



Rick's M.A.D. Report

(Rotarians Making a Difference)



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DG Rick's Remarks



Out with the old – In with the new

In the Rotary world the month of June is a time of endings, changeovers, and anticipation for the year to come. It was such an honor to serve as your District Governor this past year. At the risk of overlooking someone, I would like to thank some groups:

- To all the 2017-2018 Club Presidents, it has been my pleasure to work with you and I thank you for serving your Rotary Club and assuming a leadership role.
- To the Assistant Governors, I could not have completed this year without your assistance and support. You play a key role in the administration of our District, and get a big thank you!
- To the District Executive Committee, your support, guidance and direction was invaluable. I could not have done it without you.
- To my Conference Committee, I can only say WOW, what a great conference! I had lofty expectations and you exceeded every one.
- To all the Past District Governors, thank you for the support, inspiration, fellowship, and the example you supplied to me.
- To Bill Palmer and Sharon Rittenhouse for the fantastic job putting together the District Newsletter every month. What a first class publication.
- To all the Committee Chairs, your long hours of dedication to your group is awe-inspiring. Your tireless work is appreciated more than you know.
- To all District Rotarians, it is through your dedicated work and commitment to Rotary that makes our District successful. Thank you - Job Well Done!
- To all the groups mentioned above and anyone I may have inadvertently overlooked, please know you are: ***Rotary Making a Difference***

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DG Rick's Remarks continued

During my year as District Governor my veneration and respect for this wonderful organization has only grown and deepened. I encourage all Rotarians in the District to become more involved. Graduate from being a member of a Rotary Club to becoming a Rotarian. Take on new leadership positions both in your clubs and for the District. Your efforts will be rewarded a hundred-fold in the satisfaction that comes with service.

With endings, there is always a new beginning. The cycle of Rotary repeats itself and the end of June foreshadows a new Rotary year. The District leadership torch will be passed along to Cindy Hornaman, incoming District Governor for 2018-2019. Sue and I wish Cindy, and her husband Chris and all the incoming District Team a successful Rotary year as they prepare to "**BE THE INSPIRATION**".

DG Rick



ROTARY CONVENTION
23-27 JUNE 2018
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER

We hope you'll join us at the **2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto**, 23-27 June. Get the most out of your convention experience by attending our general sessions, where you'll hear outstanding speakers from around the world, or engage in stimulating breakout sessions to learn new skills and exchange ideas with your peers.

If you haven't registered yet, be sure to check out this year's program and the Host Organization Committee's exciting events.

See you in Toronto!

THE 2018 D7430 TRAINING ASSEMBLY

About 100 Rotarians and guests gathered at DeSales University on Saturday, May 12th to complete the annual Presidents-Elect training, and to learn about our next Rotary Year. Our Administrative Assistant, Sharon Rittenhouse, handled registration and greeted us. DGE Cindy Hornaman hosted the event.



The event included a continental breakfast, and a buffet deli lunch. The opening plenary session at 8:00 a.m. began with a video about Rotary Branding. D7640's Dan Ceglia explained the Zone structure regarding Public Imaging.

Then District Governor Rick Gromis welcomed everyone to this Assembly. A business meeting followed.

PDG Bill Palmer, D7430 Finance Chair, and PDG Tony Jannetta, Budget Committee, introduced the proposed D7430 Operating budget for RY 2018-19. A motion was made by DGE Cindy Hornaman, and seconded by PDG Linda Young, District Trainer, that the RCs represented here approve the proposed budget. After a brief discussion, and a "show-of-hands" with no objections, the motion was declared as carried.



DGN Herb Klotz then introduced a motion by PDG Bill Palmer, and seconded by DGN Herb Klotz seeking RC approval of the 2020 District Conference date as April 25 to 27, and the site as The Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia, PA. With a "show-of-hands" with no objections, the motion was declared as carried.



The attendees went to breakout meetings that included:

P-E and AG meeting with DGE Cindy

Strategic Planning 101 and 102

Secretary / Treasurer review

Mix it up with Membership

Rotary Branding, Marketing & Social Media

How to get started with International Project

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THE 2018 D7430 TRAINING ASSEMBLY continued



The second plenary session began with an overview of our Youth Exchange program by Darlene Scott. Then our current “inbound” Y.E. students were introduced and those present walked in carrying the flag of their country. The “outbound” students were also announced.

