

District 7450 Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Charles Engage Youth Change Lives – Say YESS

This past month, we witnessed our District Rotarians at their best.

The chair of the Rotaract Committee, Barbara DiBaptiste, came up with a great new initiative: She calls it “YESS = Youth Empowerment Support System.”

This initiative seeks to ensure that in future years, young leaders will have the financial means to attend international Rotary conferences. I quote from Barbara’s letter:

“This comprehensive empowerment program’s major focus will be on leadership development and training, promotion of international understanding and goodwill, and the conduct of a viable mentoring project.

“Important to fulfilling our mission and our work is to secure a sound financial foundation. The fundraising arm of this program is the “Youth Empowerment Supporters and Sponsors (YESS)”, whose ... goal is to raise funds to support the attendance and participation of our youth leaders at the upcoming conventions.”

In practice, this will motivate and change the landscape of thinking among Interactors and Rotaractors. It will bring meaning to our Rotary world – bring it

closer – via relationships formed and connections for international cooperation made.

To me, this is a real success. It was made real by the generous support of over 15 Rotary Clubs and individual donors. In the coming year, it will mean a real focus for supporting our young leaders in our district.

I am truly proud of all who pitched in and saw the promise of this initiative!

My final “message” to all District Rotarians:

It has been a pleasure and a distinct honor for me to serve you as your District Governor!

I am encouraged by our growth – in ideas, in membership and in our embrace of our Rotary Youth.

Your enthusiasm and support for Rotary and one another has been an inspiration to me all year. Let’s all look forward with optimism and support for incoming Governor Doug Blazey!

DG Charles Streitwieser



District Rotaract chair Barbara DiBaptiste and District Rotaract representative Cara Cugley.

At 105th RI Convention

‘Climb for a cause’

More than 316 Rotarians from all over the world smashed two world records on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Friday, May 29, and raised enough money to protect more than 240,000 children against polio. The records are: Guinness World Record for “most different flags flown simultaneously” (previously set by BridgeClimb in 2010), and most people on the Sydney Harbour Bridge at same time, (previous record was 316 in 2011). Led by RI president Ron Burton, each adult

climber raised \$124 (50 percent of \$248 fee) from the Bridge Climb. Flags from 208 countries were carried by Rotarians.

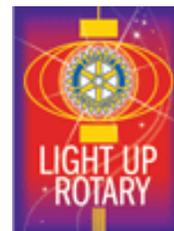


At 105th RI Convention

‘Make History Today Walk’



Rotarians prepare to begin the 1.8 mile (3K) “Make History Today Walk” at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, in Sydney Olympic Park in Sydney, Australia. The walk was a pre-event to the 105th RI Convention (June 1 through 4) with over 18,000 Rotarians from 208 countries registered.



*Come to Rotary District 7450
Celebration of 2013-2014 Year and
2014-2015 Installation Brunch
June 29, 2014*

District Governor Charles Streitwieser and District Governor-Elect Doug Blazey cordially invite all Rotarians to attend the District Governor's Installation on Sunday, June 29, commencing with a 12:30 p.m. reception, followed by a 1:30 p.m. brunch and program, at the Mansion at Villanova Conference Center, County Line and Matsonford Road in Radnor. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Come and celebrate the achievements of District 7450 Rotary Clubs during Rotary year 2013-2014 with the awarding of the Presidential Citations issued by RI President Ron Burton and presented by District Governor Charles Streitwieser.

Come and celebrate the installation of 2014-2015 District Governor Douglas (Doug) Blazey and the Assistant Governors, who will "Light up Rotary" as proclaimed by 2014-2015 RI President Gary C. K. Huang.

Let's have every Rotary Club represented at this festive event as the District gets ready for a Rotary year of "Peace, Projects and Pfun (Fun)!" To register, go to >> installation.d7450.org

All who plan to attend are advised to register early due to the space limitation.

Theatre party raises \$9,000 + for Rotaplast trip



Faith Holefelder and Rosalie Wells, long-time Rotaplast volunteers, chat before the show.



