

Rotary International District 7610 Profile

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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 Teams, Paul Harris Fellows, RLYA (Rotary Leadership Training for Youth) cooperative global humanitarian missions, Ambassadorial Scholars, and always fun and great fellowship. The state's slogan, adopted in 2007, is "Live Passionately" and exemplifies our Rotarians who offer their service to benefit their diverse communities.

Northern Virginia is the most populous region of the state. Yet, we are much more than the northern border of Washington, D.C., District 7610 is composed of 52 active and vibrant clubs. Our boundaries stretch from the Blue Ridge Mountains, Albemarle, and Charlottesville clubs in the west, to Mathews and Gloucester clubs on the eastern shoreline of Central Virginia, southward to West Point and other Central locations north of Richmond. Our clubs generally radiate out southerly and westward from the nation's capital, performing a wide array of community service and global humanitarian projects.

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).

The original district 186, included Richmond, the 69th club to join Rotary International. Thereafter the District changed to 7, 37, and 56. As RI grew so did our designation. We became District 187 in 1937. In 1949 we were District 277. Later in 1957 we were re-assigned as District 760. Then in 1988 the district was split into two Districts, 760 and 761. As both RI and the District expanded in 1991 our current designation, 7610, was established under then District Governor (DG), Lloyd Deboer (deceased). Significant aspects of the District are the first women governors, Tin Tin Nu Raschid (1996-1997) and Sandy Duckworth (2002-2003). Likewise, one District club has supplied six district governors in the modern era, Springfield. Of course, the early example, the Commonwealth of Virginia, may be said to be the grand-father of the United States. Maybe the state's drinking water better prepares national leaders (eight American presidents) and numerous Rotary District Governors?

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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.



District 7610 is defined by our sprawling communities and the natural physical borders. The Potomac River, bays and the ocean are our eastern and northern borders. The Blue Ridge Mountains are our physical boundary on the western side. 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. The current District Governor, pictured here, is Horace G. McCormack, 2009-2010. Our DG Elect (2010-2011) is George "Ron" Marion; and Jon Allan is the DG Nominee, 2011-2012.

List of Chartered Clubs and Dates:

District 7610 Club Charters

YEAR	DATE	CLUB
1921	11-Apr	Charlottesville
1922	1-Jun	Fredericksburg
1926	25-Oct	Warrenton
1927	8-Feb	Culpeper
	24-May	Leesburg
	3-May	Orange
	8-Jun	Tappahannock
1928	1-Mar	Alexandria
1929	4-Jul	Arlington
	5-Jul	Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone
1931	24-Feb	Fairfax
1938	28-Oct	Louisa County
1939	8-Jun	Herndon
1946	22-Apr	Warsaw
1952	30-Aug	Falls Church
1962	15-Apr	Manassas
	29-Jun	Gloucester
1965	13-Oct	Woodbridge
	10-Nov	McLean
	25-Jun	Annandale
	30-Jun	Vienna
1967	30-Jun	Springfield
1970	4-Dec	Reston
1971	20-May	Albemarle County
1976	15-Feb	Bailey's Crossroads

	22-Apr	Warsaw
1976	30-Jun	Mount Vernon
1979	23-Feb	Dulles International Airport
1980	9-Apr	West Springfield (originally Springfield Breakfast)
1983	12-Apr	Tyson's Corner
	23-Apr	Blue Ridge Mountains
1984	20-Apr	Crystal City-Pentagon
	19-Jun	Purcellville
	21-Jun	Burke
1985	19-Jun	Rappahannock-Fredericksburg
	25-Jun	Franconia (inactive)*
1986	14-Jan	Fair Lakes (originally Fair Oaks)
1987	29-Jun	Mathews
1988	23-Feb	Lake Ridge
	17-Jun	Sterling
1989	27-Apr	Gloucester Point
	1-May	Alexandria West End (originally Skyline) [inactive]
	21-June	Rosslyn-Fort Myer
	24-Jun	Manassas-Bull Run
1990	4-Dec	Northern Neck
	26-Apr	Stafford
	30-Jun	Leesburg Daybreak
1993	23-Feb	Alexandria South (originally West Potomac-East Fairfax)
1997	24-Mar	Middlesex County
	3-Apr	Dunn Loring
1998	1-Jan	Caroline County
	6-Jan	West Point
2001		Millennium Rotary Club of Northern Virginia (inactive)
2002	25-Jun	Gainesville-Haymarket

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2006 26-Jun Centreville
2009 24-Apr North Stafford County-Garrisonville

**Past District Governors,
Rotary International District 7610**

Southern Division of the International Assoc. Rotary Clubs

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

District 4 - Virginia, North & South Carolina

1916	David P. Sites	Roanoke, VA
1917	Thomas B. McAdams	Richmond, VA
1918	Thomas B. McAdams	Richmond, VA

District 7 – Virginia, North & South Carolina

1919	Howard E. Ronthaler	Winston-Salem, NC
1920	Rogers W. Davis	Charlotte, NC
1921	Lewis W. Perrin	Spartanburg, SC
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 county, Mercer)

1923	Roger Moore	Wilmington, NC
1924	G. Franklin Lenz	Newport News, VA
1925	M. Eugene Newsome	Durham, NC
1926	Charles J. Smith	Salem, VA

