

# THE ROOTS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7610

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District 7610 in the State of Virginia consists of 53 Rotary Clubs covering a vast area of the “Old Dominion” state’s 105,716 square kilometers. The District includes the populous counties of northern Virginia near the nation’s capital of Washington D. C.; extending northwest to the rolling hills and horse-country of the Leesburg area; to the south and west along the Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah Valley and Charlottesville area; southeast to where the York and Rappahannock Rivers empty into the great Chesapeake Bay; and east to the Potomac River boundary with the state of Maryland. It is a spectacular state and we invite you to visit us. Major cities and towns in our district include: Alexandria, Arlington, Charlottesville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Leesburg and Manassas. There are about 2200 Rotarians in the District with our clubs ranging in size from 150 members to those with a close-knit group of under twenty members.

What makes Rotary District 7610 special? The answer is easy. The Rotarians who inhabit these Virginia towns, farms, cities, and waterways often make special contributions to the quality of life of all. Amidst their private lives these men and women continue with community projects, GSE (Group Study Exchange) Teams, Paul Harris Fellows, RLYA (Rotary Leadership Training for Youth) cooperative global humanitarian missions, Ambassadorial Scholars, Open World Programs, and always fun and great fellowship. The state’s slogan, adopted in 2007, is “Live Passionately” and District 7610 is defined by our sprawling communities and the natural physical borders.

The first club chartered in then District 186 was Richmond in 1912-13. Rotary clubs next appeared in Charlottesville (1921) and Fredericksburg (1922). A complete list of clubs and charter dates is attached as an appendix and shows the spread of “Service Above Self.” The decade of 1925-35 saw nine clubs active including several in Central Virginia, plus Alexandria and Arlington. The pace slowed in 1934-45 with only Louisa County and Herndon joining before WW II erupted. Oddly, post war, 1945-55 also saw only two club charters, Warsaw (USA) and Falls Church. Faster progression began in 1955-65 with six clubs emerging, but with another slow period in 1965-1975 with only three new clubs. The most rapid periods for club growth were 1975-85 with eleven new charters, and 1985-95 with twelve clubs. However, in both decades one club each became inactive after chartering. The 1995-2005 era saw six new clubs, but again one club became inactive. The last period, 2005-2009 saw two clubs chartered, Centerville (2006) and North Stafford County -Garrisonville (2009) and one club becoming inactive (Millennium).

While the Northern and mid-Central sections of Virginia once were known for their agricultural, manufacturing, and tobacco industries, now service industries, governmental services and a growing technologically base have arisen to expand our regional economy. Tourism is a growing element as visitors see Revolutionary War and Civil War battlefields, museums, and historic landmark homes and properties.

## Rotary International’s District 7610 has a long and illustrious history with outstanding Governors

### Southern Division of

#### The International Associations Rotary Clubs

1912-1913	George W. Clark	Jacksonville FL
1913-1914	John E. Shelby	Birmingham AL

#### District 4 – Virginia, North and South Carolina

1915-1916	David P. Sites	Roanoke VA
1916-1917	Thomas B. McAdams	Richmond VA
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### District 7 – Virginia, North and South Carolina

1918-1919	Howard E. Ronthaler	Winston-Salem NC
1919-1920	Rogers W. Davis	Charlotte NC
1920-1921	Lewis W. Perrin	Spartanburg SC
1921-1922	Joseph A. Turner	Roanoke VA

### District 37 – Virginia (east of Tazewell, Smyth & Washington), North Carolina (east of Rockingham, Gilford, Randolph, Montgomery & Richmond), and West Virginia (1 co, Mercer)

