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## Greetings from the District Governor



Thanks to all who attended the District Conference in Atlantic City. A special thank you to the co-chairs, Elaine Phillips and Joel Chesney, and all the committees that helped them. We thought it was a huge success and I hope that you did also.

That tremendous rain-storm on Friday night tried to dampen things a bit, but it didn't stop anyone from going to the casinos and Comedy Stop where we laughed continuously for about two hours.

There were many highlights including the kick-off talk by Jim Murray, founder of the Ronald McDonald House and former GM of the Eagles. The interactive session led by Tom Stecher on leadership and relationship building had us all involved in fun activities. And of course we featured our youth programs and were delighted with some outstanding presentations. Watching those Youth Exchange kids dance at night was quite a treat. Linda Messer, Francy Cross and Adrienne Masak Rozier had their hands full keeping up with the energy of those young people.

Jim Stanton's guests, Barry and Vivian Smith, shared their expertise on a program for literacy that the district is looking to sponsor. It is an interactive way to teach both children and adults English as a second language. It is known as CLE (Concentrated Learning Encounter). We will be the first to introduce this program in the Delaware Valley. There will be an orientation presentation on January 27, 2007, at Holy Family College. Check the District website for details.

Don't forget our RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program. Louise Vitiello announced that it will be held on the weekend of February 23 to 25, 2007. Check the website for details. It would be nice if clubs gave scholarships for this program.

You will soon hear about the Paul Harris Society, which recognizes individuals or couples who commit to donating \$1,000.00 a year to the Rotary Foundation. This is being instituted this year in our District. Elaine and I, Dawn and Russ deFuria, Joyce and Joel Chesney "led the way" and kicked this program off with our personal commitments at the District Conference. We were then joined by a number of other Rotarians as Charter Members.

The Foundation Workshop on December 18, sponsored by our district and our neighbor District 7430, was a success with 120 Rotarians attending. We all learned quite a bit about our Rotary Foundation.

For all the information you need to know, check our district website, [Rotary7450.org](http://Rotary7450.org). A great resource of Rotary International info is [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org).

A Happy Holiday season to all, as we "Lead the Way" into 2007.

## Water filtration plant ready for trip to Nigerian village

After 2 ½ years of planning and review, with the financial help of 10 Rotary Clubs, one Interact club and thanks to scores of volunteer workers and thousands of dollars in donated supplies and equipment, the Broomall Rotary Club Waters of Life filtration system is ready for shipment to Nigeria.

All that remains is for the paperwork to be completed so the trailer housing the system can be shipped and installed to deliver clean water for people in the Kwang Village Plateau State and surrounding villages. Broomall Rotary Club developed this life-saving project after designing, equipping and delivering another clean water system to help an orphanage in Romania in 2004.

The Rotary Club is working with a Christian mission group, Ireland Outreach, which has opened a new medical clinic, Haven of Hope, to serve the people in the region. The water filtration system will not only provide clean, safe water to the people in the region, but also will provide clean water to the clinic.

Partnering with Broomall Rotary Club to provide logistical support is the Rotary Club of Jos, Nigeria, located about 10 miles away.

Joining in the effort are the Rotary Clubs of Newtown Square, Philadelphia, Coatesville, Ardmore, Haverford Township, Central Chester County, Chestnut Hill, Bensalem, in District 7450 and Jos in Nigeria. Adding its support has been the Marple Newtown High School Interact Club which raised over \$1,500 for the project and painted the two murals on the outside of the trailer. Rotary Foundation and Gundaker provided matching grants for the project.

Taking an empty 40-foot trailer and with the engineering skills of several Rotarians and their friends, Broomall Rotarians spearheaded this new Water for Life project which provides an installed filtration system requiring minimum maintenance and designed to address power limitations of the region. In addition, a complete water drilling rig will be delivered to provide the people with the opportunity to continue drilling wells for more villages once the clinic's well is operational.

Broomall Rotarians hosted a celebration marking the completion of the project prior to its November 21 dinner meeting. About 20 Rotarians were on hand in the transformed trailer with its white walls and green

flooring as retired Boeing designer-engineer Bill Rumberger of Newtown Square explained the equipment and outlined its operation.

"We are very proud of this which is an improvement over our previous effort with this ultra filtration system," he explained. He said the system could deliver 600 gallons of clean water per hour to the two 300-gallon "product tanks." The water is delivered to

the people in water boxes, which contain inflatable containers. He explained he hopes to make the trip to Nigeria when the unit is ready for installation and technicians will be trained to operate and maintain the equipment. He estimated the unit would have at least a 10-year life.



**Bill Rumberger (right) explains operation of water filtration system which is headed for Nigeria thanks to Broomall Rotary Club and 9 other District 7450 clubs.**

noted, "One of the benefits of this particular system is that it removes 99.99 percent of bacteria and viruses from water but does not remove minerals. And it should have much better taste."

