



FRANK'S FORUM

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Frank Talk



The 2014 PETS was completed March 1st. For us in Rotary, PETS is a harbinger of spring. (It is more dependable than that groundhog.) The Club Presidents and Assistant Governors endured an

intense, two day training session covering the many facets of their upcoming leadership roles for the 2014-15 Rotary year. DGE Gary Fedorcha, District Trainer Tony Jannetta and various District and RI leaders fed the PE's and AG's the information they will need to draw on, as they serve their Clubs.



As the future leaders return to their Clubs, it is essential that the current Club Presidents, Board Members and Committee Chairs take the time to offer their successors information and support for the 2014-15 Rotary year.

From my visits to the Clubs this year and the various newsletters, events I attended and updates I received, I know there were many progressive and successful initiatives energizing many Clubs in our District.

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Sri Lankan Name Rotary International's 105th president



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a businessman from Colombo, Sri Lanka, has been named the 105th president of Rotary International, a global network of 1.2 million volunteers working to solve the world's humanitarian challenges.

A member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, he begins his one-year term July 1, 2015. He is the first Sri Lankan to hold the position.

Ravindran said his main priority will be to strengthen clubs by attracting those committed to volunteer service.

After the devastation of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the Sri Lankan led Rotary's recovery efforts by helping raise \$12 million to rebuild 22 schools, enabling nearly 15,000 children to resume their studies.

"The tsunami could take away schools, homes, possessions and even loved ones, but it would never be allowed to take away the spirit of children," Ravindran said.

He was also involved in tsunami-related projects in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India and Thailand. The projects included housing, orphanages, water and sanitation systems, solar oven technology, community-based credit unions, health centers and replacement of destroyed fishing trawlers.



Frank Talk *continued*

It is important to build on these positive efforts as the new leadership sets the seeds for their own endeavors to invigorate our Rotarians.

However, it is not time to take the foot off the accelerator for this year's leaders. There are still four months left to fulfill our goals and contributions to the life and success of our Clubs. As we hit the two-thirds mark in our year, we need to make sure we are completing our goals. Are we two-thirds of the way towards our Foundation goal, our membership goal, and our fundraising goal? Is our grant application for RY 2014-15 submitted? Have we made the planned progress toward our development of an Interact Club, Rotaract Club, community service projects, 4Way Test Speech Contest, Youth Exchange Sponsorship, Camp Neidig candidates? Have we taken the time to review the various awards that our Club is eligible for or the deadline dates for applying for these awards?

As you can see, there is still plenty to do for this year's Club leaders and their AG's. That means there are still plenty of things to do for each Rotarian. Next year's plans should be built on this year's achievements. So let's keep up the efforts to make this year all it can be in the remaining four months. Why?

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DG Frank



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**Feb 20th, 2014 RYTD Giving to the
RI Annual Fund**

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

PETS Pics

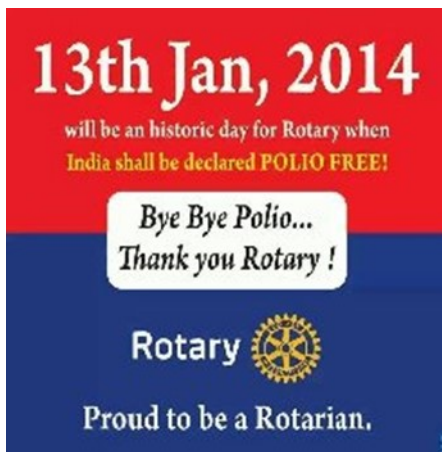


Sri Lankan Named RI President *continued*

As president, Ravindran will oversee Rotary's top humanitarian goal of eradicating polio. As chair of Rotary's polio eradication campaign in Sri Lanka, he led efforts to eradicate polio from the country, which became one of the first in Asia to be polio-free.

Ravindran is founder and CEO of Printcare Plc, a publicly listed tea packaging company. He is also founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association, the largest antinarcotics organization in Sri Lanka.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has been a director and treasurer of Rotary International and a trustee of The Rotary Foundation.



