Rotary District 7430 Newsletter

rotarydistric7430.org

July 2016

Linda's Star Update



WOW! Thanks to all who attended our District Changeover on June 27th. We celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of PDG Doug and Mary, who were instrumental in

supporting and nurturing our 43 clubs in their success of being "gifts to the world."

This is a new Rotary year where our charge is to "serve humanity." There is also a movement going on to do 100 acts of kindness in commemoration of the 100th Birthday of our Foundation. If all of our District Rotarians do this throughout the year, in addition to club activities, can you imagine how many lives will be "touched by a Rotarian?"

Let's do it! 100 acts of kindness as Rotary Serves Humanity.

DG Linda

Celebrate the Centennial

Test your Rotary Foundation knowledge

Whose idea was it back in 1917 to create a Rotary endowment fund? What was the amount of the first contribution? Find the answers to these questions, and brush up on your Foundation history, by exploring our interactive timeline, where you will find photos, videos, and sound recordings from the past century.



Tell Us What You Are Doing

by the 20th of each month to:

<u>bill966@ptd.net</u> -- PDG Bill Palmer, Editor

D7430 Changeover & Awards Dinner — A Smash Hit

District Governor Doug Cook expressed his heartfelt thanks to all Rotarians for the many significant accomplishments of the 2015-16 Rotary year in our fabulous district. We added a



few members, we made our Foundation goals, and we added some great programs to feed the hungry. And the really fantastic result was raising over \$2,500,000 for the RI Foundation from the Million Dollar Journey. Doug said that we made him look good.

Almost 100 Rotarians and guests attended the Monday, June

27, 2016 D7430 Changeover and Awards Dinner

event held at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. It began with a Reception from 5:30-6:30. George Morrison (Saucon RC) was the Emcee for the evening.

We pledged to the Flag of the U.S., recited the Four-Way-Test, and Dr. Gordon Sommers gave a lovely invocation. Then we enjoyed a sumptuous Dinner.

DG Doug announced the awards earned by our district Rotarians for their clubs during 2015-16,



As is our tradition, each of the Past District Governors at the dinner was introduced and brought forward to form a line leading to DGE Linda Young. A gavel was passed down the line and into Linda's hand signifying her becoming our D7430 Governor for RY 2016-17.



Linda gave special recognition to the late Yvette Palmer, PDG 2002-03 as her mentor, and our first woman Governor. She then asked PDG Bill Palmer to affix Yvette's special DG pin that he had given to her when she first was nominated two years ago. After 14 years we now have our second woman DG. And Cindy Hornaman will be the third for RY 2018-19.

Then there was the changing of the Leadership lapel pins to show their new



D7430 Changeover & Awards Dinner continued

positions. And the District Governor's Home Club banner had its name changed to "Saucon, Center Valley"

DG Linda came forward and presented gifts to Mary and Doug Cook thanking them for their service to others. Linda presented flowers to Mary as well.

Linda thanked all concerned for the privilege and honor of serving our district, She loves the RI theme for 2015-16 "Rotary Serving Humanity."

Linda calls us her "Shining Stars" that are

Making a Difference. She had a small star for each of us that flashes in red.





Linda is asking our district Rotarians to make an extra special effort in support of the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. We may have a Foundation Gala in the Spring.

She emphasizes the need for growing our membership and has a goal of 100 net new members by June 30, 2017, AND the starting of two new RCs.

We also are asked to continue and to expand

our use of RI Club Central so we are better at keeping score and earning proper recognition.

Linda is hopeful that we can get our great Interact Clubs all on record and possibly hold some district events for the students.





Left is our 2016-17 District
Executive Committee (DEC). DGN Cindy
Hornaman, DGE Rick Gromis, DG Linda Young,
and PDG Doug Cook Chair of the Foundation
Committee. George Morrison gave a sales pitch

D7430 Changeover & Awards Dinner continued

encouraging all Rotarians to register for the May 5 to 7, 2017 District Conference in

Lancaster at Eden Resorts, a very special facility.

The annual D7430 Council of Governors meeting took place earlier that afternoon. DGE Linda explained the goals for 2016-17.

The PDGs reviewed the accomplishments made during 2015-16, that made DG Doug look so good.



Membership Tip



With only 11 percent of Rotary members under age 40, the future of many clubs may depend on their success in recruiting Millennials. RI asked three young Rotarians to give us their insight on what clubs need to do to attract members of this generation. See their advice in the May issue of "Rotary Leader."

