

Ambler Rotary Wheel 2017-2018



The Rotary Club of Ambler

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AUGUST 2 MEETING:

President Paul was absent from today's meeting so **First Vice President Scott** took the helm. He opened the meeting with poor, weak and lackluster ringing of the bell. After many jeers from the crowd, he gave the bell a much more robust ring!! He led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and the club sang "God Bless America." **Anne Frank** delivered in the Invocation.

VISITORS / GUESTS:

We had 3 visiting Rotarians today: **Catherine Bowers** from Morrisville/Yardley, **Jim Auch** from Glenside and **Joe Chevalier** from Blue Bell. **Jim Ries**, former and prospective Ambler Rotarian was also in attendance.

COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATION (HAPPY DOLLARS):

Eric Faddis: Wanted to let everyone know what a great job **Linda Kennedy** and her husband **Blake** did on his bathroom remodel. He also marked the one year anniversary of his heart surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Vice President Scott asked us to mark our calendars for September 13th for our annual picnic at his and wife **Kate Harper's** house. The picnic will run from 5-9 P.M. More details to follow...

There were NO August birthdays present...so no one got to sing happy birthday... absent were **Usha Arya** and **Roger Zacharia**.

Walt West is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- September 13-Club Picnic – No afternoon meeting
- October 7 – Oktoberfest
- October 21 – End Hunger Food Packaging
- November 11 – Lower Gwynedd Veterans Day Observance
- Thanksgiving Food Drive – TBD
- December 20 – Holiday Dinner – No Lunch Meeting
- Toys for Tots in conjunction with Holiday Dinner
- April 7 – Spring Fling Gala at OYRCC
- June 27 – Change Over Dinner

PROGRAM:

Kenneth Lawson – Whitpain Township Chief of Police



Chief Lawson gave us a GREAT presentation and update on what is happening in Whitpain and West Ambler.

Highlights include:

- The department continues to make policy changes to be more professional and community friendly. Many of the policy were put in place in the 70's and 80's. Chief Lawson so it fit to update them to work in today's society.
- West Ambler still suffers from generational poverty and crime. He stated that he is now dealing the children of those he dealt with 20 plus years ago. To help the West Ambler community, Whitpain has been working with the Boys and Girls Club. They currently have modular units set up on Maple St. A soft opening is anticipated in a few weeks. It is projected to serve hundreds of children in the area.
- Whitpain Township is one of 11 PA departments with state accreditation. This was an achievement 3 years in the making!!
- He hopes to employ Bicycle Officers in the near future. This will allow the officers to be more accessible and approachable in the community, compared to officers in vehicles.
- They have a new Facebook Page. It has become quite popular with over 2500 followers.
- Whitpain also has an E-Newsletter called the Whitpain Wire. Updates can be found there. You can sign up by following this link.. <http://oi.vresp.com/?fid=f8d086f6ce> or go to Whitpaintownship.net and search "wire"
- Lastly, Chief Lawson addressed the Opioid/Heroin epidemic that plagues our country and Montgomery County.

- There were 55,000 deaths nationally in 2016 with over 270 in Montgomery County alone.
- Officers continue to use Narcan to reverse the overdose when treated in time. In Whitpain/West Ambler there have already been 8-10 saves since using Narcan

50/50



Bernie Fanini was the winner of a free lunch and a white tee. !!!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: (Chair, Clint Ehlers) OK, who do you know that you can invite to speak to us? Do you know any and let him know about it. Remember that our programs are a vital part of each weekly meeting. We prefer that we don't have sales presentations. Call Clint at 310-985-1105.

AUGUST

- 9 - Anna Daly, Rotary Youth Exchange experience
- 16 -
- 23 - Donna Mengel - LambPA.com
- 30 -

SEPTEMBER

- 6 -
- 13 - Annual picnic - 6:00 P.M. No luncheon meeting
- 20 - Dan Ritter - Rotary International Conference update
- 27 - Gail Farmer - Executive Director, Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association

OCTOBER

- 4 -
- 11 -

18 -
25 -

ASSIGNMENTS: (Chair, Arlene Daniels)

Remember that if you can't fulfill your service obligation, please provide a suitable substitute and call **Arlene at 215-219-7620** to let her know or deal with...

Set-up
Take-Down

Invocation

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Greeters

AUGUST

9 - DuPlat	Frank	Geraldino	Daniels / Murphy
16 - O'Brien	Schueler	Parkinson	Gerhard / Swansen
23 - Phillips	Target	Cella	Snyder / Faddis
30 - King	Kadel	Greenbaum	Myers / Sandler

SEPTEMBER

6 - Lightkep	Satterly	Fleisher	Fanini / deSousa
13 - Marinucci	Heffernen	Braunewell	DeTato / Ehlers
20 - Fleisher	Ames	Ritter	Arya / Daniels
27 - Booth	O'Brien	Faddis	Cella / Wenckus

ROTARY DISTRICT 7430 STUFF:

Upcoming Events:

- [DG Visit Doylestown](#) Doylestown Country Club Jul 19, 2017 5:30 PM
- [Phillies Strike - Out Hunger](#) Aug 11, 2017 7:56 PM
- [DG Visit Perkasio](#) JT Bankers Aug 17, 2017 6:30 PM
- [RLI in D7430](#) Sep 16, 2017
- [Rotary Foundation Seminar](#) Nov 04, 2017
- [Rotary UN Day](#) Nov 12, 2017

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STUFF:



The social networker

Ian Riseley has spent his career making connections among friends, colleagues, and Rotarians. He brings that gift for putting people together to his work as Rotary's president in 2017-18.

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