# Rotary District 7450 N E W S L E T T E R

# Service Projects

This month, we are introducing Advisory Committee on Service Projects and Fundraisers. For the past ten months the committee headed by Julianna Blazey has been talking with clubs about their service projects and



fundraising events. It's goal was to create a site on the district website where members can discover what other clubs are doing. The committee provides and maintains catalogues on service and fundraising projects as well as humanitarian organizations that are supported by clubs.

When clubs are seeking ideas for a new project or fundraiser, they can search through these catalogues for a comprehensive look at what other clubs are doing. Clubs are encouraged to contact one another to teach, support and learn new and better ways to serve their communities.

There are three catalogues:

- Service Projects Catalogue
- Fundraisers Catalogue
- Project Partners Catalogue Identifies organizations supported by clubs

Plus:

- **Report**: To help Rotarians learn about, connect with, and consult one another.
- **Update**: Clubs may contact the Committee Chair to add, delete, and edit their activities. See the Org Chart on the District website.

To find and access the catalogues, click <u>HERE</u>.







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### Message from District Governor Paul Quintavalla

I've been writing this Newsletter all year long and, since this is my last issue, want to speak to you personally. First, thank you to

all those who received and extended their hospitality when I visited your clubs. I appreciated hearing your opinions, plans, expectations from and advice you gave me. I am equally indebted to those who worked with me on committees, projects, events and as assistant governors. We added about thirty people to District Administration this year and each person has been a valuable contributor to making ours a better district. Thank you all.

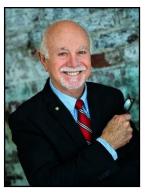
As you may know, I chose to not have a theme this year. Instead I set one goal, to cure what I call *District-Deficit-Disorder*. The phrase means most people don't know much about "the District" and what it does. It also means "the District" must do more for the clubs and let members know what "the District" is doing for them. It's a serious disconnect; no wonder some don't speak well of "the District". I hope you've been reading the Newsletter all year long so you could see what we've done and accomplished. Not by me alone, but by me with the support and diligent work of many friends. This issue itself reports two totally new initiatives informing readers of what people in "the District" are doing for clubs.

My last comment is to praise the risk takers. Every new endeavor requires a risk and I applaud the people who take reasonable judicious chances. Whether deciding to move to a new meeting site, attempting a new fundraiser concept or planning seminars, it requires people who have faith in themselves and trust in their teammates. It's a requirement of leadership, and it takes personal courage. True leaders risk failure and embarrassment yet move ahead for the greater good. Critics be damned. I salute all those who look for better ways to do things, learn from others and try something that has no guarantees. They are my heroes. Bravo and Brava.

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood."

-Daniel Burnham





### **New Members**

### William Adelman

Rotary Club of Longwood Landscape Design Sponsored by Dave Foresman

**Nilgun Anadolu-Okor** Rotary Club of Broomall

Education Sponsored by Leslie Stack

#### **Aimee Bowers**

Rotary Club of Kennett Square Real Estate Attorney Sponsored by David Trainor

#### **Shawn Carter**

Rotary Club of Westtown-Goshen Law Enforcement Sponsored by Stephanie Taylor

#### **Daniel Cook**

Rotary Club of King of Prussia Banking Sponsored by Dave Rebmann

**Deirdre Cryor** Rotary Club of Bryn Mawr Education

#### **Michael Essmaker**

Rotary Club of Longwood Banker Sponsored by David Haradon

#### **Frank Kopervos**

Rotary Club of Broomall Automotive Sponsored by Lou Pace

#### Erick Luna

Rotary Club of Longwood Painting Sponsored by Leonard Vannicola

#### **Karon Massado**

Rotary Club of Philadelphia Real Estate Sponsored by Joan Batory

Lisa Miller Rotary Club of Broomall Food Service Manager Sponsored by Lou Pace

We will list new Rotarians taking information from DAC/db.

### **Rotary International Council on** Legislation: April 14-18, 2019

PDG Bonnie Korengel of the Longwood Rotary Club was selected as District 7450's representative to the Council in 2017; a three-year term culminating in the 2019 Council on Legislation. Following is her report to the District.

