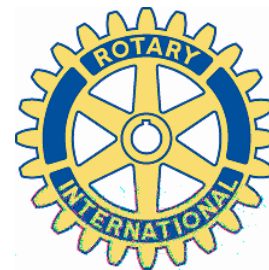




DISTRICT 7450

Rotary Leader



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Message from DG Joel



My fellow Rotarians,
Since this
Rotary Leader is my
last as District Governor,
I would like to reflect on the
past Rotary year. I want to
sincerely thank my officers,
and those Rotarians who
supported the District's
efforts throughout the

past year.

Despite the turbulent economy, District 7450 had a phenomenal year! Our club members remained focused on our goals for achieving and exceeding the Polio Plus yearly challenge. It has not been an easy task for me to continually ask each and every member for more money.

As I turn over the duties to District Governor-Elect Al Marland on July 1st, Al will continue to focus on the annual giving. Because so much emphasis was placed on Polio Plus during the 2008-2009 Rotary year to meet the Gates Challenge, our efforts shifted and as a result, our annual giving for the District will not meet our RI obligation.

For those who participated in this year's District Conference, you will agree we had an exciting and eventful weekend at Longwood Gardens and The Mendenhall Inn. My gratitude can't be expressed enough to the members of the Longwood Rotary Club under the outstanding leadership of Bonnie Korengel and David McKeon who worked diligently to provide our District with innovative speakers to inspire and motivate us.

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Swarthmore Rotarian goes to Belize to turn on clean water



Bottles of clean water, filled from new water system in Belize, are ready for villagers.

By Anne Hansen

PP Swarthmore Rotary Club

The International Committee of the Rotary Club Swarthmore has been working on a water project in Belize since December 2006. There were two trips by Rotarians to Belize to plan and work with the San Ignacio Club and the Village of Yalbac.

The process included quite a wide range of partners including San Ignacio Rotary Club of Belize, Rotary Club of Swarthmore, Sunrisers Rotary Club of Bozeman, Montana, Lighthouse Rotary Club of Evanston, Illinois, Rotary Club of Northfield Minnesota, and a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Other non-Rotary partners include: Living Waters for the World, First Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge Tennessee, Delaware Valley Reading Council, and Swarthmore CO-OP.

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Rotary Foundation needs our support

RI Foundation Contribution Deadlines

For contributions to be credited for the 2008-09 Rotary year, the donations must be post marked on or before June 30, 2009 and received at the lockbox by July 7, 2009.

Credit Card donations must be received online at Rotary.org and must be authorized prior to midnight, 30 June 2009.

Any contributions received after the dates listed above will be entered for 2009-10. Please remind Rotarians in your club to submit their contributions early!

PHF Recognition Points

Effective July 1, 2009, the following changes affect Paul Harris Fellow Recognition:

Foundation Recognition Points may only be transferred for transactions of 100 points or more.

Individual Foundation Recognition Points will expire upon death of the donor or the death of the surviving spouse of a Major Donor (US\$10,000+)

The individual donor will be the only person authorized to transfer Foundation Recognition Points. If it is a club account only the Club President may authorize the transfer of points; if it is a district account then the DG may authorize the transfer of points;

Paul Harris Fellow Medallions will be available for purchase from Rotary's Distribution Center at a cost of US\$15 each (includes shipping)

.PHF certificates and PHF lapel pins will still be provided gratis by The Rotary Foundation.

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Thanks to all who helped 'Make Dreams Real'

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In addition, our conference had a record attendance of 210 members and advertising sponsorship far exceeding our expectations.

One huge debt of gratitude goes out to Jay Childress and Joan Toenniessen. Without the two of them, our monthly District newsletter would not exist. Because of their dedication and commitment to this arduous task every month, (not to mention keeping me on the straight and narrow), the District 7450 newsletter is exciting and full of inspiring articles to keep us motivated.

Special thanks go to PDG's Russ deFuria and Bob Lankin for their support and assistance thru the past year. Our GSE director, Karen Strawhacker, and

youth exchange co-chairs, Linda Messer and Franci Cross, did an outstanding job this year with our two exchange programs. And a special

thanks goes to my wife, Joyce, because without her support and understanding, my success would not be possible.

