

# Rotary District 7450

# NEWSLETTER

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## SASY AWARDS!

Friday, March 15th, 2019



### SASY Nominations

Date Extension to February 15th!

- Nominate Clubs and Members for as many categories as you wish
- Applications Due February 15th
- Click to **NOMINATE**

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### District Calendar of Events:

<https://goo.gl/YPv5Yy>

## Social Media Help Desk for Everyone

The District 7450 Social Media Committee has developed new tools and services to help all clubs use social media more effectively to get your club's message out. You do great things and people in your community should know about you. It's good for your club's image, Rotary's image and attracts new members.

Starting in February, your club can request a speaker and/or set up 1 on 1 hands-on training with a member of our Social Media team. We have recruited nine highly qualified Rotarians from around the

District to provide this service to your club.

To request a speaker or a trainer to support your club's social media skills, send an e-mail to this address and we will call to coordinate an appointment: [7450socialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:7450socialmedia@gmail.com).

Our committee has Rotarians ready and willing to help immediately. Please take advantage of this service and show our communities we are People of Action!

So, who ya gonna call?



## Youth Exchange Program

### Meet the Class of 2018-2019

The exchange students who arrived last August have passed the half-way point of their Great American Adventure. They've seen New York City, just about everything in the Philadelphia region, and will soon see Washington D.C.. Most came here knowing some English and now converse like local teenagers. American foods are much better than expected, particularly hamburgers. Universally, they've come to understand and appreciate our society and are thrilled to be here.

Students generally live with Rotarians and friends of Rotarians during their stay. They build strong bonds of friendship with host families and American students that can last a lifetime. The Youth Exchange Program is currently seeking families to host students arriving next August. And, they're recruiting American students to study overseas. For more information, contact



Left to right: Aileen from So. Korea, Romain from Belgium, Mili from Argentina, Yuri from Brazil, Maya from Germany, Gaspar from Chile, Gaia from Italy and Eda from Czech Republic.

Donna Henry at [dmhphilly@aol.com](mailto:dmhphilly@aol.com)

## A New Rotaract Team

Rotaract is reformulating itself under new leadership to reorganize and grow Rotaract clubs in the district. The newly appointed committee members are Ken Podell, Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth RC, Ted Trevorow, Longwood RC, PDG Charles Streitweiser, West Chester RC and Kerry Costello-Leraris of the Glenside RC (Not in photo). They bring a world of experience and enthusiasm to revitalizing this valued part of Rotary. Their initial plan is to gather resources, research the districts Rotaract and Sponsoring clubs then bring Rotarians and Rotaractors together for a common purpose and goals. The target date is Rotaract World Week, March 11 to 17. All interested parties are

invited to get to know one another and build Rotaplast in the years ahead.

NOTICE: Clubs wishing to start a Rotaract Club or need to improve their own may contact committee chair Ted Trevorow at [EDT750@verizon.net](mailto:EDT750@verizon.net)



## New Members

### **Brittany Almquist**

Rotary Club of Philadelphia  
Physical Rehabilitation  
Sponsored by Joan Batory

### **Kevin Connell**

Rotary Club of Ardmore  
Boy Scouts  
Sponsored by Joan Toenniessen

### **Theresa Cullen**

Rotary Club of Philadelphia  
Happy Hour  
Sponsored by Ben Reiter

### **Bob Eaves**

Rotary Club of West Chester Sunrise

### **Ellie Fitzpatrick**

Rotary Club of Haverford Township  
Sponsored by Dan Staub

### **Dave Golder**

Rotary Club of Kennett Square Light

### **Jay Janson**

Rotary Club of Upper Main Line

### **Peter Kraybill**

Rotary Club of Ardmore  
Intellectual Property Attorney  
Sponsored by Jim Hall

### **Kathleen Leon**

Rotary Club of Bensalem

### **Bob Palma**

Rotary Club of Frankford Northeast  
Philadelphia  
Sponsored by Margaret Kelly

### **Hunter Tower**

Rotary Club of Kennett Square Light  
Sponsored Gary Pawliczek

### **Jennifer Valinoti**

Rotary Club of Philadelphia  
Health Care  
Sponsored by Joan Batory

### **Victoria Velazquez**

Rotary Club of Bensalem

*We will list new Rotarians taking information from DAC/db. Should anyone be overlooked, please write to us at : [Rota-ry7450News@gmail.com](mailto:Rota-ry7450News@gmail.com).*

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



# Joe Batory Appointed Board Member



Joseph Batory has been selected to serve as a member of the District 7450 Board of Directors representing Super Area #1. He fills a position which has been vacated and will serve for the remainder of the Rotary year. The next three-year term of office begins on

July 1<sup>st</sup> and nominations are now being sought.

He is a member of the Philadelphia Rotary Club and has been an active Rotarian for 30 years Joe

is best known for his work with International Peace Fellowship where he oversaw the awarding of four Fellowship winners. As the District Publicity Chair, he garnered Rotary International grants and parlayed funds into \$1M in public billboard advertising.

In his professional career in education, he rose to Superintendent of the Upper Darby School District managing fourteen schools and over 1,000 teachers and staff. He is the recipient of the Lifetime Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of School Administrators.

## What is the Council on Legislation?

The Constitution of Rotary International provides that "Council on Legislation" will meet every three years. The next Council on Legislation will meet April 14-18, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. Each district selects their Representative to a three-year term. I am honored to be D7450 representative, serving 2017-2020; PDG Doug Blazey is the alternate.

