

HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK OF PHILADELPHIA



The average cost to send one veteran to Washington, D.C. is \$250. There are thousands of World War II vets in our area and we would like to honor them all with your support.

Honor Flight Philadelphia primary mission is to fly World War II Veterans to Washington DC, to visit THEIR Memorial. Our primary focus is World War II Veterans because they are our nation's most senior heroes. Across America, about 1,100 WWII Veterans pass away every day.

Our veterans are men and women who at some point in their lives decided that they were prepared to suffer the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. Thanks to their dedication, spirit and sacrifice we live in a society filled with freedom and liberty. Although we can never repay our veterans, we can honor them. An "Honor Flight" is simply a small token of our appreciation for everything they have done. During this trip the World War II veterans will be recognized, thanked and admired as the conquering victors that saved the world.

They come home from this trip knowing how much their country still loves and respects them. Please support us on this special day with our modest and humble veterans as we travel to Washington, D.C. to view their memorials. Volunteer to help with the planning and fundraising for our trip, become a Guardian to assist our veterans throughout their day and ensure their safe return home. Donate with your time or resources so we may send as many veterans as possible to Washington, D.C. while focusing on our vets to make certain they have a safe, comfortable journey.

Another category of veterans we are equally concerned for are ALL those who served in uniform, who were recently diagnosed with a terminal illness. It is our mission to transport these veterans if they have never been able to visit the various national memorials constructed to honor the service and sacrifice of their brothers and sisters in arms. All such veterans, regardless of the conflict they participated in (Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, etc), who wish to visit our nation's existing memorials, will be invited to do so. Specifically, this program includes ALL veterans, even younger veterans who participated in recent conflicts for which a national memorial does not exist. At Honor Flight Philadelphia, we feel they all should have an opportunity to clearly see and appreciate how our nation honors those who were willing to lay down their very lives in service to our country. This special category of veterans we refer to as "TLC's," meaning "Their Last Chance".

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ROSE TREE MEDIA CONVERTS BUSES TO NATURAL GAS

When the wheels on the Rose Tree Media school buses go round and round, they do so in environmentally friendly fashion.

In a move to save natural resources as well as costs, the district has converted a portion of its 74-vehicle fleet to compressed natural gas. A green ribbon was cut to launch the 15 new and eight retrofitted buses and the fast-fill station that serves them.

"We are the only district in Delaware County to have CNG buses," said Superintendent Jim Wigo. "Our bus fleet covers a million miles per year and reducing our carbon footprint and our costs is doing what is best for our community and our students."

A fossil fuel substitute, CNG is produced at a relatively low cost and burns cleaner than gasoline and diesel, with vehicles showing a significant average reduction in ozone-forming emissions. Compressed natural gas is stored in thick-walled tanks and because it is lighter than air, quickly dissipates when released. About 98 percent of the natural gas used in North America is domestically produced.

Wigo listed the reasons that factored into the district's decision. Less expensive than diesel fuel, CNG reduces greenhouse gases by 20 to 23 percent and its domestic production eliminates the connection between oil prices and international affairs. Compressed natural gas offers reliable performance and the number of fill stations is increasing across the state and the nation.

A \$500,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Natural Gas Vehicle Development Program awarded in May 2013 was used to offset the cost associated with the first 23 vehicles, which are currently in service. The district also received a \$300,000 grant from the same program in March of 2014 to apply to the cost of 12 additional busses, with an anticipated delivery in 2015.



Rose Tree Media School District held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at to announce a new compressed natural gas bus fleet.

"At that point, 35 of our buses, or 47 percent of the fleet, will be CNG," said school board President John Hanna. "We are planning to apply for additional grants to increase the number."

The event, which included administrators, school directors, members of the Penncrest High School Envirothon team and representatives of the companies involved in the project, was held in the district transportation building. A recently completed \$4.8 million upgrade included renovations to the facility and installation of a hybrid fueling station.

"The total project has financial and tangible benefits," said Phillip Solomon of Johnson Controls Inc., the design/build contractor for the construction and program manager of the overall CNG transition. "Not only will the district see a \$1 million net savings, but it will also be reducing the exhaust from diesel busses."

"The buses use 50 percent less fuel than gas-powered vehicles, reduce carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide emissions and create less air and noise pollution," she said. "It lets students learn about ways to reduce our ecological footprint."

**DON'T FORGET...
Date to be Announced**



**DOING THE MOST GOOD...
YES WE DID!**

With nothing but smiles, Media Rotarians, friends and families manned the Salvation Army kettle this year on State Street in Media. Special thanks to all the volunteers and especially Jim Wurster for his tireless efforts to keep the kettles staffed. Well Done! We hope to have a total to report in the February issue of the Medium.





NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program.

- Build peace
- Prevent disease
- Provide clean water
- Improve health
- Preserve literacy
- Support community development

Sign up at www.rotary.org and audio deliver and a resolution you can keep.