After the lovely Parade of Flags, the first place winner of the 2018 Four Way Test Speech Contest was introduced by PDG Linda Young.



Pottstown High School Sophomore, Ms. Logan Ruyak delivered her winning 7-minute presentation in an articulate and exciting manner, and received a standing ovation.

Then DGE Cindy and D7430 incoming Membership Chair, Dave Czarnecki, introduced a new Membership Initiative program to implement this coming year. Referring to the 2018-19 RI Theme, DGE Cindy went over the goals for next year. She described the RI Presidential Citation and her Governor's citation for the 2018-19 RY. There is a goal to add 5 new RCs during the next two Rotary years.



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THE 2018 D7430 TRAINING ASSEMBLY continued



After lunch the closing plenary session featured RI Director-Elect, Jeffry Cadorette, a member of D7450's Media RC. Jeff will begin his two-year term as one of 17 elected Directors on the RI Board on July 1, 2018 representing Zones 24 and 32 (us).

Jeff gave some statistics about how world-wide Rotary of 1.25 million members annually adds 125,000 new members, and annually loses about the same number of members. But the North American districts along with Australia and the U.K. are struggling to breakeven on headcount. The

cultural differences with the rest of the world are very real in one key regard. Elsewhere Rotary membership is considered to be very prestigious. In the U.S. it is not, and we are grouped with other service clubs and go unknown by non-Rotarians.

Jeff emphasized with a number of examples that it is we who have to change. People who are service oriented simply do not have to be a member of a club to do good things. They use the "App" on their cell phone to meet up with likeminded individuals.



So it is up to us to provide an image with a significant value to member candidates so that becoming a Rotarian is worth it. And those RCs that like things the same as always, most likely will not be around in 5 to 10 years.



After Director Jeff received a standing ovation, DGE Cindy urged us all to go forth and inspire and do good things. She wished us a safe journey home and adjourned the meeting. A two-hour Grant Training session followed for those who wanted an updated certification.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER and AWARDS DINNER 2018



2017-18 =====>>2018-19
Passing of the Gavel!



Thursday, June 28, 2018

Brookside Country Club, 901 Willow Lane, Macungie, PA 18062

6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Come attend in order to celebrate the outgoing District 7430's 45 club accomplishments under DG, Rick Gromis.

We also will welcome incoming District Governor, Cindy Hornaman and the 45 incoming RC Presidents for the 2018-2019 Rotary year.

Cocktails at 6:15 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Menu includes: Appetizers, Salad, Choice of Chicken Marsala or Bourbon Glazed Salmon, Green Beans, Herb Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, and Carrot Cake with Caramel Praline Sauce

Tickets are \$40 pp and should be purchased online using this link ---

[D7430 Changeover Tickets](#)

The Council of Governors meeting starts at 5:30 pm

Hope to see you there!

Rotary.org Wins People's Voice Award from Webby

With a majority of online votes, Rotary.org took the prestigious Webby People's Voice Award in the category of association websites. The Webby Awards are the leading international honor for excellence on the internet.

Rotary.org was one of five websites nominated in its category. This year, 3 million votes were cast online in the People's Voice portion of the awards. The redesigned Rotary.org is part of a number of enhancements made possible by the dues increase approved by the 2016 Council on Resolution.



Clubs Making a Difference

Norristown:

A GREAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thanks to all who participated Saturday, in the Pancake Breakfast / Auction, and helped make it a huge success. Many members pitched in giving both time and treasure for this great benefit to the Norristown Hospitality Center and other community organizations. We Netted over \$16,000



Emmaus:

Emmaus Rotarians raked around the Knauss House on Saturday morning, May 5th. There were lots of pine cones and walnut shells! But we had lots of rakes and a red pick-up truck to haul the waste.

Our work was timed so that this weekend on May 12th the Knauss Family and friends will be able to gather under a tent on the homestead grounds to celebrate the 90th birthday of their matriarch. We labored under the direction of former Rotarian Gene Clock who is now head of the volunteer organization promoting and refurbishing the Knauss House which was built in 1777 and is one of the oldest buildings in Emmaus. Seven generations of the Knauss Family lived in the home. It is now officially property of the Borough of Emmaus and is on the national registry of historic sites. www.theknausshomestead.org

Clubs Making a Difference *continued*

Doylestown:

Every year, the Doylestown Rotary join forces with a local businessman and his team to perform a spring clean-up at our Borough Dam. This preceeds three fishing derbies that take place on Saturdays in April and May. The first one is for youth under 15 years of age and the second two are for disabled Vets and handicapped seniors.



