

# Rotary District 7450

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the District Governor



I don't know about you, but as a Rotarian and the current District Governor, it seems like this Rotary Year is flying by. It is hard to believe that this Rotary Year journey for our Leadership Team started a year ago. I finished up GETS Training in San Diego and from there we were off and running with Pre-PETS and MA-PETS. We were filled with energy and passion to take action as Rotarians.

Then the world decided to throw us a curveball with a global pandemic.

Within a month of planning and preparation, our approach to the way we operate was completely disrupted. How were we going to meet? How were we going to help in this situation? We were accustomed to hands on and face to face. Now we were forced to make significant changes without knowing how long we would be in this position. We've also taken on a whole new perspective on what we can do to take action and put Service Above Self.

Even as we persevere through social distancing and other precautionary measures, Rotary is still making a significant impact both at home and afar. While our Rotarians are still conducting their meetings on a virtual platform, they are still taking action and helping in person. Our clubs, now more than ever, are supporting the needs in their communities through their own contributions and matching efforts from The Gundaker Foundation and our District Rotary Foundation Committee. Through the GREAT Grants opportunity and the Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Grant that our District received, our clubs have been able to work to meet our communities' needs, most especially food insecurity, during the pandemic.

Abroad, in addition to its normal Foundation Grants, The Rotary Foundation provided more than \$30 million for Covid-19 related projects in 2020. These grants are being used for causes such as addressing food insecurities and obtaining medical equipment, including masks, face shields, and sanitizers, just to name a few.

So what can you, as a Rotarian, do moving forward? The opportunities are boundless. Through your clubs, you can identify new or developing needs within your community and take action. There is also the opportunity to continue your charitable work through The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and The Gundaker Foundation. You can consider making this recurring donation through Rotary Direct (automatic withdraw from your credit card). There are never-ending opportunities to support Rotary by participating in a District Committee to finish out this Rotary Year or to start the upcoming Rotary Year, or perhaps identify a new committee that is needed within our District. Continue to invest yourself in Rotary. Now, more than ever, the world needs Rotary.

Stay warm, stay healthy, and keep those ducks in a row!

Yours in Service,  
Kevin M. Katarynick  
District Governor 2020 - 2021



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# Chocolate and Cheers!

When the Upper Main Line Rotary Club canceled its annual golf tournament and Octoberfest there was reason for concern. These fundraisers greatly contribute to the club's charitable support in the community and people were counting on them. The club needed something new and different that didn't require people to gather. And they needed it now.

The result was a virtual Beer and Chocolate Pairing. (*Really, no kidding. You can Google it.*) The people who sponsored the Golf Tournament and Octoberfest loved the idea and fully sponsored it. UML sold over one hundred packages at \$140 each and everyone had a great time. Most viewers were couples.



Here it is in bullet points:

- A 60 minute virtual beer and chocolate pairing event conducted by a professional chocolatier and brew master. (*People had such a great time the event ran for 1 hour & 50 minutes.*)
- Package included:
  - Souvenir tote bag with six different craft beers, twelve plastic sipping cups, box of twelve premium chocolates, Pilsner glasses, instructions, beer cozy, custom long sleeve T-shirt reading, "*Beer & Chocolate – Proof that God Loves You and Wants You to be Happy*".
  - Beer and chocolate trivia contest with prizes during palate cleansing intermission. (*How many chocolate chips are needed to supply the calories for a one mile walk?*)

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## President Elect Training for 2021-2022



Governor Elect Roger Taylor of the Coatesville Rotary Club convened the annual PrePets Meeting in January. Presidents Elect from every club in the district gathered virtually for a preview of the MAPETS (Mid-Atlantic Presidents Elect Training Seminar) to be held February 25-27. The 90 minute session on a Saturday morning was conducted by our past, present, and future District Governors, GEDN David Houtz, DG Kevin Katarynick, DGE Roger Taylor and PDG Paul Quintavalla. The occasion provided an opportunity for future presidents to get to know Roger Taylor and his plans for 2021-2022.



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

"My main goal is to improve communications within our district to bring out the best ideas from everyone to see," said Roger. "We are modifying our structure to better meet our strategic goals and ensure clubs receive responsive attention more directly and quickly. We'll explain more about this development closer to next year."

"Looking ahead to 2021-2022, we learn that Rotary International's theme will be *Serve to Change Lives*. A concept we can all embrace with enthusiasm." Announced Roger. "Concurrently, Rotary will introduce a seventh area of focus, *Environmental Sustainability*. This is an exciting new avenue for us explore and find new ways to serve our communities and the world. In preparation for this opportunity, I've formed an Environmental Sustainability Committee to identify resources and service projects for clubs. As a Rotary Area of Focus, club projects will be available to receive district grants, global grants and Gundaker grants. Again, we will tell you more about this subject in the next few months."



