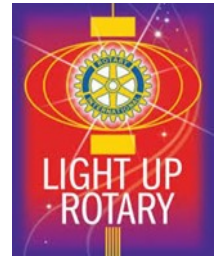




Gary's Gazette

Light Up Rotary Through Education



Inside this issue:

New DGND	4
Brazil	5
Did You Know?	6
Club News	9
Membership	15
Polio News	16
District Committee Reports	22
Calendar	25



**Friends
of D7430:**

**BUCKNO
LISICKY
& COMPANY**
Certified Public Accountants • Business Consultants

www.bucknolisicky.com



www.hatborofed.com

rotarydistrict7430.org

Gary's Notes



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR TO ALL !!**

2015: Another
calendar year --
and the half-way
mark for the
Rotary Year.

January is Rotary Awareness Month. It's a time to make resolutions, goals, and plans for another year as well as to reflect on 2014. I hope that everyone adds to his/her list to wear your Rotary Pin everywhere, to attend Rotary Club meetings and participate in your club's and our district's activities, to continue to pursue your membership goals and District Grant Projects, to support your clubs officers and committees, and to get your members involved. January is also a good time to consider giving to the Rotary Foundation.

As I look at the month of January, I recognize the importance of this month's message and its implications to all Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. Rotary has been a well-kept secret for too long, and our challenge is not only to inform

The Rotary Foundation rises on expert list of nonprofits

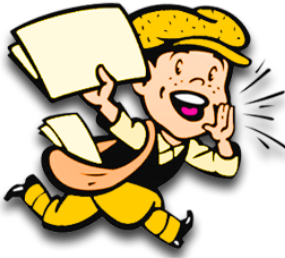


The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's **annual ranking** of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission. According to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Rotary Foundation received \$239,576,000 in 2013, a 32.4 percent increase from the previous year.

"This clearly shows our members recognize the unparalleled value of giving to their Foundation," says John Hewko, Rotary's general secretary. "They know that by giving to the Foundation

Continued on page 2

Continued on page 3



Gary's Notes continued

and educate non-Rotarians about Rotary's work throughout the world and within our own communities, but also to educate our own members.

It's time for us to share the wonderful opportunities of Rotary with everyone. Tell a friend, colleague or family member about the projects that your club and district do throughout the year. Invite a friend to join you at a meeting or a special event. Set time at your Rotary meeting to talk about Rotary's history and to highlight the projects your club has worked on both locally and globally.

Have your members share their Rotary experiences visiting other clubs, working on projects, or sharing that "special moment" that made them proud to be a Rotarian. There are programs and opportunities within Rotary that many Rotarians do not know about; Friendship Exchanges, Exchanges for Students and Fellowships are just three examples. Take the time to learn more about Rotary's programs and opportunities and then spread the message of Rotary.

Of course, there is no better way to experience and learn more about Rotary's programs and projects than by attending our District Conference. Register now for the 2015 District Conference to be held in Gettysburg, PA on April 24, 25, 26, 2015.

There will be presentations on District and International projects, opportunities to meet and network with Rotarians throughout the District, and times to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. You will meet our Friendship Exchange team from Wales and I'm certain they will be delighted to speak with you. Additionally, our Youth Exchange students will be there to entertain us and share their exchange experiences with us. They are always anxious to talk about their home country, family, and friends, too!

The more Rotary is known for its good work, the more good work Rotary can do.

What a better way TO LIGHT UP ROTARY THROUGH EDUCATION

DG Gary



The Rotary Foundation rises on expert list of nonprofits

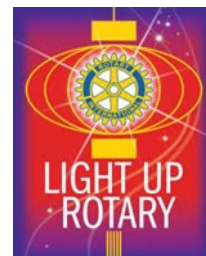
their dollars have a much greater impact. And friends of Rotary respect that the Foundation puts their gift to great use."

The Foundation recently earned a [4-star rating](#) from [Charity Navigator](#), the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundation's expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. The Foundation funded \$23.5 million in district grants and \$47.3 million in global grants. These grants support local and international humanitarian projects as well as scholarships.

Together with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has led the effort to eradicate polio, contributing more than \$1.3 billion to the initiative since its outset. When an outbreak of polio threatened the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in 2013, Rotary provided emergency funds, including a \$500,000 rapid-response grant for Somalia and a \$500,000 grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to cover operational costs in the Middle East. As a result, the outbreak in the Horn of Africa slowed, and Syria reported only one case of polio in the first half of 2014.

