

Linda's Star Update



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE IN THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

This is my final official communication from "The Shining Star Newsletter!" I would like to sincerely thank each and every Rotarian in the District for making this a successful, action-packed year of doing good in the world and in our communities. I leave this position with a much better understanding of the "power of Rotary," the lasting friendships that develop, and memories of lots of great events!

Our noteworthy accomplishments came in 2 areas: Membership and Foundation. Under the watchful eye of Membership Chair and DGND, Herb Klotz, we were honored to add 2 new clubs to our District. We now have 45 clubs and have +51 new members since last July. The Whitehall Area and Upper Perkiomen Rotary Clubs were welcomed into the family of Rotary during special Charter Nights that were supported by many of the District Clubs. Thanks to Herb and his team for persevering and never giving up until these goals were accomplished.

During this Centennial Year of the Rotary Foundation, the very capable PDG Doug Cook led us in achieving record donations to the Annual Fund and to the End Polio Campaign. While we do not have the final numbers, we will have exceeded all prior year donations. Thank you all for your generosity. We will benefit from this generosity in the future when we will be able to distribute money to clubs who apply for District Grants. I also have to mention our Centennial Dinner where we were able to donate \$10,000 to the Foundation. Thanks to Doug and his team for always looking forward, putting a good plan together and getting it done!

There are some very special people who have mentored and supported me throughout the training period for the District Governor position. The District Leadership/Executive Teams are always there with sage advice and counsel. PDG Tony Jannetta is always 3 steps ahead of me with his knowledge, planning and "nudginess." PDG Bill Palmer is indispensable as the District historian with a second level of "nudginess" especially when I am late with articles for the Newsletter. Sharon Rittenhouse our most efficient and capable Administrative Assistant is always spot on and timely with her communication and patience. Assistant Governors are a Godsend! They are dedicated to assisting Clubs and the District whenever needed. I can't mention everyone, but know that I hold all Committee Chairs and members in high regard for all they accomplish each year!

Linda's Star Update continued

So, now is the time for me to say, "Continue to Make A Difference" each day in someone's life so that YOUR STAR will shine brightly in the heavens for all to see. God Bless you all for the wonderful work you do Serving Humanity!

DG Linda



D7430 Friendship Exchange with Romania



The Romanian Exchange group has headed back home after a two week visit to our District. This included attending the 2017 District Conference.

The Romanian Friendship Exchange arrived from May 1- May 13th—All went well—a good group.

Special thanks to Doylestown, Pottstown, and Emmaus Clubs for providing hosts. Special Thanks to the USA Rotarians that went to Romania who provided the funds for the Romanians to attend our District Conference.

The Romanians loved the District Conference as well as all of the other activities that were provided. A good time was had by all.

They wanted all who hosted them to know how much they enjoyed their time here and "how much they appreciated building strong relationships, meeting wonderful people, learning new things and seeing other people's values".

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making their visit memorable - from when we met them at the Conference, to our trips to Philadelphia and York, to our meeting last Tuesday. Special thanks to the hosts and to those who went on the excursions around our area - you all became special ambassadors for Rotary this past week.



Why it is when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

D7430 DG Changeover & Club Awards Night



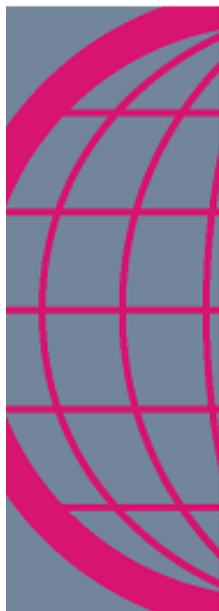
On Monday June 26th at The Brookside Country Club in Pottstown

Join us as we Celebrate and Thank 16/17 DG Linda Young and her Leadership Team, and our Rotary Clubs for the many accomplishments achieved this year in "Rotary Serving Humanity"

We will also welcome new 17/18 DG Rick Gromis who will lead his "MAD Rotarians" in the year of "Rotary: Making a Difference".

For more details and to purchase a ticket please [click here](#).

The Rotaract Club of Montco Community College



Certificate of Organization

This certificate recognizes that the
Rotaract Club of
Montgomery County Community College-West Campus
(Club No. 214790 - Established 24 April 2017)

has been organized and has agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound
by the constitution and bylaws of the Rotaract program of Rotary International.

