



Rick's M.A.D. Report

(Rotarians Making a Difference)



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DG Rick's Remarks



The ARCH-itect of the Rotary Foundation

As many of you know November is designated as Foundation Month by Rotary International. The mission of the Foundation remains much the same as it did when Arch Klumph proposed the "Endowment Fund" 100 years ago: To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Arch is finally getting some well-deserved recognition for his contributions to Rotary. Born just 4 years after the American Civil War, he was an American success story. Growing up in poor circumstances and attending school only through the age of 12, he became a rather successful banker and businessman.

He was also a rather accomplished musician, playing with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. With a name like Arch Klumph you would think he would have played a heavy instrument like the trombone or tuba. Nope, he played the flute and even more remarkable is that he was self-taught.

Arch was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and in just 6 years became President of Rotary International. This visionary was the primary architect of the structure that is Rotary today. He came up with the concept of Districts, including the District Conference and the position of District Governor. Thanks for my current job, Arch!

So, why should you donate to the Foundation? Your donation makes a difference to those who need your help most. More than 90 percent of donations go directly to supporting Rotary's service projects around the world.

As Rotarians we are committed to making a difference in our communities and putting service above our own desires. There is no better way to do that than by supporting our Foundation.

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Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention our efforts to eradicate polio through the Foundation. We may have seen the last case of polio in the world. However, the job is not yet done. We must make sure that this evil disease is permanently eliminated from the face of the earth. Immunizations must continue for 3 years after the last case of polio. Consequently, your donations to the Polio Fund are still needed.

To those of you who support the Foundation, a big THANK YOU. To those of you who have not yet contributed, please consider making your initial gift to the Foundation during this Rotary year.

DG Rick



D7430 HURRICANE RELIEF RESPONSE

For every \$5,000 increment of funds donated to ShelterBox USA by D7430 Rotarians -- Rotary Clubs -- Interact Clubs -- another ShelterBox will be donated from the District funds. This incentive offer is open to December 1, 2017 and is limited to 5 ShelterBoxes by the district.

Please report your club's Shelter Box contributions to your Assistant Governor by December 1, 2017.

If you have questions, contact your assistant governor or D7430 Secretary, PDG Linda Young at lryoung2011@gmail.com



Insurance Coverage Update

RISK MANAGEMENT

As of 30 August 2017, Arthur J. Gallagher (AJG) is the new insurance broker for the Program. To access insurance information online, such as certificates of insurance, policy summaries, and incident/claim forms, please visit Gallagher Insight website: <https://insight.ajg.com>.

All U.S. Rotarians will need to use the below credentials:

Username: rotary@ajg.com Password: rotarian1

U.S. Rotarians can also contact Gallagher by:

email: rotary@ajg.com phone: 1.833.3ROTARY (1.833.376.8279)

Note: If your club or district had previously obtained a Certificate of Insurance from Lockton for an upcoming event, that Certificate is still valid because the coverage has not changed - only the Broker.

If you have any questions please email Rotary Risk Management at insurance@rotary.org.

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D7430 RECIEVES ZONE AWARDS FOR YOUR 2016-17 OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

PDG Linda Young and DGN and district Membership Chair Herb Klotz have been notified by the Rotary Coordinator, Zone 32 of "Congratulations on your district's accomplishments in promoting and engaging membership during 2016-17." As a result of our efforts, our district was acknowledged at the Hartford Zone Institute on October 20, 2017.

The Awards that you earned are:

- Highest net membership gain**
- Highest growth %**
- Highest member retention %**
- Highest growth % of women members**

Our District 7430 is one of the 20 Districts that make up RI Zone 32. Good job and congratulations.

Why it's not good enough just to bring in new members

You work hard to recruit new members to your club. But statistics suggest you may lose 50 percent of these new members within a year, and another 25 percent in two to three years. What can you do to keep the members you've worked so hard to bring in? In his post for Rotary Voices, Daniel Vankov offers some ideas and explains why retention is as important, if not more so, than recruitment.

One of the biggest conversations around Rotary these days is membership growth. There are quite a few stories flying around and all of them provide good advice. But there is a second topic that is as important, if not more so, than membership acquisition, and that is retention. What can we do to keep these members we have worked so hard to bring in?

My club did well in both membership growth and retention last year, receiving our district's Errol Richardson Membership Development trophy, and one for membership retention, having not lost a single member over the previous year. As I began my year as club president, I naturally focused on growing our membership. In the first two months, I brought in two members, but we also lost two members. So no retention trophy this year! But more importantly, I realized I needed to discover what gives value back to our members. It is not good enough just to keep them busy.