1922-1923	Roger Moore	Wilmington NC
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1923-1924	G. Franklin Lenz	Newport News VA	1966-1967	George H. Burton, Jr.	Norfolk
1924-1925	M. Eugene Newsome	Durham NC	1967-1968	T. Roy Grubbs	Virginia Beach
1925-1926	Charles J. Smith	Salem VA	1968-1969	F. Karl Hellinger	Culpeper
<u>District 56 – Virginia</u>			1969-1970	George A. Chester	Fredericksburg
1926-1927	Frank W. Evans	Norfolk	1970-1971	Cloyd S. Steintnetz	Richmond
1927-1928	Will H. Suber	Charlottesville	1971-1972	Ira E. Price	Portsmouth
1928-1929	John Weymouth	Hampton	1972-1973	S. Waverly Putney, Jr	Farmville
1929-1930	Julian A. Burruss	Blacksburg	1973-1974	William W. Nelson	Richmond
1930-1931	C. Jeter Jones	Richmond	1974-1975	Ray P. Edwards	Norfolk
1931-1932	Charles K. Brown	Staunton	1975-1976	Peter G. Petro	Falls Church
1932-1933	Edward R. Johnson	Roanoke	1976-1977	Roger A. Beane	Petersburg
1933-1934	John E. Martin	Suffolk	1977-1978	Charles S. Ylonen	Sandston
1934-1935	Paul D. Bowden	Warrenton	1978-1979	Evan J. Male	Charlottesville
1935-1936	William McC. Paxton	Norfolk	1979-1980	James T. Parks	Springfield
1936-1937	William A. Luke	Covington	1980-1981	Charles R. Modlin	Smithfield
<u>District 187 – Virginia (east of western boundaries of Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Buckingham, Appomattox, Charlotte &amp; Halifax) and North Carolina (4 clubs: Edenton, Elizabeth City, Herford &amp; Manteo)</u>			1981-1982	Hugh Heishman	Arlington
1937-1938	Will R. Rowe	Irvington	1982-1983	Gerald L. Stephen	Springfield
	Illness prevented his serving		1983-1984	John P. Bowen	Hampton
1937-1938	George N. Mathews	Alexandria	1984-1985	Bernard H. Zeavin	Bailey's
1938-1939	Francis W. Chase	Suffolk	1985-1986	John K. Nelson	Richmond
1939-1940	James E. Mallonee	Hopewell	1986-1987	Robert A. Fleming	Annandale
1940-1941	Clyde N. Allen	Richmond	1987-1988	Robert C. Wrenn	Emporia
1941-1942	Branch Spaulding	Weems	<u>District 761 – Virginia (that portion east of western boundaries of Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Madison, Greene &amp; Albemarle &amp; north of southern boundaries of Albemarle, Louisa, Spotsylvania, Caroline, King William, Queen, Gloucester, &amp; Mathews &amp; west of Chesapeake Bay)</u>		
1942-1943	Ammon G. Dunton	White Stone	1988-1989	Bishnu P. Poudel	Tyson's
1943-1944	P. Winfree Fore	Culpeper	1989-1990	George F. Atwell	Leesburg
1944-1945	Raymond L. Woodall	Newport News	1990-1991	Thomas W. Winternitz	Kilmarnock
1945-1946	Claude W. Woodward	Richmond	<u>District 7610 (no geographic change from 761)</u>		
1946-1947	R. Stevens Gibbs	Portsmouth	1991-1992	Lloyd M. DeBoer	Fairfax
1947-1948	Ralph H. Bogle, Sr	Alexandria	1992-1993	Jack S. Kenyon	Bailey's
1948-1949	Dunton J. Fatherly	Exmore	1993-1994	D.R. Butler	Mount Vernon
<u>District 277 (same as 187 without NC clubs)</u>			1994-1995	Jay (Rocky) Jacobs	Springfield
1949-1950	William H. Sykes, Jr	Smithfield	1995-1996	Raymond L. Venator	W Springfield
1950-1951	Ray E. Reid	Arlington	1996-1997	Tin Tin Nu Raschid	McLean
1951-1952	Frank W. Kellam	Virginia Beach	1997-1998	Charles Bowden	Tyson's
1952-1953	Daniel J. Friedinan	Richmond	1998-1999	G. Graham Green III	Stafford
1953-1954	Thomas D. McGinnes	Kilmarnock	1999-2000	Jackie Wilson	Springfield
1954-1955	Ramone E. Eaton	Burke	2000-2001	Patrick Mullins	Louisa
1955-1956	Mark J. Stockton	Newport News	2001-2002	Andrew E. Turner	Mount Vernon
1956-1957	Walter N. Chiun, Jr	Charlottesville	2001-2003	Sandra Duckworth	Springfield
<u>District 760 (no geographic change from 277)</u>			2003-2004	John Bohm	W Springfield
1957-1958	William R. Maul	Norfolk	2004-2005	Jerry Evans	Rappahannock
1958-1959	Roger B. Sprigg	Arlington	2005-2006	John McKone	Middlesex
1959-1960	Winston K. Pendleton	Falls Church	2006-2007	Burt Lamkin	Herndon
1960-1961	Harold B. Kellam	Virginia Beach	2007-2008	Travis White	Burke
1961-1962	Fred W. Troy	Sandstone	2008-2009	Charles Davidson	Springfield
1962-1963	Bernard B. Ferguson, Jr	Portsmouth	2009-2010	Horace McCormack	Falls Church
1963-1964	George B. Colonna	Hampton	2010-2011	George Marion	Crystal City
1964-1965	Henry S. Holland, III	Richmond	2011-2012	Jon Allan	Burke
1965-1966	Peter A. Wallenborn	Charlottesville	2012-2013	Steve Cook	W Springfield

