



Rotary Pride - Catch It!



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DG Nominations



Frank Ramano
Harleysville RC
DG 2013-14



Gary Fedorcha
Slatington RC
DG 2014-15

We are delighted to announce the nomination of Rtn. Frank Romano as District Governor 2013-14 and Rtn. Gary Fedorcha as District Governor 2014-15. Please see their resumes below. The formal election of our DG candidates for DG will be on April 21st at the District Conference.

Governor Bill's Thoughts

How fast the days fly by. So many things are happening in the life of our District Rotary Clubs and in the lives of our members and so much is happening this month that I do not know where to begin.

Let's start with our official announcement and congratulations for the nominations of our 2013-14 DG Frank Romano and our DG 2014-15 DG Gary Fedorcha. You will find additional information about Frank and Gary on the District's Home page. A BIG thank you to PDG Mike McCarthy and his nominating committee for an outstanding effort!

Next I would like to once again applaud all Rotarians for their past and continuing support of the Polio Plus campaign. Rotarians have donated the \$200 million Gates Challenge and we are moving forward. A major milestone was reached - NO NEW cases of polio for **ONE YEAR in INDIA!!!** I sent the notice to my friends and family and one replied that she hoped this will last thru this year. I replied - Rotarians are PROUD of this effort - THERE IS NO DOUBT WE WILL SUCCEED.

DGE Tony just returned from the International Assembly all pumped up and excited to lead us next year. He needs our support during the next four challenging months as he presents Pre-PETS, MA-PETs and all the other details that lead to a successful Rotary year. The Rotary Theme for 2012-13 is a wonderful statement of our motto - "Peace through Service". I look forward to promoting this next year.



We would like to offer our congratulations to Rachel and Tony for becoming American citizens on January 13, 2012. It was a lovely ceremony - one we will all remember.

Rachel and Tony Jannetta become American citizens

Governor Bill's Thoughts continued

Another item that I would like to mention is our District Annual Awards. Club presidents have been informed but we want to let everyone be aware of the recognition we plan to make at the District Conference. Not only will recognize all RI Presidential Citation and Changemaker Award winners but **we will also recognize the District's OUTSTANDING ROTARIANS, TOP net Membership club, TOP Foundation club, and TOP EREY club.** See the criteria below. Please encourage your clubs to submit the candidates and their winning membership and Foundation numbers to Kathy Greiss, kgriess@gmail.com.

Just before I finish, let me mention one gigantic Rotary Club Activity – the Berks County Rotary Clubs (Birdsboro, Mt Penn, Conrad Weiser, Hamburg, Shoemakersville-Leesport, Kutztown, Fleetwood, Spring Township Centennial, West Reading-Wyomissing and Reading Rotary) annual Casino Night February 25th. Please see additional info below.

Have a great month! DG Bill

District 7430 Annual Awards: July 1, 2012–March 31, 2012

- Top New Membership percentage of NET growth July '11 SAR to March 31, 2012
 - ◊ Clubs > 30 members
 - ◊ Clubs <30 members
- Top % of Growth All Clubs
- The Rotary Foundation Top EREY Club– 100% of active members contributing to the Foundation AND the Club's total contribution equals or exceeds \$100 per capita
- Top Rotary Foundation Club
 - ◊ Submit Complete DSG application
 - ◊ Submit or partner for a international project – complete application
 - ◊ Percentage of club members reaching new PHF levels.
 - ◊ 100 % active club members participating in the Foundation
 - ◆ Tie Breaker – Dollar amount contributed
- Top Rotarians - 3 years or less; Over 3 years
 - ◊ What has the Rotarian accomplished this year? *Narrative Application*
 - ◆ Community and Club Service
 - ◆ Foundation Support
 - ◆ Membership

NEW PAUL HARRIS Biography

Fred Carvin is proud to announce the publication of a new biography of Rotary Founder Paul Harris.

I invite you, or any of your fellow club members who might be interested, to visit my new web page <http://www.PaulHarrisBook.com> to learn more about this in-depth look at how Paul Harris and early Rotary came into existence.

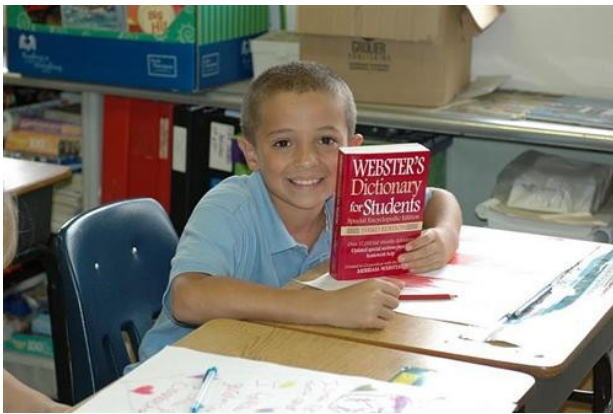
For those looking to order the book, it can be purchased through the web page by following the links, or if you want an autographed copy, it can be ordered directly through me at a discounted price. Please e-mail FredCarvin@PaulHarrisBook.com and I will make sure your receive a copy.

Literacy Month

March is the month designated for Rotarians to focus their efforts on " LITERACY" . Defining literacy on the most basic level "is the ability to read and write".

According to the National Institute for Literacy definition, literacy is "an individuals ability to read, write, and speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual and in society".

Literacy affects society as a whole. One major statistic states that there is a clear direct correlation between literacy and crime, poverty and mortality. Literacy projects give children and families here and abroad the tools to succeed in society.



What projects can you start in your community or abroad?

