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Club



IMPACT REPORT

2024 - 2025



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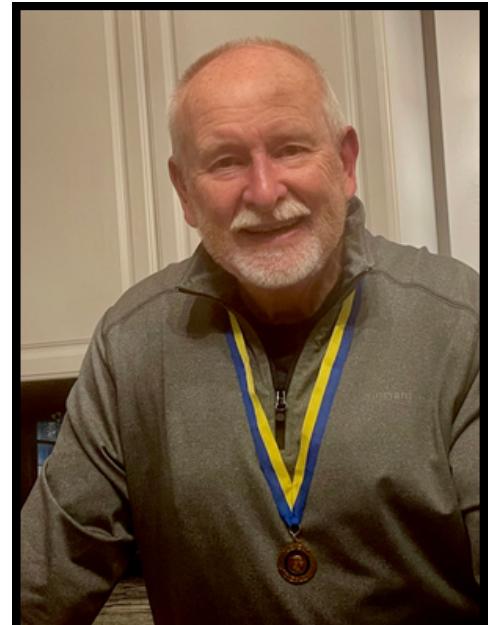
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A Message From **OUR PRESIDENT**



John “Eddie” Herndon, Jr. President

This past rotary year has been a year highlighted by an increase in Club membership, participation and growth. We have focused our energy, talent and resources on all the projects we have been known for in the past, while layering in new efforts, such as re-establishing the Interact Club at Chatham High School and initiating playground equipment upgrades at Chatham’s Harris Field and Playground. Community, Youth and special international projects are where we center our efforts. None of this could be possible without the generous support of each of YOU, our SPONSORS!



This impact report is our chance to recognize the immeasurable contributions you have made to this Club’s success, and highlight the resulting impact to this community and beyond.

Thank you for believing in Chatham Rotary and supporting the Rotary ideal of “Service Above Self.”

John “Eddie” Herndon, Jr.

Chatham Rotary Club
President
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THE FUNDAMENTALS OF **ROTARY**

The fundamentals of Rotary create more or less a type of circular reference...from Rotary International to districts to local clubs there is an importance to basic tenets that belong to individuals at every level of Rotary. The Chatham Rotary Club was organized in March 1939. Around one hundred persons attended Charter Night, which was held at Chatham Hall. The Danville Club, represented by Curtis Bishop and Bascorn Jordan, sponsored our Club. Ed Brush, business manager at Chatham Hall, was elected the first president by thirteen men who signed the charter.



From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

Herb Taylor insisted there is a lot of good in everybody, but too often we look only for the bad. The Four Way Test encourages the good in the person who uses it. It helps people to think right and to think things through before they speak or act. The four Way Test started in an office in the days of the Great Depression as the result of a prayer for help to preserve the jobs of 250 people. Through Rotary International, it spread around the world. It has influenced thoughts, words and actions of countless people, and through them, even government and world events. It is a test for all time and for all people. Try using it on the next decision you face.

ABOUT ROTARY

Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

What We Do:

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our more than 45,000 clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

Our Mission:

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision Statement:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

There is no other single issue that can impact the health, education, economy, equality and progress of all people than the need for clean water and sanitation



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ACTIVE SERVICE PROJECTS

- Adopt A Highway
- Annual Christmas Parade
- Dictionary Project
- Easter Basket Distribution
- God's Storehouse
- Harris Field Playground
- Holiday Toy Drive
- Hometown Heroes 4th of July Celebration
featuring The Field of Honor
- Interact Club
- Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center

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Adopt A Highway

Background/History of Project:

The Chatham Rotary Club sponsored a stretch of Rt. 57 for 10+ years. Eventually, VDOT took it over, so as a club, we decided to continue cleanup of local roads in our vicinity.



Project Overview:

Twice a year, spring and fall, members collect trash and debris along our designated adopted roadway, Anderson Mill Rd, Chatham VA.

As we strive to give back to our community, these kinds of hands-on projects show our willingness to get involved in the upkeep and promotion of our local assets, making it safer for wildlife, and more attractive for our community. We also invite community members and volunteers to participate with us.

