



**DISTRICT 7450**

# Rotary Leader



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## Message from DG Joel



With February almost over, I would like to recap some of our projects underway.

Our District Conference is only two months away (April 17 to 19) and the committee has worked diligently to provide an exciting weekend for District 7450 Rotarians. (See

registration information on page ?)

The backdrop for our conference, our own Longwood Gardens, will provide us with the wonderful fragrances of spring and a special daffodil arrangement in the pond of the conservatory. The Saturday night formal black-tie dinner will allow us the opportunity to take in the beauty of the gardens, while sharing in fellowship with Rotarians of our District. Take a minute and check out the details on District website, [rotary7450.org](http://rotary7450.org).

Despite the downturn of our economy, Polio Plus has not suffered. We are on target with our projected contributions. Our goal is to meet and /or beat the District quota which will aid RI meet the Gates \$100 M challenge.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of March 27 and 28 and a membership conference at the Marriott in Greenbelt, Maryland. RI President D.K. Lee will be our guest speaker. As I mention during my club visits, building membership is one of D.K. Lee's initiatives for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. For more details, check the district website.

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## April 2 musical benefits Rotaplast trip to China

The District 7450 Rotaplast Committee is hosting an evening of musical entertainment at the Media Theater in Media Thursday, April 2, to raise funds for the District Rotaplast team's trip to Hebei Province in northeast China.

The musical "All Shook Up," featuring the music of Elvis Presley, will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a Rotaplast reception at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 each and include a reception on the second floor from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Thanks to the generosity of the Media Theater, all proceeds will be used to provide cleft lip and cleft palate surgery for about 100 children.

"All Shook Up" takes place in the summer of 1955. Natalie, a young woman in a small town in the American Midwest, has dreams of hitting the road. Chad, a black-jacketed, rock and roll-loving motorcyclist, stops at the town's garage because his bike needs repair. Chad is a charismatic rebel, and Natalie, the mechanic, immediately falls for him. She overhears him saying that he's had "a lot" of women but only travels with men. So Natalie covers her hair with a hat and puts motor oil on her face to approximate a beard, becoming "Ed," Chad's sidekick. Eventually Chad falls in love with "Ed"/Natalie, and during a 24-hour period, brings rock and roll to the town and changes it forever.

For tickets, contact the committee which includes: Dan Bronson, [danbronson@epix.net](mailto:danbronson@epix.net), 717-786-7277; John/Joan Gillespie, (215) 723-6691; Rosalie Wells, [rosalie.wells@verizon.net](mailto:rosalie.wells@verizon.net), 610-869-0920; Dede Carruthers, (610) 344-0553, [dcarruthers@novabank.com](mailto:dcarruthers@novabank.com); Ron Moyer, [rjmoyer7@dejazzd.com](mailto:rjmoyer7@dejazzd.com); and Don Heebner, [heebnerathome@comcast.net](mailto:heebnerathome@comcast.net).

## Rotary fruit sale funds healthcare for poor

Recipient of this year's "Taste of Florida" fruit sale of the West Chester Rotary Club is Judy's Cookie Jar Fund, a project of Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM). CVIM provides free medical and dental services for the uninsured working poor of Chester County in its location in West Chester. Since its opening in 1998, CVIM has served more than 10,000 men, women and children and logged more than 55,000 patient visits.

Judy's Cookie Jar Fund pays for tests and treatments for patients who need services which are provided by local hospitals, outpatient centers and physicians offices, such as specialty lab work, x-rays, CT scans, MRIs, biopsies, eye procedures and more. CVIM logs over 800 patient visits per month caring for a multi-cultural, multi-lingual population of the county.

Of the team of 200 volunteers who give of their time and talent to care for the patients, more than 150 of them are licensed healthcare professionals. Volunteers gave in excess of 26,000 volunteer hours in 2008.

The Rotary Club picks one deserving non-profit organization as beneficiary of its annual fruit sale.

Boxes of oranges and grapefruit may be purchased from any West Chester Rotarian or at [fruit-sale@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:fruit-sale@westchesterrotary.us) or by calling 610-563-8644.



### **From the District Governor**

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The RYLA conference was Friday February 20 thru Sunday, February 22. A strong turnout was expected for the exciting weekend planned for our students at the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation. The program included workshops provided by Freedom Foundation as well as our own Rotarians, Maria Mills-Torres and Louise Vitiello.



I am proud to announce that Paul Woodruff, a member of the West Chester Lunch Club is District Governor Nominee Designate for 2011-2012.

As we move forward, let us continue to "Make Dreams Real" for those in need throughout our communities and around our world. Giving is what we do as dedicated Rotarians of District 7450.

