**, **Glad Hatchl** and **Sarah Shannon**. *BXRC* donated more than \$10,000 this year to support the fair.

Special Asst. to the DG—Jim Holcombe: "How do these 'mega-events' help the Rotary public image and expand its branding? "Supporting education is one of Rotary's six causes. Clearly, partnering in 'mega' community events' is the most efficient and arguably the most economical way to build the Rotary brand—through public recognition. This increases membership opportunities, too.

Caveat: At these 'mega-events', Rotary Clubs must differentiate themselves from other 'similar-thinking' service organizations"!



## Education and Literacy Month: International Support

### The MicheLo Project - Literacy, Disease Treatment, and So Much More!

by K. Murphy and Jim Holcombe

On Aug 17th, 2018, the Founders of MicheLo, Michelle 'Meesh' Peters of the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club (BXRC), and Dr. Lois Wilson of the McLean Rotary Club, were the featured speakers, at BXRC. To some degree, MicheLo touches each of Rotary's six causes (i.e., Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education; Economic and Community Development; Peace, Disease, and Water and Sanitation).

The MicheLo project grew out of a Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) program. The Rotary Foundation's GSE program was a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40—who were in the early stages of their careers. Lois and Meesh were participants in the 2007 GSE program in southern Africa—where they were taken to the St. Joseph orphanage and school for children with disabilities, in rural Swaziland (about the size of New Jersey). Since that time, Rotarians Meesh and Lois have collaborated with: the members of the Manzini Rotary Club in Swaziland; the St. Joseph's School for the Disabled; and Swazi government representatives. They have been volunteering, every summer, since 2009. BXRC's President-Elect K. Murphy explains a chance encounter that initially brought Rotarian Meesh to BXRC: "Past-President Bill Bailey and I were selling Mustang Raffle tickets, which is the BXRC's fundraiser, in Shirlington. We spoke to Meesh about purchasing a ticket. While we were not able to sell Meesh a ticket, Rotary and the children of Swaziland were the ultimate winners as we found a fabulous new Rotarian instead! (Since then, Meesh has both purchased and sold Mustang Raffle tickets). While interacting with our local community for the purpose of fundraising, it is a powerful statement of the draw of Rotary that a discussion segued from "Wanna buy a ticket?" to "What do you want to do and how can Rotary help make that happen?" Eventually the question and discussion became, "Wow, want to work with Rotary, be part of the GSE, and change the world?" and, luckily for everyone, her answer was "Yes."

Initially, Meesh's focus was providing special education training at St. Joseph's School, in Swaziland. Swaziland is a country rich in culture. Unfortunately, it also has one of the highest rates of HIV-AIDS per capita in the world. Dentist Lois Wilson continues to provide much needed dental services, there. Since 2007, the scope of MicheLo has expanded—both in terms of scope and geographically. For example, a few years ago, another BXRC Rotarian Amy O'Malley travelled to Swaziland to develop and to provide, "physical therapy plans and protocols for the children at the school". Moreover, MicheLo has even become a supporter of legislation in Swaziland that protects children and women—a much exploited group in that country. Most noteworthy are: The Child Protective Act (2012); The Inclusive Education Act (2016); and The Sexual Offenses and Domestic Violence Act (2018)—to keep women safe. 'Meesh' Peters has recently visited: Vietnam, Guatemala and Malawi, as well with an eye to expanding the service model developed in Swaziland. Furthermore, 'Meesh' Peters and Dr. Wilson are now both serving at the District level. Meesh Peters is the Vocational Team Training Chair and Dr. Lois Wilson is the International Service Chair. MicheLo describes its own work as, "Awesome, inspiring, simple, happy, and a lot of work—and TOTALLY worth it. No challenge is too big for us!" The *Inspiration* newsletter agrees! MicheLo deserves your support! Give to Rotary and/or buy a tax deductible gift of hope at: <http://www.giftsthatgivehope.org/arlington> (that also supports MicheLo).



