



# ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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On behalf of RI President, Holger Knaack, I extend greetings to District 7360.

*“Together, we see a world where people unite to take action to create lasting change--across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves”* (Rotary’s Vision Statement).

COVID-19 has brought on new and unprecedented challenges for everyone across the globe. As Rotarians, we still haven’t been able to measure the full impact on individuals and clubs in the district. While we were hoping that we would see some improvements and diminishing impact of the Coronavirus pandemic across this nation, now we are starting to see an upsurge in the number of people affected with the coronavirus.

RI Directors are encouraging District Governors to use virtual meetings for club visits that occur during calendar year 2020. Consult your Club and District Support team for the best practices and guidelines in conducting an online club visit. There may be instances when face-to-face meetings are appropriate, but if there are any concerns regarding the health, safety and comfort of members, virtual meetings are encouraged.

I am confident that once we begin seeing the end to this pandemic, Rotarians will still be standing. Past RI President Mark Maloney stated that “while this crisis is serious, we know that this challenge is a temporary state. We will get through this by working together and by taking care of each other—just what Rotary members do” (June 2020 edition of the Rotarian).

But there is one challenge that continues - membership. Rotary has reported 1.2 million members worldwide for many years. This tells me that we bring in new members, and we lose members. We have a similar dilemma with membership in North America and in our district.

RI President Holger Knaack states that he “will be proud to continue Past RI President Mark Maloney’s strong commitment to growing Rotary.” He further states that he will not be asking Districts to grow by specific numbers. The reason is that every time we ask for specific numbers---- we fail. Holger Knaack instead wants us to “think about how we can grow Rotary organically and sustainably. How can we keep our current members and win new members who fit our clubs?” (Knaack’s opening statement at Rotary International Assembly, San Diego, 1/20/2020).

We need to encourage clubs to develop a culture for growing Rotary. What do they mean by growing Rotary? I thought about it, and then---it hit me. Paul Harris founded Rotary for the purposes of friendship and fellowship. To me, friendship, fellowship, plus involvement is a good formula for sustaining members. This formula generates enthusiasm in the club. This enthusiasm carries over in "doing good" in the community and in turn attracts new members.

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We also need to be intentional about growing Rotary. Does your club have a membership committee? Do you have a membership plan? Have your club members completed the club health check survey? Have your members completed the membership survey? Does our district have a membership committee? Yes. We do, and PDG Jim Eberly is the chair of the committee. How will you connect with the District Membership Committee?

The District is intentionally “bringing the District to the Clubs” more than we have done in the past. Each year we have listened to what clubs want, and one area that clubs have shared is whether functions can be held closer to our clubs. We continue to listen and this year, you will see more opportunities opened to you. One way the District will be more connected is through the Area Governor. This person will play a key role to support you. They are an extension of me. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletter articles.

In closing, we are asking clubs to do a lot. If you follow through, it will make you a better club. The district leadership and Area Governors are not only here to support you, but also *reaching* out to support you.

DG Irvin’s complete installation speech is in a file on the District 7360 website and also in a file in DACdb.

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Welcome!

## NEW MEMBERS

Bui, Stephen D. (STEPHEN)	Waynesboro
Burchfield, Tommi (TOMMI)	Altoona
Confer, Rose (ROSE)	Williamsport PA
Jones, Sean M. (SEAN)	Waynesboro
Kuhl, Robert (ROBERT)	Coudersport
Master, Edward J. III (ED)	Clearfield
McLaughlin, Kevin T (KEVIN)	Berkeley Springs
Ravenscroft, Troy (TROY)	Keyser
Reichenbach, Zigmund (ZIGMUND)	Coudersport
Shildt, Melanie (MELANIE)	Altoona-Sunrise
Williams, Sara C. (SALLY)	Hollidaysburg
Wisianski, Cherryie (CHERRYIE)	Altoona
Wright, Samson (SAMSON)	Martinsburg



**DECEASED MEMBER OF THE**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF WAYNESBORO**

William J. "Bill" Savage, 86, of Waynesboro, PA and Marathon, FL, died Saturday morning, June 6, 2020 in Waynesboro.

He was one of the good ones and enjoyed being active in numerous community and civic organizations.

Bill was a longtime pharmacist and businessman in the Waynesboro area. He sold the business to his son in 1999, but enjoyed staying engaged with the business throughout his retirement.

