### The New Centurion



# Newsletter of Bob Lankin District Governor



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#### **New Provisional Rotary Club Planned**

The District Extension committee has announced the establishment of a new Provisional Rotary Club which will meet on Tuesdays at lunch at Bookbinders Restaurant, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Walnut Streets in Philadelphia. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday April 4 at 12 Noon. The club will be known as the Provisional Rotary Club of Olde City, Philadelphia PA.

Lynne Slott, honorary member of the Northeast Sunrisers, one of the editors of the Governors Newsletter and a former member of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia will serve as the club President. She will be attending the Mid-Atlantic PETS on March 24-25. Philadelphia Club member Art Judson PDG will be the Governors Representative, and Dick Trivane of the Bala Cynwyd club will serve as the initial chair of the Program committee.

All clubs in the city of Philadelphia are invited to be a sponsor club. All Rotarians in the district are requested to assist the establishment of the new club by referring prospective members, providing programs, and attending their meetings.

#### Bill Boyd Urges us to "Lead the Way"

Rotary International President Elect Bill Boyd selected "Lead the Way" as the Rotary International theme for the 2006-07 year.

"This will be my theme and an affirmation of my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time," he told incoming district governors at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 17 February.

"In the coming year, I ask each of you to take your places as leaders in your districts and your communities," Boyd told the incoming governors. "I ask each of you to lead in the Rotary way, by living as role models of tolerance, unselfishness, and integrity. And because the best leaders have humility, I ask you to do all of this with friendliness and a smile, so that others will be happy to walk beside you." Boyd concluded by saying, "As Rotarians, we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been in our clubs or in our communities. We are not content with the status quo, and we do not look at a problem only to say someone else will solve it. We are the ones who ask, 'Why not us?' We are the ones with the skills and the desire to build a better future. And we are the ones who must Lead the Way."

# Rotary Clubs and Districts to Observe World Day for Water March 22

Rotary Clubs and Districts including Rotary District 7450 will be observing "World Day for Water" on March 22. A world "Walk for Water" will be held in eleven U.S. cities including Philadelphia. All costs for the walks and logistics have been provided by Starbucks Coffee.

Our members are invited to participate in the World Day for Water. Registration begins at 11:30 AM and the walk will proceed at Noon. Members will meet at the Love Statue in Philadelphia, Pa.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on December 22, 1992 by which March 22 of each year was declared World Day for Water. Member states were invited to devote the day to concrete activities such as the promotion of public awareness through publications, conferences, and expositions related to the conservation and development of water resources. On September 8, 2000, the United Nations issued the Millennium Declaration, which, among other things, resolved to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world's people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water.

This past month, there was held, the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the African Water Association: Water and Sanitation – What Strategies to meet the challenges of the Millennium in Algiers, Algeria. The African Water Association Congress attempted to come up with recommendations for drawing up continental strategies for improving the underprivileged people's access to drinking water and sanitation.

According to UNICEF, 5,000 children die every day from Diarrhea; 88% of those deaths are due to a lack of water for hygiene, unsafe water supplies and poor access to sanitary means for the disposal of human waste. It is the leading cause of death for children one month to five years of age.

Rotary International has declared water issues to be a major emphasis of its work during the past few years and has encourage clubs and districts to engage in projects which publicize the world water crisis and take steps in the alleviation of the lack of clean drinking water in many countries and regions. It has also encouraged clubs and districts to partner with other organizations and corporations in this effort.

Accordingly, Rotary Clubs and districts in and around eleven U.S. cities are cooperating with Starbucks Coffee and other participating organizations in the World Water Day observances.

#### **Presidential Citation forms due by April 1**

Clubs are urged to complete their requirements for a Presidential Citation. The forms are due to the Governor by April 1, 2006. For assistance, contact your Assistant Governor. Clubs need to complete one item on the list from each of four categories plus increasing its membership by one net new member. Forms should be mailed to Bob Lankin, Governor, 633 N. Easton Rd; Glenside, Pa. 19038





The United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution <u>A/RES/47/193</u> of 22 December 1992 by which 22 March of each year was declared World Day for Water, to be observed starting in 1993, in conformity with the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) contained in <u>Chapter 18</u> (Fresh Water Resources) of <u>Agenda 21</u>. States were invited to devote the

Day, as appropriate in the national context, to concrete activities such as the promotion of public awareness through the publication and diffusion of documentaries and the organization of conferences, round tables, seminars and expositions related to the conservation and development of water resources and the implementation of the recommendations of Agenda 21.

