



**DISTRICT 7450**

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## Message from DG AI



This month in Rotary is Literacy Month. Rotary Foundation Trustee chair Glenn Estess, Sr. said in his monthly message: "In my decades as a Rotarian, both at home in Alabama, and abroad, I have seen again and again what critical role literacy plays in a healthy and

productive life.

"Being literate does not just mean having the ability to read a book or a newspaper. Being literate means being able to comprehend the instructions on a medicine bottle, a set of directions, or a job posting. It means understanding the note written by a child's teacher. It means being able to use a computer, follow a recipe, or apply for a mortgage. Literacy means being part of the larger society. It means inclusion, and it means empowerment."

Trustee Estess continued: "Those who cannot read or write, whether they are children or adults, are cut off from important information in ways too numerous to count. They are less likely to be healthy and more likely to be poor. And perhaps most critical of all, parents who cannot read are more likely to raise children who cannot read – perpetuating the cycle of illiteracy, and of poverty."

We as Rotarians can learn to read and hence help them.

President John Kenny's March message is centered on the International Convention in Montreal, Canada. President Kenny said, "It has been said many times that you cannot truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montréal this June, we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries.

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## Helping hands for Haiti



District 7450 has collected over 500 medical items for Haiti. Deadline to donate crutches, walkers etc. is March 18. (see story on page 11)

District 7450 chair of Haitian Medical Equipment Collection PDG Dan Bronson was on hand when Eastwick /Philadelphia Airport Rotarian Donna Henry dropped off items at BJs in Springfield earlier this month.



**In celebration of 2010,  
Special Reduced rates!!**

**District Conference to Bermuda  
May 8-13, 2010**



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**From DG AI****Rundown on events, training, District Conference****(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)**

We may be speaking dozens of different languages, but I know that all of us will be eager to communicate as best we can – with words, smiles, and laughter – effectively bridging any cultural or linguistic differences. The convention is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past year, but it is also a time to plan for the future. In Rotary, we do not look at all that we have accomplished and say, “That’s enough.” No, we use our successes as a springboard to do more. ... Much work remains to be done – both in this Rotary year and the next. “The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands” and a Rotary convention is the ideal place to come together and formulate your plans.”

In February we had the opportunity to host 80 high school students at our RYLA conference at the Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation campus. I would like to thank all Rotarians for helping to make this event a memorable one for those who attended. I want to especially thank Louise Vitiello for being the registrar and coordinator for the event and Jason Roia from the Freedoms Foundation for bringing the program together. I have been working with our neighboring District 7390 to make available to us a limited number of slots for high school juniors to attend their RYLA which is a weeklong event at Messiah College in June right after the end of the school year. Information about that opportunity will be forthcoming.

Another event of significance in February was the President-Elects Training Seminar in Valley Forge with four other Districts. That event was also a success even though the weather tried to put a dumper on the event. Kudos for the training team, DGE Joan and Trainer Russ deFuria.

The District Conference on a cruise ship on the way to and back from Bermuda is May 8-13, 2010, departing from Bayonne, NJ to Bermuda and back. The District will provide a bus from one to two centrally located places to transport those who wish to join us for the trip to Bayonne and back. We have many Rotarians who signed up for the cruise and more are signing up as you read this note. The Ship is not sold out so you need not be concerned with deadlines. It appears that there are cabins available and a large ship like that at less than full capacity will make the trip even more fun by making all the entertainment events more accessible to all. If you want to make a family vacation out of this event you will enjoy a great destination at a very reasonable price since the prices have been reduced twice since last year and any further reduction in prices will accrue to your benefit.

In addition to the cruise event, we will have an on land in District event the day before departure on May 7. The event will be an afternoon event for three hours with some Rotary topics being presented as well as introducing the GSE team from Greece which will join us on the cruise. Our team will be returning from Greece that same day and we will try to have them join us if the flights operate on time. In addition to the on-land Rotary events we will also have a business meeting for our District which will require representation from all the Clubs. Please make sure that at least the Club president and another member of your club is available to attend that portion of the Conference. In the evening of May 7 we will have a District-wide dinner with the RI President's Representative Robert Coultas being the keynote speaker and we are planning to have a surprise speaker for you. That dinner event will be open to all and we are looking for a great attendance so we can raise some funds for The Rotary Foundation. Stay tuned for details as they become available.

I have been privileged and honored to confer new Paul Harris fellowships or induct new members. When I attend the meetings it is also great to hear about all the projects that Clubs are working on. I still have some Rotary Foundation certificates

that need to be presented to some Clubs and I will be making additional visits as time permits.

