



District Governor Shelby Rhodes
Weekly Newsletter
March 14, 2022



THIS EMAIL IS BEING SENT TO ALL DISTRICT 7475 ROTARIANS.

Happy Sunday Rotarians!

I wanted to get this week's email out early to highlight tomorrow's District Lunch & Learn. We'll have a membership orientation program for new members and those serving in Club and District leadership. Rotary is very dynamic and it's constantly changing so it's important we provide our members with these periodic orientation sessions.

We'll start the session at 12 noon and end by 1 pm. Feel free to eat your lunch while watching this informative session led by PDG Barry Kroll. Advance registration is required. Sign-up online [HERE](#). For more information, please email PDG Barry at barrykroll@aol.com.

WHAT'S ROTARY DOING FOR UKRAINE?

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](#).)

Rotary  **Mid-Northeast PETS**
March 24-26, 2022
D7210, 7230, 7255, 7410, 7475, 7490

HANOVER MARRIOTT, WHIPPANY, NJ
Register by Sunday, March 20th

Featured Speakers

 VALARIE K. WAFER Rotary International Vice President 2021-22 Saturday Morning	 DREW KESSLER Rotary International Director Elect 2021-22 Friday Afternoon	 JENNIFER JONES Rotary International President Elect 2021-22 Friday Morning	
 ROB BAYLMAN CEO Gift of Life International Friday Morning	 JASON BROWNE Past President of Downtown Rotary Club of State College, PA Friday Evening	 JEN SLAW The Art of Juggling: Redefining What's Possible Thursday Evening	 PDG LOUIS TURPIN Past Board Member of ShelterBox USA Friday Evening

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PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (aka "PETS")

PETS in-person (required training for all Presidents Elect) will be held at the Marriott in Hanover, NJ on March 24-26. 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 johnndg2223@aol.com.

END HUNGER 3.6 – MERCER COUNTY



(Flyer also attached.)

DISTRICT RAFFLE TICKETS – CLUBS ORDER TICKETS TODAY!

The District Raffle benefits YOUR Club. 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. 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.**

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.

MARCH EVENTS

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.



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. Please email PDG Barry Kroll at 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.

That’s all for this week!

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



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