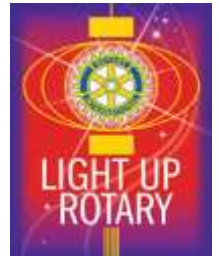




Gary's Gazette

Light Up Rotary Through Education



Rotary District 7430

May 2015

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Gary's Notes

I can hardly believe that it is May. It seems like only yesterday when I greeted the Presidents-Elect at M-A PETS and met with our Clubs throughout the summer and fall. So much has happened since that time and I can only say how proud I am to be the 7430 District Governor.



THE 2015 DISTRICT 7430 CONFERENCE in GETTYSBURG, PA

It all began on Thursday, April 23, as Lynne, I and our Conference Chair Dave Dries arrived at the Wyndham to meet with the hotel staff and review the final plans for meals, room assignments, and **technology needs. I must say that we couldn't have asked for a more helpful and courteous staff.**



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The tireless, dedicated members of our conference committee were already on site beginning their tasks like a well-oiled machine. Later that evening we met our Rotary International **President's Representative PDG Jerry W. Franklin and his wife Sharon** along with his aide, our own PDG Frank and Jean Romano. We got acquainted over dinner. Our two and a half-years of planning were about to begin!

Friday morning, the Conference Committee set up the registration table and at 2:00 PM, the registration desk, staffed by the very professional team of Marianne and Marilyn, welcomed our guests of 220 Rotarians, spouses, family, and friends.

LET THE CONFERENCE BEGIN.

On Friday, April 24, at 4:00 PM, General Lee (DG Gary) and General Grant (Ryan Van Norman) greeted the participants. DG Gary rang the Rotary Bell to officially open the conference. The Pledge to the Flag and Invocation followed. DG Gary then gave his official welcome. Then MC Ryan introduced Sharon DeOms Geleta, President of the Rotary Club of Gettysburg, who shared greetings from the Gettysburg Rotary Club. RIPR PDG Jerry Franklin also delivered a welcome on behalf of Rotary International President Gary Huang.

One of the highlights was our guest speaker DGE David Forward **from District 7500 who spoke on his book "Century of Service"**. This was followed by a fantastic documentary film about the **Battle of Gettysburg, "Fields of Freedom."** Then MC Ryan sent everyone back to the hotel to enjoy our reception and buffet dinner.

Following dinner, the Youth Exchange presented a delightful program with Outbound YES Angela Falco (USA to Germany) leading the Pledge to the Flag and Inbound YES Chaira Mandetti of



Gary's Notes continued

Brazil delivering the invocation. The night was filled with fun, songs, games, and a very **special presentation by our Friendship Exchange friends from Wales. As the evening drew to a close, PDG Roger Bauman announced that our District has an anonymous donor who wants to form a District Foundation and will match the donations given by our Rotarians. What a great way to close and go off to our club's hospitality suites!**

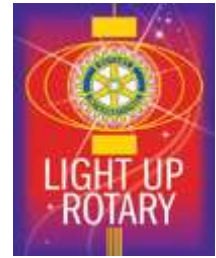
Saturday began early with a tasty buffet breakfast. DG Gary opened the business meeting and Introduced PDG Tony Jannetta to present and move the adoption of the 2013-14 financial review, which passed unanimously. A second item of business was to approve the 2017 District Conference at an out-of-district site, Eden Resorts in Lancaster, which also passed unanimously.

The plenary continued with Jenna Archuletta, RI Major Gift Officer, providing updates and remarks. MC Ryan then introduced the clubs reporting on our District Community Programs, which included: The Snack Pack Program of Allentown West Rotary Club, presented by PDG Bill and AG Sue Weber, the S2L Transitional Services for Young People with Disabilities of **Bethlehem Rotary Club, presented by Ham Malek, and Aaron's Acres Camp for Challenged Youth of West Reading Wyomissing, presented by Walt Allen.**

Our next informational item was our Global Education Projects, which included Sierra Leone-Centennial School of Allentown West Rotary Club, presented by PE Herb Klotz, Mukaa Valley Kenya Water Well/Orphanage School of Blue Bell Rotary Club, presented by AG Bruce Dearnley, and Nigeria School Project of Harleysville Rotary Club, presented by PDG Frank Romano.



After a short break MC Ryan welcomed Joe Wynands, Chair of the District 4 Way Test Speech Contest. Four students representing our four areas gave their speeches. As is always the case, the finalists of the 4-Way Test Speech Contest





Gary's Notes continued

exhibited the highest level of awareness and insight as they presented their persuasive arguments in defense of their chosen real life topics using the Rotary 4-Way Test as the basis of their **ethical reasoning. It wasn't surprising that our judges had a** difficult task in choosing a winner. Conference Chair Dave gave some closing remarks and the participants departed for a light buffet lunch, an opportunity to visit the House of Friendship and bid on some great items, and a meeting-free afternoon to sightsee and tour the battlefields of Historic Gettysburg.