All the presidents and secretaries have been notified of the March 31, deadline for the submission of the Club Presidential Citations Certification forms and also the Membership Club recognition forms for all clubs of all sizes. From what I have observed in my travels through the District I know that almost all Clubs have the potential to be recognized with a Presidential Citation this year but they have to submit the form to the DG for them to be included in the list of clubs to be recognized by the end of March. Please make sure the form is submitted to me so your club does not miss the opportunity of recognition especially since the club has accomplished all that is needed to be recognized. It will be appreciated that the Clubs make the effort to be recognized.

The **District Data Base (DDB)** is being implemented Club by Club. Some have offered an individual as their DDB representative and I have had one on one mentoring and tutorial sessions to bring them up to speed with the data gathering and updating of information already downloaded from the RI data base. Any Club that wants to nominate its secretary or another individual to become their Club communications officer, we will train them to start incorporating all club membership data in the DDB. Those who have experienced the use of the DDB are excited with all the benefits that the Clubs gain from its use; most of all the benefits the District as a whole is gaining by providing better electronic communications to all the Rotarians in the District. We need your help to identify those who will help the clubs reach that user friendliness with the DDB.

The **Nominating Committee** has completed its work and selected two outstanding individuals to lead this District into the 2013 Rotary year. As you all may know through announcements that have been made through the club Presidents, AG Bonnie Korengel of the Longwood Club was selected as the DG for 2011-12 and PP and Chair of the Annual Fund of the District Rotary Foundation committee Dave Ellis of the Exton-Frazier Club was selected as the DG for 2012-13 Rotary Year. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to PDG Russ deFuria who is the chair of the Nominating Committee and PDG Mark McGill, PAG and PP Karen Strawhacker, PP Dale Pope and Franci Cross for their service in the committee.

The outbound **GSE Team** will visit Greece and is being exposed to the Greek language and culture. The team is ready and excited. As I visit with the team during their weekly language training, I see the excitement growing by the week. We added a sixth person to the team and in return we agreed to host six team members from Greece. Kerry Costello has been exceptional in her organizational skills in making this team prepare itself for the trip. Our team is so excited about the destination that three of them will stay an additional two weeks in Greece to enjoy the culture and sites of one of the most celebrated in history countries of the world. We are looking forward to hearing from the team when they return about their experiences in District 2470. The Greek team will arrive May 1 and will join us on the cruise to Bermuda. For those who want to meet and enjoy the fellowship of a GSE team from another country, the cruise will be a great opportunity for our Rotarians to do that.

Please send best practices articles about your Club projects and share your successes with the rest of the District to Joan Toenniessen at [mombugjoan@msn.com](mailto:mombugjoan@msn.com). Send photos with names to [info@rotary7450.org](mailto:info@rotary7450.org).

Please print a few copies of the newsletter, and share it with members without computers..

Please do not hesitate to email me with your thoughts, suggestions, ideas and comments at [DG0910@rotary7450.org](mailto:DG0910@rotary7450.org)

## Rotary: a blessing for the world... and Rotarians

**Bensalem Rotarian Ron Radcliff wrote the following email after viewing video of Rotary support for Haitians following the earthquake:**

"It is midnight and I am in my office at home and just watched this video with my wife. I am in tears watching the reaction of these people and how grateful they are for our help. Am I soft, or do I just have a pulse? I am so proud to be a Rotarian, and especially proud to be a member of our club and the work we do not only in our community, but also in our world. It is not all about going to lunch meetings, putting on car shows, cooking pancakes, paying dues, going to fellowship dinners, or anything else that we do.

This video, Thanksgiving baskets, Shelter boxes, Defibrillators for the police, Students of the Month, Scholarships, Miracles for Max, and all the other projects we contribute to are what it is about. But NONE of it will happen without ALL of the work WE do, money WE raise, money WE give, our dedication and sacrifice. It is nice to see that our hard work is appreciated by those who we serve.

As membership director of this club, I feel I need to let every member of this club know that I

appreciate it as well. I applaud this club. Think about that the next time you are flipping a pancake, or drying a car on a Saturday in the middle of the summer when you would rather be down the shore, or this year's Car Show that we are ALL participating in, or when someone asks, "Did you pay your dues", or when it comes to annual giving for Rotary Foundation and Gundaker, or the Goodness of Bensalem can, or Happy Dollars. Sometimes it may seem like a pain.

Sometimes it seems like we keep giving and giving time and money. And we do! And we should! After watching this video, I believe we should all look at things differently. I know that I will.

