**Rotary District 7430 Newsletter** 

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# **Linda's Star Update**





It's a wonderful time to be a Rotarian! Spring is around

the corner, the bulbs are peeking through the ground, I even smelled lilacs this morning as I was walking the dog! It's the season of rebirth and reinvigoration!

There are many club events occurring over the next few months. Let's support each other by participating and contributing as volunteers or recipients of service! You can see what is going on by checking out our District Facebook page. CLICK HERE. If you post your events, I will always share them for everyone to see. It's amazing how many new "likes" we've been getting. Don't miss out on the news!

A very special event is occurring on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. We will be chartering the first new Rotary club in our District in recent history! It will be the Whitehall Area Rotary Club. They have been meeting provisionally for a couple of months and will become chartered with 25-30 new members at The Fellowship Community in Whitehall. More information will follow, but please help us celebrate this District accomplishment. Everyone is invited to attend.

# Dean Rohrs Named RI Vice President

President-elect lan
Riseley has
announced that he
has selected our
own Zone 32
Director Dean
Rohrs to serve as
Rotary
Inter-national Vice
President for the
Rotary year 2017-18.



The announcement was made following the recent meeting of the RI Directors in San Diego.

Dean Rohrs is an owner and administrator at Rhide Technologies Inc., which supplies soil stabilization products for road construction. Earlier in her professional career, she was a nurse in Cape Town, South Africa, working as part of Dr. Christiaan Barnard's heart transplant team.

## Linda's Star Update continued

This Club will be lead by Laura Long, who just became a member of the Allentown West Club. Allentown West is sponsoring this new club by providing mentorship, service opportunities, fellowship, and consultation. Rotarian and District Membership Chair, Herb Klotz, DGND has been instrumental in this achievement.

Finally, it's time to start your planning and registering for our District Conference from May 5 -7, 2017 at the Best Western Premier Eden Resort and Suites in Lancaster, PA. I guarantee that you will not be disappointed! The weekend will be casual, informative, and inspiring! The facilities are great and there will be some time for you to explore Lancaster. We will have entertainment each night for dancing and playing. Come join us to celebrate our Service to Humanity!!!

## **Membership Tip**

Print up club business cards and distribute them to your members. The cards should include your club's meeting time and location, your website address, and maybe the 4 Way Test on the back.



Then, encourage your members to hand them out and teach them to simply say, "I would like you to be my guest at a Rotary meeting. No obligation. We have an interesting speaker coming up that I'm sure you will enjoy."

Date	No. D7430	Change from
	Members	<b>Prior Month</b>
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



Share your passion for Rotary! REFER A MEMBER!







## **Your Foundation Update**



## What is the Paul Harris Society?

An Individual Donating \$1,000 or more every 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 54 Rotarians committed to this **generosity**.

**STATISTICS** 

As of February 28, 2017

Goal YTD

Annual Fund \$198,300

\$180,200

PolioPlus \$ 37,200

\$168,800

Welcome to the New EndPolio.org.



### NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of Feb 28, 2017

2017 YTD 2016 YTD

Pakistan 1 5

Afghanistan 2 0

Have you experienced the newly updated End Polio Now

<u>website</u>? It's been completely revamped to include vibrant images, improved navigation, and, thanks to your feedback, an enhanced Resource Center. Get the latest polio news; download tools to help you advocate, fundraise, and educate about polio eradication; and make a contribution at the new <u>EndPolio.org</u>.



# 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.

#### Club News

#### **Easton:**

On Thu, Feb 9, 2017 at 4:27 PM, Easton Rotarian Dr. Terry Pundiak wrote to the club members: "With the snow storm - Nothing to do today except shovel snow - so I distributed some of the bears to the two local hospitals this afternoon.

For over 10 years The Rotary Club of Easton donates teddy bears to oncology patients for Valentine's Day. Over a thousand bears have been given out over these years.

Staff members at Easton Hospital oncology center and the oncology infusion center at St. Luke's - Anderson Campus hold some of the bears before distributing them to patients, The bears put some big smiles on anyone that holds them.

Each bear has a Rotary label stating, "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue; to help you feel better, here's a teddy for you. The Rotary Club of Easton, R.C. Smith, Pres."



They all couldn't stop thanking the Rotary Club for a job well done. Thanks, Rotary!

DG Linda wrote to Dr. Terry: "Thanks for bringing some sunshine and smiles to the oncology patients. A great demonstration of Rotary Service to Humanity! Well done!

#### Area 6 Rotarians Join Forces

Eleven members of the Area 6 clubs of Harleysville, Perkasie, Quakertown and Souderton-Telford banded together on February 11 for a joint service project. The group rehabbed two Sellersville apartments owned by Keystone Opportunity Center.



They thoroughly cleaned both kitchens and baths, removed trash, washed and painted walls and replaced window treatments and other minor repair jobs so that residents served by Keystone can move it. Keystone Opportunity Center is a non-profit whose mission is to educate, encourage and empower community members in need to become self-sufficient.

### Club News continued

#### **Allentown West:**

#### **Physical Therapy Training for The Ukraine**



Foundation Chair David Caccese, executing the District Grant that he and his committee received last year, made the plan that came into being the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>. Stanislav Agafonov PT and Kostyantin Kalinkin PT were our program on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. They represent the Ukrainian Catholic U- School of Rehab Med Vocational Exchange.

