



Katie Tennant, 2025-26 Rotarian of the Year, Takes the Reins

On July 1st, the Club hosted a breakfast in honor of Katie Tennant's installation as Club President. Before swearing in Katie, President Kahle Magalis recognized her as the Club's Rotarian of the Year for 2025-26.

Katie's passion is building togetherness and teamwork, so rather than introducing her vision during her installation, she invited Dave Smith from the Winchester Rotary Club to conduct an adaptation of True Colors, to help Club members get to know themselves and each other better.





Also during the July 1st meeting, Past President Brian Barbour welcomed Kahle to the “Has Beens” Club as a Past President.

On Wednesday, July 8th, Katie introduced her vision for the year. After encouraging all members to come forward and speak up clearly if they have any concerns or ideas, she went on to address goals. Her first one is to see the Club more accurately represent the community. This refers not only to membership, but also what organizations we serve.

Katie went on to say that she wants to deepen the relationships among the members, and again asked that if anyone has an issue or concern or idea, they bring it up and address it right away.

Regarding volunteers, Katie requested that members show up when they can and participate when they can. She also reminded members that they are welcome to bring others with them to volunteer on projects.

Finally, Katie issued a challenge, with the help of small plastic toys shaped like rubber chickens. She asked each member to think of one person they can engage with the Club this year, and to be intentional about following through on doing so. She suggested inviting them to a meeting or a volunteer project. If you make the planned connection, you would then put your little chicken in a glass container that will be present at most (if not all) meetings.



TAKE NOTE!

We are no longer collecting aluminum cans.

Presidential from Message

Olayinka H. Babalola

RI President 2026-27

Rotary has a way of surprising you.

It surprises you when a stranger across the table becomes a lifelong friend. It surprises you when a small project in one neighborhood ripples outward in ways you never imagined. And it may surprise you when you realize that the person Rotary has changed most ... is you.

That is why this year, we are called to harness the change within ourselves, to look to the future, and to Create Lasting Impact.

Now, I want to be clear about what those words mean. Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures. We must think of the long-term impact of every project. How can a new water system contribute to the long-term health of a community? Can residents help other communities build their own? How can a new classroom be part of a wider strategy to improve education in the area? That is the sort of thinking we need.

As we prioritize impact, we must also consider how our actions can contribute to peacebuilding. Peace does not happen by accident. It must be built deliberately and strategically. As you plan your next project, ask yourself: "How does this create the conditions for peace?" Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace to learn how we can bring the world one step closer to peace in everything we do.

The more you change your community and the world, the more you will change. Don't just tell people about the projects you have run or the funds you have raised. Tell them



how Rotary has shaped who you are. Those personal stories open doors, inspire new members, and remind all of us why we are here.

Storytelling is also an excellent way to recruit new members and raise funds. We need more people standing with us and more resources if we are to end polio, spread peace, and have a lasting impact on the world. We have set a goal of increasing membership to 1.25 million Rotarians and more than 125,000 Rotaractors by 2030, just in time for Rotary's 125th anniversary.

Sit down with your club and look back over your accomplishments in the last few years. Find your best year. Maybe it was a record year for new members. Maybe you reached a fundraising milestone. Maybe you completed a project that the whole community is still talking about. Once you find that year, I challenge you to do better than your best.

In these ways and more, we will Create Lasting Impact across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Thank you, my dear friends. Now let's get to work.

A Special Graduation

Congratulations, Reagan Tweedie, on your graduation on June 25th from Skyline High School. Special thanks to the staff at Skyline High for helping Reagan to have her own special ceremony after spending her entire senior year as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Sardinia, Italy. Reagan was proudly sponsored by The Rotary Club of Warren County and Rotary District 7570. Reagan, we are so proud of the woman you have chosen to be. You will be amazing at UVA this coming fall.

Write-up and photo provided by Michael Williams.



Paul Harris Honorees

On July 8th, Foundation Chair Kathy Napier presented Paul Harris +4 Awards to Carol Hardy (on left below) and Sally Kilpatrick (below on right). She was also delighted to honor Glenn Wood (photo at right) as a Major Sponsor, in recognition of him donating a cumulative total of more than \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Aders, Ellen (ELLEN)	14 July
Hupman, Robert Byron (ROBERT)	20 July
Kilpatrick, Sally (PRESIDENT ELECT)	18 July
Pence, Kristen Jean (KRISTEN)	30 July
Wood, Glenn E. (GLENN)	06 July

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Cline, George	Cline, Crystal M	05 July
Mabry, Ron	Mabry, Sandra S.	14 July
Wood, Amy (AMY)	Wood, Glenn E.	12 July

Member Club Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Ecton, Henry G.(HANK)	07/01/14	12	0	12
Mabry, Ronald L.(RON)	07/01/16	10	0	10
Smeltzer, Michelle L.(MICHELLE)	07/11/18	8	0	8

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Hardy, Carol M.(CAROL)	Dave	07/10	55
Hardy, T. David(DAVE)	Carol	07/10	55



Rotary at the Bing July 18th

Sign up now to work the concession stand during the Cardinals Game on July 18th! We are hosting this in conjunction with the Front Royal Rotary Club, and we still have one-hour shifts to fill from 8 pm to 10 pm. **[Click here to sign up online.](#)**

2025-26 Officers

Club President: Katie Tennant
President Elect: Sally Kilpatrick
President Nominee: Debbie Grove
Immediate Past President: Kahle Magalis
Club Secretary: Hope Petty
Club Treasurer: Katrina Meade
Director at Large: Jennifer Avery

2025-26 Chairs

Executive Secretary, Gold Club: Dave Hardy
Service Projects Committee: Ellen Aders
The Rotary Foundation: Kathy Napier
Bulletin Editor: Celeste Brooks
Club Administration: Dave Hardy
Programs: Debbie Grove
Ways & Means Committee: Stacie Mikels
Youth Services: Michael Williams
Membership Committee: Sally Kilpatrick
Public Image: Jennifer Avery
Club Webmaster: Bill Sholar
District Conference Chair: Katie Tennant

Mark Your Calendar



July 15th at 7 am

Regular Meeting: Club Assembly

Special Guests DG Charlotte Whitted and Reagan Tweedie.

Fundraising Meeting immediately after.

July 18th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Rotary Night at the Bing

Volunteers still needed! [Sign up online.](#)

August 5th at 7 am

Regular Meeting

Speaker: Emily Burner & Jenny Grooms
Topic: Global Grant



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Meetings:

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





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.](#)

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Did you know the District has a YouTube page?

Be sure to Subscribe or browse the uploaded videos.

There are great past interviews and lots of club resources provided!



<https://www.youtube.com/@RotaryDistrict7570>

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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