First, I would like to congratulate IPDG Stephen Beer and the 2014-15 District team for “Lighting up Rotary”. A job well done!

This is an exciting time to be a Rotarian:

- **We are on the verge of eradicating Polio in the world; 29 cases on July 1, 2015 versus 111 cases on July 1, 2014.**
- **Our Foundation is rated in the top 3% of charities in the US, by Charity Navigator a national organization rating US based charities.**
- **A new Rotary Global Rewards Program is being introduced to enhance membership.**
- **Worldwide Rotary membership increased by 47,000 in 2014-15, the first increase in a decade.**
- **Contributions to our Foundation’s Annual Fund in 2014-15 exceeded the record set in 2013-14.**
- **Our Foundation’s Endowment Fund has reached 1 billion dollars in assets and commitments.**

Every Rotary year since 1953-54 has started with a new theme. The theme for Rotary year 2015-16 is **BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD.** The theme was selected by Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran. In selecting this theme, Ravi encourages the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world to not just DO something, but to BE something. All of us have something to give; our time, talents, knowledge, abilities, efforts, dedication, and devotion. By giving of yourself, you make a difference in the lives of others, thereby, making a difference in the world. Rotary is a gift to Rotarians and Rotarians are a gift to the world.

Please join me in 2015-16 to Be a Gift to the World. I’m looking forward to serving with each of you.
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(1) Hanover, Henrico East, Mechanicsville, Sandston

JoAnne Meaker

(2) Fluvanna, Goochland, Innsbrook, Short Pump

Bonnie Field

(3) Church Hill, Henrico North, Western Henrico, West Richmond

Stuart Myers

(4) Bon Air, Richmond, River City, South Richmond

Cora Huitt

(5) Brandermill, Huguenot Trail, James River, Midlothian

Richard Cunningham

(6) Chester, Hopewell, Prince George

Steven Benham

(7) Colonial Heights, Petersburg, Petersburg Breakfast

Sam Parham

(8) Blackstone, Farmville, Lunenburg, Powhatan

Kerby Moore

(9) Emporia, Lawrenceville, South Boston, South Hill

Susan Zachensky-Walthall

(10) Franklin, North Suffolk, Smithfield, Suffolk

Larry Saint

(11) Historic Triangle, James City County, New Kent County, Williamsburg

Frank Ferrante

(12) Hampton, Virginia Peninsula, Warwick

John Frantz, MD

(13) Chesapeake, Churchland, Great Bridge, Portsmouth

Henry Thrasher

(14) Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Norfolk Sunrise, Northside Norfolk

Nancy Joslin

(15) Cape Henry, Courthouse, Princess Anne at TC, Virginia Beach

Marcella Whitson

(16) Cape Charles, Exmore, Onancock

Bill Payne

(17) City Center, Newport News, Oyster Point, Yorktown

Stuart Goodman

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District Grant Award for the Rotary Club of Churchland

Rotary District 7600 announced an innovative grant of $4,500 to the Churchland Rotary Club to develop and deliver a STEM program at two Portsmouth area Boys & Girls Clubs. SuAnne Bryant, Rotary District 7600 Grants Committee Chairman said “We know that the project will provide valuable instruction in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math to children who may not otherwise receive such instruction. This project will make a difference in their overall education”.

The District Grant was awarded by District Governor Gary Chenault on July 21 at the Churchland Rotary Club meeting. Club President, Ed Eaton, was joined by Keavy Dixson of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia and Bill Hayden and Rich Neefe of STARBASE Victory.

Keavy Dixson said “Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia is honored to partner with the Churchland Rotary and STARBASE Victory.” Together through this partnership, her organization is taking steps to accomplish its mission by offering boys and girls club members an experience that can be life changing for their futures.

Bill Hayden of STARBASE Victory said, “We are so pleased to partner with Rotary and the Boys & Girls Clubs. We want every child to have additional interesting opportunities to learn how math and science impact their lives. Perhaps one day, one of these children will fly a rocket to Mars or discover a cure for cancer because they were inspired through this grant.”

Rotary District 7600 District Governor Gary Chenault congratulates Ed Eaton of the Rotary Club of Churchland for a Grant Award of $4,500 to provide STEM education program for the summer program of Boys & Girls Clubs in Portsmouth.
South Hill Rotary Club Members Received The Rotary Armed Forces Veteran Pin
By Randy Cash
Rotary Club of South Hill

Veteran Members of the South Hill Rotary Club received the Rotary Armed Forces Veteran Pin at the club awards dinner. Randy Cash purchased the pins and made the presentation to the members of the South Hill Club who have served our country in the military. This is a form of special recognition when they wear them to meetings. Pictured veterans (left to right) are: Paul Hamilton, Frank Nanney, John Evans, Tom Watters, Mickey Moore, Lee Nicholson, Herbert Farrar and Randy Cash. Not pictured: Mickey Smith.

Rotaractors In District 3292 Respond To Massive Earthquake In Nepal

“Things are going as planned. We were siting and planning our next program. And then ...”

One of the Rotaractors describes the moment the earthquake hit. The pictures of the destruction are riveting. However, the response of the Rotaractors is inspiring.

Click the picture, Select Rotary at Large from the menu, then Select “When the Unexpected Happens”.

