

Rotary Reminders District 7630
District Governor Don Hackett
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District 7630 and Club News for week of 8/02 – 8/08/ 2010

Ted W. Merrill - A man to be remembered

The number of angels in Heaven just increased by one – and they got a good one! Our PDG Ted Merrill passed away last week – but his memory will long be in our hearts and thoughts.

Ted was as our District Governor in Rotary year 2005-2006, but he served many years before and continued to serve after in many ways. Ted was Secretary, President Elect and President of Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club before joining the Snow Hill Rotary Club. His District service included Easter Seals, GSE and Rotary Foundation committees, District Internet Communications Officer, and Assistant District Governor, as well as the positions related to being a District Governor. He was on many conference committees and leadership teams. Ted's words matched his actions. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, a Permanent Fund Benefactor, and charter member of the Bequest Society.

His legacy may well be the District Website, which was Ted's baby. We all take websites for granted – but there is someone behind those sites who must keep them current and monitored. Ted was routinely up early and at his computer while many of us were still in dream land. It was his tireless dedication to www.rotary7630.org that got our District into the "technology age." It was often suggested that Ted get an assistant to help manage the website, but Ted would have none of that – he would do it all himself. And so we all benefited by Ted's technical savvy and dedication to excellence.

Ted's tech skills seemed to come naturally to him. Born in Toledo, Ohio, he was educated in Ohio, Alabama, Maryland, and Washington D.C., before graduating from high school in Illinois. He received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University. Joining IBM as an Applied Science Systems Representative in 1961, he served in various engineering, marketing, and programming management positions until his retirement in 1986.

Ted was principal owner of TWM enterprises and Tebidine Publishing, faculty member of WorWic Community College, and a lay leader of Bethany United Methodist Church. Both he and Sandy were active in the community, have 8 children and 17 grandchildren.

*There are always words of sympathy and eulogy when a friend and colleague passes, but the only words I can think of right now are **"Thank you, Ted. Thank you."***

LITERACY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

If you are looking for a literacy program for youngsters, check out the Andy and Elmer Apple Dumpling Adventure Literacy Program at www.andyandelmer.com.

Over the past three years, approximately 50,000 children have learned about the Four-Way Test and about Rotary through a program that includes hard backed picture books, coloring and activity books, and bookmarks. There are many ways to present the program, from holding teaching sessions in classrooms and distributing the activity books, to simply giving books to guest speakers at your meetings.

The program has been highlighted in *The Rotarian* and *Rotary Reads*, a catalog of Rotary Literacy projects.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Pakistan Project is a World Community Service Project between the Wilmington, Del. Rotary and the Lahore Mozang Rotary Club in Lahore, Pakistan, focused on education for girls. The 2010-2011 International Service Project is “Girls and Education in Pakistan, The Ghazali School of Lahore.”

The effort will reach out to Pakistani-American and Islamic communities here in Delaware and develop close ties with Rotarians in Pakistan, including discussions on understanding, reciprocal friendship exchanges, a four-part education series on Pakistan in private and public Wilmington schools. A major address by Pakistan’s ambassador to Washington D.C. will be held in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington on Oct. 21.

For more information on the Wilmington Rotary Club project, contact project chair Kathleen Meyer at PRC47@hotmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR SCHEDULED

District 7630 Membership Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Maple Dale Country Club. This seminar is FREE to all District 7630 Rotarians, particularly club presidents, presidents-elect, and membership chairs. The emphasis will be on providing clubs the tools to strengthen their club by recruiting new quality members and on keeping Rotary exciting and relevant for their club members.

RI Director for Zone 33/34, John C. Smarge will be the keynote speaker and panelist. Registration info will come shortly. Get the date on your calendar now!

REGISTER FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

RLI , parts 1, 2, and 3 will be held at Dove Pointe in Salisbury, Md., on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010. RLI, parts 1, 2, 3, and grad level will be held at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington, Del. on Saturday, March 19, 2011. Both locations are \$95 per participant. Registration can be done at www.rli33.org.

PROMOTING ROTARY

DG Don Hackett wants all clubs in District 7630 to promote their club's community involvement with a visible program/event on Saturday, Oct. 23, with the theme "Rotary Builds Communities Here." You can promote a past, present, or future project by having a display at the mall or grocery store, special press coverage, pancake breakfast, a highly visible community program, or any idea your club can come up with. Another special day will be held April 2 with the theme "Rotary Bridges Continents Here." Start your creative thinking!