**Kicking off the 2009 fruit sale of the of West Chester Rotary Club are (from left) Joan Snyder from Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) and West Chester Rotary Club fruit sale co-chairs Elizabeth Guman and Cristina Combee. Proceeds from "A Taste of Florida" will benefit Judy's Cookie Jar Fund, a project of Community Volunteers in Medicine, which pays for medical tests and treatments for the uninsured working poor of Chester County.**



## Clean water flowing for Kenyan village



**Workers are laying foundation for the first collection tank.**



**Workers check finished first collection tank already holding water.**



**GI pipes have been laid for 500 meters to the first completed collection tank.**

Phase one of West Chester Rotary Club's \$327,567 multi-phase six-year effort to assist the people of Ukambani, Kenya in partnership with the South Nairobi Rotary Club is supplying clean water to Ukambani, Kenya.

The \$90,000 phase, one is capturing water from one natural spring, one transmission line, two storage tanks and several water kiosks and cattle watering troughs.

The second phase, with a \$60,000 price tag, tapped into a second spring; included a new transmission line, additional storage tanks and animal watering troughs.

Tapping the additional spring has increased the quantity of water for the community's use, thus helping more people in addition to serving a clinic, school, "A Prepared Place" and other orphanages near Nairobi.

The new water line will provide a year-round supply of clean water for villagers within walking distance. The villagers supplied land, labor and mud brick for the project.

A number of District 7450 Clubs are supporting the effort spearheaded by West Chester Rotarians Paul Woodruff and Charles Lyddane.



**Completed intake chambers and weir.**



**Men carry rocks for the intake chambers while women carry cement in preparation for the second collection tank. Because of the difficult terrain up on rocky hills, materials had to be ferried on the shoulders and backs of the community as no vehicle could climb up the hills to intake weir.**

## Rotarians host 104th birthday party for Rotary

Members and guests of the Bristol Rotary Club met Wednesday, February 18 to begin an early celebration of the 104th birthday of Rotary International. (The actual birthday is February 24, the date of first Rotary meeting in Chicago, Illinois.)

The weekly meeting festivities began in Levittown with Rotarian Bill Charlton leading the group in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y" and concluded with Rotarian Tony Messina (55-year member with perfect attendance) cutting the special 104th birthday pound cake decorated with the Rotary emblem. Taking part were (from left) Liz Peters, wife of Bristol Rotary Club president Frank Peters and an Honorary Rotarian; guest Sharon Arroyo-Gilino from Geneva Switzerland, niece of Rotarian Joe Farruggio; Ailsa Coughlan, Student of the Month from Bristol High School; Rotarian Joe Hetherington; guest Federico Gulino, also of Geneva, Switzerland and nephew of Rotarian Joe Farruggio; Rotarian Joe Farruggio; Rotarian Tim Eberhardt; Rotarian Roland Johnson; Rotarian Alan Stoneback; Rotarian Joanna Schneyder; guest and prospective member Garry Downs; Rotarian Randy Esposito; Rotarian Josh Klein; Rotarian Tom McCusker; Rotarian Chris Molden; Rotarian Michael Buchheit; Rotarian Matt Gesualdi; Ro-



tarian Horace Schmidt; Rotarian Bill Charlton; president Frank Peters (seated); Area One AG and Rotarian Tim Birch; Rotarian Bill Carter, Rotarian Bruce Harris; speaker and Delaware Riverkeeper, Maya K. van Rossum; and Rotarian Dave Harris. Not shown in photo but participating in the 104th birthday celebration were Adine Koeppe, mother of the Student of the Month; Erica Corbezzolo, Bristol High School guidance counselor; and Rotarians Joe Blank, Paul Giordano, and Dr. Angelo Ratini. In addition, Monday, February 23, ("World Understanding and Peace Day") Bristol Rotary Club along with remaining Area One Rotary Clubs of Bensalem, Feasterville, Langhorne, Levittown-Fairless-Hills, and Shady Brook celebrated the 104th anniversary by commemorating their activities in the Four Avenues of Rotary Service; Club, Community, International, and Vocational service.



### Two Clubs hear Rotaplast update

District 7450 Rotaplast chair Dede Carruthers of the Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Club gave a report on plans to send a Rotaplast team to China at the January 20 joint meeting of Broomall and Springfield Rotary Clubs at Anthony's in Drexel Hill. Welcoming Carruthers (second from left) are Broomall Rotary Club president Thomas Barnes (left), Springfield Rotary Club President Dr. Charles Alexander and DG Joel Chesney. Dr. Alexander has 44 years of perfect attendance.