Rotary is also at the forefront of efforts to fight other diseases. According to WHO, indoor air pollution causes 4.3 million deaths per year worldwide. To combat it, members of the Rotary Club of Taos-Milagro, New Mexico, USA, mobilized Rotary clubs in several countries to support the Himalayan Stove Project, which has installed more than 3,000 clean-burning stoves in Nepal.

In Tamil Nadu, India, Rotary clubs partnered with clubs in Maryland, USA, to use a Foundation global grant to purchase a large van and outfit it with X-ray equipment to screen women for breast cancer in hard-to-reach communities. The "mammobus" has conducted more than 2,500 free breast cancer screenings and detected and treated early-stage cancer in six women. Rotary members in Malindi, Kenya, teamed up with members in Maryland and Idaho, USA, to work with the Genesis World Mission in creating a rainwater catchment system to provide clean drinking water, irrigate crops, and establish fish farms in Burangi, Kenya.



By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News, 26-Nov-2014



D7430 has a new DGND

Richard Gromis of the RC of Spring Township Centennial is the recommended candidate for D7430 Governor for RY 2017-18. A 10 member nominating committee recommended Rick after formal interviews were conducted on December 13, 2014 by Chair PDG Tony Jannetta.



Rick will assume the role of DG Nominee-Designate after February 1, 2014, and he will be our DGN beginning July 1, 2015.

Congratulations go to Rick and his wife Susan who happens to be a RC President-elect.

ALL NEW PR GUIDELINES AVAILABLE

The D7430 PR committee has produced a **Public Image** Guidebook for our Rotary Clubs. It is available on our District website at "Club Information" to download.



Sign Up for Brazil

Rotary's International Convention, 6-9 June 2015

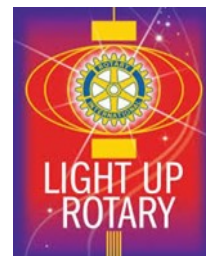
Anhembi Convention Center, São Paulo, Brazil

Attending the annual convention is a perfect way to experience Rotary's internationality, exchange ideas with fellow members, and discover new avenues – and potential partners – for service.

Find details about next year's event, including venues, housing, speakers and entertainment, breakout sessions, preconvention events, and deadlines at www.riconvention.org. Check the site often for new information about Rotary's biggest event of the year.

ROTARY PEACE SYMPOSIUM: 4-5 JUNE

Plan now to join Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and Rotary members in São Paulo for this special two-day event.



Tell Us What You Are Doing

DG Gary's 2014-15 monthly newsletters will tell your stories. Just send them — with pertinent photos — by the 20th of each month to:

bill966@ptd.net

PDG Bill Palmer, Editor

tonyjannetta@aol.com

PDG Tony, Associate Editor

andreadolak@gmail.com

Andrea Dolak, Publisher





Did You Know?

BEQUEST SOCIETY -- STRANGE FACT:

For every **SEVEN** Rotarians that list the RI Foundation in their will, on average **SIX** never get around to telling Rotary that they did so. And they have missed the chance to direct those monies to a specific use.

My Rotary profiles

Beginning in December, a new feature was added to **My Rotary** profiles. When you sign in to **My Rotary** and click on your profile, you will see a new section labeled "Programs." You can view your participation in any Rotary programs that Rotary has on record. This includes Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange, RYLA, scholarships, and GSE/VTTs.

In January, **My Rotary** users can start editing existing program participation experiences and self-report missing experiences. The goal of this project is to effectively capture and centrally record all individuals who participated in Rotary's programs from 1947 onward.

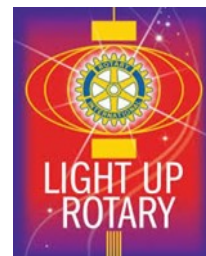
If an alumnus is not a Rotarian, they will be asked to create a **My Rotary** account to verify or add their program participation details in early 2015. Encourage any alumni that you know to update their **My Rotary** profile today!

Einstein couldn't speak fluently when he was nine. His parents thought he might be retarded.

Thomas Edison was a member of the Rotary Club of Orange, NJ.



Rotary Friendship Exchange



ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

What is Friendship Exchange?

Friendship Exchange is when two Rotary Districts pair up and decide that they would like to get to know each other, their culture and become friends.

Rotarians (and their spouses) travel to that country and stay with Rotarians , tour and get to know each other. The Rotarians from that country then come to visit our district. Costs are paid for by the individuals for the travel. There is typically a team from 4-12 people on each exchange. It is a great opportunity for your club to host and learn about other cultures.

