

CHESAPEAKE ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

Sep 2018



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was riding my bike at the Dismal Swamp Trail this morning and thinking about George Washington and many others who determined to dig what we know as the Dismal Swamp Canal in order to make that property more productive for future generations. Were they successful? I suppose that depends upon your perspective, but that park is one that many of us enjoy today because of the efforts of individuals who were thinking beyond themselves and into the future. They must have been Rotarians.

As a Club we are privileged to serve alongside others who share that same kind of "others oriented" perspective. This month I want to highlight the Earth Day Tree project and thank Steve Best for taking the initiative, and Woody Warren and Mike Love for embracing the challenge to pull it all together. They have done a fantastic job but none of it would be possible without the significant sacrifice of Kent Basnight.

Kent has applied his expertise, provided excellent advice, utilized his designers to design a plan we can be proud of, and is making a significant financial contribution by providing trees and members of his crew to do the hard work required in this project. What we require from each person in order to purchase a tree for the project, does not come close to compensating Kent for his hard work. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Kent and the demonstration of his "others oriented" focus on this project. Because of his desire to provide us all with a legacy we can be proud of, Kent is my choice for Rotarian of the Month. Thanks Kent for all you do as a Rotarian, we are proud to serve with you!

Remember that we will all be gathering on Saturday the 22nd of September at 10:30 a.m. at Deep Creek Park to celebrate the Earth Day Tree Project. I look forward to seeing all of you at the event!

September Club Social

Fri Sept 21st 5-7pm

Home of Dani & David Feret 351 Sawyers Mill Crossing
We will be hosting a Wine Tasting. Please bring a side dish to share. You can park on the street or at the clubhouse. The whole family is welcome.

Upcoming Events

- W 9/12 – 12pm Meeting, Speaker- Joel English of the Aviation Institute
- W 9/19 – 12pm Meeting, Speaker-John Quarstein, Historian
- Th 9/20 – First Citizen Banquet
- F 9/21 – Club Social 5-7pm at the home of Dani Feret
- S 9/22 – Tree Planting at Deep Creek Park at 10:30am
- W 9/26 – 12pm Meeting, Speaker- Bob Pazzini, I FLY Va Beach
- W 10/3 – 12pm Club Day Mtg, Board Meeting at 1pm
- W 10/10 – 12pm Meeting
- S 10/13 – Wine Festival at Chesapeake City Park
- S 12/1 – Christmas Parade
- Su 12/2 - Christmas Party



SEE OUR CALENDAR, FACEBOOK & MORE AT CHESAPEAKEROTARY.ORG

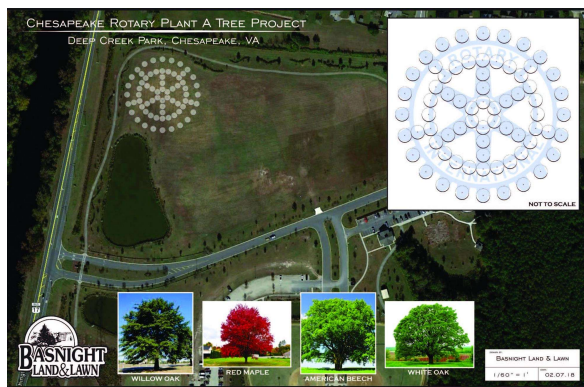
SERVICE ABOVE SELF – OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS

WINE FESTIVAL 10.13.2018

All hands on deck! Wine Fest is right around the corner and with this event bringing in the majority of all revenues for our club and the wonderful things we do for the community, **it's important to volunteer**. Please attend the club days set aside for Wine Fest in both September and October and we look forward to more participation than ever before.

We are trending above years past at this point in tables and all but a few chalets are gone. Keep spreading the word on sponsorship because every new dollar is going to our charities. Thank you for all of those that make this happen and we look forward to a great day.

- Scott Danner, Wine Fest Chair



PLANT A TREE PROJECT 9.22.18

We will be planting all the trees in the shape of the Rotary gear on September 22, 2018 at Deep Creek Park at 10:30 am where we will have our aerial photography capture our event via drone! We need members to come out and stand beside each tree for the picture.

Thank you to everyone who bought a tree!

- Woody Warren, Chair

It's more fun when you
GET INVOLVED!

