



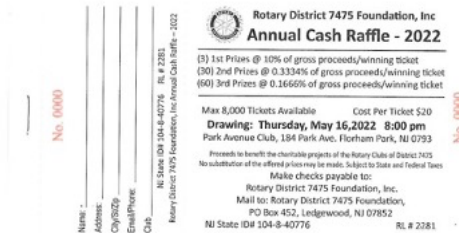
**District Governor Shelby Rhodes  
Weekly Newsletter  
February 28, 2022**



**THIS EMAIL IS BEING SENT TO ALL DISTRICT 7475 ROTARIANS.**

Happy Monday Rotarians!

**DISTRICT RAFFLE TICKETS – CLUBS ORDER TICKETS TODAY!**



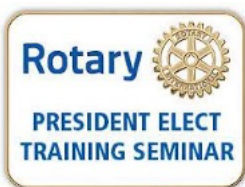
Tickets are \$20 each with about half (less ordinary expenses & fees) going to your Rotary Club's charitable endeavors. Last year, the District Raffle raised ~\$60,000 for Rotary Clubs and Agencies and awarded ~\$60,000 in prizes including three >\$11,000 prizes. This year raffle winners will be picked the night of the May 16 District Training Assembly at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Clubs can [CLICK HERE](#) to place a ticket order.

**CAMP MERRY HEART UPDATE**

The [Camp](#) won't be open this summer, according to Helen Drobnis at Easter Seals. She reported to PDG Larry Ripley that it's too late to hire a full staff of counselors and other help, especially after being closed for two years there are no "repeat" employees in the system. Most of their counselors are from overseas and that hiring program is over for this year. Secondly, after being closed for two years there's a lot of maintenance needed on nearly every building before they are suitable for use again. She said that some of the buildings may even need to be replaced, as they weren't in great shape before the shut-down, and now after being neglected for over two years, they're even worse. The Camp needs our financial support now more than ever. For more information, please email PDG Larry Ripley at [LarryRipley@Verizon.net](mailto:LarryRipley@Verizon.net).

**COMPLETE YOUR DISTRICT GRANT, GET \$1,000**

April 15 is the deadline to complete your District Grant project AND submit your report in ClubRunner. **No report = no reimbursement. Late report = no reimbursement.** Help = please contact Grants Chair Pamela Singh by email at [pamelarsingh@gmail.com](mailto:pamelarsingh@gmail.com). Or, call her at Home 908-226-1463 or Cell phone 908-202-6608. **If you did not do the project, please let her know so we can reassign the funds.**



**PETS STARTS TOMORROW NIGHT!**

President Elect Training Seminar, a required training for all incoming Presidents, starts tomorrow night with virtual Pre-PETS. President-Elects must register online [HERE](#) to attend the virtual sessions which will be March 1 and March 8 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

And, PETS in-person (also required training) will be held at the Marriott in Hanover, NJ on March 24-26. Again, 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](#) to attend in-person PETS.

For more Pre-PETS/PETS information, email DGE John Shockley at [johndg2223@aol.com](mailto:johndg2223@aol.com).

### **NOMINATE YOUR ROTARY ROOKIE OF THE YEAR!**

Awards are the recognition we “pay” our volunteers keeping them motivated on our mission. Rotary District 7475 Rookie of the Year recognizes a first-year Rotarian who has contributed to their Club and community in very special ways. Attached is a memo outlining the award and process. Nominations are due by March 12. (And, while we are on the subject of District Awards. Please find attached a complete list of awards.) For more information, email District Awards Chair Dave Breidinger at [dbreidinger1@comcast.net](mailto:dbreidinger1@comcast.net).

### **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](mailto: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](#)**

### **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](mailto:Rotary7475news@gmail.com). Our deadline is every Friday around 5 pm.

### **DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE WEEKLY BOOST**

Today's topic: **Rotary Spotlight!**

Who is Rotary?

We are problem solvers, opportunity creators and change makers.

Please enjoy our Rotary Spotlight stories to learn more about being a Rotarian.

Rotary Spotlight is an area where our amazing Rotarians share his/her personal stories of how they learned about the Rotary in North/Central NJ District 7475. Visit <https://njrotary.org/page/rotary-spotlight> to read how Ms. Dorothy Huey, member of Nutley Rotary Club became a member.

If you would like to share your thoughts about what Rotary means to you, and How your passion has impacted your community, please contact Polia Quiles at [pmquiles@outlook.com](mailto:pmquiles@outlook.com) to feature your story in the spotlight. For more Public Image information, email District Public Image Chair Dorothy Huey at [hueynews@optonline.net](mailto:hueynews@optonline.net)

### **FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS**

**Thursday, March 3 at 4:30 pm – Madison Rotary Club invites all District Rotarians** to a special training on mentoring. Mentoring helping new members become acclimated to Rotary and amazing Rotarians. The training will be held online via Zoom. Advance registration required. Sign-up on online [HERE](#).

**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](mailto: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, District Chief of Staff Mark Hartmann and PDG Barry Kroll (our District Membership Chair) and myself. For more information, please email PDG Barry at [barrykroll@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mminor@onevera.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 GET TICKETS AND BECOME A SPONSOR](#). For more information, email event Chair Joe Nastus at [jnastus150@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 [johndg2223@aol.com](mailto:johndg2223@aol.com).

**June 10-12, 2022 - Rotary Youth Leadership Award (aka "RYLA")** – RYLA will be held at Drew University from June 10 – 12, 2022. ( \*\* NEW DATES \*\*: It was originally scheduled to be one week later.) RYLA has not been held for the last 2 years because of Covid. This year the program is being expanded to include high school junior and seniors. Registration begins March 1, 2022. Information can be found online at [www.njrotary.org](http://www.njrotary.org). Please email PDG Barry Kroll at [barrykroll@aol.com](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com) with your questions.

**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 [johndg2223@aol.com](mailto:johndg2223@aol.com).

That's all for this week!

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



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