



# Colonial Heights Rotary Club Newsletter – March 31, 2011

## Rotarians respond to Japan, Earthquake, Tsunami

Rotarians have been finding a number of ways to help victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan that killed thousands and left hundreds of thousands more homeless.

In response to the disasters, The Rotary Foundation established the [Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund](#), which will support long-term recovery projects in the affected areas. More than US\$500,000 has been donated since the fund opened on 11 March.

Excerpt of article by Ryan Hyland and Dan Nixon on the Rotary International Website

## Today's Program:

### Jamie Sherry

Will be joining us  
from **Colonial  
Heights  
Neighborhood  
Revitalization**

**Peanut sales are  
continuing. Keep the  
orders coming....  
Also, please share  
other fundraising  
ideas you may  
have!!!!**

### Quote of the Month from the Rotary International Website

"Just as Rotary itself can never keep its place unless it is constantly growing, so each individual Rotary Club cannot afford to stand still while the stream of life moves onward."  
— Armando de Arruda Pereira, 1940-41 RI president, in *The Rotarian*, February 1941



## SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Members interested in another painting project at Jackson-Field Homes please contact Jo.  
Members interested in building another ramp, please contact Tim.

## From the Chester Rotary Club

We have invited DG Jayne and DGE Jim to be our guests at a special club meeting beginning at 8am on April 13, 2011 at the Virginia War Memorial. The purpose of this one time change in club meeting location is to hear remarks by ex-prisoner of war (POW) Paul Galanti followed by a tour of the new Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center and the War Memorial. It is our privilege to invite you and your club members to join us!

The new Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center is housed in the Virginia War Memorial to honor the selfless service of the many to America. Lieutenant Paul Galanti, a Navy A-4 attack jet pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam in 1966 and was a POW at the Hanoi Hilton for 6 ½ years. His wife Phyllis led a letter writing campaign to force the North Vietnamese captors to provide humane treatment of prisoners and that help lead to their release from captivity. The description of how Commander Galanti (USN, Retired) has continued to serve Virginia and America since his release from captivity is contained in the attachment to this email.

Chester Rotary has arranged for Paul Galanti to speak to Rotarians at breakfast to be followed by a tour of the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center and War Memorial. You and your club members are invited to join with us to learn more about the bravery of America's finest citizens during a dark period in their lives. This was a period when personal triumph was displayed through character and courage, respect for self and others, and through the ever present spirit of the American fighting man. He will take questions during his presentation. Following the 8am breakfast event that should last about one hour, the tour will be self-paced.

The cost for Rotarians is \$10.00. This is the cost of breakfast. If your Rotary Club has members interested in joining us, please let me know by return email and a member of this club will contact your club direct to firm up participation details. The breakfast and tour is on a pre-paid basis to limit the participation to the maximum size of 100. We need to confirm numbers by April 2, 2011.

The Virginia War Memorial is located at 621 South Belvidere Street in Richmond. Once again, the event will begin promptly at 8am

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

4/7/11	Nancy Vance	Thomas Mattis, City Manager of Colonial Heights
4/14/11	Judi Vaughan	Dwight Nave, Director Tri Cities Habitat for Humanity

## District Assembly Announcement

*The District Assembly will be April 16, 2011 at Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, Virginia. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast, fellowship and networking will begin at 8:30 a.m. The opening plenary will begin at 9:00 a.m. The cost is thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).*