Rotarian Dr. Lois Wilson



Rotarian Michelle "Meesh" Peters



Rotarian Amy O' Malley



## Annual Visit to Rotary International HQ—Informative and Fun!



From Left: Assistant Gov. Earl Baughman, ARRFC & PDG Chuck Davidson, Lt. Gov. & C.O.S. Carol Foley, PDG Travis White, DRFC and PDG Juanita Cawley, PDG and Vice-Gov. Ronnie Chantker, Assistant Gov. Ralph Menzer, and DG Glenn Yarborough



From right: ARRFC and PDG Chuck Davidson, Lt. Gov. and COS Carol Foley, PDG & Vice-Gov. Ronnie Chantker, Assistant Gov. Ralph Menzer, DRFC Juanita Cawley PDG Travis White and District Gov. Glenn Yarborough



AG Earl Baughman giving a firm handshake to a rather 'stiff' Paul Harris.

## After his presentation to the Club, The Ashburn Club Presented DG Glenn Yarborough with The Rotary International Organizing Principles Medallion.

Below From Left: Ashburn president and Social Media Chair Doug Corbett and DG Glenn Yarborough



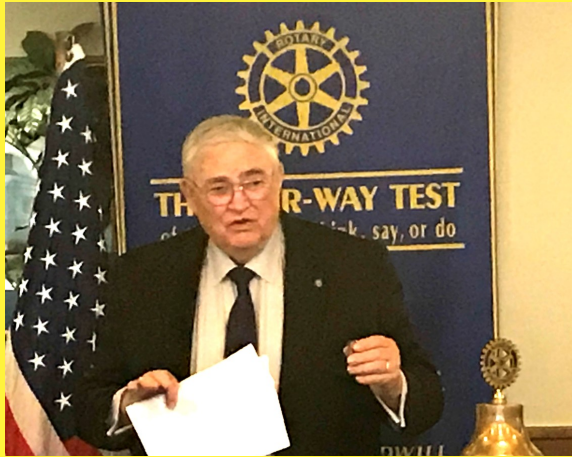
Area 3 Assistant Governor, Carl Strock on a Club visit with DG Glenn Yarborough





## DG Glenn Yarborough Visits The Herndon Club

With Rotary International Major Gifts Officer, Laurie Menzel.



### The Rotary Leadership Institute is...

- ⇒ A leadership and development program to strengthen Rotary Clubs through education, collaboration and the exchange of ideas among its future leaders.
- ⇒ A three-part curriculum facilitated by experienced, trained faculty members who engage participants through open discussion, problem solving and creative role-play.
- ⇒ A recommended program of Rotary International, more than 400 districts in 182 countries now offer it to their members.



### Go to the D7610 Website and Register for RLI's Next Event!

Complete listing of dates and venues are listed on the D7610 Website:

Sat Sep 22, 18	08:30A		<b>RI Zone 33</b>	Rotary Leadership Institute RLI - Greenville NC	<b>Rotary Leadership Institute RLI</b> - Dynamic, Interactive & Fun Event for New Rotarians and Prospective & Existing Rotary Club Leaders. Network, Share and Learn with the Do'ers of Rotary. Go to <a href="http://www.rli33.org">www.rli33.org</a> for details and registration.
Sat Sep 29, 18	08:30A		<b>RI Zone 33</b>	Rotary Leadership Institute RLI - Durham, NC	<b>Rotary Leadership Institute RLI</b> - Dynamic, Interactive & Fun Event for New Rotarians and Prospective & Existing Rotary Club Leaders. Network, Share and Learn with the Do'ers of Rotary. Go to <a href="http://www.rli33.org">www.rli33.org</a> for details and registration.
Sat Sep 29, 18	08:30A		<b>RI Zone 33</b>	Rotary Leadership Institute RLI - Lynchburg, VA	<b>Rotary Leadership Institute RLI</b> - Dynamic, Interactive & Fun Event for New Rotarians and Prospective & Existing Rotary Club Leaders. Network, Share and Learn with the Do'ers of Rotary. Go to <a href="http://www.rli33.org">www.rli33.org</a> for details and registration.
Sat Oct 20, 18	08:30A		<b>RI Zone 33</b>	Rotary Leadership Institute RLI - North East MD	<b>Rotary Leadership Institute RLI</b> - Dynamic, Interactive & Fun Event for New Rotarians and Prospective & Existing Rotary Club Leaders. Network, Share and Learn with the Do'ers of Rotary. Go to <a href="http://www.rli33.org">www.rli33.org</a> for details and registration.