## District 7450 announces GSE team to Philippines

The Group Study Exchange Committee has selected three women to represent District 7450 as the Outbound GSE Team to District 3830 of the Philippines March 15 to April 11. Team leader is Jeanne Lee of the Central Delaware County Rotary Club. The team is composed of (from left) Courtney Richardson of Springfield, non-profit development coordinator for KenCrest Centers and sponsored by Elkins Park Rotary Club; team leader Jeanne Lee; Joveline Pettus of Glenol-

den, life/accident insurance broker and MBA candidate at Rosemont College, sponsored by the Central Delaware County Rotary Club; and Jody LaVerdure of Blue Bell, volunteer and development coordinator for Saunders House in Wynnewood, sponsored by Ardmore Rotary Club. District 7450 will host a GSE team from District 3829 in April.



### Rotary District 7450



## RI OKs Matching grant for literacy project in Ecuador

Central Delaware County Rotary Club has received approval of its matching grant with Porto Viejo Reales Tamarindo Rotary Club of Manabi, Ecuador as the host partner for a literacy enhancement project.

The project seeks to provide the student population of Universidad Tecnica de Manabi, Ecuador:

1. A physico-pedagogical and technological environment for their studies
2. Internet access to the world's medical, technological, cultural and scientific knowledge.
3. Capability to create a functional data base that contains e-books, software and medical articles

Total cost is \$16,071 which will provide 20 desktop computers, one projector, one laptop computer plus software. The project is funded by \$1,000 from Porto Viejo Rotary Club, \$2815 from Central Delaware County Rotary Club, \$2500 from District 7450 and \$2675 from District 4400 Ecuador. Rotary Foundation is providing matching funds.

The Universidad Tecnica de Manabi will provide the space, installation assistance, internet access and maintenance of the virtual e-library. More than 2600 current students and thousands of future students will benefit from the project

## RI president convenes Membership Workshop March 27-28

DK Lee, president of Rotary International, is convening a Presidential Membership Workshop in Greenbelt, Maryland, Friday night and Saturday, March 27 and 28.

PDG Bob Lankin, District 7450 Membership Development chairperson, reports "All Rotarians are invited to attend. It is true that clubs that participate in exciting events like this will improve their membership development efforts. Accordingly, Rotary District 7450 urges every club to send at least one repre-

sentative."

Lankin notes, "It has been suggested that the clubs reimburse its president, president elect or membership chairperson (or all three if funds allow) the costs of the meeting."

Registration materials can be found on Rotary 7450.org. For more information, contact Lankin at Bob.Lankin@aymondJames.com; 267-625-6512.

## District Conference registration info ready

Gathered following a recent District Conference planning committee meeting at the Kennett Square office of Co-Chair Bonnie Korengel are (standing, from left) Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club president Dave Ha-



radon, District 7450 Administrator and Glen Mills Rotarian Jay Childress, Ardmore Rotarian and District Newsletter editor Joan Toenniessen, AG and West Grove-Avondale Rotarian Samantha Ramsey-Kranyak, and Longwood Rotarians Cathy Cotter, Donna Wells, District Conference Co-chairmen David McKeon, and Bonnie Korengel, and (seated) DG Joel Chesney and DG Partner and Dis-

trict Conference Co-chairman Joyce Chesney. Registration is underway for the conference which will take place at Mendenhall Inn in Mendenhall and Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square April 17 to 19. Deadline for room reservations at the Inn is

March 27. Early registration deadline is also March 27. The committee has established a weekend package, Saturday all-day and Saturday only packages. A black tie dinner is planned for Saturday evening in the Conservatory at Longwood Gardens. All reservations include admission to Longwood Gardens Saturday, April 18. A reservation form is on Page 17 and at [www.rotary7450.org](http://www.rotary7450.org).

## Rotary Clubs invited to use radio show on Internet

For years, Cynthia Ericson made bi-weekly appearances on WCOJ's "The Big Show" giving about 45 minutes of Rotary information.

In September, WCOJ was sold and all local programming ceased. Exton-Frazer Rotarian Gene Mitchell, who hosted "Computer Corner" Saturday mornings, was gone.

Mitchell heard about a new Internet radio station in Kennett Square and was able to direct many of WCOJ's former programs to **BrandywineRadio.com**.

He also drew plans for his own Internet radio station. With only one missed week of computer broadcasting, his show was back

on **5DRadio.com**. Gene was not ready to go full time into broadcasting, so he loops several pre-recorded shows. One of the shows was a 12-minute piece about Rotary.

Plans were made to do a weekly radio show about Rotary and Gene and Cynthia Ericson recorded the first show January 7.

The plan is to have Podcasts, and to create the awareness for live listeners to call in or even come in to be on the show. Both want participation from all the clubs in the district. They want emails from each club to list club projects and other information. Contact Rotary's Technology Chairman Gene Mitchell at (610) 590-0451 or [genem@bee.net](mailto:genem@bee.net)

## Longwood Rotarians raise funds, have fun



Among the 250 persons who turned out for the Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club Fundraising Gala February 7 in the Conservatory at Longwood Gardens were (from left) Peggy and president David Haradon.



