



# The Medium

## The Rotary Club of Media

Rotary began in Media in 1928. There was nothing particularly outstanding about its birth. As a matter of fact, few persons in the borough had ever heard about Rotary or what it was designed to be. Media had little reason to pay attention to faraway places such as Japan, Australia, China, Africa, New Zealand, England, Italy, France and the Philippines. These were foreign countries where Rotary Clubs were being organized. Media was among the newly chartered clubs and it was chartered as an international organization.

The Club owes its birth to John Farish, owner of the Media News Agency. In 1928 Farish brought the idea of Rotary to Media from Penn's Grove, New Jersey, where he had been an active member. Few persons in the borough had ever heard about Rotary or what it was designed to be and the first several years were devoted to learning the purpose of Rotary International.

Polio ran rampant in the country at the time and the very first project of The Rotary Club of Media was to work with children crippled with the disease.

The early years were not without its trials and tribulations, the Great Depression had hit the community and dollars were scarce. Club members were unable to meet their obligations and the Club nearly went out of business. But, the Club survived and by 1935 was a well organized, active club serving the community.

The same principles that guided Rotary in 1928 continue to guide the Club to this day. The Club is a member of District 7450 in Southeastern Pennsylvania, USA.

## Rotarian of the Month

For October, Virginia Falkenbach was named Rotarian of the Month. Virginia regularly manages our website (mediaryotary.org) and keeps everything up to date. Thanks Virginia for all your hard work!



Reception Committee		Program	
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Speaker/Subject
October 11	Lori Markusfeld	Daniel Fredland	Media German Ompah Band
October 18		Nancy Geisel	Program Meeting and Conoco Phillips with Bill Tyson
October 25	Ellen Gorbey	Courtney Ballauer	Shelter Boxes
November 1	Anthony Cavaliere	Rose Marie Halt	University of Pennsylvania Bike Patrol - John Washington
November 8	Jonathan Becker	John Hontz	Rotary International
November 15		Andrew Hunt	Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro
November 22		<i>Thanksgiving</i>	

## Calendar of Events

2007 Rotary Auction Meeting - October 18, 25, November 1, 8 & 15  
*The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Towne House. All are welcome.*

Rotary Auction - November 16, 2007

40th Annual Pancake Day - March or Early April 2008

Soap Box Derby - May or June, 2008

Rotary Board Meetings - Second Tuesday of every month.  
*The meetings will be held at 12 p.m. at the Towne House.*

Rotary Foundation Meetings - Fourth Thursday of every month.  
*The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the Towne House.*

Schedule of Events for Rotary District 7450  
*More information can be obtained at [www.rotary7450.org](http://www.rotary7450.org).*

A copy of the Rotary Foundation of Media by-laws, latest Treasurer's report and guidelines for requesting funds are available at <http://www.mediarotary.org/foundation/>. A comprehensive list of recipients is also available for your perusal.

Sunshine Committee  
Let Lynne Green know about anyone who is ill, has passed away, has gotten married, has had a new baby, etc. Please contact her via email at [pgs8@comcast.net](mailto:pgs8@comcast.net).

## Program Committee

The program committee will meet next Thursday at 11:15 for planning future programs. All members are welcome to join and give us your input.

### District 7450

Russell DeFuria - District Governor  
Arthur Kline - Assistant District Governor  
610-459-4183  
[www.rotary7450.org](http://www.rotary7450.org)

### Rotary International

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson - President  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### Club Officers 2007-2008

Nancy Geisel - President  
Barbara Laurenzi - President Elect  
Ken Delmar - Vice President  
Carole McManon - Secretary  
Jack Sproul - Treasurer  
Terrance Kline - Past President  
Ted Pleibel, III - Sergeant at Arms

### Board of Directors

Ed Beadle  
David Belanger  
Lynne Green  
Jim Clyma  
Rosemarie Halt  
Andy Hunt  
Tom Gibson  
Lynne Green  
Bryan Messick  
John Schlesinger

### Foundation Officers

Lori Markusfeld - President  
Jackie Woolfall - Vice President  
Tom Hibberd - Secretary  
Bob Dimond - Treasurer  
Bill Davis  
Walt Hill  
Sally Holub  
Narenda Krishna  
Bill Strine

