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Rotary District 7430 Newsletter

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Dear District 7430 Rotarians,

I hope this note finds each of you healthy and safe. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families during this difficult time. We want to thank all of you who are working long hours in those life sustaining businesses to provide health care, food, security and so many other critical needs. We also want to thank all who are finding ways to safely help others in their time of need.

Who would have thought a month ago, we would be where we are today? As a district, we have three current areas of focus:

1. **Staying Connected as Rotarians** - We are strongly encouraging our clubs to hold online meetings and have provided guidance on this topic to all club leaders.
Clubs, please don't go dark during this critical time!
2. **Sharing Local Needs and Solutions** - We have setup a Facebook group on our District 7430 page called "District 7430 CAREmongers" and you are all welcome to join and contribute. The purpose is to share local community needs and stories of how we respond to those needs. We have already had successes connecting local community needs from one club with People of Action from different clubs through this Facebook group.
3. **Staying Informed** - Finally, to keep Rotarians better informed from a public health perspective, Angelo DeVita (a 20+ year Health Care professional with a Masters Degree in Public Health) from the Blue Bell Rotary Club is writing a weekly blog which we are sharing on our District Facebook page. This week's topic is on COVID-19 testing.

Our April video on local community service was created in February before the COVID-19 pandemic hit home.

[Click Here](#) to view our April video message

Enjoy and stay safe.

DG Herb



District Goals Progress Report

The following is a summary of our progress towards several of our District's goals after nine months for 2019-20.

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Achieved as of 3/31</u>
<u>Membership Goals</u>		
Net Increase in Membership	100	34
Number of New Clubs	3	2
<u>Rotary Foundation Service Goals</u>		
Number of Clubs Participating in District Grants	35	37*
<u>Rotary Foundation Giving Goals</u>		
Net Increase in Rotary Direct Participants	100	59
Net Increase in Paul Harris Society Members	25	25*
Purple Pinkie Race to Zero Polio Plus Donations	\$42,000	\$60,000*
Annual Fund – Share Donations	\$230,000	\$142,000

* - Goal has been achieved or exceeded!



**Check out the
Rotary District 7430 Facebook page
for all the latest District and Club news plus
useful information.**



Recently added posts include an interesting article from Blue Bell Rotarian Angelo DeVita regarding COVID-19 Testing, check it out!



Rotary International Convention Canceled

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The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 6-10 June 2020, in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, has been canceled in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus. The decision is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved. We are working diligently to inform registrants and process refunds.



Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Regional contests and the District final scheduled for April 25, 2020 have been canceled.



D7430 Annual Conference Canceled

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For the health and safety of all our Rotarians, the April 24-26, 2020 District 7430 Conference is cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. For all those who registered, you will be receiving separate credit card refunds for both the registration fee and the hotel deposit, if applicable.

Please look for additional communications from me in the coming days. Stay safe.

Thanks for all you do for Rotary,

DG HERB





While we can practice “social distancing” to stop the spread of COVID-19, displaced persons in refugee camps do not have that luxury. The ShelterBox response teams are doing what they can to help alleviate and limit the spread of COVID-19 in these camps. To learn more and donate, visit <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/>.



As clubs move to online meetings, we are available to do presentations using Zoom or GoToMeeting. Contact Bill Tuszynski (wtuszynski@verizon.net or 267-274-1631) or Hank Tur (htur1651@gmail.com or 267-221-16510) to arrange.





District #7430 CAREmongers Respond to Crisis

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By Marlene Heller, Allentown West Rotary

Reports from our Rotary district members are being reported on the Facebook Rotary District #7430 CAREmongers group page. Read on for some good news about what our members are doing to provide service to others during the Covid-19 outbreak. And if you have something to add, please head over to the Rotary District #7430 CAREmongers FB page and add it! Good news is always worth sharing!

- Quakertown Rotarians have been volunteering at the Quakertown Food Pantry.
- The Blue Bell Rotary Club has joined with the Interfaith Housing Alliance to provide much-needed items such as plastic utensils, disposable plates and cups, coffee, and more for the IFA clients.
- Whitehall Rotary members collected boxes of instant oatmeal, as requested by the school district, and President Diane Silfies Davidson dropped them off at the school.
- Members from various clubs are donating blood via the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, to make up for all the canceled blood drives. Miller-Keystone is the only blood provider for the 29 local regional hospitals.
- Gail Micca of Allentown West Rotary started a fundraiser on Facebook for Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast PA.
- Rotary Club of Harleysville planted veggies at Garden of Health Food Bank.

Rotarians are People of Action.



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PEOPLE of ACTION



For the third year, the Emmaus Rotary Club celebrated International Women's Day by recognizing two outstanding women from the Lehigh Valley who exemplify the Rotary values of "Service Above Self" at its Breakfast Awards Ceremony held on March 5 at the Brookside Country Club, Macungie, PA. The Emmaus Rotary Club is the first club in District 7430 to recognize women in celebration of this important day.