Sponsored by the

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PRESIDENT, SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB

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PRESIDENT, ROTARACT INTERNATIONAL

08 May 2017

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ROTARACT-0002

The Rotaract team from RI's New generations, on May 8, 2017, congratulated the new Rotaract Club of MCC and forwarded a congratulatory letter and their official Certificate of Organization. This new Rotaract club is sponsored by the Pottstown RC. The Rotaract club President is , Orrin Toomer. And the Advisor to the new club is Meredith Frank.

2017 District Training Assembly



About 80 Rotarians and guests came to the MONTCO Community College on Saturday May 20th for the D7430 Training Assembly. Thirty Nine of our 45 Rotary Clubs were represented. PDG Tony Jannetta was the Emcee for the event.

This was the final training event for the Presidents-Elect that will lead our district next year.

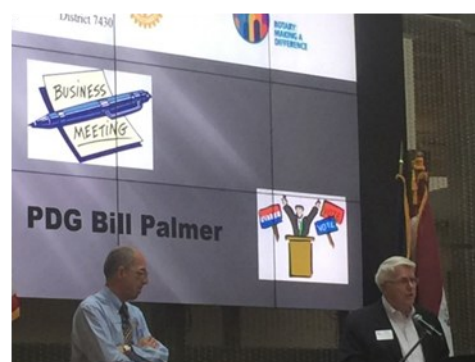


District Governor Elect Rick Gromis opened the first plenary session with a brief audio message from RI President Elect Ian H. S. Riseley introducing the RI Theme for next year: "Rotarians Making A Difference".

DGE Rick then discussed the objectives that he asks D7430 Rotarians to work toward in the next Rotary Year. These include RI P-E Ian's request that each Rotarian plant a tree to help the environment. And Rick asks that each Rotary Club make a Strategic Plan to guide them next year.

Other objectives include continuing to grow our membership, including a

concentration on retaining the members we already have. He also discussed the RI Presidential Citation and the D7430 Governor's Award for the year 2017-18.



A district vote of the RCs present

was conducted by PDG Bill Palmer the D7430 Finance Chair. The district Operating Budget for RY 2017-18 was approved without dissent.



PDG Doug Cook our District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair provided an update of our excellent total giving to the RI

2017 District Training Assembly continued



foundation Annual Fund and to Polio Plus. He reminded us of the six areas of Focus for Grants as well.

There were breakout sessions that included the incoming Presidents=Elect and Assistant Governors. At the same time Doug Cook led a Fundraising session, and DGN Cindy Hornaman led a Strategic Planning session. And there was a Club Treasurers workshop.

DGND Herb Klotz facilitated a breakout session about Social Media.

The second set of breakout sessions covered “Why do an International Grant, and Club Secretaries training

During the closing plenary session five of our Youth Exchange students paraded in with their country’s flag and were introduced.



Also, Ayla Blatt. The winner of the 2017 D7430 Four Way Test Speech Contest delivered her winning talk to a very appreciative audience.

The final session was a presentation and workshop about Membership that was led by Herb Klotz. Following the DTA sessions was an optional training seminar about Foundation Grants.



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.

2017 District Conference

Doylestown RC President Amy Parenti said that the 2017 District Conference in Lancaster was very inspiring. The speakers from Sierra Leone and Afghanistan spoke of their gratitude for RI grants to educate students, particularly girls - in areas near Kabul.



2017 District Conference continued



Membership Tip



Work hard to deliver an experience that will keep members excited about Rotary. Successful strategies include:

1. Regularly recognizing members for their achievements
2. Keeping members involved in club projects and activities
3. Encouraging members to take on leadership roles
4. Sending monthly email updates
5. Asking members for their feedback using a Member Satisfaction Survey

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
Dec 30	1737	-2
Jan 29	1727	-10
Feb 28	1731	+4
March 31	1775	+44
April 30	1779	+4
May 31	1790	+11



Share your passion for Rotary!
REFER A MEMBER!



YOUR KEY CONTACT – CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)

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REMEMBER that the 2016-2017 District Directory IS ON-LINE

CAMP NEIDIG (RYLA) 2017

Our 2017 Camp Neidig Youth Leadership Program was held June 16th- June 19th at Camp Manatawny.