After a wonderful and relaxing afternoon for all, we returned to prepare for the evening events, a black tie gala that began with a hospitality reception and VIP Major Donors Reception. MC Ryan opened our gala and presented the PDG and their spouses, the DGND and his wife,



DGN, DGE and his wife, DG of District 7390 and his wife, RIPR PDG and his wife, and our current Governor and the First Lady of Rotary District 7430 followed by The Parade of International Flags by the Youth Exchange Students. MC Ryan then introduced **DG Gary and Lynne's Family. Dr. John Judson, DG of host District 7390,** gave a brief welcome.



A delicious dinner followed and then DG Gary presented a special recognition of the prestigious Service Above Self Award to Patti Smith. Patti truly deserves this outstanding award for all she has done for the district and the Youth Exchange program. Completing the events of the evening was an inspirational speech by RIPR PDG Jerry Franklin.

PDG Jerry comes from District 6080 Kansas City Missouri. He has been the recipient of the Global Quest award for membership growth, the Distinguished Governors Award, Service Above Self Award, and Citation for Meritorious Service Award. Jerry and Sharon have participated in National



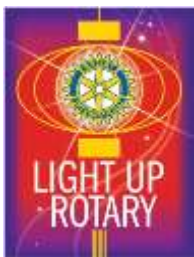
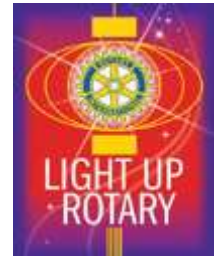
Gary's Notes continued

Immunization Days in Nigeria and are Bequest Society Members, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Sunday morning commenced with our traditional Memorial Service for those District 7430 Rotarians who passed away in the last year. PDG Bill Weber and AG Sue Weber conducted the service with Pastor David Mohr, President of the Rotary Club of Slatington, and with PDG Roger Whitcomb playing the music on piano. Closing Remarks were given by RIPR PDG Jerry and DG Gary gave recognition to his Conference Committee. DGE Doug and his conference committee introduced his conference with a witty skit and encouraged everyone to join him next year at the 2016 District Conference on April 8-10, 2016, at The Inn at Pocono Manor.

A fantastic "Conference Review in Pictures" was prepared and presented by Photographer Chris Hornaman. DG Gary and Lynne closed the conference with remarks of gratitude and thanks. Wishing everyone has a safe journey home, DG Gary then rang the Rotary Bell officially ending the 2015 District Conference.

Lynne, I, and Dave Dries thank everyone who helped in any way to make the 2015 District Conference a great success. We also thank those who attended for your support to us and to our district. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you!



Let us all continue to:

LIGHT UP ROTARY THROUGH EDUCATION

District Governor 2014-15 Gary S. Fedorcha



You kill vegetarian vampires
with a steak to the heart





Why These Rotary Members Can't Stop Attending conventions

Phyllis Jane Nusz, a past district governor from California, USA, attended her first Rotary International convention in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1997 as an incoming club president.



"I have never stopped going since," she says. "It was amazing to see people for the first time from all over the world -- the different languages, dress, and food. But we all had the same dedication to Rotary."

"I ran into so many people I never knew before but who today are still my

friends, and I share Christmas cards with them, take part in club projects with them, join together for family activities, and so much more."

Rotary's annual convention gives members an opportunity to travel, to explore new cultures, and to meet new friends, all while exchanging ideas with leaders equally committed to making a difference in the world. In the past decade, Rotary members have been entertained by hosts in Birmingham, England; Montréal, Quebec, Canada; New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; Bangkok, Thailand; Lisbon, Portugal; and Sydney, Australia. The 2015 convention will bring the family of Rotary to São Paulo, Brazil.

Many host cities make special accommodations for convention goers, such as dedicated trains to and from the convention site and sightseeing packages in and around the city.

There's no better way for newer members to learn about Rotary on a larger scale. Workshops and breakout sessions enable convention goers to enhance their leadership skills, gain insights into Rotary's inner workings, and learn about a variety of service-related topics. Sessions explore subjects like Rotary Foundation grants, resources available to clubs, and how a club



Conventions *continued*

can work with partners and the local community to take on larger projects that will have a sustainable impact.

In the House of Friendship, attendees can visit booths showcasing Rotary service projects, where they might find a partner for their project. They can also learn about Rotary Fellowships -- groups of Rotarians who share a common interest -- and Rotarian Action Groups, which are autonomous groups of members with expertise in a particular field.

Tanya Wolff, who has been to 11 Rotary conventions, most enjoys connecting with old friends and meeting new ones.

