

# The Rotary Club of Hampton Roads Informer



October 2, 2020

October—Economic and Community Development Month

## Rotarian of the Week: George Benfield

George Benfield was born in Salina, Kansas, the youngest of three children. His father was a proud Pearl Harbor Survivor and passed in 2010. His mother was a homemaker and passed in 2016.



George started working in the restaurant business at 14, graduated high school at 16, and graduated college at 20 from the University of Kansas. He spent three years in public accounting before going back into the restaurant business in 1982. He has owned his own restaurant, managed multi-units and then started with the Lone Star Steakhouse in 1991 with 2 units, which grew to a total of 286 units. He was part of taking the company public in 1992. He was a Managing Partner for Ruby Tuesday 2010-2019. Currently is retired and helps his twin boys who own their own chimney and masonry businesses, one here and one in northern Virginia. Keeps busy doing volunteer work for a food pantry and helping others in AA.

George married Bethanne in 1991 in Connecticut who he met while opening Little Caesar Pizza, and then moved to Virginia Beach to open Lone Star Steakhouse. First living on 79th street at the beach, they moved to Christopher Farms when they had their twin boys, Thomas and Robert, in 1993. They later had a daughter Arielle (born 1996). George enjoys boating, fishing, working out and especially loves to travel the islands in the Caribbean.

Putt Putt @ Jungle Golf

& Tautog's 2020

All proceeds go to the Educator of the Year Awards



Saturday, October 24, 2020

Rotary Club Family Four Pack  
\$150 Sponsorship Level includes:

Sponsor Signs at Jungle Golf

Admission to the After-Golfing, Raffle, and Wine Auction

(Children under 10 are free if accompanied by a paying adult)

Hole Sponsor sign art must be received as soon as possible

Individual Participation – Golf and Tautog's - \$35 per person

## Happy Birthday!!

Richard Brinkley 10/2  
Chester Long 10/12  
Ibrahim Sanou 10/13  
Ryan Reyes 10/20 & Bob Ray 10/29



## Program:

"Archiving at the MacArthur Memorial"

-Jim Zobel, Archivist, MacArthur Memorial.



## Future Programs

- 9 Oct: Jeff Jones, Head Coach, ODU Men's Basketball
- 16 Oct: Richard LeCours, Foundation & CEO, Arange, "Downsizing"
- 23 Oct: Charlotte Kasic, Manager of Museum Education, ODU Barry Art Museum
- 30 Oct: No Meeting (5th Friday)

## Rotarian of the Week

George Benfield



Oct 3: Rotary & Rotaract Grant Partnerships Virtual Training (11:00-12:30—\$5 fee—see District 7600 Calendar)

Oct 10 & 11: Rotary Leadership Institute Part 1 (virtual class)

Oct 24: Putt Putt @ Jungle Golf

Oct 24: World Polio Day: Virtual World Polio Day Telethon hosted by D7600, D7630 & D773

Nov 5-8: District 7600 District Conference

## Annual Red Cups for Polio Challenge

Thanks everyone for crushing our goal. We have raised **\$6000.20** in the club. With the DDF/Gates foundation match, this will result in **\$21,000** for polio which will pay for **12,650 vaccines!!**



## Welcome to Rotary, Ricky Rahne!

Ricky's Rotary sponsor Jeff Tanner, Vocation Director Ray Darcey, Speaker Committee Lead Peter Griffin, Club Treasurer Trish Heyl and Membership Chair Mary Landon were all in attendance to see Ricky get his new pin. DG Judy Cocherell inducted Ricky at last week's Rotary meeting.



**Rotary Sunshine:** Contact Trish Heyl, Phil Wellman or Mary Landon

**Board Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of the Month- 4:30 pm Zoom

**The Four Way Test:** Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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**Rotary Leadership Institute Part 1:** Saturday October 10 (9-noon) & Sunday October 11 (2-5pm) Virtual Class. You must attend both days. Cost is \$25 but our club will pay your fee. Register by October 1st at D7600 DACDB.com

**People of Action Awards (Rotary 7600)** The award honors a Rotarian or participant in a Rotary program in the District who is making a difference in the world, either through Rotary or through their community service. Do you know someone to nominate? Deadline: **October 2, 2020** Check out: <https://rotary7600.org/people-of-action-awards/> for application.



