



FRANK'S FORUM

Because we can....And we care



Frank Talk



From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day we think of this time as the "Holidays." For most people in our country it is a time in the year when we reflect on the things we should be thankful for and a time to think of others with

well wishes and gifts. It gives me the opportunity to think about how special we are as Rotarians, because we provide peace, good will, understanding and the gifts of service all year long. We don't just concern ourselves with others for a few weeks. For us, "Service Above Self" is an ongoing way of life.



As I visit all the Clubs in the District, I hear, see and, in some cases, participate in a

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variety of service projects "doing good in the community and the world." When you can see the gifts of service that are being provided by our Rotarians, you can't help feeling that every day of every week is the "holidays" for some people in need. Food pantries, homeless persons, helping other

Polio Can Be Eradicated



Global Polio Eradication Is Within Grasp

The eradication of polio is within the world's grasp in the next 5 years, according to the world's leading expert on polio.

Bruce Aylward, MD, MPH, assistant director-general for polio, emergencies, and country collaboration of the World Health Organization, made his remarks on October 24, 2013 at a World Polio Day 2013 event in Chicago. The event, was held to discuss the latest progress of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), the global effort to make polio the second infectious disease affecting humans to be vanquished, after smallpox.

The initiative is a public-private partnership that includes the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. They have recently developed a [Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan](#) that delineates a long-term strategy for conquering polio.

Q: If there is one important message about polio that you want to convey to the global health community right now, what would it be?

Dr Aylward: Seize the moment. Finish polio once and for all. That would be the overriding message.



ROTAPLAST ON-AIR AUCTION

Live on WFMZ 69 -TV, Saturday Dec 7th
7-10 pm

online viewing and bidding starts on
Thursday Dec 5th from 4pm



Frank Talk *continued*

organizations helping people with meals, homes, literacy, clothing, schooling, and the list goes on, are being served by you, the Rotarians in District 7430.

I even had the opportunity to experience the service of the youth services provided by our Rotaract and Interact Clubs. We need to continue to support the growth of these youth groups to perpetuate the ideals of Rotary through service. They are filled with energy and a desire to help others. It is very rewarding and inspiring to be in the company of young people enjoying giving service to others.

I am also in awe of the response to the world needs generated by our Rotarians when disasters strike, such as the typhoon in the Philippines. To see Rotary spring into action through the network of service, by providing financial and material assistance to people devastated by these overwhelming natural disasters reminds me why I am a Rotarian. Our District will be providing a matching program of ShelterBoxes for the Clubs in our District. For every ten ShelterBoxes donated by Clubs or individuals in our District, the District will match one ShelterBox, up to \$4,000. More detailed information on this matching program will be forthcoming.



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Frank Talk *continued*

May you all enjoy the holiday season in your own way of reflection and celebration. And from Jean and me, may you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Remember to keep the holiday spirit alive throughout the year through Rotary, Because.....We Can and We Care.

DG Frank

Polio Can Be Eradicated *continued*

Q: And where do you think we are on that path?

Dr Aylward: We're in a fantastic position. When we set out to eradicate polio, there were 1000 kids a day being infected, and we're now down to maybe 1 a day. Also, initially, there were 3 types of polioviruses—types 1, 2, and 3. In 1999, we saw the last of the type 2 virus, and in November 2012 we saw the last of type 3. So 2013 has been the first year where we've only seen 1 type of poliovirus.

Also, this year, every single case of polio in the world is due to virus that originated from either one corner of Pakistan or one corner of Nigeria. This is the first time in history that we're down to just 2 hot spots, so we're in a good place right now. The problem is, of course, that these small hot spots continue to reinfect other countries that were previously polio-free. That's why the World Health Assembly declared polio to be a global health emergency last year and since then has stepped up the global efforts for eradication.

There is a new endgame plan for eradication, just released by the World Health Assembly in May 2013; the ink is still wet. The plan is to eradicate the wild poliovirus and in parallel tackle vaccine-derived poliovirus. We'll switch the oral polio vaccine from the current trivalent vaccine [which protects against types 1, 2, and 3 of poliovirus] to a bivalent vaccine, which protects against types 1 and 3 only, because the type 2 component of the vaccine causes 95% of VAPP outbreaks. At the same time, we'll give a dose of the injectable polio vaccine [which is not associated with VAPP because it is an inactivated vaccine, unlike the oral polio vaccine, which is a live vaccine] to protect against type 2 poliovirus and for general hyperimmunity to help finish the job.