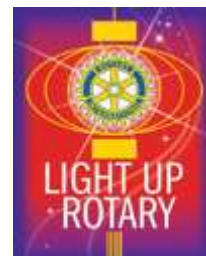
"I spend a lot of time in the House of Friendship after attending the speaker sessions," says Wolff, a member of the Rotary Club of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. "The rest of the time, I'm exploring the city or country. Where else can you go where there are thousands of people you share so much with?"

Evan Burrell, a former Rotaractor and now a member of the Rotary Club of Turramurra, in New South Wales, Australia, is also no stranger to conventions. At last year's event in Sydney, he befriended scores of Rotary members, snapping selfies with them to share on social media with as many other attendees as possible.

Burrell says he discovered the thrill of Rotary conventions when members in his district helped him attend the 2010 Convention in Montréal as a district Rotaract representative.

"Rotary conventions are just a blast," Burrell says. "It's when you know you are part of a bigger organization and you see the melting pot that is Rotary, the internationality of it all, and the rainbow of cultures.

"In the House of Friendship," he adds, "you see all the different projects. To me, the best thing about Rotary is convention, and the chance to meet so many different people and share ideas. It really is our best selling point to outsiders because it shows what we do and what we are about."





What Others Say About the Successful 2015 District Conference

From noon on Friday April 24th until noon on Sunday April 26th Rotarians and their guests and friends gathered at The Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg for fellowship and to celebrate a very successful 2014-15 Rotary Year. DG Gary and wife Lynne were our hosts, and Conference Chair Dave Dries and the Slatington RC Rotarians along with Rotarians from around our five county district made it all happen.

Bethlehem RC's President Rob Littner wrote: Greetings Fellow Rotarians: I just returned from the District Conference and wish to report that it was another outstanding event. There are many highlights to share but one that stands out to me is being with the 22 inbound and outbound Youth Exchange students. What an amazing group of young adults. Patti Smith, District Chair of Youth Exchange, who spoke to our club a few months ago, received a Rotary International Distinguished Service Award, one of only 150 such awards worldwide, in recognition of her more than 20 years of service in Youth Exchange. It was very moving to hear video clips from several of her prior exchange students and how much impact the program and Patti made in their lives 10 and 20 years later. Also our very own Ham Malek was a presenter on the S2L Transitional Services for young adults with disabilities. There will be more highlights to follow including comments from Roger and Ham.

Emmaus RC President Mark Erle reports: I returned recently from a weekend at the District 7430 Conference in Gettysburg, PA. The event was quite inspirational. Saturday morning, in my opinion, was the highlight of the weekend. The assembly was treated to an overview of local and international projects benefiting those less fortunate. The projects ranged from providing a recreational camp in Pennsylvania for physically and mentally challenged young people to providing running water and electricity at a school in Sierra Leone. It was heartwarming to learn about these projects and the transformational impact on the beneficiaries.

The common thread in all the projects, aside from Rotarians serving others, is the Rotary Foundation. As you and I contribute to the Foundation - either directly or through programs such as Every Rotarian Every Year and End Polio Now, the contributions are pooled with others and made available to clubs such as ours via global and district grants. The grants leverage our investment in a project oftentimes at a two to one ratio. In fact, many times our investment is leveraged at an even higher multiple depending on the number of clubs involved, the location of the clubs, and the nature of the project! Another fact worth sharing is that the overhead of the Foundation is only 8%. So you can feel good



What Others Say About the Successful 2015 District Conference **continued**

about supporting the Foundation knowing that 92 cents on every dollar is actually going towards its intended purpose... to help others.

You should consider attending the next District Conference. I'm sure you would find it both educational and inspirational.

The Norristown SPOKE said:

At the 2015 District Conference, it was reported that the District's Rotary Foundation 'Million Dollar Journey' challenge set last year at this time has been reached with contributions currently at \$1.2 million. Contributions to this fund are set to a \$10,000 minimum but can take non-cash contributions such as bequests and stocks. With another year to go, we have the opportunity to (in true Rotary fashion) exceed expectations! Congratulations to the contributors and to the committee on a job well done.

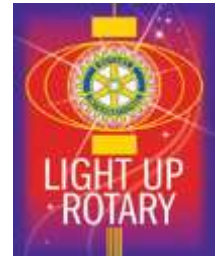
Bethlehem Morning Star Ron Searfoss wrote:

Morning Star was well represented at the District Conference in Gettysburg as President Kolepp indicated. Light Up Rotary was a very appropriate theme with a wonderful celebration of Rotary fellowship. A quick synopsis follows with more extensive observations next week.

Exchange programs were a significant part, both the Friendship Exchange Team from Wales and the amazing Youth Exchange students – 22 inbound and outbound students. Truly the future will be in good hands **with these young 'future Rotarians'!**

There were presentations on excellent and highly successful Community Programs as well as Global Education Projects.

