



District Governor Shelby Rhodes
Weekly Newsletter
August 8, 2021



Happy Sunday Fellow Rotarians!

I would like to thank all the members who have commented on how much they like getting **ONLY ONE EMAIL PER WEEK** from their Rotary District. Please continue to read these weekly emails and encourage your Club members to do the same.

NJ STATE FAIR:

A special thank you to Ellie Benz, President of the Branchville RC, for inviting me to the NJ State Fair Saturday. I had such a wonderful time meeting Rotarians from Branchville and Newton Clubs.



The Fair, located in Augusta (Sussex County), goes until Saturday. If you make it to the Fair, please stop by to say “hi” to the Branchville and Newton Clubs. Branchville RC is selling roast beef and turkey sandwiches, while Newton RC is selling taco salads, sausages, and corn-on-the-cobb.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

August is Membership Month for Rotary and I know that you are all working hard at this task. Thank you for sending me updates for the new members that you are encouraging to join your clubs. I would like to remind you to make sure that you enter new members into ClubRunner so that we can count them in our monthly membership congratulations message. Here is a video on how to add a new member to ClubRunner:

<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/how-do-i-add-a-new-member>

Don't forget to watch the recording of our Membership Lunch & Learn from July 30.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH.](#)

PDG Barry Kroll is hosting future Membership Lunch & Learns on the last Friday of each month. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

Your membership speaker and resource at the district is our membership chair PDG Barry Kroll. He is happy to come speak at your club to help you grow and engage your membership. PDG Barry can be contact at barrykroll@aol.com

ROTARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE (RDFC):

The Rotary Foundation is our charitable arm of Rotary International. The funds we donate to the Annual Fund help to support our District grants, global grants, global scholars, peace scholars and really helped us when we applied for COVID-19 grants for our communities.

I have had many discussions over the past few months with the Club Presidents about foundation Annual Fund giving, many didn't know what their clubs gave last year and what stats existed for their club. You have asked and I am delivering. Attached you will find the giving report for the last rotary year based on each club in our district. Please review this report and reach out to me or the District Annual Fund Chair PDG Bob Zeglarski at robertzeglarski@aol.com so we can answer any questions you may have and help encourage giving to the annual fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 16 at 7:30 pm – Somerset County President's Council – held online via Zoom. This session is open to Somerset County Presidents and assigned Assistant Governors, only. Sign-up [HERE](#) to attend.

Wednesday, August 25 at 6:15 pm - The Rotary District Foundation Committee (RDFC) – will meet in person at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Advance Registration Required. Committee members should RSVP directly to RDFC Chair PDG Mike Hart no later than August 18. His email address is: drmhart@yahoo.com.

Friday, August 27 at 12 noon - Lunch & Learn – Membership – The last Friday of each month our Membership Chair PDG Barry Kroll will host a Lunch & Learn targeted for Club Membership Chairs and Club Presidents that's open to all Rotarians interested in growing membership. August topics will include: Member Engagement, New Member Orientation, Mentor Program for new Members and more. Advance Registration Required. Sign-up [HERE](#) to attend.

Monday, September 20 at 7 pm - New Member Orientation - We'll conduct a New Member Orientation program for all new and experienced Rotary members via Zoom. Topics to be covered include the history of Rotary, overview of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 7475, Club Operations, Rotary Member responsibilities and an opportunity to have all your questions answered. Advance Registration Required: Sign-up [HERE](#) to attend.

CLUB NEWS:

I am pleased to share with you the news we have collected over the past week from our Clubs. [CLICK HERE](#) to access this article on the District website. How does your Club get included next week? Simply email your news to Rotary7475news@gmail.com.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT:

Lastly, if you'd like me to come to a Club event (Induction, Paul Harris Fellow, service project, fundraiser or social event) please work directly with District Chief of Staff Mark Hartmann. He can be reached at 1-973-296-9507 (cell/text) or Mark@HartmannRhodes.com.

That's all for this week.

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

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