

## COVID Highlights 2020-21

As we started the "Rotary Opens Opportunities" year in July 2020, the Alumni Leadership Team did not miss a beat with a 'virtual' planning meeting, which gave us momentum towards the District Conference.

- Our participation in the Discon was a HUGE success > HOF display, in-person/virtual Alumni Panel discussion, homeless sock donations to the Judeo-Christian Center in Norfolk, a well-attended reception, and the induction ceremony for the 'Class of 2020' (4 in-person & 6 virtual)!
- In January, 2021, we had another Leadership Team 'virtual' planning meeting which gave us several initiatives for the spring.
- February brought us a fantastic "Food and Culture" social. Alumni presented recipes, with some background history, from all over the world > Lebanon, Spain, Transylvania, Brazil, UK and good 'ole' USA Brunswick Stew.
- In March & April, Alumni Ashley Olin was instrumental in starting a new E-Club in the District. Several 'virtual' Alumni participated in the start-up.
- April also brought us the start of our spring service project > Ponchos for the Homeless. This project, headed up by Association President John Miller, resulted in ponchos provided to Norfolk and Richmond homeless shelters.
- In May, we held another social, called "The Brain Trust", where Alumni met virtually (with drink in hand), to talk about a memorable Rotary experience.
- Also in May, Alumni Relations at Rotary Int'l called and we were featured in a zoom call with Alumni Associations around the world to tell 'how we keep the momentum going from year-to-year.'

As we start the new Rotary year "Serve to Change Lives", we embark again on our efforts to support the Discon and induct a new class of alumni. We also embark on a first-ever service project called > **THE ALUMNI COOKBOOK!**