**The Harrisburg Keystone Rotary Club**

***“Engage Rotary – Change Lives”***

***2013-2014 International Theme***

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Paul Harris, an attorney in Chicago, founded the Rotary Club in 1905. Today,1.2 million Rotarians belong to over 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Rotary is commonly known for its work toward eradicating polio, but actually makes global impact in these six concentrated areas:

• Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

• Disease prevention and treatment

• Water and sanitation

• Maternal and child health

• Basic education and literacy

• Economic and community development

More information on Rotary International and all of its initiatives can be found at www.rotary.org

Rotary's guiding principle is **Service above Self.** Also**,** you will often hear Rotarians refer to the **Rotary Four Way Test**:

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the truth?

2. Is it fair to all concerned?

3. Will it build good will and better friendships?

4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

These are adopted by all Rotarians around the world and YOU are now asked to adopt these questions into your conversations and actions.

In order to best manage the millions of Rotarians around the world, we are divided up into districts. We are part of **Rotary District 7390** which encompasses 47 individual Rotary Clubs in 7 counties:

Adams

Cumberland

Dauphin

Lancaster

Lebanon

Perry

York

Our District Governor is Hector Ortiz who will be followed by John Judson, and then John Crumb has been nominated to follow John Judson.

District 7390 provides training and fellowship opportunities, grants and funding, partnership opportunities with other clubs, and is a conduit between our club and Rotary International. There is a monthly district newsletter and website, which can be found at www.rotary7390.org

**Our Club**

YOU are part of the Harrisburg Keystone Rotary club. We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 at ABC Brewery.

Our members represent businesses in the area, educational institutions, non profit organizations and government entities.

Our Board consists of the President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent at Arms and immediate past president. A list of the current board members and their contact information is included in your packet.

We have eight committees which each have a committee chair. We like each member to belong to at least one committee. Information describing each committee is included in your packet.

Our club’s primary focus is hands on service project in the local community and internationally and fellowship. We do a local service project every month and are currently working on our second international project with a club in Ecuador. We also try to have at least one social event a month for members and family and friends to get to know one another better.

Our club dues are $50 a quarter and $125 annually and can be paid by check or credit card. There is also a $25 initiation fee as a new member.

You will be assigned a club member as mentor but should feel free to ask questions to any member.

New members must give a club classification talk within six (6) months of joining. This is a short 10 minute speech about who you are and why you joined rotary.

We also have club members partner and select 1 month in the Rotary year to plan the programs and speakers for the meetings that month. As part of this effort, the program coordinators will prepare a rotary minute and a fun minute for each meeting.

We also encourage our members to give at least something to the Rotary International Foundation. One can do this by donating online, on the quarterly dues form, or by participating in “pig round up.” These “pig round ups” occur twice a year when we collect piggy banks/jam jars of funds from our members to be donated to the foundation.

Every week a newsletter is sent via email to our members discussing what the program will be and other upcoming events.