#### 55/2. United Nations Millennium Declaration

8th plenary meeting - 8 September 2000

We resolve further:

• To halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world's people whose income is less than one dollar a day and the proportion of people who suffer from hunger and, by the same date, to halve the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water.

#### 2005-2015: International Decade for Action 'Water for Life'

Based on the title of the first UN World Water Development Report 'Water for People, Water for Life', the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to proclaim, in its resolution A/RES/58/217 [PDF Format - 29 KB], the period from 2005 to 2015 the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life', commencing on World Water Day, 22 March 2005. The Resolution states that the main goal of the Decade should be a greater focus on water-related issues at all levels and on the implementation of water-related programmes in order to achieve internationally agreed upon water-related goals contained in Agenda 21, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. 13th Congress of the African Water Association: Water and Sanitation - What Strategies to Meet the Challenges of the Millennium; From 2006-02-13 to 2006-02-16; Venue: Exhibition Center (SAFEX), Algiers, Algeria

In line with the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of populations without access to potable water and sanitation, the AfWA Congress, which gathers African water and sanitation sectors, has decided to make that objective its own. The specific objectives targeted are the following:

- Identify the various strategies implemented in different countries in the water and sanitation sector;
- Enable the largest possible exchange of experience between water and sanitation utilities and between them and their partners;
- Come up with orientations and recommendations for drawing up continental strategies and courses of action capable of facilitating the achievement of the goals of the Millennium.

The Congress will give great important to the aspects of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and underprivileged people's sustainable access to drinking water and sanitation.

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# \*\*\*The Governor Elect's Corner \*\*\* Prepare For Success \*\*\* By Marty Phillips, DGE. Member of Rotary Club of Ardmore.

**Presidents-Elect** are reminded that attendance at PETS, March 24-25 is required unless excused by the Governor Elect, Marty Phillips. In preparation for PETS review the material found on the RI website at: <a href="https://www.rotary.org/training/elearning/pets.htm">www.rotary.org/training/elearning/pets.htm</a>

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND:

MARCH 8, 2006 -- 7:30 to 11:00am

Assistant Governors for 2006-2007 – Training meeting –

Bryn Mawr Trust Company on Lancaster Avenue in Bryn Mawr, PA Confirm your attendance to Marty Phillips at martyphillips@bmtc.com

APRIL 8, 2006 – 7:30am to 12:30pm - Location TBA

**District Leadership Team Training for** 

Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs and Members, District Officers

MAY 3, 2006: **District Assembly-** Time and Location TBA

Club Leadership Teams--Presidents-Elect bring your entire leadership team: club officers, directors, committee chairs and committee members; Assistant Governors

#### Five New Interact Clubs Have been Sponsored This Year.

by Bob Edge, Interact Chair. Member Rotary Club of Coatesville

Yes, five Interact Clubs have been created by Kennett at Longwood, Media, Northeast Sunrisers, Upper Darby, Greater West Chester Sunrisers and the West Chester Rotary Clubs. This is the largest growth we had in years! Gov. Bob set as one of his goals 8 new Interact Clubs back in May. We are almost there!

**Now is the best time to start a new Interact Club.** Get those juniors that your Club sponsored to RYLA when they return from Valley Forge. Sit down with them because they will be excited to use what they 've learned to create an Interact Club at their High School!

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people age 10-18. Interact Clubs can either be school or community based and are required to carry out at least two service projects annually - one that serves their school or community and another that furthers international understanding. Interact clubs are responsible for planning, financing, organizing, and executing their own projects. The first Interact club was formed at Melbourne High School in Florida, USA on 28 October 1962. The club had 23 members. Today, there are more than 10,000 Interact clubs worldwide.

**How does an Interact club operate?** The following are the basic policies and procedures.

Each Interact club must have a Rotarian advisor who is a member of the sponsoring Rotary club. This resource person must attend Interact club and board meetings and provide advice on organizing service projects, fund-raising, and club administration. The Rotarian advisor also acts as a liaison person between the Interact club and the sponsoring Rotary club.

The Interact constitution requires clubs to meet at least twice a month. To remain eligible for membership, Interactors must attend 60 percent or more of the regular meetings. Interact clubs are self-supporting organizations that require little or no financial support from the sponsoring Rotary club.

Each Interact club must elect a new slate of officers and directors <u>in the spring</u>. So now is the time to form a Club that will be active through next school year.

