



Rotary



ACE Express

Appreciate • Congratulate • Educate

Volume I December VII

January, 2018



Registration open for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

It is time to recruit students for RYLA 2018, at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge on February 9 to-11. The fee this year is \$285 per student. Since it is a month earlier than last year, Clubs need to begin to reach out to the candidates. The RYLA Committee will meet with Club Liaisons this week and Student Registration is now open.

We recommend students from the 10th grade so they have two more years of leadership in their Interact Clubs and schools. These students can come from any school - private, parochial, public and or home school. If your Club has a problem finding students, you can always sponsor another student from another club.

Go to RYLA.RotaryDistrict7450.org for more information for students, parents, guidance counselors and Club liaisons. Please make sure you get information to your guidance counselors or Interact liaison to make sure students are registered.

RYLA will begin with "Rise Against Hunger" meal-packing event. The project is a great ice-breaker for the students, providing a critical kick-start to collaboration for the weekend.

The District must raise \$2900 to make this event a success and Clubs are asked to consider supporting this \$2900 goal. Clubs should make checks to "Rise Against Hunger" and send them to:

**Rise Against Hunger, c/o Brian Casey
505 Georgetown Road, Wallingford, 19086-6921.**

For information about "Rise Against Hunger" or to register, call Brian Casey at 484-483-842.

Message from DG Dawn deFuria

Happy New Year Rotarians! As we look ahead to 2018, six months have already passed in this Rotary year: **"Rotary Making A Difference."** We have accomplished a lot in the past six months; marching in the Philadelphia 4th of July parade that was televised and showcasing our Rotary District with a trolley that Rotarians were aboard, raising over \$28,800 to end Polio at the Phillies baseball game which the Phillies won, celebrating 30 years of women in Rotary with Past Rotary International Vice-President Jennifer Jones, and a wonderful Project Fair in Swarthmore. Let me say thank you, thank you for being a Rotarian and thank you Club Presidents for your leadership this Rotary year and getting all your goals into Rotary Club Central. Every Club has completed this task. Congratulations.



It has been my pleasure to visit the Rotary Clubs this year and I have only three more Clubs to visit this month and I will have completed all my visits. I definitely have had a lot of fun and I saw firsthand all the good work our Clubs are doing. **"Rotary is Making A Difference"** in our communities across our District. The best part of Rotary is the networking, socializing and experiences with other Clubs; let's meet each other in our own District. We have fabulous Clubs, each a little different, shaped by the persona of the members, all sharing the same core values that bring Rotarians together. For the next six months "Let's Get on Board" and continue the great work we are doing in our communities.

Looking ahead, we have some great events coming up: February 9-11, will be RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) weekend at the Freedom's Foundation in Valley Forge; February 21 will be a Chinese New Year (the year of the Dog) dinner at Margaret Kuo's; April 20-22, will be the "Whistle Stop Tour" District Conference. Friday night we will recognize Rotarians and Clubs for their service at the 2nd Annual Sassy Awards. Saturday will be the program day. Come out and hear the good news about Rotary, and the 4 Way Test Contest. Sunday, the last day of the Conference, is Earth day. Come out and join us for the planting of at least 80 trees in Heuser Park, in King of Prussia.

Our District Governor- Elect Paul and Jeanne Quintavalla leave for the International Assembly in San Diego Sunday, January 14th. This is Rotary's annual training meeting that gives incoming District Governors the chance to share ideas for strengthening Clubs and improving communities with Rotary leaders from around the world. DGE Paul will be there with 539 District Governors-Elect from around the world, hearing the message from Rotary International President-Elect Barry Rassin of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas. Paul good luck and enjoy the experience! **DG Dawn deFuria**

Rotary
District 7450



**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference
February 9-11, 2018
Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA**

Rotary District 7450 Southeastern PA

January 8, 2018

I am pleased to announce that our District Nominating Committee has selected **Kevin Katarynick**, Assistant Governor and Past President of the Rotary Club of King of Prussia, as our 2020-2021 District Governor.