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# Rotary Peace Fellowship Awarded



Our district has a history of sponsoring successful candidates for the Rotary Foundation's internationally acclaimed Rotary Peace Fellowship. Among them is D.F. Pace, the well known Rotarian of the Philadelphia Rotary Club and Inspector of the Philadelphia Police Department.

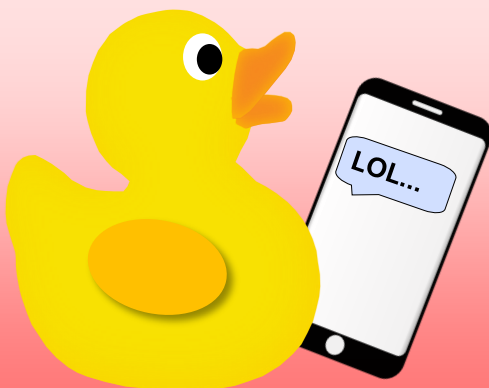
This year, District Peace Committee Chair Joy Charlton announced that Julie Kornfeld has been selected to participate in the 2021 autumn session. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Media. While several hundred people around the world apply for this prestigious award each year, Ms. Kornfeld is one of only one-hundred and thirty to receive the opportunity in 2021.

Julie will study at the Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. The one year program culminates with a Professional Development Certificate that is recognized by governments and institutions worldwide. Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,300 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.



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Applications for 2022 Peace Fellowships, which include master's degrees as well as Professional Certificates, are now open and are due May 15<sup>th</sup>. The District encourages Rotarians to find candidates. Information is available on the District and RI websites or from Peace Committee Chair Joy Charlton at - [jcharlt1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:jcharlt1@swarthmore.edu)



Went to this horrible bar called Fiddle.

It was really a vile inn.

# 2021 District Conference

2020-2021 Multi District Conference to be held Friday, April 30, Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, 2021 will now be all virtual. The District Governors from Districts 7390, 7430 and 7450 formed a safety committee to review Kalahari Resort's Covid Safety protocol in conjunction with necessary safety precautions required for our Rotarians and determined a hybrid conference would be risky for our attendees, planners, and speakers. Stay tuned for information on information for the 2020-2021 Virtual Multi District Conference!

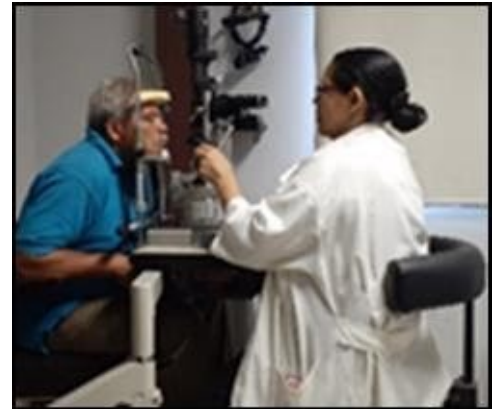


## Operation Honduras

*Operation Honduras* is a nonprofit organization associated with Wyoming Valley Presbyterian Church in Wilkes Barre, PA. It provides medical treatments and supplies to the needy throughout Honduras. These include eyeglasses, hearing aids and surgery for cataracts and pterygium, a growth on the cornea.

In November 2020, the Rotary Club of Central Chester County conducted a surgical mission with assistance from Operation Honduras for fifty people in Tegucigalpa. The arrangements were made by club Rotarian Vasanth Prabhu. He was able to contract a local eye clinic for treatment of cataract with intraocular replacement and pterygium for \$100 per eye. The project was successfully completed with some delays due to the pandemic.

The typical cost in Honduras for a cataract surgery is \$700, which is substantially more than the local people could afford. The total expense of \$5,000 was generously donated by the Central Chester County Rotary Club. The project is now extended for another 50 patients which will begin in the new year 2021.



Adopted by Rotary International in 1943, **The Four-Way Test** has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. Among the unexpected ways is using it in song. This video shows creative and fun loving Rotarians from around the world singing the 4 Way Test. Give it a listen [HERE](#).