Our district has participated in successful Exchanges in New Zealand, Australia, Turkey, and British Columbia, Canada. 11 Rotarians are signed up to go to Argentina arriving Feb 21st 2015. Another group is going to Wales on Sept 10th for 10 days.

HOST CLUBS NEEDED

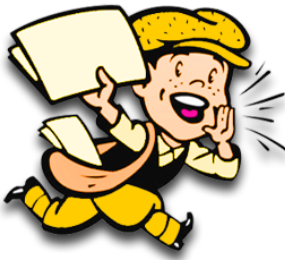
We will have an incoming team here from Wales from April 21-April 30, 2015. We are seeking Host clubs. Each club will host for approximately 3 days. If you have never hosted, it is an absolutely wonderful experience, and an opportunity to make new friends, and meet Rotarians from all around the world.

Please contact Cindy Hornaman, Friendship Chair:

hornamca@ptd.net

Call: (610) 965 4151, Cell: (610) 360-4875





An Update on Fighting Ebola in Liberia

By Samuel R. Enders, Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers, New York, USA

The rate of infection from Ebola in Liberia is slowly decreasing. It is a great joy to sit in my office, which is right next to the main road, and not hear every hour the sirens of pickup trucks transporting bodies to be cremated. It is a sound Liberians have come to know as the sound of sorrow.

Our campaign to prevent the spread of Ebola and save lives is now in its third phase. I am grateful to the board of the African Dream Academy, members of the Yonkers-East Yonkers Rotary Club, friends, and partners who have taken on a leadership role or assisted financially in our efforts. When others did not understand the significance of getting involved, or felt it was too far away for them to deal with, you saw the need for help and responded.

When I arrived back in Liberia in late June, I recognized the country was in a crisis. People were dying daily and health workers were abandoning their jobs for fear of their lives. The reality of the catastrophe became clear with daily news of people dropping in the streets and bleeding to death. Convoys of trucks passed by a few times every hour carrying bodies wrapped in black body bags.

The African Dream Academy took the lead and with a team of 347 volunteers, we delivered supplies and food with a donated ambulance and educated people on how to avoid infection. In the second phase of our campaign, we assembled a team of just under 600 helpers who provided more than 75 communities with gallon containers of chlorinated water, buckets, bleach, food, T-shirts, and counseling.

Our final phase involves 300 people working in 54 communities. Each volunteer is responsible for visiting 25 homes daily. Through contact tracing, we map the entire community to know all of its inhabitants, and then find out who is sick, who has died, who is left, and who is visiting. This helps reduce the spread of the disease and find adequate assistance for those in need. We also quarantine those who are sick or have been exposed to someone infected with Ebola, and provide food, medicine, water, and counseling for each family quarantined for 21 days.

We are slowly winning the battle, however there are three main problems we continue to deal with – lack of medication, hunger, and poverty. Things have gone from bad to worst with the economy; prices are rising daily.

But the success we have achieved could not have been possible without your help. Thanks for giving us hope through your support and guidance.



Volunteers organized by the African Dream Academy deliver containers of chlorinated water. Photo courtesy African Dream Academy

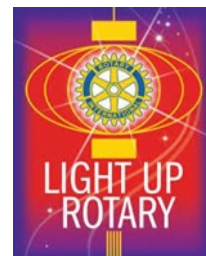


Club News

Emmaus



On December 4, 2014, Matt McCue, Army veteran from Limerick, PA picked up toys collected by Emmaus Rotarians. The toys will be distributed to local veterans' groups that host upcoming Holiday parties for military families. Rotarian Eileen Prokop and Pete Stinson, Executive Director of Operation Homefront coordinated the toy collection project.



Norristown



Operation Angel Tree:

Guido would like to thank members of the club who participated in our first attempt with the Salvation Army Angel Tree Projects. More than 70 new toys for needy children were donated or purchased with

contributions from members of the club. In addition, 7 members helped out at the Salvation Army's Distribution Day. Club participation was at 60%.





Club News continued

Warrington



Here is AG Chris Potter (Huntingdon Valley, Churchville) at Warrington RC's Wrapping Presence event at the Majestic Oaks Nursing home. They do an annual holiday shopping event for the residents who look forward to it every year.

Emmaus Rotary Club & Emmaus HS Interact Club



On Thursday Night, October, 16th, the Emmaus Rotary Club with the Emmaus HS Interact Club had a Trick or Treat Tent at the Annual Miracle League Halloween Night in Schnecksville at their Baseball Stadium. The Interact Club Set-Up the Tent and distributed Halloween Candy to the 400+ Children attending the event.

This was the 5th year the Emmaus Rotarians had a Tent at the event. It was the 3rd Year the Interact Club operated the Halloween Tent.