On a sad note, we lost a great Rotarian this year, PDG Dan Guyon. His efforts as a great Rotarian and human being will not be forgotten.

As we move forward, let's continue our efforts for a prosperous 2009-2010 Rotary year and

support incoming District Governor Al Marland. "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands."

From District Governor



By
Joel
Chesney

Rotarians provide clean water for Belize village

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The Living Waters for the World and The First Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge have been very involved in the training aspects of the project. In March, 2009, I attended five days of training at "Clear Water U" in Oxford Mississippi.

My focus was on the health and clean water issues that a rural area must be concerned about. The other individuals that traveled to Belize with me are from Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church: Dan Terpstra, Chuck Hadden and Dave Mullin. All have been trained at Clear Water U. Two Rotarians from the San Ignacio Club, Sheree and Aki Fukai, were invaluable to our project. They have been in correspondence with us from the beginning. The Fukai family lived and worked in the Chicago area until retirement when they moved to Belize.



Chuck Hadden with Living Waters for the World and Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Presbyterian Church, works with Yalbac youngsters.

Of the six individuals (3 Rotarians and 3 Living Waters of the World) each of us had our area of focus.

Dave was the chief engineer of the water purification system itself. He knows how to put a puzzle together. We brought the pipes and parts with us in large

suitcases. Aki was the engineer of the conversion from an old fashion well to an since the village does not have electricity.

Chuck and Anne were the community relations coordinators. Our job was to develop the relationships with the children and families and provide the training that they needed to operate the system. We were training a group of mothers and they, in turn, would be training others in the community.

The village needed to organize a Water Board or work with the Village Council to establish the rules and procedures to keep the system running once it was operational. The most important goal for us was to be sure it is sustainable once we leave.

When Dan and Sheree were in Yalbac, they were helping wherever we

needed extra hands. They also spent time exploring other villages testing water and talking with the communities. Sheree is the chair of the Rotary District 4250 Water Board Committee for Belize. They were looking for another village that would benefit from a similar system. They found one called "More Tomorrow".

Sunday, May 3, we had a grand celebration with a large turn out from the Yalbac community. The government's water representative and his assistant came to check out the system. Quite a few of the San Ignacio Rotary Club members joined us and a local eco-resort owner came.

The children sang "Use this Water" in English and Spanish; Anne read a poem and gave out certificates. We had a few speeches, and shared clean and pure water with everyone from the well.



Sheree Fukai and Anne Hansen exchange Rotary banners.

Ambassadorial Scholars celebrate end of study year



At the conclusion of the academic year at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Rotarians Joan (center) and Joe (far right) Batory hosted Japanese Ambassadorial Scholar Makoto Kuwabara (left) and his wife, Chihiro, (second from left) and former Japanese Ambassadorial Scholar Asako Yoshino for a celebration dinner at "Top of the Tower," 50 floors above center city Philadelphia.



Rotary Ambassador Scholar Elisabeth Leimbacher (center) from France, who recently completed her studies at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, was treated to a celebration dinner by Philadelphia Rotarians Joan and Joe Batory at the Pyramid Club, 51 stories above center city Philadelphia.

East African tribal members thank P-M-B Rotarians

Maasai tribal members from Kenya, East Africa, who visited Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club in April, included Francis, Susan, Christine and three children, Mildred, 16, Ezekiel, 14, and Amos, 11. In their arid home of Olosho-oibor, the Maasai walk 10 to 20 miles every day to fetch water. The P-M-B Rotary Club contributed \$500 toward the creation of a well for their community. That donation was matched by a \$500 grant from the Gundaker Foundation. The \$1,000 was used to install pipes to bring the water supply to the local school.



Delco Fair raises \$15,000 for community



Among the Rotarians who worked at the June 4-6 Delaware County Fair at Franklin Mint site in Wawa were Concordville- Chadds Ford Rotarian Dave Lafferty and Dolores Gamble of Glen Riddle Rotary Club.



Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotarian Dabbs Woodfin was among the Rotarians who worked at the Delaware County Fair at Franklin Mint site in Wawa the first weekend in June. Two-days of rain held attendance to around 4,000 people .