Q: Realistically, when do you think the world can be polio-free?

Dr Aylward: I think 2018 is a completely realistic time frame. I think right now, we still have more things to throw at the virus than it has to throw at us. It's a battle, but we are closer than ever before. In this day and age, there is no reason that we can't wipe out this disease forever.





Relief for the Philippines

Rotary clubs around the world are pledging emergency aid to communities in central Philippines after the massive typhoon flattened entire coastal towns and villages, killed thousands of people, and displaced nearly 600,000 more. Rotary President Ron Burton is urging our 34,000 clubs worldwide to continue to assist storm victims.

D7430's ShelterBox Chair, Allan Syphers has said that only now, are ShelterBox volunteers beginning to understand the enormity of the situation. SB SRT's were already on the ground in the Philippines responding to a recent earthquake, but now the need for help is more dire than ever. The link below is a letter and update from SBUSA president, Emily Sperling. Please share this information and consider providing some assistance to this worthy effort.

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7dee5a63f723b85ccf3d105d5&id=337120db57&e=181599fb88>

D7430 Governor, Frank Romano has announced the plan for the District to buy one ShelterBox to match each ten funded by RCs and individuals.



RC SECRETARIES ----- PLEASE HELP

Once the all-new RI website's transition problems are behind them, EVERY single Rotarian needs to re-register in order to gain access.

Then we ask that each RC Secretary go to the Rotary Website (not the District one) and update all the club officers for this year 2013-14.

And please add your club's PE for 2014-15 if known. Then they can have access to training materials.

NOV 25th 2013 YTD Giving to the RI Annual Fund

47 D7430 ROTARIANS REACHED THEIR NEXT PAUL
HARRIS LEVEL SO FAR.

Rotary Day at United Nations

by Alexander Shnaydruk,, Bethlehem Morning Star

Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary General of United Nations, presented three major challenges for organization and human society in this century: eradicating the poverty, focusing on sustainable development, and developing free society.

Rotary International is a great partner organization for United Nations. The strategy and philosophy of both organization correlate together. There were prominent speakers who showed how to be both dedicated Rotarians and true global citizens. We have heard stories about projects for improving humiliating conditions of women in India, supporting maternal and child health in Central America, building Rotary organizations in Russia, tackling into the problem of shrinking reserves of drinkable water supply, and developing the strategy for sustainable energy and waste management. Certain focus was given on how to make the impact with international projects, while creating the sustainable ecosystem to carry over all the developments into the future.



Several partnering organizations were presented: PACE Universal, UN Global Compact LEAD, Gift of Life International, Center for Citizen Initiatives, World Bank, WASH at Unicef. There were also great initiative organizations built by Rotarians: Wasrag (Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group) and ShelterBox (responding instantly following disasters by delivering special boxes of aid with all needed appliances to provide a temporary shelter). For instance, ShelterBox has over 50,000 boxes distributed in several logistics center and ready to be delivered to the next disaster. Each box costs approximately \$1,000 and can provide emergency shelter for a family, taking into consideration various climate zones.





Because We Can...and We Care



D7430 2013 - 14 Good Things

A DGE's View

I had a wonderful opportunity to be able to attend a great event in Area 6. And I feel I need to share the experience with all of the District Areas and clubs.

On November 7, 2013 Area 6 Club members held a joint Club Friendship Night at Revival's Pub in Perkasi. For me it was a unique experience to see all of the Area Clubs meet together, and for Rotarians from the clubs to socialize together sharing stories and updates on their families.

The evening program was very simple beginning with introductions of all those attending. Each Club President was given time to share what their club was doing. This made it possible for clubs to coordinate their activities and projects. It also gave the clubs an opportunity to develop and support projects and events together.

All of our district areas and clubs are encouraged to use this model and consider similar functions. You can gain an outlook and awareness of what clubs in your area do and share their concerns, problems and successes. I look forward to attending functions and events in all areas and clubs in our district, to be there to help and support you.

