

Rotary District 7450

NEWSLETTER

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Meet the Class of 2019-2020



The district's presidents elect and assistant governors for 2019-2020 gathered for President Elect Training in Valley Forge for two days in February. They attended a series of seminars and work shops addressing topics ranging from the Rotary Foundation to leadership skills. Equally important was an opportunity to know one another and the district leadership team led by DGE Peter Mardinly.

The Paul Harris Society

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) is comprised of Rotarians and friends that donate \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus fund, or an approved global grant. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation. As of 31 December 2018, the Paul Harris Society had **22,525** members in 138 countries, with 16% of donations to The Rotary Foundation

coming from this special group.

Rotary Direct offers an easy way to become a PHS member with small donations monthly.

Contact DRFC Bronwyn Martin at 610.453.7215 if you'd like to join the PHS.



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District Calendar of Events:

<https://goo.gl/YPv5Yy>





District Conference

Q&A

Q: May I bring friends on Saturday or Sunday?

A: *Yes. They do not need to be a Rotarian. Register yourself or guests at: <https://rotarydistrict7450.org/conference/>*

Q: Is the cost the same as last year?

A: *No. It's 33% less.*

Q: Will Veterans be honored?

A: *Yes. Veterans will receive a special pin on Saturday and will be recognized from the stage. So honor a Veteran in your club by paying for him or her.*

Q: What does SASY stand for?

A: *It stands for Service Above Self. No one knows what the Y stands for, but SASY sounds better than SAS. Register for SASY Awards:*

Q: Is there a Silent Auction?

A: *Yes. Featuring great gift items and sports memorabilia. Bring cash, credit card, or check book.*

Q: Will there be a House of Friendship?

A: *Yes. It will be Speed Dating Service Projects on Saturday. A bit high energy.*

Q: Did the Medal of Honor recipient write a book?

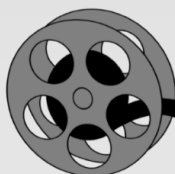
A: *Yes, the NY Times Best Seller, "Into the Fire".*

Q: Is there a door prize of free vacation for two to Disneyland?

A: *No. But nice try.*

Q: Is there a ninth question?

A: *Yes. This is it.*



New Members

Eileen Amber

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

June M. Beltz

Rotary Club of Philadelphia

Derek Chandler

Rotary Club of West Chester
Sponsored by William Ronayne

Patricia Coscia

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

Margaret Egli

Rotary Club of Longwood

Hadijatou Jarra

Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill

Katherine Johnston

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

Bright Judson

Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill

Maryrose Myrtetus

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

Laura Nestor

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

Erin Rado

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

Nicole Rosella

Rotary Club of Coatesville
Sponsored by Donald Hatt

Laura Scordato

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

Susan L. Speith

Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn
Sponsored by Barbara Richardson

William Truscott

Rotary Club of Media

Anthony Verleysen

Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh

We will list new Rotarians taking information from DAC/db. Should anyone be overlooked, please write to us at : Rotary7450News@gmail.com.

*Be sure to provide:
New Member Name,
Designation, and Club
Sponsor.*



Another Great RYLA Event

In early February, eighty high school students from our district met for a weekend of learning and fun at Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation. It was our annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program sponsored by individuals and clubs from around the district. The event is planned and coordinated by Chair Karen Mazzarella Russo, Brian Casey, Dawn deFuria, Bob Listerman, Dan Kelly and Rick Trivane. They are assisted by eight Rotaractors who work closely with the students.

Students learn to work together on a service project, experience various leadership skills and styles that involve problem solving games. Rotarians familiarize the students about Rotary and its many areas of service. Particular attention is paid to our Youth Exchange Program, Polio Plus, Shelterbox and Interact. The combination of learning and having fun proves to be as popular as is productive. The letter from one student expresses the feelings of them all.



Dear Mr. Trivane,
Thank you so much for giving Tymir and I the opportunity to participate in RYLA! We can say with the utmost honesty that it was one of the best weekends that we've had in a long time. During RYLA, we were equipped with amazing leadership skills and qualities that prepared us to be amazing leaders in our school communities and the world! And it was all because of you! Tymir and I had the privilege in representing our school and inner-city kids in a fantastic, positive way, and we thank you for that. We also made many friends; we were choking back tears when we departed. We would've stayed at RYLA for an entire month if we could. Thank you so much for your dedication to youth. It was an honor to meet you! -Imere W. & Tymir H. -2019

In Memoriam



We'd like to honor the following Rotarians for their dedicated service:

Lois Hodgson

The Rotary Club of Westtown-Goshen

Paul McConnell

The Rotary Club of Conshohocken-
Plymouth-Whitemarsh

Please provide the names and club of recently deceased Rotarians to honor them in the Newsletter.

