



DISTRICT 7450

# Rotary Leader



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*My Fellow Rotarians,*

*I want to thank every Rotarian of District 7450 for all your hard work and dedication during the past year. With your commitment, we will achieve our goals for 2009.*

*Enjoy the holiday season and celebrate good times with family and friends. May God bless us and our families and help "Make Dreams Real" for all mankind.*

*DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOEL CHESNEY*

## Chester Rotarians collect toys for Salvation Army



Chester Rotary Club contributed \$1,000 to the Salvation Army in Chester for the purchase of toys for the Salvation Army Christmas toy drive. Gathered around the toys which will be delivered to children in needy families this month are (from left) Chester Rotary Club president Ted O'Tanyi, Chester Rotary Club Foundation treasurer Joe Cirilli, Rotarian Francie Cross, Chester Rotary Club president-elect Cavin (Cav) Alonzo and Salvation Army Captain José Santiago.



*District 7450 Wishes You a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah*



## Youth Exchange students meet Santa

Santa (DG Joel) and elf Joyce and Youth Exchange co-chair Linda Messer of Glen Riddle Rotary Club and Franci Cross of Chester Rotary Club entertained the District 7450 Youth Exchange students December 13 at the Chadds Ford home of Kennett at Longwood Rotarian Rob Newman. Students on hand and home countries are Leon from France, Coco from Taiwan, Anri from Japan, Alex from Romania, Lucas from Brazil, Matteo from Italy, Marcela from Brazil, Monica from Spain, Phillip from Austria, and (back row) Acko from Chile.



## Rotaract Leadership Institute set January 31

District 7450 Rotaract announces the date for the Second Annual Rotaract Leadership Institute Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Boy Scout Headquarters, 22nd and Winter Streets, Philadelphia (near the Franklin Institute), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a social.

All Rotaractors from the District are invited to attend and to be motivated by the dynamic breakout sessions conceived and led by their peer Rotaractors.

All District Rotarians interested in learning more about the Rotaract program or interested in sponsoring a Rotaract Club also are invited to attend.

The day will begin with a plenary session for Rotaractors explaining "Why Rotaract... Why Rotary,"

which focuses on the features and benefits of Rotary and Rotaract. sessions will feature membership development and retention, service projects, team building, club organization, and fundraising. Rotaractors will also complete a service project during the day.

Last year's first Rotaract Leadership Institute, the inspiration for a subsequent Rotaract Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. last August, was a great success, with more than 60 in attendance. The goal this year is to achieve even greater participation.

If you have questions or would like to attend, please contact District 7450 Rotaract Chairperson, Jane Williams at [cjwilliams@jpwilliamsco.com](mailto:cjwilliams@jpwilliamsco.com).



## Chestnut Hill Rotarians help Guyanan kids

Chestnut Hill Rotary Club has supported an international project in Guyana, South America since 1997-1998 Rotary year. Since 2003, Rotarian Rebecca Anwar has spent at least a month, with help of RI Volunteer Service Grants and the Gundaker Foundation, at the Hope Children's Home in Enmore, East Coast Demerara, Guyana.

Most of the Volunteer Service money was used by Anwar to purchase school supplies and books, construction supplies and labor for book shelves and a school supply storage area.

This year, Jennifer Greenberg and Kimberly Carter, members of Main Line Rotaract Club, also spent time at Hope Children's Home.

Anwar took the Chestnut Hill Rotary Banner for the children to see and told them



**Displaying banner made by Hope Christian Academy in Enmore East Coast Demerara, Guyana are Chestnut Hill Rotary Club president Rick Dodridge and Rebecca Anwar, chairman of the on-going program with Hope Children's Home and Academy in Guyana.**

about how Rotarians have helped her travel each year to be with them.

The children, with help of teachers, made a banner to say thank you with message, "Linking our hearts with love." "It is nothing more than a piece of blue cotton material, but their art work and creativity is something to behold," Anwar said.

