

Rotary District 7450 NEWSLETTER

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Passport Club of West Chester Approaching First Anniversary

Over the past ten months the Passport Club of West Chester has accrued an impressive list of service projects in the district. They range from sewing over 300 stockings for the Stockings for Soldiers program to helping beautify the Crime Victims' Memorial. They also collect donations for worthy organizations each quarter; most recently taking collections of purses for "Purses for Poverty" and sheets and towels for the SPCA. With three or more events every month there is no time to slack off. They even adopted a highway for clean up on a regular basis. The two miles of Route 100 just outside of West Chester never looked better.



Founding the club was a shared inspiration to, "Do more service and have fewer meetings", says club president Wendy Leeper. "It's an amazing adventure in many ways and our members continuously look for more opportunities to (as our mission states) "make a difference in our community and beyond". Membership stands at thirty men and women ages 27 to 64.

So, there is clearly no simple demographic to identify members. The members are a group of people who want to do good without a lot of fuss. The Passport Club model allows them to do just that.

The club meets once a month for a social and to discuss service projects. Once a quarter they conduct a formal business



meeting; also combined with a social time. During their socials, members bring snacks and adult beverages where the exchange stories and cultivate new ideas and projects.

Passport Clubs are a great new idea in Rotary. If you are interested in starting one of your own and would like information, please contact Karen Mazzarella. karenkeckmazz@gmail.com

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District Calendar of Events:

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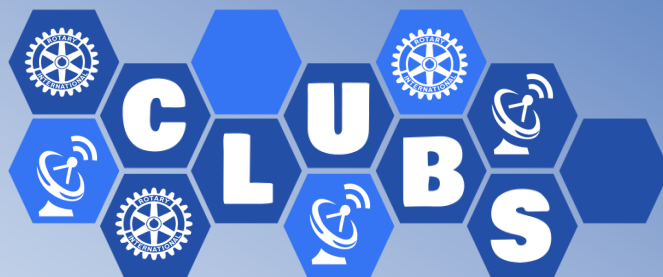


Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Satellite Clubs

Satellite clubs are becoming more popular around the Rotary world. We already have three in our district and a fourth is pending. Why? Because they offer clubs alternatives that resolve some of the problems traditional clubs are having. That's not to say they are a cure-all, but they do offer some solutions. Keep in mind that it is not an "independent free standing club". It is an extension of a club that meets separately and can make independent plans. Got it? Well, there is a lot more to it than that.

We have a new brochure available from RI titled, *Guide to Satellite Clubs*. Click [HERE](#) to download.

For complete information and assistance, contact Membership Chair Karen Mazzarella-Russo. karenkeckmazz@gmail.com



District Insurance Representative

The newly appointed District Insurance Representative is Jim Bradley of the Broomall Rotary Club. He is your consultant on Rotary insurance matters and may be contacted through the District Website under ORG Chart.

Every club has an insurance liability policy through Rotary International that covers General Liability and Directors/Officers

Employment Practices Liability. Certificates of Issuance are required by hotels, public facilities and similar venues. Certificates are available at no cost and should be procured for fundraisers, events and wherever the public is present. To obtain a certificate go to: insight.ajg.com



User Name: rotary@ajg.com Password: rotarian1

Jim is a third-generation independent insurance agent with an extensive professional and volunteer background. He served the Broomall Fire Company for 35 years and participated in three overseas Rotaplast missions.

“Summer Vacation” Youth Exchange

Jeffrey Herr of the District 7450 Youth Exchange Committee announced the committee will refocus its foreign student exchange program next year. In place of the ten-month overseas program it will offer three-week and four-week programs. It's open to any student in the district. Here's how it works:



A student from our district will visit with an overseas family with a student of the same age for 3 to 4 weeks. Then, the foreign student stays with the American family for 3 or 4 weeks. It's as easy as that.

The Youth Exchange committee is creating literature and updating its web site to provide full information And, applications will not be due until December. Please expect to learn more in the near future.

“We believe this short-term program will receive a lot of attention in our communities.” Says Jeff. “It is low cost and low impact and fits well in today's family lifestyle. Rotarians will be asked to talk about it at their children's high-school. It's another great community service project from Rotary.”

Key Points to Consider

- The Exchange takes place during summer break, not during the school year. No interference with school/extracurriculars – takes place entirely during summer vacation.
- The experience looks great on college applications. It can be for the summer before college.
- Open to anyone in the District's area, not just Rotarians. Ages 15 ½ to 18.
- Low cost and little paperwork. There are no visa requirements and fees are modest. Pay for airfare and health insurance.
- Choose from over 20 countries listed below.
- No language proficiency required – most countries know English.
- Students experiencing another culture.
- No cost to Rotary clubs.