## Member News:

Send thoughts and prayers to member **Katie and her son Braxton**—Braxton has been fighting an infection and is awaiting to get better for future surgery.

**Dermot Hudson** had knee surgery and is healing at home.

**Judy Thaler** is recovering in rehabilitation since she broke her leg & arm.

**Dave Johnson** is recovering at home since his surgery.

## **Rotary Fun Fact: The District Conference**

*Most Rotarians have never attended a Rotary district conference. They have not experienced one of the most enjoyable and rewarding privileges of Rotary membership.*

*A district conference is for all club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members. The purpose of a district conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters which make one's Rotary membership more meaningful.*

*Every one of Rotary's more than 500 districts has a conference annually. These meetings are considered so important that the Rotary International president selects a knowledgeable Rotarian as his personal representative to attend and address each conference. The program always includes several outstanding entertainment features, interesting discussions and inspirational programs.*

*One of the unexpected benefits of attending a district conference is the opportunity to become better acquainted with members of one's own club in an informal setting. Lasting friendships grow from the fellowship hours at the district conference.*



Last Trash pickup of the year. Thanks to 9 volunteers who picked up 8 bags and about 110 pounds of garbage!!

## Today's Speaker

James Zobel serves as the Archivist and Director of the MacArthur Memorial. The archivist serves as the curator of manuscripts, librarian and caretaker of over 2,000,000 documents, 100,000 photographs, 600 films, and a 40,000 volume library within a collection of 167 record groups. Duties include preservation, cataloguing, conducting oral histories, organization of Memorial events and providing research assistance for the more than 3500 patrons that use the MacArthur Memorial Archives and Library each year. James has a BA and a MA in History from Old Dominion University. He is also an accomplished author including the following:



- \* *Victory at All Cost, KOKODA*, Australian War Memorial, 2017
- \* *MacArthur and the Korean War*, Wartime Magazine,
- \* *MacArthur: The Supreme Commander at War in the Pacific*, Stackpole Books,



## **Start Collecting items for the Samaritan House**

Welcome Home Packages:

complete list of items needed can be found on the sign up:

Signup at: <https://forms.gle/FFdmyzkfz3VJDJDx5>

Also: looking for help with the carpeting installation (donation of labor and/or carpet) contact David Rosenthal or Stacy Nixon