### *In Memoriam*

*We'd like to honor the following Rotarians for their dedicated service:*

**Lynmar Brock, PDG**  
The Rotary Club of West Chester

**Stanley Feldman**  
The Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrises  
Philadelphia

**Thomas Gregory**  
The Rotary Club of Media

**Larry Thompson**  
Rotary Club of West Grove-Avondale



# Vocational Studies Grant

After many years of sponsoring candidates for Gundaker Foundation scholarships, Wayne Rotary Club has, for the first time, nominated a candidate for "vocational studies". Nineteen year old student Luke Powell received a matching Gundaker Vocational scholarship worth \$ 1,500 for the academic year 2020-21 to continue his studies in Diesel mechanics at Universal



Technical Institute in Malvern. Long-time Rotarian John Baxter, truck engine technology specialist and frequent contributor to truck engine magazines, assisted with the interview and selection process of our candidate this year.

Luke grew up on a farm and had tremendous early exposure and hands-on experience working with engines and farm equipment. It was a perfect match. Luke is a bright and passionate student who, as John Baxter says, "has diesel in his veins!" We are looking forward to hearing more about Luke's program and successes in the field.

## New Members

### Glenn Ammarell

Rotary Club of Upper Main Line  
(Berwyn-Paoli)

### Steve Breinlinger

Rotary Club of Kennett Square  
Light

### Kevin Brown

Rotary Club of Bryn Mawr

### Gregory Collins

Rotary Club of Philadelphia

### Ridgley Joyner

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-  
Plymouth-Whitemarsh

### Gwen Knapp

Rotary Club of Longwood

### Donald Neimetz

Rotary Club of West Chester

### James Olivieri

Rotary Club of Frankford-Northeast  
Philadelphia

### Maura Roberts

Rotary Club of West Chester

### Elizabeth Rogers

Rotary Club of Philadelphia

### Saj Savul

Rotary Club of Philadelphia

### Gillian Sclafani

Rotary Club of Conshohocken-  
Plymouth-Whitemarsh

### Leo Stahl

Rotary Club of Media

### Dawn Thomas

Rotary Club of Southwest  
Philadelphia-Eastwick

### Vernon Webb

Rotary Club of Phoenixville

### John Willemssen

Rotary Club of Phoenixville



# Vocational Grant For Haiti

The Northeast Sunrises Philadelphia Rotary Club, along with the Rotary Club of Pignon, Haiti, have been awarded a Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team (VTT) Grant for their project, *Heal Pignon*. Rotary Foundation VTT grants are for clubs to send professionals to a foreign location for good work in any one of our six areas of concentration. In the case of *Heal Pignon*, that area will be Disease Prevention and Treatment. "We will be sending nursing professionals for Heal Haiti (The Health and Education Action League for Haiti), from Queens Village and New York City.



The NE Sunrises Philadelphia Club thanks the District Rotary Foundation Committee for allocating "District Designated Funds" to enable this Vocational Training Team to proceed. We also thank numerous clubs in Districts 7450 and 7430 for contributing to the project, developed by Dr. David Ehrenkrantz. The club is already funding a second trip to Haiti.

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*Profiles – Each month we tell about a Rotarian whose life and career are unique and inspirational. Share your stories of fellow members. Contact: Rotarian.Paul@Outlook.com*

## Lynn Nathan-Samick

### Rotary Club of Kennett Square

Nothing about Lynn's life can be called ordinary. "In case you haven't noticed yet, I was and still am always in a hurry to get things done. In fact, I have a chronic passion for completion and never ever want to handle a piece of paper more than once."

Lynn is accomplished, versatile, open to new ideas and able to make big changes for the right reasons. A native of Brooklyn, NY, she has lived in several countries and assumed completely different lifestyles. With her family that would have shaken someone else.



Her higher education began at Penn State majoring in chemistry and physics. She stayed on to receive masters in math and English. Afterwards, Lynn and her husband and two children packed-up and moved to Israel arriving just in time for the six days war. The family stayed for three years where Lynn taught English.

Returning to America, they settled into Boston where Lynn began working in different bilingual programs. She taught at the University of Massachusetts and published literature on the subject of teaching methods for English as a second language. She also traveled the world lecturing on the subject. In Boston, she met and married her second husband Joel Samick who was her motorcycle mechanics teacher at the Boston Center for Adult Education. They shared a love of motorcycles and she soon took up motorcycle racing. (See photo). The couple traveled abroad riding motorcycles and scuba diving.

Because of her expertise in curriculum development and experience in motorcycle racing, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation engaged her to create instructional programs. And, her husband was hired by American Honda as an instructor, which moved them to Chester County, PA. In 1985 she and Joel opened a successful motorcycle dealership in Bear, DL. She received the Delaware Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year Award in 2008.