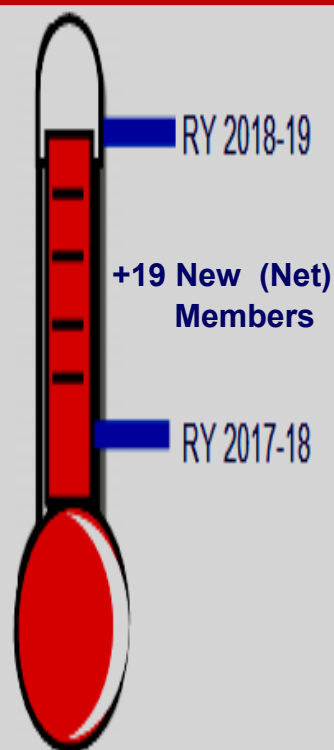
# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

## HOW IS D7610 DOING?

From July 1st to September 11th, 2018: +33 New Members!

### Welcome New Members!

Gregory E Beach - Purcellville  
William H. 'Bill' Berry - Alexandria West  
(formerly PP with Pentagon-Crystal City)  
Bruce Boley - Rappahannock-  
Fredericksburg  
Sue Boris - Leesburg-Daybreak  
Karl A. Braun - Mathews  
Rachel Burns - Blue Ridge Mountains  
Steven C. Crawford - Tappahannock  
Megan A. Deem - King George-Dahlgren  
Abbas Efthkhari - Annandale  
Gerry Gekhman - Tysons Corners  
Paul Harris, Jr. - Albemarle County  
Julie Ann Hoffmann - Leesburg-  
Daybreak  
Michael O. Holt - Culpeper  
Stephen C. Hundley - Tappahannock  
Barbara Johnson - Rappahannock-  
Fredericksburg  
Kirby Johnson - Rappahannock-  
Fredericksburg  
Raye Ann Kauffman - Purcellville



Madeline Y. Lawson - Tappahannock  
Erin B. Lenart - Fairfax  
Connie Moore - Leesburg-Daybreak  
Thomas L. Neuman - Warsaw  
Danielle D. O' Toole - Stafford  
Phyllis C. Pajardo Ed. D. - Fairfax  
Mel Pine - Purcellville  
Joseph Prentice - Arlington  
Paul Rothenburg - Fredericksburg  
Ann Rounsevell - Tysons Corner  
Tripta Sachdev - Leesburg-Daybreak  
Judy Schandua - Bailey's Crossroads  
Susan Sosa - Tysons Corner  
Hayley Anne Sullivan - Leesburg-Daybreak  
John Tattersall - Leesburg-Daybreak  
Allen Wood - Springfield



## End Polio Now Fundraiser

Sunday, September 30th at 3:05 p.m. vs Houston Astros

Orioles Duffle Bag ( First 20,000 Fans 15 & over )

<http://www.orioles.com/tix/endpolionow>



**The Inspiration Celebrates the 2018-19 District Assistant Governors and Membership-Public Image Advisors**

Assistant Governors:		Membership-Public Image Advisors:	
		<b>Advisors</b>	
	Area 1 Wayne Murphy	Area 1 Larry L. Miller	
	Area 2 William P. Cawley	Area 2 Thomas E. Lakin	
	Area 3 Carl Strock	Area 3 Nina C. Thompson	
	Area 4 Earl Baughman	Area 4 Robert Burke	
	Area 5 Catherine M. Heritage	Area 5 Amelia Stansell	
	Area 6 Theresa Coates Ellis	Area 6 Mark D. Worrilow	
	Area 7 DGE Jonathan T. C. Lucas	Area 7 Nadia M. Mokhtar	
	Area 8 Ralph W. Menzel	Area 8 Bob Kahane (Membership)	
	Area 9 DGN Harry Henderson	Area 9 Jennifer B. Rose	
	Area 10 Suzanne P. McDougall	Area 10 Joyce Johnson	
	Area 11 Mary Drum	Area 11 Catherine Read	
	Area 12 Shawn Mitchell	Area 12 David F. Jones, Jr.	

