

KEYSTONE NEWS



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Harrisburg Senators Game

In 1987, the Pittsburgh Pirates moved their AA farm team, the Nashua Pirates, to Harrisburg, renaming the team the Harrisburg Senators – a nod to both Harrisburg’s role as Pennsylvania’s capital city and to earlier Senators teams that had played on City Island. Since 2005, the Senators have been the AA affiliate of the Washington Nationals. So far this year they have 46 wins and 46 losses.

On **Tuesday, 21 July**, the Senators will play the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, a Toronto Blue Jays affiliate with 46 wins and 42 losses, and Harrisburg Keystone and friends will be there for all the action. (And food.) The all-you-can-eat picnic area is open from 6-7:30 p.m., with the game starting at 7 p.m. Parking is available on City Island for \$3. Meet at the top of the steps at 5:45 p.m., and bring a check payable to Harrisburg Keystone Rotary if you haven’t paid yet. Contact Jim Aiello with questions. [Note: **Did you forget to RSVP?** Or want to bring another friend? Amy Earnest has two tickets she won’t be able to use. Please contact her or Jim.]



A visual recap of the Five Senses Gardens



On 14 July, Harrisburg Keystone volunteered at the Five Senses Gardens in Swatara Township: (from top left) Marci Mowery, Mark and Katherine Johnson, Jan Ritter; (center) Kendra McDowell, Becky Boone, the gang, Yolanda Perez; (bottom) Addeline Edwards, Scot Whiskeyman, Brandon Pierce, Matt Sembach, Tom Banks.

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[View the introductory video](#)

Over the years,
in spite of
being involved
in some
history-making
projects,
my best Rotary
moments have
been sitting
with friends
from diverse
cultures and
countries and
laughing and
talking half the
night away.

~K.R. Ravindran
2015-16 RI President

Ravi Ravindran, first Sri Lankan to head Rotary

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo since 1974, is the first Sri Lankan to head Rotary. He first joined Rotary for the fun and fellowship it offered, without any idea of taking on responsibility. But over the years he has held numerous leadership positions in his club, his country and Rotary International.

After the devastation of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he led Rotary's recovery efforts by helping to raise US\$12 million to rebuild 22 schools, enabling nearly 15,000 children to resume their studies. "The tsunami could take away schools, homes, possessions, and even loved-ones, but it would never be allowed to take away the spirit of children," said Ravindran.

As Sri Lanka's chairman of Rotary's efforts to end polio, he led a coalition that worked to eradicate polio from the country, and it was one of the first countries in Asia to become polio-free. The PolioPlus task force was made up of representatives from Rotary, UNICEF and the Sri Lankan government. During the Sri Lankan civil war, Ravindran and the partnership successfully negotiated a ceasefire with northern militants to allow polio immunizations to continue during scheduled National Immunization Days.

View Rotary's [video](#) to learn more about Ravi Ravindran and his wife, Vanathy, as well as see a little of Sri Lanka.

What is the Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary. It's a nonprofit that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Rotary Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Its sole mission is to support the efforts of Rotarians through Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian and educational programs in your back yard and around the globe.

Thank you for supporting the rotary foundation and its work!

Possible Monday meet-up

Monday, 27 July: Former member Jessica Sprajcar will be in town and she's interested in a possible Happy Hour meet-up. You can connect with her on the Facebook page.

New member induction & club goals discussion

Tuesday, 28 July: Festus Odubo and Scot Whiskeyman will be inducted into the club, and we'll discuss our goals for the coming year. More details soon.

Rotary Means Business

Tuesday, 28 July, 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Rotary Club of Carlisle will host District 7390's next Rotary Means Business networking event at the Orrstown Bank branch off Walnut Bottom Road near Carlisle.

\$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. Bring at least 35 business cards. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided.

Register and pay at www.rotarydistrict7390meansbusiness.com.

District 7390 Rotary Means Business is a collaboration of southcentral Pennsylvania business people who believe Rotarians should honor Rotary's roots and support one another in business. Each month the event is hosted by a different club from around the district. It's a great way to meet and socialize with regional Rotarians.

National Night Out in Steelton

Tuesday, 4 August: National Night Out will be held in Mohn Street Park at Mohn and South Third streets in Steelton from 6-8 p.m. Please contact Marci Mowery to sign up for a shift or go to doodle.com/ne5rqe3s3dviigg2: 5:45-6:45 p.m., 6:45-7:30 p.m. or 7:30-8:15 p.m.

