



**District Governor Shelby Rhodes
Weekly Newsletter
February 21, 2022**



THIS EMAIL IS BEING SENT TO ALL DISTRICT 7475 ROTARIANS.

Happy Monday Rotarians!

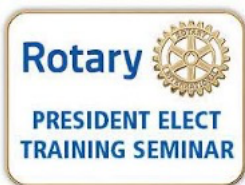
We have a lot of opportunities for networking, learning and fun coming up over the next few months. Please read my weekly emails carefully and mark your calendars accordingly.

VIRTUAL ZONE GALA – THIS WEDNESDAY!

Join our hosts, Rotary International Vice President Valarie Wafer, and Rotary Foundation Trustee, Dean Rohrs, for our Fundraising Gala on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 8:00 pm ET. Special guests include RI President-Elect Jennifer Jones, Director-Elect Drew Kessler, and our MC for the evening, Past-Director Jeffrey Cadorette.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information including buying tickets or making donations. I hope to see you at the virtual Gala!



PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (aka “PETS”) PETS is in-person this Rotary year! ... PETS will be held at the Marriott in Hanover, NJ on March 24-26. PETS training is **MANDATORY** for all Presidents-Elect, even if you are currently a President with a 2-year term or were President in the past. President-Elects must register online [HERE](#).

Plus, we'll have two online Pre-PETS sessions on March 1 and March 8. President-Elects must register online [HERE](#).

For more Pre-PETS/PETS information, email DGE John Shockley at jshockley@911septicpumping.com.

JUST 53 DAYS LEFT!

The 2022 District Grant deadline is April 15. Please go to ClubRunner today and file the report of your Club project to obtain reimbursement. If you need help, please contact Grants Chair Pamela Singh by email at pamelarsingh@gmail.com. Or, call her at Home 908-226-1463 or Cell phone 908-202-6608. **If you do not file by April 15th, midnight, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR GRANT. If you did not do the project, please let her know so we can reassign the funds.**

DISTRICT RAFFLE IS COMING SOON!

We'll start taking orders for 50/50 tickets in the District 7475 2022 raffle next week. **I'm asking each Club to discuss how many tickets they need over the next two weeks so they can place orders promptly once we open the ticket ordering window.** Tickets will be \$20 each with half (less ordinary expenses & fees) going to your Rotary Club's charitable endeavors. The raffle winners will be picked the night of the May 16 District Training Assembly at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. For more information, please email DGN Sam Maddali rphsam@gmail.com who is leading this effort this Rotary Year.

MANUAL OF PROCEDURES – ANNUAL UPDATE

Attention Club Presidents

The link below will take you to a copy of the 2021-2022 District 7475 Manual of Procedures. (MOP). This is document that provides guidance on how the District operates. Each year there is an annual review and Club can recommend changes to MOP. If your club would like to recommend any changes, please submit the changes (or new additions) to PDG Barry Kroll (barrykroll@aol.com) who is the Chair of the MOP review committee. The deadline for submitting changes will be March 6, 2022. Approved changes will be incorporated into the 2022-2023 Manual of Procedures. The document will be voted upon at the District Training Assembly scheduled for May 7, 2022

[2020-2022 MANUAL OF PROCEDURES LINK](#)

MENTOR TRAINING

Clubs should consider have a new member mentor program to help new members become acclimated to Rotary. Madison Rotary has an active mentor program and is providing a training for its mentors on Thursday, March 3rd, 4:30 to 5:30 pm via Zoom. Madison invites you as a guest to attend this mentor training. Below is the joint link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsd-6gqjMpE9HTGb456oJa0Cbu1sFH8dyN>

CLUBS NEWS - WHAT'S UP AROUND THE DISTRICT

[CLICK HERE](#) to access this week's article. How does your Club get featured next week? Simply email your news to Rotary7475news@gmail.com. Our deadline is every Friday around 5 pm.

INSPIRING POLIO SPEAKER FOR YOUR NEXT ZOOM MEETING

If your club is looking for a speaker on Zoom, John Nanni, who is a Polio survivor, is available. He has a Power Point presentation and is up on the latest developments in the eradication effort, and related topics. He is the Polio Chair for his Rotary District in Delaware. He's a former member of the Hamilton Club, NJ. Contact info: John Nanni; Email jntenor@yahoo.com ; Home phone 302-449-5346; Cell 609-605-4007.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

At our January 25 District Leadership meeting our Public Image team lead an amazing training session. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video of the training. Complete resources from the training are available online [HERE](#). Or, [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the entire District Leadership meeting. For more information, email me at Shelby@HartmannRhodes.com.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS

Thursday, March 3 at 6 pm – Advisory College of Past District Governors – The 2022 College meeting will be held at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. PDGs please mark your calendar and check your mail for a special invite. RSVPs from PDGs are due Thursday, February 24. Please email me with your RSVPs, Shelby@HartmannRhodes.com.

