



Leadership News

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

I would like to wish each of you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so many blessings for which to give thanks. Together as Rotarians, we work to share those blessings with others around the globe who are not as fortunate. I hope you will remember all those people as you break bread on Thursday.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to Advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the Improvement of health, the support of education, and the Alleviation of poverty.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, we should remember that TRF is our number one resource to do more for humanity throughout the world. The Foundation has enabled our district to extend humanitarian service to every continent and to build lasting partnerships with our fellow Rotarians around the world. It has enabled us to send two Ambassadorial Scholars each year to study in another country; TRF has enabled us to send GSE Teams every year to a new country to promote cultural understanding; the Foundation has enabled the district to provide scholarships to university professors and grants to Peace Fellows; and, most importantly has provided Matching and Simplified Grants to clubs in the district to further their humanitarian service projects. Annual Giving is the cornerstone of the Foundations' success and what we Rotarians give provides the fuel for our own club service projects through the SHARE program. Annual Giving allows each Rotarian to be a part of Rotary's extensive work throughout the world. Giving includes not only monetary gifts, but the gift of time and service, as well. Please keep in mind the many ways that you can contribute.

EREY: Every Rotarian Every Year, contribute \$100 per year to The Rotary Foundation.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP –Commit to giving \$100 each year.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY – A Rotarian commits to give \$1000 annually to TRF.

BEQUEST SOCIETY – A Rotarian leaves \$100,000 or more in his/her will to TRF.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS – Through the use of a trust, a Rotarian can provide a fixed or variable income for yourself or other loved ones.

2007-08 Honor Roll

Potomac – 100% Sustaining Members, No. 2 in District in per capita giving (\$376.16)

Friendship Heights - No. 1 in District in per capita giving (\$514.42)

Bladensburg- No. 3 in District in per capita giving (\$308.00)

Owings Mills-Reisterstown – 100% Every Rotarian Every Year (\$100 each)

Potomac-Bethesda - 100% Every Rotarian Every Year (\$100 each)

2008-09 Honor Roll

Bequest Society – Two new donors thus far

Paul Harris Society – One new member

PolioPlus – Carroll Creek leads with over \$42,000 donated this far this year.

District 7620 -- \$6718

College Park -- \$6500

Lexington Park -- \$5600

Charles County/La Plata -- \$4833

Columbia -- \$4251

Montgomery Village -- \$2000

Towsontowne -- \$2000

Upper Marlboro -- \$2000

Bethesda-Chevy Chase --\$2,300

Greenbelt -- \$1976

Potomac -- \$1750

Laurel--\$1700

Capitol Hill -- \$1680

Ellicott City -- \$1600

Westminster -- \$1050

Annapolis -- \$1000

Bowie -- \$1000

Catonsville-Sunrise -- \$1000

Crofton -- \$1000

Fredericktowne --\$1000

Kingsville-White Marsh -- \$1000

Mt. Airy -- \$1000

South Anne Arundel -- \$1000

Waldorf -- \$1000

Washington, D. C. --\$1000

District 7620 PolioPlus Chair PDG Raj Saini is available to speak to clubs or at special events.

NEWS FROM ROTARACT

The Annapolis Rotaract Club enjoyed the sunset on the Severn River at their Cigar Dinner held on October 1st at Port Annapolis. With more than 50 Rotarians and guests in attendance, the club was able to raise \$3500 for the Andrew Winters Togo Water Project, a partnership the club made easily with the Rotary Club of Potomac, sponsors of the project.

Howard County Rotaract supported the Colulmbia-Patuxent Clubs Luau-themed action by helping greet guests, monitoring the silent auction tables, and helping guests checkout at the end of the evening. Howard County continued with its own fundraiser by working the stands in Raven's Stadium. The club made contributions to the Walk Now for Autism.

