



**District Governor Shelby Rhodes  
Weekly Newsletter  
March 7, 2022**



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

Happy Monday Rotarians!

Many of you have asked me over the past week: “What’s Rotary doing for the Ukraine crisis?” The Rotary Foundation is asking that Rotarians donate to the Foundation’s Disaster Response Fund. The Disaster Response Fund allows Clubs in the Ukraine and neighboring countries hosting refugees grants for projects and humanitarian aid. Plus, with Rotary’s watchdogs looking after the money, you will know that your donation is being used for helping the people who need it. (You can read more about Rotary’s response [HERE.](#))

Plus, a Rotary Global Scholar Emily Rice sent an email to the Westfield Rotary Club about a service opportunity in Clifton. See attached for more information.

**END HUNGER 3.6 – MERCER COUNTY**



(Flyer also attached.)

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY:**

Club Name*	YTD Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Morristown Rotary Club	14	5	3	2	-	2	-	-	2	-
Roxbury	10	2	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	-
E-Club Dare to be Great	8	1	-	-	2	-	2	3	-	-
Madison	8	1	3	-	-	1	1	2	-	-
Branchville	7	-	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
Florham Park	7	-	1	-	4	1	1	-	-	-
Caldwells	6	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-
East Orange	6	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
Walkill Valley	6	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-
Elizabeth	5	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	-
South Amboy-Sayerville	5	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
Westfield	5	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Denville	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-
Hackettstown	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-
Berkeley Heights	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Dover	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Montgomery Rocky Hill	3	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Phillipsburg	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
Somerset Hill	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Woodbridge-Perth Amboy	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Branchburg	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Fanwood-Scotch Plains	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hamilton Township	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Hanover	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Livingston	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Newton	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Princeton Corridor	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Skylands	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trenton	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Vernon	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Watchung-Warren	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blairstown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bloomfield Glen Ridge	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillsborough	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Lake Hopatcong	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Mendham	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Newark	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nutley	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parsippany	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pequannock Valley	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Randolph	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbinsville Hamilton	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Rockaway	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roselle Roselle Park	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerville Bridgewater	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Must be entered into ClubRunner										
<b>YTD New Members</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>YTD Terminations</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>YTD Net</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>8</b>	

## DISTRICT RAFFLE TICKETS – CLUBS ORDER TICKETS TODAY!

Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State: _____ Email/Phone: _____ Club: _____	No. 0000 No. 0000 No. 0000	Rotary District 7475 Foundation, Inc. <b>Annual Cash Raffle - 2022</b> (3) 1st Prizes @ 10% of gross proceeds/winning ticket (30) 2nd Prizes @ 0.3334% of gross proceeds/winning ticket (60) 3rd Prizes @ 0.1666% of gross proceeds/winning ticket Max 8,000 Tickets Available      Cost Per Ticket \$20 <b>Drawing: Thursday, May 16, 2022 8:00 pm</b> Park Avenue Club, 184 Park Ave, Florham Park, NJ 07931 Proceeds to benefit the charitable projects of the Rotary Clubs of District 7475 No substitution of the offered prizes may be made. Subject to State and Federal Taxes Make checks payable to: Rotary District 7475 Foundation, Inc. Mail to: Rotary District 7475 Foundation, PO Box 452, Ledgewood, NJ 07852 NJ State ID# 104-B-40776      RI # 2281
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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.

### **DISTRICT GRANT FINAL REPORTS = \$1,000 FOR YOUR CLUB!**

**No report by April 15 = no reimbursement.** Last thing we want to do is deny a Club their District Grant reimbursement, but this firm date is necessary for our District to comply with Rotary's reporting requirements. If you need any help or have a question, 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.**

### **PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (aka "PETS")**

Tuesday night we'll continue with Pre-PETS online for all President's Elect. Our online session will start at 7 pm. Attendees will learn about MyRotary and the Rotary Learning Center, plus Rotary International Director-Elect Drew Kessler will be joining us to offer inspiration words on your Presidential Journey. If you haven't registered, click [HERE](#) now.

And, PETS in-person (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. (And, your Club has already paid for you to attend – so register today!)

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

### **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).

### **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).

### **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.

### **MARCH EVENTS**

**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.** Presenters will include DGE John Shockley, DGN Sam Maddali, District Chief of Staff Mark Hartmann, 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. Our meeting will focus on Membership Engagement. 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. Sponsorship form is attached. We need your support at this event to reach our fundraising goals. 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. We’ll focus on Vibrant Clubs. 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).



#### **RYLA CHANGE OF DATE**

**JUNE 10-12, 2022 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (aka “RYLA”)** - RYLA will be held at Drew University. 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 10, 2022. Information can be found on the District website 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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