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- December 14th
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President & CEO
Goodwill of Delaware
- December 21st
Club Holiday Party
- December 28th
No Meeting

District Conference Save-the-Date

The date is out for next year's joint district conference, so save the date for the weekend of March 29th-April 1st, 2012! We are holding a joint District Conference with the folks at District 7620 in the Washington DC/Baltimore area. It proves to be an exciting conference...one you won't want to miss!!!

Chesapeake Conference 2012
Combined District Conference for 7620 & 7630
March 29 + April 1, 2012
at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay
Cambridge, Maryland

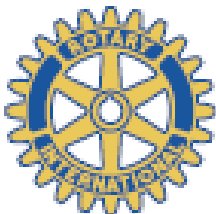
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN at: <https://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/>
Be sure to register prior to the March 1, 2012 "additional fee" deadline. Early Bird Golf Registration is available until December 31st at \$85 per member. \$95 is the price after

BTL Foundation—Thanksgiving and Christmas

The BTL Foundation offered over 110 Turkeys along with baskets of ingredients this Thanksgiving to needy families at the Rose Hill Community Center, New Castle DE. About 500 dinners were prepared and served on Thanksgiving Day which included Meals on Wheels and sit in dinners. It was a touching event, where more than 90 volunteers enthusiastically helped to assemble and deliver Turkey baskets and meals to Senior Citizens at high-rise buildings. In addition, volunteers helped to setup, prepare and serve 500 Meals for sit in dinners and Meals on Wheels. Assorted, new or gently used clothes and winter garments were also distributed to those in need.

The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all the Volunteers for their invaluable contribution. The BTL Foundation would like to thank one of the Board of Directors, Tuktuki Mukherjee for donating 25 turkeys and the Rotary Club of Wilmington West for having collected and donated 220 lbs of ingredients for turkey basket.

The BTL Foundation looks forward to serving Christmas dinners at the Salvation Army (Home for Homeless Shelter), Wilmington, Little Sisters of the Poor, Newark and New Year Dinner at Emmanuel Dining Room on Jan. 1st 2012. As of now, the BTL Foundation has provided over 47,500 Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Dinners to people in need since 1986 in Delaware and surrounding areas. Those who desire to support this humanitarian cause are requested to send their tax deductible contributions to BTL Foundation, 114 Mettenet Court, Hockessin, DE 19707, or online at www.btlfoundation.net. All donations will be matched, dollar for dollar, by Founder and Chairman Mr. B.T. Lakshman.



Fundraiser Save the Date!

Next year's Wilmington West Rotary Club Annual Fundraiser date has been announced! Please save the date on Saturday, March 10th, 2012 for fun, festivities, and frivolity at the DuPont Country Club from 5 to 9pm.

2012 Ronald McDonald House Dates

Sure, it's pretty far out there, but it never hurts to start planning early! Save the dates on March 29th and September 27th, 2012 for additional Wilmington West Rotary days preparing and serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House!

Who will be the Next District Governor?

DG Roger Harrell has opened the nominating period for Rotary District 7630's next District Governor! Nominations should be sent to Immediate Past District Governor Don Hackett, 5965 Eldorado Road, Rhodesdale MD 22659, and nominations may be made until January 15th.

Club Holiday Party

On Wednesday, December 21st from 12pm-1:30pm, Wilmington West Rotary will hold its club Holiday Party. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to a local charity.

There is also the possibility that Cab Calloway School might be able to provide one (or more) of their students as entertainment for the event! More details as they become available . . .

No Meeting on December 28th

There will be no Club meeting on Wednesday, December 28th.



Stocking for Soldiers for Another Year

Stockings for Soldiers is in its 8th consecutive year of efforts to send personalized Holiday greetings to our brave young men and women in uniform serving their country around the world. Last year's effort included 500 volunteers over an 8-week period, and mailed out over 1,500 boxes packed with almost 9,000 Stockings that were filled with over 42,000 pounds of Goodies. They also made over 2,500 small polar fleece blankets for some of our troops, and sent over 500 hand knitted woolen hats. 9,000 handmade greeting cards and hundreds of letters of appreciation from area students were also sent.

Volunteers or donations are welcome. For more information, please visit their website:
www.StockingsForSoldiers.Org

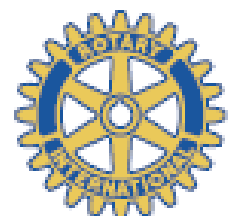
Other Upcoming Events or Announcements?

Do you know about other upcoming events that should be listed in the Newsletter? Charity Events, Club Activities, or personal Milestones alike are all newsworthy, and would be well shared with the group! Jon Bell is King! Jon Bell is King! At this point, even someone reading this section could be considered newsworthy!

Send information about upcoming events to Jon Bell, at jonbellrex@gmail.com.

Other Area Club News:

A lot of clubs aren't meeting around this time of year—please confirm with a club you plan to visit or make-up with that they are, in fact, actually meeting!



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Wilmington West has a Facebook Page!

Now if you don't like or use Facebook—don't worry. We're not asking anyone to sign up just to participate, but there are quite a few folks out there in our club who are pretty active on the social network scene, and this goes out to you:



Friend us! Find us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wilmington-West-Rotary-Club/190582514294753?ref=ts&v=wall>

Need to Makeup a Meeting?

