

D7600 Alumni Association's Five Year Anniversary

What a good time was had by all..... all attending the Alumni Association's events at the District Conference on Saturday, 29 September 2018.

First of all, the morning alumni breakout featuring three speakers - GSE - India Team Member Mike Desplaines, GSE - England Team Member and DGE Clenise Platt, and Rotary Peace Fellow Bianca Neff - was well attended. Mike, Clenise and Bianca told of their diverse experiences and answered questions.



In the afternoon, the action moved to the Williamsburg Lodge with several events occurring in rapid succession. The Kitten & Puppy Shower service project was a partnership among the Alumni Association, New Kent High School Interact, the Rotary Club of New Kent, and the Proclaiming Grace Outreach. It was a huge success with a large amount of animal care necessities provided along with a \$6,000 check from the Proclaiming Grace Outreach to the New Kent Humane Society and Animal Shelter.



Afterwards, President's Representative Elizabeth Usovicz inducted 8 new members into the Alumni Association Class of 2018. Inducted were: Jenna Davila (Rotaract), Angela Seamster (Group Study Exchange), John Miller, (Ambassadorial Scholar), Jamshid Bakhtiani (Global Scholar), Janice Rowley (NID participant), Carol Chamberlain (NID participant), Appaiah Ballachanda (Global Grant recipient), and Bianca Neff (Rotary Peace Fellow). PDG Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary's first female Club President, was also on hand to congratulate our new members.



During the following reception, Alumni Association President Ken Hodge conducted the annual meeting and noted that our association is celebrating its fifth anniversary. Plans were discussed regarding social media awareness, speaker's bureau, World Polio Day, and a spring service project.

The Alumni panel was streamed via Facebook Live and can be replayed on the Alumni Association's Facebook Page. See below the links to the page (first one) and the video itself (second one).

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