HUNGER MINI-SUMMIT

If your club was one of the eleven (Bladensburg, Greenbelt, Severna Park, Glen Burnie, Potomac/Bethesda, College Park, South Anne Arundel, Beltsville, Columbia, Washington, D. C., Catonsville) who attended the Hunger Mini-Summit on November 15th, you are aware of the dire needs in our own communities this year. In Maryland 516,000 people live below the poverty line. The demand for food from the Maryland Food Bank now exceeds the supply. Seventeen million pounds of food will be given out this year, but the demand is for eighty-nine million pounds of food. Did you know that \$1.00 you give to the food bank will buy \$7.00 worth of food. Our mission this year in Rotary International is to reduce child mortality. In Maryland, 70,000 children are served by the food bank each year. There is now also an increase in the number of senior citizens requiring help from the food bank. The situation in Washington, D. C. is just as critical. Our clubs can help with filling the gap between supply and demand. It is possible to virtual shop on line at www.mdfoodbank.org. The district is looking into finding a way that Rotary Clubs could shop this way as a club. Those in Anne Arundel County should check out www.aafoodbank.org who serve 800 homeless children in Anne Arundel county. Another wonderful program in the area is the "Help By Phone" program operated by College Park Rotarian Lois Jones. This is a short term program for those in crisis need of not only food, but other emergency services as well. This program serves 55,000 – 60,000 people annually by providing emergency food, medications, transportation, shelter and job help. Help By Phone can be reached at 301-441-3769. Give the gift of the human spirit – share with others what you have to give. Much thanks go to Hunger Chairperson, Joe Slert, for organizing this wonderful mini-summit.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

The District's newly formed Disaster Response Team has issued a request for District Rotarians to be prepared for an event such as Katrina or Iowa in the future if needed. All Rotarians could help by preparing a "Care" package in advance. The base for the "Care" package would consist of your old coolers filled with such items as the following: pop-top cans of soup, canned tuna fish, beans, pop tarts, cereal and powdered milk, pasta, all types of canned goods, other non-perishable items, canned corned beef, canned beef stew, canned ravioli, crackers, Cheese Its, peanut butter, 2 rolls of paper towels, paper plates, bar soap, hand sanitizer,

powder, roll on deodorant, manual can opener, flashlight w/batteries, pre-paid cellular phone, dollar store wash rags. These items are based upon feedback from our two previous interventions, Katrina and Iowa. The cooler provides a handy storage unit which can be given directly to a family. As you fill your cooler, please make a list of the items inside (keep a list for yourself, as well). This enables the distributor on the other end to provide the kind of assistance an individual or family would need. Cash donations are also needed at the time of a disaster to cover the cost of transporting the goods. Our Crisis Response Team consists of Steve Kemp and Wick Caldwell, assisted by other members of the Greenbelt Rotary Club.

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

Mark these dates – March 27-28, 2009 – and save! The Rotary International President's Membership Conference will be held at the Greenbelt Marriott on these two dates and will be hosted by District 7620. Rotarians from up and down the Eastern United States will be in attendance at his important conference. The registration form was sent to every club president and is also available on line. Every club in the District should have someone in attendance at this very important event. Registration is through rotaryzones31-32.org, see the [flyer](#) and [registration](#).

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

A highly successful Leadership Institute was held on October 25th in Frederick, Maryland. Please see the attachment from Carroll Creek where participants describe the value they received from attendance at this event. Much thanks goes to Georgia Patrick, Carroll Creek, for her efforts in publicizing and organizing this valuable training event. Our next RLI will be held in Columbia on March 7, 2009. Every club in the District should send a potential leader to this training.



CRUISING ALONG TO BERMUDA

Plans are finalizing for our unique District Conference experience this year aboard Royal Caribbean's "Explorer of the Seas." The District is providing transportation to and from our departure point for the first 160 registrants. On the bus ride to and from, we will experience our usual hospitality suites, without the suite, of course, but with all the goodies each club usually brings – food and drinks. The Governor's Citation Awards will be presented to worthy clubs at the Governor's Gala Luncheon. Also, each participant will receive a special gift from the Governor. GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN SO THAT YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON THE TRANSPORTATION AND HOSPITALITY.

ANNOUNCING THE GOVERNOR'S CITATION AWARDS

Attached to this Newsletter is the description of the Governor's Citation Award which will be awarded to clubs at three levels of District participation. The award will consist of a banner announcing a club's level of District participation for the year: Gold, Silver or Bronze. There will also be an accompanying certificate. Deadline for reaching a club's goal will be the District Conference Cruise, May 9 – 14, 2009.



District 7620 of Rotary International

Governor's Citation Award

CRITERIA:	POINTS
Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PETS Attendance (alternate counts) Foundation Goal (Support of TRF) Membership Goal (Net increase of 10%) Planning Guide for Effective Clubs (completed) PolioPlus (\$1000 minimum contribution) 	40
Service Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in Mini-Summits Health Project Hunger Project Water project Literacy Project (Three out of five qualifies) 	20
Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Assembly (Attendance) District Conference (Attendance) Rotary Leadership (Attendance) (Club representation at each of above) 	10 20 10
 LEVELS OF ATTAINMENT:	
GOLD	100
SILVER	85
BRONZE	75

**Awards will be presented at the District Conference
and will consist of a certificate and BANNER!**