STATISTICS

Total D7430 Members:

July 1, 2015 ... 1,755

June 24, 2016... 1,762



Share your passion for Rotary! REFER A MEMBER!





Your Foundation Update



The Rotary Foundation is turning 100, and that's definitely something worth

celebrating. Visit RI's Centennial website to see what's being planned, pick up ideas for your own celebration, and brush up on your Foundation history in our interactive timeline. There are also a few other surprises.

Visit the website and join the excitement.

STATISTICS

As of June 30, 2016

Goal YTD

Annual Fund \$198,300 \$200,500

PolioPlus \$ 37,200 \$119,300

PURPLE PINKIE DAY is OCTOBER 22nd

The D7430 6th annual Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K run and fun walk is the one big district-wide fundraiser with all proceeds going to Polio eradication. This year it is scheduled for October 22nd at the Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) in Schnecksville. See www.purplepinkie.net.



NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of June 29, 2016

2016 YTD 2015 YTD

Pakistan 11 26

Afghanistan 6 4

We are closer than ever to the target of a world free of polio, with just two remaining polio endemic countries- Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Club News

Ambler:

This is one of four of our new tents!! We can use at various festivals, picnics etc. to promote our club!

Doylestown:

Memorial Day Parade 2016





Rotary Club of Doylestown volunteers participate in the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016. Volunteers drove veterans, including one of our own, Jim Schmitt, in ten Fred Bean's Ford Mustang convertibles. Rotarian's Chief Chuck Pressler, of the Central Bucks Ambulance Service, and our own President Bruce Ritherford, with his car show adorned truck, also participated in the parade.

Pottstown:

June 3rd At Rotary: Business-to-Business Mixer

Last week we had our Business-to-Business Mixer on the Patio at Brookside Country Club.

It has become a great way to get to know community-minded people within Pottstown - and many would make excellent Rotarians.



As an indicator of its success, four people applied for membership to our club that night.

We gave each person their "30 seconds in the spotlight" and heard many appreciative notes from our members as well as visitors.

Club News continued

Conrad Weiser:



Recently, many CW Rotarians cleaned up our 1.75-mile

section of the 422
highway in Myerstown
and rescued the
butterfly bushes from
the weeds at our
Butterfly Garden in
Robesonia.



Look at the difference in the Butterfly Garden -

our Centennial Project from 2005- which overlooks Furnace Creek in Robesonia.

Bethlehem:

Rotary Club of Bethlehem Observes Centennial Celebration

Bethlehem Rotarians and friends celebrated their 100th anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem on Friday, June 3, 2016. Rotary President Mike McGovern, and President-Elect Gail Evans, served as Emcees. Bethlehem



Mayor Robert Donchez, City Council President, Willie Reynolds, U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent, and Rotary's District Governor Elect, Linda Young were all in attendance.

Hamburg:

The Rotary Club of Hamburg prepared and served lunch to approximately 120 kayakers on



their second day of the 18th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn on Sunday, June 5, 2016. This event covers the territory from the northwest to the southeast of our District

The Schuylkill River Sojourn is an annual 112-mile guided canoe/kayak trip on the Schuylkill River that begins in rural Schuylkill Haven and ends seven days later in Philadelphia's Boathouse Row.

Other Articles



AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT ROTARY

District 7430 will be running the Saturday, November 12th sessions This is at Bucks County CC. Go to <u>rlinea.org</u> for the complete schedule and to register.

Other Articles of Interest

ESSENTIAL CHANGES FOR CLUBS AND DISTRICTS

2016 Council on Legislation – <u>click here for details</u>.

D7430 *Leaders and <u>Committee Chairs</u>* for 2016-17 are detailed on the D7430 website. <u>Click</u> here.

D7430 Committee Chairs and their contact information is available in the on-line *District Directory*. Click here.

Phillies Strike Out Hunger

Tuesday Aug 16, 2016

RI President John Germ will attend. And this year the Phils will <u>return \$10 for</u> each ticket sold to participating Rotary clubs for their RI Annual Fund. [District clubs raised over \$4,000 last year.]

For More details please contact PDG Gerry Long on 610-597-4560

See more at: http://rotarydistrict7430.org/event/phillies-strike-out-hunger/ #sthash.5kJvXfrs.dpuf

More Information

RC Secretaries – Request for INTERACT Club Info:

When she calls or e-mails, please provide D7430 Administrative Assistant, Sharon Rittenhouse, with your details of any Interact Clubs that you support. The answers will be added to the District Directory for you.

Please make a special effort to have a valid E-mail address posted in the D7430 database for each member of your Rotary Club.