### Gundaker-Katrina Fund Turns Out To Be The Best Charity of All

After the Katrina disaster, hundreds of millions of dollars were sent to dozens of charities and causes to help the affected areas. In a crucial measure of the success and effectiveness of each dollar donated, our Gundaker Katrina Fund tops the list in one respect. One hundred per cent of every dollar donated is going to projects in the affected area. No money was used to send a Rotarian there to survey the needs. We have plenty of Rotarians there already! All the expenses promoting the fund were paid out of the District and RI budgets, which comes from dues. No costs were withdrawn from the money donated. Every dollar was and will be spent where it is needed.

Think of it. When you donated money to the Gundaker-Katrina fund to help the victims, not even the cost of the postage stamp to mail the check comes out of the fund. It makes you wonder why Rotarians would donate money elsewhere.

Since the last newsletter, we have made an additional grant of \$10,000 to Notre Dame de la Mer. They provide elderly housing to residents of the Bay St. Louis, Mississippi area. The grant goes toward a total request of \$276,000 to rebuild the entire first floor of a building that was destroyed by flooding.

This brings the total disbursed to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina to \$35,000. At this point, with slightly over \$23,000 remaining to be disbursed, the committee is reviewing new requests for funding of non-profit institutions in Biloxi, Bay St. Louis, and other areas along the Gulf Coast area. The Rotary District Community Service Committee anticipates making additional requests to the Gundaker Foundation in either March or April.

Rotarians in our District and in the affected area are deeply indebted to the members of the District 7450 Community service committee, chaired by Russ DeFuria DGN and to all of the Gundaker directors, Nancy DiLibero, President, for their volunteer time which made it possible for us to spend every red cent to help people.

#### **Group Study Exchange Team to Mexico Selected**

Jack Grant PDG Chair of the GSE Committee is pleased to announce the following members.

Team Leader **Linda Messer** - Office Manager Montessori School from the Glen Riddle Club **Janee Chizick** - age 33 - Latino Newspaper Director - recruited and sponsored by Hernan Brizuela – North Philadelphia Madrugadores

**Daniel Montes** age 28 - Secondary language teacher recruited and sponsored by Idna Corbett- West Chester Sunrise

**Phillip Bernotas** - age 30 - Chiropractic assistant- Recruited by Adrienne Masala- West Chester Club

**Kathleen Bridge** - age 38 - Owner Maintenance Firm - recruited and sponsored by Sandra Eisenman - Concordville Chaddsford

Alternate: **Jana Guerrero** - age 28 - Social Worker - recruited and sponsored by Paulette Cunningham -Eastwick club

#### **Rotary Is Alive, Vibrant And Active In Pakistan**

By Lynmar Brock, Jr., PRID, Member Rotary Club of Philadelphia

Claudie and I have just returned from representing the president at the conference of district 3270 (Pakistan and Afghanistan) in Karachi, Pakistan with 116 clubs and 3000 members in the fifth largest country in the world... with 150 million people.

The conference emphasized the challenges of fresh water supplies for much of the parched areas where Rotary is making a real difference. The district has a program to build new schools to educate the young to read and write. The immediate challenge is of course the victims of the earthquake in Kashmir. Rotary has taken responsibility for 25 families in the refugee camp of 1600 families with 10,000 people in Islamabad providing everything they need except the tents which are supplied by the United Nations and the government of Pakistan. The great tragedy beyond the obvious, where so many lives were lost, is in those who are now paraplegics. The earthquake happened after the men had gone out to the fields to work, leaving the children in school and the women at home. The earthen walls collapsed bringing roofs down onto the young at their desks and mothers at home. 750 Pakistanis mostly women and children are now paralyzed with a future uncertain in mountainous areas where mothers having lost use of their legs or worse, leave their families without their essential support.

Claudie and I visited the District Headquarters Hospital in Rawalpindi where Rotary and Rotary doctors have taken the responsibility for 100 people... When you see these suffering young mothers surrounded by their children, in primitive surroundings, your heart goes out to them. And you can't help but think...that for the grace of God, there might go I.

Having spent time with the Chair of the Senate who in the absence of the president was serving as the acting president of Pakistan, sitting next to him on the dais and then at his home the following day in Islamabad for lunch, we had the chance to talk about the future. The government sorely depends on Rotary and other NGOs to bring so much more to the victims than government alone can provide.

Service Above Self is more than just a motto. It is a reason to be a Rotarian.

