



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA

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## Club 5492

Member of Rotary District 7450  
Southeastern Pennsylvania, USA

# The Medium

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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE TROOPER TIMOTHY GREENE



State Trooper First Class Timothy Greene raised in Concord Township, Delaware County. Trooper Greene graduated from Garnet Valley High School and attended Temple University School of Engineering and majored in Civil Engineering. During high school and college, Trooper Greene worked full time at Riddle Hospital as an EMT on the Paramedic Unit, volunteer firefighter at Concordville Fire and Protective Association and held the position of Chief for 3 years. Greene resigned from Chief after graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in Hershey in 2004. After graduation he was assigned to Troop K - Media Barracks, Delaware County. During his 12 years at the Media Barracks he served as the Deputy Fire Marshal, Field Training Officer, Camp Director of Camp Cadet and was awarded Trooper of the Year in 2008. Currently Trooper Greene serve as the Community Service Officer for Troop K - Media Barracks.

Nov.	Program
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Professor Mark Wallace, PhD Swarthmore College
10 <sup>th</sup>	DG Dave Haradon Million Dollar Journey
17 <sup>th</sup>	PA State Trooper Timothy Green
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>



# MEET ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN GERM AT 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

## MILLION DOLLAR JOURNEY CELEBRATION DINNER

Wednesday, Dec. 7th  
Springfield Country Club

5:30 - 9:00

(Tickets \$45 until Nov. 15th)



The Mission of the Rotary Foundation as envisioned by Arch Klumph in 1917 is... "To Do Good in the World!" That simple Mission Statement is still being fulfilled with new energy and new commitment as we 2016-17 Rotarians celebrate this historic event in our Clubs and in our communities.

The Rotary Foundation grew up during a global depression and a second world war to become one of the world's leading organizations dedicated to building "PEACE THROUGH SERVICE."

District 7450 is doubly committed because we have chosen our Rotary Foundation Centennial Year to include our MILLION DOLLAR JOURNEY.... TOGETHER!

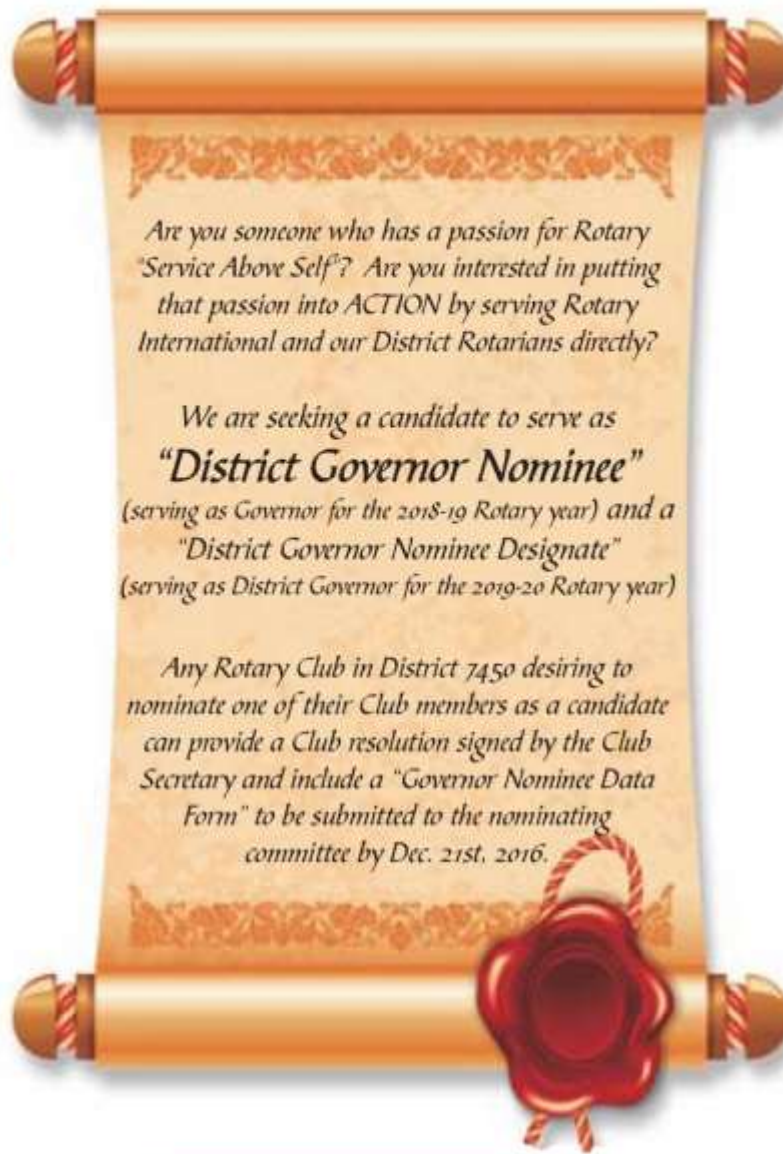
Consider donating during our Rotary Foundation Centennial year while participating in our Million Dollar Journey by making a pledge to Annual Fund-SHARE (returned to our District in 3 years), Polio Plus, our Peace Centers, or establishing an endowment.