The Emmaus Rotary Club has run the Miracle League Refreshment Stand at this Halloween Event for 3-Years with all the profits going to the Miracle League.

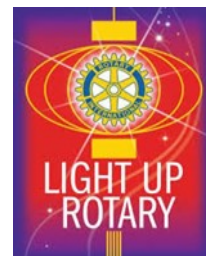
The Emmaus Rotary Club and the Interact Club also work as Angel Volunteers, for the Handicapped Children playing Baseball at the Miracle League Stadium in the



Club News continued

Baseball Season for several games.

If any other Rotary Club is interested in how they could get involved with this Program for Handicapped Children, please contact BOB HALSEY at BHALSEY@PTD.NET.



Pottstown



Members of the Pottstown Rotary rang bells and collected money for the Salvation Army at Walmart this weekend – Dec 13-14. Photos are from Saturday. On the left is Doc Whittaker and Ryan, our new member. In the middle are donors to the bucket. Guess where our noble illustrious leader is. The other picture shows Deb Penrod, also a new member and first time bell ringer, with a

child putting money in the bucket. Doc Whittaker on the right. Story submitted by Doc Whittaker on the right.



Love may be blind, but
marriage is a real
eye-opener.





Speech Contest



Four Way Test Speech Contest

Now is the time to start talking with your in-school contacts about scheduling and publicizing the 4Way Speech Contest. Club level contests typically take place late February and March. The 2015 Regional Contests will take place at 10:00a on Saturday April 11th. (The exact site will be announced in January. The Finals will take place on April 25th in *Historic Gettysburg*.)

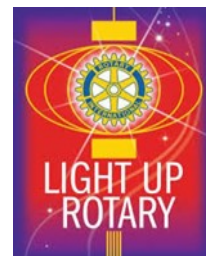
A 4WTSC Committee member will gladly present an exciting program at your next meeting if your club is considering participating for the first time.

For all related information visit:
www.rotarydistrict7430.org Click on "Service"/"Youth"/"Four-Way Speech Contest",
or email josephwynands@gmail.com or call at 610 -506-1228



Rotary's Presidential Citation for Rotary Clubs in 2014-15

The 2014-15 Presidential Citation recognizes Rotary clubs that take action to increase their membership, enhance their service impact, and expand their network. Clubs are asked to use RI form 900A-14EN—(913) to plan and report their accomplishments for the 2014-15 Rotary year.



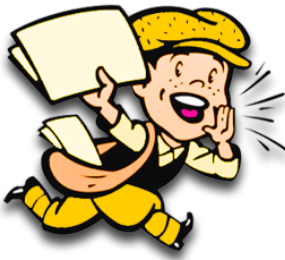
Submit this completed form to District Governor Gary Fedorcha gsfedorcha@gmail.com no later than March 31, 2015.

© Randy Glasbergen / glasbergen.com



"By the time I climbed all the way to
the top of the corporate ladder,
I was too tired to do my job!"





Plan Now for the 2015 D7430 Conference

DG Gary and Lynne are very happy to announce that registration now is open for our D7430 Annual Conference to be held in wonderful historic Gettysburg at the lovely Wyndham Hotel Resort and Conference Center

Please check back nearer the event to hear all about the exciting program that Chair Dave Dries and his team are arranging for you and all our fellow Rotarians, spouses and partners!



REGISTRATION FEES

Registration cost per person is \$225. The registration fee covers all meals and receptions from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast/brunch and other Conference costs.

Registration closes on April 1, 2015.

Make your check payable to: "2015 Rotary/District Conference"

Mail Registration form and check to:

Marianne Aronson, 2015 District Conference

3009 Chew St., Allentown, Pa 18104

Email: mcaronson@verizon.net Phone: 484-221-8518

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

WYNDHAM GETTYSBURG, 95 Presidential Circle,
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Go on, spoil yourself and take a look at this link to the venue!

Please call 717-339-0020 and tell them you are reserving a room for the Rotary District 7430 Conference. The Special Conference rate is \$139 per night (single or double) from Thursday, April 23 through Sunday April 26. Rooms at this special rate will be held until April 1, 2015.

Please download the registration form located on the left of the D7430 website page and mail in to register NOW.



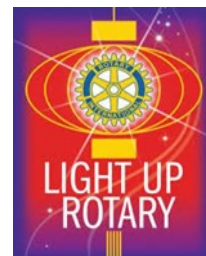
Membership



almost everyone can pick up trash, but it takes special people with enterprising minds to create initiative's like the Easter Seals, the United Nations, UNICEF, and a worldwide campaign to eliminate polio.