Three years ago, Chestnut Hill Rotary Club started a school to help children, many of whom had never been to

school. "We started with kindergarten, first and second grades. Now we have nursery, kindergarten, 2-5 grades, and six teachers, none of whom have more than a high school education, but are dedicated and everyone is, as they say in Guyana, 'trying'."

There are 12 to 15-year-old kids in the fourth and fifth grades and the nursery school has six little boys ages 18 months to four years. All but one are HIV positive.

To contact Anwar for information or to invite Anwar to speak at a Rotary Club meeting, send email to [ghanwar@comcast.net](mailto:ghanwar@comcast.net) or call 215-247-9334.



**Hope Christian Academy students gather around Chestnut Hill Rotary Club banner during recent visit by Rebecca Anwar, Chestnut Hill Rotarian.**

**Jennifer Greenberg, Main Line Rotary Club member, volunteered to help children at Hope Children's Home earlier this year.**



## UD-Lansdowne Rotarians welcome DG Joel



Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club president Bob Donohue (left) presents DG Joel Chesney a Rotary apron which the club members will wear during the Dec. 21 Holiday dinner they will serve at Watkins House senior center in Upper Darby. The club initiated the program by serving Thanksgiving dinner to 120 persons last month. They expect 400 men, women and children to participate in this month's family dinner

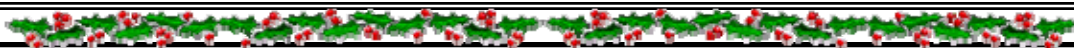


DG Joel Chesney (left) honored three Upper Darby- Lansdowne Rotarians for a total of 118 years of service in Rotary during the DG's official visit to the club at Drexelbrook Conference Center this month. Included in the salute are Hank Van Zantan (middle) with 43 years in Rotary and Dave Hennessy with 36 years of service. Also honored was George Hewitt (not shown) who has been a Rotarian for 39 years.



## Rotarians are Santa's helpers

year, members of the Broomall Rotary Clubin's Gym in Broomall opens its doors to the community to meet Santa. Kehler's Gym has been hosting Santa for the past years free of charge, and encourage parents to take lots of photos. Over 100 children and their parents turned out this year. Broomall Rotary Club president Tom Barnes plays Santa and enjoys every minute of it.'s helpers are (from left) past president Russell Kehler, Frank McDaniels and past president Seth Rosenberg. Santa notes, "I always tell them that Santa will do his best to try (to answer their requests)" adding parents "don't want Santa making promises that they cannot keep."



## 'Operation Warm' delivers coats to kids

Today I experienced probably one of the most touching, empowering and humbling events as I accompanied my fellow Rotarian, Morris Disston, and members of Philadelphia Compact Youth Advocacy Program to Girard College. The goal of the morning was to assist the Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club fulfill the mission of Operation Warm. "Operation Warm is an organization that provides NEW coats for children who could otherwise not afford their own. The Philadelphia Compact program set out to provide the students with holiday cheer items such as toys, books and the intention of providing coats. The project came to fruition when Mr. Disston attended a fundraiser for Teenagers, Inc.

At that event, he met a young woman who serendipitously mentioned that the Philadelphia Compact Group was looking to provide coats, but was afraid that their budget would not stretch far enough to meet the needs of the children.

Mr. Disston was aware of the recent request of the Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club to our club for assistance with the 'Operation Warm' project. The Community Services Committee of the Chestnut Hill Rotary was able to provide the funds for the purchase of new coats through the 'Operation Warm' initiative. The only pre-requisite for a student to get a coat was that they were to present to their school a plastic bottle to be recycled, which we collected. I attended the school assembly with Morris with the intention of providing assistance in distributing the coats. We were surprised and impressed by a warm reception, boundless energy and gratitude by the school counselors, principal, students and staff. It was a sight to behold.



