

**Rotary District 7430 Newsletter** 

November 2016

## Linda's Star Update



#### Be a Rotary Foundation <u>Hero!</u>

Are you one of the world's heroes? Of course you are! You are a Rotarian! And we Rotarians are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Rotary

Foundation. The story is quite interesting. Like everything in Rotary, something amazing begins with "one person" who has an idea to "do good in the world."

Arch Klumph, elected president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1916, used The Rotary Convention in Atlanta in June 1917 to introduce his philanthropic vision for Rotary's future. The Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO made the first donation to the Foundation in the amount of \$26.50 soon after that convention. But it took until 1948 to raise the first \$1.3 million. Since that time however, the Foundation has raised more than \$3 billion and issued hundreds of grants each year to fund humanitarian projects around the world.

Of course there is much more to learn about the history of the Foundation – check out the November issue of "The Rotarian" to read about The Man Who Wouldn't Give Up – Arch Klumph. He is a true "super hero!"

# D7430 Peace Scholar for 2017

Morgan Marks, nominated by D7430 earlier this year, has been selected as one of the recipients of this year's Peace Scholarships from



the Rotary International Foundation.

Over the past three years, the members of the D7430 Scholarship Committee chaired by Ham Malek (Bethlehem RC) have been privileged to get to know Morgan and learn of her heart and passion for service.

This award is significant as it affirms how her qualifications and experience are uniquely superior to many of this year's applicants globally. We look forward to seeing how this scholarship training will further prepare and equip Morgan to impact humanity and our world as a peacemaker.

As the recipient of a 2017 Rotary Peace Fellowship for studies as part of the Rotary Peace Centers program, Morgan has been selected to study at the University of Queensland. Congratulations, Morgan.

#### Linda's Star Update continued

November is typically "Foundation Month." It is especially impactful this year because we are embarking on a new century of "doing good in the world!" Over this past 100 years we know that our donations have been managed well for their intended purpose. In fact, The Rotary Foundation has achieved 4 stars in Charity Navigator for its good stewardship. Which leads me to another thought......

We all have our personal "charities of choice" that we support. Why not consider The Rotary Foundation as one of your "charities of choice" moving forward? Why? Because it is well managed, it is our money, which is used for projects and services throughout the world to serve humanity. Think about it – it is a wonderful investment in improving lives around the world.

As for this month, I hope you all have some type of Foundation Program during your meetings – the "Foundation Moment" is always a good way to educate members. I also hope you and your clubs have taken on the challenge in honor of this anniversary to give a "minimum" of \$26.50 to support The Rotary Foundation.

Be a Hero! Donate to the Foundation to support Rotarian traditions of doing "Good in the World" and Serving Humanity! <u>Make A D</u>ifference!

DG Linda

#### Membership



Taking the time to get to know potential members and to determine whether your club is a good fit for them increases the likelihood of membership longevity and engagement

| 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                 |



Share your passion for Rotary! REFER A MEMBER!



## **Share Your Expertise**

#### THE ROLE of the DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CHAIR

RI has redefined this role to focus on:

1 - Assist District and Club leadership and Rotarians with information on resources for International projects and networking among Rotary Clubs

2 - To develop a pool of experienced Rotarians within the District to assist Clubs with their vocational or developed expertise, as Clubs prepare applications for International projects.

As part of the first area of responsibility, I would like to direct you to the on-line resources provided by RI and TRF. Within the RI website "MyRotary", you can find examples of Club projects in the link <u>Rotary Showcase.</u> You can also find proposed projects from Clubs all over the world looking for international partners in the link <u>Ideas.</u> I am also available to assist you and point you in the right direction, if you are developing a unique project of your own.

For the second area of responsibility, I need your help. I am seeking Rotarians that are willing to share their expertise and/or experience in one or more of the *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. 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. Some examples would be; 1 - What technical details should be addressed when planning to do a water well project? 2 - What questions need to be addressed when renovating a school building? 3 - What health concerns or regulations should be addressed when developing a maternal health care project?

The Six Areas of Focus are:

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

We are looking to cover each of these areas with at least one resource person, but more than one resource person in each area is even better. So if you are in the *medical, law enforcement, education, engineering, business , public service, computer/IT or construction fields*, or if you have worked on pass projects in any of these areas, your help would be deeply appreciate. After all, that what we do as Rotarians.

[Please include your name and contact information (phone number and email address) when responding]

As always, thank you for your service as Rotarians,

PDG Frank Romano, District 7430 International Service Chair

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Rotary Foundation

## Your Foundation Update



SPECIAL INCENTIVE for "FIRST TIME DONORS" who SUPPORT the RI Foundation ANNUAL FUND

| As of October 31, 2016 |           |          |  |  |  |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|--|--|--|
|                        | Goal      | YTD      |  |  |  |
| Annual Fund            | \$198,300 | \$63,800 |  |  |  |
| PolioPlus              | \$ 37,200 | \$61,700 |  |  |  |
|                        |           |          |  |  |  |

**STATISTICS** 

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



NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of Oct. 25, 2016

|             | 2016 YTD | 2015 YTD |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Pakistan    | 15       | 38       |
| Afghanistan | 8        | 13       |
| Nigeria     | 4        | 0        |





Why isn't there mouse flavored cat food?