Historically, Rotary International, until the mid-1990s, had a fairly steady growth rate that balanced out at being between 1.5 and 2% a year. Since then, worldwide membership has been stable, but North America began a steady decline. Unfortunately, few, if any, past leaders asked the simple question, **WHY?** The simple answer is found in Rotary's history; Rotary simply forgot **Who Rotarians Are** and began promoting **What Rotarians Do.**

Every person on earth is a world citizen,



Ninety-nine percent of the world's citizens volunteer to do something, but only people with special leadership skills can create and sustain efforts to make their social fabrics better places to live.



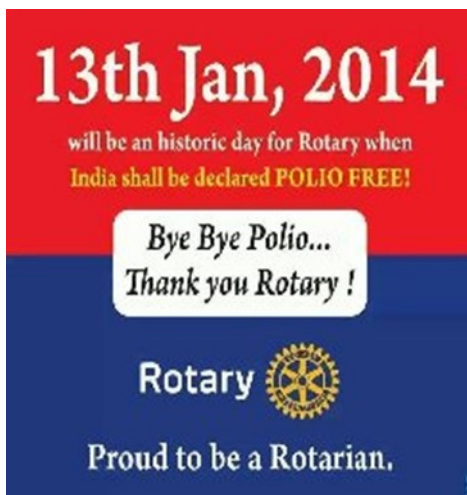
Share your passion for Rotary!
REFER A MEMBER!



When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.



polio news



NEW POLIO CASES as of 27 November

In the 3 endemic countries:

	2014 YTD	2013 YTD
Pakistan	260	64
Afghanistan	21	9
Nigeria	6	50
in non-endemic countries	19	224

A major breakthrough against polio

A member of the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan, immunizes children against polio at a camp for internally displaced persons in Waziristan. No type 3 polio has been reported in Pakistan -- or anywhere worldwide -- for more than two years.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are approaching a significant milestone: the eradication of type 3 wild poliovirus. The last case of polio caused by the type 3 virus was reported in Yobe, Nigeria, on 10 November 2012.



"We may have eradicated a second of three; that's a major milestone," said Dr. Stephen Cochi, a senior adviser at the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speaking to the BBC.

Rotary has played an important role in bringing type 3 polio close to extinction.

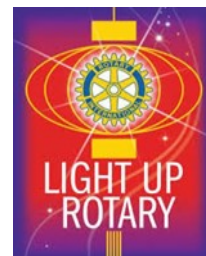


PolioPlus grants have provided key funding for surveillance, operational support, social mobilization, and technical assistance in the fight to eradicate polio, including type 3. And Rotary members have worked to change the minds of community leaders and parents who once refused to let children be immunized, including in the three remaining polio-endemic countries, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

Continued on page 17

Polio News continued

The absence of type 3 polio in Nigeria reflects the country's tremendous progress toward becoming polio-free. It has also reduced the number of type 1 cases to just six so far this year, compared with 51 for the same period in 2013.



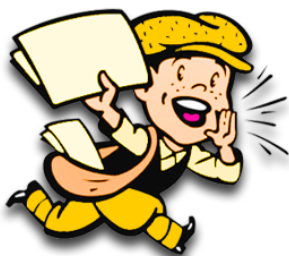
The breakthrough against type 3 comes as promising news for Pakistan, where type 3 was last reported in April 2012, in Khyber Agency in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Pakistan has reported about 85 percent of the world's polio cases this year, 246, compared with 63 for the same period in 2013. Militants halted polio immunization in some areas for about two years, but Pakistan's military operations have made it possible for immunizations to resume. Over 700,000 people, including half a million children, have been vaccinated in the past few months.

Type 2 polio was eradicated in 1999. The elimination of type 3 polio, once confirmed, would leave only type 1 to contend with. However, type 3 causes fewer cases of illness than does type 1, which means the virus can be transmitted more widely and longer without being detected.

Nevertheless, the fact that type 3 polio hasn't been detected globally for more than two years is "extremely encouraging news" and "a reminder that the eradication of polio is achievable," says the GPEI.

"It's been a tough, sometimes uphill climb to get this far in the fight to finish off polio," says Michael McGovern, vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees and chair of the International PolioPlus Committee. "But the tenacity and resources of Rotary and its partners have kept the global effort moving forward. Let's make sure type 3 is down for the count, keep pushing ahead to wipe out type 1, and free the world of this devastating disease forever."





Your Foundation Update



The following information is provided to keep you informed about Our Rotary Foundation.