He is survived by three children, Cydney Savage of New Jersey, Rodger Savage of Waynesboro and Stacey Savage of Waynesboro; one grandson, Benjamin Savage; and one great-grandson, Thomas Savage.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy J. (Lockett) Savage, with whom he celebrated many wonderful years and his parents, William and Reba (Roger) Savage.

Graveside services in Green Hill Cemetery, Waynesboro, will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the [charity of your choice](#), so that Bill can continue to support your good works.



DECEASED MEMBER OF THE  
ROTARY CLUB OF HAGERSTOWN

Paul Douglas Harp, 50, of Hagerstown, MD, passed away, Friday, June 12, 2020. Paul was born July 1, 1969 in Arlington, VA. He later lived in San Clemente and Dana Point, CA, finally moving to Hagerstown, MD in 1975. He graduated from North Hagerstown High School and attended Shepherd University.

He began the Masonry Apprentice program with O'Neill Masonry. Mr. O'Neil was a strict, no-nonsense leader and taught Paul the full business. His mantra was: "Learn to do it right first: speed will follow". Paul mastered this creed applying it to his masonry skills and was hired by GENCO Masonry in the Washington, D. C./Baltimore, MD business corridor as Masonry Construction Superintendent.

Paul always dreamed of owning his own business. In the summer of 2006, that dream became a reality when he became the owner of Break Away II Sports Lounge. He believed in giving local musicians an opportunity to perform. He always had a giving heart and dedicated his support to area charities and first-responder organizations. His strong belief of Quality, Honesty, and Sharing led him to become the well-known business leader, mentor and friend to many.

Paul is survived by his parents, Allen Lee and Courtney Lee (Saults) Harp; three sisters, Eva Marie Odell Mallow, her son, Tyler John Odell and fiancé Sierra Tothill and their son, Lincoln John Odell, and two daughters Loren Lee Odell, and Alexis Marie Mallow; Rebekah Ann Burkner and partner, Mark Eugene Davis, and her two sons Kody Allen Burkner and his two daughters, Kaidence Noelle Burkner and Khali Rose Burkner; and Kameron Isiah Burkner; Elizabeth Lee DeVore and Steven Michael DeVore, and their daughter Mariah Courtney DeVore and son Jordan Quan DeVore.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to For Otis Sake Rescue, PO Box 39, Maugansville, MD 21767 or [forotissake@gmail.com](mailto:forotissake@gmail.com) or Justice's Sake, 13502 Spriggs Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742 with "Rock Me, Don't Shake Me" in memo line for child abuse.



DECEASED MEMBER OF THE  
ROTARY CLUB OF MARTINSBURG

F. Page Burdette of Martinsburg, WV, journalist, editor, land developer and property manager, passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2020. He was 78. Born March 9, 1942 at Indianapolis, IN, he was reared at Bethesda, Md. He was the son of the late Dr. Franklin L. Burdette and Evelyn Spruill Page Burdette.

Surviving are his wife: Lois Blake Burdette, 2 sons: David L. Burdette and wife, Cindy of Martinsburg, Franklin P. Burdette and wife, Megan Klose of Falls Church, VA, three daughters: Catherine Page Stewart and husband, Dale of Charles Town, WV, Joanna Evelyn Tallent and husband, Randy of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Laura Buckner Aguirre and husband, Cristian of Ovale, Chile, one brother, Joseph B. and wife, Pam of Derwood, MD, and 15 grandchildren: Ashley Burdette Monahan (Robert) of Gainesville FL, Matthew Burdette (Julia) of Atlanta, GA, Sophia Burdette of Falls Church, VA, Jackson and Joseph Stewart of Charles Town, WV, Ian Goldsmith (Danielle) of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Charlotte Goldsmith Overby (Duncan) of Orlando, FL, John Goldsmith of Fort Benning, GA, Aidan Goldsmith of Vista, CA, Marissa and Chloe Tallent of Myrtle Beach, SC, Sean (Cheyanne) Aguirre of Fort Stewart, GA, Brandon, Dylan and Maurren Aguirre of Ovale, Chile. Two nieces and two nephews.

Receiving his bachelor's degree in 1964 from Dakota Wesleyan University, he began working in 1961 for the Mitchell SD Daily Republic as a reporter. While a student at Dakota Wesleyan, he served as editor of the university yearbook and managing editor of the student newspaper. He also attended the University of South Dakota at Vermillion and married Charlotte Patten of Winner, SD in June 1964, who passed away at Martinsburg in 1983.