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## CLUBS AS OF APRIL 1, 2010

Charter	Charter		Current Clubs		
YEAR	DATE	CLUB			
1921	11-Apr	Charlottesville			
	1-Jun	Fredericksburg	1984	19-Jun	Purcellville
1926	25-Oct	Warrenton		21-Jun	Burke
1927	8-Feb	Culpeper	1985	19-Jun	Rappahannock-Fredericksburg
	24-May	Leesburg		25-Jun	Franconia (inactive)*
	3-May	Orange	1986	14-Jan	Fair Lakes (originally Fair Oaks)
	8-Jun	Tappahannock			
1928	1-Mar	Alexandria	1987	29-Jun	Mathews
1929	4-Jul	Arlington	1988	23-Feb	Lake Ridge
	5-Jul	Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone		17-Jun	Sterling
1931	24-Feb	Fairfax	1989	27-Apr	Gloucester Point
1938	28-Oct	Louisa County		1-May	Alexandria West End (originally Skyline) [inactive]
1939	8-Jun	Herndon		21-June	Rosslyn-Fort Myer
1946	22-Apr	Warsaw			
1952	30-Aug	Falls Church		24-Jun	Manassas-Bull Run
1962	15-Apr	Manassas		4-Dec	Northern Neck
	29-Jun	Gloucester	1990	26-Apr	Stafford
1965	13-Oct	Woodbridge		30-Jun	Leesburg Daybreak
	10-Nov	McLean		23-Feb	Alexandria South (originally West Potomac-East Fairfax)
	25-Jun	Annandale	1993		
	30-Jun	Vienna		24-Mar	Middlesex County
1967	30-Jun	Springfield	1997	3-Apr	Dunn Loring
1970	4-Dec	Reston		1-Jan	Caroline County
1971	20-May	Albemarle County	1998	6-Jan	West Point
1976	15-Feb	Bailey's Crossroads			Millennium Rotary Club of Northern Virginia (inactive)
	22-Apr	Warsaw	2001		
1976	30-Jun	Mount Vernon		25-Jun	Gainesville-Haymarket
1979	23-Feb	Dulles International Airport	2002	26-Jun	Centreville
1980	9-Apr	WestSpringfield(originally Springfield Breakfast)	2006		
			2009	24-Apr	North Stafford County-
1983	12-Apr	Tyson's Corner	Garrisonville		
	23-Apr	Blue Ridge Mountains	2010	19-Feb	Ashburn
1984	20-Apr	Crystal City-Pentagon			