

# Morning Light

Newsletter of Rotary Club of Bethlehem Morning Star



April 2008

Meets 7:30 am Thursdays at Kirkland Village

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Morning Star Rotary,

April in Rotary is often the month of highest District activity, and 2008 is no exception.

For those Morning Star members new to Rotary, "District" may seem like just another term in an endless sea of Rotary jargon. But District is a relevant and helpful entity, one that allows us to band together as clubs and accomplish what a single club could not, such as sponsoring a Rotoplast mission every two years and providing support for each local Club's Rotary Exchange program.

Rotary districts are geographical entities. Our District, 7430, consists of 63 Clubs, from the Philly suburbs to the south, to (but not including) the Poconos to the north. If you Google 7430, you'll get 10.9 million hits. Helpfully, the second listing is Rotary District 7430's Website. It's worth a quick browse to familiarize yourself with the District's leadership, activities, and programs. Click on Assistant Governors, for example, and you'll see that our own Bill Jahn is the Assistant Governor for Area 2, Area

being an even smaller geographical club grouping.

April's District 7430 activities include both the District Assembly (Saturday, April 5) and the District Conference (April 25-27). Assembly is a day where official business, like approving an annual budget, is conducted. Conference is a three day celebration of Rotary on many different levels, from local to global. Rotary Districts are also gatherings of deeply involved Rotarians who for years have worked together on Rotary projects. Seeing these special bonds of Rotary friendship at District events is nothing short of inspiring.

I mention District in this letter because as a new Rotarian my Rotary awareness was greatly expanded by attending District events. I joined Rotary because I love my Club and enjoy the weekly fellowship. But attending District meetings first made me aware of Rotary's great power and influence worldwide.

Visit a District event soon!

*Yours in Rotary,  
Pres. Ron Helmuth*

## Golf Tournament June 9

Morning Star joins up with the downtown Bethlehem Rotary Club to present the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament, with proceeds to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem.

We return to beautiful Silver Creek Country Club on June 9. Please see the brochure for details on sponsorship opportunities and player registration. (Brochure copies available at meetings or from Butch; also, pdf attached with the email for this newsletter.)

Butch Macri requests your help - please ask for **GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM RESTAURANTS** which you frequent - take along a golf brochure to show them. The gift certificates will be prizes for the Raffle Board -our goal is to have a prize for every square!

## CLUB WEBMASTER NEEDED!

As Dave Cincera takes over as Morning Star President in July, we need a new Webmaster. Dave will help with the transition to new, easier software, and you do NOT need technical expertise to do this job.

Please contact Dave if you may be able to serve the club in this critical role.

## New Member Info

To preserve privacy, future new member details will be in the cover email rather than in the newsletter.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## APRIL . . .

- 1 Dave Cincera
- 7 Dean Donaher
- 12 Erica Kicska
- 13 Joan Paul
- 25 Jim Williams
- 28 Claire Howard
- 28 Ed Ortelli



## MAY . . .

- 11 Chuck Uhl
- 28 Desty Bonstein
- 28 George Stanley
- 31 Izzy Arcelay

## NEW MEMBER SOIREE POSTPONED

The New Member Soiree scheduled for April has been postponed - the new date will be announced at a later time, when it will be of benefit to a larger number of new members



## Sponsors Needed

Please sponsor an upcoming month of our book donations to the Cops 'n' Kids program.

Advise Pres. Ron Helmuth and Rick Santee (Moravian Book Shop liaison) if you can volunteer to sponsor any month 2008.



## Calendar

- Apr. 1** ..... **BOARD MEETING**  
at Helmuth residence
- Apr. 5** ..... **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY** at LCCC
- Apr. 25-27** .. **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
at Skytop Lodge
- May 6** ..... **BOARD MEETING** at PNC Bank
- Jun. 15-18** .. **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Los Angeles
- Jun. 7** ..... **KICK OUT Pres. Ron Helmuth**  
**LV VELODROME** Trexlerstown

## Officers & Directors 2007-08

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# MEETING PROGRAMS

**Program Chair:** Dave Cincera - davcin@rcn.com



## APRIL 2008

Apr. 3     **GRETCHEN VAKIENER, Classification Talk** (Traditions of Hanover)

