

February 25, 2025



Regular Meeting: Wed. February 26, 2025  
12:00 PM  
City Tavern  
9550 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110

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CART Conversations are held every 3rd Thursday from 5:30-6:30 via Zoom. The subjects vary from public image to grants. Visit [www.rotary7610.org/events/](http://www.rotary7610.org/events/)

PROGRAM: JOAN MCGREGOR WITH  
CART WILL SHARE MORE ABOUT  
CART

Joan is a member of the Rotary Club of Orange, VA, where she serves as the club's Public Image Chair, helping to promote projects and share their story with the community. As the District CART Chair, she works tirelessly to expand the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) fund across Rotary clubs in District 7610. This work is deeply personal to Joan, inspired by her late mother. Joan's goal is to ensure no one story is forgotten and to help advance groundbreaking Alzheimer's research.

### MEET YOUR OFFICERS:

President: Ab Basu  
Past President: Cheryl Macias  
President Elect: Luke Croushorn  
Secretary: Robyn Williams  
Treasurer: John Goldwater  
Vice President: John Heltzel  
Club Director: Willis Jones  
Sargent at Arms:

Visit [DACdb.com](http://DACdb.com) for club information!!  
\*\*If you do not have your login, we can help



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The Supporter Conference is being held April 4-6 in New Orleans at the Barnett Hotel.

GO TO:  
[shelterboxusa.org/2025-conference/](http://shelterboxusa.org/2025-conference/)

To Register, now!

- Next Regular meeting March 5, 2025, 12:00
- IMPACT Club's next meeting is Mar 14, 2025 @ 6:00 at 9004 Prince William St in the all-purpose room or on ZOOM. All members are invited
- IMPACT Club will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 8, 2025. Join them!
- IMPACT Club will be doing a service project at House of Mercy March 15th.
- Executive Board Meeting, March 19, 2025 @ 10:30 at City Tavern

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS- Consider Buck of the Month Club by donating \$ equal to your age!

Ab Basu- Feb 3rd  
Patricia Richie-Folks- Feb 5th\*

Danielle Manko- Feb 24th\*

### FEBRUARY MEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

John Goldwater- Feb 2024  
Tim kirby- Feb 2024  
Cindi Kacer- Feb 2018  
Coleman Rector- Feb 2013

We are always looking for new members! Please contact Jeff Brown with any new potential members: [jeff.brown@brownsinsurance.com](mailto:jeff.brown@brownsinsurance.com)

Yours in Rotary Service,

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# Xiao-Yin Byrom's Journey of Service in India!

Traveling to India for National Immunization Day (NID) was a life-changing experience, made possible by the leadership of PDG Nancy Barbee and Colleen Bonadonna. Their vision and organization paved the way for an impactful mission.

During my time in India, I witnessed the dedication of healthcare workers and volunteers committed to eradicating polio. We worked alongside doctors, educating families on the importance of vaccination. In many communities, awareness is as crucial as the vaccine itself. I was especially moved by mothers who traveled great distances to ensure their children received the life-saving oral polio vaccine.

India's success—going from a polio-endemic nation to polio-free since 2014—is a testament to relentless public health efforts. Visiting both remote villages and urban clinics reinforced the ongoing need for vigilance and education to prevent resurgence. Programs like NID remain essential in protecting children worldwide.

Beyond immunizations, this trip deepened my understanding of maternal and child health challenges in developing regions. Access to clean water, nutrition, and medical care remains critical. However, through partnerships between Rotary International, WHO, and local governments, significant progress has been made.

This journey reaffirmed my belief in the power of service and collaboration. The perseverance and compassion I witnessed will stay with me forever. Polio eradication is within reach if we continue our global commitment. I encourage everyone to support public health initiatives—because small acts of service truly change the world.



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