## Celebrating Assistant Governors:

### C. Norman Wood – The Quintessential Assistant Governor

This issue celebrates our D7610 Assistant Governors and our Membership-Public Image Advisors. Assistant Governors are appointed by and work under the direct supervision of the District Governor. They are key players in helping Clubs to achieve their goals and objectives. They are assisted by the Area Foundation Advisors; The Membership-Public Image Advisors; by the combined resources of the District committees; Rotary International; and The Rotary Foundation. These are, however, merely words. If you really want to know what really makes an Assistant Governor effective - one needs to look no further than the Late C. Norman Wood. Clearly, he was the quintessential Assistant Governor (Jim Holcombe, Newsletter Staff).



#### C. Norman Wood—Outstanding Assistant Governor and Rotarian, by Stan Coloff, IPP, Middlesex

He was motivating, inspiring, sometimes cajoling; and urging, always cheering; and encouraging, friendly, reassuring, advising, enlightening, instructive, educational, and the list could go on. Norm was an amazing Rotarian. All who knew him and particularly all the Rotarians in Area three Clubs - enjoyed and benefitted immensely from the leadership and thoughtful guidance of Norm in his role as Assistant Governor and greatly appreciate the time, care and special effort that he put into each of his Clubs.

Early in the preparation for my term as president of the Middlesex Rotary Club, Norm was there to guide and help with the transition to my new role. I quickly learned how valuable Norm was to my Club and the other Clubs, as well. We all greatly appreciated and welcomed his guidance and leadership. I knew he would always be available to help even at a moment's notice.

Early morning emails, around 4:30-5:00 am, were his preferred time to get started on the day's work. You could be assured of a quick response from Norm if you contacted him before 6 am. He offered to each Club, "If you need a speaker for your program - let me know. I have three talks about my career in the Air Force. I can present on a moment's notice". Our Club was fortunate to hear two of those talks, (which we thoroughly enjoyed), particularly the talk on, "How I became a General".

He instilled a desire among all the presidents and members of 'his' Clubs to succeed and do well in his view. Truly, he was like a 'coach' that you wanted to please. It was clear that he shared in the joy and satisfaction of your accomplishments. His motivation was not for his personal esteem; but rather it was to further the overall benefit to Rotary. What a remarkable example of, "Service above Self". In essence, this was the spirit and hallmark of C. Norm Wood.

During what was to be the last few weeks of his life, Norm and I were working on plans for our Club's Installation Dinner. This event would, also, include a ceremony at which one of our members, Dr. Jerry Suyes, would be recognized as a major donor to the Paul Harris Foundation. Norm had plans to attend the Rotary International Convention, in Toronto, and would not thereby be available to make the presentation. He, also, noted that such an event warranted a much higher ranking District officer than himself to make the presentation—someone such as the District Governor or the Paul Harris Foundation Chairperson. He said, "I'll run the trap line at the District Office". Norm pursued this task with determination. However, the District Governor had another engagement and the Paul Harris Foundation Chair was, also, committed - as were several others. Lt. Gov. Carol Foley graciously accepted and did a superb job installing our new 2018-19 president, Janet Riggs. Carol presented Dr. Suyes with a beautiful crystal statue in recognition as a major donor. This is a simple story. Yet, it highlights and emphasizes the special effort and attention Norm brought to his job, as Assistant Governor. The Middlesex Rotary Club was named 2017-2018 Overall Top Club, in District 7610. I wish that Norm could have been there to share in the recognition of this accomplishment. Our Club had a very busy and productive year with several major projects. I can tell you with absolute certainty that Norm's guidance and encouragement played a huge role in bringing this honor to our Club. We are most grateful and appreciative for what he helped us to accomplish. His passing is a huge loss to Rotary. He left his mark on all who knew him and gave us a superb example of how to be a Rotarian. We all miss him terribly.





## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Teaches the Fundamentals—Ethics, Leadership, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Problem-Solving, by Dr. P.J. Maddox



**When: The Week-end of September 28-30.**

A major focus of DG Glenn Yarborough is to, "Treat young adults (ages 13 – 21) with dignity and concern for their growth". RYLA does this and much more! DG Glenn Yarborough encourages each Club to sponsor at LEAST one youth for the upcoming RYLA week-end! This earns points for Club's year-end awards, as well! **Has your Club applied?** (Jim Holcombe, Newsletter Staff).

District 7610 has a proud history of participating in Rotary International's RYLA program. RYLA originating in 1959, in Queensland, Australia. Officially adopted by Rotary International, in 1971, this program engages Rotary Clubs and districts, around the world. Through Rotarians' belief in the potential of youth, RYLA was established to help the next generation of leaders (high school juniors and seniors) to define themselves and expand their leadership skills. Each RYLA is designed to:

- ⇒ Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;
- ⇒ Strengthen youth leadership skills and foster their understanding of responsible leadership;
- ⇒ Publicly recognize young people rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

The 2018 RYLA will be held at Prince William Forest Camp during the **week-end of September 28-30**. Through interactive learning and team-building exercises—students build self-confidence; learn goal-setting; and time-management strategies, and they explore self-governance and principles of citizenship, in a beautiful, natural park setting. Don't miss an opportunity for your Club to recognize a student from your community!



**The 2018 RYLA Camp application deadline is September 22, 2018.** Student applications, Club and counselor information packets can be obtained from on the district website by clicking on the RYLA icon. Have questions? Contact your RYLA Team: Hope to see you there!!!

Eric Reeves (RYLA Director) (850) 357-4512 [eric.n.reeves@gmail.com](mailto:eric.n.reeves@gmail.com) Valerie Meale (Counselor





## **World Polio Day Competition: Your Club could win \$500 for its WASH Projects!**

**What is World Polio Day?** World Polio Day is celebrated on October 24th. World Polio Day was established by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Use of this inactivated poliovirus vaccine and subsequent widespread use of the oral poliovirus vaccine, developed by Albert Sabin, led to the establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Polio is a disease caused by a virus that affects the nervous system and is mainly spread by person-to-person contact. Polio can also be spread by drinking water or other drinks or eating raw or undercooked food that are contaminated with the feces of an infected person.

**\$\$\$\$-THE PRIZES! US \$500 for the best project (i.e., the one with the most impact)**

**US \$500 for the most innovative project**

**What must you do?**

Whatever works best for your Community; The choice is yours! All we ask is that the project improve the quality of water and/or level of awareness of it in YOUR community. You could, for example:

- ⇒ Clean up debris along a waterway, lake, creek, pond, stream, or other water source.
- ⇒ Prevent erosion by planting trees and native plants along a water source.
- ⇒ Build awareness in your Community.
- ⇒ Encourage students to write essays on the importance of water and what THEY can do to protect it.
- ⇒ Encourage farmers in your area to use eco-friendly chemicals that will not damage fragile water systems.
- ⇒ If your community's water source is safe, eliminate plastic water bottles. If they are a necessity ensure they are collected and recycled appropriately.

**Use your imagination! The bottom line is to educate your Community on the importance of protecting its water sources. Get them involved!**

Whenever possible, please consult with your local water or conservation authority to ensure that your efforts are compatible with conditions in your area! For example, cleaning a watercourse, during spawning season, could have a negative impact on fish stocks. **Share your story.** Please use your project to celebrate **World Polio Day**. You can promote it at your regular Club meeting—closest to October 24, 2018. WASRAG will share some of them in its monthly newsletter. And, why not tell your story to the Rotary world yourself? **Go to the Rotary International website and post it on Rotary Club Central and/or Rotary Showcase!** Who will judge the entries? The members of WASRAG's Membership Satisfaction Team, including: Chris Etienne - USA (Chair), Salvador Rico – USA, Tom Bos - USA, Ada Cheng - Hong Kong, Rich Churchman - USA, Toro de Silva - Brazil, V.N. Singh - India, Ndukwe Chukwu - Nigeria and Rob Crabtree - New Zealand will review all applications and submit a short-list of finalists to WASRAG's Operations Team.