Kennett at Longwood Rotarians, who helped unload 154 cartons of coats provided by 'Operation Warm' last month are (from left) 'Operation Warm' chairman Dick Sanford, Larry Strawley, Andy White, Jim Granger, Joe Colon, Dave McKeon, John Foster, Olen Grimes, and Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club president Dave Haradon.

The assembly program consisted of speeches by three students and presentations of Certificates of Recognition to Morris Disston. The program concluded with a full piece orchestra comprised of Elementary Students, many of whom first touched an instrument this past September, performing Christmas music selections and the Girard School Alma Mater.

Today's experience fully underscored the spirit of Rotary International, "Service above self" motto, and I am proud to be affiliated with the members of the Chestnut Hill Community Chapter.

For more information about how you can keep warm this winter, check out [www.chestnuthillrotary.org](http://www.chestnuthillrotary.org), and [www.operationwarm.org](http://www.operationwarm.org).

Happy Holidays,  
Christine Kindler, member,  
Community Services Committee,  
Chestnut Hill Rotary



## District nominee gets RI Peace Fellowship to study in Thailand University in summer

Alison R. Castel, a nominee from Rotary District 7450, has been selected for a "short term" certificate Rotary International Peace Fellowship. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ardmore, Alison will attend the July-September session at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Alison described her reaction in one word: "Thrilled!"

Alison manages the international programs at the Haverford College Center for Peace and Global Citizenship including oversight of student internships doing peace and social justice work as well as on-campus seminars and symposia on peace and social justice issues. Alison has taught English in a rural village of Nepal, engaged in volunteer service in South America, and worked in the office of international programs advising students at the University of Pennsylvania.

Travis Mayo, sponsored by West Chester Rotary Club and nominated for the 2009-2011 "master's degree" Peace Fellowship by the District 7450 Committee, was unsuccessful in his bid.



Alison Castel (with Samee Sulaiman, a student from Haverford College in Israel) works for the Center for Peace and Global Citizenship at Haverford, and will attend the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand in the summer of 2009.

### News notes about Rotary events, programs

#### District seeks applicants for Ambassadorial Scholarships

Rotary District 7450 will offer two Ambassadorial Scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year. Valued at \$25,000 each, the scholarships are for an academic year of study in a foreign country.

Applicants must be permanent residents of Rotary District 7450, must have completed at least two years of college, and must apply through a local Rotary club. Application forms are available on the Rotary International website – [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Deadline for submitting applications to the Rotary club where the candidate has permanent residence is April 1, 2009. District interviews to select scholarship recipients from among club-sponsored candidates will be conducted May 31, 2009.

For more information, contact Scholarship chair Thomas N. McCarthy, Ph.D., at 215-884-9925 or email to [TNMcCarthy@aol.com](mailto:TNMcCarthy@aol.com).

#### District names Jeanne Lee 2009 GSE team leader

The Group Study Exchange committee is pleased to announce the selection of Jeanne Lee of the Central Delaware County Rotary Club as Team Leader for the upcoming exchange with District 3830 of the Philippines from March 15 to April 11, 2009.

The committee is seeking non-Rotarians between 25 and 40 who live and/or work in District 7450 and have been continuously employed in their profession for 2 years.

For information, visit the GSE page on the district website, [Rotary7450.org](http://Rotary7450.org) [or by contacting any member of the committee. Karen Strawhacker is chair of GSE Committee ([karen.strawhacker@comcast.net](mailto:karen.strawhacker@comcast.net)) along with PDG Jack Grant, PDG Dan Guyon, Kerry Costello-Null, Jane Williams, Brian Wirtshafter, Russ deFuria, District Rotary Foundation chair, DG Joel Chesney, and Jeanne Lee, Team Leader.

To contact Strawhacker, call 215-885-1100 or email to [karen.strawhacker@comcast.net](mailto:karen.strawhacker@comcast.net).