We are blessed to live the way we do here. We are blessed to be able to serve others, instead of being the ones that have to be served by others. What we do is rewarding! Never forget it and never let anyone take that away from you! You're a Rotarian! That is a special honor and privilege that most people will never get to experience. Don't take it for granted. We are all in this club for a purpose. Thank you again!!!! "

## Great Rotary Clubs produce great positive energy

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Yes, I am back - and with new energy.

In fact, energy is a new theme, a new focus for me in Rotary. You can tell the difference between great Clubs and others the moment you come in contact with them by their energy. Whether it is the first time you view the Club web page, the first time you walk in to a Club meeting or when you have the opportunity to ask a member, "What is it like to be a member of this Club?"

Great Clubs have tremendous positive energy. They celebrate wins, recognize contributions, and express gratitude for hard work and for financial support. They also laugh and smile a lot - usually for good reason. You don't need to look up membership reports to know whether a Club is growing. You can tell the moment you walk in.

great Clubs also practice fair process. Fair process means giving members a chance to get involved in decisions, to shape the vision of the Club and to put their stamp on programs and projects. Fair process means that even if a member's wishes are not part of the path that is chosen, so long as they feel they have been given a chance to offer their ideas, have been heard fairly and that the decision process is open and honest, then they will be more likely to support the direction that is chosen.

Great Clubs make it easy for members to contribute their energy - their time, their talent, their money. And therefore, great Club leaders know that their job is to help keep the energy going. They remove barriers. They make their mission and vision clear. They are focused on impact,

not just keeping people busy.

Great Clubs also capture the energy of the people they serve by bringing their stories of impact and gratitude back into the club. This is often when members get a bit wet in the eyes. They are touched to find that because of Rotary, the kids stop dying. Because of Rotary, I will graduate and will try to practice the values I learned from my Rotary mentor. Because of Rotary and [ShelterBox](#), thousands more kids and their families do not have to sleep outside tonight.

And because great Clubs tell their stories so well, they attract positive media attention, attract new members, and attract new donors and sponsors. People like to be part of success.

What can you do as a Rotary leader to help people unleash their energy? If you notice people "voting their energy" elsewhere, are you a confident enough leader to ask them what's up - and then take the time to listen?

Are you putting positive, energetic people in charge of your most important projects? Are you courageous enough to talk directly to those who suck energy from your Club and address the issues head on?

Who are the positive deviants in your club? Who are the people that other Club leaders feel comfortable going to for advice? What are you doing to keep those people engaged?

Great Clubs are all about positive energy. And they know there is no energy shortage when important work needs to be done.



## AG Bonnie Korengel selected DG nominee

"I joined the Rotary Club of Kennett Square in 1994, soon after joining a CPA practice in that area. As with most Rotarians, my motivation was to 'give back' to the community where I worked and lived. I became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Longwood when we chose a breakfast meeting time in 1997.

"I became 'hooked' by the international aspect of Rotary when my daughter and I attended the International Convention in Chicago, celebrating the Centennial of Rotary in 2005. Annelie Korengel Lorgus and I were preparing for our year as presidents of our respective Clubs in 2006-2007. We are proud of the fact that (as far as anyone could tell), this was the first time in Rotary history a mother-daughter team had shared concurrent presidencies. As I saw and experienced the Rotary world through the international convention, I became a Rotarian. It was also fun to go back to our home state of Illinois with my daughter.

"I have been amazed at how both Clubs of which I have been a member seem to make Rotary work so effortlessly, work shared by almost all the members; egos, for the most part, parked at the door, and a true commitment to make life better for someone, while at the same time bond-

ing with our Rotary buddies and having great fun.

"As I have gotten to know the Clubs in Area 9, working closely with them as AG, I am struck by how different, yet similar, each Club is. As we have traveled, my husband Mike and I have attended Rotary meetings here in our country and in foreign lands. The similarities are

stronger than the differences, and we have been warmly welcomed, usually leaving with a funny story. My community of Kennett Square is one of diversity; Rotary's challenge is to become diverse in its membership too and work through the political and historic boundaries that appear to separate us.

"My personal information can be summarized quickly. I am a CPA, principal in Umbreit, Korengel & Associates. I am a mother of three, mother-in-law of three, grandmother of seven. I serve and have served on several boards of non-profit organizations in Kennett Square area; I have been on the guiding staff at Winterthur Museum for many years,

enjoying antiques and the special place history and preservation have in our part of Pennsylvania. I look forward to meeting more of my fellow Rotarians in District 7450 as we answer the challenges of Rotary in this time and in this place.