Burdette was named a reporter for The Intelligencer at Wheeling, WV in 1964. He served in a number of capacities including starting The Intelligencer's Weirton, WV and Steubenville, Ohio edition, then becoming the Ohio Editor of The Intelligencer before being named executive editor, then Editor of The Journal at Martinsburg in 1978. He also served for several years as city editor and managing editor of the Owensboro, Ky. Messenger and Inquirer. While editor of The Journal, the paper converted from typewriters to computers, from afternoon to morning, established the Sunday edition and expanded its staff. During his editorship, The Journal won 9 consecutive General Excellence Awards from the West Virginia Press Association.

In 1992, Burdette resigned his editorship founding Potomac Housing Developers Inc. and later Potomac Housing Realtors LLC. After leaving The Journal, Burdette earned his WV real estate sales and broker licenses. He was the developer of the Opequon Meadows subdivision, Martinsburg, and was former president of the Eastern Panhandle Homebuilders Association and a life director of that organization. He was also a member of the Eastern Panhandle Board of Realtors. Through Potomac Housing Realtors he founded the only area property management company with its own maintenance division becoming a leading manager of commercial and residential real estate in Berkeley County. Homebuilders named Burdette Builder of the Year in 1993, and was awarded a special excellence award in 2011. Burdette focused his work on helping entry level buyers and entry level tenants and was a strong believer in home ownership. Burdette was president of Burdette Properties Inc., founder of Oaks Realty LLC and several other real estate related enterprises.

A member of First Baptist Church of Martinsburg, Burdette served as a Deacon and had been actively involved in Great Commission work including more than 20 years of planning for First Baptist expansion.

Rotary was an important part of Burdette's life. He was asked to join Rotary at St. Clairsville. He became a member at Martinsburg in 1979, was active with the foreign exchange program for many years, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Burdette participated in the Rotary Dictionary Project in which he looked forward to personally handing anxious third graders their own dictionary.

## A MUST READ ON POLIO



District PolioPlus Chairman, Jeff Coup announced that our District Pedals Out Polio event raised \$6,694 and we thank each donor (many non-Rotarians) for their support of PolioPlus. Jeff was particularly moved by a handwritten thank you note, and donation received from a lady that read about Rotary Pedals Out Polio in the Altoona newspaper. The best Jeff can read her handwritten note it says:

***I am a PP (Post-Polio) Bulbar-Spinal survivor.***

***Now bed bound, peg tube only feeds, fowly (?), etc. Can barely talk, choking a lot, etc.***

***Sister had it too. Has a trac but can walk yet.***

***People need to understand the later effects of this & what can later happen.***

***We had it in 1951-Sandusky, Ohio. In Cleveland Clinic & Erie (?) for months.***

***Brother had spinal but doing well.***

***We made national news at the time.***

***Glad to see you are helping to eradicate for others. We had March of Dimes to help.***

***Thank you,  
Sue B. Faust***

***BELOW IS THE ORIGINAL LETTER***

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# Infinite Possibilities

District 6960 is excited to present [INFINITE POSSIBILITIES: Women In Rotary!](#)

This Four-Part Membership Series offers you the unique opportunity to hear from some of the most dynamic speakers in Rotary. The topics focus on Rotary history, celebrations, challenges, vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to grow your membership!

As we bring major Rotary International speakers to the forefront, we have every confidence you will find each one-hour webinar well worth your time and attention. The following is our series schedule:

**July 31, 2020 - Sylvia Whitlock, 1st Female Rotary Club President**, Hosted by RI Vice President Johrita Solari and RI Director Valarie Wafer

[Register NOW](#) for Infinite Possibilities - Sylvia Whitlock, 1:00 pm EDT July 31, 2020

**August 28, 2020 - Rotarian Jenny Stotts, Boldly Leading the Way**, Hosted by RI Director Peter Kyle and PDG Vanessa Ervin

**September 25, 2020 - Past RI Vice President Dean Rohrs**, Hosted by Past RI Director John Smarge and Zone 34 ARC Cyndi Doragh

**October 30, 2020 - Very Special Guest Speaker**, Hosted by RI Director Stephanie Urchick

[Register NOW](#) for Infinite Possibilities - Sylvia Whitlock, 1:00 pm EDT July 31, 2020

We will be offering a second, Four-Part Series - [INFINITE POSSIBILITIES: Diversity Equity Inclusion](#), beginning January, 2021, so stay tuned for more exciting news to come your way!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Stephanie Urchick**

Rotary International Director 2019-21



**Peter Kyle**

Rotary International Director 2020-22

