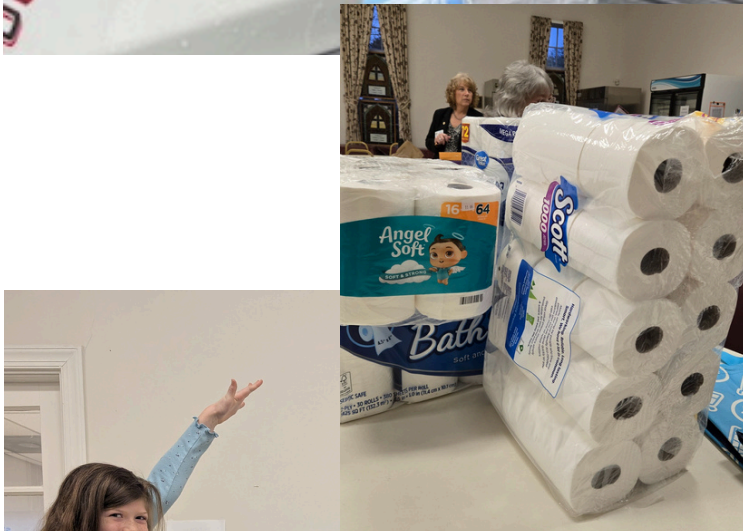




Season of Giving!

At the regular Club meeting on November 19th, we had three collections going on, and our members rose to the challenge! As members arrived, a table quickly became filled with non-perishable food items for Camping for Hunger. A cart was loaded up with prepackaged cookies to help Ressie Jeffries Elementary School with their task for Doc Smith baskets. And a pile of toilet paper for the Rotary Club president's challenge grew! The toilet paper collection is still going on; you can drop off rolls at Ellen Ader's State Farm office on Chester Street.





Skyline MS Stocking Project

Filling 20 Stockings (10 boys, 10 girls)

Needs and Ideas:

20 large Christmas gift bags and tissue paper, socks, gloves, knit hats, blankets, lip balm, fun pens/pencils, brain teasers, books, tissues, deodorant, shampoo, gum, candy canes, fruit snacks, hot chocolate, popcorn, prepackaged cookies, twinkies, fidget toys, travel games, etc.

Let Carol know what you plan to purchase or have purchased! She will keep a list of purchases and update everyone.

Save the Date!

We will gather on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:30am at the church to pack the "stockings."



Meet Fenna

At just 16 years old, Rotary exchange student Fenna is incredibly poised. She visited the Club on November 5th and shared a bit about herself and her exchange visit thus far.

Fenna was raised in "a little farmer's town," Heerhugowaard Langedijk, where she has worked as a server in a restaurant. She was first exposed to Rotary through her family--her mom had done a short six-week exchange and her grandparents even hosted an American exchange student--but it was the local group that hosted their meetings there on Wednesday evenings piqued her interest.

Fenna reported that she has enjoyed her time in the U.S. thus far. She likes American football and has played on the Powderpuff team. She enjoyed a visit to the infamous Buc-ee's on her first day. She hopes to try basketball this winter.

Fenna enjoys traveling and her future plans include hospitality school in Amsterdam, becoming part of the family business, and traveling "a lot!"

A Look Back at the 2025 Rotary International Convention

Club members gathered at the regular meeting on November 5, 2025, had the pleasure of hearing about this year's International Convention held in Calgary June 21-25. Dave and his wife Carol were among the attendees. Dave noted that members from over 200 countries were present; he had personally sat beside people from Korea, Taiwan, and Kenya, just to name a few. He shared a ten-minute video and a few of the conference highlights, including a presentation by Geena Davis, actress and founder of the Institute on Gender in Media. Dave was also impressed with the House of Friendship, which featured 75 vendors.

Dave encouraged Club members to visit myrotary.org to explore the Rotary Fellowship Groups, where you can find others who share your passion for a profession or topic, and the Rotary Action Groups, where you can find others who are working to make sustainable change in the world.

