



# Rick's M.A.D. Report

## (Rotarians Making a Difference)



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### DG Rick's Remarks

Happy New Year!



### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Year after year, I make New Year's resolutions that last about as long as a toupee in a hurricane. So, I got to thinking: Why do we make it so hard on ourselves? Why do we make our resolutions so difficult? It did not take me long as I began to think outside the box. I will just make my resolutions easy to accomplish. Why did I not think of this before? It is brilliant! Here are a few examples:

1. Gain 5 lbs. before the end of January. – Boom, done!
2. Drink 5 craft beers I have never tried before. Easy Peasy, just finished off that 6 pack sampler I got for Christmas.
3. Stop telling my wife what to do. Another easy one, I now just write her notes. Brilliant!

Who said New Year's Resolutions have to be hard?

Here is another one, and this time I am serious. Make this New Year's resolution and it will be easy to keep, and next year at this time you will look back and be proud of what you accomplished. Here you go: Become a Paul Harris Fellow by signing up for "ROTARY DIRECT". Once you sign up your work is done.

Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, supports Service Above Self year-round through recurring gifts that allow you to choose how often and how much you give. It's a simple and secure way to make a big impact and stick to your New Year's resolution.

A monthly, quarterly, or annual gift option is available for all online contributions via the online giving form at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>, or enroll by

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## **DG Rick's Remarks** continued

phone at +1-866-976-8279. Rotary Direct accepts contributions of \$10.00 per month or more by either a credit card or a debit card. But if you want to fulfill your resolution to become a Paul Harris Fellow, simply set up a monthly donation of \$84.00 and next year at this time you will be a Paul Harris Fellow.

If you have any questions call your Foundation Area Coordinator, your Assistant Governor, The District Foundation Chair: PDG Doug Cook, or me. There is plenty of assistance to help you stick with your New Year's resolution and become a Paul Harris Fellow.

By the way, that third resolution I mentioned earlier about writing notes to my wife: Let's just say that one is not going quite as well as I expected.

*DG Rick*



## **David Akers is the New D7430 Public Relations Committee Chair**

District Governor Rick Gromis announced the appointment of David Akers as Chairman of The Public Relations Committee for the District. The filling of this position achieves an important goal which DG Rick talked about in his "Official Visit" presentations.

David is extremely qualified to Chair this Committee. He is President and CEO of Local Marketing Solutions. LMS is an award winning marketing /advertising agency that specializes in helping small and medium sized businesses and non-profit organizations. LMS has been identified by the Philadelphia Business Journal as one of the area's top marketing agencies for the last 5 years straight.

In his new position David will be responsible for the creation of a Social Media Task Force to help our clubs become more effective on social media. and to stay abreast of changes in this dynamic and rapidly changing communications channel.

David is a member of the Spring-Ford Area Rotary Club. His e-mail address is: [david@lmssolutions.biz](mailto:david@lmssolutions.biz) Please welcome David and help him where you can.

## **JANET KOLEPP NOMINATED for D7430 GOVERNOR 2020-21**



Please join me in congratulating our 2020-2021 District Governor, Janet Kolepp. The Nominating Committee met on December 16th and endorsed Janet for this position. One of the strengths in our District has been the selection of good leaders who have a passion for Rotary. Janet certainly demonstrates both qualities. Our future looks bright indeed!

Congratulations, Janet

*DG Rick*



Janet is a member of the Bethlehem Morning Star Rotary Club. She was involved in Rotary long before joining a club; first as a spouse of a Rotarian (Tom) and host Mom to Youth Exchange Students. But in 2008 she could no longer be on the sidelines and she joined the Lehigh Valley East Rotary Club.

Janet has served in many Rotary roles including Treasurer & President of Lehigh Valley East, Assistant Governor - Area 2, District 7430 RLI Site Chair, District Youth Exchange committee member, and Club YEO, Director and President Elect of Bethlehem Morning Star. Janet truly believes "Rotary Connects the World" and looks forward to serving as part of the District Leadership Team.