Rotary International float featured in 2014 Rose Parade



The 2014 Rotary Rose parade float featured dramatic flowers and cheery blossoms. The 2014 Tournament of Roses Theme is "Dreams Come True." Rotary International President Ron Burton and all Rotarians have the same dream – the eradication of polio. By engaging this dream, Rotarians will not only change the lives of those in the three countries where polio still exists, but change the world from one where polio continues to a Polio Free World.



Chad about Cheese Part Deux Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting

District Governor Elect Chad Rosenberg will once again serve up a variety of delicious cheeses and wines from around the world for you to enjoy. This time, you will also be able to choose from a selection of beers carefully chosen to compliment the delicious selection of cheeses.

All proceeds will be used for a scholarship for one member from each club to attend the SASY Awards and the 2015 District Conference at the Union League.

The first Chad about Cheese event was a sell out and space is limited so be sure to register early. Contact Sharon.C.Quick@gmail.com or Chad.Rosenberg@umlrrotary.org

Wed. Jan 28, 2015
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
\$50 per person

43 Cricket Bar & Grill
43 Cricket Avenue
Ardmore, PA



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA

JAN. 2015

Club 5492

Member of Rotary District 7450
Southeastern Pennsylvania, USA

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DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Delaware County is governed by a five-member County Council, which replaced the three-member Board of County Commissioners as the governing body of the County in January 1976, when the Home Rule Charter went into effect. The actual expansion of Council to five members occurred in January 1978.

Council is responsible for all legislative and administrative functions of the County government. Although Council has overall responsibility for all action of County departments, the Executive Director, a County Council appointee, is directly responsible for the operations of certain departments as outlined in the Home Rule Charter or Administrative Code, or as assigned by the Executive Director and the County Clerk. Legal guidance and representation is provided by the Solicitor.

Members of Council are elected to four-year terms at staggered two-year intervals in years when municipal elections are held, which occur in odd-numbered years. Council organizes the first Monday of each even-numbered year when the members elect one of their own to serve as Chairman and one to service as Vice Chairman.

The powers and duties of Council are many and varied. The Home Rule Charter provides Council with the authority to pass ordinances, resolutions and proclamations and to provide budgets and personnel to meet the needs of the people of Delaware County as they arise.

Council is responsible for adopting a budget each calendar year. The budget includes setting personal and real estate tax rates and fees to raise the funds needed to meet the needs of the budget. To raise money for major capital projects, Council sells tax-exempt municipal bonds which are paid off at predeter-



(Left to Right) John P. McBlain, Mario J. Civera Jr. - Chairman, Colleen P. Morrone - Vice Chairman, Tom McGarrigle, & David White

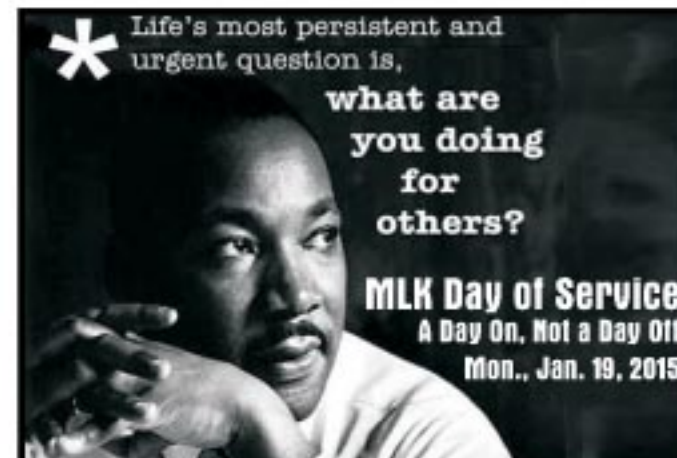
mined intervals over a certain number of years. Many social programs are primarily funded by federal and state grants, which are forwarded to the County government for distribution.

Payroll scales and the number of employees necessary to perform County services, including judicial offices, are set by Council.

Council decides the best means of providing services which are required by law or are necessary for the well-being of the County, and determines the degree of participation of the County in the intergovernmental programs involving federal, state and local governments.

County Council is involved in such diverse activities as economic development, public transportation, waste disposal, human services, housing, land use and culture.

Jan.	Program
8 th	Delaware County Council Greeter: Morris Kaufman
15 th	Rose Tree School District - Jim Wigo Greeter: Wayne Matthias-Long
22 nd	Classification Talk Greeter: Rob Hancock
29 th	Honor Flight of PA Greeter: Jeffrey P. Bordenave



JAN. BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd - Ted Pleibel, III
- 10th - Teresa Angarita
- 13th - Fran Smith
- 21st - Courtney Ballauer
- 27th - Michael Kuntz
- 27th - Tony Salloum



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