**Longwood Rotarian AG Bonnie Korengel (left) will succeed DGE Joan Batory as DGE July 1, 2011.**

## David Ellis selected DG for 2011-2012 Rotary year

Dave Ellis was born in northern Indiana and grew up in Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin and served four years in the Navy in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, South America and as an advisor to the Vietnamese navy.

He worked with United Airlines in both Philadelphia and New York which led to the opportunity to open his own travel agency, Town and Country Travel in 1971 in Exton. Not long thereafter he joined the Exton-Frazer Rotary Club.

In time the franchise was sold and merged into another office. He opened a corporate travel and meeting department for Globus Medical.

Ellis served on the Rotary Foundation Committee which led to the establishment of the Ambassadorial Scholar Training Seminar now known as MAST. This seminar format has been adopted by The RI Foundation Board of Trustees and is used for Ambassadorial Scholar Training in a number of locations. In 1995, he received the Rotary Foundation District Service Award and in 2003, he received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Ellis served as Assistant District Governor and has assisted in developing NID travel opportunities to Madagascar and to India as part of the PolioPlus Program. He participated in two NID's to India in 2004 and led the

last one. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Guy Gundaker Fellow. His wife and two daughters are Paul Harris Fellows and he and Cheryl are benefactors of the Rotary Foundation.

He is past-president of the Exton Area Chamber of Commerce and was named "Employer of the Year" in 1987 by the Greater Downingtown Business and Professional Women's Organization. He has served as chapter president of American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) and served on its international Board of Direc-

tors. He is an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church in West Chester and has served in many capacities there.

Ellis and his wife, Cheryl, have been married for more than 40 years and have two adult married daughters with four grand children. He lives in Chester Springs.

He says, "Rotary is an important part" of his life and he "looks forward to continuing his Rotary service."



**Exton-Frazer Rotarian David Ellis talks with DGE Joan Batory at PETS.**

## 2010 presidents-elect training seminar a success

*"The PETS could not have been better. It was just perfect. It moved quickly and imparted lots of information very effectively."*

**"PETS was great, so well done, and deeply appreciated."**

These testimonials, two of several received from District 7450 presidents-elect, accurately describe the overall impression of District

7450 presidents for 2010-2011 after they attended PETS at the Radisson Valley Forge February 26 and 27.

The speakers at the general sessions included District 7450 PDG Jeffrey Cadorette of Media Rotary Club, who delivered two outstanding presentations to the more than 250 Rotarians who attended.

In one District session, the presidents-elect learned how to build Club leadership teams by involving all committee chairs in developing the "Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs" for their presidential year.

District Governor-Elect Joan Batory and District Training Team members PRG Russ deFuria of Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club; Longwood Rotary Club past president Dave Haradon and Exton-Frazer past president Dave Ellis presented the District's goals and principal programs for the upcoming year and how they could play a role in achieving them.

PDG Hogie Hansen of Ardmore Rotary Club heartily announced the October 8-10, 2010 District Conference Oktoberfest theme by dancing throughout the meeting room dressed in lederosen and singing "Roll Out the Barrel" while waving beer steins in the air.



**An animated PDG Jeffrey Cadorette leads a discussion with presidents-elect during a Friday afternoon training session.**

The 2010-2011 District Conference will be held at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center beginning with a lively Oktoberfest dinner followed by more fun and Rotary fellowship.

District Governor-Elect Joan announced the 2010-2011 District theme is "Think Outside the Box" that reinforces RI President-Elect Ray Klingensmith's emphasis to think big, embrace change, and make our clubs "bigger, bolder and better."

District Committee chairs, members and Assistant Governors will meet at the Dolce Hotel March 27th to plan for the April 27th District Assembly at the Desmond Hotel for all club officers, secretaries and committee chairs.

By the end of this meeting "3 pack," all District and Rotary Club leadership teams should understand the goals for the year and be prepared to work together effectively to achieve them.



**PDG Russ deFuria conducts training session for the presidents-elect from five Rotary Districts at the Radisson Valley Forge Hotel..**

### **District Assembly agenda offers many ideas**

Membership recruitment and retention, Rotary Foundation programs and grant-writing, successful service projects and Club fundraisers, District database, RI member access, how to raise Rotary awareness via PR, and setting and achieving Rotary Club goals for the year ahead are included on the

agenda for the Thursday, April 29, District Assembly from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Desmond Hotel in Malvern.

Presidents-elect, Club officers, directors, committee chairpersons, Club secretary and committees members are urged to attend the last of three training events.



## Over 250 brave snow for Multi-District PETS



Ardmore Rotary Club PE Jami Whelan, whose father and grandfather previously led the Club, checks in at District 7450 desk where Ardmore past president/AG Joan Toenniesseen was helping out..