### Club Chairs

Fran Smith - Gundaker Foundation  
Tom Gibson - Club Administration  
Bill Strine - Club Membership  
John Schlesinger - Public Relations  
David Belanger - Rotary Foundation  
Bryan Messick - Service Projects  
Ken Delmar - Vocational & Program  
Lynne Green - Social  
Barbara Laurenzi & Rosemarie Halt - Fall  
Fantasy Auction

Executive Secretary - Don Bak  
Recording Secretary & Medium Editor -  
Courtney Ballauer

## Representative Bryan Lentz

Rep. Bryan Lentz (D-161, Delaware) was first elected to the Pa. House of Representative in 2006 and has dedicated his life to public service. He is a fourth generation Army veteran and after graduating from Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College in 1984, Bryan received a full Army scholarship to attend Georgetown University.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in 1986. After completing the Infantry Officers Basic Course (IOBC) and U.S. Army Ranger School, Bryan was assigned to the Second Battalion of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

Lentz held leadership positions throughout his service in the 82nd Airborne Division, including the command of two rifle platoons and an



81mm mortar platoon. His overseas assignments include the recent war in Iraq, as well as tours with Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) and NATO peacekeeping missions in the Sinai Peninsula and Bosnia. His official commendations include the War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Bronze Star for Service. In Bosnia he oversaw millions of dollars in infrastructure development, including the first-ever Russian, Romanian, Muslim and Serbian joint bridge. In Iraq, Lentz commanded a Civil Affairs unit responsible for rebuilding the infrastructure and developing civil governance in the northern city of Mosul.

In his civilian life, Lentz served for six years as a prosecutor with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted gang members, rapists and other violent offenders. Since 1999, he has worked as an attorney in the private sector.

He lives in Swarthmore with wife Jennifer and son Joseph.

Last week Bryan Lentz, State Representative, joined our club. After the meeting, many people were still interested in his information. If you would like to contact him, please feel free to call him at 717-787-8574 or 610-447-3018 or contact him via email at his website [www.pahouse.com/lentz](http://www.pahouse.com/lentz).



*Joined by his wife, Jennifer, and newborn son, Joseph, Rep. Lentz becomes the latest member of the Swarthmore Rotary.*

## Valerie Bradley

Valerie Bradley was the first woman to join the Rotary Club of Media. This year marks 20 years in the club for Valerie and she was honored with a plaque at the last meeting. Thanks Valerie for paving the way!



Please don't forget to sign in at every meeting

Phones must be on vibrate - \$10 charge if they ring

Rotarians are responsible for all information changes with Courtney Ballauer.



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***Service Above Self***

George A. Albany, III – Banking, Savings Bank  
 Teresa Angarita – Construction Company  
 Don Bak – Architect  
 Courtney Ballauer – Community Health  
 Edward J. Beadle – Dentist  
 Lewis B. Betty, Jr. – Law – Probate  
 Jonathan Becker – Estate Attorney  
 David L. Belanger – Library Administration  
 Joseph S. Bodalski – Financial Consultant  
 Valarie Bradley – Real Estate Inspections  
 Marcus Brettschneider - Packaging  
 Martin Brian – Pharmacist  
 Jeffry Cadorette – Property Management  
 Anthony Cavaliere – Banking  
 George Cristoforidis – Home Health Care Equipment  
 Bruce Clark – Municipal Manager  
 Jim Clyma – Real Estate – Commercial  
 William K. Davis – Community Planner  
 Kenneth Delmar – Plastics, Packaging