## Philadelphia Rotaractors give Dictionaries, Atlases, globes to two Morrison School classes

The morning of Tuesday, November 18, members of the Rotaract Club of Philadelphia visited the Morrison School in North Philadelphia to distribute World Atlases and Dictionaries to one third and one seventh-grade class. The books were funded by the Literacy Fundraiser last April at the Pyramid Club with the cooperation of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia. The books were purchased from [www.thedictionaryproject.com](http://www.thedictionaryproject.com), which is a nonprofit organization that sells the reference books at cost to try to eliminate illiteracy in the United States.

Rotaractors visited Mr. Trey Smith's seventh-grade class to distribute the Atlases and Dictionaries to the students who were asked to write their names in the books.. Maya Fridman asked the students geography questions to have them use their new Atlases. A prize was given to the students who gave the correct answer first.

The students also were asked one question using the Dictionaries. A prize of drawing supplies was awarded to the winner of the 12-Country Calendar Project and Rotaractors presented the class with the globe and Mr. Smith with a book.

The Rotaractors also visited Ms. Wanda Sago's third-grade class to distribute the Atlases to the students and also played a little game with prizes to the students who first answered the questions correctly. After they gave out the Dictionaries they also asked questions to the students using them and presented the globe to the class. The students were very excited because the globe in their classroom had been broken.



**Maya Fridman, president of Rotaract Club of Philadelphia, looks on as Morrison School third-grade teacher Wanda Sago shows her students the new globe presented by the Rotaractors. The class was especially happy with the gift since the previous globe had been broken .**

They also gave Ms. Sago a copy of a book of classic short stories which she will use when reading to the class each day.

The Rotaract Club of Philadelphia meets biweekly on Mondays. The club has three different types of meetings (planning, social, and professional development meeting). The planning meetings usually take place at the International House in University City; while the professional development meeting takes place at The Hub in Center City .

For more information about Philadelphia Rotaract Club, e-mail [rotaractclubofphiladelphia@gmail.com](mailto:rotaractclubofphiladelphia@gmail.com) or check the website at [www.rotaractphilly.org](http://www.rotaractphilly.org).



# News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs

## Scholar visits Edge Hill Rotarians

Abington at Edge Hill president Tim Hughes exchanges banners and a Rotary Club tee shirt with Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Mayumi Kusunose following her presentation at a Rotary meeting.



She is from Kochi, Japan and is studying for an MS in Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania's Medical School. Mayumi teaches at a nursing school in Japan where bioethics is a developing subject matter. She is one of five Ambassadorial Scholars within District 7450. To request a scholar to speak to your Rotary Club contact AG John Washington at Abington at Edge Hill.

## Cubs collect books

Indian Lane School Cub Pack 85 collected over 400 soft-bound books October 15 and donated them to the Camel Book Drive sponsored by EarlyAct and Glen Riddle Rotary Club. The Cubs wrote notes in many of the books which were sent to Kenya, Africa where the mobile library transports books via camels to several villages in East Africa.



## Philadelphia Rotarians distribute thesauruses to Barry School students



Philadelphia Rotarian Carl Bailey (right) talks with students at the Barry School in Philadelphia after receiving thesauruses from members of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Rotary Club's fall project has involved distributing thousands of dictionaries, atlases and thesauruses to students at five different Philadelphia schools.



## **Provide gifts for needy**

# **Broomall Rotarians give and get Christmas joy helping with 'Christmas Sharing'**

Each December, members of the Broomall Rotary Club travel around Marple Township delivering holiday presents to dozens of children. The Rotary Club's Christmas Sharing program was started several years ago with a goal of adding the joy of Christmas to children whose families may be having difficult times.

This year, with the economy in trouble, Rotarians are working more than ever to help as much as they can. "We expect to provide Christmas presents for 70 to 80 children this year," said Vincent Frustillo, the Rotarian who began and runs Christmas Sharing program.

In addition to the gifts, Marty Godfrey of Mrs. Marty's Deli in Lawrence Park, donates complete turkey dinners for every family in the program. "What's Christmas without a big turkey dinner and a delicious dessert?" asks Marty. "A few dozen turkeys can make a lot of people happy at this time of the year. We have a lot to be grateful for and sharing is the best way I know to show it. We came to Broomall twenty-two years ago and made many good friends. It's a terrific community."