PE Joe Batory and PE/PDG Bob Lankin take a break Friday.



At Friday night dinner were (from left) Exchange Outbound chair Linda Messer, and exchange students HenriQue Rabelo of Brazil (Oxford Rotary Club), Juhani Rantakallio of Finland (Swarthmore Rotary Club), Chantika Hardie of Indonesia and Anjeli Issur of France (Longwood Rotary Club), and Jamina Apel of Germany (Exton-Frazer Rotary Club).

JAY CHILD PHOTOS



Area 5 AG Richard Trivane of Bala Cynwyd Rotary Club and Twin Valley Rotary Club PE James Freeze at Friday lunch.

## RI President-Elect addresses PEs

Longwood Rotarians Gerry McShane and DG Nominee Bonnie Korengel are in front of ShelterBox tent at the ShelterBox display. McShane was a volunteer at the Operation Warm display nearby. Operation Warm was started with support of Longwood Rotary Club.



West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotarian PE Eric Metzger and Westtown-Goshen Rotarian PE Leo Gibbons listen to a speaker.



RI president-elect Ray Klinginsmith, who gave keynote address at Friday's breakfast, greets Chester Rotarian and RYLA chair Louise Vitiello-Burroughs (top left) Philadelphia Rotary Club president-elect Joe Batory (above) and Tacoma Washington Rotarian Carolyn McDougal. (at left). Klinginsmith, from Kirksville, Missouri, has been a Rotarian for over 45 years.

## Philadelphia Rotarians charter Interact Club

Fourteen students at Overbrook High School participated in the school's first Interact Club meeting February 24 during which they voted unanimously to become an Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Rotarian Victoria Yancey presented an overview of the meeting and Philadelphia Rotarian Ellen Williams gave an inspiring presentation of highlights of Rotary followed by an informative and delightful discussion of the history of Rotary as well as Interact by Philadelphia Rotarian Frank Hollick.

A discussion followed with feelings and thoughts of the students about what they just heard. Their responses were thoughtful and inspiring. One student stated, "I really like it. I have been waiting to do something like this for a



Rotarians Victoria Yancey, (left, front row), and Ellen Williams, (right, front row) and faculty advisor Sofia Chernova ((second from left) join the members of the new Interact Club at Philadelphia's Overbrook High School for the first meeting. Charter Members are Marquette Richardson, Miguel Lewis, Dhamira El-Amin, Ciarnee Fair, Marquis Sparrow, Kareem Terry, Jalil Simpson, Ingrid Doralice, Lakira A. Loyd, Ansio Landers, Carl A. Elpenord, Lamare Sojourner, Ayana Martinez, and Jamil Linder.

long time." The discussion culminated by viewing the video, "Interact: Make a Difference."

Yancey, Williams and Hollick said, "We are proud to welcome these fine students into an organization that will positively affect their lives for years to come. Thanks to faculty adviser Sofia Chernova for giving of her time, talents and efforts, and student photographer Jalil Simpson, for taking all of the pictures. A special thank you goes to Overbrook High School principal Ethelyn Payne Young for her ongoing caring, and commitment to youth."

## Shoes headed to Haiti

Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotarian Helen Semus (left) and Judy Mulhollan from Jenners Pond look over some of the shoes which the Club collected for Haiti relief. Semus explained she began the collection "with just shoes from my house. But with the help from you all, the club members, GWCS collected a full trunkload of shoes!" The shoes are being delivered to Haiti by Girl Scouts of America, coordinated by the human resources director



at Jenners Pond for distribution to the victims of the earthquake.

## Rotary lights up PECO



Rotary's 105th birthday was marked on the PECO Crown Lights display over center city Philadelphia February 23 with the message: "Ending Polio Now: Rotary's Impossible Dream is Becoming a Reality." The message was turned on in late afternoon thanks to the efforts of Philadelphia Rotarian PE Joe Batory, chair of District 7450 PR/Marketing Committee.



## Media Rotarians to serve pancakes March 20

The Rotary Club of Media will hold its 44th Annual Pancake Day Saturday, March 20, in the cafeteria of the Media Elementary School on State Street, in Media.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast, consisting of juice, coffee and/or milk, sausage and the popular pancakes, will be served from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tickets can be purchased from any Media Rotarian and will be available at the door. The cost of the tickets is \$5. for adults and \$3. for children.

The Media Rotary Club is the first Fair Trade Rotary Club, and this year's breakfast will have a definite Fair Trade flavor. The beverage of choice will be a special blend Fair Trade coffee donated by the Global Libation Coffee Shop in Kutztown.

