

## LET'S GO CLUBBING

Here's where other Rotary clubs meet....

- ➔ **Newtown Square** at Newtown Grille  
Thursdays @ 6:00 pm
- ➔ **Upper Darby-Lansdowne** at Drexelbrook  
Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm
- ➔ **Central Delaware County** at Court Diner  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 am
- ➔ **Concordville-Chadds Ford** at  
Maris Grove Adult Community  
Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm

## Rotary Recongizizes 108th Anniversary in Fight Against Polio

Rotary's 108th anniversary on 23 February marks a year of both achievements in the fight to eradicate polio and a stepped-up commitment to finish the job.

Worldwide, 222 polio cases were reported in 2012, a little more than one-third of the 650 cases reported in 2011. India marked its second year without polio on 13 January. Overall, the annual incidence of polio has decreased more than 99 percent since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988. Then polio infected about 350,000 children per year.

Although the wild poliovirus is now endemic only in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, it could spread from there back to other countries.

Among Rotary's chief responsibilities in the eradication initiative is advocacy, an increasingly important element of this latter stage of the effort. In addition to contributing more than US\$1 billion to the GPEI, Rotary has helped secure over \$9 billion from donor governments since the initiative began in 1988. Rotary is boosting its advocacy work in the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs exist to encourage every national government to help meet a \$700 million shortfall (as of 1 February) in funding the GPEI through 2013.

## March Birthdays

- 15th - Janet Howarth
- 15th - Peter Irish
- 24th - Jack Hontz



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## A Good Cup of Coffee Can Change Your Day...Now it Can Help Change the World!

In keeping with the Rotary theme of "Service Above Self", the Rotary Club of Media along with 300 Rotary clubs in the US have been selling Green Mountain Fair Trade coffee to raise funds that have gone toward water projects throughout Africa, Central and South America, and Indonesia. To date our combined efforts have netted nearly \$184,000, providing more than 50,000 people in 10 countries with access to clean water.

To buy coffee or learn more contact committee chair, Tom Hibberd:  
[hibberd@comcast.net](mailto:hibberd@comcast.net)  
or [www.MediaRotary.org](http://www.MediaRotary.org)



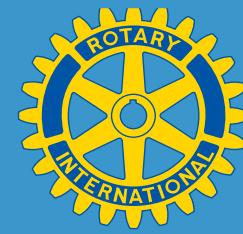
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### MARCH MENU

14th: Ham & Cabbage - or - Chicken Caesar Wrap  
21st: Chicken Marsala - or - Junior Turkey Club  
28th: Broiled Flounder - or - Italian Hoagie



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA

MARCH 2013

Club 5492

Member of Rotary District 7450  
Southeastern Pennsylvania, USA

## The Medium

### Elwyn, Over 160 Years of providing services for people with disabilities



Media Rotarian enjoy lunch and informative lecture at Elwyn

Elwyn has been one of nation's first schools for children with intellectual disabilities since 1852. Elwyn has continued to be at the forefront of developing unique, innovative services for people with disabilities. For over 160 years, their mission and vision have remained steadfast:

*Maximizing potential through personal commitment, collective talents and innovation, Elwyn supports individuals with diverse challenges in shaping distinctive, meaningful lives. Through partnerships with families, communities and government, Elwyn will be the provider of choice for people with diverse challenges.*

Elwyn has continually pioneered new service models and developed new programs to meet the changing needs of the people they serve. Their services address a broad range of needs for people of all ages in:

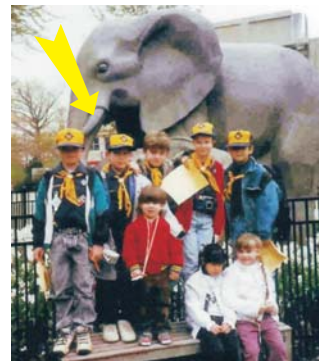
- Behavioral health
- Early childhood services
- Special education
- Research and health services
- Work & adult day programs
- Supports for living

March	Program
7 <sup>th</sup>	Off-Site Luncheon Event: Elwyn Center
14 <sup>th</sup>	Boy Scouts of America: Rotarian Nick Nowak
21 <sup>st</sup>	Autism Awareness Symposium Program
28 <sup>th</sup>	Classification: Anne Shenberger Classification: Christopher Palermo

### Boy Scouts of America: District Director - Nick Nowak

When asked what they are representing, very few individuals are about to point to themselves and say "this!" Nick Nowak, however, is one of those individuals.

