

Rotary District 7450

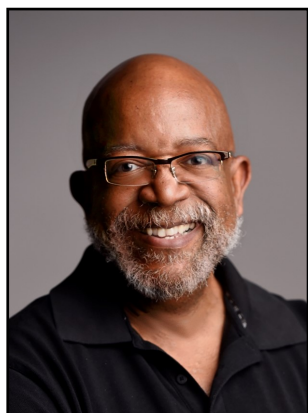
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Roger Taylor Selected as District Governor 2021-2022



In accordance with the District 7450 Bylaws and the proceedings of the District Nomination Committee the District Governor for 2021-2022 will be Mr. Roger Taylor of the Coatesville Rotary Club. He is now the District Governor Nominee Designate. On July 1, 2019, he will become the District Governor Nominee. On July 1, 2020 he will become the District Governor Elect.

Roger has been a member of the Rotary Club of Coatesville since 2014 where he held several positions, including club president, and has perfect attendance since 2015. He has brought four new members into the club In District Administration he served on the District Membership Committee, Chair of the Four Way Test Competition, an Assistant District Governor, and the faculty of the Rotary Leadership Institute. His official Rotary designation is astronomy.

Now retired, Roger keeps busy with hobbies that include archery, cooking, kayaking, photography and gardening. Most of all, Roger is an astronomer. Over the years he built his own Newtonian telescopes; the largest is 14 inches in diameter. He has served with organizations including the Chester Astronomical Society, Delaware Valley Armature Astronomers and wrote "Starstuff", a syndicated column for ten years. Those who know him are not surprised that Roger is a member of the Concordia Coral Arts. His baritone voice is highly sought after by many.

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District Calendar of Events:

<https://goo.gl/YPv5Yy>



Foundation-R-Us

Please keep in mind that to receive a district grant in 2019-2020 a club must submit an application between January 15 and May15. For full information, go to rotarydistrict7450.org and click Foundation.

This year, our district received \$30,816 for 30 District Grants. And, about \$27,000 for Global Grants. (Here's the big news.) In year 2019-2020 there will be about \$85,000 available for District Grants. What are you waiting for?



...Roger Taylor Continued

His scientific mind brought him to a career in the technical world with companies such as Siemens and Bayer Diagnostics. A native son of West Philadelphia, his career took him to Texas and Massachusetts before he settled in West Chester.

Roger's wife, Professor Linda Taylor, taught writing and critical thinking in Pennsylvania University. She enjoys gardening, sustainable native plant preservation and volunteers as a teacher of English to arriving immigrants. They have two daughters. Hillary is a decorated Army officer who has two "Grandboys". Daughter Adrienne is a cellist who performed at Carnegie Hall, traveled with Yo-Yo Ma and was a member of the Chicago Civic Orchestra. She presently provides music and music lessons to the underserved communities in Providence, Rhode Island.

Ardmore Rotary Club's Christmas Visitor

At the Ardmore Club's Gala, Dr. Douglas Klepfer introduced visiting Tokyo Rotarians, Seiichiro Asakawa and Yukio Tada. Doug reviewed the 48-year history of friendship and partnership between the Ardmore Rotary Club and the Tokyo Rotary Club. Over the years, the clubs provided funds for projects such as restoration of the Garden for the Blind in Wynnewood Valley Park (renamed Sensory Garden), and aid relief following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami which hit eastern Japan.

The Tokyo Rotary Club has 300 members whose average age is 70 years old. The eldest member is 99, serves on the membership committee, and rarely misses a meeting.



Proceeds from the Ardmore Rotary Holiday Gala go to local non-profit charities. Chairman Dr. David Dillion reported donations close to \$20,000 raised from the silent and live auctions. When Mr. Asakawa was complimented on his perfect English he commented, "Of course. I went to prep school in Pottstown and frequently visit the Philadelphia area on business."