They are here for their two weeks of training at Good Shepherd in Allentown to learn aspects of Physical Therapy to take back to the Ukraine.

There was no real Physical Therapy available in the Ukraine until three years ago. Now in September 2017 the classes begin at the University for Professionals and Therapists. Allentown West Rotarians are hosting these fine visitors.

#### TWO SPECIAL ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

Between January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 22nd Allentown West Rotarians celebrated Vernon Fenstermaker's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday and George Ikeda's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Vern also will celebrate 50 years as a Rotarian in July. George just celebrated his 38<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary. Both attend meetings regularly.





## Club News continued

#### **Emmaus:**



Thursday evening February 2nd a group of approximately people met at the Willow Lane Elementary School. Jeff McElhaney along with the organizers Michele and Bobby put us to work helping to feed people in need.

We packed 20,000 meals. Between 75-90 Rotarians and friends of Rotary were able to get the job done in about two hours. Thank you for your hard work! All of the meals were donated to the Emmaus Food Pantry at Bethel Bible Fellowship, "Groceries Plus", and they will feed local East Penn families in need.

#### Other Articles of Interest

NEW OPTIONS for ALL Rotary Clubs explains the significant changes made by Rotary International this Summer and now are available. Click here for New RC Rules.

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

D7430 Committee Chairs and their contact information is available in the on-line *District Directory. The 2016-17 edition is out.* Click here for District Committees.

# MEMBERS WANTED for the D7430 ROTAPLAST COMMITTEE

We welcome new committee members, as well as non-medical mission volunteers. Individuals self-pay for their airfare and immunizations.

Speakers for club meetings are also available. We are hoping that clubs with a Rotaplast donation as a line item in their budgets will send in their donations soon.

Louise Zawadzki, D7430 Rotaplast Committee Chair

#### **More Information**

In January, 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.

## The Rotary Leadership Institute of Northeast America

Consider attending in MEDIA, PA.

WHEN: Apr 01, 2017 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

WHERE: Delaware County Community College; 901 Media Line Rd.

Media, PA 19063

- See more at: http://rlinea.org/event/media--pa-(7450)-1/#sthash.8ffD3SRB.dpuf

#### Rotary's commitment to creating a healthier world

Rotary members are committed to fighting and preventing diseases. In fact, 15 of our 26 Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs) are focused on disease prevention and treatment. Rotarian Action Groups help Rotary clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects.



Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

## **Rotary's International Convention**

### 10 - 14 June 2017 Atlanta, Georgia, USA



#### Join us in Atlanta

#### Centennial events

The yearlong celebration of The Rotary Foundation and 100 years of Doing Good in the World culminates at the Atlanta convention. Help us celebrate in the city where it all began:

**Explore The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit** 

Attend the "Doing Good in the World" book signing

Enjoy a special centennial birthday party

For Details: http://rotarydistrict7430.org/event/ri-convention-in-atlanta/

### **Hello from India**

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, RI President 2015-16 recently wrote to PDG Doug and Mary Cook. Doug notes that Ravi is from this part of India, and he has never visited under Rotary's name before. Now he is starting to see what is so hard to explain to others.

"Hi Mary & Doug,

We are approaching the end of our long anticipated trip to India. We are currently in Agra. We will be

heading to Delhi in the morning (Friday). Then flying back to US on Sat night.



The trip has been absolutely phenomenal. I don't even know where to start explaining everything we did and how well we were received by people everywhere we went. Attached is just one very small example. The picture you took of us at the airport was put to good use."

## Tell Us What You Are Doing

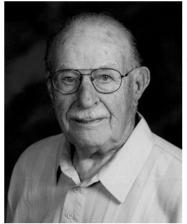
by the 20th of each month to:

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

#### In Memorium



# We note the recent passing of Rotarians,



Ralph Buzby 94, Quakertown RC, died Tues, Feb 7 in Grand View Hospital. He was the husband of the late Shirley (Betz) Buzby. He was born in Quakertown.

For nearly sixty years, Ralph worked in banking with Quakertown National Bank before retiring. He served with the US Army in World War II.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown.



**Norman L. Baringer 86,** Quakertown RC, died February 10, 2017 in Grand View Hospital, Sellersville. He was the husband of Nancy A. (Achey) Baringer. He was born in Richlandtown, PA.

He was the founder, president and owner of Baringer Associates in Quakertown for over 50 years. He was past president of Bucks County Association of Realtors and a member for over 50 years.

Norman was past director of QNB Bank, past president of the Rotary Club of Quakertown and a member for over 50 years.

He was past Potentate of Rajah Temple and a member of the Royal Order of the Jesters, a member of the Quakertown Masonic Lodge #512, and also a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Allentown.

## **District Calendar**

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 26<sup>th</sup> -- D7430 Changeover and Awards Dinner at Brookside CC in POTTSTOWN

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

Sep 16<sup>th</sup> -- RLI at DeSales University

Oct 20, 21 Zone Institute in Hartford, CT

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

**Click here** 

#### 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**

The Camp Neidig Registration Site is now officially open. Our 2017 Camp Neidig Youth Leadership Program will be held June 16th-June 19th at Camp Manatawny.

# 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.