What Countries are available?

Argentina	Australia	Austria
Belgium	Brazil	Canada
Czech Republic	Colombia	Denmark
Ecuador	England	Finland
France	Germany	Hungary
India	Italy	Japan
Mexico	Poland	Spain
Sweden	South Africa	Switzerland
Taiwan	The Netherlands	Turkey

New Members

Stephanie Ann Ball

Consulting
Sponsored by Daniel Cuff
Rotary Club of Bryn Mawr

Lynne Bickta

Rotary Club of Twin Valley
(Elverson)
Director, Independent Living
Sponsored by Ronald Moyer

Ben Hearn

Rotary Club of
Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth

Jason Hsu

Rotary Club of
Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth
Sponsored by
Richard Trivane

Rachel Hunsinger Patten

Rotary Club of
West Chester Passport

Kathleen Patterson

Rotary Club of
West Chester Passport

Patricia Red Hawk, MD

Rotary Club of
Chestnut Hill (Philadelphia)

Jeffrey Spencer

Rotary Club of West Chester
CEO, Non-Profit
Sponsored by Donald Kohler

Margaret Stoeffel

Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill
(Philadelphia)
Sponsored by Carol Bates

Meghan Yarnall

Rotary Club of
West Chester Passport

*We will list
new Rotarians
taking
information
from DAC/db.*



School4Freedom: Free At Last

By Carol Metzker

In 2014 at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney I asked for funds to free a village in India that had been oppressed by debt bondage slavery for generations. The proposal was to work with two partners—coordinators Voices4Freedom and front-line liberators MSEMVS in India—on a three-year process that would reverse the cycle of illiteracy and poverty that made villagers vulnerable to slavery in the first place. The project was called a School4Freedom.

I thought we'd have funds in six months and it would be a relatively straightforward project. It took almost 2 years to raise \$36,000, but from four countries 14 Rotary clubs, two districts, one Rotaract club and additional individuals/Rotarians boldly gave to make it happen.

Work began in earnest in January 2016 to help children and adults enslaved in brick kilns, on farms and in the home of the slaveholder. Since families had been enslaved for generations, no one in the village was literate; a few individuals were innumerate (did not know numbers). The project began with a simple school of brick columns and a tin roof, school supplies including a computer, two teachers, two front-line liberators who carefully and quietly educated villagers about human rights, hot lunches for children and a solar street lamp to protect against snakes and rape and to facilitate studying at night.

There were challenges during the process. Receipts for amounts as little as \$5 dribbled in for years.... not just in a language I couldn't read, but sometimes in an alphabet that left me clueless. One report was so big it couldn't be sent by email to The Rotary Foundation. There were other headaches. They were nothing compared to what villagers faced.

At the first whiff of change, the slaveholder beat up the female teacher. He and his henchmen threatened villagers with loss of their homes and safety as they started to work toward independence, once even closing the only road so villagers would go around the barrier... and they would be caught and beaten. At one point, a

storm took the roof off the school. Another time, the small local government leaders shut their eyes to villagers' complaints. The main frontline liberator had to work undercover (and still does in other villages).

Yet the process worked. Partner Voices4Freedom overcame challenges. MSEMVS worked miracles. The villagers never gave up! The villagers were the ones to take the brunt of the slaveholder's anger, to make difficult change (if you don't think change is hard, try giving up your favorite food for a month... then multiply the difficulty by 1000!), to do the work that only they could do. But they persisted and overcame ...because Rotarians helped provide an opening for freedom.

In October 2018, I visited the village with our partners. We saw healthy children in school uniforms acted out a skit they had written up against injustice. Men from the village, including one who had started



a business as a music teacher, performed music for our team. A woman who owned a business photographed us with her cell phone as we photographed her with our phones. Villagers showed us their new identification papers with their signatures—another result of the school. Most had severed ties with the slaveholder as they became strong enough financially and psychologically to opposing him. At that time, however, there were still 17 villagers who still had not attained freedom.

On March 14, 2019, the email came through... **ALL VILLAGERS IN THAT VILLAGE ARE FREE!** Join me as I celebrate, get goosebumps, say a prayer of gratitude, get really teary and smile.

We've Got Mail!

It has been difficult to contact someone outside your club; particularly a district officer or committee chair. Now, the District Website has a new feature to assist Rotarians when contacting district officers and committee chairs. A link is right there on the ORG Chart.