15 of us cleaning the park



Since the pond is stocked with thousands of trout, everyone catches something and some of the catches make real Big Fish stories. Our club helps fund the events and we show up to cook burgers and dogs all day for the 3 events. We often have help from the Central Bucks West Interact Club, as well.

A not-too-clear photo of the lake in the fog.



ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ROTARIANS – WE WANT YOU



Help Find Rotarians to Serve in a number of District 7430 Positions. For example:

PUBLIC IMAGE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Looking for members who have a skill and interest in promoting public image and social media for the district. The committee will provide support and training to clubs in promoting Rotary and teaching the “how-to” for social media and implementing social media campaigns.

If interested please contact: David Akers,
David@LMSsolutions.biz

MEMBERSHIP

This committee provides support to clubs in all facets of membership: new ideas, starting new clubs, training, how-to's.

Contact: Dave Czarnecki, dc@czarstar.com

YOUTH EXCHANGE

This committee coordinates all of the inbound and outbound programs for your Youth Exchange.

Contact: Patti Smith, pattismith0221@gmail.com

INTERACT/ROTARACT

This committee provides support to clubs and Interact and Rotaract advisors in starting new clubs, ideas with existing, clubs and activities.

Contact: JoAnne Atwell, jepatwell@msn.com

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR

This committee provides support to clubs who want to participate in both the District Grant and Global Grant Process and also reviews and makes recommendations for approving all grants.

Contact: Bonnie Eckenrode, beckenrode@ambersav.com

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ROTARIANS – WE WANT YOU continued

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

This committee provides support to clubs who are interested in doing an international project/service.

Contact: Frank Romano, fjromano73@gmail.com

RYLA/Camp Neidig

This committee coordinates our annual Rotary Youth Leadership program at Camp Neidig.

Contact: Wendy Body wgbody@butz.com, Charlie Incalcaterra, cjidmd@ptd.net

SHELTER BOX CHAIR

ShelterBox USA is looking for a new District 7430 Ambassador. ShelterBox was recently nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, so this is an exciting opportunity to be a valuable contributor to the SB mission and to be part of its continued efforts to provide aid to disaster victims worldwide.

Your responsibilities include SB presentations to district clubs, area businesses, schools and church/synagogues, etc. The responsibilities also include attendance at Rotary events and, in general, awareness building and fundraising. You will be able to tailor your efforts to achieve the greatest success, e.g. scheduling and additional team members.

Contact Allan Syphers at allanmsyphers@gmail.com.

ALUMNI CHAIR

This committee keeps in touch with past RI program participants in anticipation of alums becoming future Rotarians.

Contact: Ron Smith, rsmith.rotary@gmail.com



Rotary's new vision statement: Why should you care?

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

We are now more than a year into the process of revisiting Rotary's strategic plan, a process that will allow us to examine our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in order to move the organization in a direction that will allow Rotary to thrive in the years ahead. Our new vision statement is the first lap in that three-year journey.

Our vision statement explains what we want to achieve, in the same way that our mission statement explains our focus, and our strategic plan represents how we are going to get there.

Strategic planning is a process, not an event. Almost 30,000 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and alumni participated in the 2017 triennial strategic planning survey sent out last January. Over the course of all these sessions, more than one million individuals had an opportunity to provide input.

Out of these focus groups, different elements emerged that were then tested around the world to be sure they were culturally appropriate to both a Rotarian and non-Rotarian audience. These elements became our 24-word vision statement.

Entering the second year of the process, we will begin to test “priority concepts” that will move Rotary toward our vision statement. These concepts are being tested in every part of the world through additional focus groups, to ensure these concepts resonate in all geographies, all languages, and all cultures. In the third year, the rubber will hit the road. Strategies and tactics will be created and approved, and districts and clubs will be asked to try them and give us feedback.

Why is all this important? Our three year-process allows for many checkpoints along the way to determine if we are still on the right track, if external or internal aspects have changed, and if a response to these changes requires altering our trajectory. When the strategic plan finally rolls out two years from now, there will be more than one million people who — because they had input — can say, “I helped shape that plan.”