In Memoriam

We'd like to honor the following Rotarians for their dedicated service:

Roy Knauth

The Rotary Club of Feasterville

Please provide the names and club of recently deceased Rotarians to honor them in the Newsletter. Rotary7450News@gmail.com

New Members

Chad Bahnsen

Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne
Sponsored by David Hennessey

Agnes Bedaud

Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne
Sponsored by Maureen Ingelsby

John Boulanger

Rotary Club of West Chester Sunriser
Sponsored by Dennis Wallace

Nicholas Branton

Rotary Club of West Chester Sales & Leasing
Sponsored by Charles Swope

Liz Brown

Rotary Club of Kennett Square

Jeff Cyron

Rotary Club of Longwood Accounting

Jane Donze

Rotary Club of Longwood Law

Michael Fiorelli

Rotary Club of Chichester Insurance
Sponsored by Judy Stang

Jonathan Hankin

Rotary Club of West Chester Clergy
Sponsored by Brad Abel

Daniel Kim

Rotary Club of Longwood Dentistry
Sponsored by Tammy Duering

Colleen Kish

Rotary Club of Kennett Square Light Real Estate Sales

Jim McKeown

Rotary Club of Kennett Square Light

Robert Pelczarski

Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne
Sponsored by Russ deFuria

Nancy Pine

Rotary Club of West Chester Attorney
Sponsored by Sue Casso Rogers

We will list new Rotarians taking information from DAC/db. Should anyone be overlooked, please write to us at : Rotary7450News@gmail.com.

Be sure to provide: New Member Name, Designation, and Club Sponsor.



Gundaker Foundation

Repositions for the Future

Gundaker Foundation chair Bill Graham and the executive committee proposed a new course forward for the Foundation. It was enthusiastically approved by the directors at the November meeting and action to implement it is under way. The Foundation will reposition its work to being in line with Rotary International's Areas of Focus and effect stronger community service. This revision is still being studied and clarified before changes are made to the bylaws.

Also under development are plans to improve communications to the clubs in District 7450. The executive committee is scheduling club visits, creating literature and generating information periodically to keep club members well informed.

Three Areas of Focus

Gundaker will concentrate on three primary areas of focus that are taken from Rotary International's six areas of focus.

Those areas will be:

- Education and Literacy
- Promoting Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Mother's and Children's Health

Grant requests presented to the foundation should encompass one or more of those three areas. Gundaker directors should use these areas of focus to guide them on whether a proposed project is worthy of a grant from the foundation.

Club Grants

(Formerly National and International Grants)

The National and International Grants will be rolled into one committee called Club Grants. These will follow a similar application process and National and International Grants have in the past.



International Grants will only be considered if a current, active club member (cannot be honorary) is traveling with and working on the proposed project.

Along with these changes, Gundaker is raising the matching grant to \$1,000 per project.

Vocational and Technical Grants

Vocational and Technical Grants will take the place of Under Graduate and Graduate Grants. Gundaker will issue 5 grants per year. To qualify for a grant, the applicant must be admitted to a 2-year vocational or technical program at an accredited school, live in or going to school in District 7450 and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent school ranking. The applicants must be going into their 2nd year of their 2-year program.

Youth Exchange Program

Youth Exchange will continue to operate as it does today.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference

February 8th to 10th, 2019

Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA

Are your students registered for RYLA? Time is running out.

Details and Registration at www.RotaryDistrict7450.org/RYLA



District Publicity Committee Launches New Initiative

The newly-formed Publicity Committee, headed by Chuck Martz and AG Renee DeCoskey, comprises ten volunteers whose mission is to work with clubs on an individual basis, training members on the use of social media to publicize their clubs.

Beginning in January, committee volunteers will contact club presidents to arrange training sessions at mutually convenient times and places. They will be visiting clubs and speaking on the importance of establishing a social presence. The volunteers will remain as the clubs' social media mentors as club members negotiate through the platforms and develop their skills.

"Social media is the single best way for a club to inform the public about what they are doing for their community," says DeCoskey. "Whether it's reporting on a recent service project or getting the word out about an upcoming fundraiser, social media allows clubs to establish and extend their

presence in the community. More than that, social media is one of the best ways for Rotarians to share with their friends, families, and networks about the good things Rotary does and how fun and rewarding it is to be a member."



Things We Heard... Turn-Around Scholarships

Several Rotary clubs in Wisconsin offer a unique scholarship to late bloomers. These are high school students who "screwed up" in their freshman and sophomore years and need a second chance. "Students who simply made a mess of their first two years believe they don't have an opportunity to catch up, so they give up and never make the effort in junior and senior years," says guidance counselor Cristina Retay. "And, they're right. Schools rarely have programs to help them find their real potential. That's where Rotary steps in."

The clubs contact these students and offer them a deal few can refuse. The teens sign a contract that requires them to maintain excellent attendance, carry a B average, exhibit zero behavior problems, participate in after school activities and communicate regularly with the Rotarians.

