



## Linda's Star Update



### District Conference Memories

Rotary District 7430 District Conference: May 5-7, 2017, Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA: Two hundred Rotarians and significant others gathered to celebrate the conclusion of an extremely productive Rotary Year. The International Component of the program featured our Youth Exchange Students; a dedication to Anne Brent, the Rotarian who introduced Rotaplast to our District; the story of the building and improvement in educational outcomes for students at the Centennial School in Sierra Leone with principal, Mr. Sengeh presiding; the incoming Vocational Training Team from Zambia with Charles, Tim, and Judy telling us about their secondary school in Zambia; and our Friendship Exchange friends from Romania who shared the beauty of their country with us.

Razia Jan and Beth Murphy spoke about Razia's Zabuli Education Center – What Tomorrow Brings: Girls Education and Hope for Afghanistan's Future. Razia, a Rotarian who was born in Afghanistan told the compelling story of how and why she built a school in Afghanistan for girls. Beth Murphy is Director of Films at The Ground Truth Project and founder of Principle Pictures. Her work is focused on human rights, equality, and justice. She captured on film the story and journey of Razia to make a difference in girl's lives in Afghanistan. Their sincerity, passion, and dedication to this cause was evident as they told their stories.

The remainder of our program focused on our military – veterans who face the challenges of returning home after their deployments. A panel discussed some of the issues and resources available to assist with reintegration into family life. We had the "presentation of colors" by the McKaskey High School Junior ROTC to begin our evening followed by a motivational talk about the realities of PTSD and one person's journey to overcome his challenges. We ended the evening by recognizing everyone present as "shining stars" as TAPS played in the background.

Sunday morning concluded the event by honoring our 23 deceased Rotarians – those who came before us doing "good works" in the world!

Finally, it was "thank you" time! So many people worked to make this event successful. I felt honored and humbled to be part of this celebration. There are a couple of people I would like to thank here. Randy and Chris Lickey were our Rotary International President's Representatives for the conference. Doug and Mary Cook served as their Aides. Thanks for

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spending the weekend with us and updating us on some key focus areas for Rotary. Doug and Mary were perfect hosts for this delightful couple. Thank You!

Shushma Patel, Conference Chair, my BFF, my right arm, my left arm, and many times my brain! She is one amazing woman who was "on duty" every moment of the conference to make sure things were running smoothly. Thank you so much for saying "yes" when I asked you to do this 3 years ago!

George Morrison was Assistant Conference Chair and Master of Ceremonies for the weekend. Always well prepared for anything, George is also quite adept at "going with the flow." He did that right up to the closing with grace and flair! Thanks so much for sharing your precious personal time with me during this event.

Tony Jannetta who has served as my mentor, friend, and major "nudge" for at least 10 years – thank you for sharing your love of Rotary with me and keeping me motivated! You are an inspiration and a wonderful role model for all of us.

There are about 100 more people to thank, but just know that I appreciate and value your hard work and commitment to the success of this event. The success is ALL yours! YOU made it happen! YOU made a difference! YOU are all SHINING STARS!!! THANK YOU!!!

*DG Linda*



## Rotary and Google

### Rotary uses virtual reality to inspire others

Rotary is working with Google's virtual reality team to offer an experience that showcases the impact of compassion to a global audience. A three-minute virtual reality film that emphasizes the two themes of polio and peace will premiere at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, 13 June.



How come "phonetically" is spelled with a "ph"?

## Razia's Ray of Hope Challenge

**District Conference Challenge:  
Change a Life. Change the World  
Sponsor A Girl**



Razia's Ray of Hope is a nonprofit organization that empowers Afghan girls and young women through community-based education in the district of Deh'Subz. Afghanistan. At our District Conference we heard from Razia and saw the tremendous accomplishments of one woman with a dream to make a difference in the lives of girls and young women. Beth chronicled the challenges and successes of establishing the schools through her documentary. Please take a moment to view her work.