1. Dictionary project
2. Tutoring
3. " Cops and Kids" program
4. Partner with your local community agencies, library, school district
5. Develop a " Rotary Books for the World Project "
6. Conduct fund raising events for literacy

Tips for creating a successful literacy project:

1. Develop a relationship with your community schools, social agencies, library or school district.
2. Apply for a grant from the Rotary Foundation to start your project.
3. Partner with other local Rotary Clubs.
4. Use your club and other community resources, including teachers and those with a passion for literacy.

Don't Have A Literacy Project?

If your club does not have a literacy project, consider March as a time to develop a Literacy Committee and start a project that meets the literacy needs of your community or abroad. If you already have a program, have testimonials from community members come and share how your literacy project made their life better.

Please share with us your literacy projects and pictures. You can forward them to MarieAnn19@comcast.net

Marie Ann Thompson
District Literacy Coordinator

Club News

Berks Casino Night



Casino Night!



**Berks County largest indoor
networking event of the year .**

**VF Outlet Center, 3rd floor of the Designers Building.
8th Ave, West Reading PA , February 25th , 2012
Saturday Night, 5:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.**

**Play the slots, spin the wheel, poker
blackjack, craps and roulette
100's of door prizes available.
Biggest event of the New Year !**



**Guaranteed night of fun, proceeds benefit local Rotary Clubs.
750 plus people, Call for Tickets, Gary K. 610-698-2531**

Club News continued

DeSales Rotaract

DeSales Rotaract Club to hold The Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K Run/Walk *Sunday, April 22 event at DeSales University to rid world of polio*

The DeSales University Rotaract Club, along with our district, will be hosting The Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, April 22. The on-campus race will start at the McShea Student Union at DeSales University 10 a.m., with registration beginning at 9 a.m. All proceeds from this event will go to PolioPlus.



If it was not for Yvette’s passion, drive, leadership, vision and energy, this 5K would not have been possible. It was unanimously decided by the Rotaract Club and the 5K committee to rename the race after Yvette, in honor of her and her passion to live Service Above Self.

Pre-registration for this 5K is \$15 if postmarked before April 1; \$20 after April 1 and Race Day; and \$10 for students with a valid ID. To register please visit: www.active.com/running/center-valley-pa/the-yvette-m-palmer-purple-pinkie-5k-2012?int=29-6



If you’re interested in being a sponsor for the race, please contact Amanda Fabrizio at Fabrizio_amanda@yahoo.com.



Warrington Rotary Club dedicates park bench

The Warrington Rotary Club installed our first bench in front of Home Depot along the well travelled 611 corridor in Warrington, PA. This is part of a plan to line all bus stops on 611 with these benches with the next one planned for the 611 and Bristol Rd intersection. Warrington Rotary provide service to the community which includes scholarships based on service, school literacy and Kids Voting. The Warrington club is one of 35,000 worldwide clubs.

Bios

District Governor 2014-15

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Gary is a member of the Rotary Club of Slatington and has served as President-elect and President of his local chapter. He has served as Foundation Chair as well as on the following committees: Club Newsletter, Membership, Scholarship, Youth Exchange, Camp Neidig, Community Service and Budget. He has attended International Rotary's district conferences, district assemblies, and leadership institutes and, having been nominated and selected, will be serving as Rotary's Assistant District Governor 2012-13, and District Governor 2014-15

Gary is a graduate of Lehighton High School, where he met and eventually married his wife of 40 years, Lynne Merluzzi. Following his high school graduation, Gary worked as a metallurgist at the New Jersey Zinc Co. in Palmerton. He then went to NYC and entered the Fashion Institute /University of NY. Gary worked in the garment industry in various capacities from patternmaker to designer then to plant manager and production manager. Following his experiences in industry, he embarked on a new career as a teacher of fashion design at the Lehigh County Vocational Technical School in Schnecksville, Pennsylvania, and simultaneously earned his education degrees and teaching certifications from Temple University. Gary made a number of career changes at LCVTS from teaching to administration and finally as Director of Adult and Continuing Education. During those years he was actively involved in many educational associations and activities. He retired in 2007, after 36 years of service in education. He was joined in retirement by his wife in 2011. Lynne also served in education as teacher, district administrator, and educational consultant earning her degrees and certifications at Kutztown, East Stroudsburg, and Lehigh Universities. Both Gary and Lynne remain active in their community, serving on a wide variety of committees.

Gary and Lynne have three children and six grandchildren. Daughter Kori, married to Frank Dibilio, is a third grade teacher in the Northern Lehigh School District. Kori and Frank have two children; Tyler, a high school sophomore, and Franki, a fifth grader. Son Kyle and his wife Marci have three sons, Kyle, a first grader, and Derek, and Aaron, both preschoolers, and son Kody and his wife Jenna have an infant daughter, Sophie. Both Kyle and Kody are Directors of Sales and Marketing for international industrial product firms.

In addition to Gary's passionate involvement in Rotary, he currently serves as board member for a variety of committees and organizations, including Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce (Past President), Lehigh Valley Educators Credit Union, Northern Lehigh Future Focus (current vice-president), Northern Lehigh Community Center, Northern Lehigh Downtown Revitalization Committee, Northern Lehigh Venture Group, Northern Lehigh Education Foundation, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (current Treasurer), Hill Street Day Care Center (current vice president), the Northern Lehigh School Board of Directors (Served as President and currently Vice President),and the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute's Joint Operating Committee,. He also serves as a panel member for Lehigh County Community Justice and is a member of Slatington Lodge F&AM#440 ,LV Consistory, and Rajah Shrine.

Gary's past activities include his service as a board member of the National Education Association, the Pennsylvania State Education Association, and the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors, a commissioner for the Pennsylvania Standards & Practice Commission, a founding member the Bridge Club of Slatington and a past member and president of St. John's Lutheran Church Council.