In return, Rotary offers them support that includes tutoring, mentoring and providing role models of caring adults. Rotarians work with guidance counselors to contact colleges and attest to how the students turned their lives around in junior and senior years. The Rotarians send positive letters to college entrance officials and include letters of recommendation from teachers and administrators. And, of course, these students are the first in line for Rotary financial scholarships. "The results have been inspiring. Our teachers are happy to see the changes and younger students are encouraged by their achievements." Reports Ms. Retay. "It's a great service to the students and the community."



The District Nominating Committee

Nominating someone to the position of District Governor is the responsibility of the District Nominating Committee. The process is dictated by our Bylaws. (See Bylaws on the District Website: Rotarydistrict7450.org) It's a meticulously detailed process, but here it is in a nutshell:



The District Governor selects a committee consisting of five people who serve for the year:

- **Chair:**
 - A past district governor - Douglas Blazey (Wayne)
- **Committee:**
 - A past district governor - Ed Olsavicky (WEGO)
 - A past club president from Super Area 1 – Dr. Gina Genin (Levittown-Fairless Hills) Dr. Geni participated by conference call.
 - A past club president from Super Area 2 - Norman Viss (Broomall)
 - A past club president from Super Area 3 - Marybeth Scott (Exton-Frazer/Great Valley)

The Committee Chair notifies all district Rotarians of the requirements for the position of District Governor in 2021-2022 and sets a due date to apply.

The Committee Chair arranges interviews with candidates and the Committee. Upon selection of the nominee, the Chair notifies all candidates and the District Governor of its decision.

The District Governor informs the district membership and sets a deadline of fourteen days in which time candidates who were not selected may challenge the Committee's decision. If challenged, there is a procedure for remedy set by Rotary International. If there is no challenge, the governor declares the chosen applicant as District Governor-nominee Delegate. The person will be the District Governor for 2021-2022.

Something to Consider...

iPDG Dawn deFuria tells a story about one of her visits to a club last year. At the Great Valley Rotary



Club, a person new to the area arrived. He said he was considering joining Rotary and sat in on the meeting. When the meeting ended he asked where he could sign up and did so on the spot.

Dawn thought that was curious and asked why he decided so quickly. The fellow replied that he had been to another club where he sat at a table and no one spoke with him. "Here," he said, "Everyone came to me, shook hands and introduced themselves. During breakfast they engaged me in conversation and were interested in what I had to say. Why wouldn't I join?"

2019 District Conference

March 15th & 16th

Break-Out Sessions

The seminar by **Anne Marie Di Dio** of *Mediators Beyond Borders* will address conflict resolution to guide club relationships as well as for business and personal relations



Fund Raising for Clubs Large and Small will be conducted by RLI Marketing Director PDG **Bonnie Sirower** with panel discussion by AG **Julianna Blazey**.



Marketing and Publicizing Your Club in 15 Minutes a Week will be presented by **Molly Kuehn Watson**. She is the former COO of Tierney Communications and currently consultant to the Wharton School of Business.



For Conference Brochure and Registration...

[Click Here!](#)

DACdb Live On-Line Training

January 10 & 11

For the Times & Topics, Register on DACdb Calendar

DACdb is hosting a live, interactive, experience for you to expand your DACdb knowledge. Participate in a series of informative online sessions - all from your device!

Free online training sessions:

- Dive into core DACdb: registration management, club newsletter creation, PMail & Ptext, dashboard, and calendar.
- Learn how our DACdb Premium modules can increase club efficiency:
 - Engagement, Finance and Website Hosting
- Get up to speed with DACdb Grants
- We'll show you how to begin 2019 with a CRM
- Get your membership organized into committees
- See the direction DACdb is heading. It's exciting stuff!



All sessions will be recorded and available for viewing after the event!

Rotary Four Way Test Speech Competition

Club level competitions completed by:

January 18th 2019

Semi-final competition applications should be forwarded along with \$75 fee to:

4WTSC

P.O. Box 125

Chester Heights, PA 19017

Please include contestant application with the Registration Form and Fee.

District 7450 contact information:

Semi-final Competition

To be held Saturday February 2nd @ 2:00 PM

Radisson Hotel Valley Forge

1160 1st Ave

King Of Prussia, PA 19406

Final Competition (If Necessary)

To be held Saturday March 2nd 2019

@ A Place To Be Determined

Winner Presentation and Award Ceremony

To be held Saturday, March 16th at 12 Noon

District 7450 District Conference

Springfield Country Club

400 W Sproul Rd

Springfield PA 19064-2018

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- or -

AG Chris Potter 215-601-7433 insurancepotter@msn.com