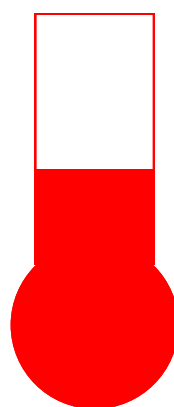
December 26, 2014
RYTD Giving to the
RI Annual Fund
73 D7430 ROTARIANS
 REACHED THEIR NEXT
 PAUL HARRIS LEVEL

Million Dollar
Journey
See "Did You Know?"
about the Bequest
Society
Are you one of the
SEVEN ?

Please e-mail PDG Bill Palmer at
 Bill966@ptd.net

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

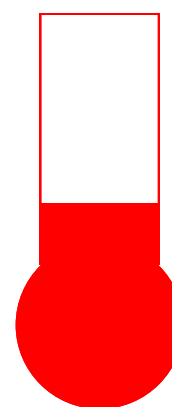
\$200K__
 \$150K__
 \$100K__
 \$ 50K__
 0__



\$74.5K

As of Dec. 24th RYTD

\$100K__
 \$ 75K__
 \$ 50K__
 \$ 25K__
 0__



\$23.9K

As of Dec. 24th RYTD

Every gift to The Foundation has an impact

It takes less than \$10 to provide bed nets that give people in Uganda a safe, peaceful night's rest and protect them from malaria. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people — children, families, and entire communities — benefit from projects funded by The Rotary Foundation. Have you made your gift to the Foundation?

WEBINAR FOR DISTRICT GRANTS

We are offering a webinar opportunity for you to participate in.
PLEASE RSVP Cindy Hornaman IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND. THEY WILL BE VIA—GO TO MEETING ON THE COMPUTER OR YOU CAN DIAL IN—USING THE COMPUTER YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE SCREENS AS WE LEARN HOW TO ENTER THE GRANTS
JANUARY 27TH, 2015—6:30 PM

1. Please join my meeting.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/397434789>

Your Foundation Update continued

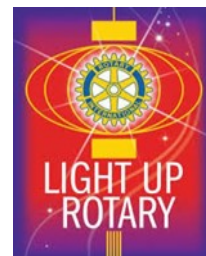
2. Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended. Or, call in using your telephone.

Dial +1 (408) 650-3112

Access Code: 397-434-789

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the meeting

Meeting ID: 397-434-789



GRANT UPDATES:

Applications for District Grants for Rotary Year 2015-16 are now being received by the D7430 committee.

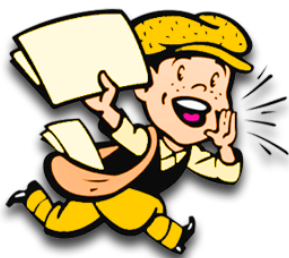
TRAINING

The next training opportunity to become certified will be at the District Training Assembly on May 16th at MONTCO CC in Blue Bell.

RC SECRETARIES ----- WE NEED YOU

We ask that each RC Secretary go to the Rotary Website as well as the District Website and update all the club officers and venue information for the 2014-15 Rotary year. **AND** if something changes, go back to these websites and enter the new data, venue changes too.





PETS Training Schedule

PRESIDENTS-ELECT Training Date Schedule 2014-15

To help all our incoming presidents plan ahead for the year leading their clubs, District Governor Elect (DGE) Doug and District Trainer Tony have released the following dates.

PETS 2. This is a structured meeting of around 120 minutes held in a larger group.

Area's 1, 2 & 6 Monday Feb 2nd 6.30 for 7pm at St. Luke's Hospital in Quakertown.

Area's 3, 4 & 5 Wednesday Feb 4th 6.30 for 7pm Will be held at Good Life Advisor Systems office at 30 Commerce Dr Wyomissing PA

Area's 7, 8 & 9 Thursday Feb 5th 6.30 for 7 pm Will be held at Giuseppe's Pizza and Family Restaurant 1380 W Street Rd Warminster PA

PETS 3. Mid-Atlantic PETS Friday Feb 27th 7 Sat Feb 28th. This is the Rotary mandated 2 day event that all PEs must attend in King of Prussia. (with optional sessions on Thursday Feb 26th that all club members can attend)

PETS 4. District Training Assembly - Saturday May 16th 8.00am – 2.00 pm at Montco College in Blue Bell. PA . Here you will hand in your planning guide and goals for the year.