Gary S. Fedorcha DGE 2013-14



NEW POLIO CASES-Nov 21st

In the 3 endemic countries:

2013 YTD 123

2012 YTD 188 Down 35 %

in non-endemic countries

2013 YTD 218 (183 are in Somalia)

2012 YTD 5

D7430 Rotarians Run & Walk to Eradicate Polio

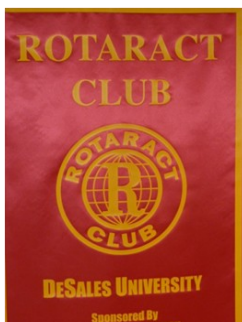
It was sunny, blustery and cool at the 10 a.m. start of the 4th Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie Day 5K Run/Walk at DeSales University on Sunday, November 3rd. Seventy runners and walkers came out to have some fun and raise some awareness and funds for Polio eradication. Yvette's family was represented by husband Bill and his son and granddaughter, Yvette's daughter, Kim, son-in-law Bill and Granddaughter Arista, granddaughter Kathi her husband Pete and great-grandson Bryce.

Our D7430 District Governor-Elect Gary Fedorcha was there along with Assistant Governors Bill Tuszynski and MarieAnn Thompson. The DeSales Rotaractors put on the event. Participating were six additional Rotarians from Yvette's RC along with PDG Bill Palmer.



Yvette and Bill's granddaughter, Shaina Palmer, a junior at Bethlehem's Freedom H.S. finished in first place for the women, and second place overall. Medals were awarded for overall first 3 places by gender and then by age groups.

Finishing first in the 60 years and older group was Pottstown's Charlie Koenig, now 81 years old. He ran it, not walked it, as he has in prior years.



Rotaractor Kristin said that "We raised over \$3,200 for PolioPlus. "We are extremely proud of the Rotaract Club for bringing this all together and having a successful race!" They are sponsored by the Saucon Center Valley RC.





Did You Know?

The government of Guatemala awarded the Order of the Quetzal, the country's highest honor, to The Rotary Foundation last month (October), in recognition of Rotary's humanitarian work in Guatemala and its contributions to the campaign to eradicate polio.



Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.



Famous Rotarians

Thomas A. Edison Rotary Club of Orange, New Jersey, Inventor

Richard E. Byrd Rotary Club of Winchester, Virginia, Arctic explorer

Orville Wright Rotary Club of Dayton, Ohio Co-inventor of the first successful airplane

Neil Armstrong Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Astronaut & first man to walk on the moon

Jean Sibelius Rotary Club of Helsinki- Helsingfors, Finland
Composer

Guglielmo Marconi Rotary Club of Bologna, Italy
Inventor of the commercially-viable wireless radio

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.

District 7430 Conference May 2-4, 2014



LAST CHANCE – WE WANT YOU TO SAVE

To save \$50 per person for the 2014 District Conference, please register before December 31. Starting January 1, the registration fee jumps to \$225 per person. Please visit the District website for the registration form and details to book a room at Bushkill Inn for the weekend of May 2-4, 2014. We look forward to Meeting You At The Falls.

District Conference Activities

Run for the Roses

We hope everyone is preparing for our Kentucky Derby by making your most festive hats. Starting the afternoon of Friday, May 2, you can place your bets (cash/check) on your favorite horse(s). All proceeds will be donated to The Rotary Foundation in the winner's name. During the cocktail hour on Saturday, we will be watching the Kentucky Derby. Winnings will be announced at dinner Saturday night. More details to follow in future newsletters.

AMONG THE SUN AND STARS

The Rotary Club of Harleysville is proud to present Vince Scheetz, Master Observer/Astronomer. He will be setting up his telescopes for us to gaze upon the sky. Join him to see spots on the sun during the day, and stars and planets in the night sky.

Please contact Shushma Patel (email: rotaryclubofharleysville@gmail.com or 215-872-6875) with any questions about the District Conference.