Impact Statement:

"This program is a key strategy in maintaining a positive travel experience for residents and visitors, and in preventing litter from entering local waterways." (VDOT)

Annual Christmas Parade

Project Overview: Each year, the club participates in the Annual Chatham Christmas parade as a method to get involved in community celebrations. The parade features First Responders, local high schools band, floats, treats and various distributions. We also invite community members and volunteers to participate with us.



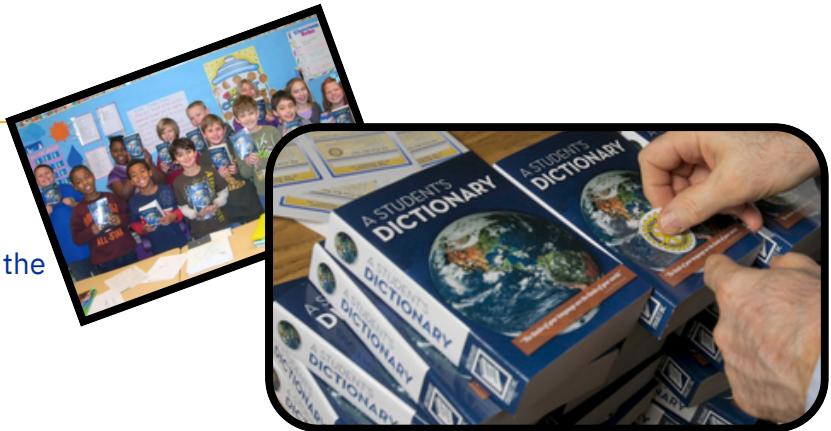
Impact Statement: Drive visitation to Chatham, VA through holiday parade, positive and significant economic impact on local business activity.



The Dictionary Project

Project Overview:

Chatham Rotary Club members purchase and distribute dictionaries to over 200 children in the third grade at all the elementary schools in Pittsylvania County each year.



Impact Statement:

Introduce Rotary mission and values. Inspire love of reading and learning at a critical time in the development of young people's minds, resulting in a positive impact on reading comprehension.

Easter Basket Distribution

Background/History of Project:

Over four years of service to the 80+ residents of the Chatham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Project Overview:

Club members filled baskets with edibles, toiletries and other goods for older adults. Club Members then delivered the items to the residents and spent time visiting.

Impact Statement:

"Gift baskets help residents remain cognitively sharp, reduce stress and benefit mental health."





Harris Field Playground

The Chatham Rotary Club has raised \$13,138 through the Club, District and Community Grants to improve the Harris Field Playground in Chatham VA. Harris Field is a high use outdoor sports complex that includes two little league baseball fields, a walking trail, pickle ball courts, bathrooms, concessions, paved parking and the playground. The playground does not currently have swing sets. These monies will allow for matching swing sets to be purchased and installed. Of particular note is that they will include two swings for special needs children. Additionally, the playground will be cleaned and mulch refreshed. Work will be completed in time for families to enjoy starting in the Spring of 2026. (Pictures are designers renderings)





God's Storehouse

Project Overview:

God's Storehouse works throughout the Danville and Pittsylvania County communities to collect food, distribute food resources to those in need, promote nutrition and connect customers to local resources.

Impact Statement: Chatham Rotary Club partners quarterly with God's Storehouse and Kentuck Baptist Church to help pack food that will be distributed, providing nutrition to families in need to prevent hunger, reduce food insecurity and improve local food systems in our area. We reach approximately 40 families, 200 individuals.



Holiday Toy Drive

Background/History of Project:

Our club has had multiple years of partnering annually with Social Services to provide gifts for families in the Foster Care program.

Project Overview:

Member donations provide gifts for families participating in the Foster Care program. The Foster Care program assures that children from participating Foster families receive a gift.



Impact Statement:

Providing gifts has a healing power of play for children of foster care to reduce stress and benefit mental health, making a positive impact and providing something tangible to inspire hope during the holiday season. Toys deliver physical, emotional and educational benefits. Winter outerwear and accessories contribute to the overall health of children.



Hometown Heroes 4th of July Celebration

Project Overview:

A weekend of celebration and family fun is what this project is all about! Parades, fireworks, great food and more bring the community together to celebrate the 4th of July!

