This is the fourth issue of the District 7490 Bulletin, which is now published and sent every other Thursday to all regular and honorary members of our District who are listed on Club Runner. It includes the latest news of what is going to happen in our District and in our individual Rotary Clubs. Clubs who wish to share pictures of their events after they happen should send them to sstamos@optonline.net.  Clubs who wish to share their events should send me information about their events by the Wednesday before planned publication; the next due date will be September 8**.** Please include the name of the event, when and where it will be, the cost, whom it will benefit, and who the contact person for the event is, including their phone number and e-mail.  If you have special projects where you want to involve other clubs, then you can do that, too.  I will also attach (but only once) a flyer you send me in PDF or Word or jpg format. Please don't make that flyer too complicated, though, as I have a maximum of 4 MG. You can reach me at Botzie@aol.com or call me at (201) 446-1814 if you have questions.

**DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES**

**Third District Meeting**

Our next District Meeting of 2021-22 is planned for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Saddle Brook, NJ. The new and very large District Directory will be handed out to Assistant Governors at this meeting. If you are an AG and will not be attending, then you can pick up your clubs' Directories at DG John Susani's office: Coldwell Banker Real Estate, 209 Union Avenue, Paterson. Watch your e-mail for a notice from Chief of Staff Jay Fowler regarding this meeting.

**District Extending the Deadline to Pay for Two New Members per Club until September 30**

Many clubs have already begun to recruit two new members under DG John Susani's terrific offer to pay for both the Rotary International Dues and the District Dues. Because several clubs are not meeting now due to so many vacations, plus Labor Day and the Jewish holidays coming up,  DG John has graciously extended the deadline for this to September  30. Once again, clubs are encouraged to nominate family members (siblings, spouses, adult children) of Board members or other active members.  ***All clubs should report the names and contact information of these new members to Membership Chair JoEllen Knie*** at joellenknie@gmail.com by September 20. Clubs should also try to develop satellite clubs, clubs for special interests, corporate clubs. DG John Susani has a goal of getting at least 100 new members by the end of September.

**Our Rotary District 7490 Conference** will be held May 19-22 at the beautiful TRS Resort in Puntacana, Dominican Republic. Co-Conference Chairs PDG Joe Laureni and PDG Joe Dino have arranged for us to get really great rates for this luxury resort.  For those with children, there is a special resort area right across the street! When you reserve, please e-mail a photo of your passport plus a photo of your COVID vaccination card to PDG Joseph Dino at josephdinojr@optonline.net, along with the brochure if using a check.  You can e-mail your registration to PDG Joe Dino, too. *Use the attached flyer to register by October 1.*  Don't miss out!  Register now!

**Need funding for a community project? Apply for funding through our District Designated Funds Program now!**Your project should fit within Rotary’s 7 Areas of Focus (see attached application). The RI Foundation Committee will be ***receiving grant applications for community projects until October 1, 2021***, at which time the Committee will meet to decide on awards. Clubs will have 2 years to complete their projects. Club donations to the Rotary Foundation will be considered along with your application. Clubs with grant applications will be notified by November 1, 2021. Thinking about a Global Grant? If your club is interested in applying for District Designated Funds for a Global Grant, please reach out to Maria Rini directly. We would like to hear from you as soon as possible, as funding is extremely limited this year. Attached are the Memorandum of Understanding as well as the application that need to be completed for a local project and returned to Maria Rini - Maria@BergenHouses.com or mail to her at: 632 Iroquois Street, Oradell, NJ 07649

**Join the District at a showing of Rotary’s 2021 Polio Update Online via Zoom October 25 at 7 PM (World Polio Day 2021)**

The Zoom link will be made available as we near the event. The showing will be followed by Q&A with Dr. Jim Cole, Phil Wilson and Gov. John Susani.   The program will last one hour. This is a key moment in history in the fight to eradicate polio from the world. Rotary has had a major leadership role in this struggle for 36 years. ***Schedule now*** either Polio Co-Chairs Dr. Jim Cole or Phil Wilson to speak at your Club sometime during this Rotary year!

**"Breakfast with Champions" Food Collection Drive, September 18** (or that weekend)

Our Breakfast with Champions Food Collection Drive is going really well.  We have participants in seven states throughout the country, as well as many of our D 7490 clubs.

If  your club plans to hold a food collection drive that weekend, but have not yet registered,  PLEASE register now at <https://tinyurl.com/BwCRegistration>.  You can find more information at <https://tinyurl.com/ChampionsInformation>. Remember, this food collection drive is open to all organizations, not just Rotary.

All those who already registered should have received a tool box with a sample flyer, sample press release, sample PSA, receipt to bring to the food pantry your group chose, and a list of foods that one food pantry, Center for Food Action, recommends.  Please check all food donations to make sure they are not near their expiration date.