Beth Murphy's groundbreaking documentary,

[What Tomorrow Brings](#)

What we experienced at our District Conference was inspirational and compelling. We collectively agreed to issue a challenge to all of the Rotary Clubs in District 7430 to Sponsor a Girl so she can have the opportunity of a quality education.

For \$300/year you can invest in a girl's future.

A flyer is attached for your review. In addition you can learn more about Razia and the Sponsorship Program at

[www.raziasrayofhope.org](http://www.raziasrayofhope.org)

Join us in meeting this challenge to provide a future for the girls of Afghanistan!



## Razia's Ray of Hope Challenge continued



**Razia's Ray of Hope is a nonprofit organization that empowers Afghan girls and young women through community-based education in the district of Deh'Subz.**

Our organization and school were founded in the knowledge that education is key to positive, peaceful change for current and future generations—and that we must enable girls and young women to work toward brighter futures, in their own villages and beyond.

Our founder is Afghan native Razia Jan—humanitarian, CNN Top 10 Hero, and Rotary International Global Woman of Action. In 2008 we opened the Zabuli Education Center, an all-girl K-12 school that provides free, exemplary education to 500 students. In early 2016 we will open the doors to the Razia Jan Institute, the first women's college in rural Afghanistan, providing women with viable career paths.

For just \$25 a month—about the cost of one caffè latte a week—you can provide one of our students with quality education and opportunity.

During each year of your sponsorship, you will receive:

- A handwritten card from Razia Jan
- A photo of your student along with her biographical introduction
- Two personal letters from your student, in English!

The impact of your support becomes tangible as you come to know an Afghan student personally in a relationship that enriches her life—and yours.

**Please, join our Sponsorship program today.**

Your student is waiting! To enroll, complete the back of this form or visit:

<https://raziasrayofhope.org/sponsor-a-girl.html>.

**Questions?** Send an e-mail to:

[sponsorship@raziasrayofhope.org](mailto:sponsorship@raziasrayofhope.org).



# Razia's Ray of Hope Challenge continued



## Sponsorship Program Enrollment Form

### Your Information

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship

I want to (select one option):

- Sponsor a girl for one year
- Invest in a girl for five years

I will make (select one option):

- Monthly payments (\$25/month per student)
- One payment (\$300/year per student)

Number of students I want to support: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

Card type (circle one) **VISA**   

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ 3- or 4-digit CVV # (back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Razia's Ray of Hope, PO Box 81052, Wellesley, MA 02481

**Thank You**

## D7430 DG Changeover & Club Awards Night



On Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> at The Brookside Country Club in Pottstown

*Join us as we Celebrate and Thank 16/17 DG Linda Young and her Leadership Team, and our Rotary Clubs for the many accomplishments achieved this year in "Rotary Serving Humanity"*

*We will also welcome new 17/18 DG Rick Gromis who will lead his "MAD Rotarians" in the year of "Rotary: Making a Difference".*

*For more details and to purchase a ticket please [click here](#).*

### **Special Incentive for "First Time Donors" who Support the RI Foundation Annual Fund**

As part of RI's celebration of the 100th anniversary of our Foundation, for a donation of \$100 by a Rotarian who has never donated before, D7430 will add 100 Recognition Points in the donor's name toward a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

### **MEMBERS WANTED for the D7430 ROTAPLAST COMMITTEE**

We welcome new committee members, as well as non-medical mission volunteers. Individuals self-pay for their airfare and immunizations.

Speakers for club meetings are also available. We are hoping that clubs with a Rotaplast donation as a line item in their budgets will send in their donations soon.

Louise Zawadzki, D7430 Rotaplast Committee Chair

# Membership Tip

Make your meetings a weekly “experience” for your members and guests. They should be fun, filled with laughs, and emotions. You should



provide something about Rotary every week. You want to make sure that everyone finds the meetings meaningful. When they leave, your members and guests should be saying to themselves that the time spent at Rotary was well worth it.