Nowak, 24, considers himself a product of the Boy Scouts of America, having grown up in its programs and attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in 2004. "I can't honestly make the claim that scouting alone kept me from the wrong path or that it saved my



2nd Grader Nick Nowak at Philly Zoo with Pack 333

life," he said. "But the leadership skills, ethical compass and knowledge I developed through scouting directly and continually contribute to my personally and professional life. My current capacity in scouting allows me to represent and sell our "product:" a program that has been developing young people into the best adults they can be for more than 103 years."

As a District Director with Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA, Nowak serves as the full time scouting representative to the communities within Chichester, Chester-Upland, Garnet Valley, Penn-Delco, Rose Tree-Media, and Wallingford-Swarthmore School Districts. This area, known as the Minquas District, is a portion of the Cradle of Liberty Council which serves more than 17,000 youth in 500 local scout programs throughout Delaware, Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties.

Through his current role, the Media resident assists a committee of volunteers to oversee the program delivered to more than 1,000 young people in 16 Cub Scout Packs, 13 Boy Scout Troops and two coed Venturing Crews.

With these volunteers and partners in the community, Nowak's primary focuses are working with area schools to recruit new youth into the scouting programs, developing and supporting adult volunteers, chartering new scouting programs to community organizations and securing the funding necessary for the support of scouting.

Nowak was homeschooled through high school and holds an undergraduate degree in public relations from Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ. Before coming to Delaware County and the Cradle of Liberty Council in March of last year, Nowak served as a District Executive in Burlington County Council, BSA, where he started his professional scouting career in 2009.

## Autism Awareness Symposium

On March 23rd, Rotarians Dan Foltz and George Jones will speak to the Club about the efforts of renowned local researchers whose efforts to understand Autism have led to higher levels of mainstreaming, understanding and acceptance.

Though 1 in 88 individuals has an autism spectrum disorder (ASD or autism), the causes for ASD are not yet fully known and there is no cure (and healthy debate as to if there should be) and few truly effective treatments.

The mission of the Center for Autism Research (CAR) is to make rapid progress in understanding the underlying causes of autism. Their mission is based on the principle that effective treatments for ASD will only emerge with increased understanding of the causes. The ultimate goal is to discover which treatments work best for which individuals, based on genetic, brain imaging, and behavioral profiles. To this end, they evaluate hundreds of children each year through research studies at their Philadelphia Center.

**Charity Luncheon**  
Hosted by Central Delco Rotary  
**Autism Awareness Symposium**  
Keynote Speaker:  
**David Mandell, Sc.D.**

The 2013 "Autism Awareness Symposium Luncheon" will host a powerful discussion led by Dr. Mandell and his staff from the Center for Autism Research at CHOP/HUP in which they will share info on the latest research and the services available for those on the autism spectrum from early childhood through the transition into adulthood. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear best practices from and to ask questions of experts. All proceeds will support autism research and services.

**Saturday, March 23 ~ 12-3PM**  
Towne House Restaurant, Media

**Donate or Purchase Tickets Online:**

[www.AutismAwarenessRotaryCentralDelco.Eventbrite.com](http://www.AutismAwarenessRotaryCentralDelco.Eventbrite.com)



## Anne Shenberger: Exec Dir. CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates

Anne Shenberger MSS LSW, has served as Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates/Youth Advocates Inc. since October 2009.

Prior to joining CASA, Anne was the President and CEO of Philadelphia Safe and Sound, a private non-profit agency charged with administering the City of Philadelphia's after school and youth violence prevention programs and with conducting research and reporting on the well being of the areas children.



In addition, she served for twenty years as southeast regional director of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of Children Youth and Families.

For a period of approximately four years, in addition to her role as regional director, she served as statewide director of the Bureau of County Children and Youth Programs, the office responsible for all child welfare services in Pennsylvania. In those roles, she was responsible managing services for abused and neglected children and children in foster and residential care.

Anne initially became involved with CASA through her state role as regional director. In that role, she worked with county court systems and child welfare agencies to move children to safe and permanent homes as quickly as possible. She saw the value that a CASA volunteer can bring to the court and to the child.