Impact Statement:

Drive visitation to Chatham, VA through holiday parade, positive and significant economic impact on local business activity. Our annual Community festival reaches 1,000 - 2,000 attendees each year!



Field of Honor





Interact Club

Background/History of Project:

Interact programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.



Project Overview:

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interact Club youth as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

Impact Statement:

Opportunity for engagement of youth and introduction to the mission of Rotarian life.

Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center

Project Overview:

The Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center serves Pittsylvania County from Tightsqueeze to the Campbell County line. The distribution focuses on low and fixed income families in northern Pittsylvania County by delivering monthly food boxes.



Impact Statement:

Volunteers pack and distribute food to nourish neighbors and develop solutions to address food insecurity.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Chatham Rotary Club is also proud of our community collaboration. By working together, the Chatham Rotary Club is able to support the mission of other local organizations and aid in transforming our region. Below are our annual partners:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
of the DANVILLE AREA





\$10,000 ANNUAL DONATION FUND

The Chatham Rotary Club \$10,000 Annual Donations Fund, was established to provide ongoing support to other community organization initiatives. We realized that the best support we can give our Partners is our consistent annual financial support. Each year, through fundraising, member donations and support from our sponsors, we make donations to other established community groups better positioned to directly help our youth and our community.

2024 - 2025 Recipients

Chatham Rotary Club Scholarship Fund

Each year two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to a deserving student from Chatham High School and one from Gretna High School to assist with the costs of college or university. This fund is managed and administered by the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region.



Chatham Rotary Foundation

The Chatham Rotary Foundation was set up as the 501(c)(3) for the Chatham Rotary Club. The Foundation was created to support the ideals of Rotary, primarily to benefit organizations and projects that enhance the betterment of the community of Chatham and the surrounding area. The Foundation is the primary recipient of grants for, and the administration of, the Reimagine Chatham Initiative.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Sponsorship of a local high school student to attend the District 7570 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar (RYLA) annually. Participants will have the opportunity to hear outstanding speakers, participate in team activities, practice leadership skills and grow personally by sharing ideas and experiences with peers throughout the district.



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Rotary District 7570 Wheelchair Initiative

The Chatham Rotary Club donates to this worthy program. Each year the Wheelchair Foundation awards a matching District grant to provide wheelchairs for those in need. Fundraising efforts and club donations enable the goal of filling at least 1 container (280 wheelchairs) each year for those in need.



Rotary International Clean Water Initiative

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters operates under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential and works to ignite, empower, and defend that potential through one-to-one mentorship.



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area

The Boys & Girls Clubs provide kids and teens a safe place to develop essential skills, make lasting connections and have fun. As a result, Club kids are more likely to graduate from high school, be physically active every day and volunteer in their communities.



Chatham First

A group of volunteers dedicated to a three-fold mission: to enhance quality of life for members of our community, to support local business and improve the commercial center, and to attract tourists to our area.



Church Based Tutorial

Providing free tutoring services in Danville, VA, Pittsylvania County, and Caswell County schools North Carolina. We help K-12 students excel academically, build confidence, and develop strong character.



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God's Pit Crew

Whether it's trained disaster response teams, construction projects, regional distribution or blessing buckets, God's Pit Crew stands with communities to provide the needs of people that have been impacted by disaster.



God's Storehouse

God's Storehouse works throughout the Danville and Pittsylvania County communities to collect food, distribute food resources to those in need, promote nutrition, and connect customers to local resources. This work is possible thanks in large part to community partner donations.



Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center

The Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center serves Pittsylvania County from Tightsqueeze to the Campbell County line. The distribution focuses on low and fixed income families in northern Pittsylvania County by delivering monthly food boxes.



SPCA of Pittsylvania County

The SPCA of Pittsylvania County is a volunteer foster-based animal rescue based in Chatham, VA. The organization is committed to ensuring positive outcomes for all animals while also working to reduce the overpopulation of companion animals.



Young Life

Young Life reaches out to middle school, high school and college-aged kids in all 50 of the United States as well as more than 90 countries around the world. There is no one type of person involved in Young Life - it's for everyone!