Patti Smith, District Chair of Youth Exchange, received a Rotary International Service Above Self Award, one of only 150 such awards worldwide annually, in recognition of her more than 20+ years of service in Youth Exchange. Video clips from several of her prior exchange students, including the first in 1993, highlighted how much impact the program and Patti made in their lives. Truly she profits most who serves best!





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.



Be recharged

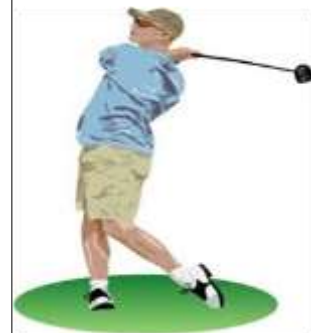
Join the celebration in São Paulo

Connect with other Rotary members over your favorite blend of coffee, experience the pulsing beat of samba as it sweeps you off your feet, and let world-renowned chefs dazzle your taste buds at the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, 6-9 June. Like the city itself, the São Paulo convention will bring together people from around the world eager to celebrate and share their diverse backgrounds. Register by 31 March to get a discount on the registration fee.

Register Now

SAVE THE DATE
For the District Gol Outing

Thursday, October 8, 2015
At Silver Creek Country Club



Speech Contest

Niara Savage of Souderton-Telford wins \$1,000 1st Place Prize at
Speech Contest Finals in Gettysburg

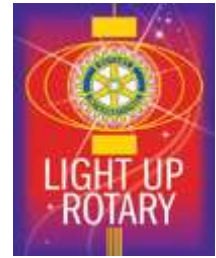
Only minutes away from the site where President Abraham Lincoln gave the **“Gettysburg Address” on November 19, 1863**, four courageous high school students delivered their own speeches on April 25th, 2015.



At exactly 11:20 a.m. on that day, Haley Miller was the first of the **four finalists in this year’s 4Way Test Speech Contest to take the stage** to deliver her speech. She was followed by Grace Kutz, Deniz Tunceli and Niara Savage. The four students had emerged out of 4 Regional competitions which were held two weeks earlier at different locations throughout Rotary District 7430. In February and March of this year, 25 Rotary Clubs conducted their own Club level contests using a similar format.

An audience of more than 200 Rotarians and guests, including the **students’ parents, witnessed a display of skill and courage by the four** high school age students as they delivered passionate speeches on topics of their own choice. Throughout their speeches they applied and examined the four questions we ask ourselves to guide our **thoughts, words and actions, known as “The Four Way Test”**. (1. Is it the Truth? 2. Is it Fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships? 4. Is it Beneficial to all concerned?)

While Haley spoke about the downsides of technology such as **smartphones and ipads**, **Grace’s topic addressed sexual harassment** and assault. Deniz spoke about the detrimental effects of social **media** and **Niara’s topic addressed the importance of caring for the world’s environment**. **Following the last of the four speeches the audience erupted in a thunderous standing ovation in recognition of the four students’ remarkable speeches.**





Speech Contest *continued*



The speeches were judged by a panel of three Judges using rigorous scoring criteria in the categories of Content, Organization and Delivery. The three Judges were Maria van Norman, Bill Weber and Rich Aichele assisted by Teller Marie Ann Thompson and Timekeeper Jerry Friedman.

While the Judges were out to do determine the winner, all four contestants were interviewed on stage by Linda Friedman. The audience thoroughly enjoyed hearing directly from the students about how they selected their topic, which schools and grade they attended as well as their hobbies, families and plans for the future.

As Committee Chair Joe Wynands announced the results, District Governor Gary Fedorcha presented certificates and checks to each of the students. Niara Savage (Souderton-Telford) placed first and received a check for \$1,000 which was sponsored by Susquehanna Bank. Deniz Tunceli (Warrington) came in second (\$500), Grace Kutz (Hamburg) 3rd place (\$350) and Haley Myer (West Reading/Wyomissing) earned 4th place overall (\$250).

Joe Wynands recognized all the Club speech contest coordinators as well the Regional contest coordinators Hilda Letman, Linda McCrillis and Michael Seidner, who assisted by John Vira and David Kaplan, organized the regional contests and provided support to the Clubs through this season.

Lastly a big THANK YOU goes out to all Rotarians who served as Judges, Tellers and Timekeepers during the Club level contests. It is because of the enthusiastic support and dedication from all the Rotarians in our District that the 4Way Test Speech contest con-



Speech Contest continued

tinues to grow and provide this opportunity to students to challenge themselves while honing their public speaking skills as well as their critical thinking and ethical decision making skills.

The speeches can be viewed and heard by going to www.youtube.com and typing one **of the contestants' names in the search bar.**

MY ROTARY: YOUR CLUB RESOURCE HUB

Rotary International

Take advantage of Rotary's online tools!