The grim statistics suggest most clubs lose 50 percent of their new members within a year, and another 25 percent within two to three years. I knew I needed to do something but also didn't want to undertake a monstrous effort or reinvent the wheel. So we looked back on some things Rotary clubs have done in the past and decided to dust a couple off and try them.

First, we focused on vocational visits. But we put some thought into how to make sure we weren't just boring club members by having them sit in someone's office listening to how their fellow member crunches numbers or browses the web. We thought hands-on would be a better way to go. For our first one, we went to the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety — Queensland and drove in state-of-the-art driving simulators. Top researchers hosted our club members and informed us on road safety research. Members enjoyed both their turn behind the wheel, and watching other members mess up.

Our second focus will be on leadership development. The club has organized an outing with the Institute of Managers and Leaders for a seminar open to members and non-members alike. Our speaker is Tony Holmes, a past district governor and one of Australia's top business builders. We want to learn how he went from being an army officer to a leading management consultant, and how he builds businesses all over Australia and internationally while living on a 22-acres property on the Sunshine Coast.

Through all this, what we have learned is that membership retention is very much as important as member acquisition!

Encourage members to get involved for a more meaningful Rotary experience with the ideas in Connect for Good and other membership resources.

Clubs Making a Difference

Souderton-Telford & Harleysville

Welcome back to Rotary!

The Rotary Clubs of Souderton-Telford and Harleysville, welcomed back the SAHS Interact Club to Rotary, after a several year hiatus! We enjoyed an evening celebrating



the students and their commitment to "Service above Self".

We are grateful to Kathy Perricone, a SAHS teacher, who is willing to serve

as the Interact Advisor. Karla Myers will represent the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club and Flo Rhue representing the Harleysville Rotary Club.

Souderton Telford:

The Souderton-Telford Rotary Club raised a total of \$10,040 for Hurricane Relief for both Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The money will be distributed to Rotary International and directed to Rotary Districts in Texas and Florida. This was accomplished through joint efforts of our Rotarians, local businesses and friends of our local community.

Emmaus:

Last week's "Make A Difference Day" activities went from Thursday evening's meal packing event through the five projects carried out on Saturday. The unofficial tally comes to over 210 hours of service delivered to our community! It was awesome to see so many of you demonstrating "Service Above Self" with a never-ending supply of smiles.



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Allentown:

Allentown Rotarians, along with State and City Officials, and many other Lehigh Valley Rotarians, gathered at Noon on October 13th to dedicate the Allentown 100th anniversary



Fountain. The new fountain is located just south of the southeast corner of Hamilton and 7th. Many RCs and many Rotarians purchased the bricks around the fountain to help its funding.

Upper Perkiomen:

On Saturday, September 30, the Upper Perk Rotary Club members did their first "Adopt a Highway" clean up! Eighteen volunteers cleaned up our assigned stretch of Route 663 between Kliner Road and Oak Road. Fifteen bags of debris were collected from the roadside, helping to keep the landscape and the nearby reservoir free of trash.



Our next clean up will be scheduled for Spring 2018. Thanks for Travis Robinson for being Chairperson of this ongoing community service project to benefit the Upper Perk Valley.

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Allentown-West:

COMMUNITY CORPS UPDATE

On Wednesday, September 27th the *Allentown West* sponsored Rotary Community Corps team members filled 128 snack packs at Northwestern Lehigh School District. These are for a two-week period. This work is done through the school year.



The happy group listed are from left to right: Beverly Kistler, Grace Keller, Sharon Naugle, Trudi Dellicker, Joan Bettler, Helen McCauley, Deb Ginder, Gene Hahn, Rotarian Ray Stock, and Nancy Zellner. Missing from this picture are Joyce Eckhart, Rotarians Nancy Handwerk and Gloria Zimmerman who took the picture.



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Kutztown Potato Project

Formally organized by IHartHarvest, Inc., with a strong assist from the Kutztown Rotary Club and other service organizations, is on track by the end of this season to have **produced 1,000,000 pounds of spuds** since the effort's founding in 2009, in addition to hefty crops of green beans, sweet corn and carrots. All produce will be distributed to needy families in Berks County and beyond through the Greater Berks Food Bank and area food pantries.

The project was started by Diaconal Minister Linda Zawaski and her husband Walter, members of Kutztown's Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Several Kutztown Rotarians are members of the congregation and realized its potential good for the community and the natural fit with Rotary's goals. They brought the idea back to the Club and were met with an enthusiastic "yes" from the membership.