Your Foundation Update



Support projects close to your heart

The Rotary Foundation is grateful for its donors, whose support makes life-changing projects possible, locally and globally. Your gift to the Annual Fund brings about those impressive grants, which you read about to aid communities around the world. If you've already made your gift this year, thank you. If not, please consider doing so at rotary.org/ give before 30 June to help us reach our \$300 million fundraising goal for our centennial year.

STATISTICS

As of May 31, 2017

	Goal	YTD
Annual Fund	\$198,300	\$252,111
PolioPlus	\$ 37,200	\$180,983

polio news

NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of May 31, 2017

	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Pakistan	2	20
Afghanistan	3	13



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Tuesday October 24, 2017 is WORLD POLIO DAY

Watch our fourth annual World Polio Day event, co-hosted with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We streamed live from CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, bringing together more than 100,000 viewers around the world. Celebrities and experts joined us to share our progress on the road to polio eradication.

Tell Us What You Are Doing

by the 20th of each month to:

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

The Rotary Club of Upper Perkiomen is Official

The newest Rotary club joined our District 7430 on May 8, 2017 with its admission accepted by RI. Then on June 7, 2017 at a celebratory dinner and ceremony held at the Sweet Water Country Club the new charter was presented and 31 new Rotarians were inducted by our District Governor, Linda Young.

The celebration began with great fellowship in an exciting atmosphere as about 80 Rotarians, guests and the new UPRC Charter members gathered. Adult beverages and snacks were available. The Emcee for the event was AG Joe Wynands who also serves as the UPRC Advisor.



Immediate Past DG, Doug Cook, gave the keynote address to continue the good vibrations of the celebration. He reminded us of the recommended fifth question for the 4-Way Test-----Is it Fun? Doug talked about the many benefits of being a Rotarian and of helping others all over the world in so many ways.

After dinner Emcee Joe introduced DG Linda who officially inducted the new UPRC Officers. Then with the help of PDG Doug Cook, PDG Tony Jannetta, PDG Bill Palmer and PDG Ron Smith, each new member was inducted and presented with their Rotary Pin and certificate as well.



The President of the new RC is Danielle Kates. Stephen Lem is the Vice President, Darlene Scott the Secretary, Richard Slimmer the Treasurer and Dina Corrado is the Membership Chair.



A number of Rotary clubs in the area

made cash donations to get the UPRC's treasury started. They were able to locate and use the Bell from the former U.P. club. And many friends from other Rotary clubs presented President Danielle with Banners from their club to get their collection started.

THE UPRC:



Club News

NORRISTOWN:



The PANCAKE BREAKFAST RAFFLE / AUCTION was a great success with both a record number of attendees and record proceeds generated. Our most sincere thanks go out to DONALD AND GLORIA KIMMEL for their support as Event Sponsors. Many others worked diligently to bring in sponsors, donations, auction gifts, additional ticket sales, placemats sales, advertising, and all the members selling their allotment of tickets. The event could not have gone off as smoothly as it did without

all the workers in the kitchen, floor , auction area, and clean-up.

Huntingdon Valley- Churchville Rotary Golf Outing Benefits Rett Syndrome Research

The 16th annual Huntingdon Valley - Churchville Rotary Golf Outing to benefit Rett Syndrome research took place on Monday May 15, 2017 at Five Ponds in Warminster, PA.



HV -Churchville leadership presented the 2016 outing \$14,860 proceeds check

to the Rett Syndrome Foundation at this event. Pictured, L to R, Mark Kozub, Rotary, Leslie Greenfield, Rett Foundation Regional Representative, Marianne Kozub, Rotary, and Lee Adams, Rotary Club President.

Eighty-eight golfers drove, chipped and putted to knock out this dreaded disease. Rett Syndrome is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects girls almost exclusively.

Club News continued

EMMAUS:

The Romanian Connection visited our club last week. Alexander was the leader of the Rotary Exchange with Romania. What a fantastic group of people. They had a really good time at our meeting where we were introduced to Romania through the eyes of Alexander. Unfortunately the sound system at Brookside kept cutting out and we could not hear him speak but the pictures were worth a thousand words. From the Carpathian Gardens to



learning that Romania has the largest concentration of Brown Bears in Europe everyone was educated on the Republic of Moldavia and Romania. Their Rotary club is only about 17 years old because the former Government did not allow clubs such as Rotary to exist. The Romanians gained their independence in 1990 and have been moving forward ever since.

