



# The Trail

## Huguenot Trail Rotary Club

November 14, 2018

### Coming Events

#### November

- Nov. 14 **LeeAnn Sawyer**  
Bridging RVA  
Nov. 21 **NO MEETING**



#### Happy Thanksgiving

- Nov. 28 **PDG Sandy Duckworth**  
(7610)  
The Rotary Foundation

#### December

- Dec. 4 **Ginter Gardens Light Tour**  
Bring Family and Friends  
5:30 pm  
Hard Shell
- Dec. 5 **Mike Little, Jeanne Walls**  
Honduras Global Grant project
- Dec. 10 **Christmas Mother**  
**Distribution**  
1 pm  
10300 Courthouse Road,  
Chester  
County Fairgrounds
- Dec. 12 **NO MEETING**
- Dec. 19 **Britt Nelson**  
ASK Childhood Cancer Fdn.
- Dec. 26 **NO MEETING**

### Ring in Season with Excursion to Ginter Gardens

Calling all HT Rotarians, families and friends: Kick off the holiday season with a bus trip to see the famous Dominion Festival of Lights at historic Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Wander the gardens and leave the driving to us!

Membership has planned the trip, meeting on Dec. 4 at 5:30 pm in the Hard Shell parking lot. Don't miss this exciting holiday event: \$13 for adults; \$11 for seniors (55+); \$8 for children (3-12); free for children under 3 and \$7 for Garden members.

Just like last year's event, there will be holiday goodies and drinks on the bus. Unfortunately, last year's amazing bus driver is no longer with the company, however.

This year, famous works of art will come alive during the Festival of Lights. The exhibition will re-interpret well-known works of art in a spectrum of sparkling color, inviting guests to discover how sculpture, dance, music and paintings are informed by the natural world.

RSVP to Linda or Julie or sign up at the meeting this week.



*The Traveling Rotarian* made it to Boston with Paul, who enjoyed showing the magazine to his great-nephew!



*Martin and Julia* supported the Bon Air RC at their annual Fold Festival and charity auction, held at Salisbury Country Club.

Just proves you never know the identity of the "roving reporter."

# Charity Navigator Gives TRF Four Stars for 11th Straight Year

For the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

In the most recent ratings, [the Foundation earned the maximum of 97.51 points](#) for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Charity Navigator notes that "only 1 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least 10 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets The Rotary Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator has become the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. In the quest to help donors, its team of professional analysts has examined tens of thousands of non-profit financial documents. They've used this knowledge to develop an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system to assess over 9,000 of America's best-known and some lesser known, but worthy, charities.

Specifically, Charity Navigator's rating system examines two broad areas of a charity's performance; their Financial Health and their Accountability & Transparency. The ratings show givers how efficiently Charity Navigator believes a charity will use their support today, how well it has sustained its programs and services over time and their level of commitment to good governance, best practices and openness with information. In the not-too-distant future, CN plan to also rate charities' reporting of their results. They provide these ratings so that charitable givers/ social investors can make intelligent giving decisions, and so that the nonprofit sector can improve its performance.



*Julie's sister, Scotty* (on the right!), was a guest at an HT meeting in October. Now, she and her constant companion, Jack, are headed back to their home in Loreto, Baja Sur, Mexico. A rescue from the streets of Ecuador, Jack has become a well-traveled dog!

A promotional flyer for the Rotary Global Rewards program. The flyer is blue and white with orange accents. It features the Rotary logo and the text "ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS" and "A Member Benefits Program". The main heading is "WHAT IS ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS?". Below this, it explains that the program offers discounts on products and services for Rotary and Rotaract club members and program alumni. It also provides information on how to use the program, how to add company offers, and how to give back to Rotary. The flyer ends with the text "DISCOVER UNIQUE EXPERIENCES AT ROTARY.ORG/GLOBALREWARDS".