PDG Doug Cook, Chair of the 2017 Nominating committee, had the following Rotarians serving as the Nomination Team:

**PDG Linda Young -- Saucon, Center Valley**

**Assistant Governor Robert Hobaugh -- Kutztown**

**Sue Gromis -- Birdsboro**

**Shushma Patel -- Harleysville**

**Assistant Governor John Ortolf -- Doylestown**

**Mary Cook -- Collegeville**

**Joe Deegan -- Willow Grove**

**Assistant Governor Mike Seidner -- North Penn**

## **This is your Rotary Club: A New Approach to Keeping Members**



Jessica Connors and Club President Michael Della Rocca plant a tree, an example of the kind of projects that can give new members ownership and responsibility.

By Michael Bucca, membership chair of the Rotary Club of Central Ocean – Toms River, New Jersey, USA

So many Rotary membership events focus on engagement and retention. It makes sense. For every member that joins Rotary, it seems there's another member walking out the door. Long term engagement and retention are an important part of

successfully growing a club for the simple fact that new membership gains can be quickly wiped out by non-engaged members choosing to leave.

The advice being given by membership chairs and leaders is sound: get new members involved right away. Our club has taken this one step further by explaining something important to our new members:

**This is your Rotary club!**

A Rotary club is chartered by Rotary International, but who ultimately operates it? The membership does! All Rotarians pay the dues that allow the club to function, attend the meetings, and perform the work needed. In a sense, members are partial owners of the club in the way shareholders are of corporations. Rotary club membership can be just like a stock, except the dividends are derived from the active participation of the member!

So now that a new member has joined, how do you help them cash in on their Rotary dividends? They must be given a role that they can take ownership of. Most members of Central Ocean Rotary have a purpose. Many have found their niche that suits their own interests. For example, some are dedicated to an operational function of the club, while others work almost exclusively on community or international service projects.

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## A New Approach to Keeping Members *continued*

The best method for implementing this is letting a new member commission a service project or fundraiser for your club. This BYOP (bring your own project) approach gives the new member immediate ownership of something important. Your service projects and fundraising committees may have a few ideas for this new member, or simply let the person bring a project to the table. With this method, our club was able to complete nine service projects just in the first half of this Rotary year.

However, if a new member feels they are not ready for this level of responsibility and would rather sit back and observe, you can find another area of the club that they can contribute to and get their feet wet. Let the new member serve as club greeter or guest sergeant at arms to get them involved at a lower level of responsibility and work their way up via a committee or through mentoring.

Don't let your new members slip through the cracks. If you show them that the club belongs to every member, they will stick around for many years to collect dividends of fulfillment that Rotary service can provide!



### **YOUR KEY RI CONTACTS – CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)**

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Officer

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## How Rotary is Assisting Recovery in Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico is an island in the Caribbean, the smallest of the Greater Antilles, which is distinguished by its natural beauties, the talent of Puerto Ricans in music, arts, and sports, and above all for the warmth of its people.

But the so-called island of Enchantment was transformed by what already has been classified as the most catastrophic event in the history not only of Puerto Rico, but of the United States. More than a month after Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, our people are still struggling to recover from the impact of this natural phenomenon, which left so much desolation in its wake.



Rotary members deliver supplies to families in need in Puerto Rico.

Thousands of families have lost their houses totally or partially, either by winds of more than 185 miles per hour (295 km/h) or by the heavy rains that caused landslides that obstructed a lot of major roads, and overflowed all of our rivers and lakes. The force of the winds snatched the greenery out of our mountains, demolished much of our trees, and caused millions in damages to the infrastructure of the country.

But the response from Rotarians in District 7000 was quick and precise. A few days after the hurricane, several clubs around the island began to provide humanitarian aid to those affected. The

help included non-perishable food, water, hygiene kits, water filters, solar lights, and power generators.

Rotarians in Puerto Rico are now focused on the recovery and reconstruction phases. Rotary clubs have developed plans to work with pumping systems for renewable energy projects in communities without potable water, the installation of water filtration systems, and the rollout of community economic development projects for the most affected areas. Disease prevention efforts in areas affected by the hurricane are also taking place, among other initiatives.