By Stephanie A. Urchick, chair of Rotary's Strategic Planning Committee

D7430 AREA 3 ANNUAL PICNIC

Area 3 Rotarians gathered for their annual picnic on a sun-filled afternoon on May 9th in Jim Dietrich Park. About 70 guests, including District Governor Rick Gromis, enjoyed the fun, fellowship and food. The five Clubs again leveraged their strengths for the benefit of all: Muhlenberg Rotary arranged the Park pavilion and salads; Fleetwood Rotary coordinated drinks, music and games; Kutztown Rotary brought entrees; Hamburg Rotary brought table settings and Reading Rotary delivered the desserts. Each Club contributed a gift basket for which Rotarians competed in a raffle that raised approximately \$225 which was donated to the Rotary Foundation.



District Governor Gromis spoke about the first object of Rotary which is getting together in fellowship to create opportunities for service. Muhlenberg President Elect Marlin Seyler presented to Assistant Governor Robert Hobaugh a hand-made Rotary wheel inscribed with words of appreciation for Bob's service to Area 3 Clubs. The Fleetwood Rotary Club was first to solve the list of Rotary-related scavenger hunt questions, including "number in group wearing Rotary gear, be my guest Rotary card and signature of a current President." Guests included spouses and Joe Moyer, the winner of the Fleetwood Rotary Club Four Way Test Speech Contest and a future Rotarian.



D7430 AREA 3 ANNUAL PICNIC continued



Themes from the District Conference carried over into the picnic. “Why” we serve in Rotary as a way to explain to prospective members what Rotarians do: we have fun together. Our kazoo champion from the Muhlenberg Rotary Club who performed with the Daisy Jug Band, Tom Kistling, regaled us with a watermelon fruit basket. Many of us shared with the others our “Rotary Moment” when

we realized that we were Rotarians, not just members of Rotary. Included with this article are a few pictures of us in fellowship.

CAMP NEIDIG (RYLA)

**The Camp Neidig Registration Site
is now officially open.**

Our 2018 Camp Neidig Youth Leadership Program will be held June 15th- June 18th at Camp Manatawny.

All forms are available on our website <https://www.campneidig.com/forms--registration.html>.

Neidig Night tickets will only be available through on-line purchase with a credit card.

Contacts are:

Wendy Body
wgbody@butz.com

Charlie Incalcaterra
cjidmd@ptd.net



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YOUR FOUNDATION UPDATE



8th Annual Rotary District 7430 YVETTE M. PALMER PURPLE PINKIE 5K RUN & FUN WALKS!

This Year we are holding Two Events!

Purple Pinkie – DelVal / Bucks

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, PA

Purple Pinkie – Lehigh Valley / Berks

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA

NEW this year: Your club sponsorship can be donated in the name of each active club member equally (\$15 per active member minimum). In that way, each club member gets Paul Harris credit for the donation.

QUESTIONS on club sponsorships:

Contact Herb Klotz (herbk.rotary@gmail.com or 1-484-707-9467)

polio news

NEW Type 1 POLIO CASES as of May 29, 2018

	2018 YTD	2017 Total	2016 Total
Pakistan	1	8	20
Afghanistan	7	14	13



ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Tip ---



The “FUEL” to Retain Members Includes:

**SERVICE PROJECTS
EDUCATION
INVOLVEMENT**

If you missed the recent membership webinar on retention, it is available on the District 7430 webpage

Date	No. Members
June 30 2017	1777
May 28, 2018	1792

<http://rotarydistrict7430.org/sitepage/club-membership>

Both the webinar and the slides are available under the links on the membership page through the above link.



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



Friends of District 7430:



Other Articles of Interest

PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES 2018 Edition: These are the D7430 Bylaws updated. A “Quick Reference” section has been added near the beginning. [Click Here](#)

“Alphabet Soup” lists many of the acronyms that are used in the Rotary world. They are on our D7430 website at:

<http://rotarydistrict7430.org/sitepage/did-you-know>

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.



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

JOHN M. HANNES

Senior Officer

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Officer

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Feel free to use these excellent resources!

Tell Us What You Are Doing

by the 25th of each month to:

PDG Bill Palmer, Editor bill966@ptd.net

or

*Sharon Rittenhouse, Publisher
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What you need to know about new data protection rules

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) takes effect 25 May. Because Rotary staff members process the personal data of our European members, Rotaractors, program participants, and others, we're obligated to comply with this new data privacy law.