Earlier in the year, Frustillo contacted people in the Marple Newtown School District and the community to learn if there are families that can use a little help around Christmas. "We keep things very confidential. People's privacy is crucial to us. There are a good number of single parents and people who are going through hard times," according to Frustillo.

First, the families are told that Rotary would like to deliver presents for their children and dinner for the family. If they accept, parents complete a questionnaire which asks what the children would like, their clothing sizes, favorite colors, and so on.

Members of Broomall Rotary Club receive the questionnaire with names removed and replaced with code numbers to protect privacy. "It's mostly spouses who shop for gifts. They have a field day doing it. And, invariably, they get gifts for the parents too."

Early on a Saturday morning before Christmas, Rotarians meet at Mrs. Marty's Deli to receive the names and addresses of their assigned families. Armed with dozens of turkey dinners, hundreds of gifts and street maps, they drive off to deliver their Christmas cheer.

The people who deliver gifts are not the people who bought them. "Otherwise", Frustillo reports, "it can get too personal. We don't want to take credit. We just want to do good."

After all the deliveries are completed, the Rotarians return for coffee and talk about the day's events.

"It's the most heart-warming experience you can imagine," says Frustillo. "We receive far more than we give."



Marty Godfrey of Mrs. Marty's Deli in Lawrence Park (left) and Broomall Rotarian Vincent Frustillo are teaming up to deliver turkeys and gifts to needy families this holiday season.



## Sending best wishes this holiday season

The holidays are almost upon us. Many of you will be celebrating and spending time with family and friends this holiday season. I would like to share with you, a special moment in my life from holiday seasons past.

Many of you know that Operation Warm originated in the Longwood Rotary Club where District Governor Joel is a proud member. Thru Operation Warm, Joel and I met a Rotarian from the Greenville, Delaware Rotary Club. This Rotarian, Rebecca Wolhar, mentored the Latino children in the Wilmington School District.

Becky asked Joel to play Santa Claus and Barbara Simpers was Mrs. Claus and together we spent one full day distributing coats to every child.

To view the excitement on the faces of these children was a treasured moment, and one I will never forget.

Becky Wolhar has since passed away but her legacy lives on.

Becky was a warm, giving Rotarian who devoted her life to serving mankind.

Rotary affords us the opportunity to celebrate mankind and "Make Dreams Real" every day of the year, not just during the holidays.

I want to wish every Rotarian of District 7450 and your families the warmest of wishes for a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year.

### Partner's Point of View



By  
**Joyce  
Chesney**

## Kennett Square Rotary Club hosts First Art Gala



The Kennett Square Rotary Club's First Annual Art Gala attracted 30 artists and more than 200 persons November 14. On hand were (from left) president Eleanor Sylver, Lincoln University Rotaractor Eric-Marc, Kennett Square Rotarian Susan Cohen and AG Bonnie Korengel of Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club.

## News from Rotary Clubs

Sandy Reynolds, executive director of the Kennett Food Cupboard, accepted a check for \$5,000 presented by President Dave Haradon on behalf of the **Longwood Rotary Foundation**. The funds are part of the club's ongoing support of the Cupboard's new facility, which members are helping to renovate at 135 West Cedar Street, Kennett Square. Rotarians helped with the rehab of the building using hands-on skills and financial resources as one of the principal outreach projects for the Club in 2008-2009.

**Ardmore Rotary Club** continues to seek unused musical instruments for use in schools in Philadelphia and Chester. Working in partnership with Musicopia Inc., Ardmore Rotarians and Musicopia collect and refurbish the instruments for schools. For information, contact Welthie Fitzgerald at [welthie@comcast.net](mailto:welthie@comcast.net); 610-644-1676.