Date	No. D7430 Members	Change from Prior Month
June 30	1739	
July 31	1718	-21
Sept 30	1731	+7
Oct 27	1738	+7
Nov 29	1739	+1
Dec 30	1737	-2
Jan 29	1727	-10
Feb 28	1731	+4
March 31	1775	+44
April 30	1779	+4



Share your passion for Rotary!  
**REFER A MEMBER!**



## CAMP NEIDIG (RYLA) 2017

The Camp Neidig Registration Site is now officially open. Our 2017 Camp Neidig Youth Leadership Program will be held June 16th- June 19th at Camp Manatawny.

## Tell Us What You Are Doing

by the 20th of each month to:

[bill966@ptd.net](mailto:bill966@ptd.net) -- PDG Bill Palmer, Editor



# Your Foundation Update



## Support projects close to your heart

The Rotary Foundation is grateful for its donors, whose support makes life-changing projects possible, locally and globally. Your gift to the Annual Fund brings about those impressive grants, which you read about to aid communities around the world. If you've already made your gift this year, thank you. If not, please consider doing so at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) give before 30 June to help us reach our \$300 million fundraising goal for our centennial year.

STATISTICS		
As of April 30, 2017		
	Goal	YTD
Annual Fund	\$198,300	\$232,000
PolioPlus	\$ 37,200	\$176,443

# polio news

## NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of April 30, 2017

	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Pakistan	2	20
Afghanistan	3	13



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When was polio last in Europe? If you guessed 2002, the year the region was certified polio-free, you're wrong. The last time polio affected a child in Europe was 2015. Outbreaks like the one that occurred in Ukraine that year are why, although we are so close to eradicating polio, we still need \$1.5 billion more to finish the job. Learn about the steps needed to ensure polio is truly gone forever.

## YOUR KEY CONTACT – CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)

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REMEMBER that the 2016-2017 [District Directory](#) IS ON-LINE



# Club News

## Hatboro:



The Rotary Club of Hatboro, along with local residents and girl scouts built and planted 12 raised vegetable gardens at the Hatboro Area YMCA. These gardens will be maintained by YMCA volunteers and day campers and the produce from these gardens will be donated to local food banks. A fun time was had by all!!!

## No Fish Story!! Another Great Derby for HV- Churchville...

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Rotary Club of Huntingdon Valley/Churchville held its annual Fish-A-Long at Lorimer Park along the Pennypack Creek. This community event gives families and children an opportunity to experience the



beauty of nature, to learn the skill of fishing and to have fun with others including special guests from inner - city Philadelphia and Christ's Home for Children in Warminster.

Sponsors for the day included the Stony Creek Anglers, Paul Stahl from Trout Unlimited, Clayton's Fishing and Hunting, Mark Bellomo from Valley Youth Center and Lorimer Park.

Assisting Event Chair Ken Barber (pictured top left with Paul Stahl) were Rotarians Lee Adams, Bruce Beaton, Norm Bailey, Chris Potter, Stu Lakernick, Rick Spector, Drew Slousky, John Thomas, Mel Montanye and Ed Weitz.

## Other Articles of Interest

The February 14, 2017 Edition of the D7430 PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES (P&Gs) has been released and is available on the D7430 website. [New RC Rules: Click here.](#)

NEW OPTIONS for ALL Rotary Clubs explains the significant changes made by Rotary International this Summer and now are available. [Click here.](#)

D7430 *Leaders and Committee Chairs* for 2016-17 are detailed on the D7430 website. [District Committees: Click here.](#)

D7430 Committee Chairs and their contact information is available in the on-line *District Directory*. The 2016-17 edition is out. [Click here.](#)

## More Information

Visitors to **Rotary.org** will discover a new, contemporary site that tells Rotary's story in a fresh and exciting way. Rotary staff offer a look at the site's features: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics, and better organization to help readers – especially newcomers – find out who we are and what we're doing.