Here's how it works: Let's say you want to talk with a member of the board or the chair of a committee.

1. Open the District Website:
www.Rotarydistrict7450.org
2. Go to **Our District**, then to **Org Chart**
3. Scroll to the category you want and the name of the Chair Person or District Officer
4. Click the link next to that person's name and an e-mail box will appear for you to write a message to the person.



The screenshot shows the District 7450 Southeastern PA website. At the top, there's a header with the Rotary logo and the text "District 7450 Southeastern PA". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Rotary Foundation", "About Rotary", "District Newsletter", and "Our District". The main content area is titled "2018 - 2019 Organization Structure". Under this title, there are two sections: "District Governor" and "Board of Directors". The "District Governor" section lists Paul Quintavalla with an email link. The "Board of Directors" section lists four members: Paul Quintavalla (Chair), Dawn deFuria (Immediate Past District Governor), Peter Mardinly (District Governor Elect), and Kevin Katarynick (District Governor Nominee), each with an email link.

Capture the Moment In Hamburg!

Rotary Convention
1-5 June 2019



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Rotary Club of Ardmore Tribute to Rotarian and Merion's Fire Chief, Tom Hayden.

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019. 5:00pm.

World Wide Stereo, 38 Greenfield Avenue, Ardmore PA 19003

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tribute-to-tom-hayden-sponsored-by-the-rotary-club-of-ardmore-tickets-59842458404>

Rotary Club of Kennett Square Presents: BINGO! Saturday May 4th, 2019 6:00pm

Opportunities to win cash prizes and/or great experiences, such as Phillies tickets! Silent auction, 50/50 raffle and bake sale, also! Funds raised will go to aid the Kennett Police Department's purchase of bullet-proof vests for its officers!

Kennett Area Senior Center

<https://www.facebook.com/events/374281346634420/>

Rotary Club of Swarthmore Fun Fair! Sunday, May 19th, 2019 12:00pm

Stroll Swarthmore town center to browse charity booths and displays, hear live music on three stages, and taste test a variety of fair foods. Raise monies and awareness with creative and interactive booths and activities. All proceeds go directly to your charity. Contact Sonya@gsm.biz with questions.

Swarthmore Town Center

<http://www.swarthmorefair.org/>

Rotary Club of King of Prussia: 2019 Taste of the Suburbs! Sunday, May 19th, 2019 6:00pm

Food, Wine, & Beer Festival.

King of Prussia Mall

<http://www.kingofprussiarotary.org/>

Rotary Club of Kennett Square Light: Sip Into Spring. Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019. 4:30pm

Wine and Food Pairing Event

Allam House - University of Penn New Bolton Center Campus

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sip-into-spring-wine-and-food-pairing-event-tickets-59302931665>

Rotary Club of Coatesville: The Strawberry Festival.

Thursday, May 30th - Sunday, June 2nd 2019. 10:00am

There will be carnival rides, several food truck vendors with delicious food, pony rides for the kid, carnival games, lots of fun....

Brandywine Hospital, 201 Reeceville Road, Coatesville

<http://www.brandywinestrawberryfestival.com/>



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Fundraiser

Rotary Club of Philadelphia: Night of Bowling! Tuesday, June 4th, 2019. 6:00pm

Bowl on a private 6 lane facility for two hours. Tickets are \$45 per person and proceeds go toward club initiatives in the community. Price includes beer, pizza, and fun!
PEP Bowl, 1200 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, 19146

Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn: 22nd Annual Golf Outing.

Thursday, June 6th, 2019. 11:30am.

Formalized in 1998, now including Upper Main Line Rotary. We average 100 golfers and over the years have added a silent & "chinese" auction with lunch, dinner, prizes and open bar.
Paxon Hollow Golf Club, Media, PA

Rotary Club of King of Prussia: Golf Outing. Monday, June 17th, 2019. 11:00am

Jeffersonville Country Club

<http://www.kingofprussiarotary.org/>

Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill (Philadelphia): Lobster Fest. Saturday, June 22nd, 2019. 2:00pm

A club tradition of a public LOBSTER FEST (or steak, if you prefer). Sit on a beautiful lawn and enjoy freshly grilled tasty food. info@chestnutrotary.org
374 East Gowen Avenue, Philadelphia

Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise: 21st Annual Challenge For Cancer Bike Tour.

Saturday, June 23rd, 2019

Your support as a Challenge Sponsor will allow us to continue to offer excellent care for families affected by cancer at the Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital and Neighborhood Health Hospice.

<https://www.chestercountyhospital.org/giving/support-an-event/bike-challenge>

