

Rotary Club of Springfield

2016-2017 Officers & Directors

PRESIDENT: Dan Kasmierski	DIRECTORS:
PRESIDENT-ELECT: JIM HEDRICK	Gary Black III (Membership)
SECRETARY: Joan Ledebur	Chuck Davidson (Club Administration)
TREASURER: CHUCK SLEEPER	PHIL STERNBERG (Service Projects)
IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT: Peter Lagerberg	Wayne Chiles (Rotary Foundation)
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Jim Hedrick	Margaret Thomas (Special Projects)
	Pat Locke (Youth)

Name	Call Name	Birthday	Classification
Mohammad Adenwalla	Moh	17-May	Service Stations
Garland C. Black III	Gary	1-Sep	Photography
Mark Blanchard	Mark	8 Feb	Education
Wayne Chiles	Wayne	16-Jul	Telecommunications
Robert Cohn	Robert	1 Oct	Chemistry
Angela Contee	Angie	5 Aug	Youth Activities
Charles Davidson	Chuck	19-Oct	Nuclear Physics
Carol Goldstone	Carol	5-Mar	Financial Planning Specialist
Christopher Harrison	Chris	6-Jan	Credit Card Processing
James Hedrick	Jim	15 Apr	Geology
Dan Kasmierski	Kaz	12 Sep	Information Technology
Peter Lagerberg	Peter	8-Jun	Broadcasting Administration
Joan Ledebur	Joan	26-May	Secondary School Admin
Stephen LeFevre	Steve	24 Jul	Software Engineering
Priscilla Locke	Pat	28-Nov	Ethics Coaching
Charles McPherson	Chuck	9-Sep	Computer Policy
Kyle Molldene	Kyle	31 Oct	Scout Executive
David Ogden	Dave	27-Jul	Government Relations
Darnell Scott	Darnell	7 Feb	Home Services
Charles Sleeper	Chuck	11 May	Bus Driving
Phillip Sternberg	Phil	20-Feb	International Scouting
Margaret Thomas	Margaret	23 Mar	Government Contracting/Law
Vickie Trumbetic	Vickie	28-Dec	Pension Consultant
George T. Ward	GT	24-Jul	Architect
Jackie Wilson	Jackie	29-Jan	Insurance

Birthday people are listed in **RED**

**The Four-Way Test
of the things we think, say or do:**

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

ROTARY WEEK

**Rotary Club of Springfield, VA
Thursday, 6 July 2017**

Literacy Month

Who taught you how to read? For most people, they learned in school. Some never learned. I taught myself by reading the Sunday Funnies when I was four. Then I got into comic books.

Books and magazines and newspapers opened up the whole world and even universes to me. I always wanted others to get the same joy as I did, so have helped others where and when I could.

Rotary has helped many and so I have

supported many Rotary projects in this area. Some of my favorite projects were: our club gave dictionaries to an elementary school one year; one of the clubs near Tysons Corner wanted to build and stock a whole library in India (the club there built a building and our district shipped five full shipping containers to them); RI supported a Dolly Parton led project to give a series of starter books to kids.

I can remember trying to read road signs

in Italy when I was over there to install a computer and teach the new owner how to use it. I was not literate for about a month as I crammed a Berlitz course.

I can remember teaching Marines how to speak, read and use electronic equipment. I taught many engineers and programmers how to read, speak, and write various dialects of Fortran.

I was on the standards committees for several other languages.

Agenda

- Call to order (1215)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation & Lunch
- Introduction of visitors and guests
- Announcements
- Program: **Phil**
- Happy Talk!
- News



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Day
4 Aug: 1790 Coast Guard Birthday
7 Aug: Purple Heart Day
19 Aug: National Aviation Day

ROTARY WEEK

Upcoming Events

16 Jul: Trinity A Bomb test
18-28 Jul: National BSA Jamboree
27 Jul: Korean Armistice

Send input by 10:00 PM Mon. to
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Joan Ledebur
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ShelterBox

Some weeks are busier than others in the disaster relief business. Sometimes you are waiting for others to act, sometimes the type of disaster does not need your type of relief. In Syria, Iraq, Columbia, Peru, Uganda, and Yemen, we are waiting for others to act. In Sri Lanka, the SRT has returned as they did not need our type of relief. In Peru, the damage was not our type, but more flooding is likely. In Niger, we just do not know yet, and in Chad, the locals are constructing 450 shelter kits. In Somalia, 443 kits are arriving now, to be distributed when possible. Mozambique got over 400 boxes that we hope are being distributed. Of course, hurricane season is starting and earthquakes seem to be increasing, so please donate now.

