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District Governor's May Newsletter

May 3, 2017

We Celebrated Our 2016-17 Rotary Year, and Planned for 2017-18 and Beyond!

Many of you spent this past weekend both planning and celebrating how we *Do GOOD & Have FUN* at our District Conference & District Assembly, each at the magnificent Mohonk Mountain House. As many of you who were there have shared with me, and on social media, it is tough to decide which was most impressive; the incredible presentations by our own members as well as our guests, the majestic beauty of the venue, the nearly endless list of Clubs and individuals who were honored for their many accomplishments thus far this year, the spectacular food on which we dined, or the awe inspiring history of the very room in which we met, where world leaders have been meeting to discuss and resolve significant humanitarian issues since 1895. My personal gratitude goes out to ALL involved (and there were MANY), but in particular I want to thank Conference Chair Cindie Kish, Conference Registrar Sue Doyle, DGE Jim Damiani, DGN Chrissy Giangrosso, PDG Bill Bassett & PDG Drew Kessler. Check out the many great photos from this event on our Facebook page, provided by photographers Maureen Gates, Michael Tjoa, Laurie Quinn, and others: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7210/>

Did I Mention that the Conference & Assembly Speakers were Incredible?

We debuted a new and highly efficient format for the District Conference & Assembly this year by reducing the Conference to a single day, and combining that with District Assembly the next day (rather than on a separate/late weekend). Despite these efficiencies, we were still able to provide the full array of high quality speakers (yet still give everyone enough free time to explore Mohonk's abundant natural resources and amenities). If your Club is looking for a great Speaker and/or topic, consider these:

Let's Have a Conversation - Substance Abuse Disorder: Michael Polasek mpolasek@outlook.com
Senior Home Assistance Program - Home maintenance: Mike Frazier michaelfrazier@earthlink.net
A Peaceful Environment & World - Mohonk Consultations: Brad Berg bradb7@optonline.net
Rotary Tree Planting Project – The Rotary President's Challenge: John Wickes wickes@aol.com

MANY Awards for the Clubs Completing our Goals for 2016-17, Congratulation to ALL!

Many Clubs were honored for their progress toward achieving our 2016-17 Goals, including:

Membership: We have increased by a net of 52 members year to date!!! Our membership Leaders, with growth of 3 to 9 members each, are Wallkill East, Rhinebeck, LaGrange Sunrise, Suffern, Pleasant Valley, Kingston Sunrise, Millbrook, Red Hook, Greater Newburgh, Walden, Brewster, Coxsackie-Athens, Wappingers Falls and Brewster, with 14 other Clubs also growing by at least 1 or 2 members.

Foundation Support: We are on track for meeting/exceeding our 100 & 100 for the 100th Centennial Challenge. Our Foundation Support Leaders, averaging \$100 to \$250/member include Suffern, LaGrange Sunrise, Rhinebeck, Wallkill East, Pleasant Valley, Highland, Hyde Park and Brewster, with another 11 Clubs being recognized for being close enough to easily complete the Challenge by July 1.

Presidential Citation: We've also challenged all of our Clubs to exhibit their vibrancy by achieving the Presidential Citation, and the LaGrange Sunrise, Rhinebeck, Pleasant Valley, Suffern and Wallkill East Clubs have done so, with 12 other Clubs recognized for being close to achieving the Award by July 1. Region 3 was recognized for having each one of their Clubs achieving Honors at the Conference Awards.

Don't Miss the Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration, May 17 in Rye, NY!

The FUN is not over, we're going to honor OUR Foundation and it's supporters at this May 17 Gala! Register for, or learn more about, this event on the District's website: [Rotary Centennial Celebration](#)

Enjoy May, and all the wonders of Springtime in our Hudson Valley!

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