Go to rotary.org at "My Rotary" to find time-saving resources for all your club needs:

Rotary Club Central: Check your progress on club activities and plans and add accomplishments!

Brand Center: Create promotional materials with our latest branding tools

Rotary Ideas: Find donors, partners, and volunteers for your projects





Did You Know?

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a decentralized organization now with 81 Divisions, ranging in size from one district to 27 districts. The purpose of divisions is to enable Rotarians from different countries, districts and cultures to tailor their activities in accordance with local needs. The function of the International RLI (International officers and Regional Chairs/Co-Chairs) is to provide the resources and support for successful programs. It provides a recommended curriculum developed by a large curriculum committee with requested input from all divisions, provides faculty training for new divisions, provides for an annual convention breakfast and facilitates breakfasts or other events at Rotary Institutes, facilitates translations, suggests policies and "best practices", maintains two web sites, etc. The Intl. RLI does not run courses.

A person cannot taste food unless it is mixed with saliva. For example, if strong-tasting substance like salt is placed on a dry tongue, the taste buds will not be able to taste it. As soon as a drop of saliva is added and the salt is dissolved, however, a definite taste sensation results. This is true for all foods. Try it!

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.

Please contact PDG Bill Palmer at bill966@ptd.net to have your bequest recognized by RI, or at least to be counted as part of our D7430 total commitment.



Why can't a bike stand on its own?

It's two tired.

Club News

Bethlehem



Congratulations to Bethlehem Rotarian Donald Spieth – right. Don's grandson Jordan won the Masters' Golf tournament in record-setting fashion after leading all four rounds.



Emmaus

Friendship Exchange with Argentine

Burt Duren and Gary Rohrbach, members of last month's Friendship Exchange to Argentina, presented Rotary banners to President Mark Erle. The banners were from the Rotary Club of Parque Pereyra in District 4890, the Rotary club of Escobar, District 4825, and the Rotary Club of La Lucila, in District 4895





Club News *continued*

Bethlehem Morning Star

MORNING STAR 25th
CELEBRATION.....A
GREAT TIME WAS
HAD BY ALL!!!

The venue was great!
The food was great! But
it was all about the
people and fellowship!



Reading

Zumbathon at Albright to benefit YMCA's Baby University

The Reading Rotary Club held a two-hour Zumbathon Saturday to benefit the YMCA of Reading & Berks County's Baby University.

Baby University, which offers parent education classes and home visits to Reading parents of children up to age 3, has been facing financial hardship.

After learning what the program is all about, the Rotary club members decided to host the Zumba event as a fun way to help out.



"People shouldn't be intimidated by Zumba; we create a friendly and welcoming environment," said Colleen Makowiecki, the Rotary club's president-elect. "It's about having fun and raising money for a good cause."



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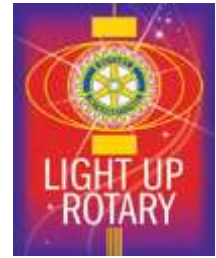
Ambler



WORDSWORTH INTERACT TREE PLANTING – 4-16-15:

The Semi Annual tree planting begins with reciting the 4 Way Test, lots of pizza and water and then off to plant some 40 trees. Our club members donated 27 of the 40 trees. Rotarians Dick Target, Paula Kadel and Diane Schueler worked with the students and Rotarian Eric

Faddis took a few photos. Our own Steve Bass is the Interact advisor. Thanks for assisting these well deserving young people.



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:

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Times to Act

RC PRESIDENTS:

May 31, 2015 D7430 Governor's Citation applications are due to DG Gary.

Urge members to get their RI Foundation donations in by late June so they count this Rotary year.

Be sure to close out and issue reports for your 2014-15 District Grants.

RC PRESIDENTS-ELECT:

Have your 2015-16 officers, goals and projects been registered in Rotary Club Central?

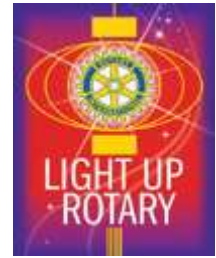
I started a band called 999 Megabytes - **we haven't gotten a gig** yet.



Spotlight on Outstanding Rotarians



Allan Syphers
RC of Blue Bell
District 7430 Rotarian earns
President's Volunteer Service Award



SARASOTA, Fla., April 15, 2015 – As National Volunteer Week, April 12-18, is being observed, Allan Syphers, a member of the Rotary Club of Blue Bell of Rotary District 7430, has been recognized by President Obama and humanitarian organization, ShelterBox USA with the **President's Volunteer Service Award for his efforts in 2014 to assist disaster survivors.**

When disasters like Cyclone Pam in the Vanuatu and the Syrian refugee crisis strike, many want to help. Syphers took action for ShelterBox, an international disaster relief organization that delivers emergency tented shelter and other lifesaving supplies to survivors of disasters and other humanitarian crises.

