



District 7230 Newsletter

DECEMBER 18, 2017

Upcoming...

District Conference:

April 27-28, 2018
DoubleTree,
Tarrytown

Winter Wonderland

Area 4
Kensico Dam Plaza
December 18

Eat Well, Do Good:

White Plains,
January 31

Bronx Rotary:

Centennial
April 16, 2018

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From District-Governor, Janet DiBenedetto:



At this very busy time of the year I want to begin by wishing you and your families a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

The service that our Rotary clubs are providing to their communities is heartwarming. Rotarians have filled baskets with food for hungry families, given warm clothing to those in need, lots of toys to put smiles on children's faces and rode bikes for Polio.

Rotarians working side by side and extending a caring hand. Never thinking of themselves at this time of year only thinking of others. They are living proof of Rotary Making a Difference. Together we can do anything. Thank you.

We are now in the planning stages of our District Conference April 27 -28 at the Double Tree in Tarrytown NY. Registration will be available in January. On Saturday April 28 we will be doing a hands on project. Once again we will be working with Outreach to do a food packaging day. I am asking you to begin to find volunteers for a day of fun and fellowship. It is a perfect time to get your family members, Interactors, Rotaractors and anyone who wants to have a day of fun come and join us.

REMINDERS

1. Applications for District Governor 2020-21 must be received by December 31, 2017
2. Selection of your club officers for 2018-19 should be completed and submitted to RI. Remember DGE Kris need's this information as he prepares for PETS .
3. Please consider making a year-end contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Your contribution will truly Make a Difference to those in need.

Travel safe this holiday season.

-Janet



Puerto Rico: District steps up to aid

District 7230 is joining in a project to assist the people in Puerto Rico who are in dire need of clean water and lights. We will build on the on-going project begun by Larry Cohen (NY Rotary), Jim Kushner and Justin Shea (Inwood) to send solar lanterns and water filters. DG Janet is encouraging all Clubs to participate by volunteering or donating to the Fund started by the NY Rotary Foundation.

More information will be coming your way in January.

District Conference Update

Our rescheduled District Conference will be on April 27-28 at Tarrytown's Doubletree Hotel. Initial plans call for a Friday morning business meeting. The Paul Harris Lunch at noon will be followed by an afternoon session on a topic of interest to the District. Saturday plans are a food packaging program at White Plains High School. We hope the clubs will organize 400 people to package food for the hungry. The Conference concludes with a dinner Saturday evening.

Registration will open in January. More information will be posted on the District website and Facebook

White Plains

Recently, Rotary Club of White Plains held its annual Halo Club Dinner, an eagerly anticipated roast of the most recent Past President, organized by the other Past Presidents in the Club. The program included a slide show of the life and times of "Curious George" Kontogiannis, who looks just the same now as when he was monkeying around in elementary school. His fellow "monkeys"...that is, Past Presidents, inducted him into the Halo Club, and a good time was had by all! The evening also featured a special honor: DG Janet DiBenedetto was on hand to present our Club with the Presidential Citation for meeting RI goals relating to membership, service, and fundraising during Pres. George's year. White Plains was one of two Clubs in the District to receive the Presidential Citation for 2016-17.

RC White Plains at a special program on December 5 recognized 24 members with 30+ years of service, including 2 members with 57 years each, PP John Ramsdell and PP Ira Bernstein. A booklet for the occasion featured the members' thoughts on why they joined Rotary and stayed and their favorite Rotary memories. Service and Fellowship were 2 main themes. There were insights into Club history and some hilarious stories that the rest of us had never heard.

DG Janet DiBenedetto's message in the booklet noted: "These 24 members have a combined total of 946 years in Rotary, nearly a millennium! And special congratulations to Ira Bernstein and John Ramsdell for their 57th anniversaries in Rotary! This commitment to service is what keeps our organization strong and makes a difference in our world."

-Libby Hollahan

White Plains Rotary Spins Against Polio!!