Awards were presented to Jill Long of Bethlehem, PA, a member of the Bethlehem Rotary Club, and to Corinne Goodwin, Leader of Lehigh Valley Transgender Renaissance.

Jill Long has been a member of the Bethlehem Rotary Club since 2014. As the Community Service Committee chair, she is responsible for overseeing, as well as being an active member in the following committees: Membership, Golf, Hunger Outreach, Dictionary Project and "Taste & Tunes," an event which has raised over \$200,000 in six years and has benefitted many charities. She is also very active in the Phillies Strike-Out Tournament every August and in 2010, she participated in the Rotaplast Medical Mission to Pereira, Colombia in South America, serving as a photojournalist.

Jill is also a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation and has earned a Paul Harris +2 recognition. She is also a TRF Major Donor and a Bequest Society member and serves in the Lehigh Valley BEST Foundation and has been a member of the board of directors of the Valley Youth House since 1980. She has also been a foster mother for eight girls through the Valley Youth House over her 37 years with this organization.

Corinne Goodwin is the volunteer leader of Lehigh Valley Transgender Renaissance; Executive Director of Eastern PA Trans Equity Project; Board Member and secretary of YWCA Bethlehem; Volunteer, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee with United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley; Volunteer with Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center; Volunteer with LGBT Business Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and an invited speaker for numerous organizations.

"This nominee is leading the regional response to one of the most compelling social justice issues of our time, transgender rights," said Rotarian Jim Palmquist, who nominated her for this award.

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2020 International Women's Day Celebration Awards continued

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Both honorees also received Citations from State Representative Steve Samuelson, representing himself and State Representative Peter Schweyer, and from State Senator Pat Browne's Chief of Staff, and herself an Allentown Club Rotarian, Ellen Kern.

East Penn Press Editor Debbie Galbraith also attended the ceremony and the newspaper published a vast and comprehensive article about the event in its March 11 issue.

On March 8 all around the world and in every continent, from Australia, to Europe, to Africa, to America, many exciting and important events are run to support International Women's Day. No one government, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for it. Many organizations, such as Rotary, declare an Annual International Women's Day theme that supports their specific agenda or cause. Rotary International and the World Bank celebrated International Women's Day on March 6 at the World Bank headquarters in Washington, DC with discussion, education and inspiration.

Rotarian Members of the International Women's Day Celebration Committee were David Dunn, Dee Eng, Courtney Kennedy, Ashley Lorah, Eileen Prokop, Sal Verrastro and Alicia Ruiz-Orbin Chair.





Allentown West:

Over 160 families were served with 'drive-by' groceries handed through car windows and placed in trunks at Kingdom Life Family Center this on Saturday morning March 21. AW Rotary was represented by Rick Bloom and Jean Masiko.

Thanks to the volunteers who were willing to come to help those in our community with much needed free food.

Jean Masiko



Allentown:

The Service Project Committee reported that it made a grant of \$3,000 to Sustainable Cambodia for 3 projects, including Days for Girls Kits, sponsoring 5 girls to attend an enrichment school, and the purchase of 5 bikes to be used for transportation to and from school.

The Committee also agreed to contribute \$2,000 to an international project sponsored by the Allentown West Club for a hospital in Sierra Leone.





What is the PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

An Individual Donating \$1,000 or more every Rotary year to the Annual Fund and / or Polio Plus and / or an Approved Foundation grant, becomes a PHS member. Donations can be monthly, quarterly or annually using Rotary Direct, for example.

D7430 currently has 87 Rotarians committed to this generosity.

JOIN UP and FEEL GOOD!

Download a brochure at:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/paul-harris-society-brochure>

JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY TODAY

"So long as little children are allowed to suffer, there is no true love in this world."
Isadora Duncan

BY GIVING FROM YOUR HEART EACH AND EVERY YEAR, YOU CHANGE LIVES, SUPPORT FAMILIES, AND EMPOWER COMMUNITIES.

TAKE ACTION: fill out the PHS brochure and mail it to The Rotary Foundation today

The Rotary Foundation

Questions? Contact

**Bill Erdman D7430 PHS Coordinator at
bill.a.erdman@gmail.com if you earn a
PHS lapel Insignia
when you join.**

DID YOU KNOW?



**Fingerprints of koala bears are
virtually indistinguishable from
those of humans, so much so that
they can be confused
at a crime scene.**



Club Giving Report D7430 ShelterBox USA

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Bill Tobin, ShelterBox USA,
Rotary Relations Manager reports:

HERO ROTARY CLUBS:

GOLD --

Allentown West

Saucon Center Valley

SILVER --

Blue Bell

Easton

Hatboro

BRONZE --

Bethlehem

Bethlehem Morning Star

Central Perkiomen

Doylestown

Hamburg

Harleysville

Horsham

Kutztown

Pennridge-Perkasie

Quakertown

Willow Grove

So far, this Rotary Year, 17 clubs in D7430 have raised \$51,290 in support of ShelterBox efforts.

This makes D7430 the #1 supporting district in the USA.