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Silent Auction



The Silent Auction at the District Conference, March 15th & 16th, will be anything but silent. Our team of prize hunters have searched for fabulous stuff and come back with trophy-quality gifts. You'll be thrilled to show neighbors and friends, "Look what I won!" Bragging rights come with the prizes.

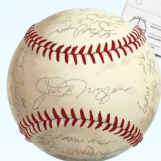
Register now before it is sold out:

<https://rotarydistrict7450.org/conference/>

What's up for bid? Here is just a sample of the many, many great items on the block:

- Hot Air Balloon ride for two across scenic New Jersey. Flight ends before reaching the coast Almost always.
- Join in an adventure-filled 5k walk or run with legendary Kevin Katarynick...future District Governor.
- Themed gift baskets featuring fine wines and foods. Seriously folks, a great buy.
- Limited editions of historic Americana sports memorabilia! Something for every mancave.
- A hand-made Rotary Pie Hole Game. No home should be without one.
- \$500 worth of Philadelphia Eagles souvenirs, garments and assorted tchotchkes.
- Expedition Escape Room for two in King of Prussia. Immerse yourself in mystery and challenge your mind
- Two nights at a charming house overlooking scenic Chesapeake Bay. An incredible view.
- City tour of historic Philadelphia for two. Educational, enjoyable and the perfect thing for visiting out-of-town guests.

Silent bidding begins Friday, March 15 at 6:00 PM and runs through Saturday noon. Awards will be announced during the luncheon. *Don't miss out!*



District Conference Memorial Service

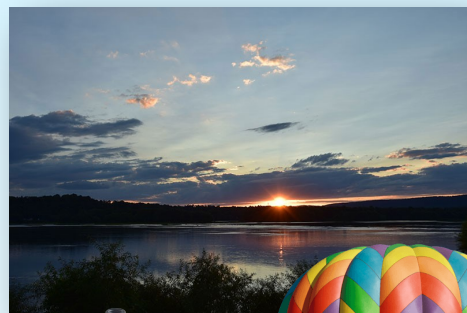
Saturday, March 16, 2019

7:15 AM

Mahoney Room

A Memorial Service will be conducted by the Reverend Larry Smoose to acknowledge and honor fellow Rotarians who have died in the past year.

Club members and all Rotarians are invited to attend.



What Does Rotary Do?

We are often asked the question, “What does Rotary do?”. It’s a good opportunity to try out our 30 second elevator speech. If it’s a good 30 second speech and we have a person’s attention we can have a conversation. This is a scenario that most of have from time to time and one that brought many of us into Rotary. That elevator speech is probably our best friend for growing membership.

However, there are occasions when we Rotarians hide in public view and miss out on a chance to promote ourselves. We sponsor or participate in events such as July 4th Parades, Rotarians at Work, Beerfest, Chili Cookoff, Taste of King of Prussia, Mac & Cheese Festival, Twisted Vintner and so on. Yes, we may show our presence with a Rotary banner and wear a T-shirt with a logo, but it doesn’t tell anything about the great things Rotary does.

Several years ago, my own Broomall Rotary Club developed a series of parade signs that ask and answer the question. The first reads, “What Does Broomall Rotary Do?” and others tell of our service projects, scholarships and more. Interact students enjoy carrying the signs and talking with the public. The signs appear at outdoor events like our Doggy Show, 5k Run and Junior Olympics. We also have flyers to distribute to the public.

Click [here](#) for a How-To Manual on making your own club’s signs.



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR CLUB BANNER WINNERS FOR 2017-18!



The Rotary Foundation has honored seven District 7450 Rotary Clubs for their generous support of The Rotary Foundation in Rotary Year 2017-18 in the following categories:

The three highest Annual Fund Per Capita awards are presented to:

#1 Annual Fund Per Capita – **Westtown-Goshen Rotary – Per Capita \$1,348.53**

(This is an all-time ever highest record of per capita giving by a club in our district)

#2 Annual Fund Per Capita – **Central Chester County Rotary – Per Capita \$358.33**

#3 Annual Fund Per Capita - **Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary – Per Capita \$285.35**

The following clubs are “EREY Banner Clubs”, 100% member participation in supporting the Annual Fund AND achieving \$100 or more in Annual Fund Per Capita giving:

Chester Rotary
Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary
Upper Main Line Rotary
Westtown-Goshen Rotary

The following clubs are 100% TRF Giving clubs, 100% in TRF Giving and \$100 or more in average TRF giving:

Chester Rotary
Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary
Upper Main Line Rotary
Westtown-Goshen Rotary

(TRF Giving includes giving to any of the Foundation funds, such as Annual Fund, Polio Plus, Endowment and Grants)