That's DG Joel Chesney having a conversation with Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club secretary Patti DeFazio and her husband, Mike at the celebration in the Conservatory at Longwood Gardens February 7



Enjoying the gala February 7 in Longwood Gardens Conservatory are John and Longwood Rotarian Anita O'Conner.



Peter and Jill Gray were among the 250 Rotarians and guests who helped raise funds for Kennett Food Cupboard and La Comunidad Hispana in the Conservatory at Longwood Gardens.



Two stout lads from Clan Camron and Clan McNeil attended the Longwood Gala and were seen making plans to inspect the whiskey and charm the lassies" (John Camron and Rob Newman)



## Kennett at Longwood gala supports club projects



Kennett at Longwood Rotarian Bill Steller (left) and Barbara and Marshall Phillips inspect a signed Wyeth painting held by Rotarian Donna Wells. The painting was among the auction items bid on during the evening.



DG Joel Chesney was joined by brother-in-law Karl Chetty (left) and son Brian Chesney at the Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club fundraiser gala in the Longwood Gardens Conservatory.



West Chester Downtown Friday's charter president Carole and Eric Metzker inspect silent auction items.



Kennett at Longwood Rotarian Bob Merkle and wife, Mary, were on hand for the dinner and live and silent auction at Longwood Gardens Conservatory February 7.



Lauren Jenkins, wife of president-elect Andy Jenkins, displays one of centerpieces on dinner tables in the Conservatory at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square.

**Photography  
By JayChild**



## **Thanks to Ardmore Rotarians, Rotaractors**

# **Safe water, sanitation for Guatemalans**

Thanks to the generous support of the Ardmore Rotary Club and the Rotaract Club of the Main Line in partnership with Water for People, three schools in the community of San Antonio Ilotenango, Guatemala have safe drinking water and proper sanitation facilities.

A total of 218 students and teachers in the schools of Chocaja, Chocruz and Patzocon are now benefiting from new gravity-fed water systems, VIP (ventilated improved) latrines, and hand-washing stations. In addition to these new facilities, teachers received extensive hygiene education training and materials in order to implement an ongoing hygiene education program in each of their classrooms.

The community of Xeiejip began construction of a gravity-fed water system that pipes water to individual household tap stands. When completed in the spring of 2009, this community of 1,956 residents will have access to safe water

for their household needs.

In addition to the improvements in water, sanitation, and hygiene education in San Antonio Ilotenango, Water For People has taken

a number of steps to build the local capacity of the community and its local partners to ensure sustainability of the program.

Community members were trained in the building and maintenance of sanitation facilities, and integrated management of water resources. Water For People-Guatemala hosted several training sessions with Water For People-Honduras, CARE Nicaragua, CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Honduras and Guatemala, and the Guatemalan local non-governmental organization, Caritas. These trainings have helped develop organizational capacity within Central America by the sharing of work models and methods of these development organizations.

In the report on the projects, a glimpse of life in San Antonio Ilotenango emerges:

"Mario Tay Cor is 10 years old, and lives with his parents and three brothers in a small adobe home outside of the municipal capital. They live on a small mountain, accessible only by a rough dirt track. The community is relatively small with about 75 inhabitants in 20 small homes.

"Mario and his family live on a daily diet of beans, tortillas, rice, vegetables and on occasion, chicken. Food stuffs are grown and raised on a small plot of land within the community.

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**Drinking water station at school in San Antonio Ilotenango, Guatemala.**

### **Breakdown of beneficiaries in San Antonio Ilotenango:**

**Chocaja:** 1 school, 168 water; 168 sanitation; 168 hygiene education;

**Choruz:** 1 school ; 24 water, sanitation and hygiene education;

**Platoon:** 1 school, 26 water, sanitation and hygiene education;

**Xeiejip:** 1956 water and hygiene education.

**TOTALS:** 3 schools, 2174 water; 218 sanitation; 2174 hygiene education.

## West Chester Rotarians honor Vocational Service

David Wood of West Chester Rotary Club (left) presents the Club's Distinguished Vocational Service Award for 2009 to Tony Stancato, a lifelong resident of West Chester and son of the late Rotarian, Anthony L. Stancato. Stancato started and established five new companies in the West Chester area, helped build the economy and revitalize downtown West Chester, provided employment for the unemployed, and used innovative skills to provide opportunities for young buyers to experience home ownership. He is serving on and providing leadership on the local Republican Committee, established a mentoring program for middle and high school students, leads a men's ministry, and worked on mission programs in Guatemala and areas destroyed by Katrina.