ShelterBox is continuing to work across many responses and finding ways to manage health risks in order to continue to reach people who need shelter. As a disaster relief agency, we are determined to maintain our ability to respond through these challenging times ahead.





ZONE 24 & 32 DROP TO ZERO CHALLENGE

INCREASE Polio GIVING by 5%

AND
Rotary
International
Director

JEFF
Cadorette*

will jump
out of an
airplane!

(Hopefully with
a parachute)



Based on combined district
totals by 30 April 2020
compared to 30 April 2019

*With Director-elect Valarie Wafer and other team members to be announced.





Help Rotary eradicate polio
Will you help by donating to End Polio Now? Your contribution will be automatically tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Please Donate

**NEW Type 1
POLIO CASES as of
March 27, 2020**

polio news

	2020 YTD	2019 Total	2018 Total	2017 Total
Pakistan	30	139	10	8
Afghanistan	2	29	21	14

International delegation of Rotary leaders visits Pakistan to support polio eradication

Earlier this month, a delegation of Rotary International leaders from around the world traveled to Pakistan to meet with government officials to discuss recent challenges in the effort to end polio there. The government leaders praised Rotary for its prominent role in polio eradication and for providing vital financial support to Pakistan and other countries that are threatened by polio.

The Rotary delegation included Holger Knaack, 2020-21 Rotary International president; K.R. Ravindran, 2020-21 trustee chair of The Rotary Foundation; and Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. The group was accompanied by incoming Rotary Foundation Trustee Aziz Memon, the chair of Rotary's Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee.





Membership Tip ---

Welcome new members to your club with **Rotary Basics**. The online course covers all things Rotary in an interactive, multimedia format. The course was designed for new members, but it's also a good refresher for long-time members who want to test their Rotary knowledge.



D7430 Active Member Count

Date	No. Members
July 1, 2019	1784
March 31, 2020	1817



Share your passion for Rotary!
REFER A MEMBER!



EVERY Month is Membership Month!
MEMBERSHIP IS EVERY MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Each of us should seek out good candidates for our Rotary Clubs. Ask them to a meeting or to help on one of your projects. Get them involved.



DISTRICT DIRECTORY 2019-20

The Directory is now ready for download [Click Here](#). NOW would be a good time to forward your 2020-21 Club Officer and Committee Chair info to our D7430 Administrator, Sharon Rittenhouse.

2019 MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

Go to <http://www.rotary.org> and My Rotary to download a copy of the most recent issue of the Manual of Procedure listing all the rules and guidelines of Rotary.

WHAT IS ROTARY DIRECT?

[Click Here](#) for questions and answers to the program.

PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES 2018 Edition: These are the D7430 Bylaws updated. A “Quick Reference” section has been added near the beginning. [Click Here](#)

“ALPHABET SOUP” lists many of the acronyms that are used in the Rotary world. They are reprinted below, and they are on our D7430 website at:

<http://rotarydistrict7430.org/sitepage/did-you-know>



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Feel free to use these excellent resources!

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Rotary Peace Fellowship Applications Now Being Accepted

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Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,300 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, The Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 80 for certificate studies at premier universities.

Have a candidate in mind? Go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

For more information please contact Bill Hunter wdh3@lehigh.edu.





Special Events for New Members Postponed

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Welcome to the World of Rotary


“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

Rotary’s Vision Statement



The event planned for Monday, May 4, 2020 for Areas 7, 8, & 9 has been postponed.

Herb Klotz
District Governor, 2019-2020

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OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST:**
The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND:**
High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD:**
The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH:**
The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



District Events Calendar

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2020

June 19 to 22 -- Camp Neidig (RYLA) at Camp Manatawny

June 29 -- District Changeover at the Steel Club in Hellertown

Sep 19 -- Vibrant Club Workshop in Bethlehem

Oct 9 -- ShelterBox Dinner and Auction at the Steel Club in Hellertown

Oct 24 -- Yvette Palmer 5K race to end Polio at LCCC in Schnecksville

Nov 7 -- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) at DeSales University





Camp Neidig 2020 (RYLA)

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The Camp Neidig Registration Site is now officially open.

Our 2020 Camp Neidig Youth Leadership Program will be held June 19th- June 22nd at Camp Manatawny. All forms are available on our website <https://www.campneidig.com/forms--registration.html>.



PLEASE download the Neidig Chairperson packet as it has all the necessary registration instructions.

In the Neidig Chairperson Packet you will also see an easy hyperlink to register your club and your campers and buy chicken barbeque tickets. Both club and camper registration must be done on line. The password for registering your club is **neidigclub20** and the password for registering your campers is **neidigcamper20**.

The last day to register campers is Friday, June 5th.

Neidig Night tickets will only be available through on-line purchase with a credit card. Remember, the price of the Neidig Night Barbeque is included in the camper tuition so you do not need to purchase tickets for campers. The last day to purchase Neidig Night tickets is Monday, June 15th.

To help people understand the spirit of our camp, we created a short promotional video that can be accessed on our website home page. This is a wonderful tool to use for recruitment of campers.

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