We know you trust Rotary to respect your privacy and protect your information, and we take this responsibility seriously. That's why we're using this opportunity to reinforce our data privacy and security methods for anyone who shares personal information with Rotary — no matter where they live.

Here is what you need to know about GDPR.

What is the General Data Protection Regulation?

GDPR is a new European Union law that strengthens data protection rules for EU residents. The law applies to all companies that process data within the EU but also to foreign organizations, like Rotary International, that offer goods and services to EU residents. The law takes effect 25 May and replaces the EU's 1995 Data Protection Directive.

What does Rotary International do to protect personal data?

Long before GDPR, Rotary's policies took care to protect your information. Rotary's Website Privacy Policy explains what information we collect, how we collect it, and how we use it. We also strive to give you control over your data so you can decide what personal information to share and review it whenever you want.

The measures we take to safeguard your personal data include using password-protected databases on secure servers behind firewalls and requiring all staff to attend information security awareness training each year.

How has Rotary International prepared for GDPR?

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What you need to know...continued

First, we completed a readiness assessment and risk analysis. These helped us understand how the new regulation will affect our processes and what we need to change to comply with GDPR. Our analysis led us to focus on the following areas:

- Process inventory.** We inventoried all of our personal data processing activities in order to comply with GDPR's Article 30.
- Lawful basis.** We reviewed all data processing to ensure that we have a documented legal basis, or reason, for every process, according to GDPR.
- Policy and notices.** We're updating our Website Privacy Policy to meet GDPR expectations. And we're making our notices about how your personal data is used more specific.
- Records management.** We updated our schedules for retaining records that contain personal data to make sure we're keeping records only as long as necessary.
- Data breach procedures.** We revised our guidelines for responding to a breach in accordance with GDPR expectations for notifying constituents of a breach.

What does GDPR mean for me?

Rotary is applying these new standards globally, not just for our European constituents. So no matter where you live, if Rotary processes your personal data, you will have the following rights:

- Right to be informed:** Rotary will regularly disclose to you what personal data we collect and for what purpose.
- Right to object:** You can tell us if you no longer want your personal data to be processed in a certain way, such as for direct marketing.
- Right to rectification:** You can write us at data@rotary.org to correct errors in your personal data.

Do I need to give Rotary International consent to use my personal data?

In general, no. Under GDPR, consent is just one of six legal bases used to determine that processing someone's data is lawful. Rotary will generally rely on "legitimate interest" as the lawful basis for processing personal data, because doing so is necessary to effectively manage and operate Rotary and won't unduly infringe your legal rights. We will ask for your consent only when it's truly appropriate, for example, when we are processing special categories of personal data, like health information.

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What you need to know...continued

My club or district is in the EU. Do I need to do anything?

Yes. If your club or district is in the EU and is processing the personal data of your members or other program participants, you are obligated to follow GDPR requirements. This may mean:

- Providing notice to your members about how their personal data is used**
- Minimizing the personal data that you have and keeping it secure**
- Getting consent when it's appropriate (for example, for personal data of youths under the age of 16)**

Further information can be found at EUGDPR.org or on one of the many EU country data protection authorities' websites. You may also want to consult with local privacy experts to better understand your responsibilities under the law.

I'm not in the EU. Do I need to do anything?

Possibly. Even if your club or district is not in the EU, you are required to follow GDPR rules if you process the personal data of EU residents. You may also need to comply with GDPR if you welcome European attendees at events, host exchange students from Europe, or partner with European members on service projects.

What is Rotary doing to help clubs and districts with GDPR?

Before the law takes effect, we have updated Rotary's Website Privacy Policy with terms that align with GDPR. We will hold a breakout session at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, where participants can learn more about our compliance efforts. It's Data Privacy and Data Protection: Rotary's Compliance with GDPR on 27 June, 13:00-14:00. And you can write us at privacy@rotary.org with any questions.

2-May-2018

Rotary



IT'S TIME TO UPDATE CLUBRUNNER

With the new Rotary year right around the corner, now is the time for Clubs to be sure that your Club Executives for 2018-19 are updated in ClubRunner either through your club's website or through the District's website www.rotarydistrict7430.org.

Clubs should also be sure that your membership is up to date as well as your meeting days, times and locations. Be sure to have current member and executives' emails, phone numbers and mailing addresses. Information supplied will be used for the annual District Directory.

Please keep in mind that even though you may have updated Rotary International that doesn't necessarily mean that ClubRunner was updated too.