Since that time, the Club, with heavy assistance from District 7430, the Kutztown Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc., and individual members, has provided much of the harvesting and handling equipment necessary to produce such bounty. Last year, the Club, with a matching grant from District 7430 and monies from the Foundation and members, gave the project a used corn combine harvester capable of processing six rows at a time with a capacity of

8,000 pounds of product. The machine will help meet the goal of making the project self-sustaining by producing field corn as a cash crop. It was added to the growing inventory of handling equipment supplied by Kutztown Rotary, other donors, and the Kutztown Rotary Charitable Foundation, with some matching grants from District 7430. Other equipment sponsored by Rotary and individual Rotarians include a dump trailer, two tractors, a storage silo and a grain elevator.

"This project is a perfect fit for the mission of Rotary," said Bob Hobaugh, Kutztown Rotarian and Assistant Governor for Area 3 of the District. The Potato Project harvested so many potatoes that Greater Berks Food Bank has had surplus to trade with other food banks for vegetables needed by food insecure families served through

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Kutztown Potato Project continued

the Food Bank.” According to Kutztown Rotarian Dave Owen, “A couple of years ago, the Food Bank asked us to broaden our supply of produce, so we began planting the green beans, carrots and sweet corn.” When seed potato cutting and harvesting time comes along, Rotarians from Clubs throughout District 7430 join scout troops, church congregations and other civic organizations to get the work done. Potatoes damaged by the International Harvester plow during a harvest are turned into the freshest possible French fries that are devoured by hungry volunteers and community spirit grows just a little stronger.

On September 17, 2017, Rotarians from Birdsboro, Collegeville, Fleetwood, Hamburg, Kutztown, Muhlenberg, Reading, Spring Township and West Reading/Wyomissing, together with District staff and young volunteers from Rotaract, Interact, and the First Tee, picked 28,800 pounds of potatoes. Many of these happy volunteers appear in the accompanying picture. Plentiful rain during the 2017 growing season has resulted in an unprecedented harvest approaching 250,000 pounds of potatoes. This production together with past crops will lift the potato project over 1,000,000 pounds of potatoes for the benefit of food insecure individuals in a five-county area.



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Friends of District 7430:



Building in Flexibility

Who mandated that every club meeting needs to include a speaker and a meal? And that community service can only be done outside club meetings? That “rule” probably never existed anyway, and with the flexibility permitted in the last Council on Legislation, many clubs are experimenting with different models.

A great example is Port Hope RC in District 7070. Faced with declining membership, the club took the message of flexibility to heart and changed its meeting schedule drastically beginning with the new Rotary year in 2016.

Club members continue to meet each week, but not over dinner! Yes, the club continues to have one “conventional” meeting each month, complete with a speaker, but has changed the other weekly meetings. The club now schedules one social event, one hands-on project, and one session devoted to committee meetings each month. Just a “regular” meeting at Port Hope RC: Club members build “little libraries” during their weekly time together.

And the results are already showing: In just over one year, the club’s downward membership trend turned around and already, the club has grown from 25 to 35 members.

What are these meetings like? The “conventional” meeting is straightforward. The social events have included ball games, bowling, theatre nights and excursions to local restaurants, and spouses and partners are of course invited.

The hands-on projects have included cleaning the local beach, painting the walls and shelves at the food bank (BYOB, bring your own brush), giving out the Christmas hampers along with the Salvation Army and cooking dinner for some in need in the community.

The committee meetings usually are held in someone’s home where planning or committee work can take place.

All of these events have increased the social activities of the club, which means that the Rotarians have gotten to know other members of the club better — all while making a difference in their community. As an added bonus, the new format has reduced club costs: Not all meetings include meals and many do not require hall rental.

The example of Port Hope is one that we can all think about — particularly in light of Rotary’s freshest data on why people join Rotary and why they stay involved (see article at right). The focus must always be on coming up with meeting formats that are most meaningful to club members

What is the Paul Harris Society?

An Individual Donating \$1,000 or more every year to the 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 61 Rotarians committed to this generosity.
JOIN UP and FEEL GOOD!

Download a brochure at:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/paul-harris-society-brochure>

Questions? Contact PDG Bill Palmer, D7430 PHS Coordinator at
bill966@ptd.net



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**IT'S TIME TO RECRUIT
SPEECH MAKERS**

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

-----SIGN UP YOUR RC NOW



PURPLE PINKIE 2017 WHAT A GREAT EVENT !!

