



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA

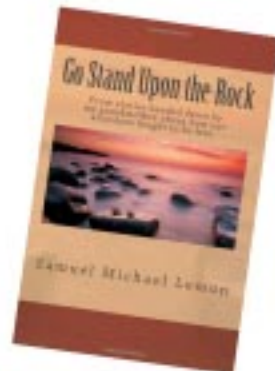
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Club 5492

Member of Rotary District 7450  
Southeastern Pennsylvania, USA

## The Medium

### DR SAMUEL LEMON, AUTHOR: GO STAND UPON THE ROCK



Dr. Sam Lemon grew up in Media, where his maternal great-great-grandparents arrived as runaway slaves during the Civil War. Given refuge by local Quakers, his ancestors prospered and became prominent members of the community. Their descendants have lived on Olive Street in Media since 1872. Dr Lemon's novel, *"Go Stand Upon the Rock"*, is based on his family's strong oral and cultural traditions, and his doctoral dissertation. Dr. Lemon eloquently details a fascinating story of strength, determination and achievement.

Based largely on data collected from oral history interviews, the book examines the construction of tri-racial ethnographic identities (African American, Caucasian, American Indian). Here, in-depth narratives and analyses of two tri-racial family histories surface the complex, dynamic, and interactional social contingencies that act on individual and family psychologies to share ethnic identity.

In the role of a participant observer, the author reports the history of his own family, the Ridleys of Media, Pennsylvania, which he compiled from the family's oral tradition, genealogies and archival documents, and the U.S. Census. His narrative revolves around three prominent family members on his mother's side: Cornelius, a venerated, light-complexioned ancestor who escaped from slavery on an antebellum plantation in southeastern Virginia, and 'passing' as white fled north to Pennsylvania on the Underground Railroad in the 1860s; Josefa, a mysterious, legendarily clairvoyant woman from the Danish West Indies, who married into the Ridley family in the 1880s; and Maud, the author's remarkable maternal grandmother, whose story begins in Media, Pennsylvania, in the 1890s."

Dr. Lemon worked many years with Delaware County Children and Youth Services and ended with his position as manager for the Community Education Services of WHYY, Philadelphia's public broadcasting station. We resume with a stint as the Community Relations Director for Rose Tree Media School District, returning him to his roots as a 1969 Penncrest graduate. The economy intervened, and after six years with RTM, Lemon was downsized out of that post around 2006.

Lemon earned a B.A. in English Literature at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia; a M.S. in Instructional Media at West Chester University, and a Doctorate in Education at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Quaker, and member of the Brandywine Valley Writers Group, the Caribbean Genealogy Library, and the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Dr Lemon currently at work on the sequel to *"Go Stand Upon the Rock"*, part of which occurs in the Danish West Indies.

June	Program
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Samuel Lemon Greeter: Morris Kaufman
11 <sup>th</sup>	Anderson Hartzell - PA EPA Greeter: Laura Bedrossian
18 <sup>th</sup>	Club Assembly Greeter: Michael Rounds
25 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Smoose Induction Dinner

**Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer. - Allen Klein**





# pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The DEP (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection) is largely responsible for administering Pennsylvania's environmental laws and regulations. Each day, the department works to reduce air pollution; make sure our drinking water is safe; protect the water quality in our rivers and streams; make sure that waste is handled properly; support community renewal and revitalization; promote advanced energy technology and help the commonwealth's citizens prevent pollution and comply with Pennsylvania's environmental regulations.

Anderson Hartzell, Supervising Attorney, is assigned to the Southeast Regional Office PA DEP located in Norristown.

### Recent PA DEP News

- 6/1: Chevron Fined for Fatal Lanco Gas Well Fire
- 5/29 - West Nile Virus-Carrying Mosquito Sample Detected
- 5/29 - DEP to Begin Drilling Work at Mine Fire in Carbon County
- 5/29 - DEP's New Public Comment Policy Enhances Public Participation, Transparency
- 5/28 - DEP to Host Second Public Meeting Regarding Keystone Landfill's Permit Expansion Application
- 5/28 - DEP Holds Public Hearing on Proposed Indiana County Injection Well
- 5/27 - Governor Tom Wolf Creates Task Force on Pipeline Infrastructure Development
- 5/27 - DEP Announces Work to Reclaim Hazardous Abandoned Mine Land in Luzerne County
- 5/26 - 27 Pennsylvania Counties Remain in Drought Watch
- 5/21 - DEP Issues Permit to End Tullytown Landfill Disposal Operations within Two Years
- 5/20 - DEP to Host Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Quarry Operation in Lehigh County
- 5/20 - DEP Fines Maryland Demolition Company for Illegal Waste Disposal
- 5/20 - ADVISORY – Harrisburg – Environmental Officials to Conduct Live Webcast of Falcon Banding
- 5/20 - DEP Fines Washita Valley Enterprises Inc. \$53,344 for Residual Waste Violations in Bradford County
- 5/19 - Pennsylvania Marks 20th Anniversary of Signing of Land Recycling Laws
- 5/14 - DEP Announces \$20,750 Settlement against Casella Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.
- 5/12 - DEP to Host Public Information Session on Jeanesville Mine Fire
- 5/12 - DEP to Hold Public Meeting on FirstEnergy Proposal to Modify Coal Waste Landfill Permit
- 5/12 - DEP Continues the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

## 2015 - 2016 ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA INDUCTION DINNER



2015 - 2016 Induction Dinner of President Larry Smoose and the Club Board will be held at the Towne House. Family members of all ages are welcome.

*There will be no lunch at the Towne House on June 25th.*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH @ 6PM  
THE TOWNE HOUSE**

## POLIO VACCINE CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY



**Dr. Jonas Salk with one of the first children to receive the vaccine.**

April 2015, marks 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957 -- two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine -- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there.