Glen Riddle Rotarians Dick Lehr and Jack Holefelder (in back) helped out at food booth.



Glen Riddle Rotarian Joe Fletcher (right) and John Messer watch as Sam Messer pulls name of Joanne Starner of Aston as winner of \$1,000 prize. Despite two days of rainouts, Delco Fair raised \$15,000 for projects for Glen Riddle, Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary Clubs.

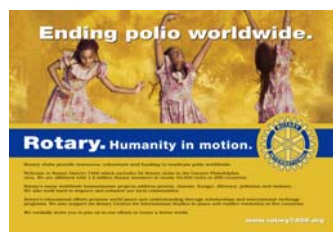


Glen Riddle Rotarian Pete Frigiola was chairman for the 2009 Delaware County Fair at Franklin Mint.

Airport ad campaign in spotlight at RI Convention

This past December, for the second year, Rotary District 7450 was awarded a public relations grant by Rotary International to pay three-fourths of the cost of two different diorama ads at the Philadelphia International Airport. This latest advertising campaign, which ran from January through May, 2009, will be highlighted at the 2009 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England.

"We wanted to have two back-lighted dioramas (giant slides) that are 43" high and 62" wide," said Joe Batory, District 7450 public relations chairperson, who wrote the grant and developed the ad content. "The airport



advertising company (Clear Channel) has a price for each diorama's display space of \$1500 per month but because of Rotary's many humanitarian initiatives, we

were able to bargain two dioramas for the price of one each month, which was a factor in them awarding District 7450 a PR grant. Our two dioramas were placed in the USAir baggage pickup area which is by far the best spot at the Philly airport (a USAir hub)

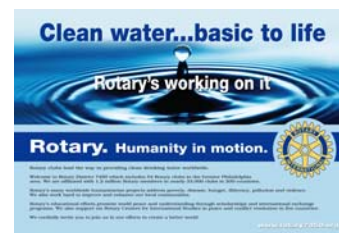
because it is the busiest and especially because people have to wait 10 to 15 minutes for their bags to arrive there," according to Batory.

The basis for the ads was the "Humanity in Motion" materials from Rotary International. "We picked two themes from the many available on their free discs and developed some custom wording about Rotary and District 7450. Rotary International's staff helped edit this copy after we created what we wanted. And we had great cooperation from Clear Channel," Batory continued.

The project cost about \$8000 for five months of airport advertising.

RI provided a \$6000 grant and District 7450 added about \$2000.

"And we have had two dioramas for the price of one in a heavily trafficked airport venue for five months. Small wonder that RI wants to share our success story with other Rotary Districts around the world at the convention," Batory concluded.



Rotarians 'Make Dreams Real' for playground

Longwood Rotarians put the finishing touches on the landscaping at the Anson B.

Nixon Park playground this month with the addition of 60 yards of new mulch donated by Longwood Gardens. Rotarians participated in both the painting and mulching projects so kids can have a better place to "just be kids". Longwood Rotary Club was joined by volunteers from the Mother's Club of Kennett Square, to rehab the deteriorating children's playground in Kennett's Anson B. Nixon Park. Two workdays of power washing, painting,

and mulching were involved to complete the project spearheaded by Longwood Ro-

tarian Jeff Hunter. Among the volunteers were (from left) driver Olen Grimes with the Ciafre boys along with (back row) David Chopko, Rodney Ciafre, Lauren Jenkins, Jeff Hunter, Ron Hollenbeck, and Bob Merkle; (second row) Steve Cantor, Tami Duering, Mu Chong, and Larry Strawley; and



(kneeling) Ted Koenig.

Feasterville Rotarians host Ferderbar EarlyActors

Ferderbar Elementary School Early-Act Club attended a recent meeting of Feasterville Rotary Club, which sponsors the student organization. Federbar Principal Judy Brown is a member of the Rotary Club and welcomed the students. Gathered in front of the Feasterville Rotary Club banner following the meeting are (from left) teacher Patty Compton, principal Judy Brown, Brittan Nisbet, Felicity Levy, Dan Fink, teacher Susan Walrwea and Jeremy Shuster.



