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## District Conference Keynote Speaker Selected

We are honored to announce that the keynote speaker at the District Conference luncheon on March 16, 2019 will be Sgt. Dakota Meyer. He is a United States Marine and veteran of the war in Afghanistan. Sgt. Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of Ganjgal on September 8th 2009, in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. Sgt. Meyer is the second-youngest living Medal of Honor recipient and the first living U.S. Marine in 38 years to be so honored.

You will not want to miss what will certainly be an unforgettable address from an American hero who embodies what it means to "Be the Inspiration." Conference registration will begin on November 1st.



*"The story of what Dakota did .... will be told for Generations."*  
~President Barack Obama

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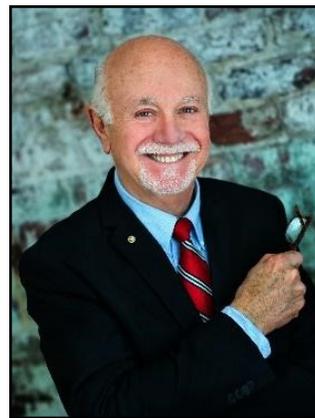
## Message From District Governor Paul Quintavalla

### Changing the Trend: Retaining New Members

It is a little known fact that our district does a fairly good job of attracting new members. About 175 to 200 join us each year. However, about 200 to 225 leave us. That's not a good trend.

Certainly, people move away, change jobs and so on. However, the majority leave in their first year of Rotary membership. The reason most often given for early-onset-resignation is that the club wasn't what the person thought it would be. Experience strongly suggests that a lack of communications with fellow members underlies people's dissatisfaction. New members are often lost in the shuffle and don't feel they fit in. However, many clubs address the problem before it begins.

Clubs in Mexico City require a new member be assigned to a service committee on the day he/she is installed as a member. The committee immediately embraces the individual with discussion, planning, and assignments. That gives the individual both fellowship and a sense of purpose. He/she becomes an integral part of a team and all that it represents.



In Alaska, a new member is assigned to a close mentorship by the club president. The person always sits next to the president, attends to all meetings, conversations and planning. He/she is virtually embedded into the presidency and soon learns everything about the club's activities, goals, history, problems, and a general who's who in the club. It provides perspective and engenders a sense of belonging in the group.

The second most commonly given reason for leaving is a conflict with others in the club. That's a bigger problem to solve and not achievable in this Newsletter. However, there will be a workshop on Conflict Resolution at the District Conference, March 15, 16, 2019. It will be conducted by the internationally respected Mediators Without Borders. <https://www.mwbdr.com> Additional information will be provided in the November Newsletter.

## District Rotarians Heading To Houston For Hurricane Harvey Rebuild

As we continue to learn of human needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, a Rotarian led team will be addressing the human needs from last year's Hurricane Harvey.

Busy hurricane seasons and other weather disasters keep Longwood Rotarian Bob Curran and his wife, Janet, busy organizing and coordinating volunteer rebuild work teams. These teams usually are between 18-33 volunteers and head into the storm damaged areas about 9-12 months after the storm to rebuild damaged homes. This allows the "on the ground" agencies time to secure funding and housing for the hundreds of volunteers throughout the country that will arrive into the storm damaged area.

The week of October 28-November 3<sup>rd</sup> will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> rebuilding trip the Curran's have orga-

nized. The team will be heading to the Southeast region of Houston, TX - one of the hardest hit places from Hurricane Harvey.



Over the years many Rotarians have made these trips, and new volunteers are encouraged to join! No construction experience is required. If you are interested in being part of this year's trip or would like additional information, please contact:

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<https://www.longwoodrotary.com/Stories/disaster-relief-trip-to-houston>

# Even a Small Water Project is a Big Deal

The Rotary Club of Langhorne partnered with community businesses to bring their own local water project to life. On September 6th, a perfect 94-degree day, they dedicated the new water fountain at Langhorne's central Mayor's Playground Park.



## “People Coming Together” 2018 Zone Conference



The 2018 Zone Conference is a wrap! On September 20th - 22nd, a record of over 400 attendees gathered in Montreal for Zone 24 & 32 Conference. People came from Alaska, all of Canada, New England, Mid-Atlantic States, and Bermuda. Speakers and attendees from six nations were acknowledged with their national anthems before meals. Renovations in the meeting areas at the Hotel Bonaventure were not complete when Rotarians began arriving, and RID Jeff Cadorette could be seen at 3:00 am talking with painters about completion times. Despite the ongoing construction, the event was an overwhelming success. The motto “People Coming Together,” served to connect speakers, seminars, and events.