Also, please update your 2016-17 officers and Chairs info to the D7430 database.

REMEMBER that the 2016-2017 <u>District Directory</u> IS ON-LINE

Rotary's online tools:

Take advantage and go to <u>rotary.org</u> at "My Rotary" to find time-saving resources for all your club needs:

Rotary Club Central: Check your progress on club activities and plans and add accomplishments!

Brand Center: Create promotional materials with our latest branding tools

Rotary Ideas: Find donors, partners, and volunteers for your projects

RRFC = Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator; RLI = Rotary Leadership Institute; and ROTARY ACRONYMS are listed with their meanings on the D7430 website at --- http://rotarydistrict7430.org/SitePage/did-you-know

COMMITTEE CHAIRS in D7430 -- PLEASE READ

Please avoid conflicts when setting dates for district-wide events. Two events on the same time reduces your potential audience for both.

The monthly DG Newsletter includes an expanded and long range list of planned events for our district. It's there for your guidance and for planning.

District Committee Opportunities

Rotarians of our fabulous district -- reach out beyond your Rotary Club and serve on one of our great committees. You will help make good things happen, and you will feel really good as a result.

Here are descriptions of three D7430 committees that serve the youth of our communities:

Youth Exchange Program

Welcome to the world's most experienced exchange program backed by the world's largest and finest service organization, Rotary International.

Each year, over 8,000 high school students from around the world, from ages 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 years exchange in over 100 countries and are hosted by Rotarians and friends. The program is for an academic year, extending from 9 - 12 months.

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the most recognized and respected Rotary Programs for Youth. The ideals of our program are set by the goal to Support International Peace and Understanding:

Contact Patti Smith at patti7430essex@comcast.net

Annual Speech Contest

Each year all Rotary clubs are invited to participate by conducting a speech contest for High School students in its surrounding communities usually in March. The topic can be anything that uses the four elements of Rotary's Four Way Test.

The 20+ First Place winners of the local contests compete again in a Regional semi-final, again for cash prizes. The 4 or 5 finalists compete during the District Conference.

Contact Mike Seidner at mrseidner@gmail.com

Camp Neidig (RYLA)

This annual event is for High school juniors living within Rotary District 7430, which covers five counties of southeastern Pennsylvania.

It is a leadership camp that brings together about 150 talented high school students for a four-day weekend of fun, friendship, and team-building activities.

Campers interact with guest speakers from various professional backgrounds who will discuss what it means to be a good leader. They also participate in various problem solving activities that can be both physically and mentally challenging. Every activity is designed to help campers develop their leadership and teamwork abilities.

In recent years the event has been held over Father's Day weekend.

Contact Wendy Body at <u>wgbody@butz.com</u>

Camp Neidig (RYLA) 2016



Once again the team of Wendy Body and Charlie Incalcaterra succeeded in planning and conducting a fabulous weekend experience for the students at Camp Neidig.

District 7430's Camp Neidig proudly celebrated its 67th year of youth leadership development with another successful four-day weekend program on June 17-20. Thirty-nine Rotary Clubs from District 7430 combined to sponsor a total of 150 young women and young men this year.

Manatawny between Douglassville and Boyertown. The participating students, who had just finished their junior years in high school, were selected for the program by the sponsoring Clubs based on the leadership skills and potential they have exhibited in their schools and communities. The 27 staff volunteers, who mentor the campers over the course of the program, come from diverse professional backgrounds, including K-16 education, engineering, information technology, medicine, consulting, and law enforcement.

This year's staff included 16 Camp Neidig alumni, including Charlie Jones who celebrated his 50th anniversary of being a camper in 1966.

The Camp uses problem-solving activities, workshops, and team building exercises to further develop the leadership abilities of the campers.

Camp Neidig also boasts an impressive lineup of guest speakers who professionals who impart advice and experiences around leadership and encourage the campers to explore what it means to be an effective leader. This year's speakers included professionals from higher education, finance, health care, and engineering.



District Calendar

2016

Aug 16 -- Strike Out Hunger at the Phillies

Aug 26, 27 -- RLI Annual Meeting in Trumbull, CT

Oct 22nd -- D7430 PolioPlus Purple Pinkie 5K Race at LCCC

Oct TBA -- D7430 Foundation Seminar

Nov 12th --Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) at Bucks Cty CC, Newtown

2017

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

Mar TBA -- D7430 annual Foundation Recognition Dinner

Apr 33nd -- 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 TBA -- D7430 Changeover and Awards Dinner



Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp which no decent human being would eat?