

# NEWSLETTER

## Years of Service

Samuel Saitie  
05-06-2021  
3 Years

## Birthdays

Anthony Stover  
May 7th  
Jim Connolly  
May 17th  
Marianna Elizabeth  
Tretiak  
May 26th



## Club Leaders

**Kenneth Myers**  
President  
**Colin McMorrow**  
Club Director  
Club Service Chair  
President-Elect  
**Edward Isaack**  
Secretary  
Webmaster  
**Robert McCarron**  
Treasurer  
**Carrie Sharpshair**  
Vice President  
**Rosana Ema Anchondo-Isaack**  
iPast President  
**Oscar Armas-Luy**  
Club Service Chair

## Greetings

Spring has sprung, bringing with it a burst of renewed energy and endless opportunities for service and fellowship in our Rotary community!

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

**District Conference Day of Service** will begin on:  
Sun Apr 28, 2024 | [REGISTER](#)  
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**May Pyramid Club Meeting** will begin on:  
Thu May 2, 2024 6:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)  
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**Gardening at Wyck Historic House** will begin on:  
Sat May 11, 2024 10:00 AM | [REGISTER](#)  
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**Philadelphia Club Fundraising Axe Throwing** will begin on:  
Thu May 16, 2024 06:30 PM  
Add to Calendar: Outlook<sup>©</sup> [Calendar](#) | Google [Calendar](#)<sup>™</sup>

**June Club Meeting at Pyramid Club** will begin on:  
Thu Jun 06, 2024 06:00 PM | [REGISTER](#)  
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## Today's the Day!

Today at the District Conference Day of Service, we're supporting Caring for Friends with other Rotary Clubs by preparing food, helping in the warehouse, and putting together breakfast bags. See you there!

**Day of Service**  
**Sunday April 28, 2024**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**  
[Caring for Friends](#)  
12271 Townsend Rd  
Philadelphia, PA 19154  
Volunteer info line: 267-874-2378



**Joan Batory**  
Past President  
Community Service  
Chair  
Training Officer

**Joseph Batory**  
Past President  
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**Christa Cobb**  
Community Service  
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**Maria Alejandra  
Somarriba**  
Club Director  
Club Service Chair

**Marianna Elizabeth  
Tretiak**  
Club Service Chair

**Jameel Worthy**  
Club Director  
International Service  
Chair

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## Philadelphia Club Fundraising Axe Throwing

Get your axe-throwing arm ready! On Thursday, May 16th, join us for this AXE-citing fundraiser in Old City.

**Philadelphia Club  
Fundraising Axe Throwing  
Thursday, May 16, 2024  
6:30 - 8:00 PM**

[Kick Axe](#)

232 Market St  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Philadelphia Rotary is hosting an axe-ction packed fundraising event, where you'll have the chance to unleash your inner warrior and channel your strength and precision while supporting a great cause. Get ready to grab an axe, aim for the target, and feel the rush of adrenaline as you hit the bullseye!

We need at least 30 people to sign up, so invite your friends and family and keep an eye out for the registration link, coming soon.



## Liguori Interact Leaders Keeping Up the Great Work



Liguori Academy Interact leaders **Koi** (photo center) and **Juan** (photo left) were present once again at the Port Richmond Neighborhood Action meeting on Thursday, April 18th. The two students greeted attendees upon entry, interacted with community members, and assisted with raffles.

Koi and Juan have been key players in the Liguori Interact's very successful array of service activities this year. They were also both special guests at a past Philadelphia Rotary meeting, along with Liguori's outstanding faculty moderator, Mary Theresa Killion (photo right).

## Film Talk at May Meeting

**May Pyramid Club Meeting  
Thu May 2, 2024 6:00 PM**



Pyramid Club  
1735 Market Street, 52nd Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Join us this week for our monthly meeting at the Pyramid Club!

Our featured speaker will be **Anthony Giacchino**, an Oscar award-winning documentarian who's going to talk about his work creating change film and media.

PA House Representative **Joe Ciresi** will also be coming to speak about his efforts as co-chair of the Pennsylvania Film

Caucus to convince fellow legislators to increase the film and TV tax credit across the state.