The conference focused on our goals as Rotarians ranging from membership to international projects, and turning those goals into action. One session featured an interactive conversation with

former Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin, while another was led by Acclaimed Marketer, John Hall, CEO of Influence & Co. All sessions challenged Rotarians to seek innovative solutions for growing Rotary and reaching its goals.

The Zone Conference also showcased an exciting House of Friendship, which included a virtual reality experience of administering Polio inoculations in Africa. Craft beer samples were even served one afternoon. Proving that fund raising can be fun, fifty brave Rotarians took part in a 7:00 am Polar Plunge for Polio Plus, sponsored by Alaska Airlines.

Engaging sessions and captivating speakers made this a unique experience that helped inspire the leadership of today and the future.



## What's News In Your Club?

We would love to hear about what is happening in your club and how members are helping in our communities and around the world. We can't wait to hear from you.

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## New Members

### Nicole Bissinger

Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne

### Seamus Lavin

Rotary Club of West Chester  
Attorney  
Sponsored by Mark Sammarone

### Stephen Moyer

Rotary Club of Langhorne  
Financial Advisor  
Sponsored by Lori Hoppmann

### Terri Reif

Rotary Club of Levittown-Fairless Hills  
Bank Manager

### Anna Rhine

Rotary Club of Wayne  
Sponsored by Julianna Blazey

**We will list new Rotarians taking information from DAC/db. Should anyone be overlooked, please write to us at :**

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**Be sure to provide: New Member Name, Designation, and Club Sponsor.**



# Rotarian Spotlight

There is no question that Doug Blazey is an accomplished Rotarian. During over 20 years of service to Rotary, Doug has not only served as a three-time president of Wayne's Rotary Club, but also as our District Governor in 2014-2015. His many roles have also included President of the Gundaker Foundation, a facilitator at RLI, and a Group Studies leader. Doug's newest role is chair of the District Nominating Committee. Doug is known to be the first person to step-up to fund projects, participate on committees, and to stay late after an event to help clean-up.

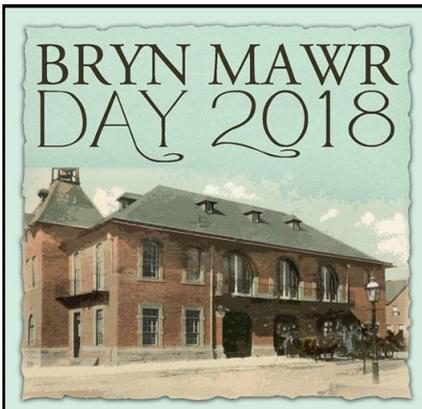


Islands. Doug helped shape environmental law to protect the environment and earned a reputation as a problem solver.

Doug has dedicated his life's work to the cause of environmental protection, sustainability, and education. As a graduate of Yale law school in 1970, he was an early environmental activist and joined the Pennsylvania Environmental Strike Force under the Attorney General (now restructured as the Department of Environmental Protection). In the federal EPA, he was Regional Council overseeing New York, New Jersey and the Virgin

Today he practices environmental law in private practice and teaches at Temple University Fox School of Business Legal Studies. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and federal courts, including the Supreme Court. His current assignment includes the legal counsel of the New York City Ways and Means Committee. It controls the fourth largest budget in the United States.

## Another Successful Bryn Mawr Day!



The Bryn Mawr Rotary Club pitched in, once again, for Bryn Mawr Day! Despite early downpours (even on the rain date), it turned out to be a successful day. Club members helped set-up & tear down the event, as well as sponsor the historic tours. Thanks to all who turned out, and a special thanks to BSA Troop 19 for their incredible help!



# What is Minglefest?

Heard the buzz about Minglefests, but not sure what they are? The District 7450 Membership Committee is excited about offering these events across our District, and here's why everyone should get involved:

1. It's a chance to connect clubs and members who might otherwise never meet to share ideas, projects, and fundraisers. These conversations could lead to joint projects with larger grants and manpower!
2. You can share your Rotary experience with potential new members so they can hear firsthand about Rotary and all the incredible things it has accomplished.

Service! Minglefest aims to combine service and fellowship by including a service project as part of the event.

Successful Minglefests have already been held in Glen Mills, Oxford, West Grove at Project Cure, and Jenkintown. The Membership Committee is looking forward to the next [Minglefest](#) on November 12th at the Great American Pub in Conshohocken. Stay tuned for more details!