### Race to Save the Children

Saturday morning, October 22 to Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, PA about 80 runners and walkers participated in the five county Rotary District 7430 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Yvette M. Palmer "Purple Pinkie" 5K Run and 1 mile Fun Walk event. Twenty nine of the district Rotary Clubs sponsored participants and made donations.



We raised about \$16,000 the for Polio Plus fund of Rotary, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Sponsoring RCs will have a share of the proceeds donated in that club's name.

Present at the event were five polio survivor who have Post-Polio Syndrome, One of them talked about living with the results of having had Polio. She focused on the importance of the world-wide commitment by Rotary International to eradicate this terrible disease. These survivors donated \$2,200 to end Polio.





#### Rotary District 7430 Governor, Linda

**YOUNG**, from the Saucon club worked the registration desk and addressed the runners and volunteers before the race.

#### Race to Save the Children continued

Past district Governor, **Bill Palmer** -- husband of the late Past District Governor Yvette Palmer for whom the event is name -- gave the "GO" command to start the race.

Yvette's daughter, Kim, and granddaughter, Arista, participated in the race as they have each





The 1st place male in the 5K race was Kyle Bellhorn 22:34. The 1st place female was Jennifer Wollenhaupt with a time of 23:47.

Over 30 volunteers and a lot of planning went into this event led by Rotarian Race Director Herb Klotz from the Allentown West club.

Twelve Rotary Interact students from Parkland High School worked during the race.

# 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.

## **Club News**

#### Blue Bell:

Blue Bell Rotary Club is proud to announce the start up of a new interact club at Wissachickon Middle School. Leilani Katz one of our newer members has been working for over a year with the Middle school's leaders to get this club up and running. An advisor for the club was identified this summer, Mrs. Caeli Duke.

On September 29<sup>th</sup> the first meeting was held with 40 plus 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, surpassed everyone's expectations. All the students were excited to start right in' and they have identi-



fied a community service project. They voted to help a mentoring group out of Ambler by collecting supplies like books, flash cards and such to donate to help the kids – K through 6 grade.

The Interact Club is expected to be Chartered by the end of the year 2016. We look forward to great ideas coming out of this new club.

Congratulations to Leilani Katz for all her hard work in getting this club up and running. 40 kids.... wow.

#### Pottstown:

#### HALLOWEEN PARADE 2016

It was a proud time to be a member of the Pottstown RC. We sponsor the parade in conjunction with the AMBUCS Club and the Pottstown Department of Parks & Recreation. We contribute and raise money to finance the event. We work with Parks & Rec to organize, and we participate with a float and many of our members walking with the float.

It was a glorious evening. Hundreds of children marched in the parade in their bright costumes. Several organizations entered floats. There were four marching bands. Several thousand people lined both sides of High Street to watch the parade pass by.

We had about 35 of our PRC members involved. Many of our newer members were a big help. And we also distributed candy.

# 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, <u>click here</u>.

### **More Club News**

#### Huntington Valley - Churchville Rotary Rocks for Southampton Free Library

On October 19, Club President Lee Adams (center) and Foundation Chair Ken Barber presented a \$7500 payment as part of the \$30,000 pledge to the Southampton Free Library. Kim Ingram, librarian, accepted the check. The gift is a prime example of how the Huntingdon Valley - Churchville Rotary helps build better communities.



## **Other Articles**



# AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT ROTARY

District 7430 will be running the Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Leadership Institute sessions. This is at Bucks County Community Col-

lege. Go to <u>rlinea.org</u> for the complete schedule and to register see: <u>http://rlinea.org/event/</u> <u>newtown--pa-()/</u>

PLEASE NOTE THAT A \$50 REBATE AFTER THE FIRST PERSON ATTENDS Part I is in effect again.

# **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:

http://rotarydistrict7430.org/SitePage/did-you-know

D7430 Leaders and Committee Chairs for 2016-17 are detailed on the D7430 website.

http://rotarydistrict7430.org/districtorganizationchart/2015/

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

## **Even More Information**

TAX FILING REQUIREMENT for ROTARY CLUBS write-up explains the basics about IRS tax filing rules applicable to our Rotary Clubs. Go to:

http://rotarydistrict7430.org/SitePage/did-you-know

<u>**RLIREBATE</u></u>** -- The district once again will refund \$50 for each Rotarian after the first one attends Part I of the Rotary Leadership Institute on November 12<sup>th</sup>.</u>

**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.

#### YOUR KEY CONTACT – CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)

Provides personalized service, training, and regional guidance on

- □ Rotary resources and services
- □ Administrative procedures
- Board policy and Rotary constitutional documents
- □ Navigating My Rotary and doing your Rotary business online

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

#### Tell Us What You Are Doing

by the 20th of each month to:

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

# 11 1/2 Tons of Potatoes Picked for Local Food Banks

#### by Reno Unger 9/30/16

127 volunteers descended on a small farm field near the Rich Maiden Golf Course



September 25 and harvested over 23,000 pounds of potatoes that are destined for food banks throughout five counties.