Meet Us At The Falls





Club News

Bethlehem Morning Star

**Nov. 11 - SUCCESSFUL "SALUTE THE TROOPS",
and much more!**

Many thanks to our sponsors, ticket-buyers, attendees, helpers and the Allentown Band! Our 11th concert featured special appearances by "Chesty" (the US Marine Corps bulldog in full uniform who salutes), a moving rendition of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, soprano Katherine Christopher, clarinet soloist Steve Reisteter, a few words from US Congressman Charlie Dent, and members of the Northeast Middle School Band joining the Allentown Band.

Homefront (Musical Memories of WW II) and the Armed Forces Salute (recognition of those in audience who served or have family who served) brought a tear to many an eye. Gary Hartney (concert Chair) and Pat DiLuzio (Executive Director of Victory House of the Lehigh Valley, our primary beneficiary) did the lion's share of work.

The Maasai visit Doylestown Rotary



At our 9 Oct, 2013 meeting three members of the Maasai (Kenya) visited and give us an update on the water wells project Rotary has helped fund.

Susan, Grace and John from the Maasai talked about how the water wells have improved their lives. Susan told us that now people only walk two miles to fetch clean water, where before they had to walk at least ten. Grace then spoke and thanked John Brown and Rotary (John Brown was our point man for the project). She thanked everyone on behalf of the community and the women in the community. John said that there are 9 villages that are being helped, which amounts to 50,000 people. He said that people have been able to continue going to school because they no longer have to spend their days getting water. He also talked about how much women have benefitted by the water project.

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Saucon Center Valley

Thank you Rotary Club!!! Work party at Heller Homestead

11/16/2013



Reading

Celebrating 100 years of Rotary; the oldest club in D7430. Here is a link to the Rotary segment on the Time Train Channel...

<http://youtu.be/Ufxgmnz42qs>

Tastes and Tunes raises funds for Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley



The man in the dark glasses and 'hat' is Rotarian Ham Malek. Gerry Long has on the red Phillies shirt and the 3rd person is Bethlehem Rotary President Kerry Wrobel.

Bethlehem Rotary Club hosts event at Hotel Bethlehem

About 200 people were at the Hotel Bethlehem Sunday night November 10th -- eating and drinking for a good cause.

The Taste and Tunes event was put on by the Bethlehem Rotary Club from 4-8 p.m. Folks paid \$75-bucks for a ticket to the fundraiser.

About 15 local restaurants had tasting portions for people to snack on, a DJ made sure the tunes were playing, and lots of goodies were up for auction.

All of the money raised will go to the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley.

"They do a host of services for the community, everything from woman, infants and children to senior day care and after school programming," said Bethlehem Rotary Club President Kerry Wrobel, in describing the works of the Hispanic Center.

Organizers were hoping to raise about \$30,000 during the four-hour event.

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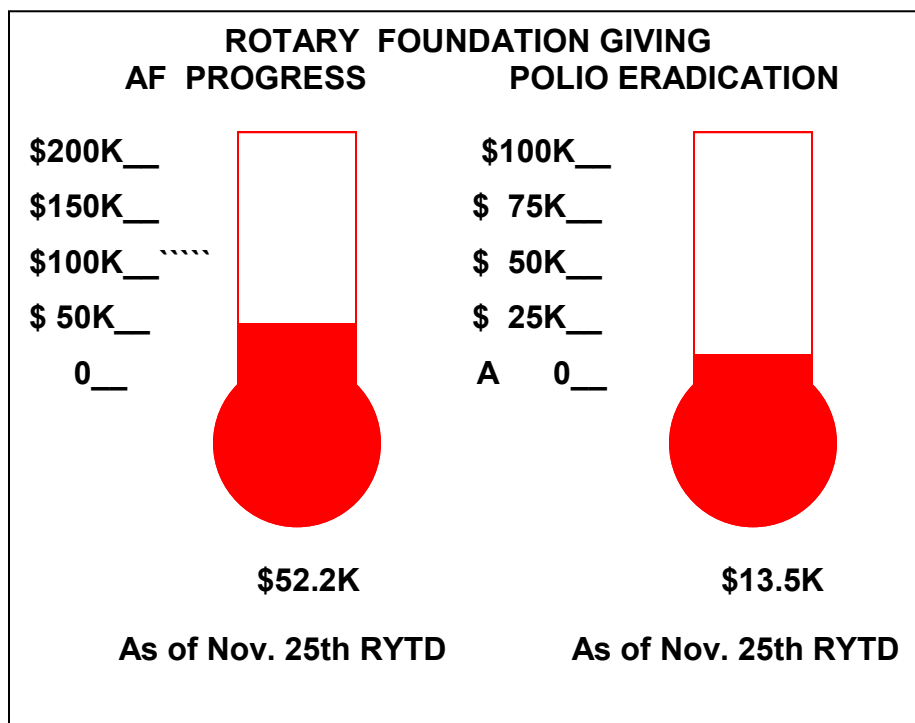
Club News *continued*