During the recent five-day Council, 117 Enactments were proposed, debated and voted upon. These enactments were proposals to changes in the RI constitutional documents. such as the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws and the the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Those enactments that passed will become effective July 1, 2019.

The voting delegates were representatives from each of the 538 RI districts. 80% of the representatives were first time Council attendees. We asked were to consider enactments not from the viewpoint of our own club but a more global perspective and fair to all.

We did pay attention when RI President Barry spoke passionately about elevating the status of Rotaract. The enactment admits Rotaract clubs to RI membership and defines Rotaract as a "club of adults". The young RI Constitution now states: "Rotary International is the association of clubs and **<u>Rotaract clubs</u>** throughout the world." Rotaract clubs are partners with Rotary clubs, and are a valued member of the Rotary Family.

One of the Enactments passed will add this sentence to the Bylaws: **Each club shall** endeavor to build a wellbalanced membership that celebrates diversity.

A progressive enactment passed by the 2016 Council on Legislation changed the weekly meeting attendance requirements and provided for more flexible types of clubs. These progressive steps were endorsed by the 2019 COL: We are not going backwards!

Another Enactment changed the Standard Club Constitution which stated that "the club president shall serve a period of one year or <u>until</u> a successor has been elected." This has been changed to: "When a successor has not been elected, the term of the current president shall be extended for <u>one year</u> only."

### Bonnie Korengel



### **New Members**

Lydell Nolt Rotary Club of Longwood Chief of Police

Jose Perez Rotary Club of Longwood Banking

Meghan Prisuta Rotary Club of Westtown-Goshen Sustainability Sponsored by Stephanie Taylor

Lonce Scott Rotary Club of Philadelphia Administrator

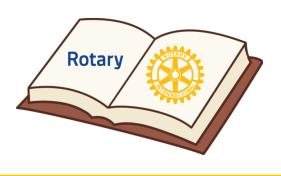
Nicholas Valavanis Rotary Club of Broomall Real Estate Sponsored by James Bradley

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# **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**



District Membership Chair, Karen Mazzarella and PDG, Dave Haradon created and led a second series of Rotary "Membership Matters" seminars in May. Seminars were delivered at three locations within the District (Glenside, Media and West Chester) to allow easy and convenient access for all members.

Content for the seminars included discussions and action plans in a 50 page printed booklet describing how to increase the success of existing Clubs while also considering the possibility of creating new Clubs. Much of the program was centered around making a difference in people's lives by *Just Asking* them to JOIN ROTARY !



For the upcoming 2019-2020 Rotary year, Club Leaders and members will be invited to take the "Rotary Club Health Check" online survey. This will help each Club to diagnose it's ailments, determine needed remedies for existing Clubs and create exciting prescriptions for new Clubs !

Contact Dr. Karen (<u>karenkeckmazz@gmail.com</u>, 610-613-3841) or Dr. Dave (<u>daveharadon@gmail.com</u>, 484-883-3110) if you want prescriptions, treatments or a "house call" to cure what ails ya.





Fun, Friends, and Flying

in a Great Venue

# Thursday, June 20th 2019 5:30 - 8:30



Adults \$40 Children \$20 (12 and under) Beer and Wine Included for Adults

American Helicopter Museum & Education Center 1220 American Boulevard, West Chester, PA 19380





# **NEW** - \$10,000 Prize for Best 10 Service Projects

The district conference in March was a lot of fun because so many Rotarians gave their time and talents to make it enjoyable and educational. We presented SASAY Awards to winners, interviewed exchange students Skyped in from overseas, had professional break-out sessions, attracted speakers from across the country, heard a fantastic 4-Way Speech, and talked one-on-one with a Medal of Honor Recipient.

We held down costs, beat the budget and came away with a \$10,000 bonus! Here's how we did it: At the House of Friendship, Sean Murphy recruited several new service



groups to introduce their exciting programs. And, Renee DeCoskey and Stacey Ballard organized a silent auction and wine pull\*. It was a smashing success! Several clubs and Rotarians generously contributed valuable prizes ranging from exclusive vacation resorts to elaborate baskets of cheer to sports memorabilia. The event netted a whopping \$10,028. Now, what to do with all that money?