Other donated Fair Trade items will include bananas and sugar. Information about the Fair Trade movement will be available at the breakfast.

Media Rotary Club is grateful for additional breakfast donations from the Wawa food markets, Media Real Estate, and Bakers Printing.

Proceeds from Pancake Day go to the Media Rotary Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization with 501-C-3 status under both Federal and State tax statutes. The Foundation, started in 1983



Getting ready for the Media Rotary Club's 44th annual Pancake Day, March 20 at Media Elementary School in Media are PDG Jefry Cadorette, Dennis Slostad, and Bruce Clark.

by the Media Rotary Club, provides financial support to charitable organizations, municipal agencies, and other worthy causes. Since its inception, the Foundation has made grants in excess of \$370,000.

## Broomall Rotarians honor 'Firefighter of Year'



The Broomall Rotary Club honored Jack Sperber (right) of the Broomall Fire Company as Fire Fighter of the Year for 2009. Sperber was cited for his all-around contributions to the Broomall Fire Company. He is an engineer, serves on the House Committee and on the board of directors. On hand for the presentation were Broomall Fire Company Chief Carl Drake (left) and Rotarian Adam Matlawskip, who presented the award. Chief Drake pointed out, "It is volunteers like Mr. Sperber who save lives and property at great personal risk to themselves. Not unimportantly, they save the township \$2,000,000 each year."



## Rotary Clubs plan variety of events this spring

### May 18 golf benefits West Grove-Avondale Rotary Foundation

The West Grove - Avondale Rotary Foundation will host its annual golf outing at the beautiful Hartefeld National Golf Club in Avondale Tuesday, May 18, in cooperation with the Delaware Ducks.

This is the Club's primary fundraiser for both local and international service projects.

The event opens with a 1 p.m. shotgun start, rain or shine.

Fee is \$125 per golfer and includes a BBQ dinner, use of practice facility, a four-person scramble, food, drink, prizes and fellowship.

Mail registration and check to "West Grove-Avondale Rotary Foundation," c/o Dan Bronson, 259 W. Fifth St, Quarryville. For information, contact Bronson at [danbronson@epix.net](mailto:danbronson@epix.net) 717-786-7277.



### Delco Fair: June 9 to 13

The Delaware County Fair will return to the Franklin Mint property in Lima, June 9 to 13.

Co-sponsored by the Glen Riddle, Concordville-Chadds Ford and Glen Mills Rotary Clubs, the Fair offers food and amusements for all the family.

Proceeds benefit community organizations in the three areas served by the three Rotary Clubs.

A special Kids Night will be Wednesday, June 9. For more information, contact Pete Frigiola [dcfrig@hotmail.com](mailto:dcfrig@hotmail.com).

### Peace Fellowship applications due April 1

Applications for Rotary Peace Fellowships are due to District 7450 Rotary Clubs no later than April 1. Completed applications for those sponsored by a Rotary Club must be submitted to District 7450 Peace Fellow Committee no later than May 1.

For complete information, Rotary Clubs can log on to: [peacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:peacecenters@rotary.org). or contact Philadelphia Rotarian Joe Batory at [josephbatory@comcast.net](mailto:josephbatory@comcast.net).

### World Water Day Run-A-Thon March 20

The first Philadelphia World Water Day 5K walk/run-a-thon will take place Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Registration will take place from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Martin Luther Drive next to the Philadelphia Art Museum.

The walk and run is project of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia Global Water Initiative and World Water Day. Proceeds will benefit water projects for the Kenya Valley in Kenya.

### Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club hosts: Rotary Wheels Classic Car, Cycle Show

The Upper Darby-Lansdowne Rotary Club will host its first annual Rotary Wheels Classic Car and Cycle Show, Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rose Tree Park, Media. Registration of vehicles (25 years and older) will be from 10 a.m. to noon.

Voting will be until 1:30 p.m. and awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

An antique fire truck exhibit will be part of the show. Registration is \$12 and \$15 the day of the show. Preregistration will entitle the participant one 50-50 raffle ticket.

### Volunteers to pack meals for Haiti

Volunteers for "Stop Hunger Now" hope to pack over 200,000 meals for Haitian people during a one-day food collection program, "Philly Feeds Haiti," March 27. .

. Stop Hunger Now will ship all meals directly to partner agencies in Haiti.

Volunteers will be packing food between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. To volunteer, contact <http://phillyfeedshaiti.eventbrite.com/>.