Ambler & Blue Bell

Charter meeting of The Montgomery County Community College (MONTCO) Rotaract Club Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Ambler and Blue Bell, PA



This week in Montco Rotaract was their first ever inductee ceremony! This ceremony celebrated their new partnership with the Ambler and Blue Bell Rotary Clubs and kicked off the start of their new club. This is a picture of Rotaractors with local Rotarians at the induction ceremony November 20th.



TRF Cadre

RI INTRODUCES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Rotary Foundation's *Cadre of Technical Advisers*

Representing all Rotary districts and a wide spectrum of professional expertise, the cadre is a diverse group of volunteer Rotarians who monitor and evaluate Foundation grant projects all over the world. They conduct paper reviews and travel to project sites to evaluate technical feasibility and compliance with The Rotary Foundation's missions and objectives.

The cadre currently is recruiting volunteers in the following areas.

- Maternal and child health professionals (such as nurses and obstetricians) in Africa and Asia
- Water and sanitation professionals (such as civil and mechanical engineers) in Africa and Asia
- Spanish-speaking auditors in North and Central America
- Portuguese speakers in Europe and Africa, in all areas of focus
- Rotarians living in Africa, in all areas of focus
- Rotarians with professional expertise in monitoring and evaluation

If you are interested, or know of any Rotarians who would make great cadre members, please contact Christian Pepera -- Sr. Cadre Coordinator -- Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation

You can get a registration form at: http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/hg_cadre_registration_form_en.pdf

So far we know of one D7430 Rotarian who has been accepted to serve. That is Linda Young, RC of Saucon-Center Valley.



USED CELL PHONES WANTED

The Bushkill Inn is the site of our May 2014 District Conference. They have asked us to donate our used cell phones. They, in turn, will donate 30 tickets to visit Bushkill Falls for our Youth Exchange students to use. So please start collecting the cell phones. Please give the phones – and their charge cords – that you collect to DG Frank or someone who will see him.

Sue DePaul (Harleysville RC) will be holding and delivering the phones on behalf of Rotary. If you would like to contact Sue about future donations please call her at 215-896-9324.



Membership



Membership – Back to Basics

A Club Meeting:

Creating the first impressions,



1. Is it clear that you are walking into a Rotary Meeting?
2. Do Rotarians wear name badges?
3. How is a visitor identified/welcome?

4. Is there a board displaying current projects, upcoming events, fundraisers?

5. Prospective Membership package on hand if requested?

6. Is there a brag handout that tells the story/achievements of the club to all?



Share your passion for Rotary!
REFER A MEMBER!



Rotary Friendship Exchange

TURKEY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE COMING TO OUR DISTRICT NEXT SPRING

HOST CLUBS NEEDED

We are so excited!

This spring between April 22 and May 7, 2014 we will have 12 Rotarians and their spouses (6 hosts) visit with us on a Friendship Exchange. Hosting International Rotarians is a great way to learn about Rotary around the world and to learn about new cultures and meet new friends. And we plan on having the group from Turkey at our District Conference as well.

Each club would host about 3 days. With the Friendship Exchange, our guests pay their own expenses for touring and activities, and we provide the homes and friendship for their visit. An itinerary will be developed daily once we see which clubs are interested. The visitors will have a van for transportation that they pay for.

It is fun and easy to host. If you are a small club and are interested—we can work with you and combine clubs for a greater hosting experience. We can help you with transportation and itinerary. The group incoming will be prepared to do presentations at your Rotary meeting as well.