PLAY BALL!

Strike Out Hunger - Annual Phillies game is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 18, 7:05 p.m. vs. Colorado Rockies. Ticket prices vary. For tickets call District 7630 coordinator Doug Kook at dkook@bumpersco.com.

Polio Plus Event – Washington Nationals vs. Chicago Cubs game is scheduled for Aug. 25, 7:05 p.m. at Nationals Park. Three dollars of each tickets goes the TRF to end polio now!

To purchase group tickets contact Megan Dimond at megan.dimond@nationals.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug. 5 - Salisbury Sunrise Rotary 11th Annual junior Golf Championship, at Nutters Crossing Golf Club.

Aug. 18 – Strike Out Hunger at the Phillies

Aug. 19 – Georgetown Millsboro Rotary Club sponsors the Clayton Bunting Classic at Sussex Pines Country Club.

Aug. 25 – Washington Nationals Polio Plus Event

Sept. 11 – Rotary Leadership Institute, 8:30 a.m. at Dove Pointe, Salisbury, Md. Visit www.rli33.org to register.

Sept. 14 – District Membership Seminar, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Maple Dale C.C.

Oct. 8 – Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club (Provisional) Golf Outing w/lunch & BBQ dinner, at Peninsula Golf Course

Oct. 14 – District Foundation Seminar, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Fall Foundation Golf Outing, beginning at 1 p.m. Maple Dale C.C.

March 19 – RLI, Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, DE

April 28 – May 1, 2011 – DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Ocean City, MD.

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## **Club News:**

**Camden Wyoming Rotary Club** will hold their Aug. 18 meeting at Citizens Bank Park in support of the Rotary Foundation.

**Newark Morning Rotary Club** will hold their Aug. 19 meeting at 6 p.m. for the club picnic. There will be no morning meeting.

**Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club** (Provisional) now meets every Thursday at 7:15 a.m. at the Texas Grill on Long Neck Rd. **Aug. 5 – Guest Speaker Steve Hyle will talk**

about his time as Commander of USAF Thunderbirds. (Steve will be a charter member of LNRC).

*The club needs another 4-5 members to charter. Know anyone in that area? Contact AG Dan Tabler at [dantabler2@gmail.com](mailto:dantabler2@gmail.com).*

**Milford Rotary club has changed their location** - They now meet at Shawnee Country Club in Milford. Monday evening at 5:45 PM.

**Send Club notices to:** [rbroomall@usa.net](mailto:rbroomall@usa.net) or call 302-738-9943.

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PATHWAYS TO SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday mornings, 7:30 a.m. WDEL 1150 AM, or go to www.rotary7630.org and click on the radio tower to Pathways. Always available on the Internet.

Program for Aug. 8

Topic of the Week: PDG Carolyn Crowley Meub, Update on Haiti, Six months after the Earthquake; **Presidents Corner:** Scott Balthaser, Northeast Md. Rotary Club

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**CLUB SECRETARY:**

Please notify Robin at [rbroomall@usa.net](mailto:rbroomall@usa.net) if your club will be changing any upcoming meeting time or day due to club events or installation activities.

**Report July attendance ASAP.** Review the RI Semiannual Report, get appropriate signatures, and have your treasurer send a check. Also, keep a copy for your records and send a copy to District Exec. Sec. Peggy Anderson, PO Box 14, Bethel DE 19931.

**DaC How To / FAQ #20.** How does the District and Club **calendar** work?

**A20.** The Club calendars are **available for individual clubs**, whereby **ONLY** the events, fund raisers and meeting for that club are displayed in the club calendar (along with the District level events and reminders). And, after the initial display of the calendar, the User can *select* and *deselect* the "items" they want to see in their view of the calendar. The Club President, Secretary, or Event Moderator (security level 3 or higher) maintains their club calendar by using the calendar functions within their respective Club View or Edit screens in the district database.

The District calendar initially displays **all** of the district level events and reminders, plus **ALL** of the Club level events and fundraisers. And, after the initial display of the calendar, the User can *select* and *deselect* the "items" they want to see in their view of the calendar. By showing all of the district's CLUB events and fund raisers on the district calendar view (initially), we hope to broaden the awareness of other clubs' activities throughout the district. Of course, this only works **IF** the clubs put their events and fund raisers into their club calendar on the district database. Also, SEE **Q12 answers** for putting the Club and District calendar "links" on your individual club and district web sites.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*Ted Merrill's favorite quote: If it is to be, it is up to ME.*