As your Governor, I appointed a Nominating Committee to interview candidates proposed by our Clubs and to select the District Governor-Nominee candidate that they felt was most qualified to lead our District in 2020-2021.

I appointed PDG Joan Batory, Rotary Club of Philadelphia, to chair the committee that was comprised of Immediate Past President Renee DeCoskey, Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Past President David Houtz, Rotary Club of Chichester; PDG Chad Rosenberg, Rotary Club of Upper Mail Line; and Past President Brian Casey, Rotary Club of Swarthmore.

Prior to the interview, I sent two emails to all Rotary members asking them to recommend a qualified candidate from their Club for this important leadership position. Each candidate's Club Secretary submitted a letter to the committee within 60 days of the publication of the first email indicating that their Club had voted to support the candidate for consideration as District Governor. The District Nominating Committee conducted the interview process after the 60-day period expired.

According to Rotary International Bylaws, Article 13, para. 13.020.8, "Any Club in the District that has been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of the year may also propose a challenging candidate for governor-nominee provided that this Club has previously suggested such candidate to the Nominating Committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a resolution by the Club adopted at a regular meeting. The Club must file the resolution with the Governor by the date determined by the Governor; such date shall not be more than 14 days after the publication of the announcement of the selection of the Governor-nominee by the Governor."

Therefore, I have determined that the selection of the District Governor-Nominee shall become final if no challenge is received by **January 22nd** which is 14 days after the date of this email.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Nominating Committee members for their service to our District and to the candidates who placed their name into nomination for this most important position.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dawn deFuria
District Governor 2017-2018

For service to education and community

Pennsylvania House of Representatives honors Joseph Batory

Former Upper Darby Superintendent of Schools Joseph Batory was honored November 29th by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives via a formal citation which cites Batory's exemplary record of professional excellence and contributions to the well-being of the Upper Darby community from 1984 to 1999. According to the citation, Batory, past president of the Philadelphia Rotary Club, "inspired large scale, high quality music education for thousands of Upper Darby School District students." Batory will be honored January 20th at the 20th Anniversary Upper Darby Concert Gala as the "Father of the Foundation" (Upper Darby Arts



and Education Foundation) for his visionary creation of one of the only Arts and Education Foundations in the State of Pennsylvania! Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$2 million to Upper Darby School District educators in more than 900 mini grants for projects, supplies and other endeavors they might have otherwise not been able to afford.



Joseph Batory

Campaign to fund 'Trees for Rotary' nearing \$10,000 goal

The Pennsylvania Horticulture Society/District 7450 "Trees for Rotary Fund" drive is close to reaching its goal to cover the cost of planting 80 trees in Heuser Park on the Schuylkill River West Trail in King of Prussia Sunday, April 22, the final event of 2018 District Conference. As of January 7, the fund totaled \$8,975, thanks to Club and individual contributions received at the Philadelphia Horticultural Society. Among the Clubs which made contributions were the Ardmore Rotary Club and its partner Club, Rotary Club of Tokyo. DG Dawn deFuria accepted \$2,000 checks from both Clubs at the December 21 meeting of the Ardmore Club. At the same time, DG deFuria announced that District 7450 was sending a \$2,000 donation for the fund. DeFuria thanked all contributors and noted "with personal and Club donations, we can make it over the top as we work to meet RI President Ian's challenge for Rotary Clubs in the world to plant a tree for each member of their Clubs. District 7450's goal is to plant 1400 trees by the end of June. To donate: Go to phsonline.org/rotarytree. Deadline is February 1.



(Bill Kemmerer photo)

At December 21 check presentation are (from left) DG Dawn deFuria, District Tree Fund Chairman/Ardmore Rotarian Doug Klepfer, and Ardmore Club President Roe Dorris.

Jenkintown Rotarian helping Navajo Reservation solar project

Jenkintown Rotarian Charles Huntoon is among Rotarians who are supporting a special solar project to bring indoor lighting to one area on the Navajo Reservation in Colorado and New Mexico.

