

# Rotary

## District 7570



### Disaster Response D7570

Our district is partnering with Disaster Aid USA (DAUSA), a Rotarian-led disaster relief organization, to provide critical help in Greene County, TN. We will be assisting with mucking and gutting homes, tarping roofs, chainsaw work and debris removal. DAUSA will have trained volunteers and the necessary tools on-site. Hear more as Rotarian and Shenandoah County Sheriff Timothy Carter and Rotary International District 7570 representative Jamie Baisden talk about a Hurricane Helene Relief Effort to northeast Tennessee. Watch the Full Interview on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/YFSnBDZcuqo?si=WK\\_9uXPQmFbqnCz](https://youtu.be/YFSnBDZcuqo?si=WK_9uXPQmFbqnCz) (You can also see if posted on our website [www.Rotary7570.org](http://www.Rotary7570.org))

If you would like to contribute monetarily to our Hurricane Helene disaster relief efforts, please visit [this donation page](#).

### Rotary's™ Commitment to Building a Culture of Peace

Rotary is deeply committed to fostering a culture of peace globally, and the first step in any movement toward peace is raising awareness. In alignment with this mission, we are encouraging clubs within District 7570 to participate in the Peace Pole initiative. Peace Poles are powerful symbols—6-8 feet tall and inscribed with the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages. It is my hope that by erecting Peace Poles in communities across our district, we can spark conversations about peace and inspire action toward conflict resolution locally and worldwide.

#### District Support for Peace Poles

To promote this initiative, we have set aside \$3,000 for Peace Poles in District 7570. The District will provide \$175 to clubs interested in participating, with each club contributing \$100 of its own funds to receive the District's support. To **apply for the District's™ \$175 contribution**, clubs should email Marc Hudson, District Grants Chair, at [mahudsonod@hotmail.com](mailto:mahudsonod@hotmail.com) with confirmation of their intent to erect a Peace Pole. Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and Marc will notify clubs once they have been granted the funds.

Once you receive confirmation, **clubs can proceed with ordering their specific Peace Pole**. Please refer to the attached information for purchasing details.

#### Learn More

To learn more about the Peace Pole program and explore ideas for enhancing the pole's™ surroundings with benches or landscaping, visit [rotarypeacepoles.world](http://rotarypeacepoles.world). Peace Poles often serve as locations for ceremonies when they are first erected and throughout the year, becoming rallying points for other peace-related activities and events. Let's™ work together to promote peace and inspire meaningful discussions in our communities!

### District Leadership



Bret W. Hrbek  
District Governor



Andrew P. Vanhook  
DG-Elect



Charlotte G. Whitted  
DG-Nominee



Paula K. Alston  
iPDG



Nina D. Thornton  
Administrative Assistant Governor



Timothy Carter  
District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC)



Richard M. Novak  
District Membership Chair (DMC)



Cora A. Gnegy  
District Public Image/PR Chair (DPIC)

### Mark Your Calendars!

- October 8th  
**DG Area 1 Official Visit**
- October 9th  
**DG Area 7 Official Visit**
- October 10th  
**DG Area 5 Official Visit**
- October 11th  
**DG Area 10 Official Visit**
- October 11th  
**Dancing Downtown/Festival of Leaves**
- October 12th  
**Pickleball Event**
- October 16th  
**President-Elect Monthly Online Learning Session**
- October 16th  
**DG Area 9 Official Visit**
- October 17th  
**Warren County Wine Dinner Fundraiser**
- October 18th  
**Bingo at Trinity**
- October 19th  
**DG Area 12, 13, 14 Official Visit**
- October 24th  
**Warren County Fundraising Event**

## 59th Rotary World Championship of the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians

By George Lee Karnes II

A member of The [Northern Shenandoah Valley Rotary Club](#), Thomas Jones, just won the US/Canadian and [International Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians](#) tournament in San Diego. It was four days of golf on four different courses with a field of 250 golfers. Pictured here is Thomas with Rotary International Director Patrick Eakes. <https://www.igfr-international.com/>



More information: **The International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians** is a Fellowship within Rotary International. Our purpose is to promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship amongst golfing Rotarians. **IGFR was founded at the birthplace of golf, at St Andrews Scotland, in 1964.** She has spread her wings over Australia, Europe and North America and is now exploring the continents of Africa, Asia and South America.