Veteran Rotaplast volunteer, Vasanth Prabhu, was among five honored for service with Rotaplast.



Among the 200 who attended the Rotaplast benefit are Glen Riddle Rotarians John A. Whitig III and Pete Frigiola.



DGE Doug and Julianna Blazey and DGN Dave Haradon wait for the show, "Sunset Boulevard," to begin.

Another winner for Rotaplast

The sixth Rotaplast benefit theatre party at the Media Theatre raised close to \$10,000 for the September 14 to 28 mission to Pereira, Columbia with District 7430 volunteers. More than 200 supporters attended the reception and "Sunset Boulevard" production May 15. During the 15 years of participating in Rotaplast missions, District volunteers have been responsible for helping over 1500 children with cleft palate issues. All volunteers pay their transportation costs for each mission.



Rotaplast chair Don Heebner (right) presents special award of appreciation to Dan Bronson, initial supporter of Rotaplast partnership with District. At his own expense, he made many pre-trip, on-site checks of facilities and staffing.



Rotaplast chair Don Heebner presented awards to (from left) Rosalie Wells, who is preparing for 11th mission with another group; Joanne Gillspie, R.N., who has been on 18 missions; and her husband, John Gillespie, who has been on six missions.

Youth Exchange Program needs host Clubs, families

Donna M. Henry, chair of the District Youth Exchange program, reports the District will welcome 10 exchange students in August for the 2014-2015 school year. The committee is looking for host Rotary Clubs for three students and host families for seven students.

From August to January the students will live with one family and will move to a second host family from January to June. Henry says should there be three host families in one area, the second host family would serve January to April and the third host family would serve April to June.



The Rotary Clubs, who will be sponsoring students, include Abington at Edge Hill, Cheltenham, Greater West Chester Sunrise, Swarthmore, Ardmore, Longwood, (two students) and Chestnut Hill.

Henry points out "Almost anyone can host. They do not need to be Rotarians. Hosts can be families with children, couples without children, empty nesters, and single people.

"There is no monetary compensation for hosting. Host Rotary Clubs give \$100 per month to the students."

For more information, contact Henry at dmhphilly@aol.com or 215-292-1254.

4th Twisted Vintner Thursday June 5 at the Concordville Town Center

The Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club's 4th annual Twisted Vintner homemade wine competition takes place Thursday, June 5, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Concordville Town Center, Routes 1 and 322, Glen Mills. Admission is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Featured will be 14 food samplings, five wine tastings and one beer tasting, and a silent auction.

For information and tickets, contact Carol Swerdon (610-636-4608) or Sue Mardinly (484-832-0803).

'Peace, Projects and Pfun' District Conference set for November 14-16

The 2014-2015 District Conference will take place November 14 to 16 at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor. PDG Bob Lankin is chair of the conference. Save the dates. More details to follow.

RI Foundation OKs global grant for Ardmore-Japan project

Ardmore Rotary Club received the Rotary Foundation go-ahead for a \$197,775 global project to rehabilitate an existing building into a child and maternal health center and health care training facility in Kesennuma, Japan. The center will serve 2500 children and mothers who survived the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Ardmore Rotary Club partnered with Kesennuma and Tokyo Rotary Clubs in developing the project.

Ardmore Rotary Club raised \$27,000 with a seed grant of \$6,000, \$4,950 District 7450 DDF grant, \$1,000 Gundaker Foundation grant, and contributions from the Rotary Clubs of Broomall, Bryn Mawr, Coatesville, Media and Swarthmore. In addition contributions were received from four individuals, and the Washington (D.C.) Rotary Club.

Ardmore Rotary Club, which has a 40-year partnership with the Tokyo Rotary Club, joined with the Tokyo Club in 2011 on a \$255,000 new "Rotary Child Care Center," which opened early 2012 in what had been Rikuzentakata City. Ardmore raised \$54,000 for that project.