Through Allan's efforts of raising awareness and funds for ShelterBox, the organization was able to respond to more than 23 disasters last year, providing families with disaster relief tents, cook stoves, water filters, blankets, mosquito **nets, children's packs and other essential** equipment. In one of the more busy years in ShelterBox history, ShelterBox has sent aid to support more than 10,500 families.



"I am incredibly honored to work alongside our volunteers, including Allan," said Alan Monroe, Interim Executive Director of ShelterBox USA. "It is through their continuous efforts that we are able to bring shelter, warmth and dignity to so many families displaced by disaster around the globe."

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the **President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals** of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.





D7430 Has a New Rotaract Club

Rotarians Mark A. Erle (Emmaus RC) and George Charles Morrison (Saucon RC) have received official notification from RI of their successful joint sponsorship of the Rotaract Club of Penn State Lehigh Valley.

The Rotaract club president (2014-2015) is Theodore Aguilar. Mark Erle is one of the Rotaract Advisors 2014-2015.

We wish our fellow Rotarians and new Rotaractors much success **as they pursue avenues which parallel Rotary's Service Above Self** motto.

PRESIDENTS-ELECT Training Schedule

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



Membership Info



Is your club fun?

The Rotary Club of San Francisco Evening puts into practice what many successful clubs have

learned: that it's important to continually assess what you offer members and make sure you are providing opportunities for service,

personal development, and fun. And even with

their crazy wigs and funny glasses, members honor Rotary's traditions

and values.

- Read about the club in a post on Rotary Voices
- Get resources to take your club from good to great
- Join a discussion about attracting and keeping members



Share your passion for Rotary!
REFER A MEMBER!



It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs
because they always take things literally.



polio news

13th Jan, 2014
 will be an historic day for Rotary when
 India shall be declared **POLIO FREE!**

**Bye Bye Polio...
 Thank you Rotary!**

Rotary 
 Proud to be a Rotarian.

NEW POLIO CASES as of 29 April 2015

In the 3 endemic countries:

	2015 YTD	2014 YTD
Pakistan	22	54
Afghanistan	1	3
Last new cases		Jan 21, 2015
Nigeria	0	2
Last new case		July 24, 2014
in non-endemic countries	0	9

Our thoughts are with the people of Nepal, where the polio infrastructure is closely involved in relief operations. Polio staff are often among the first to respond in emergencies by utilizing their local knowledge and strong systems to plan, monitor and implement the response.

Sunday, April 12th, marked 60 years since Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine was declared "safe, effective and potent." We now are in a better position than ever to eradicate polio, but we have a narrow window of opportunity to advance on our progress and achieve a polio-free world.



Your Foundation Update



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

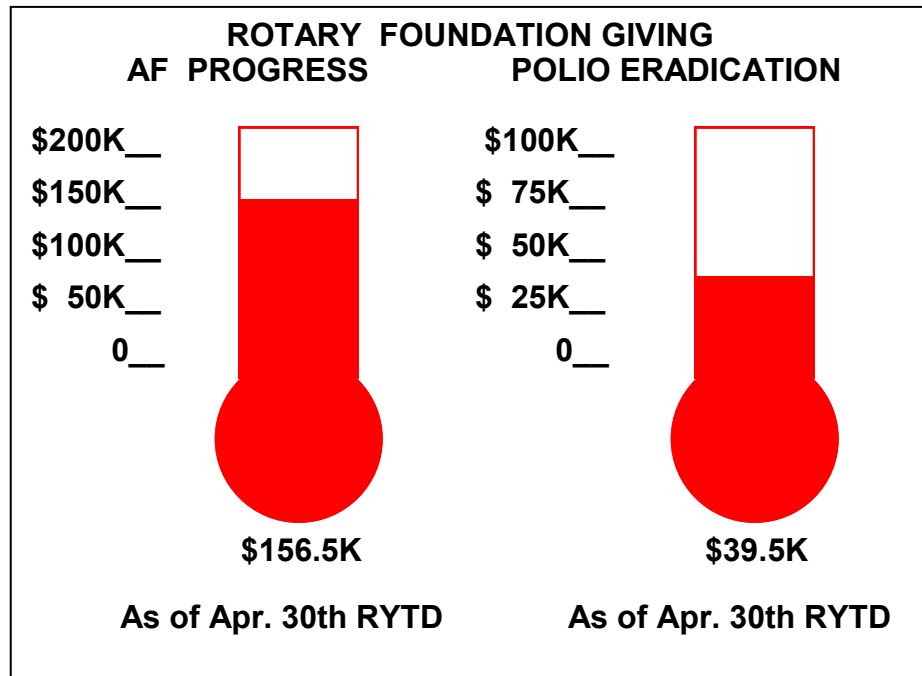


April 27, 2015
 RYTD Giving to the
 RI Annual Fund

143 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
 email PDG Bill
 Palmer at
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RC President's Message April 16, 2015:

