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Plant-a-Tree Goal for D-7450 Clubs

“Plant one tree in your community for each member of your club, by Earth Day - April 22, 2018”

Rotary International President-Elect Ian Riseley made the case on Monday January 16, 2017 that protecting the environment and curbing climate change is essential to Rotary’s goal of sustainable service.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. “They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda,” he said.

Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN’s High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Riseley added, “The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary’s concern. It is, and must be, everyone’s concern.”

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to “**Make a Difference**” by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

“It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit

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Rotary District 7450 Has Four Candidates in the Running for RI Peace Fellowships



The 2017 search for Rotary International Peace Fellowship winners is now closed.

District 7450 Governor Elect Dawn deFuria, District 7450 Governor Nominee Paul Quintavalla, District 7450 Governor Nominee Designate Peter Mardinly, and Peace Fellowships Subcommittee Chairperson Joseph Batory conducted intense interviews with local applicants on June 7. As a result, Rotary District 7450 has now endorsed/approved four candidates who will be considered by Rotary International in this prestigious competition for these fully subsidized study awards. The applications of these four candidates will next be evaluated by Rotary International which will make the final determination of Peace Fellowship winners.

Announcements of Rotary International’s newest Peace Fellowships recipients are expected to occur in the fall of 2017. There will be about 100 winners from a vast array of international candidates.

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Plant-a-Tree

that those 1.2 million new trees will bring,” Riseley said. “I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself.”

Passport Club

I am excited to tell you that we will be having our first Informational Meeting for the forming of a “Passport Club” in our District! Many of you have expressed interest after hearing about it at our recent District Assembly. DGE Dawn and myself are eager to put this “Passport Club” framework into place and make starting it a reality in District 7450!

As you have heard it took roots in California and the first year grew to over 80 plus members of all ages and diverse passions. The idea of community service in our communities and sharing in each other's projects is the backbone of this new club concept. I am sure with all of your energy and enthusiasm for starting this club it will definitely come into fruition in the 2017-18 year! I thank you in advance for reaching out to both DGE Dawn and myself with your interest in being part of this addition to the type of clubs in our District.

Our first meeting will take place on July 12th at 6PM at Charlottes Restaurant located at 3027 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, Pa.19073. The cost of the meal that night will be \$25 which we will collect that night. We would ask for cash only. This includes a three course meal (soup, salad, entrée, sides, dessert and coffee or tea). Tax and gratuity are also included in the \$25 fee. A cash bar will be available that evening, too.

Please register on DACDB as soon as possible so I can give an accurate count to the restaurant.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to call me on my cell at 610-613-3841. I look forward to seeing you on July 12th.

Yours in Rotary Service,
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RI Peace Fellowships

There are two types of Peace Fellowships:

Master's Degree – Building the leaders of tomorrow ▪ 15-24 month program at one the Rotary Peace Centers at leading partnering universities ▪ 50 fellows selected annually to earn a master's degree in fields related to peace and security ▪ Each university offers customized curriculum and a 2-3 month applied field experience ▪ Fellows connect with an international cohort of peace fellows, thought leaders, and a global network of Rotarians

Professional Development Certificate – Strengthening the leaders of today ▪ 3 month professional development program at our Rotary Peace Center in Bangkok, Thailand ▪ 50 fellows selected annually to earn a professional certificate in peace and conflict studies ▪ Intended for professionals with extensive experience working in peace-related fields ▪ Diverse interdisciplinary program includes 8-weeks intensive classroom study with guest lecturers and 2-weeks field studies

One of District 7450's endorsed/approved applicants has applied for the master's degree program. The other three endorsed/approved candidates have applied for the three month certificate program.

***The next round of Peace Fellowships will open to applicants in January of 2018. And District 7450 Rotary Clubs are encouraged to seek out eligible candidates for this remarkable opportunity. There is no financial cost to Rotary clubs.

Eligibility: Qualified candidates must have:

For the master's program, a bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus three years of related work experience, and proficiency in a second language (strongly recommended). Applicants should have a strong commitment to peacebuilding demonstrated through professional and academic achievements.

For the certificate program, strong academic background, plus five years of work experience in a field where enhanced peace building and violence prevention, conflict resolution and mediation skills would be helpful ▪ Proficiency in English ▪ Excellent leadership skills

NB----The three month fellowship is an ideal fit for law enforcement and community engagement professionals

Joe Batory welcomes inquiries re the Peace Fellowships (josephbatory@comcast.net)