### Thanks to Ardmore Rotarians, Rotaractors

## Safe water, sanitation for Guatemalans

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"The community has only small amounts of water and is supplied during night time hours. The school, roughly 500 meters from the homes in the community, is in session from January to October of each year. Water is supplied to the school only at night, and often, children must take water to school with them in the morning.

"Mario's mother was part of the Women's Committee in the community who were interested in improving access to water and sanitation in the school, and set out to partner with their local NGOs and Water For People.

"In 2008, improved water access through a gravity-fed system was built in the school. In addition to the water benefits, the students and teachers have proper and safe latrines.

"Life is still hard in this small community in Guatemala, however, hope has been revitalized. Through the funds of Water For People, the work of the community and other partners, students are able to study and learn in a place that is safe and comfortable. The futures that

they carry with them are much brighter thanks to the support of the Ardmore Rotary Club and the Rotaract Club of the Main Line."

Ardmore Rotary Club contributed \$12,000 and Rotaract of Main Line raised \$5,000 for the project to date.



**One of the sanitation stations at school in San Antonio Ilotenango, Guatemala.**



## 64 Rotaractors attend Leadership Institute

*By Patricia Dantis  
District 7450*

### *Rotaract Representative*

The second annual Rotaract Leadership Institute (RLI) took place Saturday, January 31, at Boy Scout Headquarters in Philadelphia. By all accounts, this year's institute was even more successful than last year's meeting. The District 7450 Rotaract Committee chaired by Ardmore Rotarian Jane Williams, District Rotaract Representative Patricia Dantis and other Rotaractors helped plan the meeting, improving on last year's program. Location was arranged by Philadelphia Rotarian and past president Frank Hollick.

Attendance increased over last year with 64 Rotaractors from District 7450 and from the Washington, DC area in attendance, signifying not only the



**Mentoring Meade School student Dominick Seymore, (second from right) are (from left) Rotaractors Ricardo Bonavita, Sao Paulo Nordeste, Mary Bingham, president of West Chester Rotaract Club, and Bess Werner, Philadelphia Rotaract Club.**

Rotaractors' desire to return, but their wish to invite friends and colleagues as well.

The program consisted of several breakout sessions, team-building, and mentoring sessions with youngsters from inner city Philadelphia. In addition, there was an on-site service project, service project sharing, a President's Forum, and a "Wonders of Rotary" session. A surprise visit by Prof. Dong-Joon Lee, vice-chairman of Rotaract for Rotary International, also made the day special. The day concluded with a social afterwards at a local cafe.

Taking pointers from last year's institute,



**Among the Rotarians participating in the Second Rotaract Leadership Institute were (seated, from left) Diane Lee, spouse of Centennial Governor Dong-Joon Lee; Margaret Kelly, PAG and advisor to provisional Northeast Philadelphia Rotaract Club; District 7450 Rotaract chairperson Jane Williams.; (standing, from left) Edge Hill Rotarian and Rotaract Committee member, AG John Washington; Fred Fromhold, PP Ardmore Rotary Club, advisor to Rotaract Club of the Main Line; Prof. Dong-Joon Lee, Centennial Governor and RI vice-chairperson of Rotaract; Ardmore Rotarian Mike Greenberg, Rotaract District Committee member; PDG Rob Ketron, Rotary District 7620 and Rotaract advisor; Ardmore Rotarian Josh Morin, advisor to Rotaract Club of the Main Line; Navin Manchery-Valliapan, PP Rotaract North America/MDIO from District 7620, Washington DC, Downtown Washington, D.C. Rotaract Club.**

breakout sessions were based on three categories: community-based clubs, college-based clubs, and new clubs. The sessions included "Best Practices for Running a Rotaract Club" and "Membership, and Fundraising." Team-building activities led by Chuck Eaton of the Boy Scouts of America, brought about a sense of fellowship and trust among Rotaractors.

Those who participated in the mentoring sessions with the young student leaders from the George Gordon Meade School in North Philadelphia found the process to be rewarding for the student as well as the Rotaractor who was mentoring.

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# Rotaractors share goals, ideals for service

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As a small token of gratitude to the Boy Scouts of America for donating their facility, each Rotaractor brought two non-perishable food items to benefit the Boy Scout food pantry for the needy.

Rotaractors also learned about the service projects completed by other clubs and gathered new ideas for future projects.

The President's Forum brought together the leaders of the district's Rotaract Clubs for discussion of pressing issues and to search for resolutions to problems/concerns.

"Wonders of Rotary" proved to be informative as Rotaractors learned about the various opportunities associated

with Rotary such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Peace and Conflict Resolution Programs, GSE, and the Gundaker Foundation.

The social hour afterwards followed at a fitting location in Philadelphia -the World Café Live. Several Rotaractors were able to stay and enjoy the tasty menu options and the unique ambiance that the café provides.