Rotary International has established a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) of the Rotary Foundation (number 614), to support projects for the recovery of Puerto Rico. Given the great work that remains ahead, contributions from Rotarians to this fund will be essential to help Puerto Rico get back on their feet.

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## How Rotary is Assisting Recovery in Puerto Rico

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Without a doubt, the “Isla del Encanto” will need several years to fully recover, and many hands to help its people achieve it. And within those hands will be those of Rotarians from Puerto Rico and around the world with their contributions, ideas and volunteering, which all will make the difference in the lifting of Puerto Rico.

How to help:

A Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund designated by donors has been established to accept contributions that will aid hurricane victims in Puerto Rico.

Posted on November 29, 2017 by Rotary International

By José Lucas Rodríguez, governor of Rotary District 7000 (Puerto Rico)



**ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

*Friends of District 7430:*



## Clubs Making a Difference

### Norristown:

ROTARIANS turned out last Saturday to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. Thanks to Judy Bucko for organizing the event and Fred Hagglund for finding the kettles and playing for four hours.



And thanks go to those who came out to help Santa distribute presents to the Head Start group at OIC, and daycare kids at The Willow School. The kids were very happy to see Santa (T. Bown) and get the gifts.



### Emmaus:

#### Knauss Homestead Clean Up

Saturday, 18th November - Knauss Homestead Clean-up was well attended. Fellow Rotarians brought rakes and leaf blowers and managed to rake the leaves before the arrival of rain and wind a few hours later. Thank you to all who attended.



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## Clubs Making a Difference *continued*

### Muhlenberg:

#### Rotary Citrus – a Muhlenberg Tradition

The members of Muhlenberg Rotary gathered together on the portico in front of the Muhlenberg Middle School for their annual fresh citrus sale this past Saturday, December 2nd, as they have done for over three decades. The members come out in the cold morning air to unload a truck full of boxes of navels, juice oranges, ruby red grapefruit and sampler boxes. That's the first order of business.

Next comes the disbursement of all that fruit. The other clubs involved, Fleetwood and Hamburg, members arrive and loaded up their fruit into vans for their own deliveries. Customers who have ordered over the past 6 weeks start showing up to pick up their fruit.

Rotarians are bustling and hustling to help customers clear the accounting process and then getting the fruit to the cars. Off to the side, some Rotarians are pulling boxes of fruit for their "personal" deliveries.

One of the strangest sights we've ever had is having two businessmen members trying to outdo each other to see who could stuff the most fruit into his Cadillac. Cadillac's really look strange with all that extra weight.

Near the end of the appointed time slot for customer pickup, calls start being made to unaccounted for customers. "Oh, I forgot", and

"I thought it was next Saturday!" are common replies before they rush to get their oranges. But it all comes together and is over in about eight hours total. It's always a great day of fund raising for Rotary, Rotarians and the community. This past sale netted over \$2000 to support Muhlenberg Rotary's efforts in the community.



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## Clubs Making a Difference continued

### Huntingdon Valley Churchville:

Deck the "Hall" with Phillies Dick Allen



Pictured left to right- Dick Allen, George Furrer (Fan), Dan Baker (Phillies PA announcer), Drew Slousky (HV Churchville Rotary President), Mark Carfagno, Connie Newman (former Phils batting practice pitcher), Dick Rosen (Society for American Baseball Research.)

The baseball "Hot Stove League" convened on November 29 in Bucks County. Chaired by Mark Carfagno, The "Committee for Allen Belongs in the Hall" met with Huntingdon Valley - Churchville Rotary. Facing the controversies that hold Allen recognition back "head-on", the Committee advocates for Allen's Baseball Hall of Fame induction because of his tremendous power and production numbers over ten consecutive seasons.

### Bingo Blast 2017!!!

Rotary's Kathleen McKenney (standing) confirmed victory for one of seven happy Coach bag winners. Power tools were the other major prizes. Many also left extra happy with gifts donated by local businesses.