## News from District 7450 Rotary Clubs



Justine Lipiarski, who represented Glen Mills Rotary Club at the District Membership Workshop at Delaware County Community College September 27, was inducted as a new member of the club in September. She is Scholarship Committee chairman for the club.

### No ordinary Rotary bell



The non-traditional West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club has a non-traditional

way of calling its meetings to order at the West Chester Library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. President Carol Metzker calls for order by banging a "Rotary Pot"

### Rotarians honor trooper



Trooper Timothy Greene, who was honored as "Officer of The Year" at the Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Club December 17 Christmas Luncheon, was presented with a Paul Harris fellow award by Rotarian Brad Stanton (left) and president Mike Brown.

### On hand for Rotary Day at UN



Philadelphia Rotarians who went to the Rotary International United Nations Day November 8 in New York City are (seated) Paul Johnson and Kirsty Halliday and (standing, from left) Emre Guzelsu, Carl Bailey and DGN Joan Batory.



## Where's my newsletter?

If you know a Rotarian asking where his or her District Newsletter is, we are asking Rotarians who have access to computers and the [Rotary7450.org](http://Rotary7450.org) website to take a few minutes and

print a copy (or two or three) of the newsletter and give them to the Rotarian(s) who asked the question.

And if you know there

are members in your club who are not computer savvy, we ask you to print copies and place them on the sergeant-at-arms table.

Thank you.



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Area	club#	Club name	member	%
2	26485	Abington at Edge Hill	11	Not Reported
4	5463	Ardmore	93	3 71
4	5464	Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	15	Not Reported
1	5466	Bensalem	39	Not Reported
1	5467	Bristol	48	Not Reported
4	5468	Broomall	39	Not Reported
4	5469	Bryn Mawr	20	3 58
6	25353	Central Chester County	29	4 66
5	26630	Central Delaware County	10	4 94
2	5470	Cheltenham Rockledge	20	Not Reported
7	5471	Chester	24	4 54
7	5472	Chester Pike	28	Not Reported
5	27323	Chesterbrook	16	Not Reported
3	31062	Chestnut Hill	51	4 61
7	5473	Chichester	22	Not Reported
2	5476	Chonshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	18	Not Reported
6	5474	Coatesville	53	3 57
8	5475	Concordville-Chadds Ford	48	4 67
6	5478	Downingtown	16	4 53
3	27974	Eastwick/Phl Airport	12	4 61
2	5479	Elkins Park	14	Not Reported
6	5480	Exton-Frazer	12	Not Reported
1	5481	Feasterville	21	
3	5494	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	34	4 55
8	70137	Glen Mills	16	3 85
8	5483	Glen Riddle	30	50
2	5484	Glenside	37	68
8	26213	Greater West Chester Sunrise	43	Not Reported
4	5485	Haverford Township	31	Not Reported
2	5487	Jenkintown	67	Not Reported
9	50612	Kennett At Longwood	81	3 78
9	5488	Kennett Square	16	4 92
5	5489	King Of Prussia	48	Not Reported
1	5490	Langhorne	29	3 76
1	5491	Levittown-Fairless Hills	22	4 58
3	65194	Madrugadores	11	Not Reported
5	5492	Media	89	3 54
3	55498	NE Sunrises	22	3 56
5	5493	Newtown Square	87	Not Reported
9	5496	Oxford	19	3 70
5	5497	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	29	3 70
3	5498	Philadelphia	106	Not Reported
6	5499	Phoenixville	30	Not Reported
1	75462	Shady Brook	49	4 27
7	5500	Springfield	22	Not Reported
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6	30662	Thorndale	12	Not Reported
9	50613	Twin Valley	17	Not Reported
7	5477	Upper Darby-Lansdowne	34	4 60
4	5503	Wayne	30	Not Reported
8	5504	West Chester	113	Not Reported
8	79371	West Chester Downtown "Fridays"	21	3 57
9	5505	West Grove/Avondale	35	Not Reported
8	5506	Westtown-Goshen	38	3 85
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