Please contact: Cindy Hornaman, RFE Chair to sign up—(610) 965 4151, e-mail: hornamca@ptd.net



Publicize What You Are Doing

DG Frank's 2013-14 monthly newsletters will tell your stories. Just send them — with pertinent photos — by the 20th of each month to:

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andreadolak@gmail.com Andrea Dolak, Publisher



Newtown Dictionary Project

Newtown Rotary

Dictionary Project Comes Full Circle

Eight years ago, Jennifer Salvatore was in third grade and received a dictionary from the Newtown Rotary Club. Today, she is a sophomore at Council Rock North high school and a member of the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club. Recently, she went with her father, Rotarian Paul Salvatore, to help distribute dictionaries to this year's third graders.

Jennifer remembers: "My class was the first to get a dictionary... They told us to look in the back of the book because in the back was the longest word. It took up the whole page. All the kids were so amazed by it even my dad couldn't pronounce it. The letter I wrote to my dad to thank the Rotary Club hangs on the wall in my family room with a picture of me from third grade. I still have the dictionary to this day. "

John Tyrol, Chair of the Dictionary Project, explained that during the last eight years Newtown Rotarians handed out almost 9,000 dictionaries to area third graders to help them understand the importance of reading skills. "We get dozens of thank-you letters from the children each year" said Tyrol



Jessica VanderKam and Richard Danese, visited Wrightstown Elementary School to distribute the dictionaries and a bit of Halloween candy. "The kids were fantastic", said VanderKam. "it was so neat to see how excited they were to receive a dictionary as a gift. And it was even better to see how enthusiastic and capable they were putting it to use right away when they looked up words like *ghost*, *pumpkin* and *vampire*."

Laura Jones-Morales summed up her experience with the students at Rolling Hills Elementary: "The kids were wonderful! They were really excited about receiving their very own dictionaries and immediately started to look up words. The children really stole my heart and I look forward to doing it again next year

What's the best way to
carve wood?
Whittle by whittle





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- ◆ ENGAGE EDUCATORS IN YOUR COMMUNITY
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- ◆ JOIN A FAST GROWING MOVEMENT BY LEADING THE WAY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

To receive a free copy of the soup-to-nuts manual on how to start a contest or to schedule a presentation at your Club contact:

Joe Wynands – 610 506 1228 – wynands@comcast.net

Top 3 Reasons Why I Trust & Give to the Rotary Foundation

1. **MISSION DRIVEN:** The Rotary Foundation is constantly working to ensure that its mission is fulfilled with successful, sustainable programs that have measurable outcomes. Our new Grants model is one example of our Foundation ensuring that the mission to improve health, support education and alleviate poverty becomes a reality. And let's not forget Rotary's perseverance in the eradication of Polio as we get closer to having this devastating disease disappear forever.
2. **TRANSPARENT:** We are committed to transparency and accountability – check out our financials page to learn how we are responsible leaders and review a breakdown of how we earn and spend our money.
3. **EFFECTIVE:** We have 1.2 million professional and community leaders working together to collectively transform the world through their 34,000+ Rotary clubs. Rotary has a reach greater than the United Nations! Rotarians have impressive networks and vocational expertise that when added with grassroots knowledge and resources from our Rotary Foundation equals impactful and effective projects. These projects take place around the globe whether in your backyard or across oceans.





District Committee Reports

Each month we will give you a snapshot of what our committees are working on. And if you would either like to know more or would like to join or be more involved with that committee, please contact its chair.

Foundation:

Please support OUR Rotary Foundation with your time, talent and treasure.

REMEMBER THAT DONATIONS RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31ST ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE FOR 2013.



Donations YTD to the Annual Fund and to Polio+ are about on target. Most District Grants have been funded for their first 50%. The Paul Harris Society (PHS) has become an official program of the RI Foundation.

Membership:

The Committee held two very successful membership workshops. See the latest issue of [Club Builder](#).



District Membership Chair Terry Reed still is seeking several members to round out the committee. Contact Terry Reed at terry.reed731@gmail.com.



Youth Exchange

The Outbound interviews for 14/15 were conducted on Nov 17th, with 16 candidates. The Y.E. students had a great trip touring New

York City.