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Glen Allen (2)(S) B	PHF+7	Boat Sales
George Benfield (1)S	PHF	Restaurant Manager
Winifred Bragg(S)	PHF+3	Physician/Intervention Pain
Richard Brinkley (5) (S)B P	PHF+4	Human Resources Staffing
Katie Brinson (2) (S)	PHF	Mortgage Lending
Diane Darcey	PHF	Education
Ray Darcey(5)(S) B P AE	PHF+4	Medical Administration
Brenda Finlayson(1)(S)	PHF+2	Information Systems
Don Frederick(6)(S) B	MJ	Real Estate Dev-Finance
Bill Gambrell AE	PHF+1	Restaurant Manager
Dan Giel (2)(S)	PHF+2	Medical-Radiological Svcs
Kenneth Golden		US Navy Retired
Dianne Gordonn (1)(S)	PHF+1	Real Estate Management
Dick Gresham (34) (S) B P AS	2MJ	General Contracting
Peter Griffin (15)(S)B AS	MJ/PHS	Investment Consulting
Trish Heyl (30)(S)	PHF+1	Banking-Financial
Jack Hilgers (14)(S) B P	PHF+6	Legislative Service
John Hilgers Jr (S)	PHF	Construction Management
Dermot Hudson		Parking Services
Janeann Hudson		Instruction Design
Kristi Hunter Thompson (S)	PHF+1	Corporate Law
Dave Johnson(7)(S) B	PHF+4	Wine Sales
Jim Jones (22)(S) B P	PHF+6	Residential Real Estate
Phil Jones (2)(S)	PHF+1	Mechanical Services
John Kablach (S) AE	PHF+2	Commercial Printing
Neal Kaplan (1)(S)	PHF	Industrial Maintenance
Barry Kimbrough (2)(S)B	PHF+4	Military Training
Mary Greer Landon(6)(S)B P	PHF+8	College STEM Education
Keith Lindgren (1) (S) B AS	MJ	Motorcycle Education
Chester Long (36) (S) P B	MJ	Commercial Lending
Dave Mansfield (9) (S) P B	PHF+6	Banking Operations
Sam Martin (1) (S)	PHF	Residential Real Estate
Don Meadors (1) (S)	PHF+2	Human Resources Consult
Rick Mercker (S) P	PHF+1	Military Training
Mary Lou Mortimer(5)(S)P B	PHF+5	Structural Engineering
Joe Mulkerrin (23)(S)B P PDG PRIDIR	3MJ/PHS	Information Tech Mgmt.
Stacy Nixon (2)(S)B	PHF+2	College Development
Jim Orlando (S)	PHF+1	Systems Management
Camile Peter (2) (S)	PHF+3/	Youth Organization
Paul Peter (21)(S)B P	MJ/PHS	Mathematics Education
Clenise Platt (8)(S)B P A PDG	PHF+4	Financial Services
Bob Ray (S)	PHF+8/	Gov't Services Agriculture
Ryan Reyes (2) (S)	PHF	General Practice Law
Larry Ritter (2) (S)	PHF+1	Optometrist
David Rosenthal (6) (S) BP	PHF+6	Water Management
Ibrahim Sanou		Cyber Security Engineer
Dick Shea (1) (S) AS	PHF+4	Child Psychology
Mark Slaughter (S) PB	PHF+6	Business & Tax Law
Ham Tallent		Aircraft Services
Pat Tamakloe		Defense Consulting
Jeff Tanner	PHF	University Administration
Cee Cee Tucker (8) (S)	PHF+2	University-Comm Relations
Phil Wellman (2) (S) B	PHF+2	Residential Real Estate
Tom Williams (4) (S)	PHF+1	Financial Management
Des Dandalides (10)	PHF+1	HONORARY
Charlie Firestone (36) B P	PHF+5	HONORARY
Bob Herd (27) (S) B P	PHF+8	HONORARY
Jim Hodges (19) B P	PHF+3	HONORARY
Ann Mulkerrin B	3MJ	HONORARY
Ken Scott BP	2MJ	HONORARY
Judy Thaler (S)	PHF+7	HONORARY
Steve Waters B	PHF+3	HONORARY
Chan Zucker (28) (S) B P	MJ/PHS	HONORARY

Remembering Our Recently Deceased Members: Fr Jim Parke 2019, John Moore 2020

Roster Key: PHF=Paul Harris Fellow; PHS=Paul Harris Society; MJ=Major Donor; PDG=Past District Gov; (#)=Years of Perfect Attendance; (S)=Sustaining Member; B= Benefactor, P=Past President; AE=Active E Member; AS=Active Senior; A = Alumni; PRIDIR: Past RI Director

## 2020-2021 Officers

President	David Rosenthal
President-Elect	Dianne Gordonn
Secretary	Katie Brinson
Treasurer	Trish Heyl
I.Past President	Ryan Reyes

## 2020-2021 Directors

Club Service	George Benfield
Community Service	Pat Tamakloe
New Generations	Neal Kaplan
Vocational Service	Ray Darcey
International Service	Hamlin Tallent, Larry Ritter

## 2020-2021 Committee Chairs

Foundation	Stacy Nixon
Membership	Mary Landon
Public Image	Dianne Gordonn
Website	Camile Peter
Bulletin Editor	Mary Lou Mortimer
Club Programs	Dick Shea, Hamlin Tallent, Brenda Finlayson, Peter Griffin
Classification	Paul Peter
Administrative	Dave Mansfield
RCHR Foundation	Don Frederick
Interact Advisor	Diane Darcey

## 2020-2021 District 7600 Leadership

District Governor	Judith Cocherell
District Governor Elect	Deborah Wall
District Governor Nominee	Kenneth Janes
I. Past District Governor	Clenise Platt
Area 14 Governor	Sigur Whitaker
Area 14 Clubs:	Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Norfolk-Sunrise

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Club email: [rotaryhamptonrds@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryhamptonrds@gmail.com)  
Rotary International website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
Facebook:  
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Bulletin publication deadline is  
**TUESDAY** before each meeting  
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**District 7600**



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Established 1980



**“Service Above Self”**



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**