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ANNUAL GALA

Our signature event is the Kentucky Derby themed Annual Gala, and is as lively and entertaining as you might expect, while retaining the level of quality that the club has always been known for. The 2025 Run for The Roses Gala celebrated the running of the Kentucky Derby. We also used this time to promote the various projects of the Club and showcase our Annual Sponsors.

The evening's fun included:



VIP Seating & Parking
Bar and Themed Cocktails
Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres & Desserts
Live Music
A Wine & Truffle Pairing
Bourbon Tasting
Ballad Brewing Beer Flights
Pony Betting
Best Dressed Gentleman
Best Dressed Lady
Photo Booth

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Photo Booth Fun





2025 CHATHAM ROTARY CLUB **SPONSORS**

The Chatham Rotary Club is proud of the relationship we have with our community. We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for the generous support of our local business sponsors. Your support and belief in our mission help us achieve our goals for the community, and reinforces our commitment to the Rotary Motto: Service Above Self.

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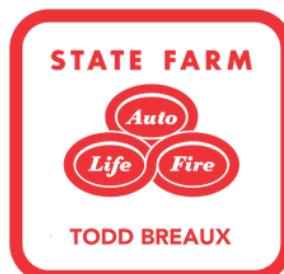


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LEAVE A LEGACY



Community Foundation
of the
Dan River Region



Leaving a legacy is about more than money or material possessions. Think about what matters most to you, and why it might be important to you to leave something behind. It can be a special summary of what your life has taught you, or how you want others to benefit from your legacy. Consider donating to the following funds that have been established by Chatham Rotary Club.

Chatham Rotary Club Scholarship Fund

Through the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region, Chatham Rotary Club created a scholarship fund for graduating seniors from Gretna High School and Chatham High School, with a preference for students who are a member of their school's Interact Club. Scholarships are an incredible source of financial assistance for young students today. Many student loans carry a "less than desirable" interest rate and create a financial burden for young professionals. Investment into our scholarship fund can enhance student performance, providing opportunities in education that will help them to succeed; it vastly reduces financial stress and helps students focus more on studies. The generosity of your donation can help alleviate the higher costs of education today.

Donate To the Scholarship Fund Here:

Scan the QR code or visit:
chathamrotaryclub.com/fundamentals/scholarships/



Chatham Rotary Foundation

When you donate to Chatham Rotary Foundation, you help to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Chatham and surrounding areas. Each year, Rotarians contribute to Build a Better Community through local giving. Not a Rotarian? If you are not a Rotarian but would like to contribute to our Foundation we welcome your contribution. The Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization and 100% of your contribution will stay in the local community. You will receive a letter recognizing your contribution for tax purposes.

Donate to the Rotary Foundation Here:

Scan the QR code or visit:
chathamrotaryclub.com/fundamentals/crc-foundation/





WAYS TO JOIN ROTARY



Are you interested in joining Rotary? Below are the different ways you can join the Chatham Rotary Club.



ROTARY MEMBER: Every organization needs active participants to achieve its goals. If you have the passion, interest, and your busy schedule allows, we encourage you to join us as a Rotary Member. The Chatham Rotary Club cannot survive without a vibrant and enthusiastic membership.



CLUB ADVOCATE: For those individuals who believe in what we do, but cannot commit to regular membership because of work and personal commitments, we invite you to join us as a Chatham Rotary Club Advocate (Individual Sponsor); and participate in the projects and events that interest you!



BUSINESS SPONSOR: For more than a decade, Chatham Rotary Club has expanded its reach and impact through the generous support of our local business. We understand businesses/owners cannot attend meetings, however, our service projects that benefit the community need funding to be successful. We therefore encourage your business to join us as a Business Sponsor.



ROTARY PARTNER: There's always so much to be done and there are many community organizations doing great work in our local community. Collaboration is key! Chatham Rotary Club is passionate about supporting the mission of other local organizations. Together we make things happen.

If you are interested in joining the Chatham Rotary Club, visit www.chathamrotaryclub.com/join or scan the QR code above to join today!

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