The event was part of the ongoing IHartHarvest (Potato Project) effort to utilize fields volunteered by area land owners to grow food for local residents in need. The project resulted from the vision of Walter and Linda Zawaski of Hamburg, and was kicked off in 2008 by volunteers from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kutztown.

As its reputation grew, the project attracted helpers and sponsors from all over the area. This year's crew included church groups and volunteers from First Tee of the Lehigh Valley. 67 of the participants came from Rotary clubs from Kutztown, Fleetwood, Muhlenburg, Reading, West Reading/Wyomissing, North Penn and Saucon. Rotary affiliated youth groups, Interact, from Wilson High School and Rotaract, from Kutztown University also added significant numbers to the effort.

First Tee is a nationwide organization with the purpose of introducing children and teens to self discipline and life skills through the

principals of golf.

The Rotary clubs of the area have supplied financial support and large numbers of volunteers since early in the project. In addition, a recent grant of \$3,500 from Rotary District 7430, matched by the Kutztown Rotary Club allowed the project to purchase a used corn harvester combine.

Bob Hobaugh, who is a Kutztown Rotarian

and Assistant District Governor of the club, commented that the Potato Project's goal is to become financially self sustaining. The plan is to follow the same volunteer model to grow corn as a cash crop to make the project independent of donors from outside the Potato Project. The corn combine will further that part of the enterprise.

So far, local donors, including grants from Rotary and private contributions from many Rotarians, have provided silos, a tractor, potato harvester and a tilt-back trailer to the ongoing effort.

# **District Wins Awards**

# **RI DISTRICT 7430 RECEIVES THREE AWARDS**

District Governor Linda Young attended the RI Zone 32 Institute meetings in Winnipeg, Canada on October 2, 2016. She returned with three awards earned by D7430 Rotarians.

District 7430 was the top contributor to Polio Plus during the last Rotary year.



Plaque recognizing PDG Doug Cook and District 7430 for the extremely successful Million Dollar Journey.

Plaque recognizing PDG Doug Cook and District 7430 for the Largest Contribution to Polio Plus



## **RLI Annual Rebate Plan**

Once again D7430 funds are committed to reimburse any Rotary Club \$50 for every member—after the first—who attends Part I of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) this Rotary year. The next nearby sessions are at Bucks County Community College in Newtown on Saturday, November 12th.

#### **Events Calendar**

#### 2016

Nov 12th --Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) at Bucks Cty CC, Newtown Nov 12<sup>th</sup> -- Rotary Day at the United Nations

#### 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 TBA -- D7430 Changeover and Awards Dinner

Jun TBA -- D7430 annual Council of Governors meeting

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# **Tax Filing Requirement for Rotary Clubs**

Many large clubs already are having their tax return, Form 990 or 990-EZ, being prepared for them. But there are a number of clubs whose revenues may fall below \$50,000 annually and with the changing of officers, may forget that they also have a tax filing requirement. With Rotary having a June 30 year end, the due date for tax return filing is November 15.

Those clubs with less than \$50,000 in annual revenues may file the e-postcard, commonly known as Form 990-N. Filing Form 990-N is easy and takes only a few minutes. You can access the link from the IRS website or from this: <u>http://epostcard.form990.org.</u> When you access the system, you will leave the IRS site and file the *e-Postcard* with the IRS through their trusted partner. The form must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form to file.

Completing the e-Postcard requires the eight items listed below:

- 1. Employer identification number (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
- 2. Tax year
- 3. Legal name and mailing address
- 4. Any other names the organization uses
- 5. Name and address of a principal officer
- 6. Web site address if the organization has one
- 7. Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less

You do not have to be a CPA to do this but you may be a principal officer of the club.

Once you complete the information on-line and submit it, you will receive an acknowledgement via email to your email address. Then usually within 30 minutes you will receive another email showing that IRS accepted the e-Postcard you have just submitted. You should print that email and save it with your club's annual records.

Failure to file for three consecutive years will result in your club's loss of its 501(c)(4) status. Losing your tax exempt status can have financial and tax complications and take months to get the tax-exempt status reinstated.

Chris Luppold, CPA, CGMA Spring Township Centennial Rotary Club – Treasurer Past President (2012-13)

#### **District Conference**