[Click here to find out more about Rotary Fellowship Groups](#)

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Convention attendees were honored by the mayor of Calgary with white hats, the presentation of which is a tradition in Calgary.



In appreciation for Dave's presentation, Barbara Ecton shared that the book *All Are Neighbors* by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman would be donated to The Phoenix Project in his honor.

**Mark your
calendar!**

**2026 Rotary International Convention
13-17 June 2026 Taipei, Taiwan**

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Special Celebrations



It took a while for the schedule to cooperate, but Past President (2024-25) Ellen Aders was finally recognized as a "Rotary Has Been" by fellow Past President Brian Barbour, and received a certificate to highlight her "membership" in this elite group of people.



Welcome to new member **Stacie Essex Mikels**, inducted on November 19, 2025! She was sponsored by Jen Avery.

Thankful for EWM Early Act!

The E. Wilson Morrison Kindergarten and first grade Early Act students prepared 70 Thanksgiving day cards for the residents of Commonwealth Senior Center. Thank you to Michael Williams for delivering the cards!



Club Assembly

Service Committee

Carol alerted the Club as to the remaining needs for the Salvation Army dinner (which have now been filled). Bell ringing slots on December 13th have been filled. We will be filling 20 "stockings" for Skyline Middle School students--see page 2 for details.

The Board agreed to donate \$2500 to Samuels Public Library for the Summer Reading Program, and \$2500 for hurricane relief efforts in Jamaica.

Additional upcoming Service Projects:
December 30th Dinner Together
May 7th Shred Day

Fundraising

The Annual Sponsorship Drive is going on now; please get a brochure from Jean and recruit at least one sponsors for 2026. Our goal is \$25,000, and we are at \$8500 so far. The Wine Dinner will be Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 6 pm to 9 pm. We hope to sell 150 tickets.

Youth

Our three Early Act programs and the Interact program at Skyline Middle School continue to meet and serve. Our Community-Based Interact program has participated in two service projects this year. We have four students going to RYLA this year; Kate Tennant and Sally Kilpatrick will chaperone. This year, there will also be an Interact District Conference for youth on the Friday and Saturday before Easter at the 4-H Conference Center.

Membership Report

We have another induction coming up, which will put us at 55 members. A membership survey has been sent out and is due back on November 28th.

Foundation Report

We are at \$5,699 of our \$10,000 annual fund goal. We have raised \$1,257 of our \$4,000 goal for Polio. Boos & Brews for Polio was held October 23rd.



During the November 5th meeting, Kathy recognized three new Paul Harris designations:

Amanda Slate, Paul Harris +1
Barbara Ecton, Paul Harris +3
Jean Plauger, Paul Harris +4

Thank you, ladies, for your support of the Rotary Foundation! Kathy also provided an update on the Foundation on November 19th; see story on the next page.

Thank you to Jen Avery, Katie Tennant, Michael Williams, Hope Petty, Dave Hardy, and Kristen Pence for contributing to this issue.

November is Rotary Foundation Month!

Kathy Napier shared an important update on the Rotary Foundation. The true cornerstone of Rotary, the Foundation has several facets of focus, including: PolioPlus, the Annual Fund-SHARE, the Endowment-SHARE, Disaster Response, and World Funds.

Kathy shared that the Rotary goal of eradicating polio is only two countries away from success. This is in great part due to the efforts of Rotarians everywhere, and the 2:1 matching gift the Gates Foundation makes each year.

However, if you can only support one Foundation program each year, Kathy strongly recommends that you support the Annual Fund Share program, as it is an investment for the future. The funds provided are invested for three years. At the end of those three years, 47.5% goes back to the District, 47.5% goes to the World Fund, and 5% go to administrative costs. This year, we are receiving a \$12,000 grant to renovate the Fairfax Shelter at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center.