Sean, Stacey and Renee formed the **Service Projects Awards** Committee. The trio will award ten \$1,000 prizes to the best ten service projects of 2019-2020. What and when? The complete information will be advised soon and prized awarded later in 2019-2020. Stay tuned.



### District Literacy Awards Presented to Nine Clubs

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are below standard literate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Rotary is committed to strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Rotary District 7450 recognizes this need and created the District Literacy Award to identify clubs which have completed five or more literacy related activities in the Rotary year.

This year nine local clubs were recognized as literacy leaders at the April 13 District Assembly. DGE Peter Mardinly presented the awards. In total, the nine clubs completed 71 literacy related activities. The club with the most activities



Langhorne Rotary Club March Persons of Inspiration are Judy Benfield, Manager of the Langhorne 'Pennwood' Library and Jessica Richmond, Youth Services Librarian.

was the Rotary Club of Broomall, with 13 activities, a close second was the Rotary Club of Coatesville with 12. Among the exciting and innovative activities was the distribution of a backpack with three books to an entire first grade class in West Philadelphia (Broomall), donating musical instruments to support the education program in Haiti through "Mommy Sue's Children" (Frankford-Northeast), and cooperating with the Read2Dream Foundation to provide one book a month to low-income families (We-Go).

Clubs are encouraged to start planning their 2019-2020 literacy activities now. The award application form will be available in the fall.



# **The Glitterettes!**

If you missed the Rotaplast fundraiser at the Media Theatre, you missed a good time with lots of friends. Over 200 Rotarians and families enjoyed food & refreshments pre-curtain and a lively performance of Saturday Night

Fever. Several Rotarians brought their children and grandchildren to see a live performance for the first time. What a great idea!

Just to keep things lively and upbeat, Chantal Eadah, Stacey

Ballard and Karen Mazzarella Russo dolled up in 70' disco-wear to let folks know how outrageous things were back then. The Media Theatre put a red carpet on the sidewalk and speakers played 70's music and Bee Gees tunes for the public. Yes, it stopped traffic and drew applause from passersby. The girls billed themselves as The Glitterettes and Media management booked them for a gig later this year. Now that really is cool!



So easy a District Governor can do it!

### **Chris Potter Elected to District Board of Directors**

Chris Potter of the Levittown Fairless-Hills Rotary Club has been elected to serve as District Member-at-Large for Super Area 1. He will serve as a member of the district board of directors from July 2019 till June 2022.

Super Area 1 is comprised of seventeen clubs located in the northeastern portion of our district. He continues to serve as the Assistant Governor overseeing six clubs in Area 1. He co-chairs the

Four Way Speech Contest. Chris is no stranger to wearing two hats. A Rotarian since 1998, Chris comes to us from District 7430 where he served as a 3 time Club President, Assistant Governor, was very active in Rotaplast and D7430's 4 Way Test Speech Contest (which he still judges for D7430.).

A native son of Philadelphia and graduate of Rider University and the prestigious Holy Ghost Preparatory School, he now resides in Croydon and is a successful insurance agent with Kramer Insurance Center in Langhorne, PA.

### Jenkintown Rotary raises \$11K at pancake breakfast

More than 225 residents and students attended the Rotary Club of Jenkintown's pancake breakfast fundraiser in April.

The breakfast was dedicated to the Jenkintown School District's

special music programs and featured entertainment by two high school instrumental groups and the elementary school chorus.

The breakfast raised close to \$11,000, which will go back into the community in the form of grants to local nonprofits.

In Memoríam

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

**Stanley Berkowitz** The Rotary Club of Bensalem







### **District Bylaws are Amended and Revised**

After ten months of meetings, research, reviews and more meetings, the District Bylaws Committee, chaired by PDG Joan Batory, amended the District Bylaws. It is now a streamlined and contemporary document that is more user friendly for the average Rotarian. Revision was a Herculean task that cleared years of clutter, neglect, and outdated provisions. The committee reviewed the bylaws of other districts and worked with Rotary headquarters to ensure the most up to date approaches to subjects and be in full compliance with RI bylaws. The committee recruited attorney David Adams to serve as parliamentarian. He provided an overview to make certain the bylaws followed PA State laws and used universally accepted practices.

