

# Yorktown Rotary Club



Club member Susette Goff reviewed the history of our work with the Refugio in Quito, Ecuador. She outlined the successes of some of the early children, now adults and one of which will be visiting the club in a few weeks. It is sad that help is sorely needed there in Ecuador but of great satisfaction that we are able to improve the lives of these kids in need.



Instructor Harold "Butch" Gibbs and Cadet Lt Commander Emma Martinez from York High School Navy JROTC shared with us highlights of their unit's accomplishments, camps, training experiences, and competitions. Cadet Martinez spoke about the NJROTC program and the positive impact it has had on her and her fellow cadets, emphasizing the discipline it instills and the many opportunities it provides. They have assisted the Rotary Club with our Auction and Race for several years, and we are happy to support them in their needs.



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## Peace Through Service

### Coming Up at Yorktown Rotary Club

Rotary Theme for February - Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention

Rotary Theme for March - Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene

#### Upcoming Club Programs

- Feb 2: TBD
- Feb 9: Van Rhodes; The Berlin Airlift
- Feb 16: Michael Steen; Yorktown 250<sup>th</sup> Update.
- Feb 23: TBD



God Bless America!

#### Highlights of Programs In January

- Jan 5: Susette Goff - Ecuador service project update
- Jan 12: Harold Gibbs, NJROTC Instructor at York High School



#### Items of Interest to Our Members

Grants Management Seminars (GMS).for Rotary service projects in our community or abroad will be held virtually in February and March. TWO persons per club must attend a GMS to be eligible for a district grant. The February 21 GMS at 9am will cover both district and global grants. The March 16 GMS at 5:30pm will only cover district grants. Members planning to attend must register at the DaCDB where the website and instructions for participation in these virtual sessions can be found.



#### Visitors

We were honored with the participation of member wives Courtney Chandler, Mariann Edwards, Lynn Grimsley, Amanda Hockaday, Kathy Jackson, Lu Reiser, Louise Riter, Marilyn Staton, Virgie Twigg, Beth Tyree and Regina Walter at our annual charter dinner this past month.

#### Attendance

An average of 19 members (60%) participated in the 3 meetings in December.

February						
1	2 Club Meeting Larry Ritter BD	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Club Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day
15	16 Presidents Day Club Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Club Meeting	24	25	26	27	28

March						
1	2 Club Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 St. Patrick's Day
8 Daylight Saving Time Starts	9 Club Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 Susette Goff BD
15	16 Club Meeting	17	18	19	20 Fred Durr BD	21
22	23 Club Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
29 Dave Fulk BD	30 Club Meeting	31				

BD = Birthday

## Club Organization 2025- 2026

### Officers

**President**  
Scott Chandler

**President-Elect**  
Christa Riley

**Secretary**  
Jack Staton

**Treasurer**  
David Fulk

**Past President**  
Marc Morin

### Directors

**Club Administration & Public Relations**  
Rodney Hockaday

**Membership**  
Trevor Jones

**Service Projects**  
Jerry Twigg

**Rotary Foundation**  
David Tyree

**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Dal Maddalon

## Yorktown Rotary Foundation 2025- 2026

**Trustee/President**  
Bill Pope

**Trustee/Treasurer**  
Chasity Curry

**Trustee/Race Director**  
Tom Hunter

**Secretary**  
TBD

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

#### first

Is it the TRUTH?

#### second

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

#### third

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

#### fourth

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Yorktown Rotary Club

### 2025 - 2026 Club Goals

- Goal 1: 26 members will participate in club service activities during the Rotary year.
- Goal 2: 2 members will sponsor a new club member during the Rotary year.
- Goal 3: The club's website and social media accounts will be updated once per month to reflect current activities and information of interest to the public.
- Goal 4: The club will complete 2 service projects during the Rotary year.
- Goal 5: The club will contribute \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund during the Rotary year.
- Goal 6: The club will contribute \$8,000 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund during the Rotary year.

### WEB SITES

Information is available from Rotary International at [www.rotary.com](http://www.rotary.com) and from the Rotary District 7600 site at [www.rotary7600.org](http://www.rotary7600.org). You can find club information at the [DaCdb](http://DaCdb) link. The club also has a web site at [www.yorktownrotaryclub.org](http://www.yorktownrotaryclub.org) for the general public and Race participants.

## Club Committees 2025- 2026

### Administration & Public Relations

Rodney Hockaday

### Weekly Programs

Bill Riter

### Monthly Bulletin

Malcolm Burgess

### Communications/Web Site

Dave Fulk

### Audit

TBD

### Investment Funds Committee

Jack Staton  
Bill Pope  
Dave Fulk

### Charter Anniversary & Year End Dinners

Bob Edwards  
Bill Pope

### Develop Long Range Strategic Plan for Club

TBD

### Membership

Trevor Jones

### Community Interact Club

Scott Chandler

### Recruiting & Fellowship

Rob Heavner

### Member Training

Dave Fulk

### RYLA

TBD

### Photography

Dave Fulk

### Community Awards/ Recognition

TBD

### Foundation

David Tyree

### Club & Member Giving

Dave Tyree

### Christmas Auction

Ed Jackson  
Scott Chandler  
Rodney Hockaday  
Dave Fulk

### District Grants

TBD

### Global Grants

TBD

### 50/50 Raffle

Dal Maddalon

### Service Projects

Jerry Twigg

### Freedom Run:

Race Director — Tom Hunter

### HS Scholarship Awards

Chasity Curry

### EdMarc Weekend

Rob Heavner

### Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project

David Grimsley  
Dave Fulk  
Scott Chandler

### Veterans Fishing

Bill Reiser  
Mike Hensley

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

By giving \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund, you or anyone you designate, will be recognized as a ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER. Giving totaling \$1000 provides for a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW; with club matching funds up to \$100 each year, achieve this goal in FIVE YEARS!

**Got Time and Want to Serve?  
Volunteer to Assist On A Committee!**

## 2025 Yorktown Rotary College Scholarship Winners

Tabb HS - Orlando Dawson, headed for Louisiana State University to join his sister there.  
York HS - Laon Sung, headed for Johns Hopkins University to study mechanical engineering  
Grafton HS - Savannah Hass, headed for Christopher Newport University

## Meeting Make-up Opportunities

Check ahead at the websites of these Rotary clubs to confirm meeting times in these Covid-19 times

- Monday** 6:30 pm Yorktown, Riverwalk Restaurant on the Yorktown Waterfront, 323 Water Street, 875-1525
- Tuesday** 7:00 am James City County, Kingsmill Golf Clubhouse, Williamsburg, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays only, 281-543.6635  
7:30 am Gloucester Point, Abingdon Episcopal Church, Rt 17 near Hayes, 804-693-3733  
Noon Newport News, James River Country Club, Newport News, 851-3558
- Wednesday** 7:30 am Warwick at City Center Newport News, Café at Virginia Living Museum, 524 J Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News VA 874-5545  
Noon Virginia Peninsula, Sentara CarePlex, Left Entrance, 3000 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, 220-5109  
Noon Historic Triangle, Colonial Heritage Clubhouse, Rt. 60 across from Pottery, 258-4517
- Thursday** 6:30 pm Williamsburg, Williamsburg Lodge, 310 South England St., Williamsburg, 903-4403  
6:30 pm Hampton, Crown Plaza Hotel, 700 Settlers Landing, Hampton, 288-3939
- Friday** 7:30 am Oyster Point of Newport News, David Student Union, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, 232-2211