A multitude of Rotarians, family and friends -- and some great dogs -- with the guidance of Race Director, John Scott, Allentown West RC, planned and executed a most excellent 7th annual Yvette M. Palmer Purple Pinkie 5K Run and Fun Walk on Saturday October 14, 2017. The weather was OK and 125 folks were there, running and walking. These including 10 young ladies from a local girls soccer team,

There were volunteers directing runners, directing traffic, and handling registration and handing out food. Allentown West's Dr. Bob Gordon led the racers driving his bicycle, as he does each year. PDG Bill Palmer gave the signal to start the race as he has done each year since his wife Yvette passed away.

There were registered runners and walkers' fees, individual sponsors, corporate sponsors and Thirty Five (35) D7430 Rotary Club sponsors that together have generated over \$30,000 from this Districtwide event that will go to help eradicate the Polio disease from the earth.



And the Gates Foundation will match the proceeds Two for One, adding another \$60,000. That \$90,000 will fund the vaccinations for about 120,000 Children. That is wonderful. Thank you, District 7430 Rotarians and friends.

There were three Polio Survivors present.

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One of them, Carol Ferguson of the Doylestown RC, addressed the crowd as part of the pre-race introductions. She and the Pennsylvania Polio Survivors group are working hard with Rotary to eradicate Polio.

Yvette Palmer's family, PDG Bill Palmer, daughter, Kim Pyne, and her husband Bill, and granddaughter Arista Pyne, and Bill's son David were there.



PDG Tony Jannetta helped out, as did DGN Herb Klotz and DGE Cindy Hornaman and husband, Chris, the real photographer. D7430 Foundation Chair, Doug Cook and Rotarian wife Mary were there cheering for everyone.

Our District Governor, Rick Gromis and Rotarian wife Susan were there also cheering. DG Rick welcomed all the participants, and thanked them for coming.

Among the medal winners was AW's Chris Blechschmidt, who came in second. And his daughter earned a medal for second place overall. DGN Herb Klotz won first place in his age bracket.



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It was an excellent event with fabulous results. Thanks go to AWRC members and other district Rotarians for making this happen as a district-wide effort.

There were many other winners of a bunch of many kinds of gift cards that were given out by random drawings of the participants' registration numbers.



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YOUR FOUNDATION UPDATE



Our District Rotarians and friends generated almost \$30,000 for PolioPlus with the annual Purple Pinkie 5K Race on October 14th. See the separate article.



NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of October 25, 2017

	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Pakistan	5	20
Afghanistan	7	13

Nigeria's Guardian newspaper reported on the visit to the country by International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael K. McGovern and Rotary PolioPlus Director Carol Pandak. Their trip coincided with the date of the last case of polio reported one year ago.

Pennsylvania Polio Survivors In July put out the "call" seeking Rotarians who would be interested in assisting the disabled Polio Survivors who attended their Conference "Post-Polio Care: Past, Present and Future" on August 26th. Rotarians from Doylestown (and 3 other Districts in Pennsylvania) were without question in "service" that day.

To Read the full story [click HERE](#)

Membership

Membership Tip ---



New interactive online membership courses-

Are you looking for ways to connect with new members? Do you want to learn more about membership leads? Is your club diverse? Find strategies for tackling membership challenges in the Learning Center

Date	No. Members
June 30 2017	1775
October 22, 2017	1800



Share your passion for Rotary!
REFER A MEMBER!



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.



“Making A Difference” District Governor Award For Achievements in 2016-17



DG Rick would like to recognize those clubs in our district that have achieved the criteria of The “Making A Difference” District Governor Award for achievements in 2017-18.

To achieve this award your club must achieve 1 or both of the Mandatory Activities in Section 1 and any 6 from Section 2, (a total of 7 successfully achieved activities) by May 1, 2018.

Section 1 (One of these is mandatory)

- Have a net gain of + 1 minimum in membership from July 1 reported to RI by April 30th 2018.

OR

- Complete a strategic plan for the club.

Section 2

- Every Club Member will support our Rotary Foundation with a contribution in their own name - 100% participation.
- Meet both Club Foundation and Polio Goals for the year as entered in Club Central.
- Participate in a club or multi-club Membership Promotion Event.
- Plant a tree for each member of the club.
- Hold a MAD DAY (Making A Difference)
- Review and Update your club Constitution and Bylaws.
- Applied, received, and completed a District Grant project in 2017-2018.
- Participate as a sponsor in the Polio Purple Pinkie 5 km Fundraiser in October.
- Conduct a 4 Way Test Speech Contest.
- Sponsor or co-sponsor 1 youth exchange Student either inbound or outbound.
- Sponsor 2 students to attend Camp Neidig in 2018.
- Involve Local Media in at least one club event, project, or Fundraiser and submit a copy of the article with this document.
- Conduct 4 club meetings dedicated to Rotary education
- Invite & Involve at least 6 members of either a Rotaract or Interact Club to be a part of your club community service project or fundraiser

