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Women at Valley Forge

Meet today's speaker: Nancy K. Loane.

A former seasonal ranger at Valley Forge National Historical Park, Nancy has studied more than five hundred Revolutionary War-era diaries, journals, letters, returns, orderly books, and records. A Pennsylvania Commonwealth Speaker (2006 - 2007), she has presented more than fifty lectures in four states about the women of Valley Forge encampment, Martha Washington, and the soldiers' letters from camp. A founding member of the American Revolution Round Table of Philadelphia and an honorary life-time member of the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, she lives in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

*Friday, December 19, 1777, dawned cold and windy. Fourteen thousand Continental Army soldiers tramped from dawn to dusk along the rutted Pennsylvania roads from Gulph Mills to Valley Forge, the site of their winter encampment. After the soldiers came the army's wagons and then hundreds of camp women. **Following the Drum: Women at Valley Forge Encampment** tells the story of the forgotten women who spent the winter of 1777-78 with the Continental Army at Valley Forge - from those on society's lowest rungs to ladies of the upper echelon.*

Poor, dirty beings who clung to the very edge of survival, many camp women were soldiers' wives who worked at the army's washerwomen, nurses, cooks, or seamstresses. Though these women's written correspondence is scarce, author Nancy loane uses sources such as issued military orders, pension depositions after the war, and soldiers' descriptions to bring these women to life. Other women at the encampment were of higher status: they traveled with Washington's entourage when the army headquarters shifted from place to place and served the general as valued cooks, laundresses, or housekeepers. In fact, based on letters exchanged with the general, former housekeeper Elizabeth Thompson was so esteemed by George Washington that in her advanced old age she was invited to live at Mount Vernon.

*There were also the ladies at Valley Forge. A part of the "numerous and splendid" audience who enjoyed the camp theater and had their portraits painted by Charles Willson Peale, they were not subject to the harsh conditions of camp life and came and went as they and their husbands, Washington's generals and military advisors, saw fit. Drawing from diary entries and letters, **Following the Drum** illuminates the experiences of these ladies, including Martha Washington, Lucy Knox, and Lady Stirling, during the encampment and then traces their lives after the Revolutionary War. Contrary to past arguments, no evidence suggests that Martha Washington visited informally among the troops at any camp, including Valley Forge.*

*In **Following the Drum**, readers will learn of the 1777-78 encampment from the women who lived it and undoubtedly discover a Valley Forge that many never knew existed.*



Reception Committee				Program
Date	Chairperson	Greeter	Prayer	Speaker/Subject
November 19	Tom Gregory	Bill Gross	Peter Mardinly	Women at Valley Forge - Nancy Loane Meet in the Jamestown Room
November 26	No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving!			Thanksgiving
December 3	Karin Gustafson	Rosemarie Halt	Bill Strine	Larry Kane, Tv Anchor
December 10	Rich Harding	Tom Hibberd	Bob Dimond	Williamson Jazz Band & Guy Gardner, President of Williamson Trade School
December 17	O. Warren Higgins	Sally Holub	Rich Harding	Joy Bells of Mellmark

Calendar of Events

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

Media Rotary Foundation Meetings - Dates TBD.

The meeting will be held quarterly at 1:30 p.m. at the Towne House Restaurant.

Schedule of Events for Rotary 7450

Information can be obtained at 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 e-mail at pgs8@comcast.net

Membership Dates

Our club board recommends (1) that the 3rd Thursday of each month be Membership Day (with a few minutes to talk about what it's like to be a Rotarian); (2) that the Rotary Information sessions for new members be held each month on the Thursday following the board meeting (allowing for prospective new members names to be placed in The Medium with enough time for the 7-Day Notice); (3) that new member induction day be the 4th Thursday of each month.

District 7450

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Interesting Information?

Do you have any interesting information that you'd like to see in an upcoming Medium? Submit your stories and pictures to Courtney at ballauerco@mlhs.org.

We're always looking for interesting information to share with our fellow Rotarians.

Facebook

Virginia set up a FACEBOOK page for Rotary. If you have a Facebook account please link to this page. If you do not have a FACEBOOK account, they are easy to set up and a great way to connect with people.

We will do our second annual drawing where one Rotarian will win \$250 to go to the charity of their choice. Last year, Valerie won. This year, it could be you! Make sure your dues are paid up, and you'll be eligible to win!

**Know someone who would make a great Rotarian?
Bring them to a meeting!**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!
Happy Birthday Rotarians
November 4 - Virginia Falkenbach
November 9 - Nick Lippincott
November 24 - Ken Delmar
November 25 - James Thomas
November 26 - Dutch Becker

The Other Side of the World

Written by Brandon Johnson, our Ambassadorial Scholar.

January 18, 2009
Genocide in Cambodia
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

(continued from last week)
This article is not for the squeamish.

In the 1940s we declared, "No more." Genocide was to be prevented at all costs. Since then, we've seen Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Darfur. How much we could have stopped is in question. And it surely is not our responsibility alone. But to ignore genocide---or even to diminish its gravity---is entirely unacceptable.

The genocide in Darfur, a western region in Africa's Sudan, has been occurring for over five years. It is estimated that at least 400,000 have died, and 2 million have been displaced. United Nations and African Union troops have finally been allowed into the region, but their impact is minimal. What world powers have done to put an end to this genocide is grossly insufficient. I admit that it is no easy task. But allowing this innocent manslaughter to continue is not a viable option.

Here's the inevitable question. What, as citizens, can we do? Be informed. Know the world's news. Reject and shun the ignorance Americans are so often stereotyped with. Speak out our voices---to friends, communities, and politicians. Show the world we care.

No, that alone will not solve these problems. But at least it will help.

(continued next week)



The Rotary Song

(To the tune of the Yale Wiffenpoof Song)

To the tables at the Towne House
with our friends who gather there
Midst the fellowship and good will that we share.
We Rotarians assembled
plan events we run so well
Soap box derby, pancake br'fast
and the rest.

Yes, the magic of our service
and the work we so enjoy
Raising funds for good through games and rides and fairs.
We will grill all day our burgers
and serve our hot dogs too
Then we'll fold our tents and bank the cash anew.

We're strong in our faith
we'll not go astray

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We're keeping the straight and narrow way

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Rotarians making history
Serving from here to eternity
Please grant strength to such as we

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Please don't forget to sign in at every meeting!
Replacement Badges \$10

Replacement Magnet Lapel Pins \$5

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

Lunch: \$14 in advance \$15 at the door

Rotarians are responsible for all information changes with Courtney Ballauer. cballauer@comcast.net

Thank you for your cooperation!



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Donations to the VFW

Our active military has requested the following items: 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, CHOCOLATE

Club Members & Classifications

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50/50 Gifts

50/50 gifts for the next 70 weeks were supplied by the following businesses and Rotarians: Conductive Plastics Company, Contemporary Styles, D’Ignazio’s Towne House, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, Soak Surf and Skate, Pinocchio’s, PNC Bank, Professional Duplicating, The Little Inn, Vinnie’s Place, Wawa

The following Rotarians are responsible for the above gifts: Mike Boettcher, Jeff Cadorette, Ken Delmar, Tom Gregory, Terry Kline, Barb Laurenzi, Bryan Messick, Ted Pleibel, Greg Torre

Please thank them for making our weekly 50/50 more exciting!

Don’t forget our members

Although Walt and Dave can’t make it to our regular meetings, they would love to hear from you:

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