November 17- More than one hundred bingo faithful flocked to Warminster's Ben Wilson Senior Center Club for Huntingdon Valley- Churchville's second bingo nite. What a blast for participants and volunteers! Proceeds will benefit the club's children's charities. The event was co-chaired by Rotarians Drew Slousky and Kathleen McKenney. Drew offered a tremendous "thank you" to all who participated and assisted.



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## **OPPORTUNITY- TAKE A CRUISE AND SERVE OTHERS**



Last spring, ADG Michael Seidner took a small group from our District on one of these Fathom sailings to do good works in the Dominican Republic. This next opportunity is via Princess Cruises + Fathom Present "Cruise for the Caribbean."

Sail date is January 20, 2018 and the ports are Antigua — St. Thomas — St. Maarten — Amber Cove, DR

Join us on the Crown Princess as we sail to the Caribbean to enjoy four beautiful islands, as well as offer our hands and hearts to come alongside the communities and people affected by hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Call your travel agent or book direct. Once booked, email us your booking ID and physical address to join our Fathom Group. To learn more about our Cruise to the Caribbean, email us at [community@fathom.org](mailto:community@fathom.org).

Let's do this! Get ready for one heck of an inspirational cruise!

D7430 Rotaplast Chair Louise Zawadski reports: "I went, along with Alicia Ruiz Orbin & Andy Johanson, plus a few others. It was awesome! My husband volunteered at a chocolate program and reforestation project, while I visited a school and women's paper recycling plant. (Not sure if the tree-planting opportunity is offered again this time, but it sure fits DG Rick's goal of each member planting a tree somewhere, doesn't it?!)

"We also met some other Rotarians from Oregon and California, and had an onboard Rotary meeting together. When I returned, some of my club members expressed regret at missing out. I am hoping they get onboard this time around. If anyone would like to schedule a guest speaker for the club on this topic, I know Alicia has a program she would be willing to share."



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## 2018 Rotary International Conference- Toronto



### INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER

Come together with thousands of Rotarians at the 2018 Rotary Convention, where you'll hear insightful perspectives from world-renowned speakers and engage in stimulating breakout sessions.

While you're in Toronto, don't miss the remarkable views from the iconic CN Tower, one of the city's most popular attractions. Whether you visit one of the tower's three restaurants, test out the Glass Floor, or try the exhilarating EdgeWalk, you're sure to have an experience to remember.

Check out the convention's Facebook event page to receive the latest updates. Early-registration savings end 15 December, so register today!

<http://www.riconvention.org/>



## **D7430 ANNUAL FOUNDATION GALA**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 17th, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**We are holding our 2nd Annual Foundation Gala AND Since this is St Patrick's Day, we will be celebrating in true Irish Style.**

**There will be dinner, some recognition, basket raffles (all proceeds will go to the Annual Fund of the Foundation), dancing, and we may even have a pot of gold.**

**Dress for the men will be black tie optional, and for the ladies evening gowns or cocktail wear.**

**We are asking our Rotary Clubs to donate a basket each for the auction with a value of at least \$100. Last year you did a smashing job.**

**Lots of fun, fellowship and perhaps a jig will break out. More details to follow.**

***PDG Doug Cook***





# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



## YOUR FOUNDATION UPDATE



Annual Fund goal = \$201,800  
PolioPlus goal = \$50,000

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> YTD = \$56,123  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> YTD = \$42,926

# polio news

## NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of December 27th 2017

	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Pakistan	8	20
Afghanistan	12	13

## Using mobile phones to fight polio

Community health workers are the front lines of any polio vaccination campaign. They go door to door and stand at busy intersections, train stations, and bus stations to make sure every child is immunized against polio. And with the disease thriving in only a few remote areas in three countries, it's up to these health workers to deliver vaccines and share information with speed and accuracy.

In Pakistan, Rotary has been working to replace traditional paper-based reporting with mobile phone and e-monitoring technologies. Community health workers have received more than 800 mobile phones, with a goal to distribute 5,000 by the end of 2018.