**Rotaractors hold hands during a team-building exercise led by Chuck Eaton from Boy Scouts of America.**

This year attendees completed evaluation forms so the District Committee could gauge the effectiveness of the day's events. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. As one Rotaractor wrote, "This institute was very useful. It has increased my desire to work for Rotaract and the community." All in all, the Rotaract Leadership Institute of 2009 was a success due to the combined efforts of dedicated Rotarians and Rotaractors.

We hope that next year's institute will foster the same environment of learning and friendship as the past ones have.



**Maya Fridman, president of Rotaract Club of Philadelphia facilitates discussion among the community-based Rotaractors at Second Annual Rotaract Leadership Institute January 31 at Boy Scouts headquarters in Center City Philadelphia. Professor Dong-Joon (Don) Lee, vice-chairman of Rotaract for RI, made a surprise visit.**



## Rotarians honor Students of the Month



Chester Pike Rotary Club president Brian Myers congratulates Barry Harris, senior at Interboro High School where he is Number One in his class, takes AP and Honors courses, is president of Student Council, a student mentor, member of the Kaleidoscope Club, member of the Digital Media Club and plans to major in music at college.



Chester Pike Rotary Club president Brian Myer presents Student of Month certificate to Mary Scaperotto, senior at Ridley High School, in the top third percent of her class, takes AP and Honors courses, is involved in the Leo Club, German Club, member of the tennis team and plans to major in education.



Chester Pike Rotary Club president Brian Myer congratulates Mark Gilroy, senior at Academy Park High School, number one in class, takes AP and honors courses member of the IQ Team, National Honor Society, and Stage Crew. He plans to attend Penn State University to major in chemistry.

Taking part in the presentation of Student of Month awards to Bayard Rustin High School students are (from left) Bayard Rustin High School librarian Shirley LeClerc, seniors Enrique Josephs, Erin Sheehan, Lee Kurfis, and Tori (Victoria) Bonner



and Glen Mills Rotary Club president Joe Feldman. Josephs is vice president of Kappa League (an organization of students who mentor young men and women, organized Thanksgiving food drives and food and toy drives for December, volunteers through his church to help needy families, and plays football. Sheehan is an Honor Roll student, member of cross country and lacrosse teams, active in community service including collecting clothes and supplies for St. Agnes Day Room,

sending boxes and writing to US military personnel overseas, and member of Students Against Destructive Decisions and Athletic Student Leadership Committee, works at YMCA, participated in Catholic Leadership Experience, volunteered at summer Dance Camp for dis-

abled children and earned Girl Scout Silver Award by beautifying a park. Kurfis participates in volunteer activities through his church youth group, is member of Volunteer Club at Rustin, volunteers for trash pick-up program through Delaware County groups, and plays football and baseball. Bonner is active in dog-training program, participates in horse-back riding therapy for children with disabilities and is active in Habitat for Humanity.

## Swarthmore Rotarians send \$10,000 for Polio Plus

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more Rotary Club president Josh Twer-  
sky at the club's January 29 meeting.  
Most of the money was raised through  
the club's silent auction last fall with ad-  
ditional money contributed by the  
Swarthmore Rotary Club Foundation.  
District 7450 Polio Plus Challenge goal  
for 2008-2009 is \$55,000 or \$1,000 from  
each club. As of January 22, donations to  
Polio Plus Challenge fund from the Dis-  
trict were \$34,000. The Rotary Founda-  
tion has received a total of \$355,000 from

the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
for Polio Plus with a resulting \$200,000  
challenge to match by Rotarians around  
the world. Over \$60,000 has been commit-  
ted to the District's matching fund drive  
at the end of 2008. The three-year cam-  
paign concludes in 2010. District 7450 Po-  
lio Plus Challenge chair is Cindy Petty of  
Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club.  
Checks can be sent to Petty or RI and  
should contain the notation: \$100,000 mil-  
lion challenge.

## District 7450 Seeks Peace Fellowship Candidates

Peace Fellowship Committee chairman  
Joe Batory of Philadelphia Rotary Club reports  
the committee is looking to the District's 54 Ro-  
tary Clubs to locate and encourage qualified ap-  
plicants to apply for the Peace Fellows scholar-  
ships.

All club presidents were sent complete  
information about the "short term" three-month  
program and the "two year" master's degree  
program last month with the hope that clubs  
would generate publicity about the opportuni-  
ties.

Batory indicates members of the commit-

tee which includes Glenside Rotarians PDG  
Tom McCarthy, Swarthmore Rotarian PP Anne  
Hansen, and ?? Rotarian Lee Bowie, are  
available to speak at Rotary Club meetings  
about the opportunities the program offers.