If you need to make up a meeting with another Rotary Club, submit your form to Denise Tracy at the next meeting. Wow, that's easy. Here's the other clubs and where they meet:

LOCAL ROTARY MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Area 1

Hockessin Club, Tuesdays, 7:30am in the Cokesbury Village Dining Room

Brandywine Club, Tuesdays, 12:15pm at Harry's Savoy Grill

Brandywine Hundred Club, Thursdays, 7:15am at Harry's Savoy Grill

Wilmington Club, Thursdays, 12:10pm in the Gold Ballroom, Hotel DuPont

Caeser Rodney Club, Fridays, 7:30am at the University & Whist Club

Area 2

Newark Club, Mondays, 6:15pm at Timothy's

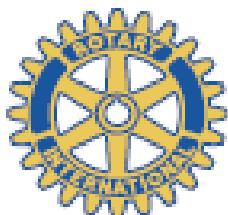
Elkton Club, Tuesdays, 6:30pm at Bentley's Restaurant

Middletown-Odessa Club, Wednesdays, 12:15pm at the Boy's and Girl's Club

Newark Morning Club, Thursdays, 7am at the Courtyard Hotel at Clayton Hall

Northeast Club, Thursdays, 7:30am at Pier 1

Christiana Club, Thursdays, 12:15pm at the Christiana Hilton



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How to Make Up a Rotary Meeting Online- from Rotary International

I love my Rotary club. My weekly lunch meeting at the [Rotary Club of Deerfield](#), Illinois, USA, has become a regular and welcome part of my life. Yet, even the most dedicated Rotarians find it hard to achieve that loftiest of club goals - 100 percent attendance. And when a career change placed me at RI headquarters in Evanston, I found myself a good 25 to 30 miles from my club's home base.

It was after this move that an occasional make-up at one of Rotary's 14 officially chartered e-clubs, part of a pilot program that runs through 2010, became appealing. What if I could make up online and not have to pay another club's lunch fee?

But I soon discovered that the e-clubs strongly encourage a donation commensurate with what you'd pay at your usual meeting. (Payment options range from PayPal to secure online credit card transactions.) That said, making up a meeting at an e-club still represented an attractive option. Here's how to go about it.

Find a club that speaks your language. Paring down the list to English-speaking ones ruled out one of the most intriguing choices, Finland's [Rotary E-Club of Verkkorotary](#), which meets via Web-conferencing software Centra every Tuesday at 21:00 in Finland (13:00 for me). But only six meetings each year (the second meeting of even months) are conducted in English. The rest, alas, are in Finnish.

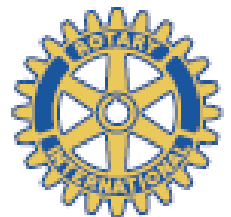
If that schedule is convenient for your make-up, you'll need an Internet connection of at least 512 kilobits a second, a computer with Windows XP or Vista, a headset, and a webcam. Try to connect to the conference room link at least 15 minutes beforehand, as first-time log-on takes some time.

Picking a program

Even after weeding out the non-English-speaking e-clubs from my list, my choices were considerable. Unfettered by the typical restraints of geography, an e-club beckons any Rotarian in need of a make-up at any time and in any place. E-clubs generally have two requirements for a make-up: Spend 30 minutes on their site reading from a collection of Rotary-related programs, and complete a make-up request form, which includes answering a few questions about what you read. (Don't worry, the questions are reflective, not multiple choice.)

The Rotary E-Club of District 7890 offered a particularly tempting option for me -- the ability to complete a make-up by reading one or more of the news articles on the RI Web site. Since that is what my day job as multimedia editor for RI's site requires, this sounded easy. But The Four-Way Test nudged me onto the more honest path of checking out their other weekly programs and depositing the required post to its online discussion forum.

The flexibility and convenience of an e-club make-up can't be beat. Once on a club's site, just click the link for make-ups and follow the simple instructions.



Bulletin

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Rotary Club of Wilmington West Paul Harris Fellows:

Erik Bradley, Lisa Cameron, Leonard Davis, Robert Davis, Chauncey Dean, Robert DiGiacomo, John Doherty, Rudy Foschi, Henry Heiman, Dan Holloway, Eric Holloway, Tom Hornung, Doug Ingerson, Don Kalil, Jamie Kegerise, Doug Kook, Michael Kremer, Ken Kubacki, Bangalore Lakshman, Arch Layman, Roger Levy, Steve Michaels, Bill Parks, Mel Personti, Greg Sarnecki, Bob Tigani, Frances West, Robert Wynn

Rotary Club of Wilmington West Sustaining Members:

Leonard Davis, Joseph Harris, Eric Holloway, Tom Hornung, Don Kalil, Ken Kubacki, Arch Layman, Mel Personti, Eric Schwartz, Frances West

2010-2011 Wilmington West Leadership

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President: Mel Personti
President-Elect: Tom Hornung
Past-President: Doug Kook
Financial Chair: Doug Kook
Treasurer: Greg Sarnecki
Secretary: Lisa Cameron

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Foundation: Ken Kubacki
International Service: Tom Hornung
Membership: Tom Hornung
Newsletter: Jon Bell

At-Large Board Members: Karol Schmiegel, Steve Michaels, Mike Kremer, Don Kalil