*Just a reminder that we are NOT able to collect the food in a central location and then bring it to the food pantry.* We ask that each club or group bring its own donations to the chosen food pantry, then ask them to fill out the receipt and send it back to me at Botzie@aol.com.

When you include all of the organizations affiliated with the groups already registered, that means that more than 60 organizations/companies are already working together to allay food insecurity.

We want to have some fun with this, especially when we include our youth (Interact, React and Rotaract Clubs, as well as schools). *Lois Horowitz from the Paramus Rotary suggests that each club or group weighs what they are donating and we will have a contest to see who collects the most food. The winning club will get a bonus free member (excluding club dues)*

We also recommend that you take some of the donated cans and boxes and make castles or buildings out of them, then video that, send it to us and post the photos and videos on Facebook or on TikTok.

If you have questions,  please e-mail me at Botzie@aol.com.

**CLUB EVENTS**

**The Secaucus Rotary Club presents "Play with the Best!" - a "Texas Hold 'Em" Poker Tournament Fund Raiser on Saturday, September 25, 2021** from 6 to 11 pm at the VFW Hall, 1400 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ.  Live Licensed Dealers will be managed by Mike's Poker Tables.  It will cost you $100 to ante in to win over $4,000 in gift cards.  There will be a cash bar, and light sandwiches/refreshments available.  For more information, contact Don Evanson at 201-902-9742 or donevanson@aol.com to register.

Proceeds support various Secaucus Community projects. *Flyer attached.*

**Rotary Club of The Palisades will have its annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 26** from 2-8 at the American Legion, outdoors, in Leonia. This year, they will have a food truck with German good, music and dance entertainment, and plenty of beer. Appropriate COVID protocols will be followed. Please bring with you non-perishable food donations that can be used as part of their "Breakfast with Champions" collection. Tickets will be available at the door, and shortly on their website, [palisades-rotary.org](http://palisades-rotary.org/)

**Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club is sponsoring Rotary Yoga in the Street on Sunday, September 26 at 10 am on Plaza Road (Fair Lawn) between Fair Lawn Avenue and High Street**.  The session will be led by Yoga Instructor Michele Maltese.  Bring your own mat.  The cost is $25.  All proceeds will go to local Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary projects.  Checks can be made payable to Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary, PO Box 112, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Any group or business in the Health & Wellness Industry that would like to have a table to display their services can reserve a spot for $50. For more information, call Joan Piela at 609-781-3110 or e-mail joanpiela@yahoo.com.

**Park Ridge Rotary Club and Halfway Hounds 5K Run/Walk**will be held *virtually* this year between Sunday, September 19 through Sunday September 26, 2021. Sign up at:<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/ParkRidge/ParkRidgeRotaryHalfwayHounds5k>

Entry Fees: Non-refundable - Online:  Early registration is $10.00 before September 6. After September 6 - $13.00. Proceeds will once again support local student scholarships and homeless dogs. Participants can complete a 5K (3.1 miles) wherever you choose to safely complete your run/walk.  And in keeping with our tradition, you can still run or walk with your dog too! You can Run/Walk in your yard, in your home, on a street, on a treadmill, wherever it is convenient and safe to participate while adhering to the health and safety guidelines in effect at the time of the event.  You can submit your time if you would like.  PLEASE do send us a picture of yourself and/or your dog during your run/walk while wearing your virtual bib.  *Flyer attached.*

**The Ridgewood AM and Wyckoff/Midland Park Rotary Clubs are pleased to present David S. Frey, Ph.D**, Professor of History, Director for the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and CoChair, Diversity & Inclusion Studies Minor at West Point. You may have seen that the US Senate just passed a bill honoring the Richie Boys for their contribution during World War II.  The program will be presented on Tuesday, September 14th at the Ridgewood Public Library.  There is limited number of in person seating due to COVID restrictions, however the program will also be presented live on Facebook and You Tube. The program will be recorded and will become an exhibit at the Holocaust Museum at Camp Richie and at the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC.

**Hawthorne Rotary Club invites you to a Taste of Hawthorne**to be held on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm at Macaluso's.  Cost is $50/person. Tickets are available to purchase at Diamond Wines & liquors in Hawthorne and at the Municipal Building. Proceeds support Rotary scholarships and community projects. *Flyer attached*

**Bergen Highlands/Ramsey Rotary Club** will hold a Rotary Pizza Festival on Saturday, September 18th at the Adorno Fathers, 575 Darlington Avenue, Ramsey. The event will offering beer, wine, soft drinks and pizza galore.  There will be music, games and prizes.  Those attending will be asked to bring food for the "Breakfast with Champions" Food Collection Drive. For more information, contact rotarypizzafest@gmail.com.

***Remember to send me your upcoming events and programs to*** ***Botzie@aol.com******.***

***Next deadline is September 9, 2021***

Yours in Rotary service,

PDG Bonnie Sirower