Can't wait to hear from these great minds!

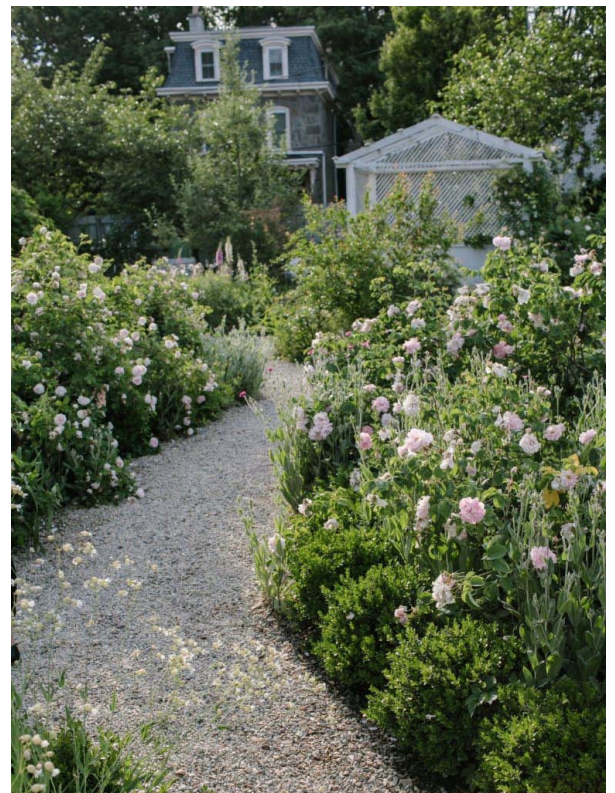
## Two Weeks Until Gardening

Join us for a lovely morning at the Wyck Historic House and Garden, where we'll be helping with spring cleaning and summer gardening. We'll take a step back in time while beautifying a true Philadelphia treasure!

**Gardening at Wyck Historic House**  
**May 11, 2024**  
**10 AM to 12 PM**

Wyck Historic House and Garden  
6026 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

[Register Here](#)



## Introducing District Governor Nominee-Designate



Melissa Baxter has been a proud member of the Rotary Club of West Chester since 2018. She served as Club president in 2022-2023 and spent years serving on various committees. At the district level, she has also been a member of the Membership Committee and Rotaplast Committee.

Melissa and her husband, Aaron, live in Downingtown, PA. They have three amazing children, three adorable dogs, and three entertaining ferrets. She has her Bachelor's in Human Development & Family Studies from Pennsylvania State University and a Master's in Nonprofit Management from Eastern University.

Melissa is the new Director of Quality Improvement for [Melmark PA](#). She has a long history of leadership and administration in the medical field, as well as a deep understanding of community needs. She's always had a heart for service, which aligned naturally with Rotary, its ideals, and the 4-Way Test. The Rotary Club of West Chester has enriched her passion for people, leadership and having fun. She is grateful for and values the relationships that have developed - she considers them family.

She is sincerely honored to serve as District Governor in 2026/2027.

## South Pacific Children Are Getting Vaccinated

Rotavirus and pneumonia are among the top three causes of mortality in Pacific Islander children under five, says **Libby Hodgson** of UNICEF Australia. HPV vaccinations for adolescent girls can also prevent them from developing cervical cancer later in life.



Yet public health workers face unique challenges in vaccinating Pacific Islander children: this region spans millions of square miles and islands are scattered across vast distances.

However the Rotarians of Australia, New Zealand, and several Pacific Island countries have come together with UNICEF to organize a major vaccination program across the islands.

[Read the Article Here](#)

## Did You Know?

**Q:** What is Rotary's motto?

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**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

*A: Service above self and they profit most who serve best.*

## Connect With Us on Social Media

Please connect with us on social media and **SHARE** some of our club's content. That will help other people learn about the good work Rotary is doing in Philadelphia and beyond!



Have a wonderful week!  
Becky Strohl  
*Newsletter Editor*