



District Governor Shelby Rhodes
Weekly Newsletter
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THIS EMAIL IS BEING SENT TO ALL DISTRICT 7475 ROTARIANS.

Happy Monday Rotarians!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

On Tuesday, March 15th, the District Leadership meeting was held at the Park Avenue Club. Please find attached the meeting packet which includes various reports. The focus of meeting was a presentation by DG Shelby Rhodes on Engaging Members. Below are a few links to topics that came up in the meeting that may be useful to your club in building membership.

[Member Survey – Enhancing the Club Experience](#)

[Sample Membership Application](#) (Customize for your Club)

NEED A SPEAKER?

Please find attached the updated Speaker's Bureau list. Thank you for PDG Larry Ripley for maintaining this Club resource! For more information about the list, email PDG Larry at LarryRipley@Verizon.net.

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](#).)

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.

RESOURCES FOR CLUBS

Did you know there are a plethora of resources available to clubs on the District website at www.njrotary.org. Here is a sample of some of the resources available:

[Club resources – General](#)

[Club resources – Technology](#)

[Club resources – Public Image](#)

[Club resources – Membership](#)

[District Conference Registration](#)

MARCH EVENTS

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

Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm – CCI’s Mental Health & the Pandemic: Rise in Need, Rise in Awareness – Dr. M. Danielle (Dani) Fallen, PHD, will lead an informative discussion as part of the Community Connection Initiative (“CCI”). Please see flyer attached for more information. Advance registration required for the free event. Sign-up online [HERE](#). For more information, please contact PDG Ray Freaney at rayfreaney@gmail.com.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE –

Six volunteer hosts are needed to host one of the six RLI sessions that will be held on April 9, 2022. What’s involved:

1. Be available April 9th from 8:15 am to 2:30 pm virtually
2. Have access to a paid zoom account and know how to run a zoom meeting
3. Take attendance of those attending your session
4. Welcome participants and facilitators for all sessions
5. Responsible for monitoring times for each session – must start and end on time
6. Attend or watch recording of “host zoom training” to go over the specifics of the above details

If you can help, contact PDG Barry Kroll at barrykroll@aol.com or 973-476-2772

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. To sign up to attend the event [CLICK HERE](#).

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. This session is for all District Leaders, Club Presidents, and Presidents-Elect. 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.



June 10-12, 2022 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (aka “RYLA”) – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN – Click [HERE](#) to register. 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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