Lynn and Joel share a love of vintage motorcycles and own over a dozen bikes dating back to 1971. They and their like minded friends often tour the region to enjoy the countryside and traveling together. In response to numerous requests to ride the classic cycles. They created a bike touring business called *Retrotours*. [www.retrotours.com](http://www.retrotours.com) The company runs several excursions each year for customers from across the country and abroad. Tour destinations are as varied as Chincoteague Island and the back roads of the Delmarva Peninsula to Skyline Drive in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

A 12 year veteran of the Longwood Rotary Club, Lynn was elected Rotarian of the Year twice for her exceptional work in fundraising and event planning. She played a major role in organizing and running the Multi District Conference at Gettysburg in 2017. As a strong advocate of Student Exchange, she has hosted six visiting students over the years. Lynn is currently the club's President Nominee and is preparing to be president in 2022-2023. It should be an adventurous year for the club. *Vroom! Vroom!*



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# How Many District Governors Does It Take To Screw In a Lightbulb?

Every other Sunday afternoon DG Kevin Katarynick conducts a virtual meeting with the next Rotarians in line to be District Governors as well as PDG Peter Mardinly. Roger Taylor will be Governor in Rotary year 2021-2022 and David Houtz in 2022-2023. They talk about the conditions in the district, what the committees are doing, plans for upcoming events and whatever else might be on the minds of the “G-Line”.

It's a business meeting with three purposes. First, to familiarize Roger and David with the day to day activities and responsibilities of a governor. Next, to share opinions and ideas with Kevin. And, finally, to ensure the continuity of leadership and long term planning for the District. They meet as friends working together for today's successes and those in the future. By doing so they make sure there are no policy starts and stops and have a greater understanding of the needs of each club. According to DG Kevin, “These informal meetings have been helping me to prepare for the role of Governor as well as helping me keep my ducks in a row as we move through the Rotary Year. These meetings have transitioned from once a month in person, under the leadership of PDG Dawn deFuria, to a much more frequent and convenient virtual format under iPDG Peter.” DG Kevin continued, “I hope that DGE Roger and DGN David find meetings as purposeful and beneficial as I did while attending them as DGND in 2017 - 2018.”



## Desks for Tots In West Chester

Children from underprivileged families often spend a great deal of time at the Melton Community Center in West Chester while their parents are at work. The Center offers its *New Directions After School Enrichment Program* to serve the community, where students must do their virtual school work each day. However, the Center was not prepared to accommodate them with desks and chairs and had no budget for new furniture and durable children's desks are awfully expensive. Learning this, the Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotarians rallied together to build desks for children in grades K-6. The would-be carpenters cut, assembled, and painted thirty-five colorful desks for kids.



The local Home Depot generously donated \$1,000 toward the project and Gundaker gave \$850. The club garnered excellent publicity in the local press and sees it as an advantage in recruiting members. According to President-Elect Bob Eaves, "Our Sunrise Rotary Club is like an extended family. The fellowship, diversity, and the spirit of doing worthwhile community projects makes for a very self-enriching experience. I'm fortunate to be a part of it."

# Afghanistan Launches Polio Vaccination To 9.9 Million Children



The Afghan Public Health Ministry launched a nationwide campaign on Sunday to give polio vaccination doses to 9.9 million children under the age of five, the ministry said in a statement. The five-day drive was launched as 56 polio cases were detected in Afghanistan in 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing insurgency and conflicts have been hindering the efforts to stamp out the infectious disease in the mountainous country as millions of children from areas inaccessible to vaccination teams might miss the ongoing vaccination drive.

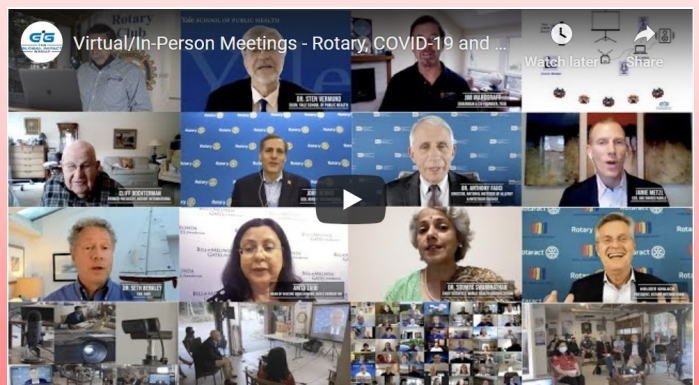
## Public Image Committee



Is your club looking to breathe new life into its public image efforts? The District Public Image Committee is here to help! We've compiled some resources for you to easily access from the district website, including how to write effective press releases and media advisories, tips and tricks for using Canva to create eye-catching imagery, and some social media rules of thumb. This page is a work in progress and we will be adding more resources in the future, so please check back! If there is anything specific that you want to see on the site, please reach out to PI Committee Chair Renee DeCoskey at [rdecoskey@gmail.com](mailto:rdecoskey@gmail.com). Visit the page [here](#).