Anne received her undergraduate degree in political science from Gettysburg College, graduating magna cum laude. While there, she became a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her Master of Social Services degree from the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

In addition, she serves as an expert witness in litigation involving child welfare, juvenile justice and related issues. Anne has served as Board President of Lutheran Settlement House and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of CHOICE and the Greater Philadelphia Federation of Neighborhood Centers.

## Chris Palermo: Exec. Dir. FACE - Foundation for Adolescent Credit Education

Christopher Palermo is the Founder and Executive Director of the Foundation of Adolescent Credit Education (F.A.C.E.), a non-profit, financial education resource for adolescents, teachers and schools offering on-site school seminars that present the basics of credit education, the repercussions of today's credit solicitation tactics and a realistic roadmap to debt management and fiscal responsibility.



As Executive Director, Mr. Palermo is responsible for the development and management of the F.A.C.E. workshop program, corporate partnerships, donor programs and strategic partnerships with local schools and teachers. With more than 18 years experience in the finance industry, he serves as the foundation's top financial consultant.

Mr. Palermo began his career as senior credit analyst for MBNA America where he was responsible for direct marketing efforts throughout the Philadelphia region, including college campuses. Following his tenure as a credit card marketer, he entered the mortgage industry as a top performing senior loan officer for Patriot Lending Services. Since 1999, he has served as a branch manager for Sunset Mortgage Company and currently Lincoln Mortgage Company. As branch manager for Lincoln Mortgage Company, Mr. Palermo develops and implements several synergy policies and procedures for the company while providing strategic planning and forecasting consulting services to the bank president of the company's mortgage division.

Mr. Palermo holds a bachelor of science in Finance from Pennsylvania State University and an advanced degree from the Mortgage Bankers Association of Philadelphia. He has served as guest lecturer at Widener University Law School on the changes in the mortgage industry.

He lives with his family in Media, Pa.

## Rotary Happy Hour

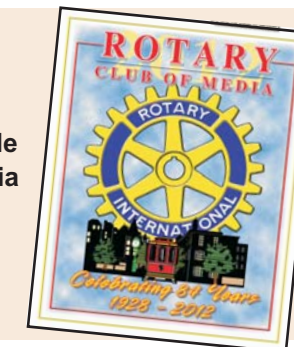
Tue., March 19th @ 5 - 7pm

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## LAST CALL... 2013 Supplement

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## Rotarians at Work... More than just One Day a Year!



Rotary Club of Media "Get's Behind" the 2012 project at Rocky Run YMCA

- Saturday March 23rd**  **Rosetree Park: Gazebo Repairs**
  - Saturday April 20th**  **Rocky Run YMCA: Archaeology Project**
  - Saturday April 27th**  **Media Train Station: Landscaping**
- Sign-Up for 1 or All 3 Fun Days!**



## In Memoriam: Marvel Wilson

Marvel Wilson, Jr. Retired owner of Wilson Oil of Wallingford Marvel Wilson, Jr. of Wallingford died February 11, 2013.

Mr. Wilson was born in Chester, PA, the son of the late Marvel and Margaret V. (nee Grier) Wilson of Sussex County Delaware and Swarthmore.

He was a graduate of the former Swarthmore High School class of 1948 and served as a volunteer firefighter with the Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association. He left Washington College to enlist in the US Army during the Korean War. After serving in the Army he returned to Wallingford and joined his

father's business, Wilson Oil. He became Vice President of the company and later owner when his father retired. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Media, The St. Andrew's Society, The Union League of Philadelphia specifically the Youth Work Foundation, Wilmington Country Club, Better Home Heat Council, Rehoboth Beach Country Club, Pennsylvania Petroleum Association, Rolling Green Country Club, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Wallingford Community Arts Center. He had been a member of Swarthmore Presbyterian Church since childhood. Marvel was an

avid golfer and hunter. He and his wife loved to travel and had visited all seven continents. He also enjoyed pastimes such as reading about WWII & military history, listening to big band music, dancing to swing jazz, spending time with his grandchildren, European performance automobiles, Labrador Retrievers, and collecting USA silver coins.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Sally (nee Bingham) Wilson, son Garrett Marvel of Brooklyn, NY, daughters Betsy O'Connell of West Chester, PA, and Sara Jane Timmerman of Deland, FL, a brother Layton Wilson of Avalon, NJ, and 5 grandchildren.