## Rotaplast hosts benefit night at Media Theatre

District 7450 Rotaplast Committee presents a night at the Media Theater with the Tony Award-winning revolutionary rock opera *Rent* Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.

A Rotaplast reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. with snacks and a cash bar. Tickets are \$35 each and every penny goes to support surgery and change the lives of these kids.

"The District Rotaplast committee says, "Please join us for this great night of musical entertainment as we raise funds for our cleft lip and cleft palate surgery team that will go to change the lives of needy children in Viet Nam.

"Remember that due to the generosity of the Media Theater, all proceeds will be used to

provide surgery to the children and fulfill their dreams."

"Come join us while we rock and roll for kids with cleft lips and palates!!"

For tickets or additional information, contact one of the following members of the District 7450 Rotaplast Committee:

Dan Bronson, PDG, [danbronson@epix.net](mailto:danbronson@epix.net); 717-786-7277

Don Heebner, [heebnerathome@comcast.net](mailto:heebnerathome@comcast.net); 215-723-6691

Jack/Faith Holefelder, 610-859-3803; [faithholefelder@comcast.net](mailto:faithholefelder@comcast.net);

### Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson

## **RENT: version of Puccini's opera 'La Boheme'**

*Rent* is a modern version of Puccini's opera "La Boheme."

Set in New York's East Village, it's an emotionally stirring story of a community of young artists struggling to live and celebrate life.



As the cast gets us to believe "There is no day like today" we realize each day must be lived to its fullest.

The show's songs range from rock 'n roll to quiet ballads and incorporate dance, pop, salsa, plus rhythm and blues. *Life*

## **Rotaplast committee on mission of thanks for Club support**

Rotary District 7450 Rotaplast Committee, with the support of District Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, is raising funds for the September, 2010 Rotaplast mission to Can Tho, Vietnam.

Committee members are scheduling Rotary Club programs to thank District 7450 Rotarians for their support of the October, 2009 mission to Shijiazhuang City, China.

A total of 116 patients, mostly young children, received surgical procedures to correct cleft lip and/or palates during the mission.



Broomall Rotarian Paul Quintavalla (right) thanks Media Rotary Club president Ray Kaelin for the Club's support of Rotaplast missions.



## For earthquake survivors in Haiti

# District 7450 to send over 500 walkers, crutches

The tragedy in Haiti was horrific and the loss of life incredible. Rotarians in Haiti are doing a heroic job of gathering supplies and helping their countrymen.

Haiti's Rotary District 7020 has an on-going process of working with aid agencies evaluating the situation, setting priorities, and directing/redirecting resources.

Rotarians in District 7450, in addition to the Shelter Boxes and other efforts by individual Rotarians and Clubs, have been working to gather durable medical equipment to ship to Haiti.

According to PDG Dan Bronson, chair of the drive, "As of this time we have hundred of walkers, canes, crutches and wheelchairs for this effort. However, we are still collecting these items and sleeping mats, blankets, and tents (family-sized and larger). There is still time to go to your family, friends, neighbors, and nearby nursing/retirement homes to gather the

items that are no longer in use. Our drive will officially end on Thursday, March 18"

Up until March 18, items can be dropped off at:

**West Grove-Avondale RC—** Alison Community Center Jenners Pond Retirement Community, 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday.

**Cannstatter's**, 9130 Academy Rd, Philadelphia, at **Frankford-Northeast Rotary Club** meeting, Tuesday, March 16, from noon to 2 p.m.

**Sloane Moving Company**, 855 Township Line Rd, Elkins Park. Contact Pat Stanton of Elkins Park Rotary Club; 215-576-8459 to make arrangements.

**Bill Graham's Service Center**, 109 E Sellers Ave, Ridley Park. Call Bill to arrange a drop, 610-521-5455

If you have items to donate, contact Dan Bronson ([danbronson@epix.net](mailto:danbronson@epix.net); or 717-615-4767) to confirm your drop off date/time at BJ's, to make alternate arrangements, or to ask any questions.



**Eastwick/Philadelphia Airport Rotarian Donna Henry and past president Seth Dorrell deliver crutches for victims of earthquake.**

## Here's what's on the calendar for March and April

### March 20

**PHILADELPHIA "WORLD WATER DAY" 5k WALK / RUN-A-THON**

9 a.m. to noon

Martin Luther King Drive, Philadelphia  
([johnsteele220@comcast.net](mailto:johnsteele220@comcast.net))

### March 20

**MEDIA ROTARY CLUB 44th ANNUAL PANCAKE DAY**, 8 a.m. to noon; cafeteria of the Media Elementary School on State Street, Media

### March 27

**DISTRICT 7450 LEADERSHIP TRAINING (2010-2011)**

The Dolce at 8:30 a.m. (Assistant Governors/District Committees).