November 13th  
**DG Area 4 Official Visit**

November 14th  
**DG Area 3 Official Visit**

November 18th  
**DG Area 11 Official Visit**

November 20th  
**President-Elect Monthly Online Learning Session**

December 5th  
**DG Area 2 Official Visit**

December 18th  
**President-Elect Monthly Online Learning Session**

January 15th  
**President-Elect Monthly Online Learning Session**

February 19th  
**President-Elect Monthly Online Learning Session**

## Thank you to our District Sponsors

By Bret W. Hrbek

## Rotary Friendship Exchange



Hi everyone! My name is Burt Duren, and I am a proud member of the Rotary Club of Lynchburg â€” Morning, DG Bret also recently appointed me to lead the Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) program for D7570.

For those who may not be familiar, RFE is a reciprocal

travel program between two Rotary districts from different countries. Teams are comprised of 8 to 10 people representing each district travel at their own cost to the reciprocal district for 10 to 14 days where they are hosted by local Rotarians in their homes. Each district designs an itinerary for incoming guests which includes visits to noteworthy sites and attendance at local Rotary meetings and free time with hosts.

My wife, Donna, and I have been privileged to participate in several RFEs when we lived in D7430 (Lehigh Valley, PA). Iâ€™ve included photos from RFEs in [Argentina, Sweden, Trkiye, and Wales]. In every experience, our hosts provided rich insights about the local area â€” far beyond what we could have gleaned traveling on our own. We have also hosted inbound Rotarians on several RFEs in our home, as well. In all our experiences, the richest benefit has been becoming close friends with like-minded Rotarians from around the world.

As you might imagine, D7570 RFEs took a pause due to the pandemic. But we are restarting efforts to identify reciprocal districts, increase awareness and excitement about RFEs within the district and develop an outstanding itinerary/program for incoming guests. If you have an interest in serving on the D7570 RFE committee or participating in future RFEs, please contact me at [durencburt@gmail.com](mailto:durencburt@gmail.com).



## District Early Act Newest Clubs

By Michael Sean Williams

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## RYLA Applications are now open!

RYLA will be held in Blacksburg, December 6-8, 2024

Applications for RYLA are now open and will be due Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the RYLA website for more information â€” [www.nylarotary7570.org](http://www.nylarotary7570.org). Applications will officially open the first weekend in August.

Background Checks: **Background checks are required for all chaperones and adults transporting students. Please complete those now.** [District 7570 Youth Protection Background Submission Form \(jofform.com\)](https://www.district7570.org/ryla/background-checks). Please share the new website with clubs, schools, and students. This will serve as the one-stop shop for all RYLA information. Any questions about RYLA, contact Inez Rodenburg @ [inezrodenburg\\_rotary@yahoo.com](mailto:inezrodenburg_rotary@yahoo.com).

Youth Protection Policy: Attention Club Presidents, please print off and sign the Rotary Youth Protection Policy Compliance and return it to Mark Fenyk at [lawyer@fenyk.com](mailto:lawyer@fenyk.com). Here is the link

These are photos from two of our newest Early Act Clubs. Both are sponsored by The Rotary Club of Winchester. Both are Co-Led by students from the Interact Club at John Handley High School



(led by Rotary Club of The Northern Shenandoah Valley Rotarians, Julia Kogut and Nadine Johnson-hamm), also sponsored by The Rotary Club of Winchester. The two schools are John Kerr Elementary School and Garland Quarles Elementary School. Both are Title One Schools in the City of Winchester.

Update from Ms. Julia Kogut, Ed.M.: "EarlyAct at John Kerr and Quarles has been underway for a month! Both schools have had an informational meeting, 2 club meetings, ordered shirts, and the school staff supervisors have been busy communicating with parents and running the meetings! Our student EarlyAct liaisons Eliana and Gracie have been prepping materials and running the meetings with the supervisors!