Marcus Hook Commission honors EarlyActor



Rob Baidokas with Certificate of Appreciation from Marcus Hook Historical Commission .

Dr. David Orr of Temple University presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Marcus Hook Historical Commission to Rob Baidokas of Media , a fifth-grader at Indian Lane Elementary School, in recognition of his archeological contribution in preserving the history and integrity of The Marcus Hook Plank House. Rob has been a Junior Archeologist for the past four years. He is a Cub Scout of Pack 85, Den 2 of Media; member of Travel Soccer U-9 Champion – Rose Tree Media; studied marine biology and oceanography during summer at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine; participated in a dig at slave quarters to plantation owner at Maryland Archeological Conservation Lab summer program in Calvert County, Md.; and is active in a number of programs with Indian Lane EarlyAct Club, which is sponsored by Media, Glen Riddle and Glen Mills Rotary Clubs.

Rotary Club salutes high school students



Students of the Month, who received certificates from Glen Mills Rotary Club president Joe Feldman (center) during a meeting last month, are (from left) Megan Winslow and Andrew Friedeich for March, Lindsay Zajac and Josh Hunt for April, and Derrick Moles and Christina O'Neill for May. All are students at Rustin High School in West Chester and are active in organi-



Glen Mills Rotary Club presented certificates of achievement to Rustin High School Interact Club officers. On hand were faculty advisor Shirley Leclerc, vice-president Eli Banghart, president Joanne Vele, secretary Talene Soghomonian, Interactor Timothy Shaw and Glen Mills Rotary Club president Joe Feldman.

Longwood Rotarians rally support for 'Power Up Gambia'

Kathryn Hall, a true hero, shared a powerful presentation to update the Longwood Rotary Club on her self- "Power Up Gambia" project this month.

During a visit a couple of years ago as a college student, she observed the newly built Sulayman Junkung General Hospital in Gambia had insufficient energy to provide adequate lights and water. This resulted in the deaths of many patients, including children. Kathryn was so impacted by this situation that she dedicated all of her free time to raising \$300,000 for a solar-generated power system to provide electricity and water to the hospital - a goal achieved in February of this year.



Kathryn has embarked on a new project to raise funds to install a solar system at the satellite Somita Clinic and is seeking an additional \$95,000.

Longwood Rotarian Rodney Ciafre has challenged his fellow Rotarians to match his up to \$500 donation for this effort.

Happy Dollars collected at the June 9 meeting, went toward Rodney's donation challenge. Dollars raised will be donated in addition to \$1,000 commitment made earlier by the Longwood Rotary Club Foundation.

Anyone interested in further efforts to assist this project may contact Kathryn at : kathrynpug@gmail.com;

West Chester DownTown 'Fridays' pack lunches for Safe Harbor homeless shelter

By Carol Metzker

On a sunny day in May, fellow Rotarian Phoebe Kitson-Davis and I were "buzzed" past the secure front door into Safe Harbor, a homeless shelter in West Chester. We placed large boxes stuffed with lunch bags on a table. After a couple of similar trips, two of the four men waiting outside the shelter on benches offered to help us carry additional loads until 100 bulging lunch bags—each decorated with a Rotary wheel sticker, and filled with a sandwich, banana, water bottle, fresh carrots, potato chips, a package of cookies, a peppermint and a napkin—had been unloaded from the back of the van and delivered to Safe Harbor. "We sure appreciate you ladies doing this," one man said with sincerity.

Rotarians of the Downtown "Fridays" club have stepped in to fill a present and growing need in West Chester: providing food for homeless people who otherwise might not have enough to eat that day. Club members raised funds and received a District Simplified Grant to purchase enough supplies to make more than 800 lunches. They are preparing and delivering them while the Safe Harbor kitchen is closed for building expansion—a project that is an unfortunate sign of hard economic times, a high unemployment rate and home foreclosures.



Stuffing lunch bags for Safe Harbor homeless shelter are Rotarians (clockwise from top) Eric Metzker, Natalie Connors, Annalie Koringel Lorgus, Judy Knauth, Randall Evans, Lizabeth Ginter Connors, Marie Holland, and Lance Knaut.