Applications, which must be submitted  
through a local Rotary Club, are due May 1.

Applications can be downloaded from the  
Rotary International website  
([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)).

For more information, contact Batory at  
[josephbatory@comcast.net](mailto:josephbatory@comcast.net); 215-769-8530.



## Glenside Rotarians work for Habitat for Humanity program



Last fall, Glenside Rotarians Donna Adelsberger, Charlie Breinig, Pat DeMay and her husband, Joe Kilian, and Charlie Church volunteered to help a local Habitat for Humanity program. The homes are located in North Hills and the program was coordinated by a local church in North Hills. Club members donated their time for two Saturdays to help with the building of the two new homes. The local recipients were able to move into their new homes just in time to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

## Two Longwood Rotarians promote Rotary on TV



Kennett at Longwood Rotarians Rosemary Gill and Theresa Sheehan traveled to New York City with a Rotary "Make Dreams Real" sign which they displayed during "Good Morning America" television show January 26. During and following a segment on weather the pair was visible with their Rotary sign which prompted co-host Diane Sawyer to say, "Thanks to all the Rotarians around America for all the good work you do."

## Longwood Rotarians become Paul Harris Fellows

Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club president Dave Haradon (right) congratulates three new Paul Harris Fellows following the presentation of Paul Harris certificates to (from left) Collis Townsend, Tom Simperts, and Olen Grimes during a breakfast meeting at Longwood Gardens.



# Information on Rotary programs of interest

## 2008-09 Literacy Resource Group Guide to Club Literacy Service Projects and Awards

- Conduct an International Literacy Day project during the week of September 8.
- Conduct a Literacy Month project during Rotary Literacy Month in March, 2009.
- Make club members aware of the full array of literacy project opportunities so that individual members who might have a passion for a particular project area can have the opportunity to volunteer to start a club project in that area.
- Conduct a dictionary project or other book project.
- Share information about your club's literacy projects with your District literacy chair and/or District Governor.
- Conduct a project to support RI President D.K. Lee's special emphasis on reducing child mortality.
- Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) – [www.cleliteracy.org](http://www.cleliteracy.org).
- Computer-Assisted Literacy Solution (CALs) – [www.autoskill.com/rotarians](http://www.autoskill.com/rotarians).
- Four-Way Test projects or other character literacy projects
- Reading readiness projects, such as Imagination Library, Books for Babies, and grandparents.
- School partnership projects, such as reading mentors, financial support, and gifts in kind.
- Local book projects.
- International book and mini-library projects.
- Local literacy leader recognition projects.
- A Rotary theme of the month project creating awareness of the literacy aspects of the theme of the month, e.g. in December, Rotary Family Month.

### District Literacy Award

**Requirements:** Club must complete five literacy projects, including a Literacy Month project in March 2009 and a book project like dictionary project.

**Application:** Award applications must be submitted to the district governor by April 15, 2009.

**Additional Information:** Additional information including application forms are available on **Rotary.org**

### Zone Literacy Award

**Requirements:** Club must complete ten literacy projects, including the five required for the District Literacy Award, one project from the list of literacy project ideas, and conduct a project to reduce child mortality.

**Application :** Award applications must be submitted to the District Governor by April 15, 2009.

## Future Vision Pilot Plan

Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Pilot is a three-year test of the new grant structure offered in the Foundation's Future Vision Plan . To simplify the process, the plan offers two types of grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants.

These grants will allow clubs and Districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

All Districts are encouraged to apply for participation in the pilot which begins July 1, 2010. Selected Districts must agree to follow the new grant structure throughout and to not participate in any of the current Foundation programs, with the exception of PolioPlus and the Rotary Centers for International Studies .

Selected Districts will be notified by June 1, 2009 and will be given opportunity to accept or decline before pilot Districts are announced.

Districts selected must appoint a District Rotary Foundation chair who will serve for three years (2010-13). The DG for 2010-11 may choose to extend the current DRFC chair's term or appoint a different Rotarian.

### Time frame

**January 2009:** Pilot District application available online at Member Access.

### February-May

Districts secure the agreement of two-thirds of their clubs to participate in the pilot, and submit the application form.

### May 10

Deadline to submit applications online through Member Access no later than 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

### June 1

Foundation issues invitations to the selected pilot Districts

### June 10

Deadline to accept or decline invitation.

### June 15

Foundation announces pilot districts.