NEW POLIO CASES – Feb 26th		
In the 3 endemic countries:		
	2014 YTD	2013 YTD
Pakistan	21	2
Afghanistan	3	1
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in non-endemic countries		
2014 YTD	0	2013 YTD 0



RC SECRETARIES ----- PLEASE HELP

With the new RI website, EVERY single Rotarian needs to re-register in order to gain access.

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.



Go For It!

RI President Ron Burton's CITATION for ROTARY CLUBS & Interact & Rotaract Clubs



Most of our D7430 Rotary Clubs have done enough good things to help others so that they have earned a Presidential Citation from RI President Burton for this 2013-14 Rotary year. Just fill out the application form to make it happen.

The 2013-14 Presidential Citation recognizes Rotary clubs for an array of achievements that promote our membership growth, enhance humanitarian service through our Foundation, and strengthen our network through the family of Rotary. By qualifying for the Presidential Citation, clubs contribute to Rotary's strategic goals and multiply the impact of their good work through the collective focus of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs worldwide.

Procedure:

Clubs are asked to use the form at <https://www.rotary.org/en/document/587> to assess their accomplishments this year. To qualify for the Presidential Citation, clubs must complete all three required activities, along with three additional activities in each category.

Clubs that complete four additional activities in each category will qualify for the Presidential Citation with Distinction. Unless otherwise specified, all activities must be undertaken and completed between 1 July and 31 March of the 2013-14 Rotary year.

Clubs should complete the form and send it to the District Governor, Frank Romano, no later than March 31st. Forms sent to Rotary International will NOT be processed.

Forms for the Citation applications also are found at <https://www.rotary.org/en/document/678> for Interact and for Rotaract at <https://www.rotary.org/en/document/725>.



I just let my mind wander, and it didn't come back.

Rotary Leadership Dinner Feedback

A Rotary Leadership Dinner Meeting was held on Wednesday January 29, 2014 at the Manor House in Ambler. The Keynote Speaker was PA Governor Tom Corbett.



Governor Corbett (2nd from right) with several local Rotary Club Presidents

I wish to thank all of you who took the time to attend last night's Leadership Meeting in Montgomery County. Rusty Beardsley, president of the Blue Bell RC, his committee and all the Club presidents that cooperated in supporting the event deserve congratulations. It was a historic event for Rotary in our District. The food was good, the fellowship was warm and energizing (in a cold setting) and it is always inspiring when large groups of

Rotarians gather for a meal and fellowship.

D7430 Governor Frank Romano said about the point for service mentioned by Governor Corbett. "Primarily, the government and Rotary have a responsibility to the people who truly can't help themselves. He identified the handicapped and the preschoolers. I would add to that list, the homeless, abused, incarcerated, jobless, elderly and ill members of our communities. These are the people that need someone to support them."

"The trouble usually is in identifying them, because many are embarrassed and still wish to hold on to their dignity. We can find these people in need through a Club's community assessment process and the various organizations that have contact with people in need. The Salvation Army, Goodwill, Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens, Abused Women and Children Agencies, Schools, Churches, etc."

"There is a confidentiality requirement for many of these groups, so discretion is needed. The Police and Fire Departments also come in contact with people in need. So dig deep into your communities and with dignity, compassion and service reach out to do-good-in-the-world right here in your community."

"On my visits to the Clubs in our District, many of them have found the people in need and have addressed these needs. That's why it is important to share our projects among our Clubs. Remember, Rotary was started for fellowship and business networking and evolved into the large, international influential service organization of today. Let's maintain that spirit because we can and we care."





Rotary Leadership Dinner Feedback *continued*

From Ray Holton, Saucon RC:

“Hey Saucon Rotarians: Donna and I went to the district dinner down in Blue Bell Wednesday evening and dined with a couple hundred Rotarians who are excited about Service Above Self. Gov. Corbett was the speaker. Please know there are a lot of exciting community service programs going on in each local club. Donna and I spread the word about our small, but mighty, club in the Lehigh Valley.”

From Bethlehem Morning Star:

Tom & Janet Kolepp represented Morning Star Rotarians at the Jan. 29 Leadership Dinner in Montgomery County. Per District Governor (DG) Frank Romano, PA Governor Tom Corbett mentioned both the government and Rotary helping those who truly can't help themselves. DG Frank suggests finding these people through a community assessment process.



If you can't
convince them,
confuse them.

