



Uptown York  
**Rotary**  
Club



# Lantern Release Wish Party

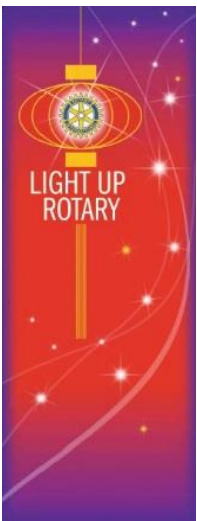
June 2, 2016 5:30 pm-8:00 pm

John Wright Restaurant • 234 North Front Street, Wrightsville, PA

## FAQs:

### What's the cost and how do I buy a lantern?

These environmentally friendly lanterns are \$15 each. They are 100% biodegradable and can be purchased online via Eventbrite (note: a service charge will be applied to online purchases), by mail, or directly from a club member. You can also download the order form at [www.uptownyorkrotary.org](http://www.uptownyorkrotary.org). Note: Lanterns will be provided on arrival at the event. Bring a copy of your Eventbrite ticket, order form or payment receipt. Proof of purchase will be requested when you check in at the registration table to receive your lantern.



### What's the story behind the Wish Party and who will benefit?

The UYRC's first lantern release was a club fellowship event in honor of the first Asian Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang who chose *Light Up Rotary*-with a Chinese lantern incorporated into the logo-as his theme for 2014-15. Huang urged members to *Light Up Rotary* by hosting a Rotary Day in their community, continuing our fight against polio, and increasing club membership. "*Light Up Rotary* is more than our theme. It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, and every country we serve." All proceeds from this unique and uplifting fundraiser (no pun intended!) will benefit a variety of nonprofit agencies through the Club's charitable grants program.



## **Do I need to be physically present at the event in order to participate?**

Thanks to the miracle that is technology, folks from throughout the community and state, across the country, and around the world can purchase a lantern and participate in the Wish Party! Of course, we highly encourage everyone to attend but it's not a requirement. Your tributes, hopes, and dreams are what make the Wish Party special. Simply send us the message or story that inspired your purchase and our Uptown York Rotary Club (UYRC) volunteers will ensure your lantern is lit and lofted! After the party, we will share photos and all of the stories/messages via our Club's web and social media channels.

## **What time should I arrive?**

Participants are welcome to decorate your lanterns, and enjoy food and fun in the two hours before sunset at the John Wright restaurant. On arrival at 5:30 pm, check in at the registration table to receive your lantern. No worries - before the event, we'll send out an email with all the details.

## **Can I bring food and drinks?**

You are welcome to bring bottled water (no alcohol or glass containers, please). We request that you buy all other food and drink from the John Wright Restaurant. Patio bar will be open for snacks & drinks. Reservations for restaurant seating required.

## **Can I decorate my own lantern?**

Yes, lantern decorations are highly encouraged but you'll need to come early! Bring markers, come early and have some fun!! Your tributes, hopes, and dreams are what make the Wish Party special. You'll be asked to share them at the time of purchase on the Club's social media sites too!!

## **Can I bring my own lanterns?**

No. For your own and the environment's safety, all lanterns must be purchased through the Uptown York Rotary Club. Extra lanterns may be available for purchase at the event (no guarantees!). Note - for safety's sake, only adults and kiddos 13 and over will be permitted to light their own lanterns.

## **What should I bring?**

We recommend bringing a copy of your order form, Eventbrite ticket or payment receipt, your phone, camera, a jacket (depending on the weather), bug spray (we are by the river!), a blanket or camp chair if you want to sit outside, and magic markers if you want to decorate your lantern(s). Pets, illegal drugs and weapons are not permitted.



## **Can my family and friends come watch?**

Sure! The more the merrier! Admission is free - donations to the Uptown York Rotary Club will be gratefully accepted.

## **Can I bring my phone or camera?**

Yes, please capture and share the magic! Hashtag #wishparty16 and follow and tag us @UptownRotarians so that we can see and share your images with the world!

## **Where do I park and is there a charge?**

There is ample free parking at the John Wright Restaurant, 234 North Front Street, Wrightsville, PA.

## **Will there be anything there to buy?**

Yes! Bottled water, extra lanterns (if available - no guarantees!) at the registration table; and food and drink will be available at the John Wright Restaurant.

## **How old do you need to be to light a lantern?**

You need to be 13 or older to light a lantern. We want all participants to be safe and ask parents to help their kids 13-16 years of age light and send off their lanterns.

## **Are pets allowed?**

No. For the safety of pets and all participants, please leave your furry family members at home.

## **What happens if there's bad weather?**

We will closely monitor the weather forecast prior to the event, and if rain or sustained winds are anticipated or it's too cloudy for a safe release, the event will be postponed to June 9. No refunds will be issued. If neither date works, arrangements will be made to distribute the lanterns for your individual use. We will send out emails prior to the event and have the most up to date information on our website, Facebook page, and twitter feed.

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