### **New Grant Center makes applying for grants easier**

We are pleased to announce the debut of the new Grant Center, formerly known as the grant application tool. The new site has a fresh look and better organization. The grant application includes clearly defined steps so it's easier for you to track your progress.

**INCENTIVE TO DONATE** -- The district will award 100 Recognition Points to any Rotarian donating exactly \$100 to the RI Annual Fund -- IF they are a **“FIRST TIME”** donor.

### **Rotary's commitment to creating a healthier world**

Rotary members are committed to fighting and preventing diseases. In fact, 15 of our 26 Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs) are focused on disease prevention and treatment. Rotarian Action Groups help Rotary clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects.

## Rotary's International Convention

**10 - 14 June 2017 Atlanta, Georgia, USA**



**Join us in Atlanta**

### **Centennial events**

The yearlong celebration of The Rotary Foundation and 100 years of Doing Good in the World culminates at the Atlanta convention. Help us celebrate in the city where it all began:

Explore The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit

Attend the "Doing Good in the World" book signing

Enjoy a special centennial birthday party

For Details: <http://rotarydistrict7430.org/event/ri-convention-in-atlanta/>

## **UPDATE YOUR RECORDS**

**ALL D7430 RCs:**

Your D7430 Administrative Assistant, Sharon Rittenhouse, has sent every club (Pres, PE and Sec) a spreadsheet that contained their active club members contact info. You are to review and update any missing or incorrect information, especially email addresses, in ClubRunner. This way you can review everything not just the emails.

## Service Project Help

Check out the message below from Rotary International. Have further question? Contact our District's International Service Chair, PDG Frank Romano. [fjromano73@gmail.com](mailto:fjromano73@gmail.com)

Below is information from Rotary Service. It contains links and resources for Club interested in various service projects under the Six Areas of Focus. Please take some time to explore and utilize these resources.

### ROTARY SERVICE CONNECTIONS

Is your club looking to implement a service project, but lacking funds or materials? Are you seeking specific expertise within the areas of focus to assist with planning and applying for a global grant? More than 25,000 Rotary clubs and members are using Rotary's Project Lifecycle Kit to reach their service goals.

The Project Lifecycle Kit, consisting of – Discussion Groups, Rotary Ideas, and Rotary Showcase – is your one-stop-shop for digital tools that can help you with planning and supporting your service project and then promoting and sharing its impact. These online tools help the Rotary family build connections, find project resources and partners, and share their successes to help you be more effective, efficient, and ready to take action! These tools represent the many phases of a service project and serve as a set of resources that can ensure success throughout the lifecycle of a project.

While you brainstorm and strategize ideas, connect with others to exchange best practices through Rotary Discussion Groups. By soliciting support on Rotary Ideas, contributions from the Rotary community and beyond can help make your service goal a reality. Then share your project impact to inspire others through Rotary Showcase.

**Please Visit & “Like” D7430’s Facebook Page:**

[Click here](#)

## Area 3 Rotary Clubs Celebrate Foundation's 100th Anniversary



The five Rotary Clubs representing Area 3 of District 7430 met to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation. They met in a pavilion at Jim Dietrich Park on a beautiful afternoon May 10.

Just over one hundred Rotarians and members of their families enjoyed a covered-dish dinner, played field and name games, and got to know each other better. They heard about the benefits of inter-club cooperation from

District Governor Linda Young and the power to leverage resources through the RI Foundation from District Governor Elect Richard Gromis. Muhlenberg President Allen Moyer and the other Area 3 Presidents presented Area 3 Assistant Governor Robert Hobaugh with a certificate of appreciation for his steady support of their Clubs. They told those assembled that the proceeds from raffle ticket sales for gift baskets would be donated to the Foundation in his honor.