Rotary International requests all Rotarians to join the Celebration by Plan a Community Event, Make a Special Contribution, or Involve Yourself in a Global Grant Project.

Celebrate the Million Dollar Journey: Join RI President John Germ and all District 7450 Rotarians by attending the Million Dollar Journey celebration dinner on December 7, 2016 as we honor those the Million Dollar Journey effort.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR BLACK FRIDAY (& SAT.)

We have a great opportunity to help out our community and have a presence on State Street on Black Fri. 25th and Sat. the 26th. The Media Business Authority needs your help to make this Holiday Stroll and Festival of Lights on Black Friday (November 25) and Small Business Saturday (November 26) a very festive occasion! Retailers will have special sales and promotions in their stores and the volunteers will help make the town sidewalks exciting-to bring in the shoppers. We need your help with three stations of snacks/drinks and one gift wrapping station, all complimentary from the MBA and their donors. Town tree and lights will be lit on Friday November 25 at 5 PM. We'll also have the opportunity to pitch our Rotary Tent and sell our Harley Raffle Tickets.



*Are you someone who has a passion for Rotary "Service Above Self"? Are you interested in putting that passion into ACTION by serving Rotary International and our District Rotarians directly?*

*We are seeking a candidate to serve as  
**"District Governor Nominee"**  
(serving as Governor for the 2018-19 Rotary year) and a  
**"District Governor Nominee Designate"**  
(serving as District Governor for the 2019-20 Rotary year)*

*Any Rotary Club in District 7450 desiring to  
nominate one of their Club members as a candidate  
can provide a Club resolution signed by the Club  
Secretary and include a "Governor Nominee Data  
Form" to be submitted to the nominating  
committee by Dec. 21st, 2016.*

*"Anyone who thinks they are too small  
to make a difference has never tried to fall  
asleep with a mosquito in the room"*



# ELECT TO BE CIVIL



A couple of years ago, researchers at Princeton and Stanford released a study of American political attitudes that was, in a word, terrifying.

The most shocking finding was that political prejudice is now more acute than racial bigotry. What's more, it is voters who are driving the cycle of contempt and confrontation in Washington. Those intractable politicians we love to rant about are, in fact, acting on our orders.

Another study, by political scientists Alan Abramowitz and Steven Webster at Emory University, offers more grim news. Americans are increasingly engaging in a practice they call "negative partisanship," which means we vote based more on fear and loathing for the other party than on a positive identification with our own.

## ROTARY OCTOBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved an expenditure of \$140 to replace the plaque on the Gazebo at Rose Tree Park. (half of the existing plaque is missing).
- Approved purchasing a Shelter Box for \$1000 using the funds from "the Boot" and "Happy Dollars" accumulated during the past year.
- Clarified that funds approved at the last board meeting for start up costs for the After Hours club will be used for publicity and recruitment as part of the effort to get this additional meeting time known within the community.
- Reported that the soap box derby cars, that have not been used for many years, were sold for \$500 with proceeds added to the club treasury.
- Agreed to a proposal from President Dan that the lunch meeting on the first Thursday of each month be set aside for committee/team meetings beginning in December.
- Discussed ways to expand sale of raffle tickets for the Harley Davidson. Rob Hancock indicated that the fundraising team would discuss this and bring recommendations for getting more members involved in ticket sales.
- Discussed whether to continue using 50/50 funds, fines and happy dollars for designated projects or provide more discretion since projects such as Shelter Box can qualify for foundation grants while other community programs may not.