This guide covers managing clubs' executives through the Club's website:
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/article/1062-edit-your-club-executives>

This guide covers managing clubs' executives updating their executives on the District's website:

<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/article/1431>

If you need assistance, please contact District Administrative Assistant, Sharon Rittenhouse at rittenhouses Sharon@gmail.com.

Please take action. We ALL benefit.

The logo for ClubRunner, featuring the word "ClubRunner" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with a small "TM" trademark symbol to the upper right of the word.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

2018

Jun 9th -- Kutztown RC presents TASTE OF KUTZTOWN, 12 to 5 PM featuring 15 wineries. 5 breweries, live music, more than 100 craft and food vendors and Run for the Wine 5k. Tasteofkutztown.com.

Jun 15th -18th -- Camp Neidig (RYLA) at Camp Manatawny

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

Jun 28th -- District Changeover and Awards

Jun 28th -- D7430 Council of Governors Meeting

Sep 19th-22nd -- Zone Institute in Montreal, Canada

Oct 6th -- Purple Pinkie DelVal/Bucks 5K run and Fun walk at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown.

Oct 13th -- Purple Pinkie Lehigh Valley/Berks 5K run and Fun walk at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville.

Oct 20th -- 2018 Rotary Leadership Institute in District 7430. Gambet Center DeSales University.

DID YOU KNOW of these famous Rotarians?

Thomas A. Edison

**Rotary Club of Orange, New Jersey,
Inventor**

Walt Disney

**Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California,
Animation filmmaker**

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



What is the PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

An Individual Donating \$1,000 or more every Rotary 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 59 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 if you earn a PHS
lapel Insignia
when you join.

Rotary wins Hero Award for polio eradication efforts

Rotary's commitment to polio eradication won a Hero Award from the One Billion Acts of Peace Campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues. The campaign is the initiative of the PeaceJam Foundation led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates including Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Rotary was one of two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. May 2018



We note the recent passing of Rotarians

John R. Strong, of Chalfont, PA, passed away peacefully Friday, May 4, 2018 at Doylestown Hospital. He was 91.



Born in Virginia's Eastern Shore in 1926, he moved to Morrisville when he was a child and later to Doylestown, PA. He attended Doylestown High School and Greenbriar Military Academy in West Virginia. John served in the United States Army Air Corp during WWII. He attended Temple University and married his beloved wife of 67 years Jane Halderman.

John began his career in agriculture while running his father and in-laws farms. John went on to work for Wirthmore Feeds in New Jersey running nineteen of their experimental farms. He returned to Chalfont in 1960 to begin a new career in swimming pool sales with the newly created Sylvan Pools in Doylestown. John enjoyed an illustrious career, winning many awards and accolades within the commercial swimming pool industry. During this time, John and Jane created Lenape Valley Swim and Tennis Club in Chalfont (1964-2013).

John had a propensity and devotion to community and church service. He was a member of the Chalfont Fire Co., Chalfont Planning Commission, Chalfont Borough Council/Zoning Board, POS of A, a past National President and lifelong member, Doylestown Rotary, March of Dimes – Regional and National, Doylestown American Legion, Swim Facility Operators of America- National Swim and Recreation Assoc. lifelong member.

John was active in his faith at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Hilltown serving on the Vestry, Senior Warden and many committees. John also possessed a travel lust and he and his wife loved to travel the globe especially Tortola, BVI.

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We note the recent passing of Rotarians continued

Damian M. Petaccio, 41, of Royersford, died suddenly Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in Spring City. He was the husband of Andrea (Wanner) Petaccio. They would have been married 15 years in the fall.



Damian was born in Norristown, the youngest of three sons to James F. and H. Patricia (Nash) Petaccio. He was a 1995 graduate of St. Pius X High School, where he played soccer and tennis. He graduated Northampton Community College's Funeral Service Ed. Program in 1998 and embarked on a 20 year career for Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home Inc.

of Phoenixville and Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home of Royersford where he was the current supervisor.

In addition to being a dedicated professional to the families he served, he took great pride in his community service. He was faithful member of Sacred Heart Church, where among his duties were serving on Pastoral Council, Ushering and "The Scrounger" for the Parish Fair.

Damian was a member of the Spring Ford Rotary Club where he served as secretary.

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Pottstown



Allentown West



Emmaus



Huntingdon Valley – Churchville