Why Give to The Rotary Foundation

- 60 cents can protect a child from Polio
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness
- \$200 to develop work opportunities by replacing livestock for people impacted by disasters
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children



GIVING RECOGNITION

- EREY - Every Rotarian, Every Year: \$25 to Annual Fund (Share)
- Sustainer - \$100 per year to Annual Fund (Share)
- Paul Harris Fellow: \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus or approved Global Grant
- Paul Harris Society: Contribute \$1,000 annually
- Benefactors: \$1,000 cash outright or include TRF in will
- Major Donor: \$10,000 cumulative
- Bequest Society: Commitment for future gifts of \$10,000 or more
- Arch Klump Society: \$250,000 or more contribution

NOVEMBER IS "FOUNDATION MONTH"

District 7570 Matching Points Offer

- Valid November 1-30, 2025
- Donate \$100 to \$500 to the Annual Fund-SHARE and received matching recognition points from the District
- Donate online at www.rotary.org
- Complete Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Transfer Request and send it to Patty Baisden jpbaisden@comcast.net



Enroll in Rotary Direct to support any of the Rotary Foundation programs:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Avery, Jennifer (JEN)	27 November
Grove, Deborah D. (DEBBIE)	12 November
Hardy, T. David (DAVE)	27 November
Mabry, Ronald L. (RON)	12 November

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Hardy, Dave	Hardy, Carol M.	27 November
Hupman, Rita	Hupman, Robert Byron	08 November
Smith, Stephen	Kopishke, Lauren	07 November

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Cochran, Mari Jo(MARI JO)	11/19/14	11	0	11
Hardy, Carol M.(CAROL)	11/01/10	15	0	15
Magalis, Kerry Lane II(KAHLE)	11/19/14	11	0	11
Mathews, Sara Beth(SARA KENNEY)	11/19/23	2	0	2
Mickels, Stacie(STACIE)	11/19/25	0	0	0
Sholar, William Alan Jr.(BILL)	11/19/14	11	0	11

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Smeltzer, Michelle L.(MICHELLE)	Mark	11/28	13
Williams, Michael Sean(MICHAEL)	Sherry (SHERRY)	11/12	31

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Wednesdays at 7am
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
14 W 1st St., Front Royal
(Virtual option available)



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President: Kahle Magalis

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President Elect: Katie Tennant

Vice President: Debbie Grove

Treasurer: Katrina Meade

Secretary: Sally Kilpatrick

2025-26 Chairs

Foundation: Kathy Napier

Service: Carol Hardy

Fundraising: Jean Plauger

Grants: George Karnes

Social: Hope Petty

Membership: Sally Kilpatrick

Program: Debbie Grove

Public Image: Jen Avery

Bulletin: Celeste Brooks

Administrative: Dave Hardy

Youth Services: Michael Williams



Organizations that would like to request volunteer and/or financial support from the Club must complete the Project Request Form located on the Club website.

Need help navigating DACdb?
Click here.

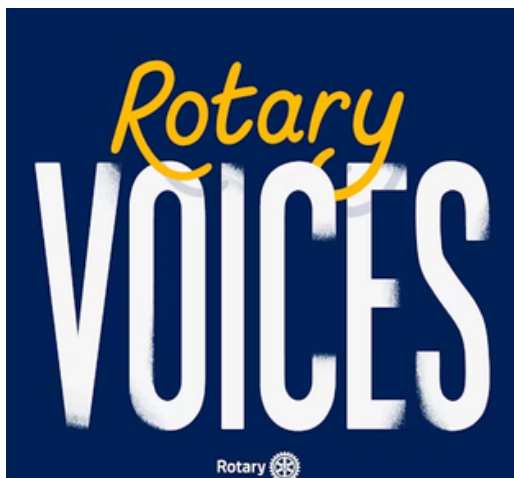
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Sponsoring a guest speaker? Click here for guidelines.

DYK? Rotary has a podcast!

The Rotary Voices podcast features in-depth interviews with thought leaders, Rotary news updates, and immersive stories from Rotary magazine.



Our Club has a storage shed! If you need to pick up or drop off something, contact Kahle Magalis.

Need to Make a Donation, Put in Happy Dollars, or Pay Dues?



Find the donation links on our website!

<https://www.warrencountyrotary.org/project-donations>

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