We enjoyed pictures of the Danube Delta, the Bears Cave, and the salt mine health and wellness center located in an old salt mine. Bucharest and the Palace of Parliament were

some of the high-lites we were educated on as well as the promotion of Prince Charles (Charles Ottley).

POTTSTOWN:

Pavilion Clean-Up last Saturday

An area around Pottstown that truly gives attention to the Rotary Club is the pavilion at Riverfront Park - we built it and we maintain it for everyone in town to enjoy. And this past Saturday, we took time to get it ready for summer with a good clean-up and flower planting.



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Club News continued

Thanks to everyone who came out to help - we took A LOT of weeds away and really made it look good again. And thank you Hank Saylor who brought a truck load of mulch.

We also got a big assist from a group of volunteers who joined us from Pottstown Community Arts.

AMBLER & NORRISTOWN:

**The ROTARY CLUBS of
NORRISTOWN and AMBLER TEAM UP**

to provide \$12000 for new computer equipment for the Montgomery County OIC (a local not-for-profit) as part of a district matching grant with contributions from both clubs. The grant provided 16 workstations and networking equipment supporting Rotary's efforts in economic & community development to replace obsolete, failing equipment nearly 10 years old. These will be used for



training and electronic testing for pre-apprentice job skill training (35 people per year), GED preparation (100 people / year), literacy training, life skills and interviewing skills, English as a 2nd language, after school mentoring (25 youths / year) and STEM education (50 youths per year) and the new Nursing Assistant program just started 2 months ago, training offered both day and night.

Other Articles of Interest

The February 14, 2017 Edition of the D7430 PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES (P&Gs) has been released and is available on the D7430 website. [New RC Rules: Click here.](#)

NEW OPTIONS for ALL Rotary Clubs explains the significant changes made by Rotary International this Summer and now are available. [Click here.](#)

D7430 *Leaders and Committee Chairs* for 2016-17 are detailed on the D7430 website. [District Committees: 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

Rotary excels in customer service

The Rotary Support Center, which received approximately 50,000 phone calls and 84,000 emails this past year, has earned a top industry designation as **a Center of Excellence.**

Visitors to **Rotary.org** will discover a new, contemporary site that tells Rotary's story in a fresh and exciting way. Rotary staff offer a look at the site's features: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics, and better organization to help readers – especially newcomers – find out who we are and what we're doing.

New Grant Center makes applying for grants easier

We are pleased to announce the debut of the new Grant Center, formerly known as the grant application tool. The new site has a fresh look and better organization. The grant application includes clearly defined steps so it's easier for you to track your progress.

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.

Strike Out Hunger Phillies Baseball Game

Come to the 33rd Annual Rotary Strike-Out Hunger Night on Friday, August 11th when the Phillies take on the New York Mets at 7:05 pm in Citizens Bank Park. Your Club will get \$10 on EVERY ticket they purchase. That's \$10- even on a \$20 ticket. The money will come back to your Club as Foundation credits that you can use for giving Paul Harris Awards.

Ticket orders are being taken now, don't delay they are going fast. Please see seating and ticket price details on the attached flyer. Each club should have a member who will collect all ticket money and then send payment to me, PDG Gerry Long. Tickets will be sent to that Club representative after receiving payment.

Tickets are very popular as it's Phillies Alumni Weekend when Pete Rose will be added to the Wall of Fame. Get your groups together so that we can get you the good seats!

Questions? Call or email Gerry Long at 610 625-5105 or longgolf@ptd.net.

Ticket orders and checks made out to Philadelphia Phillies go to:

Gerry Long, PO Box 20366, Lehigh Valley, 18002.

Don't forget you can good donation as we welcome and honor RI President Ian H. S. Riseley and Strike-Out Hunger!

Sincerely,

PDG Gerry Long, Strike-Out Hunger Chair

UPDATE YOUR RECORDS

ALL D7430 RCs:

Your D7430 Administrative Assistant, Sharon Rittenhouse, has sent every club (Pres, PE and Sec) a spreadsheet that contained their active club members contact info. You are to review and update any missing or incorrect information, especially email addresses, in ClubRunner. This way you can review everything not just the emails.