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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What's It Like at an RI International Assembly?

by DGE Gary Fedorcha

My wife Lynne and I had the distinct privilege of attending the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego this January 12 – 17 and it was, in a word, **FABULOUS!** From the moment we arrived until the closing ceremony we were in awe of the power that Rotary International has around the world.

The first and probably most amazing news is that polio has been eradicated in India. This announcement received a standing ovation from an international audience of more than 530 district governors-elect, their spouses, and many other Rotarians from around the globe. Eradication of polio is Rotary International's signature project. The success of this program has proven that such a huge goal can be accomplished through persistent and dedicated efforts of Rotarians and allied groups throughout the world.

The primary purpose of this assembly, which is an annual Rotary event, is to provide training to district governors-elect and their spouses to support their efforts in the upcoming year. And they introduce the assembly to the incoming Rotary International president.

This was a most impressive opportunity! Each day, Lynne and I met people from all parts of the world, all with goals and ambitions for improving the quality of human lives in the focus areas of promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. There were no political boundaries in this arena. Everyone was united through Rotary.

The conference was extremely well-organized. Our badges were scanned as we entered each plenary meeting, each session, and all meals. Seats were assigned in the plenary meetings with printed nametags on every seat! Sergeants-at-arms took attendance. All sessions began and ended on time! Large screens projected the images of speakers and headsets were provided to all members of the audience with eight different translation offerings. The mood throughout the week was upbeat, positive, and unifying.

Incoming Rotary International President Gary Huang, who is from Taiwan, presented his theme for Rotary during his year in office. The theme "LIGHT UP ROTARY!" was proclaimed through a series of Rotary moments and in a blaze of digital fireworks.

While both Lynne and I attended the plenary sessions together, a variety of separate workshops were provided for district governors-





What's It Like at an RI International Assembly? *continued*

elect and spouses. Lynne learned a lot about the goals of the Rotary Foundation and was extremely excited about having the opportunity to discuss Rotary with other spouses from around the world. I found the sessions that I attended offered me an opportunity to share leadership ideas with district governors-elect from many different cultures.

The people we met were professional, sincere, and very friendly. We were invited to visit our new friends in India, the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Thailand, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Zambia, Mexico, and Brazil. We both agreed that if Rotary ran the world, there would be no wars, people would work together, and human conditions would improve.

Some of the featured activities and programs included a most impressive "Presentation of Flags of the Rotary World" and many excellent, dynamic speakers who shared their Rotary moments and inspirational stories. Two especially fun evening events included International Night and Festival Night. Both evenings provided participating countries an opportunity to dress in native costumes and present skits with a particular cultural flair.

As I reflect on my week in San Diego, I am proud to be part of such an amazing organization. I am inspired by Rotarians around the world and I am looking forward to my term as District Governor in the upcoming year. Building on President Gary Huang's theme "Light Up Rotary," I am announcing my theme – "*Light Up Rotary With Education.*"



Want to learn more about engaging young professionals in Rotary?

Join the Understanding Young Professionals WEBINAR on March 19th from 11:00 AM to Noon EST to learn about the Young Professionals Campaign, hear research and findings from focus groups, and discuss strategies and best practices to help clubs recruit younger members. Share this invitation with club leaders and members.

To sign up for the webinar click here --(<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4540295084671857921>)

Philippines Update

SHELTERBOXES

Conditions remain critical and ShelterBox teams will be in the country until well into the spring. Thank you to all clubs, members and friends for your recent and continued support of ShelterBox.
Allan

Monday 27 January 2014

Rebuilding likely to take years in Philippines



Response team volunteer, Marie Vincent with members of the Esperanza family and some of the other villagers in Cancajara, Leyte, Philippines, January 2014.

"The immense devastation on Leyte island is difficult to comprehend," said ShelterBox Response Team member Marie Vincent. "At first glance when you scratch the surface you soon learn that the typhoon also destroyed people's livelihoods and has left the survivors with traumatic psychological

scars. There are children who cannot make eye contact, individuals who are struggling to find the motivation to move on and an underlying anxiety that it will happen again. The economical and human recovery will take years rather than months."

