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### CITY TEAM SEEKING DONATIONS TO PROVIDE HOLIDAY MEALS



City Team Ministries Director of Food Services John Clifford, right, prepares a holiday food box for a family in need last year.

In just two short months, workers at CityTeam Ministries in Chester will start preparations for the holiday season and their ambitious fundraising goals.

CityTeam seeks to provide full holiday meals for more than 1,000 families on both Thanksgiving and Christmas, and they are relying on the generosity of donors to do it. The Christian-based organization receives no government funding and provides all of its services through donations.

"We don't have an endowment," said John Clifford, CityTeam's director of food services, who oversees an operation that not only gathers and distributes the holiday food boxes, but also provides three hot meals each and every day of the year. "We work 100 percent

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### HEADROOM OFFERS COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT



HeadRoom managing partner Dan Lievens (center) host local entrepreneurs at a "meet-up" to share ideas.

HeadRoom is a recently opened Business Resource Center located in the heart of Media. They offer space, collaboration, and strategic planning services.

Since it's official opening on the 24th of September 2014 HeadRoom has been attracting small businesses and start-ups to Media by offering them a flexible professional working environment at affordable rates. The uniqueness of what HeadRoom does, revolves around their emphasis on creating a trusting, collaborative climate in which businesses thrive. Many of the companies that joined HeadRoom in the last year, have gone on to expand and hire employees. The current number of resident businesses is 45.

In addition HeadRoom works with businesses and start-ups in helping them to create a forward-looking longer-term plan that focuses on making real change in their business world. To date HeadRoom has led over 30 strategic planning sessions with a very diverse range of businesses

HeadRoom is led by an experience management team. Erin and Dan Lievens, no strangers to Rotary, are joined by John Tooher, a Downingtown resident. They have exciting plans for growing their business in Delaware County and beyond over the next years.

Aug.	Program
6 <sup>th</sup>	John Clifford - City Team Food Service Greeter: George Beatty
13 <sup>th</sup>	Classification Talks Greeter: Bill Clinton
20 <sup>th</sup>	Headroom - John Toher Greeter: Julie Shopa
27 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Caulder Greeter: Kevin James

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off of donations. We are a Christian organization, so the money and items that come to us, we can directly distribute to the people in need."

The holiday food programs benefit families not just in Chester, but all throughout the region. "There are people hurting all over the area," he added.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, Clifford hopes to gather enough food to provide more than 1,000 families with a turkey and a food box containing the ingredients for a full-course holiday meal. In addition, at Christmas, CityTeam will also distribute toys to the children of those families. Volunteers delivered more than 13,000 toys last year.

City Team offers recovery and shelter programs that can house upwards of 70 men at a time, and Clifford works throughout the year to stock the pantry to provide three hot meals every day. Clifford's dedication stems from his firsthand knowledge of the programs' benefits. He was a homeless ex-convict less than 10 years ago. "This is very personal for me," he said. "I got hooked on drugs and came here straight from prison."

He made it through the recovery program and has been working for the organization for the last few years. As food services director, Clifford went through more than \$1 million of donated food last year, but CityTeam employees and volunteers work constantly to ensure that the facility is properly stocked to meet the need.

Families who wish to take advantage of the holiday food box program must register in advance and provide proof of income to qualify. There are several registration dates this month.

About two weeks before Thanksgiving, volunteers gather at CityTeam's facility to put the boxes together. The food boxes and turkeys are delivered a few days before the holiday by volunteers who also spend time with the recipient families.

In addition to donations of food, CityTeam also accepts monetary contributions that can be used to purchase food items through bulk purchasing agreements. Hundreds of volunteers are also needed to pack the boxes and deliver them before the holidays.

Volunteers and donors can contact Clifford at 610-872-6865, extension 107, or via email at [jclifford@cityteam.org](mailto:jclifford@cityteam.org). or visit: [www.cityteam.org/philadelphia](http://www.cityteam.org/philadelphia).

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## PERENNIAL FAVORITE GRANT CALDER SPEAKS ON THE 27TH

Grant Calder is not only a teacher, at Friends' Central School in Philadelphia, but an engaging public speaker, internet blogger and a frequent contributor to the Philadelphia Inquirer.



Twice each year he works with groups of adult students selected by the State Department from countries of strategic importance to the United States. They spend five weeks in the U.S. Learning about the origins of American democracy and religious pluralism. The discussion often turns to questions of people's rights and governments' powers. *What rights do we have? What powers do we confer on our government?* Both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution make it clear that the authors believed rights should be expansive and powers should be limited.

Grant will talk about what rights we have added to the list in recent decades and what new ones are being currently debated. And how the expansion of recognized rights effects government powers.

## DISTRICT FAMILY PICNIC & BBQ!

**Sun., August 16th @ 11:00am  
Wilson Farm Park in Berwyn**



Invite your family, friends, neighbors and prospective Rotarians as DG Chad and other district leaders fire up the grill and cook up burgers & hot dogs for everyone to enjoy.

There will be entertainment for the kids including a moon bounce, face painting, and other backyard games. Bring your own blankets and chairs and we'll provide the rest.