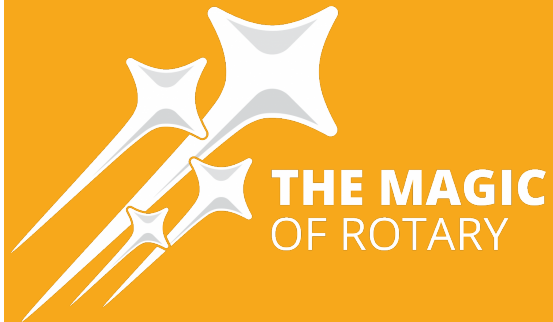
This weekend was our first service project outside the school. The Rotary Club of Winchester annually puts on the Apple Harvest Arts & Crafts Festival at the fairgrounds, and Handley Interact runs the Kids Zone. This year, we added Quarles EarlyAct on Saturday and John Kerr EarlyAct on Sunday to do trash pickup around the festival. The EarlyAct students signed up for shifts and walked around the festival with trash pickers and a helper Handley Interact volunteer to keep the fairgrounds spotless!

I am so proud to have 3 generations of Rotary working together! Thank you so much to Jason, Michael, and John for your support in helping get this all started, Joanie and Kim for taking a chance with our pilot programs and for all of your support, and especially thank you to our supervisors - Rachel, Jan and Emily - and our EarlyAct liaisons - Gracie and Eliana - for making it all happen!"



for the form. [Click here](#). (The form may be accessed on the district website: <https://www.rotary7570.org> /What We Do / Youth Services / Youth Protection / Appendix C Rotary Youth Protection Policy Compliance.)

Please contact Mark Fenyk @ [lawyer@fenyk.com](mailto:lawyer@fenyk.com) with any questions about Background Checks or Youth Protection Compliance.



## Youth Exchange Students Reunited!

By Charlotte G. Whitted

Our outbound youth exchange student Jonny from Strasburg just reunited with Aoi, our Japanese Inbound student from last year placed in Winchester. She was reporting on her year in District 7570 and he is placed in her Tokyo District. I love to see the impact of the program on kids months and years after they go on exchange, along with the connections they make for a lifetime.



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**Club News & Notes:**

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## Clarke County Presents \$1,000 Check

By Robin Hollingsworth

Recently, the [Rotary Club of Clarke County](#) proudly presented a \$1,000 check to Andre Kidrick, Athletic Director, and Shane Markwood, Physical Education Teacher, for the Johnson Williams Middle School Athletic Department.



The funds, raised during their Summer Pickleball Social, reflect [their](#) ongoing commitment to supporting the local community and investing in the growth and development of our youth.

Also included in the picture is Rotary Club of Clarke County President Gerald Dodson.

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## Rotary Club of Harrisonburg | International Festival

On Saturday, September 28, area 3 clubs joined to represent Rotary at The Harrisonburg International Festival! The festival is organized in partnership with the FairField Center and the Festival Planning Committee, led by area 3's own, Nadia Dames.



The Festival is a very special event that celebrates the area's rich cultural and language diversity. One of Harrisonburg's largest annual attractions, the festival draws more than 9,000 people every year from the Shenandoah Valley as well as areas such as Baltimore and DC. This family-friendly event is free, with plenty of food and crafts available for purchase, and activities for visitors of all ages.

To showcase Rotary, area club members set up a Rotary tent, displaying apparel, swag, club information, and, most importantly, lively conversation about Rotary and the impact we make in our community. Our tent was a huge success with kids and the free "prize box", including age appropriate toys. Youth did not hesitate to come right up to us for a free small toy (nominal items such as balloons, fidget spinners, sticky hands, bouncy balls, etc), which allowed for a natural conversation with their parents and guardians to talk about Rotary and share our stories. This also provided an opportunity for fellowship amongst local Rotarians. Cornhole boards, provided by Rotary and Mercy House, were also available for fun play.

The [Rotary Club of Harrisonburg](#) participated in the Harrisonburg International Festival. Enjoy some of these photos from the event!





## Joint Club Efforts Present Check to Rockbridge Area Health Center

By Woody A. Sadler Jr.

The [Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club](#), [Buena Vista Rotary Club](#), and Rotary Club of Lexington together received a district matching grant from Rotary International District 7570. The \$10,000 check was recently presented a district grant to the



Rockbridge Area Health Center (RAHC) on September 27<sup>th</sup> to support critical elements for School-Based Health Center programs. This is a pilot program for RAHC, which will establish health clinics in all the schools in Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County. Pictured are Rotarians Josh Elrod, Buena Vista Rotary Club, Woody Sadler, Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club, RAHC CEO Suzanne Sheridan, and David Dugan, Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club. Not pictured are members from the Rotary Club of Lexington, and Rotary International District 7570.