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MEDIA-UPPER PROVIDENCE FREE LIBRARY UNVEILING DESIGN FOR NEW LIBRARY

The Media-Upper Providence Free Library was founded by the Women's Club of Media in 1901. While supported in part by the government funding, it is a non-profit organization responsible for its budget and operation. It serves the 15,000 residents of Media Borough and Upper Providence Townships. The library boast 9,000 active cardholders and over 100,000 patron visits each year. The Delaware County Library System activity was greater in the past five years than the previous ten years and usage is growing.

The Media Upper Providence Free Library unveiled the design by Linn Architects for the new library at an invitation only reception held at the library on March 16. The new library look was enthusiastically accepted as having a home town feel featuring a wrap around porch and brick exterior. The design goal was to achieve a balance between a fully functional building and a community space that fits seamlessly into the charm of the surrounding neighborhood.

"The new library will have a powerful and lasting effect on the Media and Upper-Providence communities. So many of us have been working so hard behind the scenes to get the building project off the ground it is really exciting to see it begin to take shape and to see so many residents and community leaders step forward to support the project!" – Robin Beaver, Library Board Member, Media Borough.

The proposed new library will be a 10,000 sq. ft., two-story building. The floor plan includes designated areas for children, young adults, adults, and a computer access area while maintaining free Wi-Fi throughout. The new design addresses



issues of public safety, patron flow, and accessibility. The design includes space for programs and public meetings with enough room for large and small groups and simultaneous programs. The overall design is flexible to accommodate future growth and changes in the way public uses a library. Energy-efficient HVAC, windows and lighting will be used. The floor plan will provide for handicapped accessibility using ADA-compliant entrances, bathrooms, an elevator and designated parking.

The Media-Upper Providence Free Library, with funds raised through a PA Keystone Grant, individual donors and generous support from Media Borough and Upper Providence Township, will build a new library at its current location on Front Street. The library has been and will continue to raise funds through a capital campaign during the process.

April	Program
9 th	Media Library - Robert Linn Greeter: Laura Bedrossian
16 th	Club Assembly Greeter: Mike Rounds
23 th	Service Projects: Sue Mardinly Greeter: Morris Kaufman
30 th	Healthcare: Dr Richard Whittington Greeter: Wayne Matthias-Long

2015 Supplement Gets Underway

Advertising space now available in the 2015 Rotary Club of Media Supplement. For more info, contact Scott Davidson (scott@252services.com) or any other supplement team member!



2015 MEDIA ROTARY GALA



49th Annual
Pancake Day
 Media Elementary School Cafeteria
 (State Street & Front Street Entrance)

Saturday, April 25th
 8 am to 12 pm

sponsored by the
Rotary Club of Media
 proceeds to be used for Community Projects

All You Can Eat! Pancakes • Sausage • Juice
 Cashed goods will be collected for the week

Adults \$5
 Children (Under 12) \$3

TICKETS
 Tickets may be purchased at the Door
 or through local Rotary Members




PRESIDENT-ELECT URGES ROTARY MEMBERS TO 'BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD'

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.



Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will prevail," he said.

GUNDAKER FOUNDATION **COMEDY NIGHT**

Thursday, April 16th @ 6:30
 The Sheraton Great Valley



Dinner, Show, and Cash Bar
Tickets: \$45

For tickets or more information
 contact: Norman Watts
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DISTRICT 7450 TRAINING ASSEMBLY Mon., May 11th at 5:30PM at the Crowne Plaza King of Prussia.



Rotarians are real life super heroes, going wherever they are needed to help those in trouble. We use our super powers - compassion and kindness - to save mankind from the evil forces in the world such as disease, hunger, poverty, and ignorance. But our super powers require knowledge and training in order to be properly utilized. Join us on May 11 to increase your knowledge and give your club the tools and capabilities to Be a Gift to The World.

Sign up now and save! Register before April 24 at midnight and the cost to attend is only \$17.95. After that the price goes up.

Rotary releases \$34.8 million for polio immunization activities worldwide

Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped.

The funds, released in January, will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last 6 months.

SUPER SUNDAY
STREET AND CRAFT FAIR

April 12th • 9 AM to 4 PM
State St. and Veterans Square Media

and shop the many Media businesses and restaurants
Sponsored by Crozer Keystone Health System
Coordinated by Town Talk and Delco News Network
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Hello, DOLLY!

Thursday, May 14th
Media Theatre

6:30 Reception
7:30 Curtain Goes Up

\$50

- Orchestra Seating
- Pre-show Pasta Bar Catered by *Fellini's Cafe*
- Intermission Desserts by *Donella's Confections*
- Cash bar

For ticket information:
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Bruce Clark
7th - Terrance A. Kline
8th - Valerie Bradley
8th - Michael J. Boettcher
14th - James M. Wurster
30th - Peter A. Mardinly



Facts About Philadelphia That Are Actually Lies!

1. The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4th, 1776. That would be a declaration of LIES! While it makes things neat and tidy -- and super-patriotic -- it's not true. Quick history lesson: the Declaration of Independence was approved July 2nd, 1776, announced publicly July 4th, and actually signed August 2nd. That's some great bar trivia to use down the Shore this summer.

2. Philadelphia Cream Cheese is from Philadelphia. Know that what you've been spreading on your bagel is LIES! Yes, Philly was originally a hotbed for cream-cheese production in the 19th century, but the company in question was actually started in Chester, NY in the 1870s. It wasn't until 1880 that the company's product was officially sold as Philadelphia Cream Cheese.

3. Betsy Ross lived in the Betsy Ross House. More like House of LIES! Betsy Ross may have lived in a house, but it definitely wasn't Betsy Ross House in Old City. While the location is one of the most visited historic sites in Philly, there is no official record that Betsy Ross even lived there. Historians also debunk that Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag. Betsy is basically famous for being famous, making her the 1760s' Kim Kardashian.

4. Broad Street is the longest straight street in the US. Actually it's NOT! That title goes to Western Ave in Chicago, which stretches 23.8mi across the city. Makes bragging after the Broad Street run a little less deserved.

5. The Liberty Bell cracked on July 4th, 1776. You could say this story has been embELLished! Given all the history you learned about the Liberty Bell earlier -- hint hint, #1 -- there were no bells rung on July 4th to ring in our Independence. Philly's most famous icon actually acquired its signature crack sometime in the 19th century.

6. Comcast's curse-busting helped the Phillies win the World Series. BS, unless of course you believe in jinxes. The alleged curse of Billy Penn started in 1987, with the construction of the tower at One Liberty breaking the years-long gentlemen's agreement that City Hall would be the tallest building in the city. Following construction, no Philadelphia sports team won a major championship until -- you guessed it -- Comcast completed construction of the Comcast tower in 2007, complete with a small statue of Billy Penn at the apex.

7. Ben Franklin's kite was struck by lightning. Yeah, all your school teachers are LIARS! While Ben Franklin did conduct a variety of electrical experiments (including some using kites), the story you all heard as children is most likely false. It's such a popular legend that the folks at MythBusters formally debunked it -- Ben Franklin would have been fatally electrocuted if he were actually holding a kite when it was struck by lightning.

8. William Penn named Pennsylvania after himself. Every self-respecting Pennsylvanian -- or nerdy elementary-schooler -- knows that Quaker leader William Penn named PA after himself. Too bad everyone's wrong! Pennsylvania was named after Charles II gave a land charter to repay debt owed to Penn's father, Admiral William Penn (confusing right?). Young William actually wanted to name the land Sylvania.



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