The amended bylaws are now divided into two parts. The first part is titled *Bylaws* and addresses the organization of the District and duties of officers and board of directors. The second part is entitled *Guidelines* and addresses policies and procedures. The amended documents may be viewed and downloaded on the District Website (CLICK <u>HERE</u>). The current Bylaws remain on the District Website (CLICK HERE).

The amended and restated documents were unanimously approved by the district board of directors and sent to all clubs for their approval on May 23, 2019. Club presidents must approve or disapprove the amended bylaws by return ballot by June 24, 2019



(Caption to read: L to R – Parliamentarian Dave Adams, DGEPeter Mardinly, iPDG Dawn deFuria, DGNKevin Katarynick. Seated, PDG Joan Batory. Not present, PDG Russ deFuria

### Germantown Rotary Cleans Up

Celebrating Rotarians at Work Day, the Rotary Club of Germantown pitched in to beautify the local entrance to Fairmont Park. The pergola at the entrance has always been a point of Germantown pride for its classic architectural style. Unfortunately, the area around it has been neglected by the city and the site became more of an eyesore than a vista. A group of determined Rotarians spent a day with shovels, brooms, and rakes to correct the injustice. They cleared drains, weeded the area, put in colorful plantings, bordered and dressed in mulch, swept and polished the area. Congrats for a job well done.





### **Rotary Club of Philadelphia: Night of Bowling!**

### Tuesday, June 4th, 2019. 6:00pm

Bowl on a private 6 lane facility for two hours. Tickets are \$45 per person and proceeds go toward club initiatives in the community. Price includes beer, pizza, and fun! PEP Bowl, 1200 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, 19146

Click To Submit

Fundraiser

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### Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn: 22nd Annual Golf Outing

### Thursday, June 6th, 2019. 11:30am.

Formalized in 1998, now including Upper Main Line Rotary. We average 100 golfers and over the years have added a silent & penny auction with lunch, dinner, prizes and open bar. Paxon Hollow Golf Club, Media, PA

### Rotary Club of King of Prussia: Golf Outing

**Monday, June 17th, 2019. 10:30am** 17th Annual Charity Golf Outing Jeffersonville Country Club http://www.kingofprussiarotary.org/

### Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill (Philadelphia): Lobster Fest Saturday, June 22nd, 2019. 5:30pm

A club tradition of a public LOBSTER FEST (or steak, if you prefer). Sit on a beautiful lawn and enjoy freshly grilled tasty food. info@chestnutrotary.org

374 East Gowen Avenue, Philadelphia

https://chestnuthillrotary.org/2019/05/12/lobster-pot-saturday-june-22-530-pm/

### Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise: 21st Annual Challenge For Cancer Bike Tour Saturday, June 23rd, 2019

Your support as a Challenge Sponsor will allow us to continue to offer excellent care for families affected by cancer at the Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital and Neighborhood Health Hospice. <u>https://www.chestercountyhospital.org/giving/support-an-event/bike-challenge</u>

### Rotary Club of Broomall: Firecracker 5k

### Thursday, July 4th, 2019 8:00am

The Broomall Rotary's Firecracker 5K is a 5 kilometer running event that will precede the Marple-Newtown 4th of July Parade. The parade and race is Thursday, July 4, 2019.

http://firecracker5krun.com/

### Rotary Club of Oxford: All You Can Eat Crab Feast

### Sunday, September 22nd 1:00pm

All You Can Eat Crab Feast also offering fried chicken, salads, desserts and beverage. Cash bar is available. THE WELLWOOD, 523 Water Street, Charlestown, MD <u>http://www.oxfordrotaryfoundation.com/crab-feast-benefit.html</u>

### Rotary Club of Bristol: Annual Golf Outing October 7, 2019 11:00am

Annual Golf Outing to support scholarship program and community activities. More than 50 students have received \$1,000+ scholarships to college the last 4 years. Yardley Country Club