Rotarians,

“When non-Rotarians hear us talk about "service" in Rotary, there may be a tendency by some to recoil a bit and view service as a requirement or obligation of Rotarians. However, our service to others is actually a privilege. We get to help others because we are fortunate to be in a position where we can leverage our time and/or financial resources to make a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Mark A. Erle

GRANT UPDATES:

There are two more District Grant applications for 2014-15, but the earlier approved grant for Blue Bell will not happen.



Your Foundation Update *continued*

There were 19 requests from 18 RCs for 2015-16 District Grants. 17 were approved and \$4,400 will roll over to Global Grants.

TRAINING

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

What is the Paul Harris Society ?

An Individual Donating \$1,000 every year to:

Annual Fund and / or Polio Plus and / or an Approved Foundation grant becomes a PHS member. Donations can be monthly, quarterly or annually using Rotary Direct, for example.

D7430 currently has 52 Rotarians committed to this generosity.



STRIKE OUT HUNGER

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5th 2015

Phillies vs Dodgers

This marks the return of Jimmy Rollins, a possible future Hall-of-Famer. He was traded to the Dodgers over the Winter.

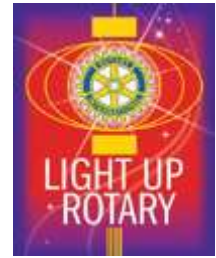
Note that \$9 of every ticket sold to a Rotarian will **go to the RI Foundation's Annual Fund.**

More details available on the district website or contact PDG Gerry Long at: longgolf@ptd.net.



PDG Dr. Ronald W. Smith Receives Service Award

PDG Dr. Ronald W. Smith Receives Service to Community Award from the Drexel University Alumni Association



PDG Ron Smith (Blue Bell RC) was notified in March that, on behalf of the Drexel University Alumni Association, that he was selected to receive the Service to Community Award. The formal presentation of this award is scheduled to take place during the Alumni Association Awards Ceremony at Alumni Weekend on Saturday,

May 2, 2015.

Ira M. Taffer, Ph.D.'79, '83, Chair, Alumni Association Board of

Governors congratulated Ron on this special honor as do our D7430 Rotarians and friends.

RI says: GET READY FOR YOUR JULY CLUB INVOICE; CREATE A MY ROTARY ACCOUNT TODAY

Your next club invoice will be available **online in late July. Make sure you're** able to access it by creating a My Rotary account.





Light Up Rotary Through Education

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:

From the Emmaus Trumpet

Two years ago, U.S. Rotary members in Maine set out to improve the education system in Bikaner, Rajasthan, an Indian city near the border of Pakistan.

The Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside chose Bikaner because club member Rohit Mehta was originally from the area and had connections there. Mehta put the club in contact with Rotarians in India to provide desks for four government-run schools.



But when community leaders returned with a request for more desks, the Maine Rotarians decided they had to think bigger. The Rotary Foundation had rolled out its new grant model, which required that the club do more than just purchase school furniture to qualify for global grant funding. Club leaders put their heads together and turned a simple project to provide school desks into a global grant

project by adding a campaign to recruit new students and professional development for teachers.

Rotary stands #UpForSchool

An estimated 58 million children around the world don't have access to basic education. Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors are taking action to change that by participating in the Stand **#UpForSchool petition initiative, which proclaims every child's** right to go to school, without danger or discrimination. Together, we can help create the biggest petition in history and show the world how Rotary mobilizes its communities to support education. Sign the #UpForSchool global petition.

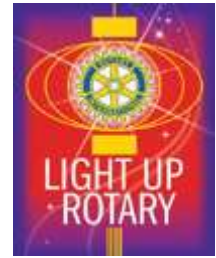


Light Up Rotary Through Education continued

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute

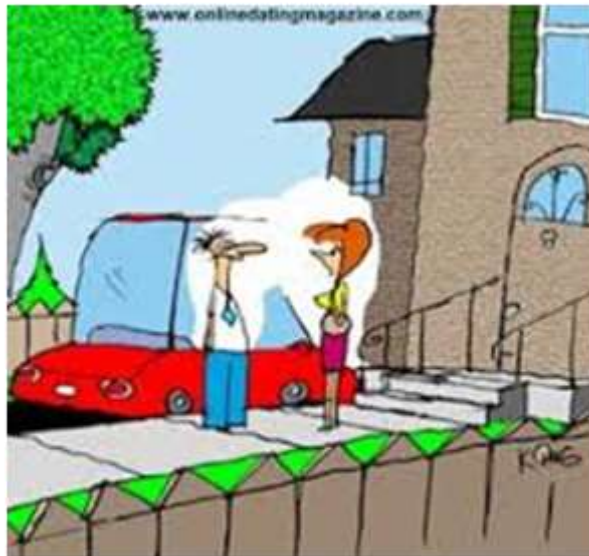
Check out www.rlinea.org for the Spring 2015 schedule of training opportunities.