Last year, Harrisburg Keystone gave away 160 books at the event. If you have gently used books for any age group, please consider bringing them to the next few meetings, and also possibly helping Marci sort the books by age group during the last week of July. If you have a large quantity of books, you also could sort them at home and bring them directly to the park.

Two tables have been requested, and we also may have a poster and give away repurposed toys.

Mayor's Box at the Harrisburg Senators

Wednesday, 5 August: Enjoy the Harrisburg Senators versus the Akron RubberDucks from the Mayor's Box. Rotarians only; \$5 donation toward Polio Plus, Rotary's fight to alleviate Polio from the world (helped by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation). More details soon.

Byrnes Health Education Center

Thursday, 20 August: 5 p.m., Byrnes Health Education Center, 515 S. George St., York, will host Rotary Appreciation Night to celebrate the tremendous support and partnership it has received from District 7390 Rotarians in its mission to educate and inspire people of all ages to make healthy choices.

There will be a brief program and highlights from some of its most popular health education programs. Dinner will be served.

RSVP to Alexandra Sterner, development officer, at asterner@byrneshec.org or 717-848-3064, ext. 225, by 6 August.

10th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, 15 September: Save the date and help Keystone Harrisburg celebrate 10 great years!

2015-2016
Rotary Theme



Be a gift to the world

July Birthdays

29th • Joyce Davis
31st • Jenny Black

*Harrisburg
Keystone Rotary*
District 7390-Zone 32

Meetings Tuesday
5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Joe Aiello,
President elect
Jan Ritter, Vice president
& secretary
Joe Hoover, Treasurer
Alaine Keisling,
Sergeant-at-arms
Megan Mines Hall,
Past president

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Alaniz Edwards
Global Grant: Allen Smith
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& Yolanda Perez
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Tom Miller
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Rodgers
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Yolanda Perez & Becky
Boone

Keystone News

Please send items for
the newsletter to
keisling@gmail.com by
7 p.m. Thursdays.

Speaker Seekers

July: Jim Aiello

August: Joe Hoover & Artie Tafoya

September: Hector Ortiz &
Megan Mines-Hall

October: Tom Banks & Brandon Pierce

November: Allen Smith

December: Paul Johnson &
Jesse Lambert

Four Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

- * Is it the TRUTH?
- * Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- * Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- * Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Every Rotarian Every Year & Happy Dollars

One of our club goals has been to meet Rotary's Every Rotarian, Every Year challenge: as a group, we aim to give at least \$100 per member to the Rotary Foundation. Happy dollars are part of how we meet that goal.

At the beginning of each meeting, we get to share the good, the great and the goofy with fellow members for just a dollar. Is it your uncle's 95th birthday? (Or the 36th anniversary of your mother's 29th birthday?) Did you have the best

lunch ever? Were you declared the world's most brilliant employee? Great things to share with friends.

The first week of each month, happy dollars help Harrisburg Keystone meet its EREY goal. The rest of the month, they help us meet local costs. So be generous! Be funny! Be happy!

Year-to date Happy Dollars: **\$13**

Note: There has been only one regular meeting since our fiscal year began 1 July.

What's new?

If you've been to the [Rotary International site](#) in the past year, you know it's had a facelift. Cleaner lines, more consistent use of fonts, colors and logos, and a strong effort to remain on point and in voice. For 2015-16, a push is being made to get club newsletters and websites on board with the [new look](#), including making it part of the requirements for a [Presidential Citation](#).

In the coming weeks, Keystone News will add and adjust things to meet these guidelines, as well as to become more mobile friendly. It's a learning process. 😊

Do you have news about an upcoming club or district event? Pictures from a club you visited on vacation? Or something you think will interest the other members of Harrisburg Keystone? Please send it to keisling@gmail.com by Thursdays at 7 p.m. Suggestions and assistance welcome.

Global Rewards

Traveling this summer and looking for good deals? Information about the new Rotary Global Rewards program, which offers Rotary members discounts on products and services for travel, entertainment and merchandise, is available via computer or your phone at www.rotary.org/globalrewards. You need a My Rotary account to take advantage of an offer, but there are directions for setting one up if needed.