#### **Death Notice**

Rotary District 7450 deeply regrets the passing of Rotarians Dick Hodgson and Senator Bob Thompson both from the Rotary Club of Westtown-Goshen. These two active and long time members will be sorely missed.

#### Report from India - National Immunization Day

by Audrey Leavitt, PAG, Member Rotary Club of King of Prussia

The goal of the January 15, 2006 NID days in India was to take the oral polio vaccine to 75 million children in 11 states. Participating in that effort was 22 Rotarian and friends from District 7640 lead by PDG Tom Veevers. Mary Ann Schrader, President of the Bryn Mawr Club and I joined this group for an exciting adventure in India.

After a week of enjoying the many fascinating places in India, we arrived in Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, to join local Rotarians for the NID day. Saturday we were part of a Rally through the streets to make everyone aware of the NID.

Sunday Mary Ann and I joined several local volunteers to inoculate children at a site along a busy road. Families drove up on their motorbikes and we gave the kids two drops, pencils or crayons and off they went. Children arrived with smaller children. Adults stopped to see what was happening, although 2 American women along the road was quite an attraction! We spent the day at 3 different locations and in total inoculated over 300 children. Back at the staging area we had a wonderful time exchanging stories.

Monday morning we were again paired with locals, but this time we walked the streets of Agra looking for any children we missed. The streets were where the poorest of the poor lived. Walking down narrow streets observing the daily routines of the people was quite an eye opener. Most homes were just a place to eat and sleep. No running water and only a few had electricity. We were welcomed at most houses and even offered a glass of water and food.

After checking if the children were inoculated, we marked the Team # and date on the door. One stop was a school. Four classes were in a very small building. A small blackboard on the wall was the only equipment the teacher had, but everyone seemed eager to learn. We saw several Polio victims on the streets and visited a Clinic that was doing corrective surgery on children.

Within the next six months India should be Polio free, a major milestone. Two drops of vaccine are giving the children of India a future. Rotarians, who participate in an NID day, see first hand how Rotary is forever changing the world.

#### **Group Study Exchange Team to Israel Selected**

Jack Grant PDG Chair of the GSE Committee is pleased to announce the following members.

**Team Leader - Brian Wirtshafter** – Accountant - member of the Edge Hill Club **Laura Wukovitz**- age 31 Librarian - recruited by Margaret Kelly AG of the Frankford –NE club sponsored by the Northeast Sunrisers

**Zoey Reese** - age 31 Social worker – recruited and sponsored by John Washington of the Edge Hill Club

**Stephanie Scordia** - age 28 Staff Newspaper Reporter - recruited by Doug Blazey from the Wayne Club Sponsored by the West Chester Club

**Mark Fallon** - age 33, Environmental Educator – Recruited by Bob Lankin DG sponsored by the Jenkintown Club

Alternate pending committee approval **Adina Steinberg** - Female age 34- Recruited by Bob Lankin DG to be sponsored by the Philadelphia Club - An official with Hillel Organization.

### District Simplified Grant Money Available From the Rotary Foundation Committee

The District Simplified Grant program of the Rotary Foundation invites clubs to make suitable proposals for the use of Rotary Clubs for service projects. There is over \$20,000 left for the current Rotary year and \$13,000 for the next Rotary year. Money not used this year may be carried forward.

In accordance with the Rotary Foundation promise to "Save and Change Lives" I have announced that money can only be used for projects that help people in need. Projects are available for a dollar for dollar match up to \$5,000. Community improvement projects do not qualify.

Examples of projects, which in my opinion help people in need are as follow:

- Food baskets for the holidays
- Sending Inner City children to RYLA
- Providing food or equipment to a homeless shelter
- Insulating homes for low income seniors
- Summer camp scholarships for poor children
- Helping victims of fires or other disasters
- Helping a shelter for abused women
- Helping organizations that keep kids off drugs, out of gangs or in school

The program can also be used for International projects. Programs that provide school books, shoes, water, wheelchairs, bicycles etc. all are fine.

## There is no minimum grant. Why not team up with your Rotaract club or Interact club for a project that qualifies?

Remember the other Rotary Foundation rules. Building buildings does not qualify. No money may be used for travel expenses. All projects need to be on a reimbursement basis, paid into another tax exempt entity or paid directly to a vendor. We will not issue a check to you or your club without a paid receipt for approved items. When the project is done, you must document that with letters and pictures. Clubs are expected to send out press releases about the project to raise awareness of the good work of Rotary.

To apply for a District Simplified grant, contact Don Gutekunst <u>dguteku663@aol.com</u> h- 215-628-8392.