The solar light is a small panel the size of a cookie baking sheet, which is mounted on the roof with a pole. A wire runs from the panel into the house, where up to three rechargeable lights hang from hooks on the ceiling. It is unhooked when used as light outside at night. A fully charged lamp offers dim light for 75 hours or bright light for 7½ before needing to be recharged. The story of Rotarians from Durango, Colorado, teaming with the Navajo Nation to install solar lights in remote, off-the-grid homes on the country's largest Native American reservation, is featured in *My Rotary* on the rotary.org website.

Huntoon, who has been a Rotarian since 1977, spends time in Colorado and while there, he attends the Daybreak Rotary Club. He learned of Daybreak Rotary Club's solar project from his late son, who was a member of the Club. He has been visiting the area this month and plans to attend the January 10 meeting of the Daybreak Club for an update on the project.



(Charles Huntoon photo)

Daybreak, Colorado Rotarian Joe Williamson wears the Chief's blanket he received from a Navajo chief at a Rotary meeting in honor of his work on the solar project. He is joined by Dave Waller, Club Committee member (left), and Past President John Angst.

As result of Huntoon's efforts, the Jenkintown Club as well as the Wayne Rotary Club (following a visit to the Club by Huntoon) have donated funds for the solar project. The Gundaker Foundation also provided a \$1,000 matching grant.

The Daybreak Club, under the leadership of Rotarian Joe Williamson, (who grew up in the reservation area known as The Checkerboard, in northwestern New Mexico), began the project in 2013 in an area on the reservation 35 miles south of Durango. The Club, one of three in the town, adopted the project after a member challenged the Club to consider providing solar lights for homes of elderly on the Navajo reservation. The suggestion followed a report of Williamson's mission to Nepal to install solar lights in teahouses along Great Himalaya Trail. Each solar panel installed on the reservation homes costs \$300. Volunteers, working with Williams, have installed solar panels on 40 residences. Williams, who owns an industrial water-purification company in Aztec, New Mexico, employs many Navajo people. He has been a member of the Durango Daybreak Rotary Club since 1996.

Huntoon, says he is available to speak at Rotary Clubs about the solar project. His cell phone number is 215-518-1110.

Go to Rotary.org/myrotary for the feature, "The Power of Light," written by Kate Sieber and produced by Stuart Cleland.



(Derek Knowles photo)

Joe Williamson hugs Irene Guerto after installing solar lights for her home on the Navajo reservation.



ROTARY CONVENTION
23-27 JUNE 2018
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

June 23-27

Update for 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

At last report, 76 Rotarians have registered for the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 23- 27.

The District goal is 101 Rotarians which is the number of years the Rotary Foundation has been.

In existence.

The District also reports there are four rooms available in the block set aside for the Convention.

DG Dawn deFuria asks anyone who may be "still on the fence" to contact her with questions about the Convention.

"If you have never been (to a Rotary Convention), you don't want to miss this one. It won't be this close again for many years!" DG Dawn also had this reminder: "A passport will be needed to enter Canada." The Toronto 2018 Host Committee promises "inspiration on every block, in every street, and around every corner in Toronto."

The Toronto 2018 Host Organizing Committee (HOC) is pleased to announce their famous purple polo shirts and flashing pins, along with a new Toronto hat are now available for purchase. Go to the [HOC Website](#) and click on the "shop" button to get your piece of Toronto Convention history today! All prices are in Canadian dollars and worldwide shipping is available.

At the same time, register for the [exciting events](#) including Host Hospitality.

DG Dawn suggests you don't delay booking your hotel room, adding, "to make sure you find a room at a rate that meets your needs, we encourage you to book your hotel through Experient as soon as possible."

For official convention information and updates, check [riconvention.org](#).

Share the excitement using resources available on the [convention promotion webpage](#).

Don't forget to like our [official convention page](#) on Facebook. #Rotary18.