Submitted by:

Rotary Club Name:

To be submitted to DG Rick NO Later than May 1st: Rotary4Ric@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

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

Nov 4th -- TRF annual seminar at Montco CC jointly with D7450

2018

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

Feb 22-24th -- Mid-Atlantic PETS

Mar 17th -- District Foundation Gala at Pinecrest CC

Apr 27-29th -District Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing

May 12th -- District Training Assembly

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

Jun 28th -- District Changeover and Awards

Jun 28th – D7430 Council of Governors Meeting

Tell Us What You Are Doing

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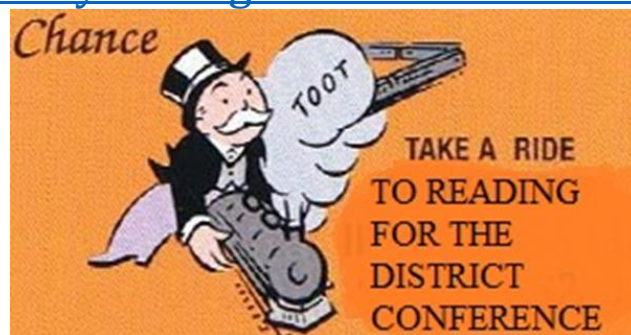
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Wyomissing, PA
April 27th, 28th & 29th
2018**

**Making Tracks
to the Future**

with DG Rick Gromis

For Tickets Go To:

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

See you there!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE FIRST 100 RCs

It is remarkable that these 100 clubs are "the" original "First 100 Clubs" of Rotary. Not one of them failed. They are in five countries. They've weathered two world wars. Some had war in their streets and there were awful financial times. They still are here!



We note the recent passing of Rotarians



Dr. James F. Feeman Sr., 95, passed away September 20, 2017, at The Highlands at Wyomissing. He is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, June P. (Zartman) Feeman. Born in Lebanon, he was the son of the late Edwin L. and Florence A. (Wenrich) Feeman.

Jim was a veteran of the U.S. [Army](#) serving during [World War II](#). In 1945 he graduated from Muhlenberg College and, in 1949, received his PhD in organic chemistry from Lehigh University followed by a year of postdoctoral research at The Ohio State University.

Moving to the Reading area in 1950, he devoted his entire career to one company, Althouse Chemical and its successor firm, Crompton & Knowles Corp., where he specialized in dye chemistry research, invented 44 patents, and became Vice President and Director of Research. Following retirement, he was an active consultant in synthetic dyes and chemicals throughout the U.S.

John Feeman, Jim's son, said "Dad was such a proud member of the West Reading Wyomissing Rotary Club for decades (47 years). As a Paul Harris Fellow, he believed strongly in the ideals of Rotary and constantly and consistently tried to live his life by those ideals."

"In his memoirs, "Recollections and Reflections", published in 2004, Dad recounted his experiences with Rotary. Serving as a Chairman of several committees and as a Director early in his membership. In his words, "It has been an enjoyable experience with the opportunity to meet many fine people and to help with various charitable activities."

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In Memoriam continued



Charles McGehee Isaacs, who went by McGehee, passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017, while doing one of his very favorite things in the world – watching college football. He was 63 years old.

McGehee was born in Lexington, Kentucky in 1954. He graduated from Sayre School in 1972, from Denison University in 1976 and from Northern Kentucky University – Chase College of Law in 1979. A brilliant litigator who graduated near the top of his law school class as class president, he eschewed more lucrative positions in order to practice public interest law and eventually became the Head of Post-Convictions for the Public Defender's Office in Frankfort, Kentucky.

His career took him from Lexington to Cincinnati, Ohio where he worked for the Northern Kentucky Children's Law Center as a child advocate; to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where he worked in New York City as a Senior Claims Counsel handling bad faith claims and commercial claims litigation for American International Group; and eventually to Beijing, China where he served as President of a company he helped establish to acquire former state-owned insurance companies.

In 2014 he moved back to Ohio to accept the position of Manager of Commercial Claims Litigation at Grange Insurance in Columbus. He was a member of the Dublin AM Rotary Club and regularly rode in charity bike-a-thons, including 7 consecutive years completing the 70-mile American Cancer Society ride (including one year where he also rode in the Pelotonia in Columbus).

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Rotaplast



Pottstown Pavilion



Doylestown Parade Volunteers



Conrad Weiser