Kutztown Rotary Club President Renee Sufrinko proposed the idea for this picnic at an Area 3 Presidents' meeting and all of the five Clubs took part in the planning and execution. Honored guests included DG Young, DGE Gromis and his wife, Susan, and Area 4 Assistant Governor Sharon Levan and her husband John. Club Presidents included Sufrinko, from Kutztown, Jean Horning of Fleetwood, Derek Liebensperger from Hamburg, Allen Moyer from Muhlenberg and Chris Miller of Reading.

Also in attendance were Presidents Elect Amy Sheller of Kutztown, Terri Pfennig of Muhlenberg and Jose Lopez of Reading. PE Sheller and her husband Jim Herman stepped back into their business day role as Abominable Productions wedding photographers and provided the dramatic picture of the picnic guests assembled to form "100".



## D7430 Speech Contest Results

The winners of the 4 regional speech contests, representing 21 clubs, met at the May 6th District Conference in Lancaster for the final round. Each contestant had to present a speech, 5-7 minutes long, based on the precepts of the Rotary International 4-Way Test.

The winner was Ayla Blatt, sponsored by the Kutztown Rotary Club and from the East region. She spoke on locally sourced foods.



Second place went to Joshua Bibighaus, representing the Quakertown Rotary Club and the Central region. Third place went to Jayme Barnett, of the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club contest and South region. Fourth place went to Kim-Leigh Tursi, representing the Warrington Rotary Club and East region. Scholarship money was awarded to each contestant.

Michael Seidner, North Penn club, and District Chair of the Speech Contest, was moderator.

## District Calendar

May 20th -- District Training Assembly at MONTCO CC in Blue Bell

Jun 7th -- Upper Perkiomen RC Charter Night Dinner

Jun 10 to 14 -- RI annual Convention in Atlanta, GA

Jun 16 to 19 -- Camp Neidig (RYLA)

Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -- D7430 Changeover and Awards Dinner at Brookside CC in POTTSTOWN

Jun 26th -- D7430 annual Council of Governors meeting at Brookside CC in POTTSTOWN

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> -- FRIDAY -- Strike Out Hunger at the Phillies Game at 7:05 PM vs. the New York Mets.

Sep 16<sup>th</sup> -- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) at DeSales University

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> -- Purple Pinkie D7430 5K Run / Walk at LCCC, Schnecksville

Oct 20, 21 Zone Institute in Hartford, CT

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> -- TRF annual seminar at Montco CC jointly with D7450

## In Memorium



### We note the recent passing of Rotarians,



**Walter M. "Mike" Henry, Sr.**, age 77, of Kempton, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Mike, and his wife Anna Jean have been active and loyal Rotarians of the Allentown West RC.

He was the husband of Anna Jean G. "A.J." (Cameron) Henry for 56 years last August. Born in West Hazleton, Mike was a faithful and loving husband with a great sense of humor. Mike and AJ loved taking trips, visiting museums, touring wineries and strolling through historic towns.

He was a devoted father whose life lessons will continue to be instrumental in the lives of his children. Mike was happiest spending time with his beloved granddaughter Sarah Grace.

Mike was especially happy when leading his "seasoned" motorcycle crew along the asphalt byways of the East coast. He embraced life and the outdoors with enthusiasm. Mike loved hunting and helped to create a hideaway cabin for family and friends.

Mike was the "king" of organizing functions. Whether for Rotary, the food bank, church, Pine Lakes of Lynn or family events, Mike knew how to plan an event for all to enjoy.

Upon graduation from high school, Mike served in the United States Marine Corps for seven years. He continued to live the Semper Fi tradition and organized a celebration to commemorate the Marine Corps birthday every November.

After serving in the military, Mike became the Operation Systems Manager for Bell Telephone of PA. Throughout his career, Mike was a Mason, a member of Allentown West Rotary, a member of the Patriot Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He also was an active member of Ziegel's UCC Church and the Lowhill Food Bank.