It may be nearly three months since Typhoon Haiyan swept through the Philippines but the people have far from forgotten. Aid agencies like ShelterBox are still finding pockets of previously unrecognized need to address and continue to bring shelter and vital aid to communities who have been left with nothing.

"As the scale of the disaster area is so vast, we've been working in partnership with other organizations to join resources and maximize our combined reach," said response team member Steve Crabtree. "In this instance, we joined up with Handicap International who were already assessing some hard-to-reach areas to the west and south of Tacloban, on the island of Leyte."

One of the villages where ShelterBox and Handicap International have been working together is Cancajara in the Pastrana





Philippines Update *continued*

municipality. It is a deeply rural area where the main source of income is agriculture though the local cocoa plantations have suffered heavily from the storm. As a result, rebuilding is likely to

take years for a family.



Tacloban still in devastation after Typhoon Haiyan, Leyte, Philippines, January 2014.

This is the case for the Esperanza family. 80-year-old Dora is a mother of two, still caring for her sons who are both in their fifties and work as rice and cocoa farmers. They had lost their home in the storm and had built a dangerously unstable makeshift shelter that did not meet the minimum humanitarian needs

requirements. This is where ShelterBox came in.

Regain sense of normalcy

Sophie Meingast is Handicap International's Project Manager in their Emergency Response Division:

"Providing a ShelterBox as emergency shelter following typhoon Yolanda has been great for the most vulnerable households," said Meingast. "Including items such as kitchen sets and toys for the children in the box allows families to regain a sense of normalcy following the catastrophe."

Vincent added, "In Pastrana we distributed ShelterBox aid to some of the most vulnerable families. This may only be a small contribution to the overall recovery but the family hugely appreciated the help. One of the sons kept repeating 'salamat, salamat, salamat' meaning 'thank you, thank you, thank you'. It is important to pass on this thanks to our donors."



Did You Know?

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

Paul Harris was elected as first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (which later became Rotary International) in 1910, and is the only president to have served two terms.

"I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program: Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%; Percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH, 10:00A – NOON

4WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

REGIONAL FINAL COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU!

STEEL RIVER THEATRE –POTTSTOWN

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BLUE BELL

EMMAUS HIGH SCHOOL – EMMAUS

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Club News

Doylestown:



Club Holds Membership Recruitment Night

We had our Membership Recruitment Night hosted by Janet Mintzer in her beautiful home on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. In attendance were 10 prospective members, with 10 members of our club, our exchange student Emi, and Andrianna, the President of our CB East Interact Club. After an hour of socializing, everyone gathered fireside to learn about Rotary.

All past Club Presidents and future Presidents shared what our club means to them, what it means to be a Rotarian and their favorite club project. Membership Chair Rich Newman talked about the process and responsibilities of becoming a member. Janet shared the object of Rotary, our meeting format, and our 6 avenues of service. Emi really opened up and talked about her family and how our club has changed her life. Andrianna gave everyone a great perspective of how we are supporting local students.

There were many interesting questions by our guests and a great follow up email which said, "What an exciting evening yesterday, the positive energy was amazing! Either it was the 'real deal' or you were pumping pure oxygen into the room. Looking forward to being a part of that energy." It was a totally awesome night.

Pottstown:



We had an excellent turnout for the Rotary Club's 96th Anniversary Dinner. The threat of an oncoming snow storm didn't dampen our festivities for this night.

The Owen J Roberts Jazz Ensemble came out to entertain us and had great performances for us during dinner and afterward. The solos and singers really enhanced the night's entertainment.

Thank you to Sandy Albitz who put together a photo presentation and commentary to look at our club's history. Great photos.

Extra special feature of the night was giving a well-deserved Paul Harris Award to 2010 District Governor Mike McCarthy who has done so much for the club and the District.