**How do you enter the competition?** Submit a brief description of your project to [info@wasrag.org](mailto:info@wasrag.org). Include what you are doing; the target audience; and the expected impact of the project. Remember to tell us your Club name and District number and give us a contact name, e-mail address and phone number. Some projects will be showcased on the WASRAG website.

**DEADLINE & AWARDS: Please submit all entries by December 1, 2018. Winners will be notified by February 1, 2019.**

**HOW IT ALL STARTED!** Many of you will have read the fantastic story of the Rotary Club of South Ukiah (California) District 5130's "Cleaning the Rivers of the World" program in WASRAG's October 2017 Newsletter. Spearheaded by passionate water champion Salvador Rico, the South Ukiah club challenged Rotary clubs around the world to clean up rivers in their communities. Inspired by Salvador and his club's efforts, **WASRAG now invites you and your club to get involved in water - and maybe win some funding for your water projects!**





September 5, 2018

Fellow Rotarians:

World Polio Day is October 24, 2018 and District 7610 will be ready to do its part to eradicate Polio. The district has been successful with the “*Quiet Money Campaign*” in support of Polio Plus. But now, it is time to take Quiet Money to a new level. As in the days of the ‘Ole West’, we have Polio on the Run and “Hemmed up at the Pass”. Now, I am asking every Rotary in D7610, in recognition of World Polio Day, to join “*Page’s Polio Plus Posse*” by donating \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or any amount to your Clubs Polio Plus Fund. Your donation will not only be in recognition of World Polio Day, but will count towards your Club Polio Plus Goal of \$2,500, as set by DG Glenn. It will also count towards your Club’s goal of 100% participation in the fight against Polio. Joining “Page’s Polio plus Posse” is an easy way we all can be involved and have “FUN” doing it. We’re closer than ever to eradicating polio but we’re **NOT DONE YET!** We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts. Your gift will get us closer to our goal. **“All Clubs!! Mount Up!!! Join me as we ride to eradication”**. Our Districts goal for World Polio day will be to have every Rotarian in the D7610 donate to support World Polio Day, and be able to report to RI Headquarters 100% participation.

In order to show the power of the approximate 2,200 Rotarians of District 7610, if each individual donated, on average, \$20, we would contribute approximately \$44,000 That would be a powerful statement of our District commitment to the Fight to Eradicate Polio. Please turn your donations in to your Club Treasurer and designate “World Polio Day Event. Clubs report your World Polio Day donation amounts to me by 10 November 2018.

I am also asking that you take photos of your Club’s Posse with a short article, if you wish, and send them to me for inclusion in the District Newsletter. As you can see from my photo the Posse is ready to ride.

### “JOIN ME!”

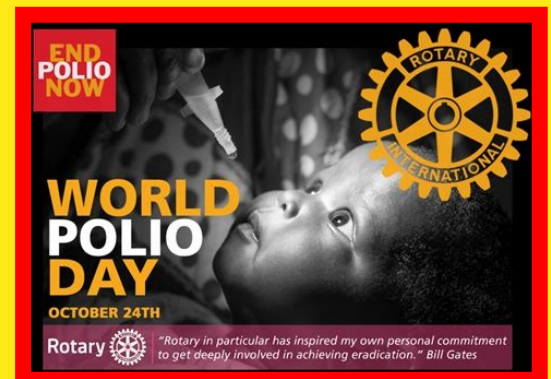
Yours in Rotary

**Felton Page**

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# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



"Promoting Peace & Civility in Our Community"

Friday, September 21, 2018

Fredericksburg Baptist Church

1018 Caroline Street, Community Hall Entrance

7:00pm-9:00pm

## PLEASE JOIN US

RAPPAHANNOCK-FREDERICKSBURG  
ROTARY CLUB





**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR  
THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION?**



**Mark your  
Calendar! District  
Conference**

**Virginia Crossings,  
Virginia Center Parkway,  
Glen Allen Virginia.**

**April 4-7 2019**

**It's Affordable; It's Close by;  
But, most of all it WILL be  
FUN!**

**Come join us!**

**For more information**

**DG Glenn Yarborough  
706-833-2434 or**

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