

ROTARY CLUB OF MUHLENBERG THE ROTAMUHL

July 11, 2017



CONNECTING ROTARY AND YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY

Every April the Rotary Club of Muhlenberg in partnership with the Muhlenberg Parks and Recreation Department sponsors a free Fishing Rodeo for the youth of our community.

This year's event was another successful endeavor. Pictured above is one our winners with Rotarian John Alshefski, long-time event coordinator and Rotarian Fred Hatt, contest judge.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

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RI PRESIDENTIAL THEME FOR 2017-2018



In 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley's theme, Rotary: Making a Difference.

"Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."

"What kind of a difference each club and each Rotarian chooses to make will always be their own decision. But we are united in our organization and its common principles: our insistence on ethics and our commitment to Service Above Self."

"Ultimately, as we all know, the only people in the world who can make a Rotary club strong are the people who belong to it. Strong clubs begin with their members — with women and men who are qualified, who are ambitious, who are motivated to work together, and who bring a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to their club."

"For 112 years, Rotary has served. So that next year, the year after, and generations from now, Rotary will still be serving humanity — still making a difference, to our communities, and our nations, and our world."

MEET OUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT



Theresa Pfennig officially took the gavel and president's medallion on June 27th at a dinner at Blind Hartman's Tavern.

John Alshefski led the induction ceremonies with his usual flair.

This year Fred Hatt introduced a new tradition by presenting Theresa with the president's medallion. Fred procured the medallion at the recent RI convention in Atlanta.

We look forward to Theresa's leadership of Muhlenberg Rotary in 2017-2018.

Congratulations Terri!

5TH ANNUAL
WINE AND DINE
FUNDRAISER
MUHLENBERG LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS
THE UPTOWN BAND
4 PM to 8 PM
JIM DIETRICH PARK in MUHLENBERG TOWNSHIP
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH
(Rain Date: Sunday August 20TH)
Bring your own food, table & chairs - We'll sell you the wine
Cover charge \$10.00 in advance \$15.00 at the gate
FOR TICKETS CALL BILL SANDEL 610-921-2620 OR PICK THEM UP AT THE
MUHLENBERG TOWNSHIP BUILDING, MUHLENBERG LIBRARY, AT THE EVENT OR
ANY MUHLENBERG LION OR ROTARY CLUB
MEMBER

Serving the Community Together
(MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD - NO PETS PLEASE)

Our Club's Next Big Event

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at the annual **Wine and Dine** at Jim Dietrich Park in Muhlenberg Township on August 19th from 4pm to 8pm.

Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the gate. Each Rotary Club member has tickets to sell.

This fundraiser is a joint project with the Muhlenberg Lions Club and benefits the DARE program in our schools.



At the Rotary International Convention, global leaders and key donors affirm their commitment to ending polio.

The historic pledges of new funds at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. Just five cases have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said ending polio would be one of the world's greatest achievements.

"Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Everyday I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled."

Rotary International President John F. Germ announced that Rotary would increase its commitment and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985.

"Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said.

Gates told the crowd of nearly 24,000 that, starting 1 July, his foundation will extend its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, which will add up to \$450 million to the fight.

By Ryan Hyland and Teresa Schmedding

Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Most Tuesday's at 6:00 PM

Place: Blind Hartman's Tavern

Please check our website for our upcoming meeting schedule, events and speakers – [www. MuhlenbergRotary.org](http://www.MuhlenbergRotary.org)

PROGRAM JULY 11, 2017

President Terri opened the meeting with Jack offering the invocation and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Elaine Swavely, visiting Rotarian from the Hamburg Club and Member Candidate Amy Markwood.

Our program was a club assembly focused on following items:

1. River Days at Jim Dietrich Park, August 27, 27 – We will sell sno-cones – Tom again will manage the sno-cone process – Allen to take of tent and public relations displays/materials
2. Golf event sponsored by Parks & Rec Dept – we are trying to get a foursome together for that – Tim spearheading that for the club
3. Wine & Dine – August 19th - Tim has tickets if you need them – Sell, sell, sell!
4. District Strike Out Hunger event at the Phillies – August 11th – There is some interest – Terri will handle
5. Amy has volunteered to head up our efforts to get more engaged with the school district and our club's efforts around next generations – Thanks Amy for volunteering
6. Discussed future scholarship opportunities and efforts
7. Discussed the need to re-examine fundraising at the next Fishing Rodeo (i.e. Chicken BBQ) – Ed will research this
8. District Purple Pinkie 5k Event Oct 14th – Club voted to again be a sponsor
9. And we drew a winner from EREY Piggelman fund - Congrats Ed Collins – He is our first EREY contributor in this new Rotary year.


Next Meeting is July 18th at BHT 6pm – Program TBA

Quote of the Week

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.” – Charles Dickens

*Join our next meeting or service project.
Contact our membership chair to schedule your visit.*

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