



District Governor Shelby Rhodes
Weekly Newsletter
August 23, 2021



Happy Monday!

Here's what's up...

ROTARY DISTRICT 7475 FOUNDATION, INC.

I'm so pleased to report that Rev Faria of Newark RC and Christine Secrist of Trenton were elected Trustees of the District Foundation last week. Thank you so very much to DGE John Shockley and DGE Sam Maddali for helping me lead the effort to elect these two amazing Rotarians. And, thank you so very much to PDG Barry Kroll, PDG Mike Hart, PDG Andy Calamaras, PDG Jim Alison, PDG John Wilson and Foundation Treasurer Michael Townley for your guidance and support in these efforts. These new Trustees will be bringing new energy to the District Foundation.

And, speaking of new energy, the District Foundation has a website. It's www.rotary7475foundation.org. Thank you to our District Chief of Staff for his efforts to put the District Foundation on the web.

LAMBERTVILLE-NEW HOPE ROTARY CLUB

I am saddened to report that the members of the Lambertville-New Hope Rotary Club have voted to disband. I am sincerely hopeful the members will join another Rotary Club.

RI COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

The Council on Resolutions meets online every year to vote on proposed resolutions and urgent enactments. Resolutions are requests to the Board or the Trustees to take an action that is outside the purview of the constitutional documents. Ideally, a resolution should affect the Rotary world, rather than address local or administrative issues. An urgent enactment is a change to the constitutional documents, proposed by the RI Board, that the Board has determined cannot wait until the next Council on Legislation, which is held every three years. Representatives from all Rotary districts vote on items proposed by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI. Adopted resolutions are then considered by the RI Board or The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Urgent enactments that have been adopted will amend the constitutional documents and will take effect one month after the Council on Resolutions report has been sent.

PDG Joe Scandariato, Sr. of the Hamilton Township RC is our District's voting representative. Attached you will find his report.

If you would like to read all the proposed legislation before the council click [HERE](#).

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND?

The Annual Fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of The Rotary Foundation. From digging clean water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects.

In the 2019-20 Rotary year, US\$123.6 million was donated to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is comprised of donations from Rotarians, friends of Rotary, corporations, workplace giving vehicles and can be matched by corporate matching gifts to leverage your donation. There is even an online resource that allows you to see if your company has a charitable matching program...check it out at: www.rotary.org/matchinggifts.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR DONATIONS THIS YEAR TO THE ANNUAL FUND WILL BE THE MONIES USED FOR DISTRICT GRANTS IN THE 2024-25 ROTARY YEAR.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 this Zoom event.

Monday, September 20 at 7 pm - Member Orientation Program - For both NEW and EXISTING members. Learn about how Rotary works locally and around the world. Presenters are DG Shelby Rhodes, DGE John Shockley, DGN Sam Maddali and PDG Barry Kroll, District Membership Chair. Advance Registration Required. Sign-up [HERE](#) to attend this Zoom event.

Tuesday, September 28 at 6:15 pm – District Leadership Meeting – This meeting will be held in person at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Additional details to follow. The District Leadership Team should save the date.

Wednesday, September 29 at 7 pm - District Public Image Committee Huddle - At this session, you'll brainstorm what's working and what's not, and what your needs are for Public Image. It will be held online via Zoom. This session is open to all Rotarians, but is targeted to Club Presidents, Public Image Chairs and Webmaster. Advance registration required. Please sign-up [HERE](#). (THIS IS A NEW DATE.)

Thursday, September 30 – District Governor Nominations due. Questions, please contact Nominating Committee Chair PDG John Wilson. His email is jbwilsonrotary@gmail.com.

Monday, October 11 – End Hunger 3.6 Golf Outing – This charity event will be held at Berkshire Valley Golf Course at 28 Cozy Lake Rd, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438. Advance registration required. Please sign-up [HERE](#).

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 and stay safe as we Serve to Change Lives,