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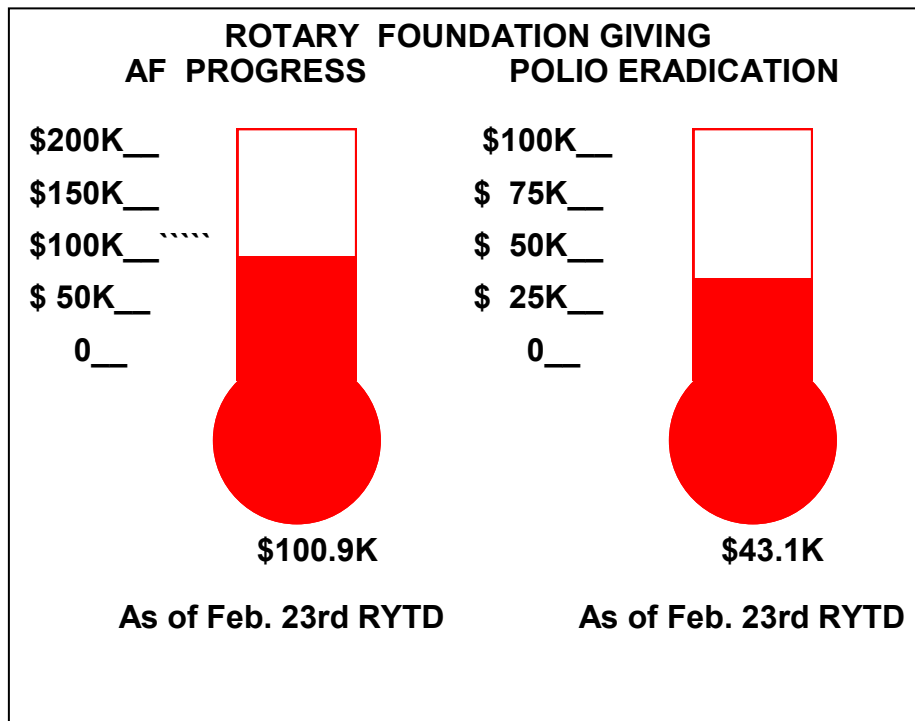
Club News *continued*

Bethlehem Morning Star:

Thirty or so Morning Star Rotarians, family and friends enjoyed an evening of BOWLING, fellowship and food on Saturday, February 8th.



Strikes and spares were applauded, and all had fun whatever their score. Many thanks to Sue Burnett for arranging this event again!





District 7430 Conference

WE WANT YOU



TO SIGN UP

Please visit the District 7430 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.

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Membership



Valuable Information on the Rotary Website:

At www.rotary.org you can find a lot of information to help in your efforts to attract new members.

There are fact sheets called "Rotary at a Glance" and "Rotary and Polio". You will also find press releases, photos, videos, and Rotary public service announcements.

You will have to create an account and then log into "My Rotary" to access some of the information. It's definitely worth it so that your club has the latest information from Rotary

And only when the follow-up question comes, "how do Rotary members find the money to do all this?" should we talk about the Wine Auction or the Polar Bear Plunge



Share your passion for Rotary!
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USED CELL PHONES STILL 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.

TURKEY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE COMING TO OUR DISTRICT APRIL 22 TO MAY 7 HOST CLUBS STILL NEEDED



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 during International Night on Friday.

Each club will host for about 3 days. With the Friendship Exchange, our guests pay their own expenses for touring and for 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





Zone 24-32 Photo Contest



Thank you to the many Rotarians who have entered the Zone 24-32 Avenues of Service - Zone Photo Contest. It is remarkable the wonderful work these photos show that is being done by Rotarians across our zones.

Don't worry if you have not entered your photos - there is still time. The deadline to enter is March 31 2014.

This is the first ever Zone 24-32 photo contest with RI Director Bryn Styles endorsing an Avenues of Service - Zone Photo Contest. This is an opportunity for the Rotarians across Zone 24-32 to share photos about the Rotary service projects and fellowship events they have held or will hold this Rotary year.

The prizes are simple, boasting rights as the best Rotary photographer in the zone, a certificate and the winning photos in each of the Avenues of Service posted on this website and hopefully district websites. Winners will be announced in mid- April. So get out your SLR, point and shoot or phone camera and click away.



The most important rule of the contest is "have fun".

- The photographer must be a member of a Rotary, Rotaract or Interact club in Zone 24 or Zone 32. D7430 is in Zone 32.
- Photos submitted must be in JPEG file format with a maximum size of 3 MB and be submitted on or before March 31 2014.
- Each photographer may submit up to 3 photos that were taken between July 1 2013 and March 31 2014.
- Each photo will be submitted in one of the 5 Avenues of Service that the photo best illustrates.