At the last COL, April, 2016, our district representative Russ deFuria and the other district representatives (over 500 of them from all over the world) dealt with 181 pieces of proposed legislation. This Council adopted 47 enactments (proposals that amend the constitutional documents of RI) and 14 resolutions (proposals to the Board of Directors for their consideration). For and against debates about each piece of legislation, all taking place in several languages and all affecting the many cultures included in the Rotary International World made for a challenging and interesting experience. This Council on Legislation will be known as the one that approved various new club and meeting formats to appeal to a changing world. We have legacy clubs, satellite clubs, e-clubs, networking clubs, meeting in new formats, unconventional times, and supporting projects as a crucial element in a Rotary club.



Legislation and resolutions are proposed by clubs, districts, and the RI Board.

Following is a small sample of the legislation that will be discussed and voted upon in April:

- To amend the provisions on membership
- To clarify that Rotaract clubs may seek admission to Rotary International
- To reduce per capita dues for older members
- To exempt older members from per capita dues
- To reduce per capita dues and allow free digital subscriptions to Rotary magazine for members 30 years old and younger

For more information concerning Council on Legislation, please contact Council Services at [council\\_services@rotary.org](mailto:council_services@rotary.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Korengel  
D7450 Representative Council on Legislation

# Little Free Library

Broomall Rotary Club president Leslie Stack proudly shows off the club's new project, Broomall's first Little Free Library. The Little Free Library' is the world's largest book-sharing movement! <https://littlefreelibrary.org> "Neighborhood book exchanges are popping up all over." Says our Literacy Committee chair, David Belanger. "It's a great idea and makes people mindful of the wonderful full libraries in our community."

Leslie is an educator by profession and just could not resist the idea of putting one up. The fixture was built by husband Chris and placed by the children's playground in Rotary Field. The township was delighted with the project. It's been an instant success. People have been borrowing and donating books regularly. What a neat idea.

"I wanted to give back to the community by getting them involved and inspired to, not only

select items from the library, but share their unique interests and love for reading with their neighbors."

Said Leslie. "We have students in our community

who do not own any books. The motto of the LFL is "Take a book, Share a book", but if a child wants to keep their book as a treasure, then we have inspired a lifelong reader." And she adds, "Please come visit our Little Free Library on Lawrence Road in Broomall."



## Friends of Camp Dream Catcher

Camp Dreamcatcher is a non-profit organization that provides fun and a therapeutic escape for underprivileged children ages 5 to 17 who suffer from a host of issues, especially HIV/AIDS. Each summer, they host children on the grounds of Camp Saginaw in Oxford. Dreamcatcher stores their equipment year-round in a storage unit in Kennett Square. Unfortunately, last year the storage unit was flooded a couple of times and destroyed more than \$10,000 worth of equipment and supplies. There was no option other than moving the supplies that were left to another location.

Replacing the equipment was certainly a major problem. However, another big problem remained: where to store the equipment and supplies safely? The Longwood Rotary Club considered providing a storage shed, but it would be too much money for the club. As you the reader might expect, that's where Rotary comes in. Longwood RC president Tammy Duerling called nearby Rotary clubs to pitch-in. Rotarians from the Greater West Chester RC, Westtown Goshen and Rotarian Jim Horn of the Tri-M Group, LLC immediately agreed and helped with funds and a

day of manual labor to get the new shed put in shape.

"It's just great to see fellow Rotarians from other clubs working side by side," says Tammy. "Most of us hadn't met one another before but you wouldn't know it watching how everyone worked as a team. Service projects are great and joint service projects have an added benefit; making new friends."

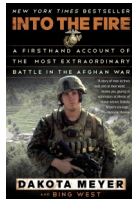


## Honor Your Club's Veterans

The Keynote speaker at our District Conference is the recipient of the Medal of Honor, Sgt. Dakota Meyer. His book, "Into the Fire" is a NY Times Best Seller.

**Honor your club's veterans with a scholarship to this once in a lifetime event.**

2019 District Conference  
Friday Evening, March 15 and  
Saturday, March 16, 2019



Click Here for Program  
Overview and Registration

**CLICK HERE**

## Save the Date...

### ***Saturday Night Fever***

***Music by the Bee Gees***

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - Media Theatre, Media  
Pre-theatre and Intermission Food Service Included.

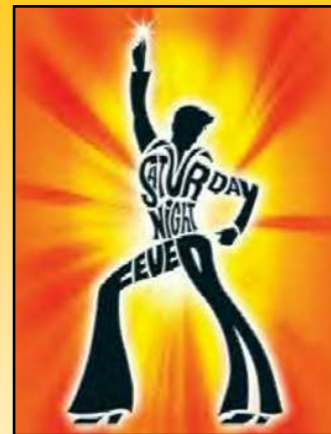
'70s Dress-up Contest with prizes

Rotaplast's Annual Theatre Party

Tickets and Sponsorships Available Soon

\$50 Donation

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1e5h9YSe\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1e5h9YSe_k)



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## Literacy Awards

There's still time for your club to shine with a District Literacy Award. The application process closes April 1 (no fooling). You may be closer than you think to qualifying for the award. Did you invite your local librarian to speak to your club? Did you do a book drive, donate to your local adult literacy program, or volunteer at a local school? All of these activities bring you closer to the award, and you only need five qualifying activities. To learn more about the award and get ideas for projects, visit <https://rotarydistrict7450.org/literacy-award/>. There you will find the award form, which is guaranteed to be the shortest and easiest form to complete in the history of Rotary.