**IMPACT! INSPIRATION! INVOLVEMENT!**

**2009 ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
**Mendenhall Inn and Longwood Gardens**  
**Mendenhall, PA Kennett Square, PA**  
**April 17 – 19, 2009**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Conference Chairs:  
Bonnie Korengel  
484-459-0233  
Dave McKeon  
610-212-6505  
Joyce Chesney  
610-761-8446

Please return the form with payment or payment information to: Longwood Rotary Club  
PO Box 781  
Kennett Square, PA 19348

ROTARIAN – Last Name	First Name	Badge Name
Address	City/State	Zip Code
Phone: Business	Phone: Home	Fax
Rotary Club	Email	
Spouse/Partner	Badge Name	
Rotary Club		

**REGISTRATION FEE**

Number  
Attending

Early Registration Deadline March 27, 2009    \_\_\_ x \$15= \_\_\_  
Registration After March 27, 2009                \_\_\_ x \$20= \_\_\_

**ROOM REGISTRATIONS**

Deadline: March 27, 2009  
Please call Mendenhall Inn and request  
Rotary District 7450 Discount  
**ROOM FEES \$129 + tax**  
Mendenhall Inn 610-388-2100  
www.mendenhallinn.com

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Make checks payable to: Longwood Rotary Club

Check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (Circle One)    VISA    MASTERCARD

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Month Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL PLAN OPTIONS**

#1 Weekend Conference Package  
Friday dinner, all Saturday meals  
and Sunday breakfast                \_\_\_ x \$285= \_\_\_

#2 Saturday All Day Special  
Includes continental breakfast,  
Italian lunch buffet and Saturday Night  
Gala at Longwood Gardens                \_\_\_ x \$190= \_\_\_

#3 Saturday Day Only  
Includes Continental breakfast,  
Conference meetings and workshops,  
Italian lunch buffet                \_\_\_ x \$ 90= \_\_\_

Meals a la Carte  
Friday Banquet                \_\_\_ x \$ 75= \_\_\_  
Saturday Longwood Gala                \_\_\_ x \$130= \_\_\_

TOTAL FEES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL INFORMATION (MAIN DISHES)**

Friday evening choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib of Beef au Jus

\_\_\_\_\_ Crab Cakes

(Please indicate choice)

Vegetarian option available on request

All options include a ticket to enjoy Longwood Gardens Saturday, April 18.

## 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.

### Send attendance to [info@Rotary7450.org](mailto:info@Rotary7450.org)

Area - Club# - Club Name	Members/Meetings/ %
2 26485 Abington at Edge Hill	11 Not Reported
4 5463 Ardmore	91 4 65
4 5464 Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	15 4 65
1 5466 Bensalem	40 4 53
1 5467 Bristol	47 Not Reported
4 5468 Broomall	39 Not Reported
4 5469 Bryn Mawr	20 3 57
6 25353 Central Chester County	29 4 58
5 26630 Central Delaware County	10 4 68
2 5470 Cheltenham Rockledge	20 Not Reported
7 5471 Chester	24 4 57
7 5472 Chester Pike	28 Not Reported
5 27323 Chesterbrook	16 Not Reported
3 31062 Chestnut Hill	51 3 61
7 5473 Chichester	22 Not Reported
2 5476 Chonshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	18 Not Reported
6 5474 Coatesville	53 4 68
8 5475 Concordville-Chadds Ford	48 Not Reported
6 5478 Downingtown	16 4 62
3 27974 Eastwick/Phl Airport	12 3 67
2 5479 Elkins Park	14 Not Reported
6 5480 Exton-Frazer	12 Not Reported
1 5481 Feasterville	20 56
3 5494 Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	34 4 54
8 70137 Glen Mills	16 4 77
8 5483 Glen Riddle	26 62
2 5484 Glenside	35 75
8 26213 Greater West Chester Sunrise	43 3 73
4 5485 Haverford Township	31 Not Reported
2 5487 Jenkintown	67 Not Reported
9 50612 Kennett At Longwood	83 4 76
9 5488 Kennett Square	16 4 70
5 5489 King Of Prussia	45 4 60
1 5490 Langhorne	30 4 57
1 5491 Levittown-Fairless Hills	21 4 57
3 65194 Madrugadores	11 Not Reported
5 5492 Media	90 4 51
3 55498 NE Sunrisers	21 4 50
5 5493 Newtown Square	87 Not Reported
9 5496 Oxford	19 4 68
5 5497 Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	29 4 67
3 5498 Philadelphia	104 4 41
6 5499 Phoenixville	33 Not Reported
1 75462 Shady Brook	51 3 39
7 5500 Springfield	22 Not Reported
7 5501 Swarthmore	48 Not Reported
6 30662 Thorndale	12 Not Reported
9 50613 Twin Valley	17 Not Reported
7 5477 Upper Darby-Lansdowne	32 3 65
4 5503 Wayne	30 Not Reported
8 5504 West Chester	113 Not Reported
8 79371 West Chester Downtown "Fridays"	20 Not Reported
9 5505 West Grove/Avondale	35 Not Reported
8 5506 Westtown-Goshen	38 4 80
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