The Zone 24-32 RPICs (Rotary Public Image Coordinators) will be the contest judges.

1. To enter the contest and upload a photo go to: <https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=VUjmXc0G-l0Ulj8SM2852g>
2. For contest rule and small print go to: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/92590355/contest%20rules.pdf>
3. For the judging criteria go to: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/92590355/JUDGING%20CRITERIA.pdf>

Vocational Training Team (VTT) Project is Launched

A Global Grant covering a Vocational Training Team (VTT) Project dedicated to Improving Maternal & Child Healthcare Education in Uganda has been launched.

by Ronald Smith, Past District Governor District 7430, Member Blue Bell Rotary Club



This project is an example of how a Rotary Foundation Global Grant was developed to provide for the exchange of a vocational training team of medical (Ob-Gyn, Pediatric, Nursing, Midwife) and information technology (IT), faculty traveling between to Kampala, Uganda and Philadelphia. This is all aimed at establishing distance education and healthcare professional training programs between community Health Centers in Uganda, Makerere University College of Health Sciences, and Drexel University College of Medicine, Colleges of Nursing & Allied Health Professionals and College of Computing and Informatics.

The project has been envisioned as a three year/ three phase project. Phase I has been approved RY 2014-2015, sponsored by Rotary Districts 7430, 7450, 7500 in USA and 9211 (Uganda-Tanzania) and managed through the host club in Uganda, RC Kampala North and the international partner RC Bluebell USA. The Rotary Foundation award for Phase 1 was the amount of \$81,000 and is funding a two-way exchange of faculty doctor, nurses and midwives in the areas of OB-Gyn and Pediatric care, will purchase and install the computer networks and provide needed infrastructure and medical equipment at four "pilot" Health Centers in Uganda along with Mulago Hospital/Makerere University-College of Health Sciences (MakCHS).





Vocational Training Team (VTT) Project is Launched *continued*

Phase's II – III, under development, will support additional VTT exchanges and grow in size to better attend to the infrastructural and educational needs of the pilot Health Centers. We are envisioning an approximate total 3 year investment of \$450 - \$500,000. If your district would like to join in this precedent setting Global Grant for Maternal and Child Health in its future phases... please contact PDG Ron Smith of D7430.

The VTT-Drexel half visited Uganda from January 25th – February 14th. Eight members from Drexel University and I, the VTT Team leader spent three weeks engaging in health camps in areas around Kampala. Every member including the team leader has been transformed by the visit and by our hosts in Uganda. The professional relationships and friendships developed will sustain our efforts way beyond when our Rotary Foundation funding has ended... that is sustainability.

During our visits over 800 mother and child patients were seen by our team in partnership with Makerere University/Mulago Hospital and RC of Kampala North Rotarians. Our sponsored doctors and nurse-midwives were FANTASTIC on this first part of the project. They made lasting contributions to the professional collaborations, attended to hundreds of children, saving the life of one young boy and saw hundreds of mothers and delivered one emergency C-section.

A faculty team from Makerere University will visit Drexel University in May 2014 to complete the two way VTT and will solidify the professional and educational foundation that will be the basis of the success of this project. Our Rotary Foundation's New Grants Programs through a Global Grant has provided for this VTT to "Do Good in the World"...

The Global Grant / VTT was applied for on-line at the "Grant portal" of the Rotary website starting in August 2014. It was completed and authorized by October 2014, we had TRF's check list feedback in 2-3 weeks and after responding to the TRF review questions the grant was approved December 5, 2013, the funds were sent to the host and international clubs by January 15th and the VTT-Drexel departed on January 25th... Approvals can move quickly but it all started with a solid plan developed over 24 months.



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.



Donations YTD to the Annual Fund and to Polio+ are about on target. The Paul Harris Society now has 46 confirmed members in D7430. Donations to the Endowment Fund are up. Applications for District Grants for 2014-15 now are being accepted via the Grant Module on line.

The District Foundation Committee will present a number of projects as a part of the May District Conference. Len Gieseler (Pottstown RC) is the new Foundation Area Coordinator for Areas 6 and 8. Contact Chair is PDG Mike McCarthy at mccarthy_misty03@comcast.net.

Membership:

See the latest issue of Club Builder via the D7430 website.