The link to the website is: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Events/EVPEventDetails.aspx?accountid=50086&eid=f4d952d1-9104-479b-b8b1-9b6800db87bb&tid=2>

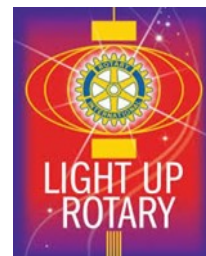


When tempted to fight fire with fire,
remember that the Fire Department
usually uses water.



Light Up Rotary

The facts are in. The more Rotarians know about Rotary, the longer they will stay a part of Rotary. There are many opportunities to learn, including multi-district group training, individual RC orientation meetings, rotary.org and D7430 and RC websites. Webinars and other on-line training courses.



What Others are Doing:

Supporting education

Global grant provides desks and teacher training in India

Rotary members in Maine sent several hundred school desks to the community of Bikaner, Rajasthan, India, to improve the education system two years ago. But when Rotary debuted global grants, the district wanted to do even more, and turned a simple project into a campaign to recruit new students and secure professional development for teachers. Learn how the grant gave the project a bigger impact

Ambler

19 Head Start students have a home library now.

This past Monday (Dec. 15th), each student in the Ambler Head Start program went home with 15 books. Studies show that books in the home have a significant impact on children's progress in school. Thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club of Ambler, local Head Start students now have books of their own at home. Each child found the tote bag with their name on it and struggled happily to lift it.

The bags were assembled with help from inbound exchange students Mathilde Saerkjaer from Denmark, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ambler and Fabiola Capiello from Switzerland, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Blue Bell. Both Mathilde and Fabiola, who were on hand to enjoy the distribution, are attending Wissahickon High School.



Tote bags wait for the students



Diane Schueler, Paula Kadel, Fabiola Capiello, Linda Kennedy and Mathilde Saerkjaer brave the cold.

Diane Schueler

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute

Check out www.rlinea.org for the Spring 2015 schedule of training opportunities.

Rotary Website Information

This is another great source of information available to all Rotarians. Just go to rotary.org and login and then cover the “Learning & Reference” words at the top center and take your pick.

Printed Information

RI has a publication that explains almost everything about Rotary programs. You just go on rotary.org, login to “My Rotary” and..... Or you can go directly to <http://guilfordrotary.org/rotary-publications-news/>

Materials to download:

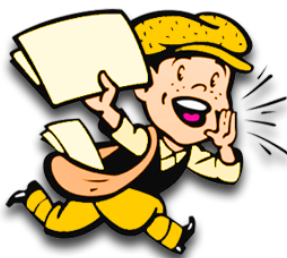
Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world

Rotary Leader: Helping club and district officers achieve success

Rotary Images: Download photos to use in your club or district publications

“The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world.”

– RI President Gary C. K. Huang, in the April 2014 issue of *The Rotarian*



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.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Click here for Our 2014-15 District e-Directory:
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7430//HTML/230776//UpdatedDistrictDirectory2014-15.pdf>

Foundation



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

The “Million \$\$ Journey” announced at the District Conference is underway. District Rotarians are planning to schedule brief presentations to our RCs.

The 2015 Foundation Recognition Dinner is scheduled for March 23 at the William Penn Inn.

Are you one of the “SEVEN?” Please read “Did You Know?” and then e-mail PDG Bill Palmer at bill966@ptd.net, if you are.

Applications for 2015-16 District Grants now are being accepted.

A Foundation Area Coordinator still is needed for Area 9.

Contact Chair is PDG Mike McCarthy at mccarthy_misty03@comcast.net.

Membership



See the latest issue of Club Builder at <http://www.crsadmin.com/gen/Accounts/50086/Eml/9457af27-3c7f-49f2-8f3b-ced29d178be2.pdf>.

District Membership Chair PDG Frank Romano and his committee will come to your RC should you wish it.

A NEW PR Guidelines publication now is available on the D7430 website “Club Information” in the menu and click on “Public Image” in the drop down list.

Contact Frank at fjromano@comcast.net.

Youth Exchange



Outbound student interviews for the Fall of 2015 were held 11-16 and eight candidates have been selected. More applicants are welcome. Host families for 2015-16 Inbounds are needed.

Contact chair Patti Smith at: pattismith0221@gmail.com.

District Committee Reports continued

Camp Neidig 2015 planning is underway. Please volunteer to help. The date is June 19th thru 22nd. Contact Co-Chair Wendy Body at wgbody@butz.com.

**Camp Neidig
(RYLA):**



Interact:



RI records indicate that D7430 now has 38 Interact Clubs. Please keep Chair Chris Potter up to date at ----
insurancepotter@msn.com.