The impact on the rest of the world has taken longer. In 1988, when Rotary International launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with its partners at the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, polio continued to cripple children in 125 countries. Today, polio remains endemic in only three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And it has been more than eight months since Nigeria's last case, making a polio-free Africa a real possibility.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - JULY 4TH, 2015



Come and share your Rotary Pride and Philadelphia Pride to the world (yes, this is televised across the world) in the WaWa Independence Day parade that features dozens of floats, marching bands, antique cars, Miss America, and more than 6,000 marchers who begin at Independence Hall and wind through Philadelphia's most historic streets.

Imagine walking past Independence Hall (the image, by the way, on our District 7450 banner) where the Founding Fathers of the United States signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the Constitution in 1787. Philadelphia was one of the nation's capitals during the Revolutionary War, and the city served as the temporary U.S. capital while Washington, D.C., was under construction.

Rain or shine, the parade goes on. This is the 4th year of District 7450 participation on July 4th. Come and show Philadelphia that we are Super Heroes having 110 years of being committed to "Service above Self" as we celebrate "the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion" [Thomas Jefferson, 1826].

Please participate in this fun and prideful march 11 am-1 pm. Bring Rotaractors, Interactors, Earlyactors, club members, family members and friends to make up the 200 participants, that the WaWa parade organizers are expecting. Please make sure you have someone designated to carry your club banner. Smile and wave to the camera! Our goal is at least 4 participants from each Club.

Consider to wear a Rotary shirt and khaki pants, shorts, skirts. We are required to have homogeneity in our outfits and car-pool into the city. We have never had a problem with street parking. Consider staying after the parade to socialize and network in a local pub or restaurant; or go to the successive July 4th festivities

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## GOVERNOR'S INSTALLATION AND CRUISE - JUNE 24TH



**Chad Rosenberg**  
2015-2016 District Governor

Set Sail on the beautiful Delaware River aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia to celebrate the Installation of District Governor Chad Rosenberg. Mix and mingle with your fellow Rotarians during the cocktail hour on the upper deck while watching the Tall Ships as they sail up the Delaware River to Philadelphia for the first time in 15 years. Enjoy a delicious gourmet dinner in the private dining room and then dance the night away below deck, or gaze at the stars and the magnificent Philadelphia skyline above deck as we cruise up and down the river. Price: \$75 per person. Includes tax, gratuity, and two drink tickets.



## Rotary Night @ Phillies Tue., Aug. 4th @ 7:05pm

Join District 7450 Rotarians and friends to watch the Phillies vs Dodgers. DG-E Chad will throw out the first pitch. All children, 18 and under, attending with a Rotary Club will get a Phillies Phan gift bag. Join us on the Rooftop above Ashburn Alley 5:35-8 pm for networking. Concession stands nearby to purchase food and beverages.

All children will have the opportunity to meet the Phanatic 5:45-6 pm. Great photo opp!

See your Club President or their designate for tickets before they sell out.



# MAN IN IRON LUNG DISCOVERS ROTARY



Rotary e-club member Linda Elliott visits fellow member Paul Alexander in his home. Alexander is among a small number of people in the world today who rely on an iron lung to breathe.

One might think a man living with polio in an iron lung would know about Rotary. But it wasn't until Paul Alexander had a business meeting with a member in Duncanville, Texas, earlier this year that he learned Rotary fights to eradicate the very disease that left him almost completely paralyzed.

"I was completely blown away by the idea. For all these years, I didn't know the work they were doing," says Alexander, a practicing attorney in Dallas. "It's such a perfect fit for me."

Alexander contracted polio during a major U.S. outbreak of the disease in the late 1950s when he was six years old, and almost died in the hospital before a doctor noticed he wasn't breathing and rushed him into an iron lung, an airtight metal tank that encloses all of the body except the

head and uses regulated changes in air pressure to force the lungs to inhale and exhale. Alexander is among a small number of people in the world today still using an iron lung to assist his paralytic polio. The need for the 800-pound machines declined dramatically after the polio vaccine became widely available in the early 1960s.

In October, Alexander became a member of the Rotary E-Club of District 5810 during an induction ceremony held in his home, attended by Rotary's President Gary C.K. Huang through an online connection. Alexander is writing a book about his experience and wants to be an ambassador for Rotary promoting the benefits of eradicating polio.

Freed from the lung

For 10 years, Alexander never left the device or his house. But then he had a breakthrough, teaching himself to breathe on his own by forcing air into his lungs. That allowed him to get around in a wheelchair for up to eight hours.

"The first day I was outside the house was extraordinary. It was a 100 percent improvement," he recalls.

Determined to go to college, he moved onto campus and with the help of a nursing assistant attended classes, earning a degree from the University of Texas. He eventually went on to earn a law degree, passed the bar, and practices civil and criminal law.

He has a computer keyboard and a touchtone phone by his head which he can manipulate with a plastic stick held in his mouth. When he goes to court for a case, he has assistants who help him. He's traveled farther from his home on rare occasions. The iron lung, which has wheels, is shipped to meet him at his destination.

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## JUNE MENU

- 4th - Chef Salad - or - Open Face Roast Beef
- 11th - Turkey BLT - or - Ravioli and Meatballs
- 18th - Chicken/ Tuna Bowl - or - Filet Tips
- 25th - Induction Dinner

## June Birthdays

- 7th - Michael John Rounds
- 8th - Penelope Reed
- 12th - Jake Milunsky
- 16th - Chris Swartz
- 19th - J. Nelson Rigby Jr.
- 20th - Rosemarie Halt
- 27th Tom Gibson
- 27th - Jim Clyma
- 28th - Tom H. Gregory
- 29th - Rob Hancock



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