Peace-building Summit set June 22-23

Don't miss your opportunity to attend the Rotary Peace-building Summit the day before the 2018 Rotary International Convention commences in Toronto. The summit will take place all-day Friday, June, 22, and the morning of Saturday, June 23. This informative, inspiring, and entertaining summit will be the final event of a series of 2018 presidential Peace-building conferences. Pre-registering is required.

Top 10 Reasons to Attend 2018 Toronto Convention

- 1. The breathtaking Lake Ontario skyline.**
- 2. Diversity- One-half of residents were born in other countries.**
- 3. A trip to see Niagara Falls before or after the Convention.**
- 4. Great food—all kinds including Sushi Pizza.**
- 5. The Arts—Toronto is called "The Broadway of Canada."**
- 6. Ease of getting around—Toronto is a walking city.**
- 7. Fun Events planned by the Host Organizing Committee (HOC).**
- 8. Hear RI President Riseley and other Rotary leaders.**
- 9. Toronto is the "IT City."**
- 10. And most importantly, you'll find *Inspiration Around Every Corner.***

With Christmas musical program

Chester County Family Academy students entertain WC Rotarians

One of the favorite programs of West Chester Rotarians each year is the Christmas-time musical performance by the students from the Chester County Family Academy (CCFA). After the final song of the afternoon, "This Little Light of Mine," the students shared their little flashlights with Rotarians, walking table to table with big smiles and a "Merry Christmas." The students were likewise greeted with wishes for a "Merry Christmas" from Rotarians, such as Christine Scott (at left), who received a visit from not one, but two of the precious carolers. Along with a grant from the Rotary Community Philanthropic Committee and other donations, CCFA students are provided with music and literacy activities in an Artist in Residence program that provides deep arts integration for the children. In addition to singing, some of the students also played holiday carols on their violins.



Who, what, when, how of road to Rotary Peace Centers program

The Rotary Peace Center's mission is to promote world peace by educating and empowering peace-builders through rigorous academic training, applied field experience, and global networking opportunities. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are selected to receive full funding to earn either a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies or a master's degree in any of a range of disciplines related to peace and security. Through this program, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills they need to serve as leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution both in their local communities and around the globe.

Rotary Peace Centers operate in partnership with premier universities in six countries around the world. Each Rotary Peace Center offers its own customized curriculum and field-based learning opportunities that examine peace and conflict theory through various frameworks. Five of the Peace Centers offer master's degrees; one offers a professional development certificate. All courses are in English.

Rotary's Peace Centers for the master's degree fellowship for United States students are located at the International Christian University in Japan, University of Bradford University in the UK, the University of Queensland in Australia, and Uppsala University in Sweden.

International Peace master's degree fellowship winners from overseas study at Duke/University of North Carolina. Rotary's three-month Peace Certificate program is offered at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.

Applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships must have the following: Strong commitment to peace-building demonstrated through professional and academic achievements, proficiency in English, and excellent leadership skills.

For the master's program: applicants need a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of full-time related work experience.

For the certificate program: applicants need a strong academic background, plus five years of full-time related work experience.

Applicants should contact a local Rotary Club to request an interview for a Club recommendation. Applicants may search for

the nearest Club at www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder. It is recommended that applicants have all application material available when ready to request a recommendation.

Rotary District 7450 interviews are required for all candidates. All applications should be submitted to Rotary District no later than May 31 of each year. The District deadline for submitting endorsed applications to Rotary International is July 1.

Each year, between July and October, the Rotary Peace Centers Committee, composed of appointed Rotarians and university representatives, screens applications and selects fellowship finalists. Districts and their candidates are notified of the results by November.

Finalists in the master's degree program are not guaranteed admission to their assigned Rotary Peace Center university partner. Final admissions decisions rest with the universities. If a Peace Fellow finalist does not gain acceptance to the university, the Fellow must relinquish the fellowship. Fellowship finalists should not quit their jobs or alter their plans until they have been accepted to the partner university and all plans have been finalized.