Langhorne Rotarians clean local highway, storm drains



On hand for the Langhorne Rotary Club's Adopt a Highway and storm drain cleanup for "Rotarians at Work Day" are Dave Davis, Myrl Brut, Kathleen Horwatt, Larry Langhan, Kathy Harr, Dave Carson, Carl Nedal, Ward McMaster, Sal Caimano, and Mark Arrington. The effort also was in connection with Great American Cleanup of PA.

West Chester Rotary Club salutes four Gundaker Fellows

During a recent meeting, four members of the Rotary Club of West Chester were recognized as Gundaker Fellows and received pins, medals and plaques from Cristina Combee (left) and Jim Smith, Club Gundaker Foundation chair (right). The Gundaker Fellows, who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the Foundation, are (second from left) Michelle Venema, Gary Hess, Carol Hanson, and Club president John Schwab. The Gundaker Foundation supports scholarships and the Rotary Student Exchange program and gives matching grants for Rotary Club projects.



300+ Rotarians 'Climb for a Cause', raise 208 flags



Taggart School musicians perform for Philadelphia Rotary Club



Student musicians from the Taggart School in South Philadelphia presented a concert at the April 10 meeting of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia. The school's choir and orchestra also attended and enjoyed lunch with the Philadelphia Rotarians at the Union League. The Rotary Club had an active role in helping to restore the music program at the Taggart School five years ago. Since that time, the school's musicians have attended a Club luncheon meeting to have lunch and to present a concert each year.

Inducted by DGE Doug Blazey

Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotarians welcome 4 new members

DGE Doug Blazey (center) was on hand to induct four new members into the Glen Mills-Thornbury Rotary Club at the April 14th meeting at the Concordville Best Western. The new Rotarians are (from left) Richard Harvitz, Jane Brydon, Mary Pat Lynam, and Jill Paglici. In addition to officiating at the induction, DGE Doug invited the Club members to attend the June 29 District Installation and Awards Brunch at the Mansion at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor. DGE Doug is asking all Clubs to bring a Club flag which he plans to place on a District Banner which will accompany him as he makes his visits to the 51 Clubs. The banner also will be displayed at District events during the upcoming Rotary year.



Kennett Square Rotary Club hosts MS Awareness Golf Outing

The Kennett Square Rotary Club hosted a Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Golf Outing on World MS Day, May 22 at the Honey Brook Golf Course. The 18-hole better ball scramble game was followed by a barbecue. Players from Abington-Edge Hills, Longwood and Kennett Square Rotary Clubs played as well as several non-Rotarians. While the turnout wasn't a great success, and the weather posed some challenges, the \$1,600 raised made it all worthwhile. Sponsors included: Al Schmitt, DMD; AG/Kennett Square Rotarian Bronwyn L Martin, Julie Bartrum, Karen Eichman, Kennett Square Rotarian Monique Giroux, LPGA member Cathy Reynolds, PDG/Longwood Rotarian Bonnie Korengel, Chad Laurence, Longwood Rotarian Ted Trevorow, PDG/Media Rotarian/MS Society member Jeffry Cadorette. Bronwyn's team got the best score and one of her foursome got the longest drive. PDG Bonnie Korengel won a closest to the pin contest. Enjoying the outing are (from left) PDG Bonnie Korengel, Rodney Ciafre, Dave Scott, Longwood Rotarian Cathy Cotter, Abington-Edge Hills Rotarian Dan Kelly, and AG Bronwyn Martin.



DGE Doug says:
Bring Club banners
for District Banner
to Installation Brunch

DGE Doug Blazey is planning to create a District 7450 Banner composed of banners from all 51 Rotary Clubs. Club presidents have been asked to have a Club banner with them to present to DGE Doug at the June 29 Installation Brunch at the Mansion at Villanova University Conference Center, Radnor.