These negative views, by the way, are not grounded in a sophisticated objection to the policies advocated by the opposing party. They are tribal in nature.

Our very definition of "politics" has changed over the past half-century. We used to consider politics a collective civic endeavor, the means by which our society sought to solve common crises. These days, politics functions as a form of identity. We regard those in the other tribe not as neighbors who share many of our basic goals and values but as an abstract set of strangers who seek to desecrate all we hold dear.

So the big question is this: How do we begin to depersonalize politics? How do we cure ourselves of political prejudice?

This can be frustrating. As this election season has demonstrated, the candidates often conduct themselves more like children than potential leaders. But in a democracy, we get the candidates – and the campaigns – we deserve.

It is up to us, as individual citizens, to change the ways in which we think about and discuss politics, both online and in our civic lives. This means turning away from media outlets that prey on the seductive resentments of negative partisanship. And modeling for our children a brand of political belief based on shared values, rather than dismissive rancor.

We're the ones ultimately responsible for handing our politicians their marching orders. We need to show them that solving problems through compromise matters more to us than beating the other guy.

- Rotary Club of Media Foundation reported that all requests for grants will go through our foundation, maintaining communication with our club through the President. Grant requests for less than \$2500 will be decided and approved by the foundation Board. Grants for more than \$2500 will include opportunity for discussion with the President and club members, with final approval by the foundation board.
- A request for a donation for Penncrest High School's AM Prom Committee will be forwarded to the foundation for consideration based on the criteria that has been put in place for all such requests.
- The board approved a motion to no longer use club funds to make a small (\$10) donation to The Rotary Foundation for members who have contributed \$0 during the year. These donations have been made in past years for a few members who did not make any contribution so that the club would achieve an Every Member Every Year status.
- Approved a motion to purchase an ad for \$200 in the "Million Dollar Journey" dinner program sponsored by our district (7450). RI President John Germ will be attending the event on Wednesday, December 7th at Springfield Country Club and members are encouraged to attend (\$45 each before 11/15 and \$60 each after 11/15). Proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation.
- December 6 meeting will include our service day gift-wrapping for the Adopt a Family project.
- Announced that our hoped-for exchange student was not able to obtain the proper Visa in time for the school year, but we anticipate a student next year and have identified some potential host families.

 **THE ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA**

2017 *Motorcycle Raffle*



This 2016 XL1200C could be yours!



\$25 per ticket

5 tickets for \$100

**Winner gets 2016 XL1200C or \$10,000 CASH**

*Five second place winners will receive \$200 cash*

**Grand Prize Drawing May 20<sup>th</sup>**

At the Rotary Community Event in Media

*You need not be present to win.*

Motorcycle raffle proceeds benefit charitable purposes of The Media Rotary Foundation.

For complete list of rules and disclosures, visit [MediaRotary.org](http://MediaRotary.org) (Make checks payable to The Rotary Club of Media)



*When the relatives show up on Thanksgiving, I think I get a good sense of how the Indians must have felt.*

**ROTARY AFTER HOURS**  
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**TUE, NOV. 15TH**  
**AT AZIE ON STATE STREET**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 4th - Virginia Falkenbach
- 8th - Carol Wills
- 8th - John Lippman
- 17th - Morris Kaufman
- 20th - James Wigo
- 24th - Ken Delmar
- 25th - James Thomas



**shelter BOX SHELTER BOXES DONATED BY The Rotary Club of Media**

Box Number	Destination	Donation Date
14905	Mexico	07.28.2010
20806	Uganda	02.15.2012
21182	Pakistan	06.18.2012
22449	Bolivia	09.05.2013
23009	Iraq Kurdistan	02.06.2014
22998	Iraq Kurdistan	02.06.2014
23345	Malawi	06.23.2014
25158	Box to be deployed	04.24.2016



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