Broomall Rotary Club President Russ Kehler pointed out that as a result of the lack of clean water, about 50 percent of the children die before their fifth birthday and water-borne diseases are prevalent in Nigeria.

Broomall Rotarian and Project Manager Stan Madsen praised the work of the many volunteers who transformed the trailer into the filtration system over the past months. He reported some volunteers worked in teams on Saturdays while others showed up to tackle specific jobs in the evenings during the week. Local contractors and suppliers donated much of the equipment which saved "considerable" amount toward the cost of the project, which he said, was "over \$50,000 of which \$11,000 is the shipping charges. Madsen added, "Lots of volunteers and many gifts and much support made this happen."

He also reported the trailer will be packed with medical equipment and supplies and beds for the clinic before it is prepared for shipment. The club is collecting bedding including pillows for twin beds, which will be included in the shipment.

Donations of bedding can be dropped off at Madsen Kitchens and Bathrooms, 2901 Springfield Road, Broomall. For more information, contact **Russ Kehler at 610-359-9999, [fun@kehlersgym.com](mailto:fun@kehlersgym.com)**.

# Some work, lots of fun and fellowship



At registration table Friday are (from left) David Dillon, Jami Whelan and Jim Whelan, members of Ardmore Rotary, home club of DG. Marty Phillips.

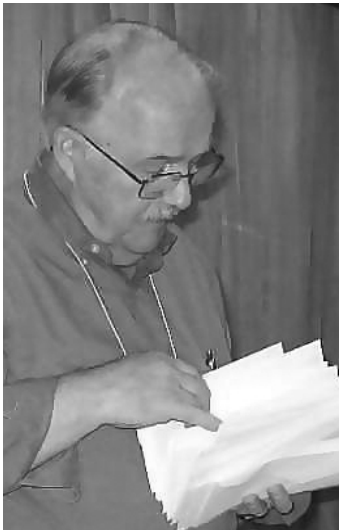


District Governor Marty Phillips thanks Friday's keynote speaker Jim Murray for a stirring presentation on Rotarians "Leading the Way" with programs that touch lives.



Taking time out for a photo after registering Saturday morning are (from left) Rotarian Tom Stuart, Rotoractors Connie Marinacci, Brian Schaffer and Theresa DeLarentis of the Rotoract Club of Philadelphia and Rotarian Jane Williams, chair of District 7450 Rotoract Committee. Stuart and Williams are members of Ardmore Rotary Club, host club for the district conference.

Photos  
by  
Jay  
Childress



Ardmore Rotarian Jack McDonald is going through registration for incoming Rotarians at the registration table Saturday morning. Over 200 people attended October 27-29 District Conference at the Holiday Inn Boardwalk in Atlantic City.



Thom Stecher makes a point about importance of touch in human relationships during the two-hour fun-filled interactive discussion of "Family of Rotary: Respect, Responsibility, Relationships." DG Elect Russ deFuria ends up with tennis balls and a rubber chicken during exercise on mutual trust.



Rotarians were challenged to build a paper tower in 15 minutes using tape and index cards (lower right). Some towers stood tall (left and above) and some did not (upper right).





# at District 7450 Conference in Atlantic City



Rotary International Exchange Student Kozue Takechi from Japan takes part in the Saturday afternoon program.



15 Rotary exchange students presented the flags of their respective countries at the Saturday night dinner at the District 7450 Conference in Atlantic City.



Rotary exchange students gather around District Governor Partner Elaine Phillips during pause in the dancing at Saturday's dinner at Holiday Inn.

District Governor Partner Elaine Phillips welcomes Michael Shreiner, son of Ardmore Rotarian Steve Shreiner, who attended Saturday's programs and dinner.



RI President's Rep Michael McCullough speaking at Friday session.



Entering the Saturday night dinner are (at left) Holly and Past District Governor Bob Lankin and (above) Mary and Past District Governor Furman Geiger. That's DG Marty Phillips (in background) waiting to enter.

Rotary Peace Fellow Shree Nadarajah was introduced by PDG Hogie Hansen at Saturday's luncheon.



Past District Governor Tom McCarthy, Nancy Auch, and Yoko Hashimoto-Sinclair participates in Family of Rotary program Saturday.



Paul Harris Society Fellows Marty and Elaine Phillips, Russ deFuria and Joel Chesney receive certificates during District Conference. Fellows pledge \$1,000 annually to Rotary Foundation .



Technology chair Gene Mitchell ( second from left in left photo) coordinated popular Saturday afternoon Computer and Website Support Workshop.



## At Rotary Foundation Seminar



District Treasurer Al Marland chats with Rotary Foundation Chair Charles Streitwieser (left) while Mark Michelman, president-elect of Northeast Sunrises, greets Tim Hughes from Edge Hill Rotary Club at November 18<sup>th</sup> Foundation seminar in Lansdale.