Philadelphia RYLA students rave about weekend

The Rotary Club of Philadelphia received rave reviews about the 2014 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Conference from two students from West Catholic Prep who were sponsored by the Club. The students, Chanel Robinson-Hill and Robel Gebrehiwet, attended the May 29 Philadelphia Rotary Club luncheon at the Union League and reported on their experiences during the weekend conference. The students revealed they are hoping to establish an Interact Club at their school in the near future. Joining the students after the meeting are Philadelphia Rotary Club president Jeb Brookman, District



7450 RYLA chair/AG Karen Mazzarella, West Catholic Director of Guidance Services Jennifer Davis, Chanel Robinson-Hill and Robel Gebrehiwet, PDG/PP Philadelphia Rotary Club Joan Batory, who presided, Brother Richard Kestler, and Philadelphia Rotary Club PP Joseph Batory.

As a Rotarian:

Are You Weary of Fund-Raising for Polio?

Read on to learn some very interesting facts about why we can't stop now, even though we've been at it for more than 25 years.

Because "we're this close" and the strategic endgame plan for polio eradication calls for polio to be gone by 2018, but 2014 is going to be a critical year for fund-raising.

Because to make this \$5.5B endgame plan work we have to help raise the \$1.5B shortfall that is still required to end polio.

Because we have the tools and the systems to eradicate polio – as we did in India in January, 2014 when the country was declared polio-free after 3 years of no polio cases. If we can do it in India with billions of children, we can do it anywhere.

Because we are developing new techniques like border immunization stations for highly mobile populations to make sure that all children, even those on the move, are protected. And certifications of immunization are now being required at many border crossings.

Because we have achieved great success, even in Nigeria and Afghanistan where the number of polio cases was down 40% in 2013 from the previous year.

Because for every \$1 your Club raises, the Gates Foundation will match with \$2. So your efforts really can yield results!

Because Rotary has already donated \$1.2B to the cause and we have pledged to finish the job.

Because if we don't, more than 200,000 children could be infected by 2022.

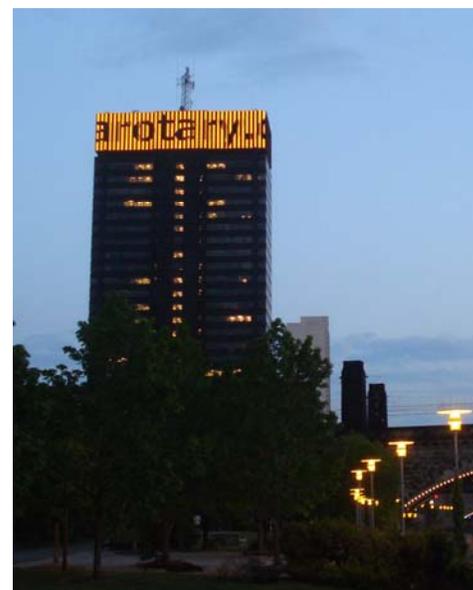
Because there are still many people in our communities who are willing to help but we have to lead the way.

Because we promised the children of the world!

Jane Williams

END POLIO NOW District chair

PECO Crown Lights give salute to Rotary Club of Philadelphia



The PECO Crown Lights, which rule Philadelphia's center city skyline, saluted the Rotary Club of Philadelphia continuously on May 19 and 20. The message was seen by thousands of motorists and pedestrians on Monday and Tuesday.

2014-2015 Leadership Team introduced at Assembly



2014-2015 District Governor Doug Blazey (at podium) introduces the 2014-2015 Leadership Team during the District Assembly at Delaware County Community College in Marple Township Saturday, May 3. The team includes (from left) PDG/Finance Committee chair Mark McGill, PDG Dave Ellis, 2013-2014 DG Charles Streitwieser, DGE (2015-2016) Chad Rosenberg, DGN (2016-2017) Dave Haradon, PDG/District Conference chair Bob Lankin, AG Adrienne Masak-Rozier (Area 9), AG Bronwyn Martin (Area 8), co AGs Don McNeal and Susan Mardinly (Area 9), AG Rick Trivane (Area 3), AG Rob Burnham (Area 4), AG George Whitfield (Area 7), AG Grover Koon (Area 6), AG Joseph Krug (Area 1), AG Cynthia Lyman (Rotaract), AG Karen Mazzarella (Area 5), and AG John Washington (Area 2).

