

Linda's Star Update



We are already halfway through this Rotary year. Time flies when we have fun! I reflect on the good works done in our Rotary Communities in just 6 months' time, and I am humbled and grateful that we have Rotary as the

avenue for our service.

As 1700 + Rotarians in District 7430 we have distributed thousands of books and dictionaries to children who treasure their very own copies.

We have provided thousands of meals for those children who are food insecure over weekends when school is not in session.

We have served thousands of meals at food banks in all of our communities for families in need.

We have provided Shelter Boxes throughout the world during catastrophic events so families have a temporary roof over their heads.

We are ringing bells for the Salvation Army and providing toys and gifts for Toys for Tots and other charitable organizations.

The list goes on and on. We build ramps, we grow and pick potatoes, and we build playgrounds.

We are community of "servers" and what we do creates a positive impact on our

Building a Better World Through Business

Rotary-UN celebration mixes business with diplomacy

This year's Rotary Day at the United Nations on November 12th emphasized Rotary's role as a global network of business leaders using the tools of their trades to build a better world. Six Rotary members and two corporate partners who were honored for their inclusive business practices that are bringing employment, mentoring, education, and innovation to their communities.

communities. We quietly Make A Difference in the lives of others by our Service to Humanity.

As we proceed through this season of reflection and different holidays, let us continue to feed our hearts, souls, and minds with the satisfaction of continuous service and giving to those who need our love and support to make their lives a bit easier. Let us spread our thanks, love, and happiness to all those we greet through the rest of this year. Let us become one of those "Shining Stars" who light up the world around us with hope and peace and comfort.

Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday season!!

DG Linda

Share Your Expertise

PDG Frank Romano is seeking Rotarians who are willing to share their expertise and/or experience in one or more of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus associated with the grant writing process. If you have this experience or training please contact me and state which Area(s) of Focus you are willing to assist your fellow Rotarians. The Six Areas of Focus are:

- 1 - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- 2 - Disease Prevention and Treatment
- 3 - Water and Sanitation
- 4 - Maternal and Child Health
- 5 - Basic Education and Literacy
- 6 - Economic and Community Development

We are looking to cover each of these areas with at least one resource person.

There are no regular meetings to attend and your role would be to assist, inform, or direct project developers on specific details they should be including in their project.

If you are in the medical, law enforcement, education, engineering, business, public service, computer/IT or construction fields, or if you have worked on past projects in any of these areas, your help would be deeply appreciated. After all, that is what we do as Rotarians.

Please include your name and contact information (phone number and email address) when responding to:

PDG Frank Romano, District 7430 International Service Chair, 215-822-3491
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Your Foundation Update



Rotary Foundation named World's Outstanding Foundation

The Association of Fundraising Professionals selected The Rotary Foundation for its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation for 2016, a recognition that honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Read more about the honor.

STATISTICS

As of October 31, 2016

	Goal	YTD
Annual Fund	\$198,300	\$79,700
PolioPlus	\$ 37,200	\$67,500

polio news

NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of Nov. 30, 2016

	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
Pakistan	18	43
Afghanistan	12	17
Nigeria	4	0



Why not conduct a club assembly devoted entirely to attracting new members?

As part of the assembly, make sure you include an open discussion to generate ideas that you can prioritize and put into practice.

Date	No. D7430 Members	Change from Prior Month
June 30	1739	
July 31	1718	-21
Sept 30	1731	+7
Oct 27	1738	+7
Nov 29	1739	+1



Share your passion for Rotary!
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Club News

Norristown:

65 THANKSGIVING DINNERS

A great club turnout last Thursday for our Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner distribution to several local organizations who passed them on to families who would otherwise have been able to enjoy the holiday. We packed 65 dinners and we hope that they will bring happiness to the families in need. Thanks to Bernie Reilly for leading this year's operation, and to all the Rotarians who were there to help.



Hatboro:

The Hatboro Rotary celebrates 75 years of serving the community



Since 1942, the Hatboro Rotary has brought together business and professional leaders to support and encourage the development and prosperity of the Hatboro community. By building upon our foundation of service and friendship, the Hatboro Rotary has sponsored countless activities within our neighborhood the last 75 years. On Sunday November 20th the Hatboro Rotary kicked off

their celebration of this milestone by participating in the Hatboro Holiday Parade.



Club News continued

Emmaus:

Emmaus Rotary Interact Club at Miracle League several weeks ago.



MIRACLE LEAGUE HALLOWEEN BASH / WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

The Annual Miracle League Halloween Bash was held at their Baseball Stadium in Schnecksville. There were 59-Booths from Organizations giving out Candy and other Treats to the 400+ Children attending the event. The Emmaus and the Allentown West Rotary Clubs both had Booth's, operated by their Interact Clubs. Emmaus Rotary Club operated the Refreshment Stand, selling Hot Dogs, Soft Pretzels, Homemade Brownies & Chocolate Chip Cookies, Soda, Water & Coffee

(since it was 60+ degrees we did not sell Hot Chocolate this year). Special Thanks to the Emmaus & Allentown Interact Clubs and the following Emmaus Rotarians, Ray Schumaker, Kevin Taylor, Don Blose, Bill Erdman, Ceil Birdsell, Cindy & Chris Hornaman, Joanne Smida & Tony Moyer for volunteering for this Annual Halloween Event. Submitted By Bob Halsey

Ambler:



OCTOBER WAS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

On November 1st the #WordsworthAcademy #InteractClub planted 30 trees for the #Wissahickon Valley Watershed. See more photos on our Facebook page.