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Rotary Global Rewards is a new member benefit program that will help you and everyone in your club accomplish more good work, build deeper Rotary friendships, and share your story with someone new.

The program, which starts this month, offers discounts on a wide array of products and services including airfares, car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Initially, the program will include offers from many companies in the U.S., with plans to expand globally.

Go to Rotary Global Rewards to take advantage of your rewards today.

President K.R. Ravindran and the Rotary Board of Directors developed the idea for the rewards program to help clubs enhance member satisfaction and retention. The program is also a way to thank members for their service and for their generous support of The Rotary Foundation.

Here are just a few ways you’ll be able to use the rewards program to share Rotary with others:

Use discounts on a truck rental or on airfare and hotels for a service project.

Use your dining and entertainment discounts to build richer friendships with fellow Rotary members.

Use a two-for-one offer at restaurants and coffee shops to invite someone to hear your Rotary story.

Rotary Global Rewards is our way of giving back to those who give so much.
District Transition Ceremony


Outgoing District Governor Stephen Beer presented District awards to clubs and individuals. The list of awards is included in this newsletter and is also available as video (link page 9) that interleaves the awards with pictures of the recipients and additional pictures of the transition ceremony.

Past District Governor Chuck Arnason

Gary Chenault becomes our District Governor

Past District Governor Jim Bynum presents a gift to the newest Immediate Past District Governor Stephen Beer

Gary Chenault, District Governor

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The following awards were presented by Immediate Past District Governor Stephen Beer at the District 7600 Awards and Transition Dinner on July 11, 2015.

**Service Above Self Award**

Joseph M. Mulkerrin

**Governor’s Leadership Award**

*Town Center Virginia Beach*

- Nancy E. Joslin
- Albert H. Poole.

**Commemoration Of 22 Years of Service**

James Russell Pierce

Accepted by: Suki Pierce

**Special Recognition Award**

50 Years as Past District Governor

Ted Kirby

**Governor’s Leadership Award**

Lawrenceville

- Kaye Brewer
- Katharine H. Samford
- Charlotte T. Woolridge.

**District Governor’s Leadership Award**

- Nancy E. Joslin
- Albert H. Poole

**JOHN TYLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE ROTARACT CLUB**

- **Rotaract Presidential Citation**
  - Sponsored By: Brandermill Rotary Club
  - James River Rotary Club

**CAPE CHARLES ROTARY CLUB**

- Presidential Citation.

**BLACKSTONE ROTARY CLUB**

- **Community Service**
- **Interact Presidential Citation.**

**BRANDERMILL ROTARY CLUB**

- Presidential Citation.

**CAPE HENRY ROTARY CLUB**

- Presidential Citation.

**CHESAPEAKE ROTARY CLUB**

- Presidential Citation.
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Pay It Forward

This is a profile of Rotary International President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran published in video format on July 1 by Rotary International.

It’s an interesting insight into Ravi’s background and his passionate belief in being a gift to the world.

Click the picture or the Rotary at Large logo, Select Rotary at Large from the menu, then Select “Pay It Forward”.

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A large contingent of Rotarians converged at The Diamond in Richmond on July 9 for Rotary Night. This event was organized to raise money for polio eradication efforts and to increase public awareness of the need to complete polio’s eradication. Representatives of three clubs tossed the first pitch for the Squirrel's match with Harrisburg. The Squirrels topped Harrisburg 5-1. Good Cause, Good Fellowship, Good Game.
Rotary Night At The Squirrels

Click button for more pictures at the District Newsletter site: Select Articles, then scroll to Rotary Night
Next Convention, Seoul, Korea

Making Clean Water Accessible

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New at Facebook

Pictures from the District Awards and Transition Banquet

More pictures from Rotary Night at the Squirrels
Sharing Your Rotary Experiences

The Spirit of 7600 – the newsletter for Rotary district 7600 – reaches thousands of Rotarians in central and eastern Virginia. It’s a great way to share stories and pictures about District and Club activities, promote events, and disseminate information.

The District offers multiple venues for sharing information such as through its fabulous facebook page, twitter feed, comprehensive web site, and the Foundation bulletin. We encourage you to follow and use of these venues of information that are gifts of service by Rotarians.

Our intention with the District Newsletter is to provide relevant information and stories from all levels of Rotary that you can use in your Clubs. We invite the Clubs to use our digital newsletter as a high impact means of further sharing information, stories, and ideas with other Clubs. However, publishing with us is not an “either/or choice”; rather, it’s another way of sharing our Rotary experience with our communities and the world.

Writing not your forte? Just give us the details and we can work it into an interesting, engaging story. Pictures not great? Often we can enhance the pictures to publication quality.

Have a bunch of event pictures? We can turn those pictures into an engaging YouTube video presentation. Attending a great talk? Consider recording, with the speaker’s permission, on your smartphone, tablet, or other mp3 recorder. We can stream audio recordings of talks. Want to drive up readership of your great web content, we can reference your website content.

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Normally, articles should fit a single page. A single page article runs about 300 words without pictures or 200 words with pictures. Longer articles will be considered. Articles may be submitted via email as email text or as Word, Excel, or Acrobat attachments. Pictures should be submitted as attachments in .jpg format.