New Rotary Community Corps is Chartered

On May 28, 2017 the Rotary Service Division notified Dan Crane, President of the Allentown West RC, that the Rotary Community Corps has been chartered as the Northwestern Snack Packing Corps. AWRC's Service Projects Committee Chair, Gloria Zimmerman, made this happen.

About 4 years ago AW Rotarians began to provide "Snack Packs" for children who are food deprived to get them through the weekend. The volunteers began to come from non-Rotarians over the years such that it was time to organize and recognize this group.

A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of people who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects but are not members of a Rotary club.

There are more than 8,500 corps in over 90 countries. Rotary Community Corps are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries.

District Calendar

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

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

Aug 11th -- FRIDAY -- Strike Out Hunger at the Phillies Game at 7:05 PM vs. the New York Mets.

Sep 16th -- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) at DeSales University

Oct 14th -- Purple Pinkie D7430 5K Run / Walk at LCCC, Schnecksville

Oct 20, 21 Zone Institute in Hartford, CT

Nov 4th -- TRF annual seminar at Montco CC jointly with D7450

Please Visit & "Like" D7430's Facebook Page:

[Click here](#)

Rotary Foundation Grants

We always are talking about reasons to support the Rotary Foundation. This Rotary year our clubs have used our Foundation monies in supporting several grants. Sixteen clubs participated in District Grants with many great projects around the world. Grants were distributed in the amount of \$48792. The total budget of the projects was \$131,653 with clubs contributing \$85,620. Below is a summary of the projects that were supported the 2016-17 Year through District Grants:

ROTARY CLUB	NAME OF PROJECT	TOTAL	CLUB	GRANT
		BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	REQUEST
ALLENTOWN WEST	UKRAINE REHABILITATION ASSESSMENT-TRAVEL GRANT	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
BETHLEHEM MORNING STAR	NICARAGUA WATER ASSESSMENT WITH EWB-TRAVEL	\$ 4,590.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,295.00
BETHLEHEM ROTARY	ICE HOUSE PARK RE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 17,900.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 7,700.00
BIRDSBORO	LIBRARY TEEN ROOM	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
BLUE BELL/NORTH PENN	EASTER SEALS	\$ 5,088.00	\$ 2,588.00	\$ 2,500.00
CONRAD WEISER	FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE	\$ 1,831.00	\$ 915.50	\$ 915.50
EMMAUS	LIBRARY EQUIPMENT - 3 D PRINTER	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
EMMAUS	AMBULANCE CORP EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
HAMBURG	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,600.06	\$ 2,800.06	\$ 2,800.00
KUTZTOWN	POTATO PROJECT ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
MORRISVILLE YARDLEY	FOOD PROJECT	\$ 2,244.30	\$ 1,122.15	\$ 1,122.15
NORRISTOWN	REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS MONT. GO	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
POTTSTOWN	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RAILWAY IMPROVE	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
QUAKERTOWN	STUDENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
QUAKERTOWN	LITERACY EBOOK AND SOFTWARE	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
SPRING TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL	FIRE DEPT FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
DISTRICT GOV PROJECT	VETERANS PROJECT			\$ 2,759.35

In Global Grants, so far (we may have a couple more by the end of the Rotary Year) we have provided grants with \$1 for dollar matches from the RI TRF World Fund in the amount of \$35,000:

India: Health Project, Bethlehem Club- \$10,000

India: Hospital Equipment, Emmaus Club-\$10,000

Zambia: Education Vocational Training Team, Emmaus Club-\$15,000

Thank you to all over our clubs who have initiated such great projects in doing good locally and around the world.

Participating in the Rotary Foundation Grants program is the best way for your club to be able to use our donated Foundation Annual Fund Dollars.

Great Job to everyone!

DGN Cindy Hornaman

In Memorium



We note the recent passing of Rotarians



Donald H. Bott a member and Past President of the Bethlehem RC, age 85 died on May 2, 2017, . He was a Colonel, USAF (ret), and living in Tucson, AZ, and formerly of Lower Saucon Township. Don was born in Brooklyn, and the husband of Miriam (Johnson) Bott.

An alumnus of Lehigh, Col. Bott had a distinguished 29-year career in the U.S. Air Force serving as a command pilot in a variety of assignments, including 69 combat missions over Vietnam and at HQ European Command. His military decorations included the Legion of Merit and Bronze

Star.

His second career was as Executive Director of the Lehigh University Alumni Association, where he served for twelve years.