Please contact chair Patti (pattismith0221@gmail.com) or visit the YEP website at www.rotary7430yep.org for more details and full calendar of events for the year.

If you would like to be more involved in Youth Exchange, please contact Chair Patti at pattismith0221@gmail.com.

Interact:

Allentown West has sponsored a new club at Parkland H.S. D7430 Contact Chair is PDG Bill Jahn at billjahn7430@gmail.com.

Camp Neidig (RYLA):



The kick-off meeting for the 2014 Camp Neidig was held on Monday, November 4th. The committee has one new member and they need to increase our camper numbers. June 2013 was the lowest attended camp in years. Contact Co-Chair Wendy Body at wqbody@butz.com.

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District Committee Reports *continued*

Rotaplast: The Rotary On-Air Auction is scheduled for December 7, 2013. PLEASE donate something classy for the auction. All proceeds will benefit Rotaplast. Contact Chair Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com.

ShelterBox: There is a new fundraising effort by D7430 Rotarians to replace the units deployed in the Philippines. D7430 is making a challenge offer to promote donations.

Contact Chair Allan Syphers at ASArchitect@aol.com

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI): A successful event was held on Oct 5th in King of Prussia with 63 Rotarians from D7430 attending. Contact Chair, Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com.

4 Way Test Speech Contest: The number of D7430 RCs involved with this marvelous experience for HS students is approaching 20. A fourth Regional contest is planned and the prize monies are good. Contact Chair is Joe Wynands at Joe.Wynands@susquehanna.net.

Friendship Exchange: The Exchange with Turkey and Western Canada are both planned. The Turkish Rotarians will be here in April and attend the district conference.

Contact Chair Cindy Hornaman at: hornamca@ptd.net.

District Website: TJ's e-mail is tonyjannetta@aol.com.

Rotaract: DeSales University club ran the Polio Eradication 5K run / walk on November 3rd. Seventy people participated. The new MONTCO Rotaract club was chartered mid-November.

Contact Chair is David Kaplan at rotary@davidskaplan.com.

District Newsletter: Feedback is welcome, as are your articles. Contact PDG Bill Palmer at bill966@ptd.net.



I didn't say it
was your
fault,
I said I was
blaming you.



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2014 District Conference



Just a reminder that the Discount Period for the District Conference Registration ends December 31. The discounted registration fee per person is \$175. On January 1, this fee jumps to \$225 per person.

One-third of the rooms in the Main Lodge have already been booked. It is on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 20 rooms outside of the Main Lodge that are also available, which are very nice rooms, but you will have to walk outside to get to the Main Lodge.

Booking the room is separate from registering for the Conference. One does not automatically cover for the other. You must do both operations in order to have a room and be registered.

DG Francis P. Romano



Time is what keeps things from happening all at once.

PRESIDENTS-ELECT SCHEDULE

PETS- 2 Evening Meeting starting at 6:00 PM

Feb 4, Tues -- Areas 1,2 & 6

Feb 5, Wed -- Areas 3,4 & 5

Feb 6, Thurs -- Areas 7,8 & 9

Mid-Atlantic Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (M-A PETS)

Feb 27 TO Mar 1 -- at the Radisson in KOP

Events Calendar

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Dec 7 -- Rotaplast On-Air Auction

Dec 14 -- Interviews for DG Candidates for RY 2016-17

2014

Feb 27-Mar 1 -- Mid-Atlantic Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) at the Radisson in KOP

Apr 22-May 7th -- Friendship Exchange - Turkish team will be here

May 2 to 4 -- District Conference at Bushkill Inn

May 17 -- District Training Assembly at Bear Creek Mt. Resort

Jun 1 to 4 -- RI Convention in Sydney, Australia

Jun 12-24 -- Friendship Exchange - OUTGOING Team to Canada

Jun 26 -- District Changeover Dinner at Brookside CC in Macungie

Sep 3-10 -- Friendship Exchange Canadian team will be here

Oct 13 to 19 -- Zone Institute at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

CLUB EVENTS

Dec 6th -- Reading RC's **100th** BIRTHDAY PARTY at The Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Reading

Jan 29th -- The Blue Bell Rotary Club is hosting a district-wide evening at the Manor House.

A clear conscience is
the sign of a fuzzy
memory.