September 20 Union soccer game to benefit 'End Polio Now'

The fourth annual District 7450 "Kick Polio Off the Planet" Union soccer game will take place Saturday, September 20, at PPL Stadium in Chester.

District 7450 Rotarians, families and friends are invited to gather beginning at 5 p.m. for fellowship with a complimentary tailgate party on the grassy knoll adjacent to the stadium and overlooking the magnificent Delaware River. Once again, the Rotary Club of Chester is hosting the tailgate party.

Tickets are \$30 per person of which \$10 will benefit District 7450 "End Polio Now" fund. Rotarians who sell/purchase tickets will receive \$10 credit per ticket for their Club's "End Polio Now."

"Eradication of Polio" promotion will appear on the jumbotron and the District leadership team will be recognized on the pitch. For information contact Bronwyn Martin at 610-453-7212. or ksrotary.bronwyn@gmail.com.

Where to look

Rotary Happenings:

www.rotary7450.org

EarlyAct: rotary7450.org/earlyact

Rotary Foundation: rotary7450.org/foundation

Gundaker: rotary7450.org/gundaker

Interact: rotary7450.org/interact

Literacy: rotary7450.org/literacy

Rotaplast: rotary7450.org/rotaplast

Youth Exchange:

d7450youthexchange.org/

RYLA: rotary7450.org/RYLA

Rotary International: rotary.org

Database: www.DaCdb.com

Rotaract: www.rotary7450.org/rotaract/

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Lindsey Elkin:

District’s final ambassadorial scholar responds to RI survey of experience

RI: How would you describe Rotary to friends, colleagues and family? How would you describe the Ambassadorial Scholarship?

ELKIN: Rotary is an unbelievable organization, made up of thousands of diverse individuals who have one thing in common: making the world a better place through a devotion to service above self. I cannot say enough good things about Rotary. I have met such fascinating, impressive individuals through this experience. As I continue to get older and busier, I see how difficult it is to make time for extra activities. The devotion that Rotarians have toward furthering the ideals of goodwill peace and understanding should be emulated at a global level. We can all learn something from Rotary, and I deeply admire each and every Rotarian I have encountered from the start of the application process.

I would describe the Ambassadorial Scholarship as a life-changing opportunity, where one is provided with an incredible privilege to perform their duty in bridging cultural gaps, broadening their personal horizons, and furthering goodwill, peace and understanding through study and cultural immersion. While I loved my courses at the University of Cape Town, the real beauty of the Ambassadorial Scholarship happened outside of the classroom while walking a Congolese friend’s dog, taking a solo hike up Lions Head to watch the sunset, or sharing chicken wings in this rainbow culture. I will be forever grateful to Rotary for the experience provided. Rotary changed my life.

I will always be indebted to the organization, and open myself up in any way that I can assist. I actually will be staying an extra year in South Africa working on my thesis, and I plan on remaining active with my host club and the other clubs in District 9350. Following my eventual return to the U.S., I plan on joining Rotary and helping provide others with the invaluable experience I was provided with.

Thank you all so much for this opportunity. Words cannot describe what Rotary means to me. I am forever grateful. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

April, 2014

Lindsey Elkin

(Ambassadorial Scholar Lindsey Elkin has finished her master’s degree work in Cape Town but will stay in South Africa for as much as another year to complete her thesis. She may come home to the United States for a short visit this summer.)

Rotary Night at the Phillies, July 23, 2014



District 7450 Rotary Clubs have received tickets for the July 23 Phillies-San Francisco Giants night game. Tickets are \$28 to \$38 and located in left field or in front of scoreboard. Make checks payable to “The Phillies.” The District receives a rebate for “End Polio Now” fund for each ticket sold.

NOTE: If you want to be part of the Rotary Glee Club for the game, call Paul Welde at 610-733-6931.