Cost is just \$10 per person. (Children 10 and under are free.)  
WILSON FARM PARK - 500 Lee RD., Berwyn, PA 19312

## AFRICA ON BRINK OF POLIO ERADICATION!



Dr. Hamid Jafari, Keynote Speaker on Polio at 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil

Nigeria and the whole continent of Africa is on the cusp of being polio free, Dr. Hamid Jafari told audience members at the Rotary Convention on June 8th in São Paulo, Brazil.

Between 2013 and 2014, the reported cases of polio dropped from 53 to just six in Nigeria. Even more encouraging, said Jafari, is that the last case of polio in Nigeria was reported in July of last year and the last case in all of Africa was reported in Somalia in August.

"With a year of no polio cases in Nigeria tantalizingly close, and no cases in Somalia since August, the tireless work of so many people across the continent is paying off," said Jafari, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative for the World Health Organization. "But it is incredibly important that Nigeria remains vigilant. As long as polio exists anywhere, it will continue to be a threat everywhere."

Transmission of the wild poliovirus has also never been stopped in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2014, 85 percent of polio cases worldwide were in Pakistan, the country's highest case count in over a decade. But progress has been made over the last few months to stem the spread of the virus. The focus for the government and all of the polio partners has shifted to missed children. Vaccinators have gained access to areas that have been out of reach for years, said Jafari.

Since January, cases in Pakistan are lower than this time last year thanks to advocacy work from Rotary members, said Jafari. "This is a reminder that we cannot let politics and conflict stand in our way, because at the end of the chain stands a mother or father that just wants to protect their child. But the coming months are the real test. We are entering the high season for polio transmission."

Jafari encouraged attendees to stay committed. "I need you to continue to advocate and engage with your political leaders with that strong, influential Rotary voice of yours, so that all our stakeholders continue to commit to funding the final stages," he said.

District 7450 Major League Soccer Event

## 5TH ANNUAL ROTARY NIGHT AT PPL PARK Philadelphia Union vs. Columbus Crew



Sat., Sept. 12th @ 7:00 pm at  
PPL Park - Chester, PA

[Rotary Tailgate Party from 4:30 pm]

Tailgate party with fellowship, food and beverages, hosted by the Rotary Club of Chester and the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club.

Tickets are \$30 with \$10 going to Polio Plus. With Matching from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for every ticket sold, 50 children will be immunized against polio!

## AMAZING ANAGRAMS!

SLOT MACHINES *becomes...*

**CASH LOST IN 'EM**

THE COMING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN *becomes...*

**DAMN! ELECTING TIME IS APPROACHING**

AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE *becomes...*

**GAL, CAN I HAVE A COOL BEER?**

A STRIPTEASERS *becomes...*

**ATTIRE SPARSE**



## ELKTON ROTARY CLUB PAST PRESIDENT AND CHAMPION OF UGANDA BRAINTREE PROJECT BRAIN DERRICK LOWE (1966 - 2015)



Derrick Lowe poses with his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Lowe, at the Elkton Fall Fest event in September while campaigning for re-election.

Cecil County Clerk of Court Derrick Lowe has died unexpectedly, court officials reported Wednesday morning. Derrick apparently suffered an apparent heart attack or aneurysm while exercising Wednesday morning.

Lowe, 49, is survived by his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Lowe, who is a surgeon with a medical practice in Elkton, and their two children. Lowe lived with his family in Elkton.

In 2010, Republican challenger Lowe, then 43, won his first four-year term as clerk of the court.

Before embarking on his first bid for clerk of the court, Lowe was an Elkton-based lawyer who practiced with Wanda "Cricket" Browne.

Lowe, who grew up in Tennessee, earned his law degree in 2008 from Widener University Law School in Delaware after earning degrees at Tennessee Technological University 1990 and East Tennessee State University 2002.

In the community, Lowe was also known for his service on the board of directors of Mount Aviat Academy, and with the Boy Scouts and Elkton Rotary Club. As a Rotarian, he received a Distinguished Service Award for his involvement with the Braintree Primary School project, which provided a computer room and latrines to school children in Kampala, Uganda. Within the past couple years, Lowe also helped establish a county bluegrass concert to benefit several county charities and share his love of bluegrass with the community.

## Friends of Glen Providence Park presents...



This Concert Series is made possible with the generous sponsorship of the Media Recreation Board and the Media Rotary Club Foundation. Additional funding is provided by restaurant sponsors and donations from individuals.

Sat, Aug. 29th - Classical woodwind music with *Philly Winds*

Sat, Sept. 12th - Rock music with *Delco Rock School*

## August Birthdays

6th - George Beatty  
7th - Andrew Hunt  
13th - Anne Shenberger  
16th - Nancy A. Geisel  
25th - Gene Kane  
26th - Michael Campbell  
31st - Katie Breslin-Duffus



## AUGUST MENU

6th: Stuffed Pork Chop -or- Turkey Club Wrap  
13th: Meatloaf - or - Chicken Caesar Salad  
20th: Chicken - or - Italian Hoagie Wrap  
27th: Spaghetti w/clams - or - Chef Salad



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