## Classifications

Robert L. Dimond – Veterans Affairs  
 Robert W. Edmondson –  
 Al L. Elko – Accounting – CPA  
 Virginia Falkenbach – Computer – Web Design  
 Daniel Fredland – Elder Law  
 Ed Garabedian – Corporate Benefits  
 Nancy A. Geisel – Real Estate – Sales  
 Michael Gibbons – Music Producer  
 Tom Gibson – Public Relations  
 Ellen Gorby – Salon/Spa  
 Lynne L. Green – Realtor Leasing  
 Tom H. Gregory – Printing – Quick Copy  
 William S. Gross – Retail Men’s Clothing  
 Karin Gustafson – Advertising/Promotion  
 Ted Hadley - HONORARY  
 Rosemarie Halt – Pharmacist  
 Stanley T. Hibberd – Casualty Insurance  
 O. Warren Higgins – Law – Retired  
 Walton B. Hill – Education – Technical College  
 Sally Holub – Magazine  
 John Hontz – Education – Music  
 Andrew Hunt – Investment Representative  
 Peter E. Irish – Automotive Sales/Leasing  
 Eugene L. Kane – Medicine – Optometrist  
 Alex E. Karkenny – Stock Broker  
 Denise Kerr – School Superintendent  
 Reverend Robert Kesel – Clergy – Presbyterian  
 Joseph Kleschick – Ship Building  
 Terrance A. Kline – Law  
 Pat Kosinski – Non Profit Director  
 Narendra Krishna, MD – Ophthalmologist  
 Barbara Laurenzi – Banking – Business Banking  
 Paul Laviola – Financial Planner  
 Nicholas Lippincott – Law – Litigation  
 Peter A. Mardinly – Law – Tax  
 Lori Markusfeld – Fundraising  
 Carole McMahon – Home Healthcare  
 Victor A. Menghetti, Sr. – Veterinarian - HONORARY  
 Bryan Messick – Banking  
 Dale Moppert – Bank – Retail  
 David E. Pergrin - HONORARY  
 Ted Pleibel, III – Sign Maker  
 Evelyn Preisig, MA –  
 Karl Fredrick Price – Non Profit Museum  
 Penelope Reed – Theater  
 Dennis Rehrig – Med-Chiropractor  
 Roger Ricker – Theater  
 J. Nelson Rigby – Funeral Director  
 Mark Sanderson – Architecture  
 Martin T. Sarkees, Jr. – Accountant  
 George S. Saulnier – Law  
 John J. Schlesinger – School Administrator  
 Mollie Shiflet – O’Brien – Law – Real Estate  
 Dennis Slostad – Architect - Commercial  
 Fran Smith – Insurance Consultant  
 Jeffrey A. Smith – Borough Manager  
 Warren D. Smith – Dental Laboratory  
 Larry V. Smoose – Clergy  
 Jack Sproul – Laundry – Coin Op  
 Robert L. Stahl – Decorator  
 Linda E. Stone – Commercial Banking  
 Walter Strine, Sr. - HONORARY  
 William B. Strine – Engineer – Consultant  
 James W. Thomas – Springfield Ford, Inc.  
 Jay A. Thomas – Automobile – Retail  
 Greg Torre – Alarm Service  
 William Tyson – Oil Refining  
 John D. Vairo – Higher Education Administration  
 Lawrence Weathers, III – Auto-Leasing, Sales, Service, Parts  
 Randolph B. Winton – Money Manager  
 Jack Wisniewski – Retired – Helicopter Engineer  
 Jackie L. Woolfall – Marketing & Public Relations  
 Andrea Youndt – Director - YMCA

## Fun with Baskets

A number of classy, decorative baskets will be made up for the major fundraiser, the Fall Fantasy Auction. Please bring any item that you have for a basket to an upcoming meeting.

October - Fall Harvest Basket (gourmet food, fall decorations, tablecloth, etc.)



## Donations to VFW

Below is a list of requested items for our active military from this area.

Coloring Books    Baby Wipes  
 Crayons            Cotton Balls  
 Small, Safe Toys    Q-Tips  
 Silly String        Toiletry packets  
 Tooth Paste        Tooth Brush  
 Powdered Drinks    Sunglass Inserts  
 Training Pants     Toilet Tissue (1-ply)  
 Donations            etc.

## Barrel of Cheer

Remember to save the date for the Fall Fantasy Auction that will be held on Friday, November 16, 2007. See you there!

At the Auction, we will be raffling off a Barrel of Cheer. The barrel of cheer will be a wheelbarrel of liquor and it has been requested that all Club members bring one bottle to next weeks meeting. Thanks!