Monday, March 14 at 12 noon – Membership Orientation Lunch & Learn – We are hosting a Rotary member orientation program as part of our 2022 Lunch and Learn series. This program is designed for all members and is especially good for newer members, club officers and those in leadership positions. Rotary is a dynamic organization

and new initiatives are being implemented all the time – learn about the new trends in Rotary and help your club be more successful. Advance registration is required. Sign-up online [HERE](#).

*** Please consider attending this important event. The session will be recorded but being online will get your individual questions answered. Presenters will include DGE John Shockley, DGN Sam Maddali, DGND Mark Hartmann and PDG Barry Kroll (our District Membership Chair) and myself. For more information, please email PDG Barry at barrykroll@aol.com.

Tuesday, March 15 at 6 pm – District Leadership Meeting – This meeting will be held at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park 184 Park Avenue, Florham Park. Dinner plus unlimited soft drinks and two other drinks included per person. Tickets cost \$20 per person. Tickets should be purchased in advance by Friday, March 11 online [HERE](#). For more information, email me at Shelby@HartmannRhodes.com.

Thursday, March 31 at 6 pm – District Finance Committee – This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Advance registration required. Sign-up online [HERE](#). For more information, email Finance Committee Chair Larry Wefferling at larry@wefferlingcpa.com.

APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2022 EVENTS

Saturday, April 9 at 8 am - Rotary Leadership Institute (aka “RLI”) – Rotary Leadership Institute will take place virtually for this session. Cost for the program is \$25.00 payable at time of registration. The District will provide a limited number of scholarships and reimburse attendees after successful completion of the program. Please consider signing up or better yet bring a team from your club. Excellent Club leadership and an understanding of Rotary is essential to the future success of your club. Does your club have more members than it knows what to do with? Are you providing more services and programs than ever before? Is your club working both locally and internationally? Does everyone in your club understand The Rotary Foundation? These topics are just a few of the items that will be covered at RLI.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR RLI FLYER \(send to your club members\)](#)

For more information, email PDG Barry Kroll at barrykroll@aol.com.

APRIL 22-24, 2022 – ANNUAL DISTRICT 7475 CONFERENCE – Details, agenda, and registration information are available on the district website, [CLICK HERE](#) for details. For more information, contact 2022 District Conference Chair Mike “Dutch” Minor at mminor@onevera.com.

FRONTLINE HERO AWARDS AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

For those Clubs that participated in last year's District Conference Frontline Hero Awards, it was a special new addition to the conference. **PHOTOS ATTACHED.** For the 2nd Annual Awards, we will be requesting all Clubs in District 7475 nominate a local firefighter, EMT, and police officer in their Club's jurisdiction for recognizing outstanding Service Above Self in their local communities last year and award them with a “of the year” heroes medal that can be worn on their uniforms. During the District Conference, there will be a two-day exhibit in the House of Inspiration that will showcase a continuous slideshow of photos of your Club participating in the event and showcasing our frontline heroes. For questions about this new Initiative or how to participate, please send all questions to Rotarian Joseph Wutkowski (D7475) at 732-877-5816 or RotarianJoe7475@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 30 – Rotary Empanadas & Food Truck Festival supporting The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund – We're looking for Clubs to be sponsors for this Annual Fund fundraiser which will be held from 11 am to 7 pm at Central Jersey Airport in Manville (Somerset County.) For a \$1,000 sponsorship, Clubs will get a Paul Harris Fellow plus 10 event tickets. We need your support at this event to reach our fundraising goals. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#). For more information, email event Chair Joe Nastus at jnastus150@gmail.com.

Tuesday, May 3 at 6 pm – District Leadership Meeting – This meeting will be held at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Agenda to follow. Save the date. For more information, email me at Shelby@HartmannRhodes.com.

Monday, May 16 – 2022 District Training Assembly – Presidents-Elect, Secretaries-Elect, Treasurers-Elect and Foundation Chairs-Elect will take over the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park for training. Mark your calendars now.

More details to follow as we get closer. For more information, email DGE John Shockley at jshockley@911septicpumping.com.

June 17-19, 2022 - Rotary Youth Leadership Award (aka "RYLA") – SAVE THE DATE NOW. For more information, email PDG Barry Kroll at barrykroll@aol.com.

June 30, 2022 – District 7475 Banner Exchange – Come as I pass the District Banner & Gavel to John Shockley of the Branchburg Rotary Club. We'll end this year where we started – the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Save the date. More details to follow. For more information, email DGE John Shockley at jshockley@911septicpumping.com.

That's all for this week!

Be well + stay safe as we **Serve to Change Lives together!**



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