District 56 – Virginia

1927	Frank W. Evans	Norfolk
1928	Will H. Suber	Charlottesville
1929	John Weymouth	Hampton
1929-1930	Julian A. Burruss	Blackburg
1930-1931	C. Jeter Jones	Richmond
1931-1932	Charles K. Brown	Staunton
1932-1933	Edward R. Johnson	Roanoke
1933-1934	John E. Martin	Suffolk
1934-1935	Paul D. Bowdon	Warrenton
1935-1936	William McC Paxton	Norfolk
1936-1937	William A. Luke	Covington

District 187 – Virginia (east of western boundaries of Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Buckingham, Appomattox, Charlotte & Halifax) and North Carolina (4 Clubs: Edenton, Elizabeth City, Herford, & Manteo)

1937-1938	Will R. Rowe (illness)	Irvington
1937-1938	George N. Matthews	Alexandria
1938-1939	Francis F. Chase	Suffolk
1939-1940	James E. Mallonee	Hopewell
1940-1941	Clyde N. Allen	Richmond
1941-1942	Branch Spaulding	Weems
1942-1943	Armmmon G. Dunton	White Stone
1943-1944	P. Winfree Fore	Culpeper

1944-1945	Raymond L. Woodall	Newport News
1945-1946	Claude W. Woodward	Richmond
1946-1947	R. Stevens Gibbs	Portsmouth
1947-1948	Ralph H. Bogle, Sr.	Alexandria
1948-1949	Dunton J. Fatherly	Exmore
1949-1950	William H Sykes, Jr.	Smithfield
1950-1951	Ray E. Reid	Arlington
1951-1952	Frank W. Kellam	Virginia Beach
1952-1953	Daniel J. Friedinan	Richmond
1953-1954	Thomas D. McGinnes	Kilmarnock
1954-1955	Ramone E. Eaton	Burke
1955-1956	Mark J. Stockton	Newport News

District 760

1956-1957	Walter N. Chiun, Jr.	Charlottesville
1957-1958	William R. Maul	Norfolk
1958-1959	Roger B. Sprigg	Arlington
1959-1960	Winston K. Pendleton	Falls Church
1960-1961	Harold B. Kellam	Virginia Beach
1961-1962	Fred W. Troy	Sandstone
1962-1963	Bemard B. Ferguson, Jr.	Portsmouth
1963-1964	George B. Colonna	Hampton
1964-1965	Henry S. Holland, III	Richmond

1965-1966	Peter Wallenbom	Charlottesville
1966-1967	George H. Burton, Jr.	Norfolk
1967-1968	T. Roy Grubbs	Virginia Beach
1968-1969	F. Karl Hellinger	Culpeper
1969-1970	George A. Chester	Fredericksburg
1970-1971	Cloyd S. Steintnetz	Richmond
1971-1972	Ira E. Price	Portsmouth
1972-1973	S. Waverly Putney, Jr.	Farmville
1973-1974	William W. Nelson	Richmond
1974-1975	Ray P. Edwards	Norfolk
1975-1976	Peter G. Petro	Falls Church
1976-1977	Roger A. Beane	Petersburg
1977-1978	Charles S. "Chuck" Ylonen	Middlesex
1978-1979	Evan J. Male	Charlottesville
1979-1980	James T. Parks	Springfield
1980-1981	Charles Modlin	Smithfield
1981-1982	Hugh R. Heishman	Arlington
1982-1983	Gerald L. Stephen	Springfield
1983-1984	John P. Bowen	Hampton
1984-1985	Bernard H. "Bern" Zeavin	Bailey's Crossroads
1985-1986	John K. Nelson	Richmond
1986-1987	Robert A. "Bob" Fleming	Annandale

1987-1988 Robert C. Wrenn Emporia

District 760 Is Split into Districts (760 and 761) We became District 761.

1988-1989 Bishnu P. "Bish" Poudel Tysons Corner

1989-1990 George Atwell Leesburg-Daybreak

1990-1991 Thomas W. Winternitz Kilmarnock

District 761 Is Changed to District 7610

1991-1992 Lloyd M. Deboer Fairfax

1992-1993 Jack S. Kenyon Bailey's Crossroads

1993-1994 D. R. Butler Mount Vernon

1994-1995 Jay D. "Rocky" Jacobs Springfield

1995-1996 Raymond L. "Ray" Venator West Springfield

1996-1997 Tin Tin Nu Raschid McLean

1997-1998 J. Charles, "Charlie" Bowden Charlottesville

1998-1999 G. Graham Green III Stafford

1999-2000 Jackie Wilson Springfield

2000-2001 Pat Mullins Louisa County

2001-2002 Andy Turner Mount Vernon

2002-2003 Sandra "Sandy" Duckworth Springfield

2003-2004 John A. Bohm West Springfield

2004-2005 Jerry Evans Rappahannock-Fredericksburg

2005-2006 John McKone Middlesex

2006-2007 Burton E. "Burt" Lamkin Herndon

Comment [MSOffice3]: Ask Travis White, who was a President during Rocky's term as DG. I've also sent an email to Rocky to ask him.

2007-2008	Travis White	Burke
2008-2009	Charles N. "Chuck" Davidson	Springfield
2009-2010	Horace G. McCormack	Falls Church

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