District Simplified Grants happen because of your generous donations to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation. It is hoped that every member could contribute at least \$100 every year.

#### **How to Raise Public Awareness**

by Joan Toenniessen, AG, Chair of the District Public Relations Committee.

Member Rotary Club of Ardmore.

The Rotary Awareness (Public Relations) Committee has developed a series of suggestions for clubs to consider when trying raising public awareness about Rotary. The list is included in a PR packet which is available for each club upon request. Some clubs received the packet at the Mid-Year District Assembly and the updated packet will be available at the May District Assembly.

In summary, suggestions on "How to Raise Rotary Awareness" include common sense suggestions on how to get the message of Rotary into the media and out into the public.

- Among the suggestions are:
- ❖ Participate in community events such as parades, special walks or runs and when you do, wear Rotary hats and shirts and display Rotary Club signs.
- ❖ When your club sponsors an event, display prominently all individuals and organizations and businesses which support the event and assign club members to send individual thank you letters to same. Encourage club members to do business with the business sponsors and when they do, tell them to inform the business how much they appreciate their support.
- ❖ Take digital photos of special programs and presentations and awards at weekly meetings and e-mail with information to local media.
- ❖ Wear your Rotary pin at all times when in public. Be prepared to respond when people ask you "What is Rotary?"
- Consider preparing a Rotary page or supplement in your local newspaper. Newtown Square Rotary Club has a great example of such a page. They will tell you how they did it
- ❖ Keep your club webpage up-to-date and informative. Remove outdated information on the homepage and include a current contact number for people interested in your club. Make sure your meeting date, time and place are correct and list cost for meal.
- ❖ Make use of Rotary International Public Information Materials as listed on RI Website, Rotary.org/catalog. Website also has PR aids for print, radio and TV media.
- Get to know your local media professionals and invite them to speak at your club. Consider inviting them to become a Rotarian.
- ❖ Get to know Rotary 7450 website at Rotary7450.org. valuable source of information about the district and clubs and committees. Website also has list of media outlets and names of managers/editors and deadline information.
- ❖ Consider a visible gift to the community or community organization, especially if celebrating a significant anniversary (25, 50, 75, 100) such as
  - ❖ Welcome sign at entrance to a town (Springfield Rotary Club)
  - Rotary Town Clock (Chester Rotary Club)
  - Concrete benches Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club
- ❖ Book Exchange for Schools in Urban area with Bookplate listing Rotary Club donor.

Information about the town clocks also are included in the packet and can be obtained from Chester Rotary Club and Rotary Awareness Committee Chairman Joan Connor Toenniessen.

#### Gohar Gyulumyian to participate in the District Assembly May 3

Gohar Gyulumyian, an employee of the World Bank in Yerevan, Armenia and the winner of a two year Rotary Foundation Peace and Conflict Resolution scholarship to Duke University will address the members of Rotary District 7450 at the District Assembly on May 3, 2006. Gohar, age 37, was recommended for the scholarship by our district, after the committee, led by Tom McCarthy PDG with Dick Bourbon and myself, recommended her after a telephone interview.

In honor of her appearance, it is our plan to present her with Trees for Armenia, a program promoted by Frankford NE Club President Paul Bogosian. It is hoped that each club could contribute a four tree or eight tree cluster in her honor. The information for the trees is as follows:

The country of Armenia, located near Turkey is probably the only non-Muslim, Democratic country in the region. This country is very small and many have never heard of Armenia. It is challenged economically and also with its natural resources. Rotary Clubs can be helpful with donations to the **Armenia Tree Project (ATP)**, which is an ongoing **REFORESTATION** project to help redevelop this country's natural resources. Clubs can participate in this form of <u>Rotary International Service</u>, 'Trees of Hope': A single tree costs \$15, A 4-Tree Cluster costs \$60, an 8-tree Grove costs \$120, 35-Tree Arbor costs \$525, 100-Tree Woodland costs \$1500. Any contribution is welcome from 1 tree on up to a grove or more.

Checks can be made payable in U.S. dollars to: <u>Armenia Tree Project; Check memo</u>: Trees of Hope Mail to: Paul Bogosian, DC

President, Frankford-N.E. Phila. Rotary 7801 Anita Drive Philadelphia, PA 19111

# Last Call to Attend Rotary Leadership Institute in the Current Rotary Year

All clubs are reminded that it is not too late for you to send your members to the Rotary Leadership Institute this month. For registration information, visit <a href="www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org">www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org</a> and click on the home division.