Club Project/Committee Heads

Wine Festival – Scott Danner
Coats for Kids – Gardner King
Rotary Day of Caring – Mike Love
Christmas Parade – Anthony Draper & Mike Love
First Citizen Banquet – Debbie Ritter, Vonda Chappell & Lori Galbraith
Chesapeake Rotary Foundation – David Hanson
Rotary/Paul Harris Foundations - Henry Thrasher
STRIVE – Candy Waller & Dani Feret
Socials – Jeb Britt & Beverly Grandison
International Projects – Tom Dana
Public Relations – Roland Davis
Programs – Lori Galbraith & Baxter Ennis
Interact – Ella Ward & Beverly Grandison
Membership – Peggy Matthews
Communications – Jamaila Melchers
Newsletter – Dani Feret
Social Media – James Hanna
New Member Package – Beverly Grandison
Rotary Calendar – Carolyn Maddox



FIRST CITIZEN BANQUET 9.20.18

Carroll Smith, President of Herndon Construction, will be honored at the Chesapeake Rotary Club's annual First Citizen Dinner on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at the Chesapeake Conference Center. Tickets are out and RSVP's due by September 11th. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Proceeds from the Banquet benefit the Chesapeake Rotary Foundation and all the wonderful causes the Foundation supports. Full bio on page 4.

2018-2019 Chesapeake Rotary Club Officers

President – Doug Davis	<u>1 Year Directors</u>	<u>2 Year Directors</u>
Pres Elect – Grady Palmer	Anthony Draper	Jamaila Melchers
IPast Pres – Steve Best	Scott Danner	Beverly Grandison
Secretary – Janet McCaskey	Nick Baum	Roland Davis
Treasurer – Jonathan DeLoatche	Tom Dana	Bob Mohrhussen
Sgt at Arms – Chuck Wilson	John Maddux	Lori Galbraith

Aug 2018 Happenings

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AUGUST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDEES

Brent Nielsen + 1
Jeb Britt +2
SuAnne Bryant +2
Anthony Draper +1
John Murphy +1

AT THE AUGUST SOCIAL HOSTED BY
BOB & BECKY MOHRHUSEN.



The Four Way Test
Rotary



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

CHESAPEAKE ROTARY FOUNDATION

At our September Club Day, Chesapeake Rotary Foundation President David Hanson presented more on the mission and mechanics of the Foundation. It provides grants up to \$1,000 that must benefit Chesapeake and its residents, organizations, or quality of life. Each quarter, grants applications are reviewed and awarded by the Foundation Board. The Board looks for diversity of impact and avoids funding multiple years or concurrent Wine Festival beneficiaries. The grant has a corpus of \$172K, about 2/3 in savings and 1/3 in mutual funds. The main funding sources of the Foundation are from the Christmas Parade and the First Citizen Dinner.

Past grant awardees include:

- Chesapeake Crossing Fire Victims Fund
- Kindergarten Readiness workshops
- Teacher Free Supply Closet
- Counseling services at Heron's Landing Apartments
- Funds to train a veteran's service dog
- Support Chesapeake members of the Bay Youth Orchestra
- Reduced cost of football & cheerleading for South Norfolk Residents
- Helped with job training for disabled adults at Eggleston

We have a grant budget of \$10,000 for this club year. Grant applications are on our club website. Several more grants could have been given last year, so spread the word!

The Chesapeake Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)3 Public Charity (EIN 20-0115414).

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CAUSES

Promoting Peace
Fighting Disease
Providing Clean Water
Saving Mothers & Children
Supporting Education
Growing Local Economies

MR. R. CARROLL SMITH, SR. TO RECEIVE CHESAPEAKE FIRST CITIZEN AWARD FOR 2018

Mr. R. Carroll Smith, Sr. has been named Chesapeake's First Citizen for 2018 by The Chesapeake Rotary Club. The award will be presented to Mr. Smith at a banquet to be held at the Chesapeake Conference Center on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A resident of the City of Chesapeake since the tender age of five (5), Smith has lived in Chesapeake since 1946 and is a graduate of Oscar F. Smith High School. After honorably serving his country in the U. S. Army, he teamed up William J. Herring, the founder of Hearndon Construction in 1975. He later became a partner in the business and, ultimately, came to be a co-owner of the company. Having built thousands of homes in the City of Chesapeake and surrounding areas, the company continues to be active in both development and construction throughout the region.

Mr. Smith is a charter member of the Chesapeake Sports Club and was honored as its 2018 Member of the Year. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Hampton Roads and has been active in The Lions Club, The Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation Blue Ribbon Committee and The Boy Scouts of America. He has also worked to benefit The United Way, The Salvation Army, Hope Haven, The Virginia Special Olympics, The Chesapeake Health Foundation, The Union Mission, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, Seton House, Eastern Virginia Medical School and other locally based charities. Mr. Smith has been a member of Tidewater Builders Association since 1975, and was honored as its' Member of the Year in 2014.

In many ways, R. Carroll Smith, Sr. has contributed greatly to making Chesapeake a better place to live and work, and has exemplified the rotary motto of "Service Above Self."