Program

Last week, we installed our new officers. July 6 is **Phil**. July 13 is **Thomas Janson** talking about Postal System Development. July 20 is **Jim Alper** whose expertise is in nature photography and Robotics. Then we start the new RI year, usually by visits from the AG, **James Kirkpatrick**, and then the new DG. August 3 is **Dr. Rowe** discussing SAT/ACT at Lee High School. Then we hear from **Paul Hardin** about his Eagle Project. He attends Troop 1525. On 17 August, we have scheduled **Chuck Davidson** on the RY 16-17 Springfield Rotary Foundation results. 24 is open. August 31 is State Senator, **Dave Marsden** who has been invited to give us an update on the General Assembly. New traffic laws went into effect on Monday. It is now a \$100 fine to go below the speed limit in the left lane, impeding traffic. The lane is for passing.

Service Above Self

During May, 269 clients visited ECHO (848 family members) and were given 1,384 bags of food and 396 bags of clothing. They also got 181 bed/bath linen items, 30 small appliances, 6 computers, and 15 layette/baby equipment items. Enrichment bags were given to 208 children. Financial aid of \$16,840 was expended on their behalf and they received fresh food coupons worth \$1,240. Food needs include boxed or bagged rice, jelly, large cans of juice, 6 oz. tomato paste, pancake mix, 2# bags of sugar, 8 oz. tomato sauce, coffee, bags of beans, facial tissue, shaving cream, deodorant, child/adult pain meds, toilet tissue, band aids, and laundry detergent. They always need brown paper grocery bags. Other needs include queen size bedding.

Our Members

After the usual beginnings, **Peter** introduced **Chuck D**, who commenced swearing in of our new Club President, **Dan Kasmierski**.



Dan then swore in those officers and directors who were present and the rest will follow when they can.



There was also a presentation of a

Paul Harris Award to a mystified Garfield Elementary teacher who had been told by her coworkers that they were taking her out to lunch.



Gary and Phil were stuck in traffic somewhere on a detour around an accident on I81 as they were returning from a Scout event at Camp Raven Knob. **Gary** has since posted pictures of an Order of the Arrow ceremony on Facebook.

Joan is off for a month taking care of private business in Texas, I think.

Mark is very busy with Scouting and is scheduled to join **Phil** and others at the National Boy Scout Jamboree.

Steve was awarded the Old Dominion District Key 6 Award at their annual awards dinner. His picture is on page 7 of The Old Rag for June and July/

I am headed to Cedar Point, Ohio soon to celebrate my sister's 80th birthday. I may join her kids and grandkids on a few of their roller coasters or at the pool.

We increase our membership by inviting people we know or meet to attend a meeting with us. If you have a good presentation prepared, you may surprised to see that you will seldom actually see the invitee. Do not be discouraged, as the national average is 3 out of 10 invited will show up, but only one will join. A lot leave in the first three years because of job changes and a feeling they did not fit in. We retain them by being friendly and giving them something real to accomplish. So, how many people will you invite to join us this summer?

MISC:

By the time we invited our late arriving guests from Garfield to join us for a meal, the food had ben cleared from the line and some of us were finishing dessert of fresh fruit cups. I

think we could have been smoother.

When you donate a computer to ECHO, they completely wipe the hard drive and install new operating system software. That can save you time and effort when

you replace your old stuff with the latest and better stuff. Yes, they still accept keyboards, mice, cables, power supplies, adapters and LCD monitors. Please recycle other electronic stuff at the dump.