Health workers can use the phones to send crucial data by text message. If they see a potential polio case, they can alert officials immediately. They can also note instances of children not receiving the vaccine, parents refusing it, and successful immunizations. The result is a collection of real-time information that officials can easily monitor and assess.

# MEMBERSHIP

## Membership Tip ---



**What first impression  
does your club give?**

Is your club welcoming to guests? How do you promote it? Rotary's customizable club brochure, available on Brand Center, allows you to upload photos of your club in action and show your community its projects and events.

Date	No. Members
June 30, 2017	1775
December 14, 2017	1798



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



**HAVE YOU RECRUITED  
YOUR SPEECH MAKERS?**

**IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE  
ANNUAL DISTRICT FOUR-WAY TEST  
SPEECH CONTEST.**

**SIGN UP YOUR RC NOW!**

## Other Articles of Interest

The **RI Insurance carrier** has changed. See separate article. Or the information can be found in the club information section of the district website.

**Club Central** on the RI website has been upgraded and it's quite easy to navigate. There is a printed guideline on its use "How to View Information\_en" that can be downloaded from <http://www.rotary.org>.

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

D7430 *Leaders and **Committee Chairs*** for 2017-18 are detailed on the D7430 website. District Organizational Chart [Click Here](#)

D7430 Committee Chairs and their contact information is available in the on-line *District Directory*. *The 2017-18 edition is out*, [Click Here](#) and you can download it from there.

## GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT



Enter The Rotarian annual photo contest and show us the world through Rotarians' eyes. Submit your photos through 15 February 2018.

[Click here for info](#)

## Start Saving with Rotary Global Rewards



Rotary members can enjoy discounts on travel, hotels, dining, entertainment, and more through Rotary Global Rewards, a new member benefit program that begins 1 July. Anyone can view the offers, but only Rotary members who sign in to their My Rotary accounts can redeem the discounts.

Check back often as more products and services from companies around the world will be added throughout the year.

Members can view the many offers available through Rotary Global Rewards through My Rotary, or by using a link to it. ClubRunner and DACdb have created a widget that can be used to add a Rotary Global Rewards link.

### Tell Us What You Are Doing

by the 25th of each month to:

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

*or*

*Sharon Rittenhouse, Publisher  
[rittenhouses Sharon@gmail.com](mailto:rittenhouses Sharon@gmail.com)*



# **MAD Day- Making A Difference Photo Contest Rules**

**Eligibility – The contest is open to all Rotary Clubs in District 7430**

**Categories –**

1. Having Fun at a MAD DAY
2. MAD DAY Service Project
3. MAD DAY Rotarians Making A Difference

**Entries – All entries must be made digitally. Hard copies will not be accepted.**

Entries should be sent via email to [Rotary4Ric@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary4Ric@gmail.com)

Each entry **MUST** include:

1. The Photo
2. A category, listed above (Only one category per photo)
3. A caption for the picture. (Part of the judging criteria will be the creativity of the caption!)
4. The Name of the submitting Rotary Club which held the MAD DAY
5. The date and location of the MAD DAY

**If the entry does not contain ALL 5 items it will not be considered**

**Judging – The District Governor will pick 3 finalists from each category. The final judging will be done by a panel of 4 judges picked by the District Governor and the DG will be one of the 4 judges. The photos will be judged according to the following criteria:**

1. Relevance 33.3%
2. Caption Creativity 33.3%
3. Impact 33.3%

**Judges will use a rating scale for each criterion from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest score.**

**Should there be a tie the DG will choose the winner, the decision of the judges will be final.**

**Awards - The following prizes will be awarded:**

1. For the club submitting the winning photo in each category, a \$50.00 donation will be made to the foundation in the name of the club.
2. The Best of Show (picked from the 3 category winners and selected by the 4 judges) will win an additional \$100.00 to the Foundation in the name of the submitting club.