The Rotary leadership Institute is an outstanding way to train your club's future leaders. Accordingly, we are urging every club to send two to four members to one of the sessions this month. The schedule of sessions is found on the last page of this newsletter. First time attendees will attend the first session. Those others should return to attend session two or three.

The program is designed for newer upcoming leaders. Others are also welcome to attend. Clubs are urged to reimburse members who attend for the regular fee after they attend the full session. The fee includes two meals and extensive materials. The cost is \$90 per person except when the course is given in a college, when it is reduced to \$65. Registration on-line is no longer available three days before the event. Others may still attend as walk-ins, but the price increases by \$10.

#### Governors Schedule - March and April

| February 25-March 3 | Raymond James Annual Meeting | Las Vegas Nevada    |
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| March 6             | President Stenhammer Dinner  | Harrisburg PA       |
| March 8             | Asst. Gov training           | Breakfast           |
| March 13            | Best Practices Committee     | 4:30 PM             |
| March 13            | Gundaker Foundation          | Dinner              |
| March 14            | Finance committee            | Lunch               |
| March 17            | Holly Lankin birthday        |                     |
| March 22            | Walk for Water               | Lunch               |
| March 23-25         | Mid-Atlantic PETS            | Wilmington Delaware |
| March 27            | World Community Service      | Dinner              |
| April 2             | Feasterville Pancake         | Breakfast           |
| April 3             | Gundaker Foundation          | Dinner              |
| April 4             | Prov. Club of Olde City      | Lunch               |
| April 5             | Governors birthday           |                     |
| April 8             | District Committee training  | morning             |
| April 12            | Passover Seder               | Dinner              |
| April 13            | Second Passover Seder        | Dinner              |
| April 20            | Philadelphia club            | lunch               |
| April 20            | Governors council            | after lunch         |

#### **Governors Notes**

With 2/3 of our year complete, I am very pleased at how much we have accomplished in our district this year. This newsletter was prepared too early to brag about how wonderful RYLA was, but at press time we had nearly the eighty participants which was our district goal. Kudos go to Louise Vitiello Burroughs at the Chester club for leading this effort for her first time. Thanks to all the clubs who sponsored students! At last count, eighteen clubs did not sponsor anyone. It is sad that students from those communities were not invited to participate...The World Walk for Water takes place at lunchtime on March 22, a weekday. It is my hope that we still will get a turnout from Rotarians who are retired and those able to spend 90 minutes outside publicizing this important need. Rotarians in eleven cities will be starting the walk at the same time. We are deeply indebted to Starbucks Coffee which is paying all the costs and making all the arrangements. Other organizations are also participating. It is not a fundraiser, and no money will be solicited... There is still time to meet the March 15 deadline to recommend someone for the Gundaker Graduate scholarship. Applications may be found on line and given to your Gundaker Director...I am pleased that Rotary International President Bill Boyd has urged us to "Lead the Way." I think that is a fantastic slogan for the coming year. Remember that for the balance of this year we will still be demonstrating SERVICE above self...Presidents elect should be busy planning their next year, appointing committee chairs and talking about how they can increase membership in the clubs. It is my hope that they will bring every committee chair from the club to the District Assembly May 3...technical difficulties prevented the printing of the attendance page this month. Please continue to send in attendance to Bob Gerhard III for publication in future months.

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### **District 7450 Coming Events**

| March 4, 2006 (Sat.)                   | Rotary Leadership Institute – Newark Delaware                        |
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| March 6, 2006 (Mon.)                   | President Stenhammer Dinner – Harrisburg PA.                         |
| March 11, 2006 (Sat.)                  | Rotary Leadership Institute – Columbia Maryland                      |
| March 11, 2006 (Sat.)                  | Rotary Leadership Institute – Scranton PA                            |
| March 22.2006 (Wed.)                   | World Walk for Water- Love Statue, Phila. Pa.                        |
| March 24-25, 2006<br>(Friday-Saturday) | Mid-Atlantic PETS for Club 2006-07 Presidents<br>Wilmington Delaware |
| March 29, 2006 (Wed.)                  | Rotary Leadership Institute – Mt. Laurel NJ                          |
| April 4, 2006 (Tues.)                  | Provisional Rotary Club of Olde City- First Meeting                  |
| April 8, 2006 (Sat.)                   | District Committee Training – all District Committee Members         |
| May 3, 2006 (Wed.)                     | District Assembly  |