If your club is interested in putting on a Minglefest in your area, please contact the Membership Committee. We only ask that you help to find a venue and a project, if possible, to make the event more hands-on. Contact:

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## In Memoriam

We'd like to honor the following Rotarian for his dedicated service:

**Norm Watts**  
The Rotary Club of  
Wayne (Formerly Central Delaware County)  
September 8, 2018

*Please provide the names and club of recently deceased Rotarians to honor them in the Newsletter.*

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## Rotary District 7450

# “Membership Matters” Seminars

Rotary Membership Matters to our Clubs, to our Community, and to those who will join our Rotary organization in the future.

JOIN US for our newest “Membership Matters” seminars that will once again bring an exciting Rotary educational and informative program close to your Club within our Rotary District 7450.

Our “Membership Matters” roadshow dates and locations are: (Click date to register)

- [Tuesday, November 6 \(Super Area 1\): Holy Family, Campus Center Room 115](#)
- [Wednesday, November 7 \(Super Area 2\): The Inn at Swarthmore](#)
- [Thursday, November 8 \(Super Area 3\): West Chester University, Graduate Center](#)

All Sessions: Dinner @ 5:30pm; Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

These “Membership Matters” seminars are for all Club Presidents, incoming Club Presidents, Club Board members, Club Membership chairs, and any Rotarian interested in strengthening their existing Club or creating a new Club with new, talented members. Learn best practices and gather ideas about topics ranging from your club’s “Annual Health Check” to alternative meeting formats and new member mentoring programs.

REGISTER SOON! It’s only \$20/person, which includes dinner, meeting facilities, educational materials, and lots of new ideas!  
**Click the dates above to REGISTER!**



## Heads up! MuckFest is coming!

The Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh Satellite Club is organizing multi-club participation for the May 2019 MuckFest event to be held in Glenn Mills. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has conducted this unique fundraiser in seven major cities across the country for the past eight years. Rotarians along with their friends and families will be encouraged to join in the fun. MuckFest MS is the fun mud run with the best muddy water obstacles to be found. If you can laugh, you can do it. Fun, yes. But it’s for a serious mission: to support people living with multiple sclerosis and to bring us closer to a world free of MS.

**Complete information will be provided in the weeks ahead.**



# Looking Back and Forging Ahead: World Polio Day

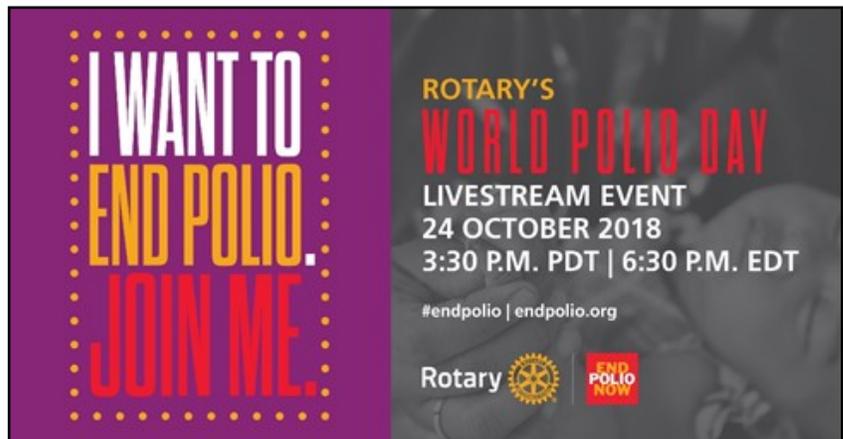


On October 24th, Rotary's 6th annual World Polio Day event will highlight the innovative work that Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) have done and are continuing to do in the historic fight to eradicate polio. This year's event will be livestreamed from The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, known as the "birthplace of American medicine." It is one of the oldest professional medical organizations in the United States.

Global health experts and celebrities will discuss our remarkable progress toward a polio-free world. Patience Asimwe, the protagonist of Rotary's upcoming virtual reality film, "Two Drops of Patience," will introduce the movie. A sneak peek from Rotary's documentary "Drop to Zero" will also be featured. Jeffrey Kluger, senior editor for Time

magazine, will discuss his experience traveling to Nigeria with Rotary to report on polio eradication. The event will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the GPEI.

You can watch the livestream on October 24th 6:30 P.M. EDT [here](#).



## Rotary Foundation Training Saturday, November 10, 2018, 7:30am

We will discuss the great things we have done in the past, how you can support now, and plan on future projects that your clubs may want to consider.

**Past RI Director and current Foundation Trustee Julia Phelps will be speaking.**

Rotary Foundation Specialist Staff members, Michelle Gasparian and Amanda Lawson, will be here to inspire us why our support of TRF makes an enormous difference in our world yesterday, today and most importantly tomorrow.

*Registration includes Continental Breakfast, Breakout Sessions, Boxed Lunch and Grant Certification Session*

[Register Here](#)

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