# From Around the District

**GSE Team from India** is coming to District 7450 April 2007. For additional information contact GSE Team Chair AG Jennifer Armitage at 610-925-6341, JennyArmitage@verizon.net or Co-Chair Idna Corbett at 610-436-1062, dridna@comcast.net The district's GSE Team leaves for India January 4.

**District Governor Elect Russ deFuria** has announced the 2007-2008 District Conference will be at The Skytop Lodge and Resort in the Poconos April 25 to 27, 2008. Details to follow.

**Northeast Sunrisers Rotary Club** reports Mark Michelman is the new president-elect and the new vice president is Holly Lankin,

The club recently prepared over 100 meals for Aid For Friends and the club has ordered 500 more dictionaries to give out to third-graders.

The club's holiday party, which it co-sponsors with Jenkintown Rotary Club, is Friday December 18, at the Widener School at Broad and Olney in Philadelphia. This is the 12th consecutive year in which the club will give \$20 presents specifically selected for each student. Interact students from Jenkintown, Central and NE High Schools will assist the Rotarians.

The club will serve a spaghetti dinner January 19th at Church of the Redeemer on Cottman Avenue to benefit Polio Plus Fund.

The club has established the Joseph Lankin Scholarship to be given annually to a graduate of Northeast High. Joseph Lankin is the late father of past District Governor Bob Lankin.



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Send photos (with names and information) to Jay at info@rotary7450.com.

Please send **District Directory** new member additions, updates or change of address information promptly to Jay at info@rotary7450.com

# Haverford Rotary Club is sponsoring FOP project

By Ruth Rosenberg

*Haverford Township Rotary Club*

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) is a rare genetic disorder which has profound surgical and dental treatment challenges because any stretching of muscles can lead to bone formation. An injection or even opening the mouth wide can result in muscles turning to bone. General anesthesia also presents difficult challenges to the welfare of these patients and must be administered with extreme care, including intubating through the nose and unique methods of stabilization of the head and neck.

Dr. Zvi Grunwald, the James Wentzler Professor of Anesthesia and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Thomas Jefferson Medical School and Hospital and Dr. Burton Nussbaum, a Pediatric Dentist who treats special needs patients, have an informative presentation about FOP to share with Rotary Clubs in our district. Grunwald – Nussbaum Team has already treated 26 patients at Jefferson Hospital. Their patients come from many parts of the United States and abroad. Dr. Frederick Kaplan, Professor and Chief of Metabolic Orthopedics at the University of Pennsylvania is a world renowned researcher and authority on FOP. He recently found the gene mutation that causes FOP.

Apparently there is an unusually large number of FOP patients in Brazil. Drs. Grunwald, Nussbaum and Kaplan have been contacted by a hospital in Sao Paolo inviting them to teach medical personnel and treat patients there. They are now looking for ways to raise money to allow them to go to Sao Palo, Brazil accomplish this mission.

The Rotary Club of Haverford Township is committed to sponsoring this team as its international project. We are looking for other clubs in our district to partner with us. Contact Club President Skip Torresson (Skipper333@Earthlink.net) or Chairperson Ruth Rosenberg (RuthSRosen@msn.com) if you are interested in more information or would like a presentation.

## Six Rotary Districts join for presidents-elect training seminar

Mid-Atlantic Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) for all 2007-08 Presidents will be March 23-24 at Radisson Hotel Valley Forge in King of Prussia. Sessions are Friday, March 23, 2007, 10 a.m., until Saturday March 24, 2007 3:30 p.m. President-elects from Districts 7390, 7430, 7450, 7500, 7630 and 7640 will participate. For more information, contact Russ deFuria DGN ObrienHeatcool@DG0708.com. The cost is charged to all clubs with the January 2007 dues bill. Complete attendance at the seminar is mandatory for all 2007-08 Presidents unless personally excused for good cause by The District Governor nominee in which case a substitute attends.

## District 7450 RYLA Conference

February 23-25, 2007

Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA

We encourage all clubs to sponsor at least two students.

### What is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conferences, adopted in 1971 by RI, provide leadership-training programs for thousands of young people worldwide each year. This will be District 7450's ninth RYLA conference.

### Where is the program held?

Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge

### Where do the students stay?

Freedoms Foundation has separate dorms for males and females. Foundation staff plus Rotary chaperones stay overnight in both dorms.

### What is the conference program?

The program combines leadership training, team building, motivation and living history lessons.

### Can participants leave for other activities and return later?

No. We expect students to attend the **entire** program from Friday evening to Sunday noon.

### Who is eligible to attend the conference?

We prefer that high school juniors participate, although sophomores and seniors are eligible.

### How can I help?

**Volunteer as a RYLA program planner, activity leader, and/or chaperone. Please contact Louise Vitiello, Committee Chair, at 610-447-0400, ext. 217 or LVitiello@ChesterCommunityCharter.org.**

### How do I get more information?

All application and program materials are available on the District Webpage, [www.Rotary7450.org](http://www.Rotary7450.org).

**PLEASE BEGIN YOUR STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS NOW!**