Rotaplast: The 2014 Ch. 69 On-Air Auction generated about \$17,000 in net proceeds. Thanks go to all who helped. Contact Chair DGN Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com.



Before

After



ShelterBox: D7430 Rotarians and friends continues to be a significant supporter of ShelterBox U.S.A. Please consider donating. Contact Chair Allan Syphers at ASArchitect@aol.com.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI): The Spring 2015 courses are listed at rlinea.org Find the one near you and sign up for fun and knowledge. Contact Chair, DGN Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com.



4 Way Test Speech Contest: All information about this marvelous event is updated and available on the D7430 website. The 2015 "Finals" will be at the District Conference in Gettysburg. The four Regional Semi-finals will take place on April 11, 2015. . Contact Chair is Joe Wynands
Joe.Wynands@susquehanna.net.



Friendship Exchange: A team from Wales is coming in April 2015 for the District Conference. A D7430 team will go to Wales in September 3015. An exchange with Argentina also is scheduled. Contact Chair Cindy Hornaman at hornamca@ptd.net.



Rotaract: The founding of additional Rotaract Clubs is being worked on. Contact Chair is Chris Potter insurancepotter@msn.com.



District Website: PDG Tony Jannetta's e-mail is tonyjannetta@aol.com.

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

District Administrative Assistant: Contact is Sharon Rittenhouse at rittenhouses Sharon@gmail.com.



In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of Rotarians, their spouses, partners and family members.

George Rosenfeld Schermerhorn, 76, of Whitehall, died Monday, December 8, 2014 at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia. George passed away peacefully with his wife Eunice by his side.

He was Executive Director at Community Music School, Allentown from 1988 until his retirement in 2005. From 1962-1988, he served as Director of Music at the Taft School, George was past president of Friends of Music of Bethlehem, and past member of the Board of Directors, National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, NYC. Watertown, CT.

George was President of Whitehall Twp. Public Library Board, President of Congregational Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Allentown and a member of Allentown Rotary Club.

George was one of those really nice guys, a true Rotarian who lived up to our motto in every way. His wonderful piano playing and cheerful demeanor will surely be missed. Rest in peace, George – you made the world a lot brighter.

Charles F. Bitler, Jr., 87, of Pottstown, PA, formerly of Lancaster, PA, passed away peacefully, with his loving wife by his side, Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Manor Care, Pottstown, PA. He was the husband of Anna Mae (Moyer) Bitler.

He attended a one room school house in Angelica, PA from 1st - 8th grades. He was a 1945 graduate of Shillington High School and continued his education at Penn State University where he received his certificate as a Professional Land Surveyor. He also graduated from Lancaster Bible College, where he received a certificate to teach Sunday school and bible school.

He worked as a professional land surveyor for Huth Engineers in Lancaster for many years, retiring in 1983. In addition to the supervision he wrote all legal descriptions for subdivisions, rights of way and other properties.

He was presented with a citation from the Lancaster Township for serving as a Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement Office, Emergency Management Coordinator and Planning Commissioner.

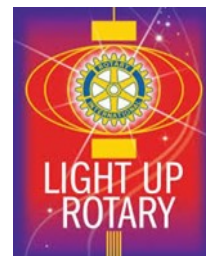
Mr. Bitler was a World War II veteran, joining the U.S. Army the day after the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. He served during the war in Japan.

An artist, specializing in oils and water color painting, he was the featured artist of the month in 1996 at the Surveyor's Conference, donating an original piece of art to the benefit of students.

He was a member of the A.A.R.P., the Rotary Club of Lancaster, where he had perfect attendance for 27 years and then served on the board of the Pottstown Rotary Club. He also volunteered his surveying skills and time at several bible camps including; 1996-2002 Victory Bible Camp in Palmer, Alaska.

Calendar of Events

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2015



Feb 27-28 Mid-Atlantic Presidents-Elect Training (PETS), in K.O.P.

Mar 23 -- District Foundation Recognition Dinner at the William Penn Inn.

April 24 to 26 D7430 Conference at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg

May 16 -- District Training Assembly at MONTCO CC in Blue Bell

Jun 19 thru 22 -- Camp Neidig 2015

June 29 -- District Changeover & Awards at the William Penn Inn

Oct 3 & 4 -- D7430's FIRST DISC Golf Tournament to be held in the Lehigh Valley somewhere.

CLUB EVENTS

May 3 -- "Tempting Tastes" by Allentown-West Rotarians at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville.

May 18 -- Golf Tournament sponsored by the Collegeville RC at the Bellewood Country Club, 400 East Schuylkill Road, New Coventry, PA.



Lottery: a tax on people who are bad at math.