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

They are planning a trip to Washington, DC for March. The Outbound students orientation continues. Host homes still are needed. Please contact chair Patti Smith (pattismith0221@gmail.com) or visit the YEP website at www.rotary7430yep.org for more details and full calendar of events for the year.



Interact:

DG Frank still is conducting a district-wide survey to update our records. Please respond a.s.a.p.





District Committee Reports *continued*

Camp Neidig (RYLA):



Our new and IMPROVED Camp Neidig Registration Site is now officially open. Our 2014 Camp Neidig Youth Leadership Program will be held June 13-June 16 at Camp Manatawny. Contact Co-Chair Wendy Body at wgbody@butz.com.

Rotaplast: The 2014 On-Air Ch. 69 Auction is scheduled for December 6th. The committee is working on a new Global Grant for Pereira, Colombia. The next mission will be September 14 to 28, 2014 to Pereira. It will cost about \$100,000 which cost will be shared with D7450 to our south. Five D7430 volunteers are planned. Contact Chair Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com.



Before

After



ShelterBox: There is an ongoing fundraising effort by D7430 Rotarians to replace the units deployed in the Philippines. D7430 will donate one ShelterBox for every 10 boxes donated by RCs and individuals in the district. See separate report herein. Contact Chair Allan Syphers at ASArchitect@aol.com.



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI): The Spring courses will begin in March See www.rlinea.org for details. The D7430-7450 sponsored session will be held on September 27, 2014 at the Radisson in KOP. 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 21. SPONSORS still are needed to support the prize monies. A fourth Regional contest is scheduled and the prize monies are good. The Final contest will take place on Saturday May 3rd at the District Conference. Contact Chair is Joe Wynands Joe.Wynands@susquehanna.net.



Friendship Exchange: The Exchange with Turkey and Western Canada are both planned. There will be 21 Turkish Rotarians and partners here from April 22 to May 7th, and they will attend the district conference on Friday May 2nd. Contact Chair Cindy Hornaman at: hornamca@ptd.net



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

District Website: TJ'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.

Rotary Success Seminar



Rotary International Rotary Success Seminar-South



Hosted by Zone 32 Rotary

Coordinator Team, Public Image Team & Regional Rotary Foundation Team

When: Saturday March 15, 2014

Where: Holiday Inn Swedesboro, New Jersey-Exit 10 of 295

Time: 8.00 AM -2.00 PM

What: Topics that will be included will be:

Membership

Developing an Orientation Program

Get to know the new 50/30 rule

Growing your club and Rotary via a Satellite Club

Public Image

What is Public Image?

Is it PR or advertising?

Branding your service project

Designing a Club Brochure

Developing a website

Social Media-how to use effectively

The Rotary Foundation

What are the programs?

Getting your project funded

Recognition

Grant Management

Finding project partners

Fundraising Forum

Youth Services

2013 Council on Legislation Update

Cost: \$40 (Includes lite breakfast/lunch/materials)

Make check payable to, "The Rotary Club of Mullica Hill"

Mail to: PDG CarolAnn "Can-do" Jeronimo

18 Buttonwood Place

Logan Township, NJ 08085

To Register: email-ag4ri7640@yahoo.com. Or call 609-221-9101





Events Calendar

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Mar 15 -- Zone Success Seminar at the Holiday Inn, Swedesboro, New Jersey-Exit 10 of 295

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

Aug -- Strike out Hunger at Phillies

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

Sep 27 -- Rotary Leadership Training Institute at the Radisson in King of Prussia

Oct 9th -- D7430 Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament

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

Oct 25 -- D7430 Foundation Seminar w/D7450 at The Doubletree in KOP

Nov 2 -- Yvette Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K race at DeSales Univ.



CLUB EVENTS

Mar 21 -- Emmaus RC presents **The Fabulous Grease Band** at 6PM at the Allentown Fairgrounds, 302 N. 17th Street, Allentown, PA General admission is \$25.

Apr 25 -- Saucon RC Casino Night at The Meadows in Hellertown

Apr 26 -- Norristown RC's Annual Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser at Lower Providence Presbyterian Church

Jun 27 -- Allentown RC's 100th birthday party Gala at Lehigh Country Club

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.