Application and Endorsement Timeline

January- February: Districts and Clubs begin to promote the program to recruit well-qualified candidates. Talk with candidates to learn more about their background and learn which of the programs they are interested in, and direct them to the application at www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships to ensure that they understand all of the steps of the application process. Clubs (1) interview and select candidates and submit the Club-recommended applications to the District no later than May 31.

May/June: Districts form a committee to interview candidates and determine eligibility. Districts complete District endorsement for each qualified applicant by July 1. Districts must notify applicants of their endorsement decisions by July 1.

July-October: The Rotary International Peace Centers Committee, composed of appointed Rotarians and university representatives, screens applications and selects fellowship finalists.

November: Districts and their candidates are notified of the results. For more information, go to rotary.org/peacecenters.



Save the Date!

Celebrate Chinese New Year

February 21st, 2018

6:00pm

Margaret Kuo's

\$75.00

6 Courses



Year of the Dog

175 E. Lancaster Ave.
Wayne, PA 19807

www.margaretkuo.com



**West Chester Sunrise and Westtown-Goshen Rotary Clubs
invite one and all to the**



Rotary Souperbowl!

**Help us Tackle Hunger, Literacy and Other Rotary
Projects in Chester County**

**Become a Sponsor, Donate a Silent Auction Basket,
Reserve your VIP table**

Donate and support our Causes

Reserve the Date

February 2nd, 2018 – 7-10PM
WCU Alumni Hall, 202 Carter Drive

www.facebook.com/RotarySouperbowl

For Ticket and Participation Info: (484) 301-0432

**Great music
Artisan Brew, Bread, Brew and Pastries
(All you can eat and drink)
Silent Auction
Hail Mary Raffle
Voting for the 'Best of West Chester'**





SAVE THE DATE !!!
APRIL 20 - 22, 2018

“WHISTLE STOP TOUR” 2017-18 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*“Get on board” for a
unique experience at
“stations” across our
own district as we
celebrate our year!
(...details to come)*



Whistle stops

**Friday, April 20: 2nd
Annual SASY Awards at
the Springfield Country
Club: 5:30 P.M.**

**Saturday, April
21: Rotary Program at
Hilton Doubletree in
King of Prussia: 8:30 a.m.
- 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 22: Brunch
at the American Bar &
Grill, Conshohocken.
Tree-Planting follows at
Heuser Park in King of
Prussia, 10 a.m.**

From Rotary Foundation::

Looking at numbers in Rotary's fight to eradicate polio

When you look at the numbers of polio cases reported over the last few years, it is clear what trajectory we are on. We had 416 cases of polio in 2013, 359 cases in 2014, 74 cases in 2015, 37 cases in 2016 and 17 cases so far in 2017. We are on our way to zero—and 2018 may well be the year we reach it.

It's important to understand that this won't mean our work is over. Rotary is committed to polio eradication until the world is certified polio free. For that to happen, we must be sure beyond any doubt that there is not a single virus left anywhere in the world. Poliovirus is very good at hiding and that is why we put so much effort into surveillance: looking not only for new cases of the disease, but for signs of the virus in waterways and sewage.



Once at least three years have passed from the last time poliovirus is found, an independent committee will certify the world polio-free. Then, and only then, will our work be done. Until then, it's vital that we keep on doing everything we're doing now: all the surveillance, all the immunizations, and all the advocacy work.

In 2016, Rotary helped vaccinate 450 million children, preventing an estimated 650,000 cases of paralysis. It could never have been done without a strong membership, ready and able to do the work. Looking ahead, all of us need to do our part to ensure that Rotary's membership stays strong and ready for any future challenge.

***Rotary District 7450 ACE Express* Appreciate - Congratulate - Educate**



**RI President: Ian H.S. Riseley
District Governor: Dawn deFuria**

Editorial Department

Joan Connor Toenniessen— Jay Childress
(mombugjoan@msn.com) (info@Rotary7450.org)

