

Ambler Rotary Wheel 2017-2018



The Rotary Club of Ambler

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SEPTEMBER 6th MEETING:

2nd Vice President Clint Ehlers opened today's meeting and then we sang "America the Beautiful." **Lamont Satterly** offered today's invocation.

VISITORS / GUESTS:

Today's visitors were: **Jim Auch** from Jenkintown R.C. Guest / Speaker: **Kristen Rawlings** Coordinator of School & Community Information Wissahickon School District

COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATION (HAPPY DOLLARS):

Jan Sandler, Just because he is Happy.

Clint Ehlers' daughter just graduated with her Doctorate from University of Nottingham. She is living in London.

Graham Parkinson's his son is living in Houston, Texas. While many others are under water, he was very lucky to ride it out. He is doing what he can to help others.



Steve Paccione (wearing a suit) and **Lucy** are happy to be back after the summer. His son just started St. Joseph's University and was lucky to get a great roommate he knew from school. Report on Lower Gwynedd Township: the left turn signal traveling east on Bethlehem Pike will be installed next week. The Texaco gas station has been demolished and will be turned into green space.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Hatboro Rotary Club is holding their “Lobster Pot” this Saturday evening on September 9th. 1 ½ pound lobster or steak dinner is \$35. For tickets, contact Jack Groves at 215-343-1511
- Club picnic - Wednesday September 13 - no luncheon meeting
- Oktoberfest - Saturday October 7 - 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- End Hunger Food Packaging - Saturday October 21
- Lower Gwynedd Veterans Day Observance Saturday November 11
- Thanksgiving Food Drive - dates to be determined
- Holiday Dinner - Wednesday December 20 - no luncheon meeting
- Toys for Tots in conjunction with Holiday Dinner
- Spring Fling Gala - Saturday April 7 at OYRCC
- Change-over Dinner - Wednesday June 27 - no luncheon meeting

PROGRAM:



Clint Ehlers introduced today’s speaker, **Kristen Rawlings**, Coordinator of School & Community Information from the Wissahickon School District. Kristen spoke on behalf of **Dr. James Crisfield** who was unable to attend because of jury duty in Philadelphia. There is much to be proud of in WSD ranked one of the Best school districts in the state of PA with an emphasis on 21st Century learning to prepare students for the workforce.

Most Recent Achievements

- WHS 1 of 330 schools nationwide designated as a National Blue Ribbon School.
- Received 2nd highest school performance profile.

- WMS – Microsoft Association Showcase School – students can tinker in STEM science, engineering, and math.
- Next year creating a similar Fab Lab at WHS.
- Expanding computer literacy programs at elementary schools.

Extracurricular Activities

- Clubs – wide range to choose from **Interact Club** to:
- Robotics – top ranked program in the country.
- Athletics.

Character Education

- Embedded in curriculum.
- Respect self, other, and community.
- Community Service learning.

Upcoming Events

- October 6 – Alumni Induction. Unveiling Wall of Honor
- Late October/early November – opening the New Natatorium & Central Plant. 10-lane pool, raised seating for 342, locker rooms, team rooms, diving pool for home meets. WMS pool will close and possibly become an auditorium.

Wissahickon Educational Opportunities Foundation

- Raise money to provide grants to teachers and students.
- Funds technology, robots, and other items outside the WSD budget.
- Sponsorships from businesses and individuals.
- November 11 fundraiser –Billy Joel Tribute Band held at Mercedes Benz Dealership.

Keep in Touch with WSD

- Website.
- NEW Mobile App.
- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube.
- Wissahickon Nation Community Newsletter – quarterly.

Questions from the Group

- Taxes and the \$21 million spent on the pool. Kristen indicated WSD 2nd lowest tax in Montgomery County.
- Consider recognizing Eagle Scouts from WSD – Kristen said reach out to her so WSD can celebrate these accomplishments.
- Conditions of school property and buildings (need better communication) Master Facility Plan on WSD website (facility tab). Annual Report mailed to all residents to communicate.
- Police office in schools FT for three years – Officer Sanborn is a great addition provides info on safety, emergency planning, and intervention.
- Census #'s – 4462 Students K-12 – 98% college graduation rate

50/50



Dave Lightkep was the winner of a free lunch and a white tee. There were 43 white tees and 1 red tee. Next week's jackpot will begin around \$310.

SEPTEMBER

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 - Jim Reis - Classification Talk

11 - Marilyn Hershey - Dairy Farmer

18 - James Coughlin - Sliderules to Robot Manufacturing

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

SEPTEMBER

13 - Marinucci

20 - Fleisher

27 - Booth

Heffernen

Ames

O'Brien

Braunewell

Ritter

Faddis

DeTato / Ehlers

Arya / Daniels

Cella / Wenckus

OCTOBER

4 - S. Paccione	Satterly	DuPlat	Chevalier / Arya
11 - Geraldino	Kennedy	Ames	L Paccione / Myers
18 - Marinucci	Pinder	Kline	Weber / Gerhard
25 - Braunewell	Urban	Reis	Daniels / Parkinson

NOVEMBER

1 - Fleisher	Bass	Sandler	Swansen/ Faddis
8 - McAneney	Frank	Schueler	Jablokov / Kennedy
15 - Booth	King	Fanini	Wenckus / Greenbaum
22 - Ries	DeTato	Kadel	Heffernen / Ames
29 - Phillips	Albright	Ritter	Marinucci / Arya

DECEMBER

6 - Chevalier	O'Brien	Bass	Snyder/ Dunnington
13 - Faddis	Target	Lightkep	Reis / Cella
20 - Holiday Dinner 6 PM - No luncheon Meeting			

ROTARY DISTRICT 7430 STUFF:

Upcoming:

[RLI in D7430](#) Sep 16, 2017

[Rotary Foundation Seminar](#) Nov 04, 2017

[Rotary UN Day](#) Nov 12, 2017

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STUFF:

How we more than doubled our membership in a year

When Fely R De Leon began her year as president of the Rotary Club of Hundred Islands in Pangasinan, Philippines, she dreamed of reaching a hundred members to match her club's name. Starting at 31 members, which presented a considerable challenge. But by making club meetings livelier, restructuring the format, and widely promoting their good work, the club got most of the way there, growing to 80 members.



READ HOW SHE DID IT >