**Deadline for Submission – Sunday 12:00 AM - April 1, 2018**

**GOOD LUCK !!!**



## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### 2018

Feb 10th -- Multi-Zone Peacebuilding Conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Feb 22-24th -- Mid-Atlantic PETS

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> -- District Foundation Gala at Pinecrest CC

Apr 27-29<sup>th</sup> -District Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing

Apr 14<sup>th</sup> -- 4-Way Test Speech Contest Regionals

May 12<sup>th</sup> -- District Training Assembly

June 23-27th -- RI Convention in Toronto, Canada

Jun 28<sup>th</sup> -- District Changeover and Awards

Jun 28<sup>th</sup> -- D7430 Council of Governors Meeting

Sep 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> -- Zone Institute in Montreal, Canada

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> -- The 2018 Rotary Leadership Institute in District 7430. It will be held again in the Gambet Center of DeSales University.





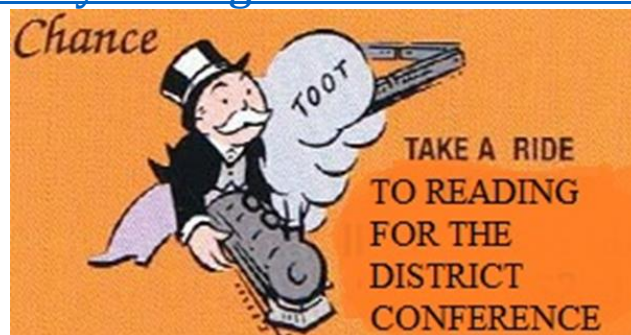
**Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
Wyomissing, PA  
April 27th, 28th & 29th  
2018**

**Making Tracks  
to the Future**

with DG Rick Gromis

For Tickets Go To:

[www.rotarymakingtracks2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.rotarymakingtracks2018.eventbrite.com)



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## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE** continued

**Attention all Rotarians who have never attended a District Conference** or who have and thought they were too expensive, too far away, or too much of a time commitment for your busy life. This is no longer your father's Rotary Club or District!!

The upcoming 2018 District Conference offers a Saturday day only package for \$99 and a Friday through Sunday conference package for \$199\*. For those who can't do either, there's also the option of the Friday opening session, the "Best of the Wurst" (local craft beer tasting, brats and a German themed dinner), with entertainment for only \$60 as a way to experience the fellowship and networking with District Rotarians from 45 clubs in 5 counties.

Friday is just the appetizer. The theme of the conference is Leadership, Youth Programs, and Fun, so mark your calendars now for April 27, 28, and 29, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing, PA. To register today, visit our District Conference page [here](#).

You'll never have a better opportunity to find out what you've been missing and to find out what Rotary is really like at the next level.

Questions???? Please contact Dave Dries at [didries@aol.com](mailto:didries@aol.com)

See you there!

### **DID YOU KNOW of these Rotarians?**

**Emmanuel "Manny" Dapidran Pacquiao**  
Rotary Club of Manila 101, Philippines  
World champion professional boxer and politician

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**  
Rotary Club of Albany 68, New York  
President of the USA



## **We note the recent passing of Rotarians**



**William M. Angell**, age 79, of Doylestown died on December 8, 2017 at Doylestown Hospital after a prolonged battle with cancer. He was the husband of Hermine Angell.

He was a Doylestown Rotary Club member, past President and model Rotarian.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of the late Henry and Grace (Carlson) Angell.

He held degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Universities of Minnesota and Akron. He was an active member of the community as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and The Brotherhood

of St. Andrew.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons: Thomas, Nicolas (Julie) and Christopher (Elizabeth), two grandchildren: Kristin and William and his brother, Richard (Kristin).

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**Daniel G. "Dan" Ritter**, age 80 of Blue Bell PA, died Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Abington Hospice, Warminster. Born in Boyertown, PA, he was the son of the late Harvey D. and the late Sarah (nee Gottshall) Ritter.

Dan was a graduate of the Boyertown High School and Lehigh University Class of 1958 where Dan was a member of the Marching Band and Choral Group.