The lunch bag project, however, has demonstrated the best of Rotary: the involvement of family in Rotary, the fun that accompanies fellowship with a purpose, and visibility of Rotarians' willingness and ability to help the community.

Lunch preparation meetings—occurring during regular Friday afternoon meeting times and other times during the evening—also provide the club with opportunities to invite participation from non-Rotarians (prospective Rotarians!) and to raise awareness of Rotary's important work. Volunteers of all ages who experienced a Rotary project firsthand included three generations of Chesneys—Rotarian Joyce Chesney, one of her sons and one of her grandsons. Others volunteers were Rotarians' spouses, friends and Rotarian Merry Piper's daughter, Brittany, who is a college sophomore.

The project has also served as an experience that brings home what it means to be homeless and hungry in our community. To learn more about providing funds, making lunches and delivering them for homeless people in our county, contact Piper at merry@merrypiper.com.



Rotarians Dennis Wallace and Merry Piper make sandwiches for Safe Harbor homeless shelter.



Rotarian Phoebe Kitson-Davis (right) delivers bag lunches to Teresa Purnell, kitchen cook at Safe Harbor.

'I stand in awe of so many Rotarians'

Here we are in the final month of the 2008-2009 Rotary year. What an exciting year for our District to "Make Dreams Real". I stand in awe of so many Rotarians, too many to list by name. The past year has afforded me the opportunity to meet many members of our great District which otherwise may not have occurred, and for that I am forever grateful.

From the start of the 2008-2009 Rotary year, our primary goal was to "think outside the box". What better way to kick off a winning year than to have DG Joel's installation at the Phillies ballpark? Who would have guessed the Phillies would win the World Series?

What a memorable year! In January, 2009, history was made for the United States of America when Barack Obama was inaugurated as the first black President. In addition, on January 21, Rotary International made history when philanthropist Bill Gates Jr. announced his founda-

tion would increase the polio challenge grant by \$255 million.

District 7450 made our own history in April with an outstanding and successful District Conference.

I want to personally thank Jay Childress and Joan Toenniessen for their tireless hours in creating our District Newsletter each and every month. What a creative masterpiece! It is not easy chasing down the District Governor every month to ask him to submit his column on time, not to mention me!

One final debt of gratitude and praise.....to my wonder-

ful husband, DG Joel, who has spent an entire year exemplifying "Service Above Self."

"You are a true role model for every Rotarian.

In your dedicated 34 years of service to Rotary, you are truly admired as an outstanding human being!"

Partner's Point of View

By
**Joyce
Chesney**



News of interest for District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Ardmore Rotarians partner with Red Cross for blood drive

Ardmore Rotary Club is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive Monday, June 29, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr. Ardmore Rotarian David Berk is chairperson for the drive. For more information, contact Berk at 610-964-0600.

Students of the Month

Longwood Rotary Club honored two students, Kevin Manning as Student of the Month of April and Claire Musseer as Student of the Month of May. Both were honored for their outstanding academic and community service efforts during their high school years.

Rotary Night at the Phillies Set Tuesday, July 21

PDG Mark McGill has distributed tickets to District 7450 Rotary Clubs for the July 21 night game between the Phillies and Chicago Cubs at Citizens Bank Park. Tickets are \$30 each with \$9 credited for each ticket to the club's Rotary Foundation account. All ticket money is due to PDG McGill by July 13.

Newsletter Deadlines

Deadline for July Rotary 7450 Leader is Wednesday, July 1. Please send information and photos (with names of all in photo) to info@rotary7450.org, and mombugjoan@msn.com. Thank you

What's happening in District 7450 Rotary Clubs

Shady Brook Rotarians aid veterans

David Lenzner, secretary of the Rotary Club of Shady Brook, delivers TV equipment for use by patients at the Trenton VA Hospital. The Rotary Club donated a 50-inch TV, two 22-inch TVs with built-in DVD



players, two TV carts and a wall mount for the large screen TV. The new facility in Trenton will be dedicated later this summer.