Apr. 10    **PRES. RON HELMUTH, Club Assembly** (Fundraising Ideas)

Apr. 17    **“REFUGEES IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY”**



Apr. 24    **“SOMMERFEST 2008”**

## MAY 2008

May 1     **BARBARA GARRISON, Classification Talk** (Heavenly Hedgehog Ice Cream)



May 8     **JEFF PARKS, ArtsQuest** (Tentative)



May 15    **GEORGE DOUGHTY, Executive Director**  
**“THE FUTURE OF LEHIGH VALLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”**

May 22    **JUDI DEXTER, Classification Talk**



May 29    **CARO, Our Exchange Student**

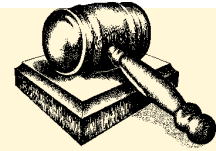
# ROTARY RESPONSIBILITIES

	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>SGT. @ ARMS</u>	<u>\$2/WEEK</u>	<u>INVOCATION</u>	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>
Apr. 3	Tom Kolepp	Val Walk	Chuck Uhl	Dave Cincera	Bill Jahn
Apr. 10	Dieter Bender	Ken Gilson	Gretchen Vakiener	Mary Matz	Stan Vasiliadis
Apr. 17	Eileen Taff	Susan Burnett	Ed Ortelli	John St. Clair	Dagny Danga-Storm
Apr. 24	Eileen Dunn	Claire Howard	Lori Gregalis	Mike Long	Butch Macri
May 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Sign up at meetings or on-line!

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Board of Directors Meeting



### FROM MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2008:

#### Treasurer's Report

- Ending Balance of \$12,903.
- Semi-annual dues to Rotary International have been paid.
- Three grants totaling \$4,000 were paid.
- Final accounting for the 5K Race showed a net profit to the club of \$792. Special Olympics received \$7,000.
- The Salute the Troops concert netted \$1,889 after a \$5,000 grant to Special Olympics.
- The Spaghetti Dinner is expected to net about \$2,000.
- The three net amounts above will go toward funding next year's grants.

#### Committee Reports

- Membership: New Member Soiree planned for April 15 (subsequently postponed); induction date being planned for new member Dan Frost.
- Programs: Meeting programs have been booked through April.
- District PETS (Pres. Elect Training): Dave Cincera reported it was an excellent 2 day event with powerful programs willed with a lot of enthusiasm. The motto of the new RI President is "Make Dreams Come True", and a

emphasis will be on targeting childhood mortality.

- Rotary Foundation: Two new Paul Harris Fellows and three multiple Paul Harris Fellows will be recognized at an upcoming meeting. As of March 4, the club remains about \$500 short of its \$5,000 Foundation goal for the Rotary year.

#### New Business

- Pres. Ron discussed the status of the formation of a new Extension Club in Forks Township. A lack of communication created confusion about this initiative. The process will be restarted with a committee to perform a feasibility study and survey. The committee will be headed by Asst. DG Bill Jahn, and comprised of one contact from each of the local clubs. Jim Vitale agreed to represent Morning Star.
- Ed Orтели and Don Scanlon have been working with Stan Vasiliadis in establishing a 501(c)(3) status for the club. (This status will assist us in soliciting sponsorships and donations for our projects/events.)
- Tom Kolepp is rebranding the 5K Race, and will be holding weekly committee meetings for planning.
- Pres. Ron will contact Joan Paul about the status of the Community Development Committee and the Request for Proposal process.

## 5K RUN - SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

Tom Kolepp and helpers have been arising very early to meet several times per month at 6:45 am before our regular Thursday club meetings.

Several important decisions have been made - we will hold the 5K on the Saturday of Celtic Classic, although we are no longer officially affiliated with CCA. The Start/Finish Line will be moved, probably to a new location on in South Bethlehem

We will pursue national firms with a presence in the Lehigh Valley - Susan Burnett is spearheading this effort.

After discussion of possibly expanding to a 5K/10K run/walk, it was decided to focus on getting the various changes made to the 5K Run this year, and hold any expansion to next year. Since wheelchair race participants much prefer longer races,

we do not plan a wheelchair division for 2008.

There are a few significant roles for which Tom Kolepp needs volunteers ASAP - especially someone to spearhead the Marketing/Publicity effort. Please contact:

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