On November 11, 2017, the Rotary Club of White Plains held an indoor spinning event as part of District 5500's international Ride To End Polio. White Plains raised \$3,140 which, when combined with the 2:1 match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounts to \$9,420 to fight polio. The photo of our Bike Team shows Rotarians Libby Hollahan, Charlie Weill, Charlie Norris, Nick Wolff, Bill Fishman (Bike Team Captain), and Norman White and Annie Norris. Although some couldn't make the actual spinning event, we had many more of our members on the Bike Team who generously contributed to our fundraising total.



D5500's Ride To End Polio began in 2009 as a project of the Rotary Club of Cases Adobes Tucson. In 2010, it became an event of District 5500 and, every November, includes 52- and 104-mile outdoor cycling rides. This year's rides included 120 cyclists in Tucson from 18 States and Canadian provinces and from Australia, Brazil, Germany and France. As a growing part of the Ride, there were 6 District teams and 12 Club teams including the Rotary Club of White Plains.

With this year's fundraising total of \$11.7M (including the 2:1 match), D5500's Ride To End Polio has now raised over \$47M!!!!

As part of the Ride To End Polio, the Club and District that raise the most money are inscribed on the Paul Harris trophy which is on display at RI Headquarters (see photo of RI General Secretary John Hewko with trophy). This year, the winners were the Rotary Club of Tucson, \$31,306, and District 6000, \$8,140. If we think about D6000 raising only \$8,140, our District would have a great shot at spinning away with the trophy in 2018 if every Club in D7230 joined in the RTEP next year!!!

-Bill Fishman

Croton's Participation In Food Drive

The Croton Rotary Club participates in the Croton food drive each Saturday morning in the recreation room of Holy Name of Mary Church. To fund the drive, Rotarians who attend weekly meetings are asked for contributions. Canned and boxed fruits and vegetables, as well as whole grains, pastas, breads, baked goods and baby food are collected from the local supermarkets, ShopRite and Foodtown. Special focus is applied to secure products that are high in protein, and low in fat, salt and sugar. Where possible, organic food products are preferred. High nutritional value is the standard.

Rotarians carefully scan the stores' weekly bulletins to find and purchase appropriate products for that week's distribution. They also coordinate with other volunteers for advice as to the particular items needed in a given week.





Every Saturday morning before the facility opens, Rotarians deliver dry products and fresh fruits and vegetables to the facility for distribution that day. The club's involvement with the food drive has been an ongoing activity for many years. Rotary's contribution each month averages \$125-150.00.

-Patricia Foley

Have you Updated your Member lists?

*'Tis the Season To Be Jolly...*It's also time to ensure our member lists are upto-date on the District and RI databases. That's how RI will bill our Clubs for the 2nd half of the 2017-18 year.

Remember, if your Club is on ClubRunner, you only need to update your member list once on your ClubRunner list. This will get automatically synchronized with the District and RI lists. If your Club does not use Club Runner – no problem, just update the District list and you will be all set. Please note that the sync only works from Club to District to RI – not the other way around.

It's always a good idea to check the RI list to ensure that the changes have made their way to the RI list.

While the Member Lists are being updated, please ensure all your member's email addresses are also current. We have about 10% of our District's members with missing or incorrect email addresses, so these Rotarians are missing out on RI and District communications.

Let's tell our Rotary Stories

Each of our Clubs has stories of service, projects and fellowship that need to be told, so others are inspired and can expand on their activities.

Rotary makes it easy to tell our different stories but with the common thread of the Rotary brand. Rotary's brand is about thousands of stories being told in one voice. By providing a consistent image of what Rotary stands for and how we differ from other charitable organizations, we can engage members, prospective members, donors and volunteers in our work to help improve communities around the world.

Rotary provides us everything we need to create our Rotary stories with our new look and feel – from logos to templates – all available at the Rotary Brand Center (<https://brandcenter.rotary.org>).

-Mahbub Ahmad



**Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah,
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