### April 6

GSE outgoing to Greece.

### April 10

**ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI)**, Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware; Level I, II, III, Grad;

[lyn\\_church@yahoo.com](mailto:lyn_church@yahoo.com).

### April 18

**WEST GROVE-AVONDALE ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, April 18, 6 a.m. to noon

Assumption BVM in Avondale  
Dan Bronson 717-615-4767

[danbronson@epix.net](mailto:danbronson@epix.net).

### April 29

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

5:30 - 8:45 a.m., dinner, Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Malvern.

### May 1

GSE Team from Greece arrives.

### May 7

**IN-DISTRICT CONFERENCE DINNER.**

### May 8 to 113

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE/CRUISE**

1 800 223 3863 cruise information.

### May 18

**WEST GROVE-AVONDALE ROTARY CLUB GOLF OUTING**  
Hartefeld National Golf Club.

### May 19

**ROTAPLAST THEATER BENEFIT**, Broadway Musical  
"Rent," Media Theater; 6 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. curtain; Jack or Faith Holefelder 610 420 7664.

### June 5

**UPPER DARBY-LANSDOWNE ROTARY CLUB WHEELS CLASSIC CAR AND CYCLE CLUB**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rose Tree Park, Media.

### June 9-13

**DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR**, Franklin Mint property in Lima, Special Kids Night, June 9; Pete Frigiola [dcfrig@hotmail.com](mailto:dcfrig@hotmail.com).

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**CALENDAR***(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11)***June 20-23****RI CONVENTION**, Montreal, Canada.**June 28****INSTALLATION DINNER**, District Governor, Assistant Governors.**July 28****ROTARY NIGHT AT PHILLIES** vs. Arizona Diamondbacks. Citizens Bank Park.**September 19-Oct 3****ROTAPLAST MISSION TO VIENAM**[www.rotaplast.org](http://www.rotaplast.org) 415 252 1111 for information.**September 25****ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE****(RLI)** at VF Radisson, Valley Forge[lyn\\_church@yahoo.com](mailto:lyn_church@yahoo.com).**October 9 – 10****DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

2010-2011, Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Malvern.



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area	club#	ClubName	Members	%
2	26485	Abington at Edge Hill	11	
4	5463	Ardmore	85	82
4	5464	Bala Cynwyd/Narberth	17	63
1	5466	Bensalem	38	68
1	5467	Bristol	38	87
4	5468	Broomall	39	
4	5469	Bryn Mawr	18	54
6	25353	Central Chester County	24	68
5	26630	Central Delaware County	10	81
2	5470	Cheltenham Rockledge	17	
7	5471	Chester	25	
7	5472	Chester Pike	26	
5	27323	Chesterbrook	16	
3	31062	Chestnut Hill	49	42
7	5473	Chichester	23	
6	5474	Coatesville	53	76
8	5475	Concordville-Chadds Ford	47	
2	5476	Conshohocken-Plymouth Whitemarsh	18	
6	5478	Downingtown	16	40
3	27974	Eastwick/Phl Airport	11	73
2	5479	Elkins Park	10	48
6	5480	Exton-Frazer	15	76
1	5481	Feasterville	23	
3	5494	Frankford - Northeast Philadelphia	27	52
8	70137	Glen Mills	17	70
8	5483	Glen Riddle	22	62
2	5484	Glenside	33	67
8	26213	Greater West Chester Sunrise	42	58
4	5485	Haverford Township	31	
2	5487	Jenkintown	67	
9	5488	Kennett Square	14	67
5	5489	King Of Prussia	40	85
1	5490	Langhorne	28	59
1	5491	Levittown-Fairless Hills	20	55
9	50612	Longwood	96	80
3	65194	Madrugadores	10	
5	5492	Media	87	
3	55498	NE Sunrisers	19	79
5	5493	Newtown Square	31	23
9	5496	Oxford	19	63
5	5497	Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn	28	50
3	5498	Philadelphia	85	40
6	5499	Phoenixville	33	
1	75462	Shady Brook	44	45
7	5500	Springfield	22	
7	5501	Swarthmore	52	
6	30662	Thorndale	12	
9	50613	Twin Valley	17	65
7	5477	Upper Darby-Lansdowne	35	
4	5503	Wayne	23	
8	5504	West Chester	113	51
8	79371	West Chester Downtown "Fridays"	20	80
9	5505	West Grove/Avondale	30	55
8	5506	Westtown-Goshen	38	76
			1784	