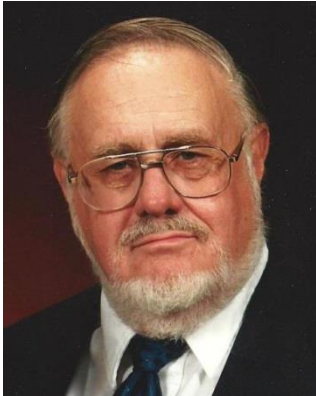
Dan was the owner of Beautyguard Manufacturing Company in Ambler for 52 years prior to retiring in 2016. He loved traveling the world with his wife Anne and was a proud and generous citizen of the Ambler Community. Dan was invited to join the Ambler Savings Bank Board of Directors in 1972 and was elected chairman of the board in 1998. He served on the board for 45 years and 19 years as the chairman before retiring in 2017.

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## In Memoriam continued

He was also a member of the Rotary Club of Ambler with perfect attendance for 50 years. He served as the Rotary Club's president during the 1975-1976 term, was an active trustee and the treasurer of the Rotary District 7430 Camp Neidig. He was a Rotary Foundation major donor and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

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**Larry A. Wingard**, 79, formerly of Legacy Oaks in Macungie, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Luther Crest. He was the husband of Virginia D. "Ginny" (Maher) Milley Wingard, to whom he was married for 27 years.

Born in Shade Twp., Somerset County, he was the son of the late Kermit Ross and Miriam Jennetta (Huston) Wingard. Larry had a career as a Boy Scout professional, United Way executive, professional fundraiser, development officer and stewardship leader for congregations and agencies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

He joined Rotary at age 24 and was on the faculty of the Rotary Leadership Institute and a member of the International Fellowship of Rotary Musicians. He was president of the Emmaus Rotary Club in 2007-2008.

He loved playing tuba and the string bass, and was president of the Macungie Band. He was a member of the Association of Concert Bands.

Larry was an active member of the Friends of Flight 93, which supports the Flight 93 National Memorial near where he grew up in western Pennsylvania.

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**Edward Richard Aichele III**, 69, a resident of Upper Black Eddy, PA since 1978, passed away December 21, 2017 at the Lutheran Community at Telford after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rich was born February 3, 1948 in Glen Cove, NY and grew up in Hilltown, PA. He was the son of the late Edward Richard Aichele Jr. and Janet (Stevenson) Aichele.

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## **In Memoriam** continued

He graduated in 1966 from Pennridge High School, attended Pennsylvania State University and later graduated from Temple University in 1980 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

During this time, Rich had also enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served four years of active duty beginning in 1968 followed by 35 years in the Air Force Reserves as a member of the 913th Tactical Airlift Wing. With the closing of the Willow Grove Base in 2007, Rich retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after his 39 years of service.

From 1973 to 1995, Rich was employed by Union National Bank. He then continued his career at First Data until 2009. In 2010, Rich became the Executive Director of Keystone Opportunity Center where he spent six years embracing the community. He retired from Keystone in 2016. Alongside his professional career, he was a co-owner of Pennridge Beverage for 22 years.

Rich had a servant's heart as evidenced by his time spent with various organizations throughout the community including the Board of Directors at Bucks County Housing Authority, Board of Directors at Penn Community Bank, as well as the Fund Board and Capital Campaign Committee at Lutheran Community at Telford.

He was an active member of Living Hope Community Church in Dublin, PA, and a longtime member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Perkasio, PA, where he previously served as president of the church council. Rich was a 32nd degree mason with Lehigh Consistory and a member of Shiloh-MacCalla Lodge No. 558 F&AM of Souderton, PA where he served on the Audit Committee.

Rich was a longtime Rotarian serving first as the president of the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club. He was later involved in the formation of the Rotary Club of Harleysville in 1994, where he served as a charter member, former president, and most recently as treasurer. He also had the honor of being treasurer of Rotary District 7430 from July of 2012 to June of 2017.

Rich was a wonderful example of Rotary Service Above Self and like so many other dear to us that we have lost recently, he will be sadly missed.

## ROTARIANS MAKING a DIFFERENCE

### Souderton-Telford & Harleysville:



### Emmaus:

### Allentown:



### Upper Perkiomen:

### Allentown West:

