

# Ambler Rotary Wheel 2017-2018



## The Rotary Club of Ambler

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Chartered December 11, 1925 "Service Above Self" Club Number 5416



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### AUGUST 9 MEETING:

**President Paul** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the club sang "God Bless America." **Leigh DeTato** delivered in the Invocation.

### VISITORS / GUESTS:

We had 2 visiting Rotarians today: **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):

**Leigh DeTato** thanked the club for the card. It really meant so much. She also shared her Rotary club visit at Manteo, North Carolina on Roanoke Island. She shared that their major fundraiser is an amazing fishing tournament. She also ended by saying that "Rotary is AWESOME!!"

**Dick Booth** was glad his son is back from China for the first time in 2 years and shared that Hatboro Rotary is doing a Lobster Pot fundraiser and recommended we attend. See attached flyer.

**Linda Kennedy** was happy the exchange students were at the meeting and that some young people were present.

**John Snyder** has \$20 Rotary golf shirts available. See John for details. See attached Flyer.

**Geff Ries** announced the birth of his grandson **Wesley!!** And recognized the passing of former Ambler Rotarian **Dan Rothman**.

**Sam Swansen** shared that his son was recently married and appreciated the in/out bound exchange students.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**President Paul** shared that **Joe Murphy** is home and recovering.

**Diane Schueler** gave the club an update on her Interfaith efforts. She purchased and delivered fresh fruits and vegetables to Interfaith and they were delighted to see the fresh produce.

### 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:

Outbound Exchange Student: **Anna Daly**



Anna stayed in a rural part of Tokyo. She left without speaking any Japanese. (she studied German in school before leaving) So, of course, the language barrier was extremely difficult to overcome. Unlike most countries in Europe, Japanese do not speak English as a second language. On top of that she felt the Japanese were shy and seemed intimidated by a Westerner. Even the local Japanese Rotary club was not very welcoming.

Her host families were GREAT, however. She had 5 different families and moved 7 times. She also found out she had huge love of SUSHI!! Her first host family gave her a kimono. She also attended a Japanese wedding which was so interesting.

She attended 2 different classes. The first school was not a good fit for her. The students were not friendly and purposely avoided her. The student even slept in class and no one seemed to care. She switched classes and what an improvement!! The kids were so friendly and she met her best friend, Airi. Airi helped her fit in better and they played on the badminton team together.

Her fellow Rotary student friends were great, of course.

She currently is back at Wissahickon High School and wants to attend NYU.

We met **Clare Balsan** who is an Upper Dublin student who will be traveling to northern Spain during the next year representing the RCA as an exchange student. Good luck

Clare, we know that you will do yourself proud. We look forward to your return next year.



We then had an opportunity to hear from **Sima Majernikova**, from Slovakia, who was hosted by the Rotary Club of Ambler as an inbound exchange student during the 2012-2013 Rotary year. She will be attending Cambridge University this fall as a graduate student. As the cost is very high, she has a web page designed to help her raise funds. If you are willing to help Sima, visit: <https://www.generosity.com/education-fundraising/help-sima-get-her-masters-at-cambridge--2/x/17137836>







**Jan Sandler** 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**

### **16 – Camp Neidig Students**

23 – Donna Mengel – LambPA.com

30 –

## **SEPTEMBER**

6 –

13 – Richard Spector – MovieHouse Productions (movie nostalgia)

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**

**50/50**

**Greeters**

**AUGUST**

**16 - O'Brien**

23 - Phillips

30 - King

**Schueler**

Target

Kadel

**Parkinson**

Cella

Greenbaum

**Gerhard / Swansen**

Snyder / Faddis

Myers / Sandler

**SEPTEMBER**

6 - Lightkep

13 - Marinucci

20 - Fleisher

27 - Booth

Satterly

Heffernen

Ames

O'Brien

Fleisher

Braunewell

Ritter

Faddis

Fanini / deSousa

DeTato / Ehlers

Arya / Daniels

Cella / Wenckus

**ROTARY DISTRICT 7430 STUFF:**

Upcoming Events:

- [President Elects PETS Training dates/Materials](#) Aug 01, 2016 - Jul 30, 2017
- [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:**

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## United Kingdom pledges \$130 million for polio eradication

The United Kingdom pledged \$130 million on Friday toward the fight to eradicate polio. The contribution will help fund immunizations of 45 million children a year through 2020. In June, at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, global leaders pledged \$1.2 billion of the estimated \$1.5 billion required to end polio. However, Rotary's work continues. We're now working to raise \$50 million a year and to ensure that global leaders make good on this summer's pledges.

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