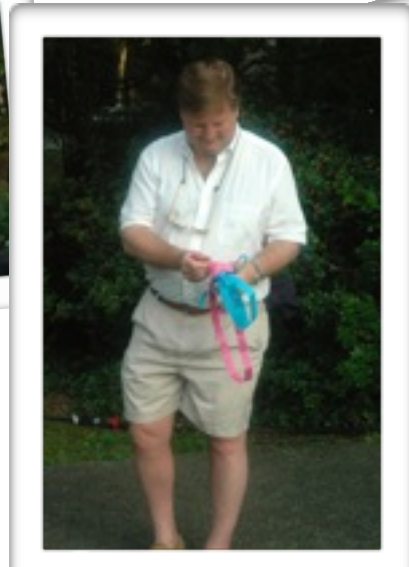


The Rotarian Review



ShrimpFest 2014

over \$17K in sponsorships!

even with ticket receipts outstanding, our net revenue is \$19,240!

over 700 attendees!

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD of DIRECTORS

Sherri McQuillan-President



McKim Williams-
President Elect



Sharyn Fox-Immediate Past President



Secretary-Mike Fox

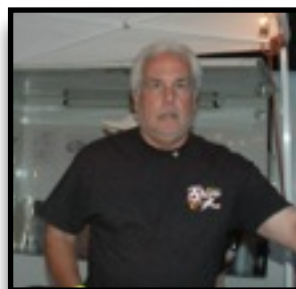


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Randy Yocum



Six Directors:

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Newport News
Rotary Club



THE NEWPORT NEWS ROTARY CLUB

Cordially invites you and your guest to attend
A celebration for the Club's 98th Anniversary

Charter Night

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

In the **GREAT HALL OF STEAM**

Mariners Museum

Newport News, VA

6:00PM - 9:00PM

\$25.00 per person

Please RSVP to Mac Williams by July 30, 2014

757-599-2219 or mckimw@yahoo.com

Checks should be made payable to the Newport News Rotary Club

Cash bar

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...and a word from Sharyn

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for such a wonderful year as your president in 2013-14. We started out as **Rotary Club of the year** thanks to Chris Davidson's leadership last year – and as far as I am concerned we have ended up as the **Greatest Rotary Club ever** - thanks to all of you! Here are just a few highlights of an amazing and fantastic year:

- We received a \$5000 grant from the District to match funds for our signature **ACE project** to match our club's \$15,000 contribution.
 - Membership has grown from 77 to 93 which sets us up for 100 members by 2016, our 100th anniversary! New members were a key to our success - working on committees and becoming involved at every level.
 - Our successful web site was launched thanks to Tim Ryan.
 - Our first successful event was the baseball outing for **Polio Plus**.
 - **Charter night** in August at 99 Main was also a great party. Rhiannon Brownell took the lead on organizing and we honored Sherri McQuillan as our **Rotarian of the Year**. We knew what we were doing there!
 - Robert and Mary Cowling again organized and championed one of the most successful **Children's Fishing Clinics**. █
 - Our social media presence has been enhanced through our club **Facebook** page and our members only Facebook group page. If you are not on FB, you may want to reconsider as this has proven to be a great way of communicating.
 - Duane Stephens stepped up to offer his board room at **Saint Leo University** for all of our board meetings. Thank you Duane for helping us out with such great accommodations.
 - Three of our members traveled to Haiti to check out the **Bridges to Prosperity Program** completion we participated in. Ken Frantz, Lisa Holland and Alicia Spencer all proved *service above self* is the way to live our lives. As a result of that trip, Alicia organized a drive for dolls for children in Haiti and we were happy to participate.
 - Roma Frye and Robyn Long kept us in the loop on other international Rotary opportunities and we are continuing to pursue a **Rwanda grant**.
 - We held a new members reception and new member orientation this year.
 - Ken Hodge, Bob Killebrew and Rick Elofson helped out with our **Fireside Chats**.
 - Joe Lumia jumped in to lead our new member orientation process.
 - Katey O'Brien stepped up to handle mailings for birthdays and other events.
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- Ron Beiszczad took the lead again on our participation in the annual **Science Fair** and we were delighted to host the seven award winners and present them each with \$150.
- Our club held several social networking events which proved to be a successful way for our members to network with each other. **1st Friday coffee outings** were organized and enjoyed by many at Aroma's each month.
- Our public relations program was hugely successful thanks to Tracey Toole and Roma Frye for our pictures and newsletters.
- Our **Salvation Army box night** was successfully completed in record time thanks to Athena Robbins.
- We had a fun and celebratory holiday party at Flora Chioros's lovely home in December.
- Our **meeting programs** were interesting and thoughtful thanks to Larry Boyles and Athena Robbins. We were able to present interesting, informative, moving and amusing speakers.
- Our **Access to Career Education program** again helped several deserving people move into better employment thanks to Michael Shapiro, Bob Killebrew and Mary Cowling and the other dedicated committee members.
- We donated over \$4000 to community charities thanks to our members and the efforts of our community contributions committee led by Beth Moore.
- Thanks to the tireless efforts of Josh Ellis, Rick Elofson and Liv Whiting, we collected a large number of dues that had been in arrears for quite some time and hired a bookkeeping firm to handle our financial accounts.
- We worked through all of our District goals and training thanks to our AG Patty Heath.
- We had members at many civic and charitable events throughout the year and proved once again that Newport News Rotarians are the best at community leadership and giving back to community organizations.
- Under the leadership of Jennifer Frank and Sherri McQuillan we had a sold out **Shrimpfest** and raised over \$17,000 in sponsorships - a new record.
- We have had our highs and lows, certainly the passing of our dear friend and dedicated Rotarian Frank Maxey was truly a huge loss to us all.
- And of course, our wonderful board of directors helped guide us through the year. Thank you Sherri McQuillan, Mike Fox, Bob Killebrew, Duane Stephens, Josh Ellis, Randy Yocum, Mayi Henriquez, Michael F. Carpenter, Robin MacArthur, Nikita Bailey, Tim Kroskey, Duane Stephens and Chris Davidson. And a very special thanks to the wonderful and dedicated Liv Whiting who kept me on course for an entire year! I couldn't have made it without him!

I have had the time of my life. Never have I spent such a challenging, invigorating and satisfying year. You have all become my friends and I have loved the opportunity to serve with you. It is with a heart full of thanks that I end my year as your President.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Sharyn Fox

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