The King of Prussia event this year is scheduled for November 7th.



“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



*“Let’s go back to meeting on-line.
You’re much better looking there.”*

RC SECRETARIES --- WE NEED YOU

Each RC Secretary is asked to go to the Rotary Website as well as the District Website and update all the club officers and venue information for the 2015-16 Rotary year. AND if something changes, please go back to these websites and enter the new data, venue changes too.





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>

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

Foundation

Please see the page “Our Foundation” for more details.

The “Million \$\$ Journey “is underway. District Rotarians are planning to schedule brief presentations to our RCs.



The next Grant training and certification opportunity will be the afternoon of the District Training Assembly on May 16th.

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. One member did in January.

Membership

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



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

The inbound students are planning their extended summer travels. A Farewell Picnic is planned

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

Camp Neidig
(RYLA):

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



District Committee Reports continued



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

Interact:

Rotaplast: There will be a full mission to Pereira, Colombia from September 14-28, 2015. Randy Floyd will be District Chair starting July 1, 2015. Contact Chair DGN Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com.



Before

After



ShelterBox: Allan Syphers - Blue Bell RC - has received a special award for the excellent work of D7430 Rotarians and friends who continues to be a significant supporter of ShelterBox USA. See separate article. 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. The 2015 event at King of Prussia will be on November 7th.



Chris Potter will be the RLI Chair starting July 1st.



Contact Chair, DGN Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com.

4 Way Test Speech Contest: The finals of the 2015 contests were held on April 25th at the Gettysburg District Conference. See separate article. There were 25 RCs participating this year. Contact Chair is Joe Wynands Joe.Wynands@susquehanna.net.



Friendship Exchange: A team from Wales visited D7430 late April 2015 and attended the District Conference, too. A D7430 team will go to Wales in September 2015. The Argentina team will visit D7430 in Spring 2016. Contact Chair Cindy Hornaman at hornamca@ptd.net.



Rotaract: The new Rotaract club - Penn State Lehigh Valley - has received its credentials from RI. Contact Chair is David Kaplan at rotary@davidskaplan.com.

District Website: PDG Tony Jannetta at 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.



Paul M. Fenstermaker, 82, of Macungie, died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the VNA Hospice House, L. Saucon Twp. For 51 years, he was husband of the late Jeanette (Kerschner) Fenstermaker. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Paul J. and Edna M. (Frey) Fenstermaker.

He served as a police officer for the City of Allentown from 1958-1965, and later served in various districts throughout the Commonwealth as a supervisor of the PA Liquor Control Board from 1965-1991. He was a chief warrant officer (W4) Retired Navy from 1945-1991. His passion was anything involving Navy or World War II.

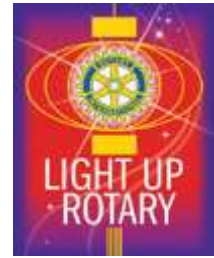
Long-time fellow Rotarian, Paul was a retired Allentown police officer, a Paul Harris Sustaining member who was admitted into the club in 1972. Paul didn't say much at meetings but he was a faithful Rotarian who attended regularly. He'll certainly be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

“To live in the hearts of others is never to die.”



Calendar of Events

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2015



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

Jun 19 thru 22 -- Camp Neidig 2015 at Camp Manatawny

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

Aug 5 -- Strike Out Hunger at the Phillies

Sept 24-27 -- ZONE Institute at The Omni in Providence, R.I.

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

Oct 8 -- District GOLF OUTING at Silver Creek CC in Hellertown.

Oct 31 -- RI Foundation Seminar w/ D7450 at MONTCO CC in Blue Bell

Nov 7 -- Rotary Leadership Institute at the KOP Radisson

Nov 7 -- Rotary Day at the United Nations

CLUB EVENTS

May 9 -- **Norristown RC's annual Pancake fundraiser at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church.**

May 16 -- RC Norristown, Used Bicycle & Sewing Machine Collection; drop off at Norristown Area HS - noon to 4PM

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

Jun 1st -- Joint Bethlehem/Bethlehem Morning Star Golf Tournament at Silver Creek CC in Hellertown.

Jun 13th -- Fleetwood RC annual SHOW on WHEELS at Fleetwood Park – rain or shine. Email carshow@jblong.com