New members



Longwood Rotary Club welcomed two new members in March. They are Hal Lewis, owner of H&R Auto Service in Kennett Square, sponsored by president Dave Haradon; and Tammy Duerling of RE/MAX Independence located in Chadds Ford, sponsored by Lynn Nathan.

Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club votes to change name to Rotary Club of Longwood

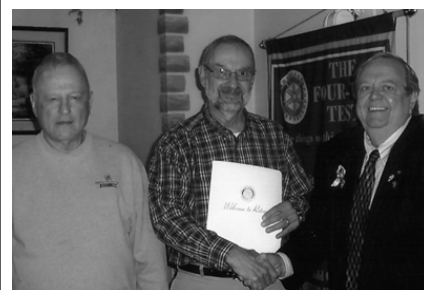
Members of The Rotary Club of Kennett at Longwood have voted to change the club's name to Longwood Rotary Club.

According to the club newsletter, "As the Club has grown, we have found our name confused with our fellow 'Rotary Club of Kennett Square' both within the community and within our Rotary District.

"To avoid this ongoing confusion and

improve our Club name recognition and 'branding,' the Club's Board of Directors has unanimously voted to rename our Club "The Rotary Club of Longwood".

To make the change in the club's name, Rotary International rules required a two-thirds-approval vote of Club members attending any regular meeting. That vote was taken and the motion passed.



Mark A. Nath, 51st member of the Shady Brook Rotary Club is congratulated by president Ed Carne at the May 5 meeting. Looking on is his sponsor, David Lenzner. Club president at the induction May 5, 2009 at the Brick Hotel in Newtown.

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 website to take a few minutes and print a copy (or two or three) of the news-

letter and give them to the Rotarians) 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

area	club#	ClubName	Members	%
2	26485	Abington at Edge Hill	11	Not Reported
4	5463	Ardmore	91	69
4	5464	Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	18	50
1	5466	Bensalem	41	56
1	5467	Bristol	44	65
4	5468	Broomall	39	45
4	5469	Bryn Mawr	20	50
6	25353	Central Chester County	30	50
5	26630	Central Delaware County	10	90
2	5470	Cheltenham Rockledge	20	Not Reported
7	5471	Chester	23	Not Reported
7	5472	Chester Pike	25	72
5	27323	Chesterbrook	16	Not Reported
3	31062	Chestnut Hill	54	Not Reported
7	5473	Chichester	22	Not Reported
2	5476	Chonshohocken -Plymouth Whitemarsh	18	Not Reported
6	5474	Coatesville	54	67
8	5475	Concordville-Chadds Ford	48	Not Reported
6	5478	Downingtown	16	61
3	27974	Eastwick/Phl Airport	13	60
2	5479	Elkins Park	14	Not Reported
6	5480	Exton-Frazer	11	77
1	5481	Feasterville	20	55
3	5494	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	34	58
8	70137	Glen Mills	14	86
8	5483	Glen Riddle	26	68
2	5484	Glenside	35	61
8	26213	Greater West Chester Sunrise	40	75
4	5485	Haverford Township	31	Not Reported
2	5487	Jenkintown	67	41
9	50612	Kennett At Longwood	85	76
9	5488	Kennett Square	17	76
5	5489	King Of Prussia	46	65
1	5490	Langhorne	27	65
1	5491	Levittown-Fairless Hills	20	50
3	65194	Madrugadores	11	Not Reported
5	5492	Media	90	50
3	55498	NE Sunrisers	19	55
5	5493	Newtown Square	87	Not Reported
9	5496	Oxford	20	68
5	5497	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	29	57
3	5498	Philadelphia	100	44
6	5499	Phoenixville	32	61
1	75462	Shady Brook	51	45
7	5500	Springfield	22	Not Reported
7	5501	Swarthmore	50	Not Reported
6	30662	Thorndale	12	78
9	50613	Twin Valley	17	Not Reported
7	5477	Upper Darby-Lansdowne	31	55
4	5503	Wayne	32	Not Reported
8	5504	West Chester	113	Not Reported
8	79371	West Chester Downtown "Fridays"	21	62
9	5505	West Grove/Avondale	35	Not Reported
8	5506	Westtown-Goshen	39	86
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