



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

District Governor Shelby Rhodes
Weekly Newsletter
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Happy Monday Rotarians!

Let's start this week with a quick reminder: This is the ONE and ONLY email being sent each week from the District to all Rotarians. Please take a couple of minutes to read it carefully each week. Thank you! ... (P.S. – These weekly emails are being archived on the District website [HERE](#). So, if you are looking for back emails this is the place to go!)

NEWARK RC READ 4 LIFE

Last week I was invited to participate in Newark Rotary Club's READ 4 LIFE initiative, a program set up to distribute thousands of free books throughout greater Newark. It was a great day meeting Rotarians and members of the greater Newark community. Here's some pictures from my day:



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.

WHO WANTS TO BE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-25?

Nominations are open for Rotary International District 7475 Governor for 2024-25 Rotary Year. PDG John Wilson of the Newark RC hosted a Lunch & Learn last month to go over the nominations process, Governor qualifications and had a panel of PDGs offer wisdom and insight. You can watch this video [HERE](#). Nominations, which be submitted by Clubs after a vote of the members, are due on **Thursday, September 30**. Please send nominations to PDG John at jbwilsonrotary@gmail.com who is also available to answer any questions.

FORE! – END HUNGER 3.6 GOLF OUTING



Monday, October 11 (Columbus Day) – End Hunger 3.6 Golf Outing – End Hunger 3.6 aims to provide meals to food insecure New Jersey residents. This charity event, to be held at Berkshire Valley Golf Course in Oak Ridge, will feature a dinner, contests, prizes, silent auction and a 50/50. You can bet it will be a fun day supporting a worthy cause. This outing is open to all Rotarians who are welcomed to bring family, friends, colleagues, and customers to enjoy a day on the greens. Advance registration required. Please sign-up [HERE](https://birdease.com/7475EH36).

BLAST OFF TO HOUSTON FOR THE 2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!

More than 30,000 Rotarians from around the globe are expected to descend on Houston, Texas June 4-8 for the Convention. Discounted registration is still available. For complete details and to sign-up, click [HERE](#).

ROTARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE (aka “RDFC”)

The RDFC, chaired by PDG Mike Hart of the Westfield RC, met this week for a nearly 3-hour meeting at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Committee members heard presentations from each other on various topics about The Rotary Foundation with plenty of great questions and ideas. I think it’s safe to say that everyone walked away learning something from this meeting.

The purpose of the RDFC is to administer District grants and provide oversight for Global grants awarded by The Rotary Foundation plus to raise money for the Foundation. The RDFC is part of Rotary International District 7475.

WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER?

A Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member is an individual who personally contributes \$100 (or more) each Rotary year to the Annual Fund. These contributions also count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, EREY, Major Donor, and club recognition.

Use the **Club Foundation Banner Report** to see your club’s Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members. **This report also shows TRF Giving, Every Rotarian Every Year, Paul Harris Society Eligible and Rotary Direct members.**

For \$10 a month, you too can be a Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation and help provide life-changing opportunities for those in need on a yearly basis! **Thank you for your Rotary Service.**

Join me and become a Sustaining Member today by clicking [HERE](#).

ROTARY DISTRICT 7475 FOUNDATION, INC. (aka “The Corporation”)

The Corporation’s Trustee Board met last Thursday. They re-elected PDG Bob Button of the Lake Hopatcong RC to serve as Trustee Chair for the balance of this fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Further, Shannon Jefferys of the Plainfields RC

was elected to serve as the non-voting Assistant Treasurer also for the balance of this fiscal year. Shannon is the branch manager of the Columbia Bank in South Plainfield. Congrats PDG Bob on another term as Trustee Chair and welcome Shannon to the team!

The Corporation is a legally separate entity from the District that operates with its own bylaws and its own Trustees who are self-elected. This organization is a nonprofit corporation that has received an IRS 501(c)3 determination letter as a public charity. Its purpose is the help single- and multi-club fundraising initiatives as well as raise money for international disaster relief. Its website is www.rotary7475foundation.org.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP NEWS:

This past week I made two new leadership appointments with the help of DGE John Shockley and DGN Sam Maddali. They were:

- Dave Breidinger of the Trenton RC was appointed to serve as the District Awards Committee Chair. He's working now on assembling a team to help him design and execute a recognition program for this Rotary Year. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please email him at dbreidinger1@comcast.net.
- Cynthia Hadley-Bailey of the West Orange RC was appointed to serve District Community Service Chair. Her role is to encourage club to do more community service and gather community service projects sharing same across our District. She'll also be helping Club's with Community Assessments. You can contact her at wcvjb@aol.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, September 16 at 12 noon – Narcan Training – Narcan is a drug used to treat opioid overdoses and, in this session, attendees will learn how to administer the drug. Joe Rivera of PIK (Prevent is Key) will lead this Zoom-based virtual training session. Narcan kits will be available by mail or safe-distance delivery for those who complete this online training. Supplies are limited to 1 per person for the first 75 attendees. Advance registration required. Sign-up online [HERE](#). This event is proudly brought to you by the Community Connection Initiative of Rotary International District 7475.

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 District Governor 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.)

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.

That's all for this week.

There will be no weekly address next week as next Monday is Labor Day. ... The next weekly address is going to be on Monday, September 13. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!