## Rotary International Club Program Video

Please visit our [District Webpage](#) for a valuable video from Rotary International. This video is a 26 minute video designed to be a club program. It highlights Rotary's long term efforts in polio eradication, describes and is an example of how to run a virtual/in-person meeting, and speaks about the pandemic we all are in the midst of.



Statement from Rotary International



# Community Bulletin

## Rotary Club of Bristol Super Bowl Block Pool

Offering 100 blocks. A winner after every score made in the game. The pot at the end of the game is split 50/50 with a lucky winner. Funds raised support our scholarship fund, which last year gave \$20,000 in college scholarships.

Please contact Patrick Clark. 215-962-3744.  
[Patrick@NeshaminyCreekAdvisors.com](mailto:Patrick@NeshaminyCreekAdvisors.com)

Block numbers will be assigned on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Noon. All participants will get an Excel spreadsheet copy of the blocks via email. Final tally of winners will be emailed on Monday after the game. Accepting CASH, CHECK, or VENMO.

## Rotary Club of Longwood Charity Raffle

Tickets \$20 a piece and only 2000 will be sold. Gift cards from local restaurants and prizes ranging from \$2500 (top prize) to \$100 worth of gift cards. This event will support our local restaurants and the proceeds help families in need in the Greater Kennett community. Please visit [GrubGrab.org](https://www.GrubGrab.org) for information on how to purchase your tickets! Drawing February 13th

## Rotary Club of Wayne

Presentation of the History of Vaccines

Guest Speaker, Rene F. Najera, DrPH (College of Physicians Philadelphia)

March 10th, 5:45-7:15pm

For Zoom Link or more info, email  
[rotaryclubofwayne@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubofwayne@gmail.com)

## SunRaise 2021

Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrisers Virtual 20 Year Anniversary Celebration and Auction Fundraiser.

Thursday, March 18th, 2021 7pm-8:30pm

Join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83271890979?pwd=eW9vK285c0lvWnZTRVRFa0RySnNRZz09>

Silent Auction is open from 3/1 @ noon - 3/18 @ 8:30. For description of auction items, please visit [Trellis.org/NE-Sunrisers-Sunraise-2021](https://www.Trellis.org/NE-Sunrisers-Sunraise-2021)

## Rotary Club of West Chester Events:

Club meeting-via Zoom February 4<sup>th</sup>-  
Presentation by the Domestic Violence Center

Club meeting- via Zoom- February 18<sup>th</sup>-  
Presentation by Anne and Ernie Kirk- The History of Krav Maga and Personal Protection

Annual fruit sale--All proceeds benefit The Barn at Springbrook Farm. Orders can be placed online. Sale ends on February 14th

Club meeting-via Zoom March 4<sup>th</sup>-  
Coatesville Center for Community Health- Kathryn Spurlock on GRANDFamilies

Club meeting- via Zoom March 18<sup>th</sup>-  
Presentation by the Friends Association- Jen Lopez, ED

To join our events please contact:

info@westchesterrotary.us or visit our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Rotary-Club-of-West-Chester-375385132528532/>

## Rotary Club of Thorndale-Downingtown Virtual Bingo Fundraiser

March 24th, 7:00pm . 14 Rounds. Prizes valued at \$50 per Round. 50/50.

Visit Facebook for Upcoming Event info [https://www.facebook.com/Rotary.ThorndalePA/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Rotary.ThorndalePA/?ref=page_internal)

Or Contact Connor Smith [connor@hfaplaning.com](mailto:connor@hfaplaning.com)

Click [HERE](#) to post your Club's Online or In Person Event for April/May

# Gundaker Foundation Valentine's Day



Share the LOVE during our Valentine's Day Season!

JOIN our FUN-raiser!!!

Monday, February 15, 2021, 7:00 pm

Here's your chance to help our Philadelphia Area Rotary "Gundaker Foundation" raise money for matching service project grant s and COVID-19 relief grant s!

It's easy, it's simple. it's FUN! You get 4 online Bingo cards (can order more) and the chance to win a nice 50/50 raffle. 10 Games for Everyone

Each game prize worth \$50-\$100!

*All net proceeds go to grant recipient s.*

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