Club News continued

Pottstown:

For each performance category, Pottstown Rotary awarded a \$1000 musical scholarship to the 1st Place winner, \$500 to the 1st Place runner-up and \$250 to the 2nd Place runner-up, for a grand total of \$4,500.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and thanks to our host emcees Steve Batten, Sandra Albitz and Lori Musson.



Ambler:

Ambler Rotary, led by Diane Schueler, provided the children of Ambler Head Start with a home library on Monday, November 14. Each of the 20 students and their delighted parent went home with a bag containing 24 new or gently used books, including two of their favorite Pete the Cat books. Each book had book plate inscribed with their name - the first word they learn to read. The bag also had a coloring book, crayons and a puzzle. Ambler Rotary is committed to literacy in children and providing books in the home is an important contributor to that.

Other Articles of Interest

NEW OPTIONS for ALL Rotary Clubs explains the significant changes made by Rotary International this Summer and now are available. Go to [New RC Rules](#)

D7430 *Leaders and Committee Chairs* for 2016-17 are detailed on the D7430 website. [Click here.](#)

D7430 Committee Chairs and their contact information is available in the on-line *District Directory*. The 2016-17 edition is out. [Click here.](#)

More Information

INCENTIVE to donate -- The district will award 100 Recognition Points to any Rotarian donating exactly \$100 to the RI Annual Fund -- IF they are a **“FIRST TIME”** donor.

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REMEMBER that the 2016-2017 [District Directory](#) IS ON-LINE

CELEBRATE THE TRF CENTENNIAL With SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Rotary Foundation turns 100 in 2016-17! Our Foundation stands at the forefront of humanitarian service, having supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, and provide basic education — as well as the historic project dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide.

Here We Go Again!! PETS Training

DGE Rick Gromis and District Trainer PDG Tony Jannetta have announced the PETS Parts 1 to 4 training schedule for 2016- 17 to help them be ready for their year leading their club, [click here](#).

Ethics Conference

A GREAT LEHIGH VALLEY ANNUAL ETHICS CONFERENCE FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

We wrapped up our 2 days of Lehigh Valley Youth Leadership & Ethics Conferences a few weeks ago.

Our first day was for 8th graders. We had over 140 students and 30 faculty members. The folks at the DeSales University Conference Center always do an amazing job! Our faculty workshop was presented by Assistant Principal, Laura Tittle, from the Pennsbury School District, who did a great job! Every school in Pennsbury has been recognized by character.org as a National School of Character.

Claire Sautter from SparksFly Enterprises, Inc., did an excellent presentation on “The Power of Character.” Thank you, Clare!

Everett Deibler from the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living did an awesome job as our keynote speaker and also facilitated the breakout on “Appreciating Differences.”

Charlene Bergstresser, a former colleague from Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Leadership Development team did an outstanding presentation on “Teamwork and Communication.”

Linda Young, the District Governor for Rotary District 7430 spoke to the whole group about Rotary. And a big “Thank You” to Bill Erdman for helping set up and work the registration table.

Our second day we had about 60 11th graders and 16 faculty members attend. Dr. Gregg Amore had trained his DeSales students to be mentors to work with the 11th grade students. As always, they did a great job! Dr. Amore also presented the keynote and Chad Serfass, the Director of the DeSales Experience in Character and Leadership did a short talk on leadership.

Assistant Principals, Patti Steckroat and Cherrissa Gibson from Pennsbury High School did an informative and inspirational presentation to the faculty.

All-in-all, we had another very successful round of conferences. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our conferences for 2016!

2017 PETS Training Plan

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Charity Navigator & TRF



Charity Navigator Raises TRF Score

Charity Navigator has raised The Rotary Foundation's score from "really great" to "super great."

In ratings released September 1, The Rotary Foundation earned the maximum 100 points for both demonstrating strong financial health and its commitment to accountability and transparency.

Two months later, the rating wobbled slightly on account of a reassessment of The Rotary Foundation's financial performance metrics and settled at 97.87.

The Rotary Foundation continues to receive a straight four-star rating from Charity Navigator, as it has done for nine years.

"Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work," said Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher.

Only one percent of charities the organization evaluates have received nine consecutive 4-star evaluations, setting "The Rotary Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The ratings reflect how efficiently Charity Navigator believes the Foundation uses donations, how well it has sustained programs and services, and its level of commitment to good governance and openness.

This news comes just in time for us to maximize tax rules surrounding charitable gifts and ensure that your 2016 giving is at the highest level possible.

Giving is a gift that is available to all of us – every amount is significant because it brings hope to those who have nothing except hope.

Tell Us What You Are Doing

by the 20th of each month to:

bill966@ptd.net -- PDG Bill Palmer, Editor

Events Calendar

2017

Feb 23 to 25 -- Mid-Atlantic PETS at the Radisson Valley Forge, KOP

Mar 11th -- D7430 Foundation GALA at Pine Crest CC

Apr 22nd -- Speech Contest Regional semi-finals

May 5 to 7 -- D7430 Annual Conference at Eden Resorts, Lancaster

May 20 -- District Training Assembly at MONTCO CC in Blue Bell

Jun 10 to 14 -- RI annual Convention in Atlanta, GA

Jun 16 to 19 -- Camp Neidig (RYLA)

Jun 26th -- D7430 Changeover and Awards Dinner at Brookside CC in POTTSTOWN

Jun 26th -- D7430 annual Council of Governors meeting at Brookside CC in POTTSTOWN

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Special Incentive for “First Time Donors” who Support the RI Foundation Annual Fund

As part of RI’s celebration of the 100th anniversary of our Foundation, for a donation of \$100 by a Rotarian who has never donated before, D7430 will add 100 Recognition Points in the donor’s name toward a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

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